

BYWAYS GUIDE AND INDEX Regional and County Tourism Offices, Chambers of Commerce, and other

sources of information along Northern New York State's Scenic Byways.



Northern Hawk Owl

ADIRONDACK TRAIL From the Old Erie Canal on the Mohawk River near Fonda to historic Malone, the 188-mile Adirondack Trail presents "the REAL Adirondack Adventure." The route carves its way through the foothills right into the core of the Adirondack Mountains, retracing historic trails across frontiers explored by settlers, soldiers, and early guides. The wilderness landscape is filled with wildlife as you drive or bike up to trailheads leading to some of the best mountain peaks and canoe routes in the region. Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton,

and Montgomery Counties Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce (Glens Falls): 518-798-1761 or 888-516-7247 Iohnstown/Gloversville:

518-725-0641 or 800-676-3858 Blue Mountain Lake Association: 518-352-7659 Indian Lake: 518-648-5112 or 800-328-LAKE

Long Lake: 518-624-3077 518-483-3760 or 877-625-6631 Speculator, Lake Pleasant, Piseco and Morehouse: 518-548-4521 Tupper Lake: 518-359-3328 or

888-TUPLAKE

BLACK RIVER TRAIL

From historic Rome to Ogdensburg's gateway to Canada, the 111-mile Black River Trail parallels the western edge of the Adirondack wilderness. The scenery is amazing and the opportunities for outdoor recreation are virtually unlimited.

Lewis, Oneida, and St. Lawrence Counties Boonville: 315-942-5112 Gouverneur: 315-287-0331 Ogdensburg: 315-393-3620 Rome: 315-337-1700



DUDE RANCH TRAIL

This is the land of the Adirondack cowboy. Beginning and ending in the Village of Lake George, the Dude Ranch Trail is a 40-mile loop passing horse ranches, lakeside resort villages, and theme parks.

Warren County Adirondack Regional Chambers of Commerce (Glens Falls): 518-798-1761 or 888-516-7247 Athol/Thurman: 518-623-9649

Lake George: 518-668-5755 or 800-705-0059 Lake George Convention and Visitors Bureau: 518-743-8435 Lake Luzerne: 518-696-3500 Stony Creek: 518-696-4563 Warrensburg: 518-623-2161

The 17-mile Blue Ridge Road is low on mileage but makes up for it with lots of scenery and solitude. From

North Hudson to Newcomb, the

route winds through forests along the

southern fringe of the Adirondack

High Peaks region with few glimpses of civilization in between. **Essex County** Lake Placid: 518-523-2445 or 800-447-5224 Newcomb: 518-582-4255

CENTRAL

ADIRONDACK TRAIL The spectacular 150-mile Central Adirondack Trail can be traveled by car and canoe. Beginning in Glens Falls, the trail runs northwest through the heart of the Adirondacks following

historic waterways and passing myriad

lakes as it proceeds south to Rome.

The unparalleled wildscapes, waters, cultures and communities are sure to please. Hamilton, Herkimer, Oneida, and Warren Counties Adirondack Gateway Info Center (Remsen): 315-896-3963 Adirondack Park Community

Information Center (Inlet): 315-357-5501 or 866-GO-INLET Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce (Glens Falls): 518-798-1761 or 888-516-7247 (NY) Blue Mountain Lake Association: 518-352-7659

Boonville Area: 315-942-5112 Central Adirondack Association: 315-369-6983 Gore Mountain Region: 518-251-2612 Indian Lake: 518-648-5112 Inlet: 315-357-5501 Lake George: 518-668-5755 or 800-705-0059

Lake George Convention and Visitors Bureau: 518-743-8435 Old Forge: 315-369-6983 Mohawk Valley: 315-724-3151 North Creek: 518-251-2612 North Warren County: 518-494-2722 Queensbury Regional: 518-656-9827 Rome: 315-337-1700 Utica: 315-724-3151 Warrensburg: 518-623-2161

PASSAGE

ALL-AMERICAN ROAD. Lakes to Locks Passage, "The Great Northeast Journey," is your ticket to a unique American experience. North America's first inter-connected waterway-the Upper Hudson River/Champlain Canal, Lake George, and Lake Champlain-shaped the nation-building activities of the United States and Canada. By bike, foot, boat or car, Lakes to Locks Passage provides access to over 200 miles of this historic watercourse, used by migratory birds and native peoples, explorers, armies, commercial enterprises and now, diverse recreational activities. www.lakestolocks.com

Clinton, Essex, Saratoga, Warren, and Washington Counties Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce (Glens Falls): 518-798-1761 or 888-516-7247 (NY) Amtrak: 800-USA-RAIL Capital-Saratoga Region: 800-732-8259 Fort Edward: 518-747-3000 Hudson Falls: 518-747-3290 Lake Champlain Basin Program:

802-372-3213

Plattsburgh: 518-563-1000 Rouses Point: 518-297-3040 Schuyler's Canal Park Visitor Center: 518-695-4159 Ticonderoga: 518-585-6619 Waterford Visitor Center: 518-233-9123 Westport: 518-962-8383 Whitehall: 518-499-2292

MILITARY BYWAY The 84-mile Military Byway follows the route traveled by thousands of soldiers during several wars. Linking the St. Lawrence Seaway to Lake Champlain, the Military Byway parallels the Canadian border and the northern edge of the Adirondack Park.

Clinton and Franklin Counties 518-483-3760 or 877-625-6631 Massena: 315-769-3525 Rouses Point: 518-297-3040

The unique landscapes, lifestyles, culture, and crafts of the North Country will compete for your attention along the 170-mile Olympic Byway, stretching from the Sackets Harbor area on Lake Ontario to Keeseville near Lake Champlain. A mix of woodlands and waterways unfolds as the road winds through mountain villages including Lake Placid and Wilmington, sites of the 1932 and 1980 Winter Games. For lake lovers, there's Star Lake, Cranberry Lake, Tupper Lake, and Saranac Lake. Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties

Saranac Lake: 518-891-1990 or 800-347-1992 Tupper Lake: 518-359-3328 or 888-TUPLAKE Watertown: 315-788-4400 Wilmington (Whiteface): 518-946-2255 or 888-WHITEFACE

518-523-2445 or 800-447-5224

Lake Placid:

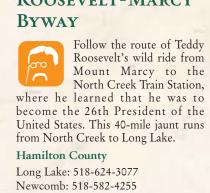
REVOLUTIONARY BYWAY Running just below the

501 southern border of the Adirondack Park, the Revolutionary Byway covers an area steeped in war history. The tour begins in Albany-New York's capital, and continues west along the Mohawk River for 158 miles to Port Ontario on Lake Ontario. Albany, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Oswego, and **Schenectady Counties** Albany/Colonie: 518-431-1400

Rome: 315-337-1700 Schenectady: 518-372-5656 or 800-962-8007 St. Johnsville: 518-842-8200 or 800-743-7337 Utica: 315-724-3151

Mohawk Valley: 315-724-3151

Pulaski: 315-298-2213



North Creek: 518-251-2612

HIGH PEAKS BYWAY

Take exit 30 off the Adirondack Northway and on Route 73 to the Olympic Village of Lake Placid. The route climbs through narrow passes flanked by towering mountains, sparkling streams, waterfalls, and gemlike lakes. The open valley of the Ausable River provides expansive views of the surrounding High Peaks of the Adirondacks.

Essex County Lake Placid: 518-523-2445 or 800-447-5224

SOUTHERN ADIRONDACK TRAIL

The 112-mile Southern Adirondack Trail links historic Herkimer and Little Falls on the Erie Canal to cozy lakeside villages in the Adirondacks. Some of the gems found along the way include the Herkimer diamond mines and the sparkling waters of West Canada Creek and several Adirondack lakes. Hamilton and Herkimer Counties

Leatherstocking Country:

315-866-1500 or 800-233-8778

Morehouse: 518-548-4521

Speculator, Lake Pleasant, Piseco, and

stretches 454 miles along New York State's freshbegin your 30-mile drive water shoreline-the St. Lawrence River, Lake Ontario, the Niagara River, and Lake Erie. This map features the beautiful 160-mile span between Lake Ontario and the 1000 Islands-St. Lawrence River. Travel themes include

Great Blue Heron

SEAWAY TRAIL

A NATIONAL SCENIC

BYWAY. The Seaway Trail

history, architecture, maritime

heritage, lighthouses, agritourism,

sportfishing, the Gilded Age, toys, and

lots more fun! www.seawaytrail.com

Chautauqua, Erie, Jefferson, Monroe, Niagara, Orleans, Oswego, St. Lawrence, and Wayne Counties Seaway Trail/Seaway Trail Discovery Center (Sackets Harbor): 315-646-1000 or 800-SEAWAY-T Alexandria Bay: 315-482-9531, 800-541-2110

Cape Vincent: 315-654-2481 Clayton: 315-686-3771 or 800-252-9806

Henderson Harbor: 315-938-5568 or 888-938-5568 Massena: 315-769-3525 Morristown: 315-375-6530 Ogdensburg: 315-393-3620 Oswego: 315-343-7681 City of Oswego Tourism: 315-342-SAIL Pulaski: 315-298-2213 Sackets Harbor: 315-646-1700 Sackets Harbor Visitor Center:

315-646-2321 South Jefferson County (Adams): 315-232-4215 Waddington: 315-388-5576 Watertown: 315-788-4400

COUNTY TOURISM

OFFICES Adirondack Regional Tourism Council: 518-846-8016 or 800-487-6867 www.visitadirondacks.com

Lake Champlain Region: 866-THE-LAKE (843-5253) www.lakechamplainregion.com Albany County: 518-434-1217 or 800-258-3582 www.albany.org Clinton County: 518-563-1000

www.goadirondack.com

Franklin County: 518-483-9470 or 800-709-4895 www.adirondacklakes.com Fulton County: 518-725-0641 or 800-676-3858 www.fultoncountyny.org

Hamilton County: 518-648-5239 or 800-648-5239 www.hamiltoncounty.com Herkimer County: 315-866-7820 or 877-984-4636 www.herkimercountvchamber.com

Lake Placid/Essex County: 518-523-2445 or 800-447-5224 www.lakeplacid.com Lewis County: 800-724-0242 www.lewiscountychamber.org Montgomery County: 518-842-8200 or 800-743-7337

www.montgomerycountyny.com Oneida County: 315-724-7221 or 800-426-3132 www.oneidacountycvb.com

Oswego County: 315-349-8322 or 800-248-4386 www.oswegocounty.com/tourism Saratoga County: 518-584-3255 or 800-526-8970 www.saratoga.org Schenectady County:

518-372-5656 or 800-962-8007

www.schenectadychamber.org St. Lawrence County: 315-386-4000 or 877-228-7810 www.northcountryguide.com 1000 Islands International Tourism Council: (Jefferson County) 315-482-2520 or 800-8-ISLAND www.visit1000islands.com

Warren County: 518-761-6366 or 800-365-1050 x908 www.visitlakegeorge.com Washington County: 518-746-2294 or 888-203-8622 www.washingtoncounty.org

INFORMATION

SOURCES Adirondack Park Visitor Interpretive Centers: Newcomb: 518-582-2000 Paul Smiths: 518-327-3000 www.northnet.org/adirondackvic

Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor Commission: 518-673-1045 www.mvhcc.org New York State Canal Corporation: 800-4CANAL4 www.canals.state.ny.us

Thousand Islands State Park Commission: 315-482-2593 www.nysparks.com Camping Reservations: 800-456-CAMP www.reserveamerica.com

Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, Warren, Washington Ray Brook (Headquarters): 518-897-1200 Northville: 518-863-4545 Warrensburg: 518-623-1200 DEC Region 6: Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, St. Lawrence Watertown (Headquarters): 315-785-2263 Potsdam: 315-265-3090

OF ENVIRONMENTAL

CONSERVATION

8:30am to 4:45pm.

DEC Headquarters

www.dec.state.ny.us

locator/rec.html

DEC Publications Locator

For trail conditions, backcountry

information and permits, consult the DEC offices listed below. Mon-Fri,

625 Broadway, Albany 518-457-7433

http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/

DEC Region 5: Clinton, Essex,

Herkimer: 315-866-6330 Lowville: 315-376-3521 Adirondack Park Forest Preserve Campgrounds: 518-457-2500 http://www.dec.state.nv.us /website/do/or2top.htm

Camping Reservations: 800-456-2267 www.reserveamerica.com WHAT ARE SCENIC BYWAYS?

National Scenic Byways Program

be a "destination unto itself" providing an exceptional traveling experience. The Federal Highway

www.lakestolocks.com

Administration has designated specific travel corridors within the United States as either National Scenic Byways or All-American Roads.

Byways across the country. These roads

must possess nationally significant quali-

ties and contain one-of-a-kind features.

The All-American Road is considered to

These roads are representative of a region's scenic, recreational, cultural, natural, historic or archaeological significance. www.byways.org Lakes to Locks Passage is New York State's only nationally designated All A designated All-American Road - "the best of the best" among Scenic

Scenic Byway in recognition or its outstanding scenic, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and natural qualities. www.seawaytrail.com New York State Scenic Byways

SCENIC New York State's Scenic Byways must be of particular statewide interest, possess a variety of distinctive sess a variety of distinctive characteristics and offer an exceptional driving experience. The Adirondack North Country Region is crossed by more Scenic Byways than any other por-

tion of the State. www.nybyways.com

The Seaway Trail is a National

ADIRONDACK NORTH COUNTRY ASSOCIATION





ADIRONDACK MOUNTAINS

Sub-alpine & Upland Boreal Habitat Peaks over 2,800 feet provide habitat for subalpine birds such as Bicknell's Thrush, Swainson's Thrush and Blackpoll Warbler. The upland boreal habitat supports Spruce Grouse, Three-toed and Black-Backed Woodpeckers, Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, Red and White-winged Crossbills, and other

Adirondack High Peaks Forest IBA (B4, B5) The extensive High Peaks Wilderness includes sub-alpine and alpine habitats with a maximum elevation of 5,344 feet; more than 24 peaks are over 3,500 feet. Marked hiking trails lead to remote lakes, streams, valleys and mountain peaks. The Tahawus Road, north of Newcomb, provides access to the Upper Works trailhead on the southern side of the High Peaks Wilderness. For trailheads entering the area from the north, use Adirondak Loj Road and points along Route 73, Route 86 and Route 3.

Warblers, Thrushes and Vireos.



Blue Mountain Trail

(C4) Route 30, Blue Mountain Lake. Hiking trail to summit firetower. Boreal habitat. Crane Mountain Trail

(C4) From Route 8 at Johnsville, take Oven Mountain Road south towards Thurman, then Garnet Lake Road to Ski Hi Road. Hiking trail to rocky summit ridge and mountaintop pond. Boreal forest species.

Northern Adirondack Peaks IBA (A5, B5) Explore boreal and mixed forests in the region north of Lake Placid and Keene. The high elevation habitat supports relatively high numbers of Bicknell's Thrush. Stop along the road on Whiteface Mountain Veterans' Memorial Highway (Wilmington). Hike up Hurricane Mountain (Route 9N, west of Elizabethtown) or Lyon Mountain NCP (Dannemora, Route 374 west to Chazy Lake Road). Peregrine Falcons can be found near roadside rocky crags such as those at Chapel Pond (Route 73, near St. Huberts), Wilmington Notch (Route 86, near

Whiteface Mountain Ski Center), and Poke-

O-Moonshine Mountain (Route 9, South of

Keeseville).

Thirteenth Lake is the trailhead for hikes up to Peaked Mountain Pond and summit, and into the Siamese Pond Wilderness Area. Boreal forest species.

Vanderwhacker Mountain Trail (C4) Route 28N, 8.7 miles north of Minerva. Hiking trail to summit firetower. Nearby, walk the short trail along the Boreas River to Hewitt Eddy. The Goodnow Mountain nature trail and firetower, near Newcomb, provides access to more boreal habitat.



Lowland Boreal Habitat Lowland boreal forests and bog habitats support a diverse bird community. Look for Spruce Grouse, Pine Siskin, Three-toed and Black-backed Woodpeckers, Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, Rusty Blackbird, Yellowbellied and Olive-sided Flycatchers, Palm and Wood Warblers, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Lincoln's Sparrow and Northern Parula.

Interpretive Centers 🕭 (B4) Paul Smiths, (C4) Newcomb. Nature trails and boardwalks wind through a marsh, boreal bog, old growth hemlocks, forests and beside lakes and streams. Viewing platforms, handicapped accessible trails,

Adirondack Park Visitors

interpretive displays. Bloomingdale Bog/Bigelow Road (B4) West of Bloomingdale. An extensive boreal bog accessed via a foot trail which follows an abandoned railroad right-of-way. Adjacent Bigelow Road (unmaintained dirt road) extends access to the north.

(B4) Averyville Road, Lake Placid. Short carry to canoe put-in. Paddle through a winding channel into a remote marsh.

Debar Pond-California Road (A4) From Malone follow the Salmon River south on Cty. Route 25. Turn left onto Duane Road after crossing over the river. From Duane Road turn left onto California Road, bear right on Cty. Route 27, and left onto Route 26. Debar Pond Road is on the right. Look for boreal species at the pond and as you drive through boreal forest on remote backroads. Look for migrating waterfowl on nearby Indian Lake and Mountain View Lake.

(C3) Uncas Road, east of Eagle Bay. Black spruce bog surrounded by 50 acres of boreal orest. Short trail and boardwalk. Look for all the boreal bird species.

Stillwater Reservoir, known for its large nesting loon population.

Lake Everest and Flume Area (B5) Wilmington, south on Route 86 to Beach south on Route 86. Impoundment with marshes and adjacent wetlands. Walk the shoreline or launch a canoe. Trails along the Ausable starting from the Flume Area.

Lows Lake/Hitchins Pond (B3) At the south end of Tupper Lake, take Route 421 into the Bog River Flow area. Upon reaching Horseshoe Lake look for the dirt access road on the left. Paddle through bogs and marshes on this extensive 11 mile waterway from Hitchins Pond to Lows Lake. Common Loons, Ducks, Osprey, Great Blue Heron, Barred Owls, Thrushes and Warblers.

Madawaska Pond/Blue Mtn. Road (A4) Two access points: From the north near Meacham Lake, use the five-mile gravel road which starts one mile west of Route 30 on Route 458. From Paul Smiths, use Keese Mills Road/Blue Mountain Road to access the trailhead. Explore the extensive boreal forests, marshes and bogs of Madawaska Pond and Quebec Brook by canoe or on foot. Look for more boreal birds along the remote Blue/Azure Mountain Road.

Massawepie Mire IBA (B3) Route 3, Gale. Large boreal peat land with extensive wetland habitat and spruce-fir forests. Spruce Grouse and an impressive concentration of Palm Warblers breed here.

Moose River Plains IBA (C3, C4) Two entrance stations: From the west side use Limekiln Road near Inlet and on the east side use Cedar River Road west of Indian Lake. A 25-mile dirt road bisects the extensive state-owned forest which contains sub-alpine mountain habitat, lowland boreal and hardwood forests, open plains and wetlands. Look for boreal species along the main road or on one of the many side trails that lead to remote lakes and ponds-pick up a map at one of the entrance stations. Hike up to the Wakely Mountain firetower or explore nearby Cedar River Flow by

canoe for more birding opportunities. Osgood Pond-Jones Pond (B4) From Paul Smiths take Route 86 east to White Pine Road. 1.4 miles to canoe put-in at bridge. Optional access at Osgood and Jones Pond launch sites. Explore the marshes and prime boreal birding habitat along the ponds

and the flatwater channel between them. Route 10 - Powley Road Loop (D4) South of Piseco Lake. Excellent birding area along the West Branch of the Sacandaga River where Route 10 parallels a meandering flatwater, marshes and bogs. Wintering Crossbills. The river can be paddled from where Route 10 crosses the river near Chub Lake to Shaker Place take-out. A loop trip

using Powley Road adds more boreal birding

opportunities along a remote dirt road.

Spring Pond Bog IBA/NCP Floodwood Road Area 👶 (B4) Floodwood Road, west of Lake Clear on Route 30. Spring Pond Bog is a boreal forest and peat complex with a 500-acre open bog. Boreal species such as Spruce Grouse. Trail, handicapped accessible boardwalk. Contact

Adirondack Nature Conservancy for an access pass, 518-576-2082. Also explore the water and bog areas along Floodwood Road. William C. Whitney Wilderness Area IBA (B3, B4, C3) Sabattis Road, south of Tupper Lake off Route 30. The extensive wetland habitat includes Little Tupper Lake and Lake Lila plus 10 smaller ponds. Explore by canoe

or walk on old logging roads. Sabattis Bog, a small open bog with scattered spruces, is located on the northern arm of Circle Road. Another bog is located near the end of Sabattis Road. Walk northeast along the railroad tracks into the center of the bog. Silver Lake Wilderness/West River Rd. (D4) Route 30, Wells. Enter the Silver Lake Wilderness on the Northville-Lake Placid

Trail at Whitehouse. Look for Woodpeckers, Flycatchers and Thrushes. Look for Philadelphia Vireos where West River Road parallels the river.



LAKE CHAMPLAIN With a mosaic of wetlands, grasslands shrublands, forests, and open lake, the Champlain Valley plays host to a diverse collection of breeding, wintering, and nigrating birds. More than 150 species breed here, including endangered, threatened, and special concern species such as Pied-billed Grebe, American Bittern, Peregrine Falcon Northern Harrier, Osprey, Black Tern, Upland Sandpiper, Whip-poor-will, Common Nighthawk, Golden-winged Warbler, Vesper and Grasshopper Sparrows.

Crossbills, are more sporadic but can nemlock-northern hardwood forest. Olivesometimes be found in large numbers. sided Flycatcher, White-throated Sparrow. Lake Champlain is a major migratory pathway for a variety of waterbirds—loons, grebes, ducks, geese, cormorants, gulls, tern and shorebirds—during both spring and fall migration. Fall migration is especially impressive, with huge numbers of Snow



Ausable Marsh WMA/BCA, Ausable Point State Campground 💩 (A5) Route 9, north of Keeseville. Floodplain forest and large marsh/delta at the mouth of the Ausable River. A trail starts from Route 9 and a cartop boat launch and handicapped accessible boardwalk and viewing platform is accessed from the state campground road. Coon Mountain NCP (B5) Halds Road, off Lake Shore Road,

Westport. Nature trail to open summit ledges. Ravens, hawks. Look for hawks, owls and waterfowl at nearby Webb Royce Swamp on Lake Shore Road. Crown Point State Historic Site IBA (B5) Bridge Road, near Crown Point Bridge. Woods, grassland, shrub/scrub. Unusual

diversity and abundance of migratory song

birds, more than 175 species recorded.

Four Brothers Islands NCP (B5) Just east of Willsboro Point, viewing from boat only. Home to the largest and most diverse waterbird colony on Lake Champlain. Nesting species include Great Blue Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Great Egret, Cattle Egret, Caspian Tern and three species of gulls.

Kings Bay-Chazy Landing WMA/IBA/BCA (A5) Lake Shore Road and Point Au Fer Road, Champlain. Hardwood swamps, cattail marshes, old fields. Foot trails. Waterfowl.

Lake Alice WMA

woodland, ponds. Foot trails. Least Bittern, Virginia Rail, Osprey, waterfowl. Lake Champlain Birding Trail The Lake Champlain Birding Trail loops around Lake Champlain for 300 miles to 87 birding sites in Vermont and New York. Check the website for more information and

a brochure: www.lakechamplainbirding.org

(A5) Duprey Road, Chazy. Cropland,

extensive sandbars during late summer. Bluffs allow for the viewing of migrant loons, grebes, geese and ducks, as well as huge rafts of Common Goldeneye and other

waterfowl during winter. Point au Roche State Park (A5) Off Route 9, North of Plattsburgh. Forest, Shrub/Scrub, Open Water. Nature Center, eight miles of foot trails.

Putts Creek WMA/BCA (C5) Tom Clark Road, Crown Point. Rightof-way marked by two yellow-painted iron pipes. Parking along road. Marsh, hardwood forest. Foot trails to three observation points.

(C5) East of Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain

Take to the water and explore the open

Split Rock Range Palisades (B5) State Boat Launch, Westport. View the songbirds, endangered Karner blue butterfly. 900-foot cliffs of the Split Rock Range from your boat. During June and July, watch the courtship rituals of Peregrine Falcons. Bald Eagles and migrating Hawks. Ticonderoga Marsh

mixed forest. Eastern Bluebird, Red-tailed marsh at the mouth of the LaChute River. Hawk, Wild Turkey, Thrushes and Kinglets. Wickham Marsh WMA/BCA (A5) Lake Street, Port Kent. Pitch pine-oak forest, northern hardwoods, cattail marshes. Foot trails. Waterfowl, Ruffed Grouse.

(A5) Route 9, Peru Boat Launch. Stateowned island, boat access only, camping, Pied-billed Grebes, Ruffed Grouse, foot trails. Heron rookery hidden in the middle of the island. Waterfowl of all kinds.



Cape May Warbler LAKE GEORGE AREA/

HUDSON RIVER CORRIDOR Pristine water, high forested mountains, cliffs wetlands and islands. Acres of protected land and habitats for endangered species. Cook Mountain NCP (C5) South of Ticonderoga. Short, steep trail

to open rocky summit, overlooks Lake George. Wetland and open hardwood forest. Fort Edward Grasslands IBA (D5) Southeast of Fort Edward, viewing from roadside. Exceptional grassland bird breeding and raptor wintering area. Private land.

Lake George Watershed (D4) Willie Road, off Route 29A, south of (C5) Access via Route 9N and 9L, state boat Caroga Lake. Nature trail, boardwalk, launch sites. North of Bolton Landing, viewing platform. Waterfowl. Northwest Bay brook and wetlands can be

provides access to state-owned land and an

wetlands at the southeast end of the lake at Dunham, Harris and Warner Bays Moreau Lake Forest IBA (D5) Off Route 9, south of Glens Falls Forested uplands, Moreau Lake and 4.5 miles of the Hudson River. Wintering Bald Eagles. Breeding Black-billed Cuckoos, Eastern

Wood-Pewees, Wood Thrushes, Rosebreasted Grosbeaks and Baltimore Orioles. (D5) Route 50, north of Saratoga. Pine barrens, open fields. Trail. Ruffed Grouse,

extensive trail system in the Shelving Rock

area. From Route 9L, explore the extensive

Up Yonda Farm Environmental Education Center (C5) 5239 Lake Shore Drive, Rt. 9N, Bolton Landing. 70 acres overlooking Lake George. Trails, perennial gardens, wildlife exhibits nature programs. Wetland, open fields,

MOHAWK VALLEY Happy Valley WMA/IBA (D1) On Route 104, east of Mexico. Forested wetlands, deciduous-coniferous forest Trails. Breeding Hawks, Northern Goshawk,

Flycatchers, Thrushes and Warblers. Oriskany Flats WMA (D2) Between Rome and Utica. From Route 49, take Oriskany exit, south on River Street. Old agricultural lands, wetland habitat, brushland and forested corridor along Mohawk River. Trails. Songbirds, waterfowl,

Rome Sand Plains NCP (D2) West of Rome, take Routes 46/49 to Oswego Road, then Hogsback Road. Northern bogs, meadows, wetlands, mixed hardwood forests, sand dunes, pine barrens. Rare/unusual species. Trails. Red-shouldered Hawk, Pine and Nashville Warblers, Whip-

shorebirds, hawks and game species.

poor-will, Hermit Thrush, Scarlet Tanager, White-throated Sparrow and Red-breasted Nuthatch. Frosted Elfin butterflies. SUNY IT Nature Trail

(D2) Route 12, north of Utica, on the campus of SUNY Institute of Technology. Trail starts at Campus Center. Mixed forest, streams. Indigo Bunting and Northern Waterthrush. Utica Marsh WMA

(D2) Route 5A to Barnes Ave., handicapped access on Doucharm Road. Nature trails, boardwalks, bicycle trail, handicapped access, observation towers, viewing platform. Breeding Virginia and Sora Rails.

Dexter Marsh WMA

Hiking trail and canoe route, handicapped (C1) Route 180, south of Dexter, at the mouth of the Black River. Estuarine wetland best

explored by boat. Walking trail, boat launch. Waterfowl, Common Yellow Throat.

boat launch sites and parks. Birding from

adjacent backroads or by boat on 44 miles of flatwater. Breeding Bank and Tree Swallows, Lakeview Marsh WMA, Belted Kingfisher and waterfowl. Southwick Beach State Park Black River Feeder Canal Towpath (D2) From Erwin Park in Boonville to Alde

Pond in Forestport, 3.5 miles. Bike or walk on an old towpath through a wetland habitat. Great Blue Herons, Kingfishers, waterfowl and songbirds. The BREIA trail systems (Black River Environmental Improvemen Assoc.), just west of Alder Creek and south of Boonville (D2), offer more birding.

Tug Hill Area IBA (C2) West of Lowville and Route 26. Sprucenorthern hardwood forest with upland and wetland habitats. Includes Tug Hill WMA, Littlejohn WMA and Whetstone Gulf State Park. Hiking trails. Look for Ruffed Grouse. American Woodcock, Northern Goshawk, and a variety of Warblers, Thrushes, Vireos

and Flycatchers. www.VisitTugHill.com



EASTERN LAKE ONTARIO Along the shore of Eastern Lake Ontario

from the Little Salmon River north to the Black River, you'll find long barrier beaches, extensive inland dune systems, and some of the highest quality freshwater marshes in the state. The area supports a variety of wetlanddependant migrating and breeding species and is a critical migratory corridor for birds. Eastern Lake Ontario

Barrier Beaches IBA, Eastern Lake Ontario Marshes BCA Includes the following nine State Parks, Wildlife Management Areas, and Preserves.

Deer Creek Marsh WMA (C1) Route 3 and Rainbow Shores Road. Upland, dunes, wetland, cattail marshes.

El Dorado NCP, Black Pond WMA/BCA (C1) South of Henderson Harbor, off Route 3. Dunes, open marsh, flooded woodland, red

cedar forest. El Dorado: Grandjean Road,

north of Black Pond. Observation blind, high

northeast. Handicapped accessible boardwalk trail, nature trails, observation deck.

(C1) Hiking trails and canoe routes start from roads and boat launches accessed from Route 3. Woods, meadows, dunes, cattail marshes, wetland. Trails, boat access, viewing tower. Trails at Southwick Beach adjoin Lakeview

Marsh and its trail system to the south. Sandy Island Beach State Park, Sandy Pond Beach Natural Area NCP (C1) Route 15, South Spit of North Sandy Pond. Beach, dunes. Bird sanctuary at

northern end of the spit. Westcott Beach State Park (C1) Route 3, south of Sackets Harbor. Wooded hills, meadows. Hiking trails, boat

Ashland Flats WMA (B1) Chaumont, Route 12E to Millens Bay Road. Upland, wetland.

Derby Hill Bird Observatory IBA (C1) Sage Creek Road off Route 104B, north of Mexico, on Lake Ontario. Internationally recognized site for viewing the spring hawk migration, March-May. More than 40,000 hawks are counted annually on average. Fields, mixed deciduous woods, small marsh

Waterfowl and many other migrants can be seen in the Spring and Fall. Little Galloo Island IBA (C1) Part of the Lake Ontario Islands WMA, boat access. Colonial waterbird nesting site.

Point Peninsula IBA (B1, C1) South of Chaumont, Route 12E to Route 57. Mix of working and abandoned farms, Point Peninsula WMA and Long Point State Park. One of the most critical winter habitats in the Northeast for arctic-breeding Rough-legged Hawks, Snowy Owls and Short-eared Owls. Also Northern Harriers, Red-tailed Hawks, American Kestrels, Great Horned Owls, Long-eared Owls, Northern

Saw-whet Owls and Northern Shrikes. St. Lawrence River/Plain Along the River, you'll find open water,

wetlands, grassy fields, forests and cliffs. An abundance of native and migrating bird species can be seen. It is also a significant wintering area for waterfowl. Along the U.S.-Canadian Border (A3, A4) Cook Road, north of Route 37 from

Hogansburg to Fort Covington. Mary Riley Road, from Fort Covington to Westville. Roadside birding along farm fields, brushy habitat, wetlands and forests. Warblers Northern Harrier, Eastern Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, waterfowl and other wetland species. Migrant shorebirds.

Indian River/Black Lake IBA (A2, B2) Indian River WMA, Chippewa Creek and Crooked Creek, Black Lake and

wetland habitats. Boat access. Breeding Golden-winged and Cerulean Warblers, Sedge Wren, Pied-billed Grebe, American Bittern, Least Bittern, Osprey, Bald Eagle,

Lisbon Grasslands IBA 👶 (A2) Route 68, northwest of Canton. An

mportant wetland-grassland habitat which includes the Upper and Lower Lakes WMA and the Indian Creek Nature Center with its nature trails, handicapped access, boat access, and viewing tower. The wet sedge meadows are home to the Pied-billed Grebe, American Bittern, Least Bittern, Northern Harrier, Black Tern, Sedge Wren, LeConte's and Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows. The wetlands are mostly on private land, but can be accessed through some managed areas.



Lower St. Lawrence River IBA (A2, A3) Morristown north to Massena, along Route 37 and Route 131. Encompasses a

range of wetland and upland habitats. Wilson Hill WMA is an open water wetland bordered by cattail, shrub swamp, forest and meadows—ideal for nesting and migrating waterfowl. Observation tower on Route 131, trails, boat access. Additional access at Robert Moses Power Dam's Hawkins Point Visitors' Center, and several state and municipal parks, such as Coles Creek. Waterfowl, wading birds, shore birds, song birds, and raptors including Bald Eagles and Osprey. Spring and fall migrations with up to 15 to 20 different species. Significant wintering area for waterfowl and Bald Eagles. Sparrowhawk Point, nine miles north of Ogdensburg, is home to a large colony of nesting Bank Swallows-over 3,000 nesting

viewed by boat from the St. Lawrence River. Perch River Complex IBA (B1) Route 12, north of Watertown. Perch River WMA, three lakes, boat access, viewing tower. Exceptional wetland bird community, one of the largest concentrations of breeding grassland birds in the state.

pairs at last count. Most impressive when

Upper St. Lawrence/

Thousand Islands IBA

migration and wintering area.

(B1) Shoreline area from Cape Vincent to Chippewa Bay. Includes islands, French Creek WMA, eleven state parks, Minna Anthony Common Nature Center and several land trust preserves. Wetland, shrub and upland habitats. Important waterfowl