



ADIRONDACKS

2026 DEVELOPMENTS

Travelers will find new reasons to explore the Adirondacks in 2026, with accommodations, attractions and dining additions enhancing the region's natural beauty. For winter ski season, [Charlie's Inn](#) on Lake Clear will expand with a new store, offering grab-and-go bites and apparel. The inn will also introduce new snowmobile and bike rental services. In the summer, [Gore Mountain](#) will debut a new one-of-a-kind Zip Coaster, a combination zipline and mountain coaster. Meanwhile in Wilmington, [Camp Whiteface Mountain](#) will open with 126 tent and RV sites from May through October.

In recognition of America's 250th birthday, visitors can experience the Revolution where it began at [Fort Ticonderoga](#) – the site of America's first victory in 1775 when Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold captured the British fort with their Green Mountain Boys. The [Real Time Revolution](#)™ event series will immerse guests in key moments of the war through large-scale reenactments, including "Return of an Army" over Independence Day weekend and a March 28, 2026 living history program showcasing Ticonderoga's role as a Continental Army supply hub.

Cultural highlights include [Pendragon Theatre's](#) new downtown Saranac Lake venue opening in spring. [The Adirondack Rail Trail](#), a 34-mile multi-use path connecting Lake Placid and Tupper Lake, will also introduce shuttle services, volunteer workdays and community celebrations throughout the year. Dining will expand with a new downtown Plattsburgh home for [1 Up Arcade & Pub](#) and the launch of [The Mill ADK](#) in Westport, blending plant-based dining with art and live music. Visitors can also look to the skies at the [Adirondack Sky Center & Observatory](#) in Tupper Lake, which will continue its free stargazing programs, summer robotics camps and interactive astronomy events throughout 2026.

Lake Placid, fondly nicknamed the **Winter Sports Capital of the World**, continues to host world-class competitions, with upcoming international championships in biathlon, cross-country skiing and mountain biking set for 2026. The village will also welcome the return of [Adirondack Winter Pride](#) from February 26 - March 2, a weekend celebration that combines skiing, skating and après-ski fun with community-wide LGBTQ+ programming.

New events will take center stage as Lake Placid hosts major international competitions. The [ECAC Women's Hockey Championship](#) will be held at [The Olympic Center's Herb Brooks Arena](#) March 6-7, marking its first appearance in Lake Placid. From February 26 - March 8, [Mt. Van Hoevenberg](#) will stage the [International Biathlon Union Cup](#), the season's finale following the 2026 Winter Olympics. The year will close with the [WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series](#)

[finale](#) at the Lake Placid Olympic Sites October 2-4, bringing the world's top riders to compete in cross-country and downhill events.

DESCRIPTION

Spread over six million acres, or one-fifth of New York State, the [Adirondack Park](#) is the largest protected area in the contiguous United States and a National Historic Landmark. Its dramatic landscapes of towering peaks, forests, rivers and lakes create a remarkable mix of wilderness and vibrant communities. Avenues of exploration include thousands of miles of hiking trails and paddling routes; more than 3,000 lakes, rivers and streams; and the 46 High Peaks from Couchsachraga (3,820 feet) to towering Mount Marcy (5,344 feet) where the Hudson River gets its start at Lake Tear of the Clouds. [Ausable Chasm](#) is nicknamed the "Grand Canyon of the Adirondacks" and is one of the country's oldest natural attractions.

The region is home to [Gore Mountain](#), with the largest skiable area in New York State and [Whiteface Mountain](#), which hosted the 1980 Winter Olympics and boasts the highest vertical drop east of the Rockies. For a distinctive winter adventure, visitors can also try dogsledding on Mirror Lake in Lake Placid with [Thunder Mountain Dog Sled Tours](#) or [Mike Arnold Dog Sled Rides](#).

While the Adirondacks have a reputation for outdoor adventure, there are plenty of indoor escapes that are just as enjoyable. Art lovers can seek warmth at the [Hyde Collection](#) in Glen Falls, where exquisite paintings and sculptures provide a cultural retreat. Or, participate in workshops at the [Adirondack Folk School](#) in Lake Luzerne, learning crafts like pottery or basket weaving. The region's theaters, including the [Pendragon Theatre](#) on Saranac Lake and [Tupper Arts](#) on Tupper Lake, showcase captivating performances from plays to live music, ensuring entertainment for all. For film aficionados, the [Indian Lake Theater](#) screens a variety of movies, offering a nostalgic experience in a charming setting. Families and fans of television history can also head to [Almazo Wilder Farm](#), which will host a cast reunion in summer 2026 featuring actors from Little House on the Prairie.

The [Adirondack Cuisine Trail](#) offers six branches to pique the variable interests and appetites of foodies and adventurers hungry to experience local foods, brews and flavors of the region. Breweries have sprouted in abundance, with the list including [Lake Placid Pub and Brewery](#), [Big Slide Brewery & Public House](#) and [Great Adirondack Brewing Company](#) in Lake Placid; [Valcour Brewing Company](#) and [Oval Craft Brewing](#) in Plattsburgh; [Paradox Brewery](#) in North Hudson; [Blue Line Brewery](#) in Saranac Lake; [Raquette River Brewing](#) in Tupper Lake; and [Township 7 Brewing Company](#) in Dickinson Center. [barVino](#) in North Creek serves a creative menu featuring plates that are perfect for sharing and pairing with a rustic chic menu highlighting local products that changes seasonally to incorporate the freshest ingredients. The tasting room and tavern at [Nettle Meadow Farm](#) is also a must-visit, with award-winning sheep and goat cheeses sold in a historic log cabin alongside unique regional goods.

WHERE TO STAY

The [Cambria Hotel Lake Placid](#) offers ultimate lakeside luxury nestled in the Adirondack Mountains. Blending natural beauty and modern comfort, the Cambria Hotel is located near Lake Placid's beloved winter attractions like skiing and the Olympic Center and Museum. Also on Lake Placid, [The Eastwind Lake Placid](#) features 29 designer rooms carefully crafted with luxury in mind. [The Sagamore Resort](#) offers luxurious accommodations and picturesque views of an icy Lake George. Guests can indulge in cozy amenities, including a full-service spa and

fine dining, all while surrounded by the serene winter landscape. Additional highlights include [Whiteface Lodge](#) in Lake Placid, [Great Camp Sagamore](#) in Raquette Lake and [Adirondack Safari](#) in Warrensburg.

GETTING THERE

As the largest publicly protected area in the contiguous U.S., there is no shortage of entries to the Adirondacks, portions of which lie within a day's drive of New York City and Canada.

- 3.5-6 hours from NYC
- 6-7 hours from Niagara Falls
- 1-3 hours from Montreal
- Accessible by rail on Amtrak
- Nearby airports: [Albany International Airport](#), [Adirondack Regional Airport](#), [Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport](#), and [Plattsburgh International Airport](#)

COUNTIES

Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Herkimer, Hamilton, Lewis, St. Lawrence (Southern), Warren

MAJOR CITIES & TOWNS

Ausable Chasm, Bolton Landing, Blue Mountain Lake, Canton, Chazy, Crown Point, Glens Falls, Keene, Lake George, Lake Placid, Long Lake, Lowville, Malone, North Creek, Peru, Plattsburgh, Potsdam, Rouses Point, Saranac Lake, Schroon Lake, Ticonderoga, Tupper Lake, Warrensburg

CLIMATE

The diverse climate of New York State has four distinct seasons. Summers in the Adirondacks are comfortable and warm with daytime temperatures averaging in the mid-70s to mid-80s (degrees F.) balanced with cooler evenings. The weather is moderately cool and sunny in springtime and autumn, when spectacular fall foliage attracts thousands of visitors. Cold, snowy winters create a wonderland of magnificent scenery in villages, resorts and ski centers.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more travel ideas and information, visit [iloveny.com](#) or the Adirondacks' regional website: [visitadirondacks.com](#).