

Adirondack North Country Scenic Byways Market Trend Assessment

Appendix A: Summary of Open-Ended Survey Response Items

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A2. Why are you visiting the region for the first time, or what has brought you back?

Responses	Reason for Visit <i>(sorted by # of responses, then alphabetical)</i>
8	vacation
6	family
6	scenery
6	The Wild Center
6	train ride
4	fall foliage
4	family home/camp
4	friends
3	fall colors
3	have vacation home/camp here
3	nature
3	relaxing
3	visiting friends and family
3	wedding
2	bought home in White Lake
2	bus tour
2	Erie Canal Village
2	family visit
2	our community group offered it
2	shopping, scenic views, over all attractions
2	train ride to a beautiful area in the fall
2	Turning of the leaves
	10 years ago my husband and I went up the St. Lawrence sea way and love the area, So we wanted to go back to Massena area (Robert Moses State Park)
	30th wedding Anniversary - celebrated 1st in same area
	a couple on our honeymoon
	Adirondack Museum
	Adirondack Scenic Railroad - I ride the train from Utica to Thendara just about every year
	always enjoyed the area
	Anniversary weekend
	annual trip
	annual trip, my sister and I. Wanted to see Wild Center after reading about it in Conservationist
	autumn colors
	Autumn leaves
	Backpacking each time.

	beautiful area - many sights to see
	beautiful scenery, bringing our granddaughter on first train ride
	Beautiful whitewater rivers and hiking trails.
	beauty of the adks
	Because I have lived in Chazy 10 months and wanted to see this since I first moved here
	because never seen it
	bike trails
	biking
	camp on 7th lake, see family and friends, wedding
	Camping and hiking
	Camping and wanting to see the area
	Camping, Scenic views
	Change of Leaves
	climate, scenery, love the wooded rocky hills
	curious about the Erie Canal
	daughter is going to school at Paul Smiths
	daughter's parents weekend at Paul Smith's
	day trip
	day trip from Cooperstown
	dinner at whiteface lodge and fishing excursion
	escape
	fall colors - weekend get away, relax
	fall foliage, camping
	Fall leaves
	family here
	field trip
	first time - ironman, hiking, second time - wedding
	First visit was for hiking. Returned many times for more hiking - wonderful wilderness.
	fly fishing and diner
	foliage fall weekend motorcycle ride
	foliage, change of scene from home
	For camping it's gorgeous.....in Lake George and Plattsburgh area in particular.
	for the beauty
	Friends have a cabin where we gather every year after Labor Day. Beautiful, no bugs, and few tourists.
	friends in Old Forge
	funeral brought me back
	Gift certificate to Mirror Lake Inn coupled with desire to hike in the area
	girlfriend suggested we come here
	Great natural spaces, few people, wilderness areas
	Have always wanted to, word of mouth
	haven't been here for many years and came for foliage
	hear lots of good things about area
	here for work and travel
	Hiking cranberry lake 50

	hiking the ADKs
	Hiking the North Country Trail, and a love for the Dacks
	hiking the trails especially the NCTA, also hiking weekends, hockey events in Lake Placid, visiting the ski area in Placid, leaf viewing in the fall
	hiking, love mountains
	hiking, outdoors
	holiday
	honey moon and than family vacations
	honeymoon on first visit memories on additional visits
	I am member introducing a NJ friend to the Wild Center
	I have been vacationing in North Creek, Minerva, Lake Placid, North Hudson, Keene, and Keene Valley for the last 46 years.
	I love history
	I love the area, especially in the fall.
	I rent a camp on lake Ozonia every summer.
	i stay here for the program summer work and travel
	I was told about this from a friend and it is fun
	interested in history
	it seemed interesting
	It was a trip through my job
	It's in my blood. I was brought here from infancy and my family came long before that. No matter where else I go on vacation any given year, I always must return to the Adirondacks for the peace and beauty, the antidote to contemporary living.
	Lake George, Herkimer Diamond Mine
	leaves changing
	love it up here
	Love the area.
	Love the camping and outdoors and canoeing and high peaks region.
	marriage retreat
	meeting other Corvette owners
	memorial service
	met up with son from NYC
	mini college reunion
	My family has a cabin on the lake
	natural beauty - Olympic sites
	natural beauty and serenity
	Natural beauty of the area.
	Nature's beauty.
	New England states, fall foliage
	nice town, shopping
	Oktoberfest
	Old Forge Campgrounds, Water Safari
	Old Forge Drill School and parade for Volunteer Firemen
	on vacation - like trains
	On vacation with my family. I enjoyed the area so much that I make it a habit to visit a couple times a year.

	Oneida Lake (1st time at lake) previously visited Speculator (Lake Pleasant) Sylvan beach
	Our love of the Adirondacks and the wildlife living there. Camping with my family many years ago.
	railroad ride
	railroad/cruise tour
	received trip as a gift
	Rented a car at Plattsburgh airport
	romantic getaway
	scenery, weather
	Scenic beauty
	see sites, shopping
	seeking wilderness
	senior citizens group
	Senior group from Syracuse
	shopping and the fall leaves
	show grandchildren Tupper lake area
	sister attending SUNY Plattsburgh
	sightseeing
	son @ U. of VT, relatives live in Lake Placid
	son encouraged visit
	Son's parent weekend at Norwich. Had a good time here 25 years ago
	study the Erie Canal for school
	SUNY system student, Erie Canal Village and Fort Stanwix
	the beauty and peace
	the changing leaves and beautiful scenery
	the fall scenery
	the foliage
	The great outdoor
	the leaves
	the natural beauty/mountains/lakes/foilage colors/ it's simply awesome.
	the nature museum
	The outdoor recreational activities -- kayaking, hiking, biking and wildlife.
	the scenery
	the sights, shopping
	The small communities are very welcoming, it's gorgeous!, there are many ways to get "in" nature (hiking, swimming, etc.)
	the train and the beauty
	the train ride
	thinking about moving to Syracuse
	To enjoy the fall foliage and hike trails
	to learn about the Erie Canal
	to ride train with Grandson
	to see area
	to see the foliage/ to visit the place again
	to see where the Winter Olympics took place
	to visit wild center and hike in the area
	Tour of New York State

	tour trip to see fall foliage
	touring
	train and fall leaves
	traveling through after family birthday in Binghamton
	traveling to St. Johnsbury, VT
	Um ... the Adirondack Mountains, right? I wanted to experience the undeveloped wilderness on the High Peaks.
	unable to visit until now due to illness
	union conference CSCA
	Used to live in Petersburg, NY for 38 years, now Indiana Visiting Mother and Brother
	used to live in Star Lake
	vacation and half marathon race
	vacation and recreation
	vacation on lakes
	vacation with the family
	visit friends in area: came here as kids
	visit museum and travel to Clarkson U.
	visit nephew student Paul Smiths College
	visit Son and family
	visited on our honeymoon 28 years ago, moved back to area recently and came to see fall foliage
	visiting areas around Montreal
	visiting the Erie canal
	wanted to make a fall visit
	wanted to see ADKs used to like traveling to Canada and thought this might be similar
	wanted to see it
	wanted to see it, change in color in trees
	wanted to see Olympic Venues and investigate "skeleton" (sport)
	wanted to see this area, visiting sister
	wanted to visit new location and half marathon
	Was there for the hiking.
	we are riding motorcycle through the park
	we brought our 3 grandchildren and with us
	we enjoy the Adirondacks
	We enjoy the canoeing opportunities.
	We enjoy the fall of the year in the mountains and decided on the suggestion of friends to visit this area
	We have a camp. We like outdoor activities
	we kayak and love the lake chains and geology
	We love it in the mountains
	We love the area - the scenery, the activities (outdoor-based, mostly: camping, canoeing, hiking)
	We love the area and campgrounds we stay at.
	we love to come to Star Lake area to camp and recreation
	WE VACATION "SOMEWHERE" IN THE ADIRONDACKS EVERY 2 YEARS IN THE FALL

	We visit the area 8-10 times per year because of the beauty, serenity, and wonderful people who live there.
	We wanted to camp at Cranberry Lake State Park
	went to camp in Indian lake
	went to Montreal, traveling back
	wife has never visited. Fall colors
	wife thinks its one of the most beautiful places in USA
	work

A4 & A5. What in particular drew you to the area?

Responses	Reason for visit: particular attraction, community, or activity? <i>(sorted by multiple responses, then alphabetical)</i>
12	fall color, foliage, leaves
11	Lake Placid
10	ferry
10	Wild Center
7	train ride
5	Erie Canal Village
5	friends
4	museum
4	Old Forge
4	wedding
3	family
3	the Wild Center
3	Whiteface Mt
2	Ausable Chasm
2	beauty of area
2	came to visit friend who lives in area
2	camping
2	cycling
2	hunting
2	hunting and fishing
2	Olympic Center
2	own a camp
2	reunion
2	scenic ferry ride
	1980 winter Olympics
	a brochure and suggestions of friends and our love of quiet mountain areas
	a friend and foliage
	A friend loves it there and has gotten a cabin in the region
	Access to trails, a relatively short drive from home.
	Adirondack Rail
	Adirondack railroad
	Adirondack scenic Train
	ADK Scenic RR
	Again, the firemen's convention
	always the beauty of lakes and mts
	always the beauty of the lakes and mts.

animals
arranged by tour
Atmosphere and cordiality of people
attractions
Bald Mountain hike
Beautiful fall foliage colors.
beauty
Beauty, fishing, hiking, star gazing.
Beaver river
been here before, like the area
Before first visit I read about the area.
Blue Mountain Lake, canoeing BML and surrounding waters, hiking
trails in the area, dining at 7th Lake House, rafting out of Indian Lake,
fishing in the area, camping at various DEC campgrounds in the area
boat ride
born here
brochure at High Peaks info center on RT 87 North
came to Tupper lake for the Nature Museum (Wild Center)
camping in the Adirondacks in the fall Lewey Lake
Canal Museum
Canoeing opportunities and to purchase maple syrup for an annual
pancake breakfast that we hold in Maryland.
Chance to put name in record books
changing leaves
Chazy, New York
close by
conference
Conservationist Magazine
Convenience, shopping
convenient to Burlington Vt ferry
Corvette rally
Cranberry Lake
Cranberry Lake, Old Forge, Blue Mountain
curiosity
curious about history
curious about the Erie Canal
daughter wanted to ride train and go to water safari
Day trip to the Wild Center
desire to learn about canal
drawn to area to live, like to visit specific community Star Lake,
Wanakena
Drawn to the Erie Canal Village and the canal ride
Eagle Bay/Old Forge
enchanted forest
enjoy scenery
Erie Canal and Fort Stanwix
Erie Canal history
Essex
everyone I know loves the Wild Center
Fairly central

familiarity to region
Familiarity with the region.
family camp
family in Blue Mt
family interest in canal history
family lives in area - Tupper Lake
Ferry to VT
festival
figure skating
first time at museum
fishing, sightseeing
flyer
friendly, lots of things to do for wife while I hike
friends
friend's recommendation
friends said it is a "must"
Friends said they visited the region and took the ferry across the lake and enjoyed it.
garage sales
Gift certificate
gift store and restaurant
gondola
group was going
Half marathon, Olympic center, museum
have a camp there
Have always wanted to visit
heard good things about the center
heard it was beautiful this time of the year - they were right
High Peaks area
High Peaks for hiking, and Lows Lake for canoeing.
hiking and canoeing
Hiking, camping, backpacking, canoeing, and kayaking.
Hiking, Old Forge Art Museum, Adirondack Museum,
Hiking, On and Off Trail - Wilderness Areas and High Peaks. Unspoiled
Nature with few people
hiking, revisiting ASRC research facility, Lake Placid
hiking, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, camping, biking
Hiking, swimming
Hiking, tourism things, hockey events
Historical aspect
history
hunting and hiking
husband fly fishes and dinner
I had never entered any designated wilderness areas, so that was a big draw.
I have been a long time visitor / user of the Adirondack Park (all regions) but as I stated earlier, this was for a firemen's convention.
My main use of the Adirondacks is for camping / backpacking and canoeing.
I like the mountains and fresh air
I live in Chazy, New York and wanted to learn the history of the town

I play golf at Thendara Golf Club and Inlet Golf Club. I love eating at the Olde Mill Restaurant in Old Forge.
I wanted to explore Cranberry Lake.
inlet craft show...blue mt museum craft/antique show
interest in Museum
interest in sports
interest in wildlife
interested in the museum
invitation by a friend
just like the area
just traveling or walking trails
kayaking
lake and Olympic center
Lake George, Lake Placid, Lake Champlain
Lake George/ Ticonderoga - history and foliage
Lake Placid - biking
Lake Placid - half marathon
Lake Placid - half marathon, Olympic center, museum
Lake Placid - Olympics
Lake Placid and Lake George
Lake Placid Brewery
Lake Placid, Olympic sites
Lake Placid, Saranac Lake, Tupper Lake (and the new Wild Center), Elk Lake, Blue Mountain Lake, Old Forge, and especially Big Moose.
Light hiking, reading, doing jigsaw puzzles, and always the views - especially the turning leaves. In winter, the cross-country skiing and the beauty of the snow on the pines.
Lake Placid/Keene Valley
lakes - Oneida, Speculator
leaf peeping and visiting wild museum
learn about history
Leaves change
Lewey Lake - kayaking - club event
local train ride (Cayuga/Seneca RR)
location, camp facilities
Long Lake is not as commercial as Old Forge and Inlet. Still has a small town feel to it. Not the traffic and "honky tonk" atmosphere.
Loon Lake
lots to do and friendly folks
Malone - hometown
marriage retreat
Middle Settlement, Cranberry lake, Five Ponds, Pharaoh lakes region, etc. for backpacking.
Minerva - Morningside, North Hudson - Elk Lake Lodge, Lake Placid - Adirondack Loj
Mountain Biking
Museums or cross-country skiing or hiking trails
museums/ADKs and the Wild Center
my child likes trains
my children love the various attractions that Old Forge has

My Father in Law had a camp on Beaver River for over 20 years. We would go every year and then when he sold it we still had a longing for the Mtns. But we like it when it is not busy. Sept is a great time of year to go.

my father received a postcard from Mirror Lake Inn in 1938

My parents have always gone with their families.

natural beauty...nature saw it in "Adirondack Life"

nature

Nature's beauty.

nephew

new place to visit

North Country National Scenic Trail

Not really, other than that the hike we wanted to do started from there.

Old Forge and the shops

Old Forge - snowmobiling

Old Forge - beautiful leaves

Old Forge - Water Safari, camping, boat rentals

Old Forge is a region of the Park that I have not yet explored.

old forge is the closest to my home and easiest to come by for a very short visit.

Old Forge, Bald Mtn.

Old Forge, Enchanted Forest

Old Forge, Inlet, Eagle Bay, Twitchel Lake, Blue Mt. Lake museum,

Tupper Lake - Wild Center, Booneville - skiing

Old Forge, Inlet; camping, kayaking, hiking

Old Forge, snowmobiling

Old Forge/Inlet for canoeing, fishing, hiking, camping, enjoying the outdoors, scenic beauty.

Old Forge; farmer's market, shopping Third Lake; cabin Inlet;

shopping and one square mile of hope Hiking - Cathedral Pines, Moss

Lake Kayaking; Third Lake, Fourth Lake, Moose River

Olympic Area

Olympic Parks

Olympic sites

One Square Mile of Hope

Oneida and Oneida Lake

opportunities for hiking and picnicking

our daughter recommended the Wild Center after she visited it

our son loves nature, animals and frogs

Outdoor activities, Hunting, Camping, Hiking, Fishing, Canoeing

owners of Mountain View Inn are good friends, also to see changing

of color of leaves, beauty of area

part of bus tour

people said it was interesting

Plattsburgh

plus we love Lake Placid region

port Kent

Previous camping experience; we got older and found our way to the Forge Motel where we frequently stay. It is within walking distance of all major attractions in Old Forge.
previously heard about
primitive camp we own
psychic fair and ghost walk
railroad
raised in Adirondack
Raised in upstate New York. Always go there. In the fifties went to Fourth Lake often.
read about Wild Center and it had enthusiastic endorsements from friends
recommended by a friend - she enjoyed it alot
Relative closeness of the trails to where I live, Adams, NY
ride train
rock climbing,skiing,canoeing
RR stop
saw a TV ad for wild center that prompted my visit to the region
saw RR advertisement
saw the advertising
scenery - quiet setting
scenic drive to ferry
Scenic Railroad
scenic railroad trip
Schroon Lake
season's changing
see number 4
shopping
shops in Lake Placid
site seeing, husband never been here
skeleton' query - Lake Placid area
skiing
skiing and fall foliage
Snowmobiling
some one told me about it
SOUTH WEST REGION IS CLOSEST TO MY HOME AND WE HAD NOT EXPLORED THE AREA PREVIOUSLY.
State fair
Studying NYS History
taking children to museum
taking the young kids places
The availability of services like restaurants, etc., and the opportunity to climb Rondaxe Mountain.
The beautiful State Park. So clean and inviting.
the beautiful wilderness areas
the beauty of the area
The Black River Feeder Canal Trail begins in Forestport
the Erie Canal
the ferry is close to Saranac Lake and Ausable Chasm
The gorge and rivers and the mountains

the lakes and surrounding trails
the location
the mountain biking, hiking and water activities in Inlet, NY
the mountains - the fall season
the mountains and shopping
the mountains, getting away from the heat in Florida
the Olympic Center
the proposed opening of the North Country National Scenic Trail
weekend event with Saugerties NY hiking club (Rip Van Winkle
Hikers)
the range of activities available, the small town feel
The remoteness of the area, and the large size of the lake.
The shopping and beautiful nature
the train robbery
the trip was offered and I loved the idea
The Waldheim is the most wonderful OLD place and I have the same
wonderful cottage every year and am there with the same great
people year after year. Although I go alone, we are all one family,
including the owners.
Train robbery
Train, cruise, and shuttle bus combo.
traveling thru, stayed one night
Tupper Lake - to experience the Wild Center
Tupper Lake to visit Wild center
turning leaves accessibility
U. of VT, Lake Placid
vacation
view
visit to daughter's college
visiting canal corridor
visiting sister
wanted to hike
wanted to see the Wild Center
Wanted to stay at the Hedges Lodge
wanted to take ferry ride to Vermont
water park, recreational activities
waterfalls
we boat / camp/ hike / fish/ and enjoy the docks
we drove in from the west - Buffalo
We have canoed the Oswagatche River and hiked south into the Five
Ponds Wilderness. Then we canoed Lake Lila and looked downstream
into the Beaver River. We wanted to look from Stillwater Reservoir
north into the Beaver River.
we love the out of doors and nature
we ski Whiteface all winter, love the high peaks and the Wild Center
we take the ferry back to VT
We went to Old Forge & Bald Mountain for the hiking and shopping
We're especially fond of the area. Love Curry's Cottages. REALLY like
the fact that Blue Mountain Lake's owners and boat launch operators
do not allow JET SKIS!!

wife from Lake George area
Wilderness areas - few people
Wilderness canoeing, hiking and backpacking
word of mouth
word of mouth at Adk Loj and brochures
Word of Mouth, recommended by hotel, New York Times review

A6b. If not “*Visiting Friends or Family*,” what is the main reason you are on this trip?

Responses **In not visiting friends or family, what was the reason for the visit? (sorted by multiple responses, then alphabetical)**

- 21 vacation
- 7 fall colors, foliage
- 7 train ride
- 4 leaf peaking
- 4 to view the Wild Center
- 3 Erie Canal Museum
- 3 pleasure
- 3 sight seeing
- 2 bus tour
- 2 shopping
- Attractions: RR, water safari
- beauty of lakes and mts
- Beauty of mountains and fall color of trees.
- beauty of mts and lakes
- Because its there.
- Born in NY and have been going to the Adirondacks every year since 1970.
- break in our daily work schedule
- camping
- celebrating 30th wedding Anniversary
- celebrating a birthday
- Change of leaves
- changing leaves and scenery
- Changing of the leaves
- check out LP
- college student, attractions
- Consult Road Atlas
- cycling through this beautiful area
- day trip - husband loves the area
- do some Fall riding
- educating the grandchildren
- Education
- fall get away
- fall scenery - nostalgia trip and seeing family
- fame for Placid Lake and Olympics
- family camping at Old Forge and the Enchanted Forest water park
- field trip w/school
- Firemen's Convention
- First for camping

fishing trip won at charity auction
Foliage
foliage and festival at ski jumps and wildlife museum
For the great camping sites. Very quiet and hi quality of the site
get away from city
get away from home, relax, look at beautiful country
getaway for some R&R
gift
Given the trip as a birthday present.
great place to visit; abundance of activities / shops /restaurants
guy's weekend
hiking
hiking , outdoors
holiday
holiday getaway
Honeymoon
honeymooners
I am frequent visitor to ADKs
I have always had an interest in the region. The camping in the
State Parks is great.
I have been vacationing in the region for 46 years.
I like the area
I live in Chazy, New York
I usually take my vacations in the Adirondacks because it is such a
beautiful place.
I was on vacation and wanted to camp in the Adirondacks
I went hiking with a friend from Utica that I have not seen in a
long time. In the past we hiked frequently in other areas of the
park.

interest in wildlife
IT HAS A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES WE LIKE TO DO - CANOE,
HIKE, FISH, SWIM, SHOP - IN AN UNSPOILED AND SPARCELY
POPULATED AREA.
It has been a family trip for years.
It has great hiking.
It is an important part of my life - always has been and always will
be. The wonder of it is beyond description.
It was only a 5 hour drive from where we live and we like to see
spring and fall there
it's a beautiful fall day and a new outlook, time of year
It's the nearest "wilderness" canoeing opportunity to Maryland.
I've been coming to the Adirondacks for most of my 63 yrs. I love
it!
just a getaway from my town
just a getaway to relax
just because it is fairly close by and love the atmosphere and
scenery
just to see leaves
just to take fall foliage train ride

just to visit/ tourist
Lake Placid and Wild Museum
leaves and Wild center
leisure trip
like the atmosphere and type of land
love the time of year (Fall)
many trips in past - brings back great memories and love the area.
Nice trip in one day
meeting old friends for hiking
meeting up with other family members
mother nature
mother nature
My husband's family had a camp in the Saranac area and we used
to visit there frequently; then we just kept coming because it's a
wonderful place to find peace and serenity.
nature
Oktoberfest
on way to Potsdam
Online research
our camp
outdoor activities
outdoor activities
Part of the trip
personal interest
photo taking
Previous visits
Psychic Fair at Erie Canal Village
R&R exclusively
race and museum and Olympic center
railroad/cruise
read a field guide
Recommendations from friends and the scenery and outdoor
activity opportunities
Recreation
Recreation
recreation - time away
riding thru park
romantic weekend - getaway
route of the North Country Trail
RR ride
Saturday afternoon getaway
Saw the park last year when we went to Tupper Lake and decided
we'd come back and camp. Loved it.
scenery
Scenery, beautiful weather.
Scenic
school project
school visit
see area
seeing leaves

Several of my friends sang the praises of the region and their wilderness experiences in it.
 shopping, day to relax, see sites
 sightseeing and hiking
 sightseeing
 State fair
 temporary work
 The ADKs have the largest areas of wilderness in easy driving distance of VT, outside of VT.
 The beauty of the mountains.
 the foliage, wild life and the peacefulness of the country side
 The natural attractions
 thinking about moving to Syracuse
 to do all our favorite activities, look at foliage
 To enjoy the unblemished "Forever Wild" portions of the region.
 to go camping with the family
 to have fun
 to see fall foliage
 to see Olympic Venues
 to see the leaves
 tourism
 Trail (NCTA) route is being proposed area is only four hours from home love the scenery in the area
 travel and hiking
 trip was offered to our community group

B5. Are there other vacation locations where you have had a memorable time enjoying your favorite activity? Where were they and what was especially enjoyable?

Other Favorite Vacation Locations (sorted alphabetically)

1000 Islands - fishing
 1000 islands region - very scenic
 Adirondacks - hiking
 Agwa Canyon - Canada
 Alaska - scenery
 Alaska - touring
 along the rt.22 scenic highway - Lake George - Lake Champlain- CAMPING
 Alps. Rockies, Scandinavia
 any place near water
 any relaxing area, North Carolina beach
 any train rides
 anything outdoors
 Anywhere : touring
 Anywhere I can Hike and camp
 Argentina, Iceland, West Canada - breathtaking, nature

 Arkansas - fishing, boating, hiking

Ashville NC and Mount Mitchell, NC. Stayed in a mountain cabin, went hiking and shopped at local artisan shops.

Atlantic Ocean - fishing

Atocomes - enjoy the gastronomie

Bahamas - Beach

Bahamas - snorkeling

Bar Harbor, ME - great trails

beach other lakes

beach - Son Andreo Island

Beaches mainly, Oswego Speedway

Belize - Outdoor / water activities Grand Canyon

Black Hills, SD, Green Mts, UT, Rocky Mts, Co, West Virginia

Black Lake, relaxing

Blue Mt. Lake

Blue Mt. Lake - hiking

Blue Mt. Lake - Adirondacks - we could walk around and enjoy area Museum of

Civilization - Canada - we saw exhibits we had never seen before and the way they were presented

Blue Mt. Museum

Blue Ridge Mts in Virginia Smokey Mts in Tenn

Boston, New England

Breckenridge, Co. - skiing

Bryce Canyon, Arizona - quieter than Grand Canyon National Parks of N. Australia - not touched by white people (Kakadu)

Bus trip to Cape Cod - touring Cape and meeting people - well organized

California - Northern Area

California - Northern Area

California - visiting family

Camel Beach Water Park, Rides and Water

Camping in Kerr lake NC.....

Canada - Haliburton - forest canopy tour

Canada - the outlook experience

Canada, Belize, Mexico, St. Thomas, St Dominique, Finger lake, NY, Puerto Rico, Tylum

Ruins - enjoyed exploring and local culture and interests

Canoed 90 miler trip from Old Forge to upper Saranac Lake 3 times

Cape Cod - natural environment Paris - new experiences

Cape Cod New Hampshire - mountains

Cape Cod - swimming, walking, shopping

Cape Cod National Seashore - beautiful

Cape Cod trips for relaxation, Las Vegas trips to see family, and we cruise the world.

Cape Cod, Ma

Cape Cod, Vermont, Hawaii

Cape Cod/ Ocean

Cape Hatteras, NC - spending time with family, ocean

Cape May - interesting buildings and history Hawaii - scenery

Caribbean Maryland

Caribbean

Colorado Rockies, NC Appalachian Mts

Costa Rica
 countless places, Gran Tetons/ Southwest/ Alaska/ Europe
 County Fairs
 Cozumel, Mexico - snorkeling - weather/conditions ideal
 Cresson - Altoona, PA stayed at Bed and Breakfast, watched trains, relaxed and visited Horseshoe Curve
 Daytona Florida - riding with other bikes from all over
 Disney, Vegas, Williamsburg, Massanuthen, Myrtle Beach
 Disneyland; went on lots of cool rides
 Eagle Bay, Inlet, Old Forge kayaking, hiking, enchanted water safari
 Enchanted Forest
 England, Ireland, St. Marteen, Nebraska, Vermont, FL, TX, Ill, - scenery, friends and family
 Erie Canal Locks, Cherry Creek tour Amish country, Haliburton, Canada
 Erie, Pa, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming - trails
 Europe/Alps, Chile, New Zealand - scenery - overall experience of being outdoors - physical activity
 European Alps - Alti Adige in Italy or Bavaria in Germany. Really high mountains - great hiking - unfortunately too many people so the sense of adventure that I get in the Adirondacks was not there.
 Falling Water, PA - toured Frank Lloyd Wright's house
 Finger lakes area in general
 first family vacation
 FL
 FL, Cal., Chicago area - fishing, shopping, sightseeing, enjoyed all
 Florida - by the water, Ocean
 Florida - sun and fun
 Florida - warm, nice beaches
 Florida to NY - country

Florida we went to Sea World and Universal Studios
 Florida, Lake George
 Fort Ticonderoga and Fort William Henry
 Genesee County Museum, Buffalo Harbor, Adirondack Area
 Glacier NP - canoeing MacDonald Lake

going to Bouldt Castle in Thousand Islands in Watertown, NY on a boat tour
 Grand Canyon
 Grand Canyon Los Angelis
 Grand Canyon Very challenging Puerto Rico Great beach walks Key West We bike everywhere
 Great Lakes - sailing Colorado and Wisconsin - skiing
 Great Smokey Mts
 Green Mts of Vermont - hiking
 Hamilton, Bermuda - the people island atmosphere, the homestead resort - Homestead, VA very relaxing and welcoming environment and seeing the hot springs
 Hard to answer. I am hiking the North Country Trail in sections, and each area has its own charms. The diversity along the trail is enjoyable. But I suppose I like the wild areas the best... the Boundary Waters in Minnesota, Trap Hills in Michigan's UP, prairies of North Dakota. I like the places where there are few people.
 Hawaii

Hawaii - scenery, family time
 Hawaii - scenery/ outdoors
 Hawaii - views everywhere you look
 Hawaii, Key West - Fla Big Bear - California
 Hawai'i. It is very beautiful.
 Hiking in Yosemite, Kings Canyon, Sequoia Hiking in Canadian Rockies (Banff, Jasper)
 Hiking in Ireland (County Mayo)
 hiking Whiteface
 Hilton Head Arizona
 Howe Caverns Farmers Museum - Cooperstown
 Hunter Mt., Windham area
 I do not go anywhere else.
 I have multiple backpacking trips throughout the Adirondacks with a select group of friends. I have been backpacking over 30 times in almost all the regions of the Adirondack Park. The best part of all the areas is the blending of community / civilization and remote wilderness areas. This is what make the Adirondacks unique in my mind.
 Indian Lake - camping , hiking, swimming, water skiing
 Indian Lake - hiking, fishing, and shopping
 Italy - the lakes
 Italy....sight seeing....food outstanding....unusual gift shopping
 Ithaca, NY
 Jersey Shore
 Kennebunkport, Me Daytona Beach, FL
 Lake Eaton - first family camping trip
 Lake George
 Lake George
 Lake George - nice restaurants, gorgeous landscapes
 Lake George - outdoors
 Lake George - very relaxing - many things to do
 Lake George - very relaxing - many things to do
 Lake George Area Lake Placid area
 Lake George, Florida
 Lake George, nice restaurants, gorgeous landscape
 Lake Norman, NC - fishing, boating, swimming with family
 Lake Placid
 Lake Placid
 Lake Placid- boating, Olympic Sites
 Lake Placid, Blue Mt., Keene Valley
 Las Vegas
 London
 Mackinac Island - Michigan
 Maine - fall leaves
 Maine - mountain climbing and canoeing
 Maine - relaxation, love of area Other sites in NY - golf, hiking, shopping, etc
 many
 many places - enjoy scenery and new places that are naturally beautiful
 Many vacations and trips - I love scenery I enjoy walking to it, driving to it, boating to it
 Mass, Maine, NH, Vt. - scenery

Mexico; hiking in the jungles, visiting ancient ruins Great Smokey Mountains; hiking, fishing

Mirror Lake

Mont - Tremblent, QC, Canada

Mont Tremblant, Quebec, Canada

Montana, Alaska, Colorado, TN

Montreal - scenery and food

Moosehead Lake - Maine

Mt Desert in Acadia National Park- hiking, scenery Norway- educational

Myrtle Beach - beach Gatlinberg, TN - mountains

Myrtle Beach - enjoy the weather

Myrtle Beach - golf

Napa Valley Westpoint New Orleans

national parks/hiking

New Hampshire and Vermont - big mountains South Carolina - beach and ocean

New Hampshire, Vermont

New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine

New Jersey - beach

New Zealand Ireland

Newfoundland - the people and the wildlife

Niagara Falls

No. Never. Absolutely not. ;) Hey, hold on a minute there! wouldn't ANY vacation or trip be somehow memorable and involve at least a modicum of enjoyment? And most likely favorite activities too? But OK -- I'll play along. Vacations or trips that involved ALL of those criteria were: Anywhere involving non-motorized transportation of some sort (bike, boat, boots) and scenic views (e.g., the Catskills, the New Jersey Pinelands, Pennsylvania Poconos, Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee & North Carolina, Maine's Mt. Desert Island, &c.). THOSE were some other vacations or trips when I've had a memorable time enjoying my favorite activities!

Northern California - touring wine country - most enjoyed change of pace from usual lifestyle

Numerous trips to Italy. The food, the art, the architecture, the culture, the history. But I always return to the Adirondacks a few months later.

NYC may '08, - train ride there

NYS campground: Crown Point, Moffits Beach, etc. Hunting camp near Sabattis - prior to State ownership of land Too many hiking experiences to list Seeking out wilderness

Visiting amusement parks Stays at Lake Placid

Ocean - locals

Ocean City - New Jersey - spending time with family

Ocean City, MD - ocean, being outdoors

Ocean City, NJ on the ocean - swimming in the ocean and chasing the waves and walking the beach and collecting seashells.

Ocean is my favorite place - snorkeling is my favorite activity

Ocean kayaking @ Rockport, Ma. - environment and nature of the ocean shoreline

Old Forge - fishing with my grandfather as a child - enjoyable to spend time with him

other places in ADKs - hiking

Out West - Colorado, Utah

Out West Trip - saw and enjoyed many peaks and National attractions

Outer Bank, SC , Caribbean - weather, relaxation and friendly people
 Pa poconos mts, hiking biking and so on
 Paris, Blue Mountains (Australia), Quebec City, Philippines, Thailand
 Playa del Carmen, MX
 Poconos, NJ shore
 Polymyra religious/ spirited significance
 Race Point Beach - Cape Cod, MA - (P'town)
 Remsen - Old churches Blue Lake outside Syracuse- walking around the lake
 Rocky Mts
 Sabatis - Boy Scout Camp Inlet
 Salmon River, NY - fishing and camping Bahamas - relaxing
 San Diego Florida Paris London
 Sandy pond / Lake Ontario -water, boating
 Sandy, Utah.... the scenery and how clean it was
 Saranac Lake is my favorite place for boating because there is such as extensive system of connected waterways.
 Schroon Lake, Brant Lake and Lake Placid
 Schroon River, loved tubing down the river.
 Skyline Drive - scenery Grand Canyon - majesty
 St. Croix, St. Maarten, etc. Being by the ocean, enjoying sun in the winter, relaxing and rejuvenating.
 Star Lake - hiking Wanakena - hiking
 Stationed in W. Germany, opportunity to enjoy and explore the Bavarian area. - Fishing, Hiking and Boating. In the US, The Blue Ridge area, Fishing, Hiking and Boating Stone Mountain, Georgia. The history of the area; the visit to a plantation. This was a bit of Americana that we wanted to explore. Also have had memorable trips to Cooperstown, NY for the Baseball Hall of Fame and the Farmers Museum; The Corning area for the Glassworks, wineries, and geologic formations; explored the Mohawk Valley, again for its history and geology; spent time on the San Andreas Fault in California and the Napa Valley.
 Stowe, VT - scenery
 sure- grand canon, san diego, san antonio, orlando, oc md, outer banks--- adk is the best
 Taos, New Mexico - great scenery, shopping
 Thailand - everything, Myrtle beach - everything, Sarasota, FL, - everything
 The Genesee Village Upper Canada Village Grand Mesa, Co
 The Ohio Amish Community, it was relaxing, beautiful countryside and great places to stay and eat without the hustle of city life.
 The Poconos in Pennsylvania
 The Temagami region of Ontario The Boundary Waters of Minnesota The DeMoine River in Quebec The Mistassibi River in Quebec Wilderness canoeing.
 THESE QUESTIONS ARE BECOMING REDUNDANT
 Thousand Islands, Alexandria Bay-Boldt Castle Lake Placid-Seeing the Olympic Region
 Thousand Islands, Lake Placid
 thousand islands...similar activities
 Toronto - totally different vacation
 Toronto and Ottawa Ont. - Turing
 toured Montreal
 touring in Idaho - Yellowstone and Arizona - Grand Canyon - the beauty of nature
 Tropical - relaxation

UP of Michigan
 Vermont - skiing, golf
 Vermont, Maine, Canada, Pennsylvania - scenery
 Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire - enjoy the scenery
 Veroe Canyon RR to Sadona AZ
 Virginia
 Virginia - history
 Visiting friends and touring central California: touring coast, redwoods, wine country and San Francisco
 visiting with family all over US
 Washington DC
 Water Safari - loved the rides
 Watkins Glen Ausable Chasm Blue Ridge Parkway
 Watkins Glen Saratoga Battlefield
 We take a yearly camping trip to Maine. We enjoy it because it's a voyage and a change of pace. We camp and hike in Maine, although there is more of a touristy aspect to it than our monthly weekend adventures in the Adirondacks.
 White Mts - hiking Adirondacks - hiking
 Whiteface Lake George was beautiful
 wilder farm museum
 Wildwood Beach Hampton Beach Las Vegas
 Williamsburg VA, Washington DC
 Wyoming - rock climbed and fished
 Wyoming, Texas, Montana, Florida
 Yellowstone, Glacier National Park, Acadia
 yes - most are at environmental or cultural heritage spots
 Yes I Have. I loved being on a cruise and going through Maine. The scenery and calmness

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 Yes. Emerald Isle, North Carolina. Our family owns a beach house.
 Yosemite/California - hiking
 Yukon Territories

C1. Were there any specific activities or events that influenced your decision to visit the Adirondack region this time, and Why?

Responses	Specific activities or events that influenced visit <i>(repetitive responses, then sorted alphabetically)</i>
50	Fall, colors, foliage, changing leaves, Fall time
6	friends
5	Train ride
4	wedding
4	Wild Center
2	Erie Canal Village
	1/2 marathon
	30th anniversary

adk train ride---- we did the wine an blues train. we been in the adk for years and this was the 1st time on the train
Always love it
an outing with friends
baby sitting nephew
Backpacking
before school opens
biking
biking, hiking
boat ride and train ride
boat ride on canal
boat trip, fall color
bought camp here
bus
came back for a family memorial service
came to view foliage and nature in its glory
camping opportunities
Clam bake
clam bake with neighbors
Clam bake with neighbors
class reunion
close enough to home for weekend getaway
close to Buffalo - driveable
colors and been here before
conference
convenient meeting place - in between our homes
crowds would be less and possibly enjoy some changing leaves
destination Lewey Lake campground for kayaking - club event
Enchanted Forest
Enchanted Forest for the children
enjoy the area
Erie Canal
Erie Canal History
Erie canal, Harvest season
family - grandson's football games
family birthday party
family grew up here
family visit - wild museum
family weekend at Paul Smiths
fishing and dining, wanted to see Fall colors
fly fishing and dinner
fresh air
funeral for my Grandmother - whose favorite time of year was now
get away - camp
get away from busy schedule and enjoy beauty of the area
Gift certificate to Mirror Lake Inn
gift invitation
Going to Maine - taking nice scenic roads to get there
golf and shopping in Lake Placid and Olympic Museum
golfing, hiking, events

half marathon and general outdoor experience in Lake Placid
hiking
Hiking cranberry lake 50
hiking is fun and beautiful
I chose this particular timing because of the North Country Trail Association annual conference in Cazenovia, NY. I attended that and then hiked a portion (150 miles) of the trail,
I love the train ride
I reserve the same places year after year.
I visited the Adirondack region specifically to hike the Eastern High Peaks region.
I wanted to try boating on a lake I'd never been to before.
I was born and raised in the Adirondack region
in NY on vacation - nice parks, mtns, water falls, adventures, small old towns, nice people - beauty
inexpensive to travel - not too far from home
It was a trip with my job
It was only a 90 minute drive to the trailheads.
just a get away
just being the mountains
just camping and hiking
kayaking and swimming
Lake George...exterior events and art show/car show as well
Lake Placid - beautiful, lots to do
love the area, very relaxing, scenic views
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Museums, Tupper Lake, Wildlife relaxed atmosphere and history of ADKs
National Park
needed a break from city life
no specific activities, just family
No, coincided w/time off
No, went to Low's Lake to canoe.
No. Just wanted to do camping in a relax environment.
not really only getting away from home
Not really. We enjoy going up after Labor Day, when things are settling down. There was a Craft Fair in Inlet which we visited and came away with some nice goods that were made by locals. Enjoyed that very much and would like to see more of that.
nothing but nature in Fall
Octoberfest
open house at Clarkson University
outdoors and water
ownership of camp
past camping experience and memory of setting
people that had taken the trip previously - told us about it
planned to meet friends and family in fall of each year
Previous visits
Prior experiences in childhood were pleasant.

Proposed site of the NCTA - am hiking long distances on that trail with a friend
proximity to northern New Jersey - foliage timing
R & R
Rail is romantic and relaxing - no driving needed
rail/train/cruise package in fall - scenery, weather and not crowded
relatives birthday, changing leaves
relax and festival
relaxation
Rent a house and do fun events.
returning college student
reunion
reunion of friends
RR trip - a pleasant way to spend time
saw an ad for the Wild center
scenery
scenery
scenery
scenery and rest
scenic railroad, fall leaves, invitation from a friend
school vacation, fall season
see mountains and fall colors
see previous
see the eastern US
seeing high peaks and Wild Center - both great
so much to do with the two families and children
Somewhere we haven't been before
son's parents weekend at Norwich U.
spend time with my brother, we thought it would be a beautiful time of year up here
State fair, qualified for talent show.
swimming and hiking
taking grandsons to various camps in the park
the beauty of the lakes and the mountains in the fall
the boat ride on the Erie Canal
The change of Season (Fall), however missing the Foliage Peak by approximately 1 week,
not disappointed as (Today) 10/13 - Columbus Day was the last opportunity of the
season (2008) to utilize a vendor for Canoe Rental and partially explore Moose River.
the nature museum
The time of year, and Rondaxe Mountain.
the train
The weekend getaway to a rustic community and the firemen's convention
There is something that we enjoy almost any time of the year in the ADKs -- fishing,
hiking, snowshoeing, kayaking, etc. Even leaf peaking!

this time was to visit our friends living in Old Forge and to spend a quiet time away from the everyday hassles.
 to introduce a friend from NJ to wild center and enjoy autumn scenery
 to see leaves
 to see the village and countryside and to learn more about surrounding areas near Buffalo
 to visit my Mother who has Alzheimer's
 to visit Wild center in particular
 tour
 tour - Olympics
 touring area
 train and boat ride
 trip was specifically to visit the Erie Canal Village
 used to come as a child and wanted to see it again
 vacation
 visit nephew and see area for first time
 Visiting a friend at Beaver River.
 visiting family, hiking, great place for photography (one of my hobbies), etc.
 visiting our second home
 visiting sister
 wanted a change of pace
 wanted to do something new with my children, so they could see and learn new things
 Wanted to visit the Adirondack Museum specifically. We had not been there in 10 years and wanted to see what had changed or improved..
 wanted to visit the wild center after i first heard about it
 Was in area last year. Had seen more hikes that I could not due last time and wanted to return for those.
 Water
 Water Safari, Train Robbery
 watercolor show in Old Forge, return to Adirondack Museum in Blue Mt Lake, first visit to wild center

 We had less than a week and could drive to the Adirondacks and back in five days.
 we love fall weather
 we visit at least once a month.
 Whitewater kayak on Beaver. Water release.
 work

C2. Of all the things you've done while you are here, what has been most enjoyable about your visit so far, and Why?

Responses	What has been most enjoyable and why <i>(repetitive responses, then sorted alphabetically)</i>
7	fall foliage, leaves
6	scenery
4	otters, otters playing, otter display
4	Relaxing
4	Train ride

3 hiking
 3 Museum
 2 Ausable Chasm
 2 being with friends
 Adirondack Museum
 Adirondack Museum, Goodnow Mtn, VIC in Newcomb
 Adirondack Park - beautiful scenery
 Apple Festival in Oswego
 atmosphere and people reception
 Backpacking. It's why we come.
 beautiful colors
 beautiful scenery
 beautiful scenery - Ausable Chasm
 Beautiful scenery, climate and people!!!
 beautiful weather

 Being on the water, living in the woods, seeing the incredible waterfalls, looking for wildlife, photographing very remote locations.

 being outside - beautiful views
 bicycling on the Canal trail
 bike ride
 Blue Mt. Lake
 boat ride
 boat ride on canal
 Boat ride on the Erie Canal
 boat tour, being on the water viewing nature
 boat trip
 boat trip on Lake Placid
 boating on the lake
 burning leaves festival
 Bushwacking the potential route of the NCT in the West Canada Lakes Wilderness. We saw a moose and a bear, we did not encounter other hikers, I like to be a "pioneer" and this made me one of the first people to walk this portion of the potential NCT route.
 buying property
 campfires, boat on the lake, relaxing
 camping and canoeing on Indian lake
 Camping out for the night.
 camping with the family and the peace and quiet
 canal boat ride, relaxing
 Canal boat ride. interesting, unique, a visit, glimpse at the past
 Canal museum
 canal ride
 canoeing east end of 7th lake
 Canoeing in the Oswegatchie River, the Raquette River and Cranberry Lake.
 Canoeing in wilderness areas. Hiking in wilderness areas. The quiet is very important. I did not see anyone else for 7 days.
 Canoeing the Moose River, especially some portions of the river that remain to be unspoiled or occupied by residential buildings, or to say, to be pristine!

 chasm, never been before, rafting
 clam bake - fun
 Climbing Blue Mountain. It felt like a real accomplishment at age 64.

Climbing Rondaxe Mountain.
cottage, mirror lake inn, fireplace - relax
craft store in OF
cruise and dinner on Raquette Lake
cycling and riding the Adirondack Scenic RR
dining with friends
Doing things on the water and at the beach.
drinking beers at local pubs
driving - scenery - fall color
driving along the lake
driving around the area
enjoyed train and boat rides
enjoying lunch at cottage overlooking water
enjoying scenery
enjoying scenery and outdoors
Erie Canal Ride; history family event
Erie Canal Village - boat ride - enjoyable
everything
Exploring new waterways in a wilderness setting.
Fall colors on the Mts
fall foliage beauty - lunch in Old Forge
family
finding the museum OPEN
flamefest in Lake Placid
foliage - was looking for scenery
Fort Stanwix was alot of fun for the kids
Fort Ticonderoga - The Wild Center, history
friends not seen in a long time
getting a twizzler and learning history
going to the Fall Festival
going up the McCauley Mt. chairlift to see scenery
Going up the mountain again
golf at Whiteface, good weather and views
golfing, hiking, events
gondola rides
good food!
here at Wild Center
Hike Blue Mountain
hike on bald mountain/ the challenge and scenic views
hike up Bald Mtn.- beautiful views and great exercise
hiking Moss lake- we like being outside with our dog
hiking - different from usual activities

Hiking - Driving through Old Forge and seeing how much was available in regards
to shopping, motels, and other attractions.
hiking and being outdoors, very enjoyable and fun
hiking and the shops and restaurants in Lake Placid
Hiking around the trails and going up on the McCauley chairlift to view the colors.
hiking bald mountain. because it was extremely beautiful and peaceful
hiking because there was so much scenery to see
hiking Blue Mt, Buttermilk Falls
hiking in the mountains

Hiking Jay Mountain and the Ridge. The wonderful views - being alone with nature and the challenge of the Ridge walk.
Hiking NCTA - it was the purpose of the trip
hiking on Mt Ampersand
Hiking some of the 46 peaks.
HIKING the HIGH PEAKS
Hiking the mountains.
hiking up bald mountain, it was exercise but fun
hiking up Cascade Mt, views and colors were wonderful
Hiking up Mt. Jo
Hiking, love the views
Hiking. It was relaxing.
historic sites and demonstrations
Historic tours

I loved AliceT Miner Museum, loved looking at her collections of dishes, furniture, dolls, the colonial kitchen and fireplace and oven, baby cradle, whale oil lamps, and 17th century table with pewter setting, letter and memorabilia from American presidents and other notables.

I most enjoyed hiking Bald Mountain because of the scenery, the camaraderie with other hikers, and the fresh air!

Interpretive center at Paul Smiths
just being 6 hours from NYC and seeing the natural beauty

Just being at the Waldheim and everything that involves - the cottage, the people, the food, the views, the peace, the total lack of TV, cell phones, computers, locks. And not one word about the election from anyone the whole time I was there - an unwritten/unstated policy we all adhere to. Also, visited with local craftspeople, went to the Inlet Fall Festival and Blue Mountain/Indian Lake antique weekend, and bought from all.

just driving around
just starting our visit. Will do some hiking in the area
kayak because it's very exciting
kayaking
kayaking and the Robbery train
Keene area for riding - great scenery and loved town
Lake Placid Olympic Center and wild Center
Lewey Lake - camping enjoying the view and quite.
local stores, friendly atmosphere and hiking
looking at scenery
Looking at scenery, because he fall colors are gorgeous.
lunch at the Cottage
meeting new people
meeting new people. Realizing people are the same no matter where you are.
meeting people
Mountain biking was wonderful, peaceful and new
museum - educational
nice roads
none
Old Forge hardware - a fascinating place
Olympic Museum: story of 1932 and 1980 Olympics

Olympic Ski Area
 our lodging
 outdoor recreation
 outdoors
 outdoors and relaxing and hiking
 packet boat ride - information and horses
 paddling Indian Lake - new territory
 party
 peace and relaxing towns, friendly people
 people
 racquette lake - boat cruise
 rail/cruise - rail - people are wonderful
 Relaxation
 relaxing - just walking through the streets of Lake Placid
 Relaxing in the beautiful weather
 Relaxing in the quiet wilderness.
 relaxing just walking through the streets of Lake Placid
 renting a boat because the scenery is amazing
 rest and relaxation
 ride and walking
 running to see the scenery/ outdoors
 scenery - mountains
 scenery and ferry ride
 seeing beauty of area, changing leaves, hiking
 shopping and walking through the arena - seeing the photos inside
 shopping in the small town shops - everyone is so friendly
 sight seeing
 Sight seeing, eating
 Sightseeing
 sightseeing, nice scenery
 Simply hiking the mountains.
 site seeing
 sitting in the sun for lunch at 5 corners
 spending a night away with husband
 spending time with husband and son
 spending time with Mom and the colors
 spending time with my Mother
 staying at our house
 Summiting Cat Mtn.
 swimming - Lake Oneida - great for young children
 swimming in 7th Lake
 the beauty, the quiet and the museums
 The canoe trip itself and the related overnight camping.
 the drive - beautiful
 The Fireman's Parade and the scenic ride home over Rt 28.
 the foliage

 The Inlet Craft Fair because we met lots of nice people and had the opportunity
 to chat with the persons who actually produced the items we purchased. We like
 it when we can buy souvenirs from the Adirondacks that don't have a "made in
 China" label stuck to the back.

 the lake - beautiful place
 the leaves

the leaves change
the scenery
The View
the Wild Center
the Wild center - a great hands on center for children
The Wild Center - it's unusual - we like the "hands on" and the varied displays
the wild center because it is very unique
the wild museum
Thendara Scenic Railroad trip - because of the scenery and the train ride
too many to list, enjoyed warmth of locals
Tour guide
Tour guide singing songs
Town of Lake Placid - walking streets
trail experience - Algonquin
train ride - nice weather
train ride - relaxing and enjoyable
train ride and boat ride
train ride and explanations
train ride was fun and relaxing
train ride was fun and relaxing
Train ride, Cruise
train ride, my child loves trains
Train ride, visiting Old Forge
train robbery
Train Robbery was very enjoyable.
trip to Lake Placid - great scenery along the way
trip to Saratoga - great to see the fine old houses and the shopping
view from top of Bald Mountain - beautiful
viewing Heart Lake - peaceful
Views
views in high peaks
Visit to the Adirondack Museum. It was our only venue for the day.
visited Olympic sites
visiting family
visiting friends
visiting Sagamore
visiting the Erie Canal Village because of the history involved
visiting the shops
visiting the village and walking, good way to get exercise
Visiting the Wild Center-unexpected and breath taking
visiting Whiteface mt and immediate area

visiting Wild Center- just being out doors on beautiful warm fall day and checking
out the birds

visiting with friends and touring downtown LP
walk back to train from Old Forge
walking
Walking along main street, Old Forge.
Walking around and shopping
walking around the marsh and trails
walking around the Old Forge village
walking the trails
watching football game

watching ski jumping, never seen only on TV
watching the otters swim, eating lunch by Wild center pond
water and mt views
wedding - time with friends and family
Whiteface - view -colors
Whiteface gondola

Wild Center - commitment to "fitting into" natural world extremely interesting and informative displays and exhibits

Wild Center (educational)
Wildlife center with grandchildren
Winery

C3. What experience has been the most surprising, and Why?

Responses **What most surprising, and Why?** *(repetitive responses, then sorted alphabetically)*
of people at the Wild Center

activities

Adirondack Mountain Antiques Festival in BlueMtn Lake and Indian Lake was really a bust. Seemed to shut down early on Sunday. Didn't seem very well organized or advertised.

all

All the beautiful and versatile trail systems available to hike and mnt bike

all the rooms in the Old Forge Hardware store- much bigger than it seemed from outside

American presidents memorabilia

amount of farms and lakes

amount of leaves already gone

amount of open land - pictured more city in NY

amount of people visiting area

amount of wildlife roaming the villages, they are so tame

Bald Mountain Lookout, rocky ridge

bear at the tent site - it was scary

bears, deer, snakes

beautiful scenery

beauty of area, never been here before

beauty of leaves

beauty of museum and area

beauty of the lakes, clear water

black river canal museum in Boonville - wonderful info and guide book, video Edward Fynmore made special tour for us on a moments notice and he is very knowledgeable about the whole canal history - we hiked along about 36 of the still existing locks - neat experience
water color show in Old Forge was wonderful Old Forge Hardware Store - has book North Country Cache - stories of hikes on the NCTA

blue mt museum lovely displays

boat ride on canal; the tour guide was very informative

change of season colors

changing of the leaves
charm of alpine village - Lake Placid
climbing Mt. Joe - accomplishment
COLD
cold
color
colors- last weekend there were not many at all
couldn't ice skate
crazy weather
Crossing beaver dams; haven't seen them before up close, let alone had to ford over/across them.
cruise around the lake, didn't know it existed
deer in the campground (20 ft) from us
deer, bear
deer, bear
difficulty of climbing the rocks on the mountain
Enjoyable train ride.
enjoying hiking on trails
Erie Canal Ride; historical significance
everything nice
extent of the various activities / experiences at the Wild Center
Feeding deer out of my hand at the motel in Old Forge.
film

Finding a great yard sale at The Old Forge Art Museum. Brought back items to remind me of the great trip and area.

Finding fewer people than expected for this time of the year - which gives a greater sense of communion with nature.

finding otter dams in middle of the trail - so accessible
Fort Stanwix - very well done, historic interpreters
found a beautiful new teapot in Old Forge
friendly people
fungi
Game Farm - did not know that existed
glacier display
Going to the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain. I didn't know they'd redone it.
going up ski jumps - afraid of heights
hands on experience for children
hiking - very challenging
Hiking the "trail-less" peaks because they were better defined and easier to follow than we expected.
history of how the Adirondacks were formed
hospitality
how (canal) was built, educational
how big the lakes are
How boring Old Forge is

how effectively Wild Center reflects its environment (more so than in other urban natural history museums. Very seamless; no disconnect
how expensive accommodations are

how friendly some of the locals are where we stayed
how high up in the mts this area is
How many people were on the Bald Mtn. trail - lots.
how much the Erie Canal Village has gone downhill since I was a kid
how nice the weather
how really friendly people are, not like at home
how relatively small the town is - the Olympics were here - must have been crowded
how remote it still is - unspoiled
I saw a bear. I don't usually see bears.
i seen a deer up close, it was very peaceful
I was surprised that the Raquette River was so large and wide.
it snowed in the first week of October!
just how beautiful it is
kids didn't miss the TV and Playstation
low traffic - no congestion now
mall crowded
meeting new friends
Moose sighting!!
Most surprising was the crafts that were "home-made".
mountains are awesome
mountains are very big
Mule pulling the boat
My daughter being part of the show (Train Robbery)
nature trail lecture at Wildlife Museum
new Bio building at Wild Center
New pictures at canal museum
nice weather and colors
no bears this year - where are they?
No surprises.
no traffic
Olympic Ski towers - very high
our lodging
peace
peace and quiet
place I stayed gave us apples from a local farm
rail - people onboard (workers) helpful volunteers - pleasant
remembering and how things have changed
riding in open car on the train
riding the railroad because I was expecting this
Sagamore did not even know it was there (saw a road sign)
scenery
scenery beautiful
seeing a baby deer on top of McCauley Mt
seeing a bear - never saw one before
seeing a ski jump
Seeing another human in woods. Area of park is not a popular hiking area.
seeing live deer in downtown Old Forge
Seeing people camping on the tiny islands on the Oswegatchee. Very remote. Must bring everything in to survive.

shopping - lots of it
shops and restaurants were open of season
singing and learning about the Erie Canal
ski jumps - Huge
ski jumps, really high
so many things shut down from Fall on
Stowe , being so close
Stowe fair and flea markets

Surprised to see some areas of the Adirondack Park as being Privately owned, away from mass residential communities.

Surprising? The freeze-frame fireworks of the birch and maple trees: Red! Yellow! Pow!
talking with friends

terrain - size of boulders, number of River crossings

That so many shops, stores, and activities are closed this early in the season (fall, Sept 25)

the amount of bugs (mosquitoes - black flies-etc) not much fun getting bit all day

The amount of motels in Old Forge.

the beauty of nature and niceness of the trains

the combination of the lakes and mountains

the convenience of the shuttle bus

the details - instruction

the entire area and the awesome outdoorsy environment - very appealing

The excellent lean-to we found at Big Shallow. Wonderfully maintained and very nice.

the fact that the Chasm had not changed much in 25 years

the fall foliage is actually spectacular

the ferry

The Lake Cruise on the Fulton Chain of Lakes was unbelievably beautiful, and the guide was excellent!

The number of flies this year and the relative lack of deer, chipmunks and squirrels. One of the important reasons I go in the fall is the lack of bugs at that time. Not this year. But we also had more flies than usual where I live so it's hopefully just part of the cycle. There were also fewer bats which undoubtedly contributed to the fly problem.

the number of loons I saw was far greater than ever before

the outstanding displays and thorough explanations on the signs

the people are very courteous and kind

The quality of hiking trail in this region because I don't see many people in trails.

the Robbery

the scenery prettier than we thought, cleanliness of area

the shopping. it was fun and the prices were reasonable

the train ride

the variety of geography

The view from the top of McCauley mt. and the chance to walk the top loop!

The view from the top of Mt. Jo - not a high peak but spectacular views of other high peaks

the weather was much nicer than expected in October. We thought it would be cold.

The Wild Center

The Wild Center - didn't even know it was here until we got here

the wild center. Gives the history of the Adirondacks and wildness. Great to see the people enjoying it.

There were no surprises.

Toll roads to arrive in the Adirondacks from home and the high cost to travel them.

town closes early
town of Lake Placid is interesting, very natural setting and feeling of outdoors/ natural areas
town of Old Forge was very nice, tourist friendly
train ride
train ride - leaves beautiful
train ride - relaxing and interesting
Train ride - wonderful scenery
Train ride from Utica, first time.
Train robbery
Using the shuttle bus
vacancies - the economy
variety of shops in town
viewing absence of industry, sad future
views
Views
virtual experience at the Olympic Center
visit to the Wild Center

visiting Donnelly's ice cream stand in Saranac Lake - they make the best ice cream ever! I
also love the TAUNY store in Canton. They have a great list of north country artisans!
Visiting the Wild Center-unexpected and breath taking
walking time
walking, scenery, always something new to see
Walt's Diner - very friendly and accommodating
watching a horse pull the boat on the Erie Canal
watching kids enjoy the canal ride, it isn't fast but they still enjoyed it
watching the otters

We found that the Museum had a Fall Festival going on. It had many activities to entertain just
about anyone.

We saw a bull moose in the wild. We had seen tracks and droppings, but didn't expect that we
would actually see one of the elusive beasts. It was just awesome!

We stayed in the Trout Pond lean-to which was extremely well maintained by Adirondack
Mountain Club volunteers, the local Stillwater Forest Rangers and the Five Ponds Lean-to crew.
weather better than expected, its been colder when visited in the past
Whiteface
Wild center
wilderness

C4. What experience has been the most disappointing, and Why?

Responses What was most disappointing on your visit, and Why?

a few of the choices for the NCTA trail path seem to be the easiest choice as opposed
to the more scenic space fairly close by (i.e. a path over the hills to pass by the
Steuben memorial and the beautiful view there)
Adirondack Hotel
Adk Loj - too expensive, no heat, no privacy
all good

all the bugs and getting bit

Antique show and MOST gift shops had only Adirondack decor and cheap things made in China. Bears in every size and shape...all shops same stuff

as I approached I was concerned that it wouldn't be that good by appearances, but I was wrong

boat/ bus schedule - long wait

bob sledding - no thrill

boring city

breakfast at the Saranac Hotel

BUGS

cell phone reception has been bad in most locations

conditions of the roads

Corning Museum of Glass. Modern art in glass over emphasized

Cumberland Bay campingeven if it is a state park their lack of general maintenance (particularly in the restroom), and the reason why we look forward to visit and stay to other place.

downstate folks - rudeness

downtown, stores, commercial

driving along the Cascade Lakes and seeing all the dead and diseased birches

Driving rt 81 through Penn, lots of construction

Everything that is closed. We wanted to take a chair lift ride at McCauley Mtn, but it was closed during the week.

Everything was just fine.

expensive accommodations

footsteps of men

Gas prices! Holy cow! ... Come to think of it, ALL prices! I s'pose that there's more overhead involved in transporting goods into the boondocks.

Gorin House

grocery prices in Old Forge were a bit expensive

haven't seen moose yet

How boring Old Forge is

How poorly maintained some of the trails were for mnt biking. How early most of the shops close, would be nice to be able to walk around evenings and shop.

how unfriendly some of the shop owners are on Main St. and hours of operation

I can't remember ever being disappointed when I'm there, except maybe that I never get to do all the things I planned on doing.

I don't see campsite.

I wasn't able to climb to the top of Bald Mountain. Too many boulders.

in 2007 boat tour in Lake Placid had 2 large groups and would only take out 1 and gave refunds - disappointing to people left behind, should be more accommodating.

It rained while we were hiking and i didn't get to take a lot of pics at the top of bald mt.

it rained.

Lack of food in Blue Mountain village

lack of parking

leaves were past peak

Lowes Lake has installed box toilets at some sites. This seems to be attracting campers who are not truly interested in real camping. Because of their mis-use of sites (improper storage of food, etc), the area will have the same type of bear problems State "drive-to" camp grounds historically have suffered from. Get rid of the box toilets and the people who require them!

lunch/food was awful

many places were closed

my kids behavior could have been better

need better signs

no bears this year, lousy weather

No electricity for 36+ hours; lack of generator of the rental property

no moose - no deer

No trail running at Canal Museum

None, overall excellent

not able to rent a sailboat on Lake Oneida

not all shops open, no museums

Not finding my way because of maps.

Not many different shops in Old Forge, does not give you much to do.

Nothing (besides rain on one of the three days - but that's nature). A wonderful visit

Nothing disappointed us. We went to our favorite restaurants---Slickers, Keyes Pancake House, for example; went on our favorite drive along the Southshore Road; visited a favorite spot: Arrowhead Park in Inlet. Even when it's rainy or snowy, we go to the Adirondacks because it's just such a special place.

Nothing that can be controlled was disappointing...just the weather

nothing was disappointing

Nothing was disappointing

our cabin - it has not been well maintained

over cooked omelet at Downtown diner

places close early

Plattsburgh, not much to do

poor signs

public restrooms in Old Forge- not attractive- worn out looking

rain

rain - boat ride

rain, windows on boat cruise not clear

rained on vacation

Rained out vacation

rainy weather

See #3

see C3 this is a low rent Williamsburg

service

shopping

shopping

snack bar

so many stores closed at Old Forge

some stores/ shops were closed

stores closed early so u couldn't shop that long

tacky outlets on Main St. in Lake Placid - it ruins the character of Main St.

that businesses shut down after the Fall
the cold
the dam, thought water would be flowing over it
the extent of acid rain damage

The fact that new land has been added to the Park over the last few years and yet the number of NYS Park Rangers and Environmental Conservation Officers does not seem to have increased. We have encountered people either out paddling or hiking who are not properly equipped. Where are the personnel to properly educate? The stewardship programs are terrific, but one we only encountered two this year -- one at the NYS boat launch at Long Lake (invasive plants) and another atop Algonquin. Both were excellent educators.

the food

The food at Elk Lake Lodge - but I am always disappointed by their food.

The invasion of Pristine Forest, by those not appreciative of the area and noticed the presence of litter/garbage (on the river bottom); IE, Beer Cans and some general refuse. I feel that there are those that have no respect for the wonder of the region.

The lack of proper blazing on the Northville Placid Trail. For such an established trail, it amazes me how poorly some sections are marked. We also had the 2007 issue of the guidebook, and it was not up to date in many instances. One would expect a new edition to have been properly checked.

The lean to at Wolf pond. It didn't have much of a view and was very buggy. But still nice to have there, in case we got stuck or wanted to stay there.

The Little Shallow & Wolf Ponds lean-to's for being separated from their neighboring lakes -- why would you put a lean-to so close to a lake, but not actually ON the lake-shore?!?

The obnoxious right wing proprietor of the nearest bed and breakfast.

The Oswegatchie River wasn't as scenic as I expected. The Cranberry Lake region is comparatively flat. I also expected to see more wildlife on the river.

the place that I work is so far

the rain

The rainy weather, because it limited what you could do.

The reduction in wild life. This trip we saw no deer, bears, some small animals.

the very expensive shops

The waitress at the Stillwater Inn gave terrible service. This was especially surprising because we were the only customers there at that time.

the weather

the weather - cold and rainy, hard to kayak

the weather turn rainy - cold- damp- wet. no fun camping in the rain. But that won't keep us away - we'll be back.....

the weather, raining and cold

the weather, rainy

The weather. It rained on us and a lot of the activities were outdoors.

There was no view from the top

This time the weather was too rainy, but that is the way things go.

traffic in Plattsburgh, like being at home

traffic, single roads

Train was slow
trying for hotel rooms
Unmaintained trails.
vacancies - the economy
view from train, thought it would be more expansive
Village of Tupper Lake - looks run down
waiting for shuttle to Old Forge from train station
waiting for the train when someone was smoking a stinking cigar

Walking back to Duck Pond. It wasn't as walking friendly as I thought it would. We had 2 9 yr. olds with us.
We didn't find the top of Castle Rock after repeated tries.
we didn't see any moose
weather not too good

C5. What two or three things could the Adirondack North Country region offer or do differently that would improve visitors' understanding and enjoyment of the region's communities, activities, and events?

Responses **What two or three things could the Adirondack North Country region offer or do differently?**

- 6 Advertise more
- 3 better maps
- 2 more restaurants
- a guide to events that are taking place

A North Country portal: An integrated Website that organizes the plethora of related Websites under one central, organized umbrella.

A shuttle that meets the train in Elizabethtown and make stops in Lake Placid and Saranac Lake for a fee and with reservation. I might come more often, particularly in winter..
activities open past 5

add more to the Inlet park

Additional educational opportunities as exemplified by the Wild Center

Adventure Map connecting the communities and what activities they have to offer

advertise a website so people would be more aware of what the ANC has to offer

advertise in Syracuse papers

advertise more (knowledge of this Museum is scarce in western NY)

advertise/publish events calendar in Capital District newspapers

advertising

all fine, charming country as is

all is perfect

avoid commercialization and overdeveloping

be open all year

beautiful scenery and rivers

Better descriptions of rental properties with accurate information of what is included

better directions to hiking site

better explanations of the trails

better parking

better parking facilities
Better publicity for the events
better road signs??
better roads in western park Rt 28 and 28N
Better roads running North and South
better signs on roads
better tourist info
Cabin Fever open all year
can't think of anything in particular. perhaps a coordinated calendar of events?
clean up the trails
collaborating with the village shops
commercialization
community
Continue to emphasize AND Educate visitors the "Carry In, Carry Out" Policy!
continue to emphasize local events
difficulty in directions on road, especially trail info
easy to navigate websites
E-mail special events and price discounts on lodging.
environment
everything's great and friendly
Expand the websites
Family owned motels, eateries, etc.
fewer political signs
Finish NCTA
fix this place up (Erie Canal Village)
free parking
Get an EMS or an REI up there.
get rid of all motor boats
get rid of all snowmobiles
get rid of everyone from nj
git rid of everyone from CT
Give more information for cross-country skiing trails in Old Forge
hard to find restaurants open in Oct/Nov!
have a bug service that comes up here
have a good restaurant in downtown area
have a museum near Old Forge and Inlet
have more communal events
have more employees like helpful ones, informative and love their jobs
have more kayaking, canoeing, and other boating classes
have shops stay open longer
historic importance
history presentations
how well known are the motels and B&B's in this area to organizations like AAA
improve a newsletter
in off season let tourists know what places are still open
it could draw more people to shop
Keep emphasis on info center and tourist literature
Keep and have "open" communications to Private Landowners allowing visitors accessibility to Lakes/Waters.

Keep improving the Stillwater Reservoir map and information about opportunities there.
 keep it wild!
 Keep the Wild Center open for next April
 keep upgrading the existing foot trails
 leave some shops open past 5
 less grooming of trail 5
 Let people know how hospitable you are
 let people know what is available to do. people in my area don't realize what you have to offer
 Let them understand the overall history.
 living outside the Park we don't seem to see much info on events
 longer store hours for shopping
 love to see Alice T. Miner's Museum decorated at Christmas
 love to see it lit up at night with oil lamps and other forms of light
 lower prices
 make more parking in villages
 map was hard to read
 Mark distance and height of climb at trail heads
 more brochures about actual towns and what they offer
 More educational activities extending to Columbus Day rather than ending at Labor Day.
 more educational content on regular trails
 more festivals
 more fish hatcheries
 more fishing
 more hiking and X- Country ski trail maps readily available
 more hiking trail maps available
 More information about Paul Smith college and the dining hall there.
 more information available on activities
 More maps
 more maps posted
 More maps showing rivers
 more medical care and pharmaceuticals in smaller communities
 more museums
 more night life
 More NYS Park Rangers and Environmental Conservation Officers to help protect & educate
 more places like the Wild Center
 more publicity
 more publicity to other parts of the state
 more research centers
 More roadside markers, like the historical markers located on many NYS roads
 More signs
 more signs to show how to get into arena
 more winter activities
 Nat'l parks service type facilities similar to Saratoga Battlefield
 needs more people
 newspaper inserts in Sunday papers
 no motorized recreation
 No parking meters in Lake Placid. No hunting on popularly used trails such as Moss Lake (very unsettling to have someone behind you with a gun). Same for snowmobiles - totally antithetical to the quiet of the woods.

no ridgetop development
not familiar enough to answer
Not interested in events although we did pass by the Cream Cheese Day.
not paying for meter parking on weekends
not sure where a visitor's center is, this may improve understanding of things
NOTHING I CAN THINK OF
Nothing. The ADK does a great job publishing books about hiking in the region.
Notice boards to advise of local facilities
offer cheap hotel rates
offer more "special rides", the ones that are sold out
offer more outside workshops
Offer special events to coincide with the Utica & Old Forge RR fall trips
offer train ride / foliage when shops are open
offering a bus tour of the lakes
Olympic activities
pass out \$100 bills
people could be a bit more friendly
post distance climbed at various parts of the trails
post more on internet
prices a bit more reasonable prices
prices too high...starting with gas and food prices gauge!!
promote trails for less active hikers
publicize the Wildlife Museum more
Publish an online newsletter that would encompass all areas and activities.
revitalizing the small towns
road signs
roadwork, less noise from construction
Seeing the incredible windmills on the way in and out of the region.
Seems fine to me/doing a great job
several rangers gave us incorrect or outdated information- you expect correct info from these people
shops
Some of our trails were not well marked. Need more identifying markers.
some of the roads could use some work
spots on PBS stations
talk a bit louder
Television spots for publicity
the town main street could use a face lift
the Wild Center needs better directional signage on Rt 30
too many tourists
took time to find the right guide books
Visitor centers located on major routes entering the park. Similar to national parks.
We like to be out of the center of activity. Nature is our activity.
websites
Work so that conflicting events are not scheduled

C6. Did you or your family make any purchases that you are especially excited about or pleased with?

3' tall chain saw carved bear on our visit a few years ago
a kayak
a mountain bike
A pen made out of wood that has a squirrel on top and says old forge on it
a small Adirondack pack basket for under \$10
Adirondack crafts
Adirondack jewelry
adk magnets
adk rug
An Adirondack CD
An Adirondack photo album
An Adirondack rug
Area hiking maps
Area photographs and prints
art
beer
Bike carrier for car, pleased
bird houses
blackberry pie at Noon Mark dinner
books about the history of the area
bought a beautiful bowl
bought a clock
bought some candles
brass ship
Christmas items
Christmas ornament - train engine
clothes
clothing
clothing, holiday items
collected leaves for a collage
crafts
Dinner at 7th Lake House - as always=outstanding
Dried flower arrangements
EMS wind stopper jacket
Excellent books
fair prices
fleece coat
Four hand-knit hats, including one from a soldier made of Afghanistan yarn. Ceramic piece from Blue Mountain Art Center. NOTHING MADE IN CHINA!
gift shop animals
gifts
good and reasonably priced lunch at players
great Halloween decorations
great pair of hiking boots
great sales in shops

Hand-made table cover
Hand-turned bowls by Bruno Graziano bought directly from him at his home.
I always find some wonderful buys at the "Cabin Fever " store in Star Lake. The people who own it are friendly and informative
I bought a great little gun cabinet that I am going to convert to display china.
Indian dream catcher
jewelry
jewelry
leather moccasins
Local art work at store in Old Forge
local Artisan jewelry
Lots of wonderful meals
lunch
magnetic stones
memories that last for ever and cost not a penny
moose and bear toys for the twins
new skis
nice warm socks
no, we ALL came home with money we had hoped to spend on gifts
No, we just rented a canoe, the rate was reasonable.
not this trip, but the last we got a hand-made wood bed
Olympic Passport program and local crafts
One item. The yearly mug from the Wanakeena General Store.
Outdoor gear
outdoor gear
place where we stayed gave us 1/2 gal. local cider and fresh apples
placemats
postcards
postcards. we collected them because our pictures don't show everything we saw.
pottery
Privately made maple syrup bought directly from the maker. Several antiques I'm excited to have.
quilt from Blue Mt. Lake
quite good food
rustic furniture
sale items
several books about Adirondack area history
shoes, boots, clothing
small souvenirs only
some furniture pieces
souvenirs, locally made
Spare tent pegs at Blue Mountain outfitters
stayed at Kayuta Lake Campground west of Old Forge great family place/atmosphere
The book "Discover the Northwestern Adirondacks" was helpful.
THE PRICE OF ALMOST ANYTHING IS HIGH TO OUTRAGIOUS
the Summit Inn is a very nice place to stay
The USGS topo maps showed higher water than we experienced, not useful.
There was nothing to purchase
t-shirt

unique gifts at the hardware store
 walking stick
 Walt's Diner - friendly waitress
 waterproofing compound
 We like to visit a local diner after a night on the trail. It's a tradition.
 We purchased some items to display at home. We are pleased with a canoe we purchased.
 We shopped at the Niccolls Church thrift store, and we loved it.
 wooden bowls
 yes- on the train we enjoyed a new brand of wine
 yes, bought a camp
 Yes.....art and hand made products

D8a. If YES, what would you really like to know about the region's Scenic Byways?

Responses **What you would really like to know about the Scenic Byways:**

5 where they are
 2 history
 a booklet on the whole area and what it has to offer, accommodations, maps etc.
 a list of them all
 a map
 a map would have been helpful
 A specific map and some information about the features of each route. I would definitely specifically look to take those routes if I knew more about them. Many of those named I believe I have traveled without knowing it.
 accessibility from where we live
 accessibility, recommended stops along the way, what's being done to protect the land and incorporate communities
 accommodations along the way
 activities to do and things to see
 advertisements as to locations - what's along the way
 all info
 any information is gladly welcomed
 any of them
 anything
 availability - location
 available seasonal activities
 B & B listings, points of interest
 Beautiful modern roads
 Blue Ridge Road
 Byway thru the mountains and along the lake?
 Current events. Festivals etc..
 Destinations points, places of interest along scenic byways. Good places to stop along the way to bike or hike
 Everything
 general information
 general type info
 Good map of route with attractions & towns noted.

good places to stop and take pictures
high peaks byway
History, hiking, natural resources, and places to stay.
history/places of interest - towns / lodging
How the network of scenic byways fits into my tour around New York State
I would like to know what places of interest or history are located along the trail.
Information about what they are, where they are, etc.
its on the internet
Just what are they?
Local Hot spots
location
location and features
location of trails along the way
location, what to see and what to look for
Map and general descriptions of trails - time to drive, distance etc on one brochure
maps
maps available on Internet
Maps available.
maps of all of them
maps, accommodations
Maps, specific interesting items along the byway. special views, historic markers
etc.
nature along the way
off the beaten path
pamphlets available
points of interest and recreational activities along trail
position and length of trails
road conditions/length/what one would see
Scenic overviews?
scenic railroad trips, boat tours, dude ranch, horse back riding all activities really
sights/points of interest/recreation opportunities
The location and as much info available
the most scenic
The physical route, and a few key things that characterize what you would see.
Perhaps a sense of the services available. Gas / limited or no gas. Food / limited
or no eating establishments, etc.
The Routes
the routes, sites, information
tourist info
types of trails - hard or easy to do
Views
views, distances, amenities en route
We have not seen any information during our trip, other than the signs along the
road.

website with info about attractions, lodging, dining, seasonal considerations such
as rainy season, temperature, insects etc

Well, I'd really like to know what I would be seeing along each of the Adirondack
Scenic Byways -- before embarking on a trip. Maybe this is unfeasible, but lotsa
photographs would be super.
What & where they are.

what are they and what is important about them
what are they, attractions
What are they?
what attractions, opportunities, costs, lodging, dining, museums, recreation is available
what attractions, slower speeds, accommodations
What each trail covers as far as hiking trails, best time of the year to go on these Byways. Where they start from and where they end. Some of them I'm not familiar with.
What is a scenic byway?
what is available to see
what is featured along the byway
What is on display-what the area is known for
What it is
what main routes can connect without losing travel time
what the areas have to offer
What there is to see
what there is to see along the way, why are they considered scenic byways
what's along it - hiking trails etc
where and what are they
where and what is on them
where and what they are
where are they located, never heard of them before this
Where are they?
where hotels and restaurants are and when they are open
where is it
where it goes
where it was and what it had to offer
where specifically they are
Where the highway goes, and what I would see while traveling on it.
where the hotels are
where they are and parking areas to unload bikes
where they are and what they offer
where they are located how long are the trails
where they are, what routes
where they go
Where, what, when?
would I be able to take any of them traveling through instead of Interstate

D9a. If YES, what have you learned about the Scenic Byways and what was the source of that information?

Responses What have you learned and source:

3 that they exist

about the military blasting, told by employee Mary Grassi and the fact that everything was done by hand

Actually, I have been made aware mainly by this survey
canal boat ride
Hudson River history
I saw by maps that there are more of them than I had realized
In 10 years things sure has changed. With the towns growing and the roads
improving.
interesting sites, shopping
just that they exist
just this survey and I'm baffled because I read a lot of local publications
Learned from this survey.
learned they exist from this survey
more extensive
most scenic
person leading boat tour
reading maps
rest areas with picture taking appeal (gorgeous scenery)
shopkeeper - Saranac lake
that there are scenic byways
That there is a scenic byways through the adks-information and brochures
available in the area.
that they exist and are so extensive
That they exist. this survey
the information announced to us while on the train ride
They actually are kinda scenic -- it's not entirely hype to reel in tourists. And I
learned this, of course, by traveling some o'the Byways.
this survey - list of Byways
This survey has made me aware of the ASB, hoping the internet will provide more
info.
To look for them next trip. Learned about from survey
what I've seen
What the scenic byways are was told to us by one of the train personnel

E1. For you, what two or three things make traveling through the Adirondacks different or special from any other travel experiences?

Responses **What 2 or 3 things make traveling through the Adirondacks different or special from any other travel experiences?**

- 44 scenery
- 10 mountains
- 8 Lakes
- 7 beautiful scenery
- 7 beauty
- 6 The scenery
- 4 fall foliage
- 4 nature
- 4 wildlife
- 3 good roads
- 3 leaves
- 3 The fall foliage
- 3 views
- 2 train ride
- 2 wilderness
- Adirondack park
- amount of lakes
- amount of outdoor activity
- animals
- beautiful
- beautiful area
- beautiful drive
- beautiful fall foliage
- beautiful lakes
- beautiful mountains
- beautiful mountains
- beautiful rivers
- beautiful views
- beauty of area
- beauty of this time of year (fall)
- beauty, lakes, mts.
- being able to take a relaxing train ride at a reasonable cost
- blending of communities and nature / wilderness
- boat ride
- Boating
- Breathtaking views
- camping
- chances to see wildlife
- changing scenery
- clean
- clean air
- Climate
- close to home
- close to home
- colors in the fall
- Cooler weather than Maryland.
- cute little towns
- desolation

did alot here as a kid
different things to see from town to town
early American History
ease of travel
endless things to do
Erie Canal Village
Everyone is very friendly!!
fall
federal land to hike/fish
foliage, quaintness
forests
forests and lakes
forever wild
fresh water lakes
Fresh water lakes
geography
getting away from the city life
Good rolling hills, but not so many rocky mountainsides
gorgeous scenery
great expanses of mountains, lakes and trees
great views
green
have to pay for I-90
Higher peaks
hiking trails
Hiking
historical perspective
Historical Spots
history
Hospitality
how pretty the views are
I can stop by the side of the road and put my kayak in.
I enjoy the view
I love the mountains
I love the wild feel
I used to live, ski, swim and camp here
improved roads
in the North East
it a clean and quiet environment
it is pretty
it is so beautiful in the fall
it is the jewel on NY state

It's another one of the beautiful and unique places this country has
to offer
its close to home but completely different from where I live
Lack of commercial looking buildings
lack of traffic
lack of traffic
lakes - mountains - wildlife
Landscape
large area
large area
light traffic

like to hike and take rides on the RR
little traffic
living the simple life for awhile
lodging
Long, unbroken stretches of forest.
looking at leaves
Loons, coyotes, wild turkeys, otters, mink, etc.
lots of activities
lots of activities
lots of lakes
lots of little towns with touristy things to do
Lots of natural open space.
lots of uninhabited areas
lots to see
love the rails
lovely lakes
low traffic (in fall)
many lakes
minimal commercialization
MOUNTAIN VIEWS
mountain views
mt scenery
mt. lakes
Mtn air
mts
much different, larger land mass, so small in Germany
Museums
Natural beauty of nature
natural landscape
nature, not development
near to family
new location
Nice people
Nice roads
nice roads
No billboards
no traffic jams
Not
not a lot of traffic
not boring
Not crowded
Not many billboards
nothing similar to other travel we do
Olympic center
Olympic Center
Open views of unbroken forests
Our love for the region.
particular scenery especially high peaks area
PEACE AND QUIET
peaceful
peaceful - gorgeous views
peacefulness
people

people
ponds and streams around the bend
possibilities of wildlife
price of gas
PRISTINE LAKES
public lands
Quaint
quiet country
recreational opportunities -- many of which are free or low cost
relatively close to home
Relaxation
Relaxation
Remote
road signs are good
rocks
scenery and overall environment
scenery from earlier visit to Fourth lake
scenery is spectacular
scenic
Scenic
scenic areas
see beautiful landscape
seeing mountains
size of the area and wildlife
Slow paced and relaxing
small old fashioned communities
small towns
small towns and villages
small towns/ communities
Snowmobile
snowmobiling
so close to major population bases
Some of the best driving roads in State
Some of the best four wheeling in state
space
spectacular scenery
sporting /exercise emphasis
Terrain
terrain - mountains
The air.
The amount of things that there are to do.
the forests
the geology
the lakes
the little shops
the lovely scenery
the mountains
the mtns and lakes - unlike home
the natural beauty of the area
the nature of the environment
the nature smell
the outdoor activities

The peacefulness and natural beauty, which is being wrecked by
over-tourism
the people
The Pristine areas of Forests.
The remoteness and wonder of it all.
The rustic appeal of buildings
The scenery is always amazing.
the scenery is nice
The scenery.
The small towns and the friendly merchants.
the town is beautiful
the trees
The uniqueness of the innermost communities within the Park
the view
The view of mountains and lakes.
the views
the well maintained roads help
the wildlife is friendlier
the wildlife you see along (and sometimes IN) the road
there are many rivers and wildlife
there are some very good, but not over used trails.
There is no other park like it in the USA!
They are available to us, in our state.
thing
time to get there
to get away
topography of mountains, valleys and lakes
Traveling in our little boat to view the untouched old cabins nestled
in the woods.
Trees
trees
undeveloped
unique
unique geography and buildings
untouched land
variety of geography
variety of terrain
vastness
vegetation
very few roads
very pretty area
very scenic
very vast
view of subtle mountains in distance
view of woods and mountains
views of scenery
water
water ways
well marked trails
wide easy roads to travel
wildness
woods
woody-cabin feel

E3. Based on your experiences driving along Adirondack roads and Scenic Byways what two or three words or phrases would you use to encourage a friend to come and tour the Adirondacks?

Responses **What 2 or 3 words or phrases would you use to encourage a friend to tour the Adirondacks?**

- 31 Beautiful
- 17 scenic
- 11 Beautiful scenery
- 10 peaceful
- 9 Beauty
- 7 Relaxing
- 5 scenery
- 4 beautiful area
- 4 beautiful views
- 4 friendly
- 4 gorgeous
- 3 breathtaking views
- 3 clean
- 3 Fun
- 3 pretty
- 3 quaint
- 2 Calm
- 2 fall colors
- 2 fall foliage
- 2 friendly people
- 2 good shopping
- 2 It's beautiful
- 2 lush
- 2 natural beauty
- 2 nature
- 2 peace
- 2 quiet
- 2 scenic beauty
- 2 spectacular views
- 2 the beauty of the area
- 2 Unspoiled
- 2 water
- 2 Well maintained
- 2 wonderful
- Absolutely beautiful!
- absolutely breathless
- accessible mountain lakes and streams to hike around
- Activities
- Adirondack Museum
- adventurous
- alot to do
- Amazing
- amazing
- Awe-inspiring
- awesome views
- be sure to bring binos and stop at pull offs, add time for that
- Be sure to study the maps and plan your trip.

Beautiful and simple
beautiful and slower pace
beautiful colors this time of year
beautiful fall color
beautiful lakes
beautiful lakes and mountains
beautiful lakes and villages
beautiful mountains
beautiful mts
beauty of area
beer
Biosphere reserve
breathtaking scenery
change from highways
clear water
close
color in early spring
color leaves
colorful
colors
colors, beauty
crisp, cool air, lovely sunshine
desolation
did not drive
different environment
diversity of terrain
drama, beauty, natural landscapes
drop dead gorgeous
Easily accessed
easy to get to
easy trip from major airports
educational
educational
Educational and enjoyable
endless hiking opportunities
Enjoy the real America.
enjoy the sights
Enjoy the train ride.
Enjoy the wilderness
enjoyable
Exciting
expansive
expensive
explore
fall is the best
Family fun
fantastic
farms
fascinating the many different hues in fall, again color
few cars
fine restaurants
fish
food prices too high

forest scenery
forests
Forever wild areas
fresh air
Fresh air
fresh air
friendliness, old home feeling
friendly and helpful local residents
friendly locals
fun to drive
Fun to explore
Geologic wonder
Get away from it all
Go and explore by yourself
go slow!
good food
Gorgeous and life renewing.
grand views
grandeur
great facilities to stay
great food
great riding roads
great roads
great views
great weekend get away
green
have to see the leaves
highly relaxing
hiking
hiking trails
historical
history
huge mountains
hunt
I love New York
I took the train
Incomparably beautiful
incredible
Interesting
Interesting, enjoyable
It is worth the trip
Its a beautiful place.
it's better than I thought it would be
It's peaceful.
lakes
Lakes and mountains
Largest state or national park
leaves
Look around
lots of outdoor activities
lots of small towns
lots of trails
lovely

lovely place
lovely scenery
low traffic
magnificent scenery
majestic scenery
many fine lakes
many friendly deer
many trail heads
Memorable
mountains
mountains and lakes all beautiful
mt peaks
mts, lakes
Natural
natural setting
natural wonders
natural, quiet
nature at its best
Nature talks (Gary Lee - wonderful, knowledgeable presenter)
nice relaxing trip
nice ride along lake
Nice road, sense of freedom, great scenery
nice scenery
nice weather
nice wild country
no people
non stop views
not a lot of road work
not crowded
not too hot out
offers many natural attractions
one of a kind!
open spaces
pack a picnic lunch and a canoe
peace/tranquility
people are friendly
perfect
Picture perfect Streams
Picturesque
picturesque
plenty of shops
Pristine
proximity to population centers
Purdy
quaint little towns with friendly people (if any of these sayings are
used in brochures, I want credit for the ideas please)
quaint towns
recreate
recreational availability
refreshing
relatively cheap
relaxed
rolling forests

safe
scenery is great
scenic impact
scenic views
Serene
see New York State to realize it is not just a city, it's a state
serene
shops
simple
slow pace
small town friendliness
spectacular
spectacular color
spectacular scenery
spectacular scenery in a remote destination
spectacular scenery on east coast
spectacular scenery unlike any other in NE
Spectacular vistas
streams for fishing
subtle and surprising beauty
surprising
sweet
the beauty in the fall
the diversity
the natural world -- reconnect and learn about it
The Northwoods Beckons
the scenery is beautiful
There are a lot of off the beaten track places to hike and kayak.
there's a lot to do for everyone
to see the wildlife and colors in the fall
town of Lake Placid really nice
tranquility
Trees, mountains, lakes
Truly an Outdoor Experience to enjoy
Unbelievable natural unspoiled beauty
uncrowded
undisturbed nature
Unique
unspoiled wilderness
varied flora and fauna
varied geography
vast
vastness
very beautiful
very panoramic
very pretty
very scenic
vibrant colors
view
views are dynamic
waterways
What it is, is what it is.
wild

Wilderness abounds
worth viewing
would encourage friends to take the train, leave the driving to others
yes, the scenery is beautiful
you can learn alot of history
you haven't lived till you see this

E4. Based on your experiences in Adirondack communities, what 2 or 3 words/phrases would you use to encourage a friend to come and visit one or more communities?

Responses	What 2 or 3 words or phrases would you use to encourage a friend to visit 1 or more communities?
23	friendly
8	Relaxing
7	Quaint
6	beautiful
6	beauty
5	peaceful
4	clean
4	friendly people
4	scenery
3	quiet
3	Rustic
3	scenic
3	shopping
2	beautiful scenery
2	beautiful views
2	good food
2	history
2	Lots to do
2	Natural
2	Nature
2	relaxed
2	Shops
2	unique
2	warm
	A complete getaway
	A fun place for kids.
	a real get away destination to relax
	absolutely amazing scenery
	accessible
	Adirondack Atmosphere
	almost too many choices of activities
	autumn in the Adirondacks
	awesome (dictionary definition)
	Beautiful area
	beautiful lakes
	beautiful lakes and mountains
	Black River canal locks and story at the Boonville Museum is neat
	breath taking
	breathhtaking scenery

Bring money; the only thing to do is shop.
calm
Camp
caters to your enjoyment
Challenging Hikes
Cheap!
climb mountains
Close to home
colorful
come and have fun
Cozy, rustic, comfortable
crafts
Creative stimulus
culture
cute towns
different
different and classic
different shops
different shops with one of a kind items
different small towns
diverse shopping
each community's uniqueness
easy driving
easy to get to
educational
Enjoy the real America.
enjoy the wilderness
enjoyable
enjoyed camping there
especially liked the Adirondack products
everyone enjoys visiting here
everyone is friendly
exciting
exciting water park
fall foliage
family oriented
fantastic food
fish
friendliness
friendliness of locals
friendliness of the people
friendly tourist town
friendly warm people
friendly, quaint
fun
fun for families
fun shopping
Get outdoors -- learn about nature and get some wonderful exercise
Giganteous Views
good food, fresh air
gorgeous
great hiking opportunities
great campgrounds

great color
great facilities to stay
great outdoor activities available
great scenery
great shops
Great time
great variety of accommodations
have family that visit here every year
Helpful
Hike
Hiking through unblemished wilderness
historic art center
historical
history of area very interesting
hunt
if you like the outdoors, you'll love the Adirondacks
incredible beauty
Informative
interesting combination of outdoors and town
it has a small town appeal
it is real pretty
it's laid back
it's like traveling back to a simpler time
it's quaint
just beautiful everything
Kayuta Lake Campground - something for everyone
laid back
Laid back
lake communities
Lake Placid bars
lake views
lakes
lets go
local artisans
Look
lots of crafts
lots of things to do
Lots to see
magnificent scenery
many beautiful interconnected waterways
mountains
mountains - scenery
multiple sporting experiences
must see in the fall
My friends aren't interested in the Adirondacks or have fun there.
nature at its finest
nature is beautiful
nice
nice and friendly people
nice drive
Nice leisure time
nice ride
nice scenery

nice shopping
nice stores
nice to walk around
not too expensive
old fashioned
Old Forge - small town feel with great restaurants and shops
Old Forge Hardware and book store is not to be missed
Old forge shopping - varied and diversified
only 4 hours away
outdoor activities or not
Peace and quiet
peaceful and relaxing
Peaceful; beautiful
people are friendly
people are friendly and helpful
picturesque
pretty friendly
pretty towns
pretty well anytime of year
profound
purdy
quaint shops
Quaint, friendly communities
real, friendly
real, not staged
reasonable prices
refreshing
relatively cheap
relax and enjoy yourself
relaxation
relaxing experience
relaxing pace of life
remote
Restful relaxing experience
rivers in the Adirondacks
rural
Same answer as previous question
scenery is enjoyable
scenery is lovely
see above
see what makes this area what it is
Sense of Adventure
shop keepers are friendly and kind
shopping is nice
sightseeing
silence
simple pleasures
sightseeing
small
Small friendly place. Everyone in this region knows everyone else.
small town atmosphere
small town feel, friendly
so many good places to hike and canoe

spectacular vistas
sports
stay home
still like in the past
the beauty
The beauty & relaxing feeling you experience.
the fall leaves
the food
the idea that this place is slow-paced
The people are very friendly.
The people there are friendly and helpful.
there are plenty of accommodations
There's everything you need there.
they are quaint and quiet
this is a "must see"
Thought provoking
TOW is lots of fun
Train robbery
tranquil
unspoiled by modern development
very friendly
very friendly people
Visit of the "High Peaks"
vistas
water activities , scenery
water activity
What fun
wholesome, outdoors
Wild Center and ADK Museums -- compliment each other beautifully
Wild Center attractions - nature hike with naturalist and live
specimens
wonderful
Woods, water, fresh air
you can participate in activities or not
You will remember this visit.
You've got to hike to lake

E5. What are the main reasons you would NOT recommend this area to others?

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a long visit (not enough to do)

Because, in your haste to attract tourists, you are ruining the very things we enjoy most in the Adirondacks. We have been visiting Old Forge for 30 years, and during that time, have seen Old Forge become a tourist attraction at the expense of being a homespun part of the mountains. Which is why we stay in Old Forge but spend much of our time in Inlet and the surrounding communities.

Black flies

Can be cold compared to other area climates.

can be dangerous to drive in winter

cold

cost of the Thruway

Customs..... too much time to go through.

distance

Don't come to change it, because there will be more room for the ones that like it this way

expensive
EXPENSIVE

expensive accommodations

expensive for a family

far for most people to travel

far from home

I would recommend coming off season, I think it may be too crowded during the high season

If all they want is to be entertained, then they should go to a mall and stay in some urban area.

If you want events and planned gatherings this is not the place for you.

if you're not a snow person you may not want to visit during winter

insects, distant from hospitals for someone in frail health or in case of emergency

It has no ocean

It's pretty remote, quite "touristy," and not cheap.

lack of facilities, run-down, poverty (but don't get me wrong, I like that as it keeps the area from being over-run by soft, wealthy city-slickers).

lack of medical doctors, etc

lack of nightlife - better for couples and families

lack of restaurants between villages (very little on RT 3 from Tupper lake to Watertown)

lodging somewhat expensive in Old Forge

long drive

may be too "physical"

maybe less to do

maybe too crowded

more attractions

need more tourist attractions

not much shopping available in evenings.

places like Old Forge are too touristy and crowded

prices...quality of shop goods..beverages too pricey...food really not worth the money

seasonal mosquitoes/flyies

services tend to be few and far between. Don't go with an unreliable vehicle!

shops and stores closed early by 5pm, train wasn't operating on Monday. Monday should be like any day with something to do

Some areas are blemished by refuse and privatization!

Some people want glitz and would probably not like it for what it is, but might if they stayed isolated in one of the new high-priced spa facilities. Don't come if you need to be entertained and want a Vegas-type nightlife. I don't want people here who come with an attitude and are complainers.

some towns have overly commercial main streets, selling tacky t-shirts

The weather is unpredictable.

There are few good views along the highway, other parts of the world have fewer trees, or more openings in them.

to keep people traffic to a minimum

To keep the rif raf out.

too cold most of the year

too far away from home
Too many dumb tourists who don't particularly care about this environment.
tourist season is very busy and Main St. is congested
Trails were not easy
winter weather

E6. Why do you have a High or Low interest in returning to this area in the future?

a nice vacation spot
Adventure and Explore
area beauty, quaint shops, unique
as above
Avid hiker.
beautiful
beautiful
beautiful and relaxing
beautiful, quiet setting - not far from Ontario
beauty
beauty
Beauty, close by (4-5 hours by car)
been here before, like it
bend there done that, like to visit new areas
born here
Canal museum and history
close to NYC hiking and biking
coming back to ski
disappointed train and boat not operating just after 1pm early in week, dead certain days
distance from home (about 30 miles)
enjoy beauty and tourist attractions
enjoy mainly the beauty
enjoyable
enjoyable
enjoyable
enjoyable
Enjoyed it
enjoyed stays every time visited
enjoyment guaranteed
Fall
family
family
family and relaxation
family here
far from home
felt an affinity - can't imagine living here
friendliest
friends
good riding
Great backpacking
Great canoe camping.
great place, great people, great outdoor activities, great views
had a great time
had a wonderful time
have a vacation home here for the summer and winter

haven't seen enough of the area yet
hiking, peaceful and fun
history
History
home away from home
hunting and fishing
hunting and fishing
I enjoy learning about the area and History
I enjoy the beauty, laid back.
I enjoyed myself, for cryin' out loud!
I go back as often as I can
I just love 'em!
I know the area over 46 years
I like it
I like to spend my summers here
I LOVE the Adirondacks. You haven't lived until you've laid on the dock and looked up at the Adirondack sky either at night or during the day.
I love the area
I love the easy access to natural beauty
I love the region.
I really enjoy the area and it is close to my home.
I really enjoyed my camping experience.
important part of getting away to share time with friends and family
it is a beautiful area - so many places to visit
it is beautiful
It is beautiful
it is beautiful
It's a nice area.
it's awesome there
it's beautiful
it's beautiful
it's been great
it's between here and there
it's fun and relaxing
it's home
It's my favorite place in the world.
It's our favorite place!
I've fallen in love with the area.
just enjoy being there
just take a walk around there and it should be clear to you
like everything
like it here
like to travel around country
lodging- area spread out requiring (lots of) driving
long way from home - if closer would be back
lots to see not enough time
love having great scenery and natural areas so close to us
love it
love it
love it
love it
love it all
love the ADKs

love the area
Love the area and all it has to offer
love the area and always have, not too far from home
love the outdoors and the ADK's
love the scenery - water - foliage - hiking
love to visit area just don't like winter
may make it home
more history
more to do
more to see
more to see than we can fit into this visit
more to see yet
much more to do and see
my child attends college here so I will be back
nature is beautiful
need to see the rest of the world
nice country
nice place to getaway to
no car
not far from home
not much to do
not until warmer weather
Now have done it... so move on.
Once every couple of years is enough.
once you have seen the area no reason to return
other places to see
over 500 miles from home in MD
own a camp
peaceful
Plan on at least two trips next year - maybe one more this year
pretty
primitive
really like it
relaxing, good getaway
Relaxing, slow paced
repeat positive experiences
Retired and have more time
scenery
scenery and small towns with shops
scenic - vistas
Scenic and relaxing
scenic beauty
see the mountains year round
short ride from home
skiing
Snowmobiling
So darn nice!
So much left to explore
spend more time exploring areas near by
still things to see and do
the beauty will never change
The natural beauty.
the weather shorten our trip and hope to return next week before the season ends

things to do and see in summer and winter
 this is a beautiful and fun region
 this is first time visit and should have planned more days
 to see more
 to see my Mother
 too expensive, but gorgeous
 Traditional yearly trip to see friends at their camp
 trying to travel to all parts of the North East with the family
 unique environment
 very nice
 visit some areas that wasn't covered
 We are going up next week; we always visit, regardless of weather, season.
 We enjoy vacations with friends and family
 we had a great time
 we like it
 we love it here
 We love it.
 We love the area and what it has to offer.
 we love the area, ski season is approaching
 winter activities
 wonderful area
 would come back
 would like to bring (future) children here to camp, family-oriented environment
 would like to spend more time in ADKs instead of just traveling through
 would love to come again but its very far from home
 You already know

F2. Was there a particular source of information that was most useful to you, BEFORE you arrived in the area, and why?

Responses	Particular source of info most useful BEFORE arriving in area?
10	friend's advice
10	websites
8	AAA guides and maps
8	internet
4	Adirondack Magazine
4	web
3	family suggestions
2	computer
2	word of mouth
	1000 Islands information
	a Canal path map
	a local from Lake Placid
	Adirondack Explorer magazine and the Cranberry Lake Campground staff.
	Adirondack Express
	Adirondack north country scenic byways seaway byways
	Adirondack Reader, my mom
	Adirondacks website
	ADK
	ADK books - West-Central Region.
	ADK folks.
	ADK guidebook. Maps.
	ADK Life and Conservationist

Articles in magazines and suggestions from friends
 articles in the paper
 banners on post in village
 brochures and websites
 CAA gave out maps for scenic routes
 CAA trip planner
 commercial on TV
 dining websites - historic site web pages
 guide books
 home
 I had gone to the Alice T. Miner Museum before I had gone to Heart's Delight Farm
 I love NY booklet and friends advice
 I read about the Wild Center in a magazine a few years ago and never forgot the pictures
 INTERNET - TO FIND A RENTAL
 info book from Holland
 Information provided by family member and my own personal knowledge of the area (9+) years, (or even more)!
 knowledge of area from past visits
 Lake George Tourism, AAA book, book: "Off the Beaten Path"
 Lake Placid website
 Map and Function
 maps, topo maps, forest service maps, needed to set up long distance hiker requirements in advance
 museum brochure
 my dad
 Myself. But I do read the Adirondack Explorer and get AARCH literature. I also read many books about Adirondack history.
 National Geographic Maps to plan hikes
 New England color book to see the best spots for fall colors
 NG hiking maps
 Oh! what would I do without Google? Useful websites: NY DEC,
 Old Forge website
 Our hostess and resident of Lake Placid
 PBS Adirondack special
 PBS program about Wild Center
 peak (fall)
 recommendation of friends
 Researching with our friends on where we would plan to visit each year. Each year is different.
 ReserveAmerica website - I was looking for available waterfront campsites in the central region.
 RR pamphlet
 Seaway trail brochure
 Some excellent guide books about hiking and paddling opportunities.
 Suggestions by friends or family
 supervisor from work stayed here
 The Adirondack Express is usually up-to-date and gives a lot of useful information about upcoming events. It includes ads from area restaurants and points of interest.
 the internet searches
 The internet.

The people that I talked to about the route each gave me a perspective on the difficulties of the bushwack in different seasons.
the suggestions by friends and family
the weather forecast
tourist guide
travel agent help
travel books
tripadvisor.com for hotel info
tripvisor
TV programs
web site link to shops - restaurants in Old Forge
website for Tourism
website- lodging accommodations
website: Adirondack Railway and Cruise
Websites for the motels.
websites not very specific
Websites. I was able to check out activities, hours, admission and special events that were going on in the region. It helped me to organize my trip and agenda.
Wild Center brochure - gave the times, locations and phone #'s
wild center website
wild center website - great
wintertime we especially like the Webb camera and trail reports. Christie motel has a nice site.
word of mouth, TV
yahoo maps
yes - gave departure times and prices and phone # for info

F3b. Was there a particular website or type of information that was especially useful to you in planning your visit, and WHY?

If you DID USE the Internet, was there a particularly useful website?

Wikipedia articles: Adirondack High Peaks, Mount Marcy, Adirondack Loj, Adirondack Mountain Club, Algonquin Peak, etc. adirondackjourney.com -- "We seek to give hikers photos of: the views from the top, the trails and anything that may pose problems to your passage, and points of interest along the way." adk.org -- Adirondack Mountain Club's website. dec.ny.gov -- NY state Department of Environmental Conservation
www.summitpost.org/mountain/rock/150394/mount-marcy.html -- "SummitPost is a collaborative content community focused on climbing, mountaineering, hiking and other outdoor activities. This site is built by its members, and we welcome you to contribute [...]" "GORP.com: Comprehensive National Park information and recommendations."
gorp.away.com/gorp/resource/statepark/ny/hik_marc.htm -- Adirondacks State Park - Hiking Mount Marcy www.portal-1.com/a/Adirondack-Hiking/index.htm -- "Adirondack hiking portal with many good links."
www.northcountrymensclub.org
Adirondack Museum website. It gave me all of the information that I was looking for.
Adirondack RR website
Adirondack Scenic RR web site

Adirondack Train
adirondack.net
ADK
Adk RR site
ADK scenic RR, Old Forge
Availability and location of motels
Booking campsites - though it was very annoying to have to book two consecutive nights, another time out of season I would not book, but coming to a new region you never know how it will go.
CAA
CAA, Maps
chamber of Commerce
Chamber website, found out what would be going on during our visit
cruise and RR sites
dates and times available on line
dictionary
Erie Canal Museum website
Erie Canal Village site
Erie Canal Village Site
Friends provided information
Google
Google
Google maps
Google maps - listed a few restaurants and showed us details on our proposed trip
Google, easy to find info
google.com
googled it
hotel rating website
hotels
hotels
I Googled it and used several.
I just key in Adirondacks and use its options.
I Love NY
I Love NY info
I usually check the webcams, especially during the winter months when I do some "armchair" traveling. The Ad Express online is excellent, as it covers community events, minutes of meetings of local interest, plans for improving the area, items of concern to all New Yorkers, such as the effect of acid rain on the Adirondacks, articles written by local folks who reminisce about those who first settled the area.
I'm always looking and search on googles....by city or country name.
Lake Placid website
Lake Placid website - linked from LP 1/2 marathon website - info on lodging
Lake Placid.com it was the first
lodging
Long Lake and Raquette Lake
looked for out of the ordinary sites, like for bed and breakfast places etc.
mapping, hotels
moosecabins.com where we booked our cabin, it offered activities in the area
motel info
motels - places to stay
museum website

No, they were fractured and disjointed.
 No, we looked at a number of them as our interests and the weather varied
 Numerous Sites (Googled mostly)
 NY State and Fed NP
 Old Forge website
 Rails to Trails, DOT
 Rand McNally maps
 rental websites
 Rome canal museum
 seasonal start and end dates for attractions, lodging and restaurants
 Stillwater Reservoir map and write up. Bed and breakfast listings.
 The motel website
 the Museum site
 The weather
 they were all helpful
 Town of Webb, Christie motel, winter time
 VIC - hiking trail map
 Website for the RR.
 Wild Center and Foliage maps
 wild center website
 Wild Center website and Blue Mt. museum website and where to stay in the
 Adirondacks
 wild museum site
 wildlife museum.com
 www.cranberrylake50.org
 yahoo maps to find it
 yes - it gave all info needed to fulfill our visit
 yes - schedules in Adirondack railway and Cruise
 yes one that had lodging and maps (can't remember name)

F4. What type of website information about the area would be most useful to you?

What information on a website, brochure, or map would be MOST USEFUL?

a better description of places to stay
 A central place that told all the activities.
 A CURRENT detailed map of the area.
 Accurate trail maps that would be free.
 ACCURATE weather reports and shaded-relief topographical maps.
 activities
 activities - large and small
 activities and times of - what to do
 activities, trips, offerings
 accurate info about area or activity
 Adirondack Train
 all attractions
 Approximate costs, sites to see, physical requirements etc
 area info
 attractions, maps, cost, hotels, coupons, discounts
 Calendar of events
 camping notes, boat rental rates, unique activities for families
 Canoe routes and information.

catalog of local events
 Comprehensive & easy to find multi-use continuous maps of the COMPLETE area.
 costs, opportunities, recreation, lodging, dining
 costs; schedules of activities
 dates available costs
 Day trip and weekend trip info
 Description of the camping sites and outdoor activities in the area.
 detail maps showing the roadways and the listing of shopping-dinning-events-lodging-
 camping-
 Detailed description of sites. For example a description of how far the train ride is from
 Thendara to Old Forge
 detailed descriptions of trails/and other activities i.e. boating, x-c skiing/ lodging, etc
 different scenic routes for Fall Foliage
 directions, hours of areas of interest, maps
 Easier access to the DEC information concerning wilderness areas.
 Erie Canal Village needs a website that works
 foliage, scenic areas
 food and dining
 good comprehensive map of the whole area so one can tell what direction things are
 from one another instead of small line maps of very specific locales - also more
 available maps of the specific hiking trails
 Good maps with indications of attractions, lodging and restaurants
 Good quality topographic maps.
 high peaks trail maps
 hiking
 hiking and outdoor activities site
 Hiking information. There are many different websites and sometimes it is difficult to
 locate good information. Trailhead GPS coordinates would be helpful too to make it
 easier to drive to them.
 hiking trails
 hiking trails, fishing information and info on special events or activities
 hotels, places to eat, outdoor activities
 hotels, restaurants, recreational activities
 hotels, tourism
 hours of operation of businesses in area
 I most often look up accommodations/rates and descriptions, and real estate. I also
 look up what events will take place during the time of my visit. And I'm interested in
 the Wild Center and the two visitors' centers
 kayak trips, boat tours, horseback trips, overnight excursions
 links to local businesses/ shops
 local events and schedules
 lodging
 lodging, activities
 Lodging, attractions, and event calendars.
 lodging, hiking
 Long range weather predictions, listing of road conditions, etc.
 map
 map and attraction info
 MAP and brochure
 map of area
 Maps
 maps
 Maps and Function of area

Maps of the backcountry trails with GPS or Lat and Longitude on them.
more detail about schedule
more detailed / accessible map
more maps of area and trails
more on hiking trails with maps and sights
not enough info on what's here
not sure
NY Parks
One site that is well-maintained instead of hundreds that are un-maintained.
Overview of area, accommodation's, restaurants, museum info, maps, especially hours and dates of operation and if seasonal.
photos and descriptions of attractions
Photos and maps.
PICTURES
Places and numbers to rent boats/canoe/kayaks.
places to stay and things to do
places to stay, eat, hike, and swim
pre mapped bike routes recommended by other riders
rentals by owner
rentals in this area
restaurant times, fall schedules
seasonal activities and things to do
special activities, schedules
specific info on hiking each of the mtns - trail difficulties, degree of slope, open rock face, etc.
Specifics on (Hiking Trails) - Topo Maps, more detail on my specific interests - Hiking, Canoeing.
The current and projected weather, activities, and events going planned during our stay, and new attractions, or good places to go and see.
The fact that there is a shuttle.
the Hikes
the map
The types of trails, restaurants, more in depth info about the motels/hotels
The video shown at Hearts Delight Farm
things to do
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things to do with a schedule of time/departure
this was useful
Times that they were open for museums. Type of hikes given and length of time. What other activities were available at the museum.
Topographic map showing forest, lakes, contours, roads and trails, campsites, and restaurants.
tourist info
tourist info, directions
trail info
trail info, ski info
Trailhead locations and descriptions of the trail.
up to date calendars of events
updated local festivities info
upstate NY website
various information

We needed to spend our final several nights at a commercial campground. It was difficult to find which ones had separate areas for tent campers that were nice. We finally found Kayuta Lake Campground, which worked well. Not everyone wants to "camp" in an RV, but web sites don't seem to know that.

weather and bug info - black flies and mosquito info - best bug repellent
 weather, accommodations, distances
 weather, condition of trails, foliage reports or amount of snow in mts
 weather, events, restaurant ratings as well as hotel ratings
 well organized
 what you do when you get here: a list of things to do
 Where to eat, Family oriented activities, Churches

G2. Was there a particular source of information that was most useful to you, AFTER you arrived in the area, and why?

After in area, was there a particular source of information that was most useful, and why?

- Responses
- 11 brochures
 - 3 friends
 - 2 maps
 - 2 websites
- A brochure about the Lake Cruise that was left in a restaurant.
 a map of hiking trails and their difficulties
 A staff member at the Cranberry Lake campground gave us information about the Raquette River which we had not planned to go to, but enjoyed very much.
 above
 Adirondack Magazine
 Adirondack Magazine
 ADK express
 advertisement - aware of the tour possibility
 Asking questions
 at the Alice T. Museum
 Bill at the Front Desk of the Hotel - and avid hiker had excellent suggestions for hikes less traveled that lead to a wonderful experience
 booklet
 brochures and maps
 brochures and paper
 brochures at Tour Info Station
 brochures at Welcome Center and at lodging
 brochures for attractions - new information
 Brochures, for their maps.
 brochures, info from shopkeepers
 brochures, magazines
 brochures; highway signs
 Bus driver - explained the area etc.
 bus driver on the shuttle
 Bus guide
 bus tour guide
 employee at lodge
 employees
 employees at stores
 Employees of Railroad and Bus services. The Adirondack Train literature was

confusing
family
Fellow hikers and DEC rangers
free advertising in booklet we picked up
highway signs helped me know how to get places
highway signs, flags in town
History happened here
hotel staff knew area well
info centers
Information Center - very knowledgeable
Information from the General Store single source of information.
Inlet C of C has lot of material. They also e-mail me during the year. Old Forge C of C also very helpful. I usually stop in at the APA office for their material.
introduction to the Wild Center
just talking to people and reading pamphlets
just wandered around
Lake Placid guide helped
Lake Placid Map showing restaurants, etc
local area map at hotel
local folks, shop keepers, waiters/ waitresses
local friend
local guides
local info from specific Villages i.e.: chambers of commerce
local maps
Local newspaper for area events
local newspapers - brochures in public places like motel lobbies etc
local residents
local travel info in tourism books and pamphlets
Locals - they are in the know
Lodging
lodging person.... wanted to know where to go to hike, close by
maps-booklets-scenic byways
Mountainman Canoe Store in Old Forge
museum employees - lodging and meals
newspaper
One friend that came along with me. He had visited the area before and knew it better than me.
Park Ranger employee
people
people
people
people at info sites were very knowledgeable and pleasant, welcoming especially at Old Forge and Lake Durant rangers
people of the community and motel staff
People we talked to
People who live here
printed maps of the town
recommendations, first hand point of view
ride with friends
signs
Signs and brochures available at hotels and restaurants
signs to the Wild Center in town

store clerk - restaurant recommendations
stores - people in them
The Adirondack Guide
the highway signs to the Museum
the internet, to check times for events
The map of Old Forge
the people running the Erie Canal Village
the Tourist Information Center
The trailhead markers on the side of NY 28.
Tourist info @ Indian Lake - needed hiking trail brochure
Tourist Info Center - brochures
TV ads
TV weather
visitor center

Visitor center in Inlet and in Old Forge. Both gave me information concerning the museums and on hiking trails in the vicinity. I talked with a person at both visitor centers.

visitor center in Tupper Lake
visitor center staff - extremely knowledgeable
visitor information
Visitor Information Center - knew what was going on that day

Visitor information Center in Old Forge. Staff had suggestions on some activities that we were not aware of. We were able to do a couple of things that we would not of known about if we had not stopped there.

Visitor Information Center staff

Visitor Information staff are very helpful. We stop at both the Old Forge and the Inlet Vis. Info Ctr and engage in chats with staff who are all too willing to listen and share stories about animal sightings, the fishing, black flies, etc.

visitor's center

Visitors Center in Old Forge

visitors information

visitor's information told us to go to the Museum

We chose several things to do after our hike from the Express Summer Adirondack Guide

we picked up a canal map at Lockport

weather channel

were told about Oktoberfest other things happening

word of mouth

yahoo maps

yes front desk people suggested things to do and great places to eat and favorite local hiking spots

yes, where to get good Italian food and good short hiking trail

G3. If you have had difficulty finding the information you need about a particular activity, attraction, or event, please identify the problem:

Difficulty in finding the information you needed:

all of the guide books, McMarten's, ADK, Adirondack Explorer, etc are not very specific about the obstacles and difficulties on each of the mtns

Altho we'd heard a bit about the Antiques event, there didn't seem to be much info about it available or signage.

direction to trails

directions

directions - poor signs

Erie Canal website, not helpful

hard to navigate web

I just never hear about activities at the Visitor Centers = Paul Smith's and Newcomb's.

Seems like a lack of outreach or nothing scheduled to bring people in.

location, directions for day hikes

Maps and directions

more brochures at rest stops

more info in small hotels and cottages

no address or bad indication

Nothing about the type of trails

on trails

store hours on Main St.

The Black River Canal Museum did not have hours listed on the door... had to get on the internet to get a phone number and then call... answering service... get another number... then set up tour.

The internet is a scattered & fragmented source of information.

the train brochure was confusing - just wanted to find a time and ride with my kids

tried to find out what was in Thendara and where it was in relation to Old Forge

Unsure of location and cost involved of activity.

Well, the weather forecasts sucked, but that's to be expected: Mountain weather is too variable and unpredictable for accurate forecasts.