ADIRONDACKS

2027 DEVELOPMENTS

New events will take center stage in the **Adirondacks** in 2027. Lake George will host its first-ever IRONMAN 70.3 triathlon on June 13, bringing endurance athletes from around the world to swim, bike and run amid the region's scenic lakes and mountains.

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. At The Wild Center in Tupper Lake, visitors can explore interactive exhibits, meet Adirondack wildlife, head outdoors along woodland trails and treetop Wild Walk, with "Patrick Sapling," New York State's first and only permanent Thomas Dambo troll now among the highlights of its 115-acre campus.

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. Lake Placid, fondly nicknamed the **Winter Sports Capital of the World**, continues to host world-class competitions, with major events in alpine and cross-country skiing, freestyle aerials, ski jumping and hockey set for 2027. Winter festivities also include Adirondack Winter Pride, taking place March 5-7, with a weekend of skiing, skating and après-ski fun with community-wide LGBTQ+ programming. 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 Glens 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.

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. Adding to the culinary calendar, the Adirondack Coast will host the return of Michigan Fest in the summer, a lively summer celebration in Plattsburgh dedicated to the region's iconic Michigan hot dog, complete with chef competitions, live music, craft beverages and family-friendly activities.

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.

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