

Adirondack North Country
SCENICBYWAYS

TUPPER LAKE COMMUNITY



The area's breathtaking scenery and wilderness adventure await you...



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Begin your journey to our area by traveling one of the three byways leading to Tupper Lake—the Central Adirondack Trail, the Adirondack Trail, or the Olympic Scenic Byway. You'll discover not-to-miss stops along the way.

Once here, explore the waterways with paddle and boat—Tupper Lake, Lows Lake, Bog River Flow, and the Raquette River. Hike along trails, climb Mount Arab and historic Coney Mountain. Join in as spectators, or perhaps participants, in the Tinman and Woodsmen's Days events. Feast at every meal, experience wonder at every turn, and gaze in amazement at the breathtaking scenery.

When you leave, reminisce, reflect and re-live every moment of your time with us. Swap stories with friends and family. Before long, you'll be planning your next byway visit for new adventures, building stories and legends that span generations.

Join us this year to begin your family traditions.

Tupper Lake
Live it! Breathe it!

MOUNT ARAB Breathtaking view from the summit showing Mount Arab Lake (cover); **CROSS COUNTRY SKI** the many backcountry trails in our area, including those at the Visitor Interpretive Center at Paul Smiths (above).

Scenic Views

Tupper Lake is surrounded by the spectacular natural beauty of the protected forests and waterways of the Adirondack Park. The following specific observation sites offer extraordinary quality of views, as well as easy access and close proximity to the byways.

- 1 Tupper Lake Municipal Park** on NYS Route 3 offers some of the best panoramic sunset views in the Adirondacks.
- 2 Bog River Falls** off NYS Route 30 south of Tupper Lake on County Route (CR) 421 has several picnic areas within close proximity to the falls and offers a unique view of the southernmost tip of Tupper Lake. A local favorite.
- 3 Simon Pond Pull Off** along NYS Route 30 south of Tupper Lake provides a different perspective of the High Peaks with its wonderful views of the Seward Range.

Bike Tours & Excursions

With breathtaking scenery in all directions, you can't go wrong with a bike tour on any road in the Tupper Lake area. Westerly routes offer rolling hills with remote wilderness, while routes heading east or south have more aggressive terrain with spectacular views of the High Peaks region. Travel west along NYS Route 3 toward Pierceland for views of Mount Arab and other mountains in the Saranac Lake Wild Forest region. Travel south along NYS Route 30 toward historic Coney Mountain with its views of Tupper Lake as you head toward Long Lake and Blue Mountain Lake, or head east along NYS Routes 3 and 30 toward the Village of Saranac Lake with its views of the High Peaks region.

- 4 Panther Mountain Loop** begins at the Municipal Park on NYS Route 3. Follow NYS Routes 3/30 east to the turnoff for NYS Route 30, traveling along NYS Route 30 for approximately 2 miles to Panther Mountain Road (CR 45). Turn right and follow CR 45 to its terminus at NYS Route 3; turn right and head back to Tupper Lake. On Panther Mountain Road experience an extensive wetland area. Moderate rating.
- 5 Childwold Excursion** is found along NYS Route 3 west of central Tupper Lake. Follow this route as far as you would like to go! Rolling hills and awesome remote wilderness scenery. Moderate rating.

Mountain Biking

Situated at the apex of 14 trails within a half-hour of travel, Tupper Lake boasts an impressive list of top-rated trails. With Tupper Lake as your base camp, you can reserve a room in one of our motels or cabins, or camp under the stars.

- 6** The **Horseshoe Lake to Hitchins Pond** **4** route leads to the historic site of Augustus Low's (namesake for nearby Low's Lake—see listing #9) logging operation and spring water bottling, in what is now designated as the Horseshoe Lake Wild Forest area. From NYS Route 30 south of Tupper Lake, turn onto CR 421 and follow until it dead ends on the western shore of Horseshoe Lake, where access is gained to three bike routes: Hitchins Pond to the west (described here), Massawepie Road (north), and Trout Pond (south). Easy rating, length 2.0 miles.

- 7** The **Santa Clara Tract** **4** located in Franklin County near Paul Smiths provides challenging, yet rewarding, tours through wild Adirondack countryside. Enjoy some lovely scenery and solitude, as few vehicles travel this long dirt and gravel road. Nearby are

the Adirondack Park Visitor Interpretive Center and Paul Smith's College. Hike nearby Azure Mountain with its recently reopened fire observation tower. Travel east from Tupper Lake to access the southern trailhead on the east side of NYS Route 30 just north of Paul Smith's College and opposite Keese Mills Road. Moderate rating, length 25.0 miles.

Paddle Routes



PHOTO—courtesy of Northern Forest Canoe Trail

Within 30 miles of historic Coney Mountain are the headwaters of the ten major Adirondack Rivers, collectively known as the *Ten Rivers Region*—Cold River, Raquette River, Beaver River, Marion River, Hudson River, Oswegatchie River, St. Regis River, Bog River, Grasse River and the Saranac River. Included in this region is a portion of the *Northern Forest Canoe Trail*, a recreational water trail connecting the Adirondacks to northern Maine. Tupper Lake offers access to this rich network of historic waterways which provide opportunities for paddlers of all abilities to spend an afternoon or a lifetime exploring crystalline lakes, hidden ponds, frothy brooks and winding streams.

- 8** Seventeen miles in length, the **Raquette River to Pierceland Stretch** **6 8 9** from Pierceland to Carry Falls Reservoir offers the Raquette's most exciting whitewater. Starting at the dam near Pierceland on NYS Route 3, the river winds north through a series of rapids and over two waterfalls. State land borders most of this area. Carry trails maintained by Brookfield Renewable Power skirt some of the harder sections.
- 9** Just getting into **Lows Lake via the Bog River Flow** **6** is an adventure. From the lower dam, this 11-mile paddle, with one short carry at the upper dam, traverses a beautiful narrow waterway. The wide expanse of Lows Lake then opens up with marshes to the south and a backdrop of rugged mountains to the north. Island and bays provide refuge when it's windy, which happens frequently! There are 39 designated campsites. The lower dam hand-launch is accessed from CR 421, off NYS Route 30 south of Tupper Lake.
- 10** Beautiful **Lake Lila** **9** has 17 designated campsites and is surrounded by protected state land. A 0.3-mile carry leads from the parking area to the sandy launch site. Follow the blue markers from Lila's western shore for a great view of the lake and the high peaks beyond. From the lean-to take the 1.5-mile hike to the top of Mt. Frederica. Head south on NYS 30 from Tupper Lake to Sabattis Circle Road (CR 10A). Look for a DEC sign at the head of the dirt road to the water access.

Hiking Trails

Escape the hectic pace of urban living with a hike or backpack along one of our many area trails. They traverse a wide range of elevation gain, providing challenge for every ability. Hikes to the west and south offer trails with lower elevations. Hikes to the east provide greater challenge.

- 11** The short bushwhack to **Historic Coney Mountain** begins where the Franklin-Hamilton county line crosses NYS Route 30. It is easy enough for beginners and the summit offers full panoramic views in all directions. Travel south along NYS Route 30 until you see the County Line marker. Park in the paved area of the snowplow turnaround. Across the road, hidden just inside the forest cover is a low utility pole with a larger transformer marking the beginning of the trail. Moderate rating, .7 mile to summit.
- 12 Panther Mountain** **6** is 6.6 miles east of Tupper Lake on NYS Route 3. This short trail has a few steep areas, but the views are wonderful and well worth the effort. Moderate rating, .6 miles to summit.
- 13 Mount Arab Trail** **6** is a great hike for the whole family. It is one of the few remaining peaks boasting a fire observation tower and ranger's cabin. Both have been restored and an interpretive guide is available in the summer months and early fall weekends. Access the trail from NYS Route 3, approximately five miles west of Tupper Lake. Follow signs to the trailhead parking area. Moderate rating, 1.0 mile to summit.

Play, Camp & Picnic

In addition to backcountry camping, Tupper Lake offers a variety of options for family fun and greater accessibility.

- 14 Tupper Lake Municipal Park** is found along NYS Route 3 on the waterfront of Raquette Pond. The park offers tennis and volleyball courts, skateboarding, basketball, ball fields, playground and picnic areas—all with lights for evening games and enjoyment. A boardwalk along the water features two scenic overlooks. Cartop launch year round; short term docking facilities available during summer.
- 15 Little Wolf Beach & Campgrounds** Situated on Little Wolf Lake is an ideal recreational spot to spend a few days or a few weeks. Owned and operated by the Town of Tupper Lake, the facility features 52 campsites with stone fireplaces—28 with electricity and sewer—and is located about one mile off Route 3 West in Tupper Lake. Enjoy the town's large sandy beach and a shady picnic area with picnic tables and fireplaces. A patrolled designated swimming area is marked off and Red Cross trained lifeguards and swimming instructors are on duty.
- 16 Fish Creek State Campground** **6** provides 355 campsites to accommodate all equipment, from tents to 40-foot RVs. The campground offers a natural-sand shoreline and water access for most campsites, a picnic area, supervised beach, and a playground. An organized recreation activity program is offered daily at the amphitheater. Many miles of trails begin right from the campground, with an abundance of other hiking opportunities nearby along NYS Route 30. Open from the end of June to Labor Day.

Area Events & Celebrations

We invite you to join in the celebrations at one of our many annual events. They are sure to add to the special memories of your time with us.

- 17 Woodsmen Days** **13** Each year in July, Tupper Lake's exciting, annual event attracts thousands of spectators and hundreds of competitors for a weekend of parades, logging demonstrations, skilled competitions, and fun. Horse pulling, chainsaw carving, axe throwing, and team greased-pole climbing make up some of the action-packed events.



Bring home treasured vacation memories that will last a lifetime. Travel the Adirondack North Country Scenic Byways and discover why it's about more than your destination—it's about all the people, places and adventures you experience along the way.

Discover Tupper Lake, New York.

Adirondack North Country Scenic Byways

- Adirondack Trail Scenic Byway
- Black River Trail Scenic Byway
- Blue Ridge Road Scenic Byway
- Central Adirondack Trail Scenic Byway
- Dude Ranch Trail Scenic Byway
- High Peaks Scenic Byway
- Lakes to Locks Passage: All-American Road
- Military Trail Scenic Byway
- Olympic Scenic Byway
- Revolutionary Trail Scenic Byway
- Roosevelt Marcy Scenic Byway
- Seaway Trail National Scenic Byway
- Southern Adirondack Trail Scenic Byway

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18 For the annual **No-Octane Regatta** bring your canoe, kayak, guideboat, or rowboat to have a day of fun on Little Wolf Lake in Tupper Lake! Includes races such as the Doggy Paddle and War Canoe, Relays, demonstrations in traditional canoe paddling, and a colorful "Grand Parade" of boats. Children's activities planned throughout the day. Held each year in June, the regatta begins at 11:00 a.m.

19 The **Tinman Triathlon** **10** was established by four athletes in 1979 who wanted the experience of competing in a triathlon but could not spend months of full-time training. Not meant to be an "elite" race, this is a triathlon for every interested athlete. Held in June each year for the past 26 years, the Tupper Lake regional event attracts the maximum athlete allowance of 1,200, with the number of spectators in the thousands.

20 The **Quit Wishin' and Go Fishin' Derby** is held in July each year. Come dip a line for bass, walleye and northern pike.

21 **Independence Day Fireworks** Held at the municipal park each year on July third, the day-early display is the most popular in the region.

22 The popular **Mount Arab Lodge and Eastern Star Flea Market** is a huge flea market with over 300 vendors, held every year in August.

23 **Celebrate Tupper Lake** **11** is a lively street festival featuring local arts, crafts and performing arts held each year in July.

Activities Around Town

Take a break from your wilderness adventures to sample some of the activities around town.

24 **The Wild Center** **12** has walking trails, naturalist guides, movies, exhibits showcasing more than 900 live animals—the otters are a big favorite—and a wealth of information about the natural lands of the Adirondacks.

25 The **Beth Joseph Synagogue and Gallery**, built in 1905, is the oldest synagogue in the Adirondack Mountains. The National Register of Historic Places property houses a small museum located on Lake Street. Open in the summer.

26 The **Tupper Lake Arts Council** **11** offers a moveable feast of performing and visual arts throughout the community.

PHOTO CAPTIONS Scenic Views—Pavilion at the Tupper Lake Municipal Park (above); Activities Around Town—walking trails, naturalist guides, and 900 live exhibits—including otters—await visitors at The Wild Center (above left); Paddle Routes—paddling one of the area's many waterways (opposite side, courtesy of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail).



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For more detailed information on these and other activities and events, the Tupper Lake Visitors Welcome Center is the area's primary resource. Located at 121 Park Street, the Center provides easy access for walk-ins. Welcome Center staff may be reached by phone at 518 359-3328 or at their website at www.tupperlakeinfo.com. Other great sources of visitor information include the following web sites.

- 1** Adirondack Museum www.adirondackmuseum.org
- 2** Adirondack North Country Association www.adirondack.org/visitorresources.php [scenic byways]
- 3** Adirondack Park Agency Visitor Interpretive Centers www.adkvic.org
- 4** Bike Adirondacks www.bikeadirondacks.org
- 5** Northern Forest Canoe Trail www.northernforestcanoetrail.org
- 6** NYS Department of Environmental Conservation www.dec.ny.gov [search A-Z index for boat launches, camping]
- 7** No-Octane Regatta www.adkmuseum.org
- 8** Raquette River www.raquetteriver.com
- 9** Ten Rivers Region www.tupperlake.net/canoe.htm
- 10** Tinman www.tupperlakeinfo.com/tinman/index.htm
- 11** Tupper Lake Arts Council www.tupperlakearts.org
- 12** The Wild Center www.wildcenter.org
- 13** Woodsmen Days www.woodsmendays.com

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- NYS Adirondack Park The 6-million acre mix of public and private lands that has been a tourist destination for more than 100 years.