

## BYWAYS GUIDE AND INDEX

**BLACK RIVER TRAIL** 

Lewis, Oneida, and

Rome: 315-337-1700

St. Lawrence Counties

Boonville: 315-942-5112

Gouverneur: 315-287-0331

Ogdensburg: 315-393-3620

villages, and theme parks.

Stony Creek: 518-696-4563

Warrensburg: 518-623-2161

Warren County

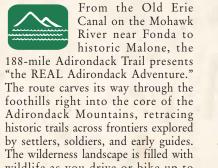
Lake George:

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



historic trails across frontiers explored by settlers, soldiers, and early guides. Common Loon 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 Malone: 518-483-3760 or 877-625-6631 Speculator, Lake Pleasant, Piseco and Morehouse: 518-548-4521 Tupper Lake: 518-359-3328 or 888-TUPLAKE

#### 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

**BLUE RIDGE ROAD** 

The 17-mile Blue Ridge

From historic Rome to of civilization in between. Ogdensburg's gateway to Canada, the 111-mile Black **Essex** County River Trail parallels the Lake Placid: western edge of the Adirondack 518-523-2445 or 800-447-5224

wilderness. The scenery is amazing and Newcomb: 518-582-4255 the opportunities for outdoor CENTRAL recreation are virtually unlimited.

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,

please.

#### Hamilton, Herkimer, Oneida, and Warren Counties

cultures and communities are sure to

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): **DUDE RANCH TRAIL** 518-798-1761 or 888-516-7247 (NY) This is the land of the Blue Mountain Lake Association: 518-352-7659 Boonville Area: 315-942-5112

Adirondack cowboy. Beginning and ending in the Village of Lake George, Central Adirondack Association: the Dude Ranch Trail is a 40-mile loop 315-369-6983 passing horse ranches, lakeside resort Gore Mountain Region: 518-251-2612 Indian Lake: 518-648-5112 Inlet: 315-357-5501

Lake George: Adirondack Regional Chambers 518-668-5755 or 800-705-0059 of Commerce (Glens Falls): Lake George Convention and 518-798-1761 or 888-516-7247 Visitors Bureau: 518-743-8435 Athol/Thurman: 518-623-9649 Old Forge: 315-369-6983 Mohawk Valley: 315-724-3151 518-668-5755 or 800-705-0059 North Creek: 518-251-2612 Lake George Convention and North Warren County: 518-494-2722 Visitors Bureau: 518-743-8435 Queensbury Regional: 518-656-9827 Lake Luzerne: 518-696-3500 Rome: 315-337-1700 Utica: 315-724-3151 Warrensburg: 518-623-2161

# LAKES TO LOCKS



your attention along the 170-mile Northeast Journey," is Olympic Byway, stretching from the your ticket to a unique American Sackets Harbor area on Lake Ontario experience. North America's first to Keeseville near Lake Champlain. A inter-connected waterway-the Upper mix of woodlands and waterways Hudson River/Champlain Canal, Lake George, and Lake Champlain–shaped unfolds as the road winds through mountain villages including Lake the nation-building activities of the Placid and Wilmington, sites of the United States and Canada. By bike, 1932 and 1980 Winter Games. For lake foot, boat or car, Lakes to Locks lovers, there's Star Lake, Cranberry

Passage provides access to over 200 Lake, Tupper Lake, and Saranac Lake. miles of this historic watercourse, used Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Jefferson, by migratory birds and native peoples, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties explorers, armies, commercial enterprises and now, diverse recreational Lake Placid:

**OLYMPIC BYWAY** 

The unique landscapes, lifestyles, culture, and crafts of the North

Country will compete for

518-523-2445 or 800-447-5224 activities. www.lakestolocks.com Saranac Lake: Clinton, Essex, Saratoga, Warren, 518-891-1990 or 800-347-1992 and Washington Counties Tupper Lake: Adirondack Regional Chamber 518-359-3328 or 888-TUPLAKE of Commerce (Glens Falls): Watertown: 315-788-4400 Wilmington (Whiteface): 518-946-2255 or 888-WHITEFACE

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# MILITARY BYWAY

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

Malone 518-483-3760 or 877-625-6631 Massena: 315-769-3525 Rouses Point: 518-297-3040

## **ROOSEVELT-MARCY**

North Creek: 518-251-2612

**Essex** County

Southern

518-523-2445 or 800-447-5224

Lake Placid:

BYWAY

Follow the route of Teddy Roosevelt's wild ride from Mount Marcy to the North Creek Train Station, where he learned that he was to become the 26th President of the United States. This 40-mile jaunt runs from North Creek to Long Lake. Hamilton County Long Lake: 518-624-3077 Newcomb: 518-582-4255

Great Blue Heron

TRAIL

## SEAWAY TRAIL

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BYWAY. The Seaway Trail

New York State's fresh-

HIGH PEAKS BYWAY SEAWAY stretches 454 miles along Take exit 30 off the Adirondack Northway and begin your 30-mile drive

water shoreline-the St. Lawrence on Route 73 to the River, Lake Ontario, the Niagara River, Olympic Village of Lake Placid. The and Lake Erie. This map features the route climbs through narrow passes beautiful 160-mile span between Lake flanked by towering mountains, Ontario and the 1000 Islands-St. sparkling streams, waterfalls, and Lawrence River. Travel themes include gemlike lakes. The open valley of the history, architecture, maritime Ausable River provides expansive views heritage, lighthouses, agritourism, of the surrounding High Peaks of the sportfishing, the Gilded Age, toys, and Adirondacks. 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 ADIRONDACK TRAIL Cape Vincent: 315-654-2481

South Jefferson County (Adams):

Waddington: 315-388-5576

Watertown: 315-788-4400

315-232-4215

Clayton: The 112-mile Southern 315-686-3771 or 800-252-9806 Adirondack Trail links Henderson Harbor: historic Herkimer and 315-938-5568 or 888-938-5568 Little Falls on the Erie Massena: 315-769-3525 Canal to cozy lakeside villages in the Morristown: 315-375-6530 Adirondacks. Some of the gems found Ogdensburg: 315-393-3620 along the way include the Herkimer Oswego: 315-343-7681 diamond mines and the sparkling City of Oswego Tourism: waters of West Canada Creek and 315-342-SAIL several Adirondack lakes. Pulaski: 315-298-2213 Hamilton and Herkimer Counties Sackets Harbor: 315-646-1700 Leatherstocking Country: Sackets Harbor Visitor Center: 315-646-2321

315-866-1500 or 800-233-8778 Speculator, Lake Pleasant, Piseco, and Morehouse: 518-548-4521

#### Fulton County: 518-725-0641 or 800-676-3858 www.fultoncountyny.org Hamilton County: 518-648-5239 or 800-648-5239

OFFICES

Council:

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

#### **OTHER REGIONAL REGIONAL AND COUNTY TOURISM INFORMATION** SOURCES

Adirondack Regional Tourism Adirondack Park Visitor Interpretive Centers: Newcomb: 518-582-2000 518-846-8016 or 800-487-6867 Paul Smiths: 518-327-3000 www.visitadirondacks.com www.northnet.org/adirondackvic Lake Champlain Region: Mohawk Valley Heritage 866-THE-LAKE (843-5253) **Corridor Commission:** 518-673-1045 www.mvhcc.org www.lakechamplainregion.com New York State Canal Corporation: Albany County: 518-434-1217 or 800-258-3582 www.albany.org 800-4CANAL4 www.canals.state.ny.us Clinton County: 518-563-1000 Thousand Islands State Park www.goadirondack.com Commission: 315-482-2593 Franklin County: 518-483-9470 or 800-709-4895 www.adirondacklakes.com

www.nysparks.com Camping Reservations: 800-456-CAMP www.reserveamerica.com





These roads are representative of a region's scenic, recreational, cultural, natural, historic or archaeological signifi-

cance. www.byways.org Lakes to Locks Passage is New York State's only nationally

designated All-American Road - "the best of the best" among Scenic Byways across the country. These roads must possess nationally significant qualities and contain one-of-a-kind features. The All-American Road is considered to

Lewis, Oneida, St. Lawrence Watertown (Headquarters): 315-785-2263 Potsdam: 315-265-3090 Herkimer: 315-866-6330 Lowville: 315-376-3521 Adirondack Park Forest Preserve

Campgrounds: 518-457-2500 http://www.dec.state.ny.us /website/do/or2top.htm Camping Reservations: 800-456-2267 www.reserveamerica.com

NYS DEPARTMENT

**CONSERVATION** 

8:30am to 4:45pm.

**DEC Headquarters** 

www.dec.state.ny.us

locator/rec.html

518-897-1200

**DEC Publications Locator** 

Ray Brook (Headquarters):

Northville: 518-863-4545

Warrensburg: 518-623-1200

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,

Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton,

Saratoga, Warren, Washington

DEC Region 6: Herkimer, Jefferson,

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## WHAT ARE SCENIC BYWAYS?

be a "destination unto itself" providing an exceptional traveling experience. www.lakestolocks.com

> The Seaway Trail is a National Scenic Byway in recognition or its outstanding scenic, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and natural qualities. www.seawaytrail.com

## New York State Scenic Byways

New York State's Scenic Byways must be of particu-lar statewide interest, pos-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 portion of the State. www.nybyways.com

#### Running just below the 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** The 84-mile Military Albany/Colonie: 518-431-1400 Mohawk Valley: 315-724-3151 Pulaski: 315-298-2213

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

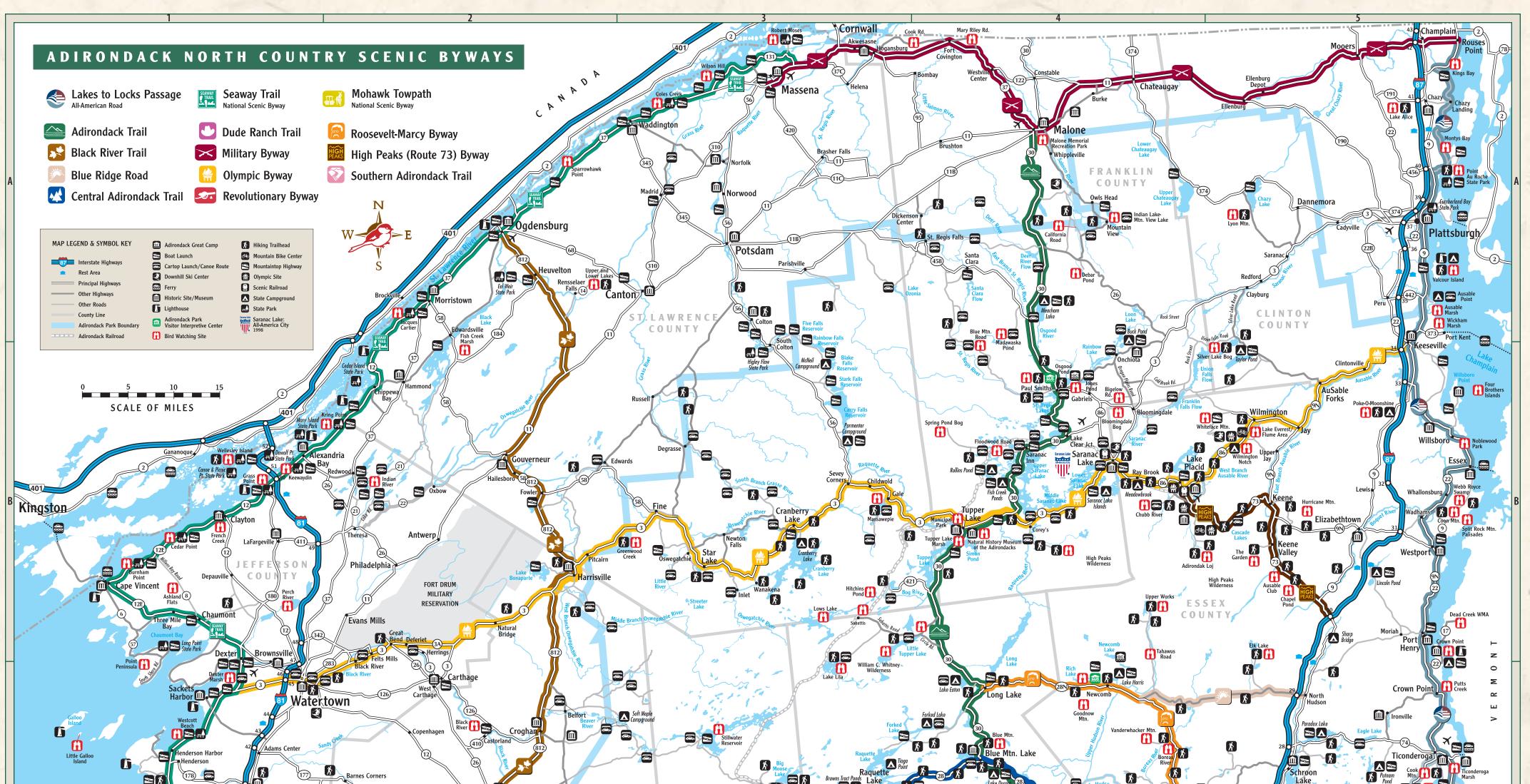


Plattsburgh: 518-563-1000 Rouses Point: 518-297-3040

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

# ADIRONDACK NORTH COUNTRY ASSOCIATION



## **CONSERVATION PROGRAM KEY**

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New York State Wildlife Management Area (WMA) http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/wma/

New York State Bird Conservation Area (BCA) http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/wildlife/bca/

National Audubon Society Important Bird Area (IBA) http://www.audubon.org/bird/iba/index.html http://www.audubon.org/chapter/ny/ny/iba/pick.html

Adirondack Nature Conservancy Preserve (NCP) http://nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/newyork/preserves/

Pillsbury Mountain Trail

(C4) Perkins Clearing Road, south of Indian

Lake on Route 30. Look for boreal species

along the dirt road and Warblers on the trail

to the summit fire tower. Boreal Chickadee,

Bicknell's Thrush in the high-elevation zone.

Schaefer Trail/Gore Mountain Area

(C4) Ski Bowl Road, North Creek. Ride the

Gondola and take a short hike to the summit

fire tower, or hike the full distance. Nearby,

Thirteenth Lake is the trailhead for hikes up

to Peaked Mountain Pond and summit, and

into the Siamese Pond Wilderness Area.

Boreal forest species.

Bicknell's Thrush

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,

bellied and Olive-sided Flycatchers, Palm

and Wood Warblers, Ruby-crowned Kinglet,

(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,

boreal bog accessed via a foot trail which

winding channel into a remote marsh.

Debar Pond Road is on the right. Look for

Lincoln's Sparrow and Northern Parula.

Adirondack Park Visitors

Interpretive Centers 🙆

interpretive displays.

Boreal Chickadee, Rusty Blackbird, Yellow-



ADIRONDACK MOUNTAINS

# BIRDING IN THE ADIRONDACK NORTH COUNTRY

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The Adirondack North Country is a patchwork of lowland boreal bogs, high alpine habitats, and upland boreal forests mixed with an abundance of wetlands, hardwood forests, and open grasslands. Rare boreal species such as the Bicknell's Thrush, Three-toed Woodpecker, and Spruce Grouse have found their special place here. Migrating species from the far north winter here, and hundreds more pass through the region on their way south. Breeding species make the Adirondacks their home amidst acres of protected 'forever wild' state forests and wilderness areas, wildlife management areas, and preserves. The binocular symbols []] on the map correspond to the descriptions that follow and help point the way to some of the best birding spots in the Adirondack North Country Region. Happy birding!

#### Fulton Chain of Lakes Area (C3) Along Route 28, from Blue Mtn. Lake to Old Forge. Boreal forests and wetland habitats including hundreds of lakes and

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ponds. Off- road birding on trails in the Pigeon Lake Wilderness Areas or just around Silver Lake Bog NCP 🙆 Moss Lake. Take to the water for even more birding opportunities. Try birding along South Shore Road between Inlet and Old Forge, or drive out towards Big Moose and Stillwater Reservoir, known for its large sided Flycatcher, White-throated Sparrow.

Lake Everest and Flume Area (B5) Wilmington, south on Route 86 to Beach

#### Sacandaga Pathway 🙆 (C4) Route 30, Speculator. Nature trails and boardwalks traverse a variety of habitats and

Mergansers, and other waterfowl can be three types of wetlands along a flatwater section of the Sacandaga River. Launch site. found on the open waters of the lake. Rough (A5) Take Union Falls Road to Old Hawkeye Road, Hawkeye. Handicapped accessible boardwalk through black spruce-tamarack bog, white cedar swamp. Trail extends into nemlock-northern hardwood forest. Olive-

legged Hawks, Northern Shrikes and Snow Buntings are all regular winter visitors to area fields. Other winter birds, such as Bohemian Waxwings, Pine Grosbeaks, Common Redpolls and White-winged Crossbills, are more sporadic but can sometimes be found in large numbers.

During the winter, Bald Eagles are fairly Montys Bay WMA/BCA common along the shoreline, while large (A5) Lake Shore Road, Beekmantown. numbers of Common Goldeneye, Common Swamp, old growth forest, agricultural fields. Waterfowl, game birds.

Noblewood Park & Nature Preserve (B5) Route 22, just south of Willsboro, on Lake Champlain. Look for Bonaparte's Gull, Caspian Tern, Common Tern, shorebirds and the occasional Little Gull on the park's extensive sandbars during late summer. Bluffs allow for the viewing of migrant loons, grebes, geese and ducks, as well as Lake Champlain is a major migratory huge rafts of Common Goldeneye and other pathway for a variety of waterbirds-loons,

explored by trail or canoe, starting from the car top launch site. Waterfowl, American Bittern, Swans. Trails also traverse the rugged uplands of the adjacent Tongue Mountain Range and, on the eastern shore,

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> the Black Mountain area. Look for nesting pairs of Peregrine Falcons near the cliffs at Roger's Rock and across the lake at Anthony's Nose. (Boat launches at Roger's Rock State Campground and Mossy Point, south of Ticonderoga.) Shelving Rock Road provides access to state-owned land and an extensive trail system in the Shelving Rock area. From Route 9L, explore the extensive wetlands at the southeast end of the lake at

> > Moreau Lake Forest IBA

songbirds, endangered Karner blue butterfly.

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Education Center

# **TUG HILL PLATEAU**

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The Tug Hill Plateau—an area known for its abundant lake-effect snow—is a sparsely populated area with vast areas of forested land, fields and numerous rivers and streams. Located south of Watertown, and west of the Black River and the Adirondack Park. Black River

(C2) Lyons Falls to Carthage. Access at public boat launch sites and parks. Birding from adjacent backroads or by boat on 44 miles of flatwater. Breeding Bank and Tree Swallows, Belted Kingfisher and waterfowl.

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dune overlook, nature trail. Black Pond: Fish Creek Marsh WMA. Lakes, streams, old Bolton Road. Some of the tallest dunes in the fields, scrub, upland forests and wooded northeast. Handicapped accessible board-

Lakeview Marsh WMA, Southwick Beach State Park

northern end of the spit.

Ashland Flats WMA

Road. Upland, wetland.

seen in the Spring and Fall.

Little Galloo Island IBA

Point Peninsula IBA

launch, beach.

Westcott Beach State Park

Marsh and its trail system to the south.

Pond Beach Natural Area NCP

(C1) Route 3, south of Sackets Harbor.

Wooded hills, meadows. Hiking trails, boat

(B1) Chaumont, Route 12E to Millens Bay

(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

(C1) Part of the Lake Ontario Islands WMA,

(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

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

(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

(A2, B2) Indian River WMA, Chippewa

Creek and Crooked Creek, Black Lake and

wetland species. Migrant shorebirds.

Indian River/Black Lake IBA

Along the U.S.-Canadian Border

wintering area for waterfowl.

Saw-whet Owls and Northern Shrikes.

boat access. Colonial waterbird nesting site.

Waterfowl and many other migrants can be

Derby Hill Bird Observatory IBA

walk trail, nature trails, observation deck.

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

#### 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. nature trail and firetower, near Newcomb, The upland boreal habitat supports Spruce provides access to more boreal habitat. Grouse, Three-toed and Black-Backed Woodpeckers, Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, Red and White-winged Crossbills, and other

## Adirondack High Peaks Forest IBA

Warblers, Thrushes and Vireos.

(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.



## Blue Mountain Trail

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Bloomingdale Bog/Bigelow Road (C4) Route 30, Blue Mountain Lake. Hiking (B4) West of Bloomingdale. An extensive trail to summit firetower. Boreal habitat. follows an abandoned railroad right-of-way.

## Crane Mountain Trail

Adjacent Bigelow Road (unmaintained dirt (C4) From Route 8 at Johnsville, take Oven road) extends access to the north. Mountain Road south towards Thurman, then Garnet Lake Road to Ski Hi Road. Hiking Chubb River trail to rocky summit ridge and mountaintop (B4) Averyville Road, Lake Placid. Short pond. Boreal forest species. carry to canoe put-in. Paddle through a

#### Northern Adirondack Peaks IBA

(A5, B5) Explore boreal and mixed forests in Debar Pond-California Road 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 boreal species at the pond and as you drive *NCP* (Dannemora, Route 374 west to Chazy through boreal forest on remote backroads. Lake Road). Peregrine Falcons can be found Look for migrating waterfowl on nearby near roadside rocky crags such as those at Indian Lake and Mountain View Lake. 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

Ferd's Bog

(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.

Road. The Flume Area is two miles furthe Vanderwhacker Mountain Trail south on Route 86. Impoundment with (C4) Route 28N, 8.7 miles north of Minerva. marshes and adjacent wetlands. Walk the Hiking trail to summit firetower. Nearby, shoreline or launch a canoe. Trails along the walk the short trail along the Boreas River to Ausable starting from the Flume Area. Hewitt Eddy. The Goodnow Mountain

nesting loon population.

# 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

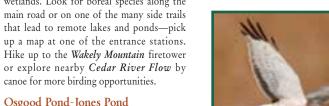
(A4) Two access points: From the north near Meacham Lake, use the five-mile gravel road which starts one mile west of Route 30 on Route 458. From Paul Smiths, use Keese Mills water and bog areas along Floodwood Road. Road/Blue Mountain Road to access the William C. Whitney trailhead. Explore the extensive boreal Wilderness Area IBA

#### forests, marshes and bogs of Madawaska (B3, B4, C3) Sabattis Road, south of Tupper Pond and Quebec Brook by canoe or on

Lake off Route 30. The extensive wetland foot. Look for more boreal birds along the habitat includes *Little Tupper Lake* and *Lake* remote Blue/Azure Mountain Road. Lila plus 10 smaller ponds. Explore by canoe Massawepie Mire IBA or walk on old logging roads. Sabattis Bog, a (B3) Route 3, Gale. Large boreal peat land small open bog with scattered spruces, is with extensive wetland habitat and spruce-fir located on the northern arm of Circle Road. forests. Spruce Grouse and an impressive Another bog is located near the end of concentration of Palm Warblers breed here. Sabattis Road. Walk northeast along the

### Moose River Plains IBA

(C3, C4) Two entrance stations: From the west Silver Lake Wilderness/West River Rd. side use Limekiln Road near Inlet and on the (D4) Route 30, Wells. Enter the Silver Lake east side use Cedar River Road west of Indian Wilderness on the Northville-Lake Placid Lake. A 25-mile dirt road bisects the Trail at Whitehouse. Look for Woodpeckers, extensive state-owned forest which contains Flycatchers and Thrushes. Look for sub-alpine mountain habitat, lowland boreal Philadelphia Vireos where West River Road and hardwood forests, open plains and parallels the river. wetlands. Look for boreal species along the



Northern Harrier

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 (A4) From Malone follow the Salmon River bridge. Optional access at Osgood and Jones south on Cty. Route 25. Turn left onto Duane Pond launch sites. Explore the marshes and Road after crossing over the river. From Duane prime boreal birding habitat along the ponds Road turn left onto California Road, bear right and the flatwater channel between them. on Cty. Route 27, and left onto Route 26.

#### Route 10 - Powley Road Loop

Champlain Valley plays host to a diverse (D4) South of Piseco Lake. Excellent birding collection of breeding, wintering, and area along the West Branch of the Sacandaga nigrating birds. More than 150 species breed River where Route 10 parallels a meandering here, including endangered, threatened, and flatwater, marshes and bogs. Wintering special concern species such as Pied-billed Crossbills. The river can be paddled from Grebe, American Bittern, Peregrine Falcon where Route 10 crosses the river near Chub Northern Harrier, Osprey, Black Tern, Lake to Shaker Place take-out. A loop trip Upland Sandpiper, Whip-poor-will, using Powley Road adds more boreal birding Common Nighthawk, Golden-winged opportunities along a remote dirt road. Warbler, Vesper and Grasshopper Sparrows.

grebes, ducks, geese, cormorants, gulls, tern and shorebirds—during both spring and fall migration. Fall migration is especially impressive, with huge numbers of Snow Geese and Canada Geese flying south along the Lake and occasionally stopping to rest.



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

#### 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. railroad tracks into the center of the bog. 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 LAKE CHAMPLAIN Road, Champlain. Hardwood swamps, cattail

With a mosaic of wetlands, grasslands, shrublands, forests, and open lake, the Lake Alice WMA

(A5) Duprey Road, Chazy. Cropland, 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

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

Valcour Island

waterfowl during winter.

## Putts Creek WMA/BCA (C5) Tom Clark Road, Crown Point. Right-

of-way marked by two yellow-painted iron pipes. Parking along road. Marsh, hardwood forest. Foot trails to three observation points.

Split Rock Range Palisades (B5) State Boat Launch, Westport. View the 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 Trails, perennial gardens, wildlife exhibits (C5) East of Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain nature programs. Wetland, open fields, Take to the water and explore the open mixed forest. Eastern Bluebird, Red-tailed marsh at the mouth of the LaChute River.

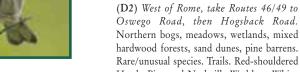
#### Wickham Marsh WMA/BCA (A5) Lake Street, Port Kent. Pitch pine-oak MOHAWK VALLEY forest, northern hardwoods, cattail marshes.

Happy Valley WMA/IBA Foot trails. Waterfowl, Ruffed Grouse. (D1) On Route 104, east of Mexico. Forested wetlands, deciduous-coniferous forest (A5) Route 9, Peru Boat Launch. State-Trails. Breeding Hawks, Northern Goshawk, owned island, boat access only, camping, Pied-billed Grebes, Ruffed Grouse, foot trails. Heron rookery hidden in the Flycatchers, Thrushes and Warblers. middle of the island. Waterfowl of all kinds.

#### 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, shorebirds, hawks and game species.

#### Rome Sand Plains NCP



Hawk, Pine and Nashville Warblers, Whippoor-will, Hermit Thrush, Scarlet Tanager, White-throated Sparrow and Red-breasted Nuthatch. Frosted Elfin butterflies.

#### SUNY IT Nature Trail

Indigo Bunting and Northern Waterthrush.

(D2) Route 12, north of Utica, on the campus at Campus Center. Mixed forest, streams.

(C5) South of Ticonderoga. Short, steep trail to open rocky summit, overlooks Lake

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

# and raptor wintering area. Private land.

Lake George Watershed (C5) Access via Route 9N and 9L, state boat launch sites. North of Bolton Landing, Northwest Bay brook and wetlands can be

Black River Feeder Canal Towpath Dunham, Harris and Warner Bays (D2) From Erwin Park in Boonville to Alde Pond in Forestport, 3.5 miles. Bike or walk on (D5) Off Route 9, south of Glens Falls

an old towpath through a wetland habitat. Forested uplands, Moreau Lake and 4.5 miles Great Blue Herons, Kingfishers, waterfowl of the Hudson River. Wintering Bald Eagles. and songbirds. The BREIA trail systems Breeding Black-billed Cuckoos, Eastern (Black River Environmental Improvemen Wood-Pewees, Wood Thrushes, Rose-Assoc.), just west of Alder Creek and south breasted Grosbeaks and Baltimore Orioles. of Boonville (D2), offer more birding.

#### Tug Hill Area IBA

(D5) Route 50, north of Saratoga. Pine (C2) West of Lowville and Route 26. Sprucebarrens, open fields. Trail. Ruffed Grouse, northern hardwood forest with upland and wetland habitats. Includes Tug Hill WMA, Littlejobn WMA and Whetstone Gulf State Park. Hiking trails. Look for Ruffed Grouse. American Woodcock, Northern Goshawk,

(C5) 5239 Lake Shore Drive, Rt. 9N, Bolton and a variety of Warblers, Thrushes, Vireos Landing. 70 acres overlooking Lake George. 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. of SUNY Institute of Technology. Trail starts Hiking trail and canoe route, handicapped access, boat access, viewing tower.

#### Dexter Marsh WMA

(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.

#### El Dorado NCP, Black Pond WMA/BCA

(C1) South of Henderson Harbor, off Route 3. (D4) Willie Road, off Route 29A, south of Dunes, open marsh, flooded woodland, red Caroga Lake. Nature trail, boardwalk, cedar forest. El Dorado: Grandjean Road, viewing platform. Waterfowl. north of Black Pond. Observation blind, high

(C1) Hiking trails and canoe routes start from Lisbon Grasslands IBA と roads and boat launches accessed from Route 3. Woods, meadows, dunes, cattail marshes, (A2) Route 68, northwest of Canton. An mportant wetland-grassland habitat which wetland. Trails, boat access, viewing tower. Trails at Southwick Beach adjoin Lakeview

includes the Upper and Lower Lakes WMA and the Indian Creek Nature Center with its nature trails, handicapped access, boat Sandy Island Beach State Park, Sandy access, and viewing tower. The wet sedge meadows are home to the Pied-billed Grebe, (C1) Route 15, South Spit of North Sandy American Bittern, Least Bittern, Northern Pond. Beach, dunes. Bird sanctuary at 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.

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## Lower St. Lawrence River IBA

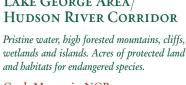
(A2, A3) Morristown north to Massena, along Route 37 and Route 131. Encompasses a range of wetland and upland habitats. Wilson Hill WMA is an open water wetland bordered by cattail, shrub swamp, forest and meadows-ideal for nesting and migrating waterfowl. Observation tower on Route 131, trails, boat 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 pairs at last count. Most impressive when 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.

#### Upper St. Lawrence/ Thousand Islands IBA

(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 migration and wintering area.



Cook Mountain NCP

marshes, old fields. Foot trails. Waterfowl.

Utica Marsh WMA 🙆 George. Wetland and open hardwood forest. Fort Edward Grasslands IBA

#### (D5) Southeast of Fort Edward, viewing from roadside. Exceptional grassland bird breeding Breeding Virginia and Sora Rails.

Willie Marsh

Cape May Warbler LAKE GEORGE AREA/