



ADIRONDACKS

## WINTER DEVELOPMENTS

This winter, the Olympic Authority will bring back the [Lake Placid Legacy Sites Passport](#) for the winter ski season, allowing visitors to experience activities at all four sites –The Olympic Center, Olympic Jumping Complex, Mt. Van Hoevenberg and Whiteface Mountain– and save 10% on all shopping and dining.

[Gore Mountain](#) is gearing up for an unforgettable 2024-2025 ski season with the debut of its brand-new [North Creek Ski Bowl Lodge](#). The lodge will feature a restaurant, two expansive patio levels, and a ski lift to elevate the mountain experience. Additionally, 73 newly upgraded cabins on the Northwoods Gondola, designed to accommodate wider skis and snowboards, will enhance the experience for skiers and outdoor enthusiasts, reinforcing Gore Mountain's status as a premier Adirondack attraction. [Whiteface Mountain](#) will debut an eco-friendly heated patio at the [Bear Den Learning Center](#) as an expansion to their learning space. Whiteface Mountain also features The Notch, an innovative, detachable quad lift that is the only one of its kind in the East and shuttles guests from the Bear Den Learning Center to a point just beyond the Legacy Lodge at mid-station. [McCauley Mountain](#) is also enhancing its ski experience with a new 1,600 square-foot, three-sided deck at the chalet, complete with outdoor fire pits for added warmth, while introducing a new magic carpet lift in the learning area. This winter, the [Lake Placid Olympic Center](#), with its new Miracle Plaza and beloved museum, will honor the village's Olympic legacy. Visitors will be able to skate on the newly renovated historic James C. Sheffield Speedskating Oval or attend events on one of the few remaining outdoor rinks in the nation. Behind the scenes, the center's sustainable features—such as upgraded ice rink refrigeration and an outdoor snow-melt system—will underscore its commitment to environmental stewardship, complementing a lineup of exciting youth tournaments and live events this season. This year, skiers at [Snow Ridge](#) will notice expanded terrain park elements on the Arsenal trail for thrill-seekers. Guests will also be able to enjoy the newly renovated Wax House Café and visit the revamped Tavern230, which will soon be home to the “Loony Goony Gastropub” offering a unique dining experience.

For the first time since 2019, the [FIS Freestyle Aerials World Cup](#) will return to Lake Placid's Olympic Jumping Complex on Jan. 18-19, 2025. This thrilling event will feature elite athletes performing acrobatic flips and twists, with competitions for men, women, and mixed teams, making it a highlight of the winter sports calendar and a chance to see Olympic gold medalist Christopher Lillis and other Team USA members compete. The beacon of Olympic heritage and winter sports featuring unmatched snowmaking capabilities and state-of-the-art fiber infrastructure, [Mt. Van Hoevenberg](#), will host exciting new international events this season, including the IBSF Bobsled & Skeleton World Championships. The Nordic center will be primed for global broadcast, showcasing the venue's world-class appeal and commitment to excellence.

Later in March, the region will host its first ever [Adirondack Winter Pride Weekend](#) from March 7-9, 2025. The weekend of programming will feature a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities for all ages and abilities across the Village of Lake Placid and the region's historic Olympic venues including a welcome party, downhill skiing for all levels at Whiteface Mountain, cross country skiing on 55 km of Olympic trails, ice skating inside the historic Olympic Center, and an après-ski party with music and dancing on Saturday. The Winter Pride Weekend will crossover with the kickoff of the [Bobsled and Skeleton World Championships](#) at Mt. Van Hoevenberg, held from March 6-16, 2025.

## DESCRIPTION

Spread like a blanket over six million acres, or one-fifth of New York State, the Adirondack Park is a remarkable mix of wilderness and civilization amid spectacular landscapes of skyscraping mountain peaks, forests, rivers and lakes. A National Historic Landmark, the Adirondack Park is the largest protected area in the contiguous United States.

The beautiful Adirondacks region is home to many of the state's most prominent mountains. [Gore Mountain](#) has the largest skiable area in New York State, while [Whiteface Mountain](#) is famous for hosting the 1980 Winter Olympics and boasting the highest vertical drop east of the Rockies, with skiing options for all levels. Lake Placid, fondly nicknamed **the Winter Sports Capital of the World**, will be home to the [FIS Ski Jumping World Cup](#) at the Olympic Jumping Complex from Feb. 7-12, 2025, hosted by the New York [Olympic Regional Development Authority \(ORDA\)](#). Featuring both men's and women's competitions on the large HS 128 meter ski jump, athletes from countries including Poland, Slovenia, Norway, Austria and Germany will compete for World Cup points, while attendees can enjoy DJs, games, giveaways and more.

Dogsledding is a truly distinctive winter experience in New York State. Imagine gliding over a frozen lake or through snowy forests, pulled by a team of specially-trained sled dogs. [Thunder Mountain Dog Sled Tours](#) in the Adirondacks takes adventure enthusiasts across the icy expanse of Mirror Lake near Lake Placid. Similarly, [Mike Arnold Dog Sled Rides](#) offers thrilling rides on the same lake, allowing travelers to enjoy the crisp winter air while they race through the landscape.

While the Adirondacks have a reputation for outdoor adventure, there are plenty of indoor escapes from the cold that are just as enjoyable throughout the winter season. 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.

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. And don't skip the tasting room and tavern at [Nettle Meadow Farm](#), its award-winning sheep and goat cheeses are sold in an historic log cabin in Lake Luzerne also featuring unique local products.

## **WHERE TO STAY**

The newly opened [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.

## **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](#).