

New York State Orchids

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Now that I am retired, Wauneta and I spend the summer at our family camp at Twitchell Lake in the West Central Adirondacks, about 70 miles north of Utica. To get to our camp, which is located under the notch in the mountain, you take a dirt road to one end of the lake and then a one mile boat ride to the other end of the lake. Rather than one large building we have four



small buildings, the boathouse on the right, main camp on the left, and two other buildings set back farther from the lake.

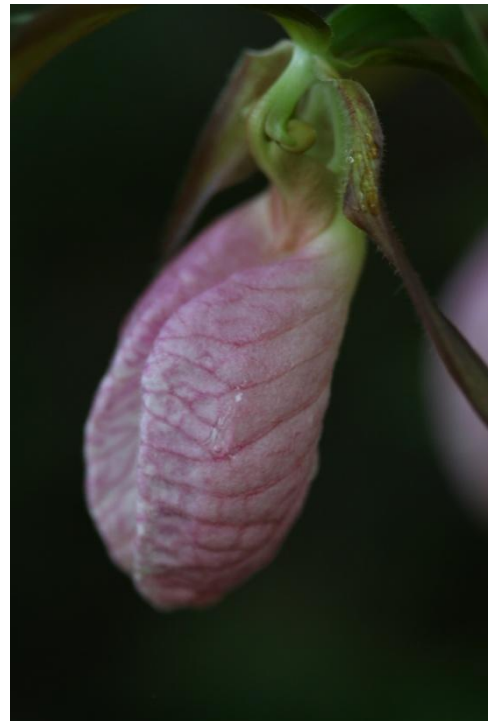


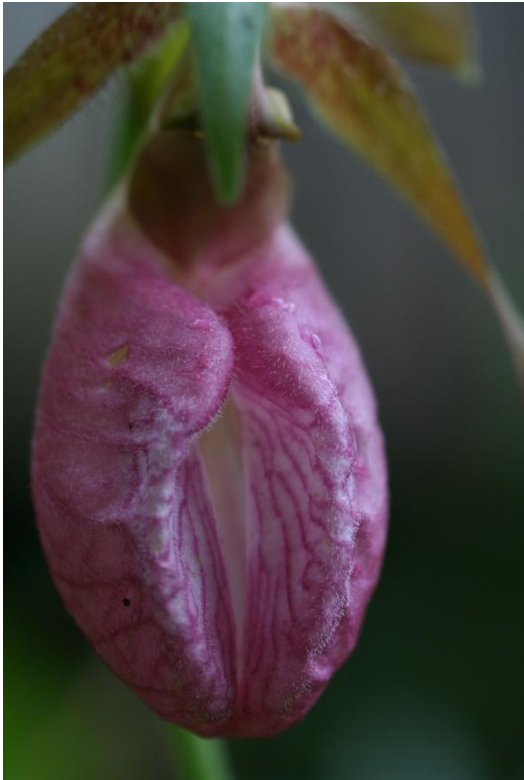
For those who don't know much about the Adirondack



About half is privately owned and half is state owned. The land around our lake is almost all privately owned and all the land just behind the lake front properties is state owned. The park is larger than any of the National Parks outside Alaska. The state land is protected by the State Constitution to be "forever wild".

Last spring we were there in early June when the pink lady's slippers were in bloom. We had a total of 12 blooms in different locations around the camp. All but 1 were between the boathouse and main camp.





Remsen Bog

For the last several years Wauneta and I have taken a Father's Day trip about 50 miles south to the Remsen Bog to see the Showy Lady's Slippers and other orchids. Just off a back road are a large number of Showy Lady's Slippers as well as White Swamp Orchids, Grass Pinks, Tway Blades and Rose Pegonias





White Swamp Orchid





Tway Blades

Grass Pink



Rose Pegonia