



## THOUSAND ISLANDS-SEAWAY

### DESCRIPTION

The Thousand Islands-Seaway region is a breathtaking winter destination where visitors can explore over 1,000 islands amid snowy landscapes along the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lake Ontario's shoreline. Known for its rich history and unique winter activities, this region offers countless ways to experience the magic of the colder months.

For outdoor enthusiasts, the region boasts a range of seasonal activities. Skiing and snowboarding at [Dry Hill Ski Area](#) in Watertown is a family-friendly favorite with options for night skiing and tubing, while the [Tug Hill area](#) provides hundreds of miles of snowmobiling trails for winding through dense forests. Also in Watertown, the region also celebrates the season with events like the [Winter Solstice Forest Celebration](#) at [Joseph A. Blake Wildlife Sanctuary](#) featuring candlelit walks and nature-inspired crafts. [Winona State Forest Recreation Area](#) in Lacona provides cross-country skiing and serves as a popular training ground for sled dogs, hosting must-see races like the Tug Hill Challenge. Visitors can watch teams of sled dogs train or experience the scenic forest trails on snowshoes or skis. In Clayton, the Christmas Parade lights up the streets with festive floats and joyful music, while [Alexandria Bay's Polar Bear Dip](#) challenges brave souls to plunge into icy waters, all for a good cause. Outdoor enthusiasts can head to [Oneida Lake](#) for some of the best ice fishing in the region, where anglers can reel in perch, walleye, and northern pike through the frozen waters.

The area's indoor attractions provide a warm and inviting escape from the winter chill. The [Frederic Remington Art Museum](#) in Ogdensburg showcases an extensive collection of the famed artist's works, housed in the historic Parish Mansion. Families can explore interactive exhibits at the [North Country Children's Museum](#) in Potsdam, while the [Thousand Islands Museum](#) in Clayton features exhibits on regional history, including the Muskie Hall of Fame, and hosts community events celebrating local heritage.

### WHERE TO STAY

Winter travelers can choose from a range of unique stays, including the historic [Singer Castle on Dark Island](#) in Hammond, where guests can stay in a one-bedroom suite surrounded by the enchanting winter scenery of the St. Lawrence River. The [1000 Islands Harbor Hotel](#) in Clayton delivers luxury with panoramic river views, spacious rooms, and an indoor pool for a cozy retreat, while the [Riveredge Resort](#) in Alexandria Bay offers castle-view rooms and stunning St. Lawrence vistas. For a cozy and affordable retreat, Oswego's [All Seasons Inn](#) offers a peaceful escape on 45 wooded acres, combining modern amenities with serene, snow-covered surroundings.

### GETTING THERE

- 6 hours from NYC
- 4 hours from Niagara Falls

- 3 hours from Montreal or Toronto
- Accessible from route I-81
- The Thousand Islands, Massena and Ogdensburg International Bridges provide easy access to Ontario Highway 401
- Air Service from [Syracuse Hancock International Airport](#), [Watertown International Airport](#), [Ogdensburg International Airport](#) and [Massena International Airport](#).

## **COUNTIES**

Jefferson, Oswego, St. Lawrence

## **MAJOR CITIES & TOWNS**

Alexandria Bay, Canton, Cape Vincent, Clayton, Fulton, Massena, Ogdensburg, Oswego, Potsdam, Pulaski, Sackets Harbor and Watertown

## **CLIMATE**

The diverse climate of New York State has four distinct seasons. Summers in Thousand Islands-Seaway are comfortable and warm, with daytime temperatures averaging in the mid-70s to mid-80s (degrees F.) and 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.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For more travel ideas and information, visit [loveny.com](http://loveny.com) or the Thousand Islands-Seaway's regional websites at [www.seawayregion.com](http://www.seawayregion.com) or <https://visit1000islands.com>.

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