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## A Little History

The Rock House was built by Louie and Sandy for their 9 year old daughter Clara in 2010.

Many slumber parties ended in screams when a raccoon jumped onto the roof or a thunderstorm interrupted the non-slumbering pre-teens.

After Clara grew up and went to college The Rock House was rennovated, the outdoor tub and outdoor kitchen were added and wi-fi installed. Its new life as a nature retreat for guests has been joyful.

**Your hosts:** Sandy Maine began her career as an Adirondack Wilderness guide in the 1990's and worked for private individuals as well as SUNY Potsdam Wilderness Workshop. She also developed and ran the wilderness Outdoor Recreation with Education (ORWE) program for youth in Massena in the 80's.

As a compliment to her guide services she developed a body care manufacturing business and has since become a prominent influence not only in soapmaking as a craft, but also in inspiring those who shared her passion to turn their craft into thriving entrepreneurial ventures. Sandy is the founder and previous owner of Adirondack Fragrance & Flavor Farm - where innovative "farm-to-body care" products are happening at the boutique factory just down the road!! The company is now owned by her son and his wife, Clark and Yen Maine.

Lou Maine has been trapesing around the Adirondacks and the St. Lawrence Valley as a Land Surveyor for many years. Lou is well versed in local history, carpentry, alternative energy, star gazing, and rehabbing his antique canoe collection.





## **Propery Overview**

**The Rock House** was fully renovated in the summer of 2019. It is supplied with electric power from a solar and battery storage system with automatic generator back up. Hot spring water for bathing and washing is supplied by an energy efficient on-demand hot water heater.

For your good health and enjoyment a Finnish sauna with a shower is located behind the outdoor tub in a small building called The Hawk House Sauna.

Also, ajacent to the Rock House will soon be a natural swimming pool! Construction will be finished by July 25th, 2025

There is a clean and pleasant outhouse.

Refrigeration is supplied by a gas refridgerator and there is also a gas stove. You may also enjoy the firepit for grilling or sitting around the campfire.

In 2021 we added a nice pavillion with a fully equipped outdoor kitchen and picnic area.

You will be able to access Starlink WiFi at the cabin. The password is: highlite!

**Setting:** The Rock House is located in the Northwest corner of the Adirondack Park. We are next to the St. Lawrence County recreational trail system. Enjoy our 160-acre parcel in a perfectly private setting with many interesting birds, huge trees, mosses, ferns, mushrooms and river creatures like beaver, trout and otter. There are over four miles of marked private trails for hiking along the river and with loops into the woods. With Potsdam only 15 miles away you have the best of both the civilized and the natural world when staying at our cabin.

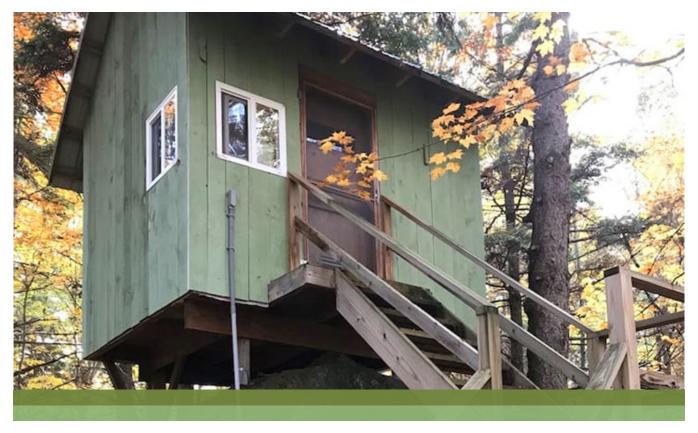
We will welcome well-behaved pets.

We look forward to hosting guests who will enjoy the natural solitude, privacy and esthetic comforts of The Rock House, river and beautiful forest trails on our tranquil 160-acre property.

Though you are assured complete privacy during your stay, your hosts Sandy and Lou Maine are only a call or text away should you need any assistance.

(315) 212 7143 cell (315) 328 4129 land line





## Checking in & out

#### At Check-in:

Your hosts, Sandy or Lou, will greet you at their home (Green Farm house) at 1150 Sylvan Falls Road, Potsdam, NY, at a mutually agreeable time. You may call or text (315) 212-7143 if you plan to be early or late. You will see the logo for the ADK Riverside Cabin on a sign post at entrance of driveway.

Sandy or Lou will show you to The Rock House. If you prefer self check-in you will find The Rock House unlocked. **It's** 

located behind the Farm house at 1150 Sylvan Road. Look for the sign for The Rock House behind a privacy fence.

- Check in is from 3-9 pm unless other arrangements have been made.
- Check out is at 11AM. Feel free to remain and enjoy the trails until 3pm
- For Self Check-in contact Sandy before arrival
- Cancel within 24 hours of check-in and the first night is non-refundable.
- Cancel up to 24 hours before check-in to get a refund, minus Airbnb service fees.
- Airbnb service fees are refunded only if the reservation is cancelled within 48 hours of booking and the guest has not checked-in yet.

#### At Check-out:

- Please remove sheets and pillow cases from beds and place them in a pillow case along with any used towels.
- Please put the futon bed back into a couch as it was when you arrived.
- Please bring laundry and any garbage to farm house porch.
- Please wash up your dishes and clean the grill and grilling utensils if you used them
- All food waste should be placed in the compost container.
- Please remove any food or drink from the refrigerator that you brought to the cabin.
- Leave the door UNLOCKED and windows closed
- Turn OFF lights







## **Creature Comforts**

#### Provided:

- Fresh linens, comforters, blankets & pillows.
- Towels, soap, shampoo, conditioner. Toilet paper.
- Firewood for campfires is \$5 per square
- Lantern
- Spring water for drinking (from kitchen faucet)
- Verizon Cellular (3 bars), Wifi password: rockhouse
- Sauna (wood fired) with shower
- Outdoor tub with hot & cold running water and privacy fence
- Eating and cooking utensils provided

#### **Food Shopping:**

- Potsdam Food Coop, 24 Elm St., Potsdam
- IGA Supermarket, 27 Elm St., Potsdam
- Price Chopper Rt 56 N, Potsdam
- Purple Rice Asian Market, 20 Elm Street, Potsdam
- Nori's Natural Food, 138 Church Street, Saranac Lake
- Nature's Storehouse 21 Main Stree Canton (Our family owns this 50 year old natural food store!)

#### Remember to bring:

- Raingear, swim wear, beach towels, footwear suitable for enjoying the woods
- Hats, gloves, outerwear
- Fresh foods
- Cell phone charger
- Passport or enhanced license is needed if you are planning to visit Canada.
- Bug spray, sunscreen
- Day pack





## Off Grid Living and Other Things to Know

- Futon Couch folds out into double bed. Linens, pillows, and blankets provided.
- Solar panels will charge 8 deep cycle batteries and will provide for your electical needs. If we have a lack of sun and the batteries need to be charged you may hear a generator running.
- Please avoid using hairdryers, curling irons, toasters or any device that generates heat as these will run the batteries low.
- The propane heater may be used as needed to maintain a comfortable temperature.
- If there is a power outage use candles and / or flashlights and your hosts will reboot the system. This is a rare occurance but not unheard of when living off grid.

#### Handling food and other waste:

- Do not leave food outside The Rock House even if it's in a cooler. Clean the grill and kitchen before retiring for the night and douse the firepit with water until completely out.
- We suggest putting coolers in your car for the night.
- Raccoon are very sly and will maraud for food at night Please help us be very uninteresting to wildlife by not leaving food outside!!
- Bear sitings are very rare. If you do see a bear it's just passing through. Keep your distance and you'll be safe. ADK bears are vegetarians and only attack if provoked.
- Please do not throw food, plastic or paper waste into the outhouse pit.
- Please do not burn plastic or foil in the fire pit.





## **Safety Information**

**Trails & River Tram:** We will provide you with a map of over 4 miles of private woodland trails which are well marked and maintained.

Enjoy the use of our trails for hiking, fishing and swimming. Enjoy kayaking or canoeing on the river. Kayaks and gear are provided. (See map for location)

All recreational activities are at your own risk. Your cell phone will probably not work once you get out of range of the cabin so plan accordingly.

Campfires: Fires must be started with paper, and kindling - never kerosene or gasoline. Please keep your fire reasonable in size and only in designated areas. Split and seasoned firewood is provided at The Rock House fire pit. All fires must be extinguished with water before retiring for the night. Firewood is \$5.00 a square or feel free to collect your own from dead & down trees in the surrounding forest.

IF THERE IS A WIND, FIRES ARE NOT ALLOWED. Please do not bring firewood onto our land to prevent spreading tree diseases.

Fire Extinguisher: Located near refrigerator.

**First Aid:** There is a first aid kit on shelf in cabin. For emergencies contact 911 and your host.

**River:** Depending upon rain levels and time of the year the high water level will be as much as 4 feet and low water as little as 2 feet deep. Normally the water levels in JUNE – SEPT are 2-3 feet. Enjoy the rush and excitement of spring breakup in April and May but do not enter the water during that time unless you are a kayaker familiar with Class 4 rapids.

**River Swim Hole:** The location of the "clothing optional" private swim hole is identified on your map. The water gradually deepens from the dock at 1 ft to the rock at 6 feet deep. The water is usually very comfortable for swimming June 1- September 30. If the tram is on the island side please return later, other guests may be using the swimming hole.

**New Swim Pond - Natural Pool:** A new natural swimming pool will be completed by June 2025. It will be only 20 feet from the finnish sauna.

**Kayaks:** 2 kayaks, a canoe and gear are located on the Tram Trail (see map). Guests in our 3 cabins are welcome to use them. If the kayaks are not there stop back later!

Enter river and go downstream for approx. 1 mile. When you see a bridge turn around and go back!

Threre are class 4 rapids past the bridge which should only be attempted by VERY experienced white water kayakers.



## Dining & Things To Do Close By

#### **1844 House**

On Route 11 about half way between Potsdam and Canton, this American Bistro has, in my opinion, has some of the best food in the area. Reservations recommended. Price - upper range for the area.

www.1844house.com

#### Jake's on the Water

Take Rt 56 south past SUNY Potsdam and Jakes is just outside the hamlet of Hannawa Falls. Always a great dining and bar choice! Beautiful setting, good service, adventurous chef. Food is good. Price mid-upper range for our area.

www.jakesonthewater.com

#### Maxfield's

Located in downtown Potsdam on Market St. near the bridge to Fall Island, this is a multi-purpose establishment. In addition to having good food the bar caters to an older crowd during the day and a student crowd at night.

www.facebook.com/MaxfieldsPotsdam

#### Cactus Grill

The Grill is located on Raymond St. just off Market St.. Raymond is across the intersection from Elm St. by the University Bookstore. It's consistent, Mexican fare. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/CactusGrill">www.facebook.com/CactusGrill</a>

#### Mc Duff's

Market street in Potsdam. Bar & great bar food. www.mcduffspub.com

#### Sergi's

Great Italian food and pizzeria. Family run. Market Street, Potsdam <u>sergispizza.com</u>

#### Mahogany Ridge Bar & Grill

Locally owned by Chef Kirk Rabideau. Excellent local cuisine. Fun bar, romantic atmosphere, great service, reasonably priced. About a 30 minute drive from here in South Colton. 315-274-0351 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/robideaumahoganyridge/">www.facebook.com/robideaumahoganyridge/</a>

#### Thai Cuisine Restaurant

Located on the other side of Fall Island from Maxfield's. I like the food and appreciate that it's prepared well and fresh. potsdamthaicuisine.com

#### Mama Lucia's

This restaurant is located in the old train depot that is visible from the bypass (Sandstone Drive) and is at the end of Depot St. Very good Italian! <a href="https://www.facebook.com/MamaLuciaPotsdam">www.facebook.com/MamaLuciaPotsdam</a>

#### The Timber Tavern

A locally owned bar and restaurant open 7 days a week. It's on Rt 72 just past Parishville. The food is pretty good and very reasonably priced.

A local favorite if you don't want to drive all the way to Potsdam! <a href="https://www.facebook.com/p/Timber-Tavern-100043234315284/">www.facebook.com/p/Timber-Tavern-100043234315284/</a>

#### The Cedar Lodge

A very backwoods local bar/restaurant that caters to locals and 4 wheelers. It's small and cozy! The people are friendly, the food is good, portions are huge and you can't beat the prices! <a href="mailto:facebook.com/p/Cedar-Lodge-Bar-Grill-61559952662363/">facebook.com/p/Cedar-Lodge-Bar-Grill-61559952662363/</a>

### Rainy day things to do close by:

## Tour the Adirondack Fragrance Farm Factory and Outlet Store on Rt 72 Parishville.

Previously owned by your host Sandy Maine. www.adkfragrancefarm.com

**Don't miss The Birchbark Book Shop** at 40 Ashton Road, in Potsdam, Open 1-6 Pm on Saturday and Sunday. Over 80,000 used books, local history, vintage records and magazines. Great Kids section too! You can find them on Facebook.

**Parishville Museum**, 1785 Main Street, in Parishville. A rich collection of the towns industry and logging history and more! (315) 265-6180

Call Town Clerk for Museum Hours. They vary by season.



# Enjoy a visit to our Finnish wood-fired cedar sauna.

It's located between the Farm House and The Rock House in a small green building. Fresh towels, firewood and fire starter are provided. It takes approx 90 minutes to get the sauna up to temperature.

If you have heart disease or other underlying health issues please read health cautions information posted in the sauna dressing room.

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## Day Trip Ideas

#### ADIRONDACK FISH HATCHERY 103 Fish Hatchery Rd,

Lake Clear, state fishhatchery raises land-locked Atlantic salmon. (518) 891-3358 · dec.nv.gov/outdoor/21664.html

ADIRONDACK FLYING SERVICE, 27 Airport Ln., Lake Placid, 20-minute scenic flights over Adirondack High Peaks. flyanywhere.com/ adirondack scenic flights · 1-866-439-2399

#### ADIRONDACK MENNONITE HERITAGE FARM

Recognized by the National and State Registries of Historic Places and built by the Moser brothers who settled in Lewis County in the 1830s. The property consists of an 1840's Greek Revival style house, two 1874 barns, granary, and garage. Today the farm is run as a historical learning center dedicated to the preservation of Mennonite faith and culture and the way of life of Lewis County farmers. Erie Canal Rd, Croghan · (315) 346-1122 · mennoniteheritagefarm.com

ADIRONDACK MUSEUM Museum's exhibits and programs tell the stories of how people have lived, worked, played and traveled in the Adirondack region since the early 1800s. Twenty buildings on 32 acres of grounds and gardens, 22 engaging indoor and outdoor exhibits, historic buildings, incredible collections, great gardens, magnificent views, and on-going programs and special events offer a variety of interesting activities for the whole family.

Rt 30, Blue Mountain Lake (518) 352-7311 · adirondackmuseum.org

#### ADIRONDACK PARK VISITOR INTERPRETIVE CENTER

A 6.5-mile interpretive trail system with signs explaining ecology, summer hiking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, exhibits of Adirondack history.

8023 Rt 30, Paul Smiths · (518) 327-6241 · adirondackvic.org

#### AKWESASNE MOHAWK CASINO RESORT

Open 24-7, hundreds of exciting gaming machines, dozens of table games, native harvest buffet, Pair-A-Dice lounge, gift shops, buses welcome. mohawkcasino.com

873 State Rt 37, Akwesasne · 1-877-99CASINO

#### AKWESASNE CULTURAL CENTER

A library and museum about the Mohawk Nation community of Akwesasne. Opening in 1971, the Akwesasne Library was the first Native American Library east of the Mississippi River. 321 NY-37, Akwesasne · (518) 358-2240 HIGHLY RECOMENDED! akwesasneculturalcenter.org

#### ALMANZO WILDER HOMESTEAD

Home of real life character of Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House. Bookstore and museum. 177 Stacy Rd, Burke, near Malone (518) 483-1207 · almanzowilderfarm.com

#### AMERICAN MAPLE MUSEUM & HALL OF FAME

Artifacts, maple syrup manufacturing equipment, logging tools, antiques. 9756 Rt. 812, Croghan

(315) 346-1107 · www.americanmaplemuseum.org

#### AUSABLE CHASM

Wonders, nature trails, scenic vistas, rafting, kayaking, tubing 2144 Rt 9, Ausable Chasm · (518) 834-7454 · ausablechasm.com

#### BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE BOAT LIVERY

Scenic boat trip, 1916 wooden launches, tours, rentals, instructions, sailing, canoeing, and camping.

Rte. 28, Blue Mountain Lake · (518) 352-7351 · boatlivery.com

#### **BOLDT CASTLE**

Accessible by boat or boat tour from Alexandria Bay. 120 room Rhineland castle belonging to George Boldt, begun as a gift for his wife, but abandoned at her untimely death. Undergoing magnificent restoration. (315) 482-9724 or (315) 482-2501 · boldtcastle.com

#### CHATEAUGAY FISH HATCHERY

Lake, brook, rainbow and brown trout. Free. 134 Fish Hatchery Rd, off Rt 11, Chateaugay · (518) 497-6151 https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/freshwater-fishing/hatcheries

#### **CLAYTON OPERA HOUSE**

Performance and community center. Variety of performances throughout the summer season. claytonoperahouse.com403 Riverside Drive, Clayton · (315) 686-2200

#### DOBISKY VISITOR'S CENTER

Boater's lounge with showers and laundry facilities, meeting rooms that hold over 100 people, a large roofed outdoor deck, kitchen area, food and beverage concessions and handicap accessible restrooms. There is a marina, gazebo, "Kids Kingdom Park," tennis courts, basketball courts, skateboard park, pool, entrance for Maple City Recreation Trail. 100 Riverside Ave., Ogdensburg · (315) 393-1980 ogdensburg.org/facilities/facility/details/Dobisky-Visitors- Center-8

#### ENCHANTED FOREST/WATER SAFARI

Over fifty water rides and attractions including "Tidal Wave Pool" and the "Amazon," a family river ride.

3183 Rt 28, Old Forge · (315) 369-6145 · watersafari.com

#### FORT HENRY, KINGSTON ONTARIO

Museum and spectacular historic site of 19th Century British military fortress. Experience the realm of 19th Century military life, guided tours, performances and demonstrations.

1 Fort Henry Dr., Rte. 2, Kingston, Ontario, Canada 1-(613)-542-7388 · <u>forthenry.com</u>

#### FORT TICONDEROGA

Renactments of battles from Seven Years' War and American Revolution. Museum, costumed interpreters, demonstrations, gardens, museum store, restaurant, picnic grounds. 100 Fort Ti Road, Ticonderoga(518) 585-2821 · fort-ticonderoga.org

GREAT CAMP SAGAMORE Former summer home of Alfred Vanderbilt family, built 1897 by William West Durant. 27 buildings, tours, courses, retreats. (315) 354-5311 4 miles south off Rte 28, Raquette Lake · sagamore.org



### Day Trip Ideas

#### JOHN BROWN FARM STATE HISTORIC SITE

Home and burial site of abolitionist leader of 1850 raid on National Arsenal at Harpers Ferry, Va. 115 John Brown Rd, Lake Placid (518) 523-3900 · nysparks.state.ny.us/historic-sites/29/details.aspx

#### LAKE PLACID OLYMPIC SITE

Lake Placid-Wilmington area, 1932 and 1980 Olympic Museum and Hall of Fame, video highlights, uniforms, equipment, Olympic ski jump complex, Mt. Van Hoevenberg Olympic Sports complex. (518) 523-1655 · whiteface.com/facilities

#### MINNA ANTHONY COMMON NATURE CENTER

Bird walks, cross country skiing, trails, fishing. 44927 Cross Island Rd, near Alexandria Bay · (315) 482-2479 https://parks.ny.gov/environment/nature-centers/2/details.aspx

#### MOHAWK INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY

May through September, modifieds, pro-stocks, semi-pros, bandits, slick track enduro

NYS Hwy. 37, Hogansburg · facebook.com/MIRtrack

#### NEW YORK STATE ZOO AT THOMPSON PARK

Dedicated to New York's wild animals and wild places, black bears, wolverines. Watertown  $\cdot$  (315) 782-6180  $\cdot$  nyszoo.org

#### OGDENSBURG COMMAND PERFORMANCES

Enterainment productions. Check info or upcoming schedule. 1100 State St, Ogdensburg · (315) 393-2625 · www.ILoveTheatre.org

#### OLD MCDONALD'S CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

Children's farm animal village with Wizard of Oz hayride, mini-golf, pick pumpkins, visit animals. North Harbor Rd, 14369 County Rte. 145, Sackets Harbor · (315) 583-5737 OldMcDonaldHasAFarm.com

#### RAQUETTE LAKE NAVIGATION COMPANY

Raquette Lake, boat tours, cruise and dine, scenic excursions, moonlight cruises, fall foliage, camps of J.P. Morgan, Vanderbilt and Huntington, private charters. (315) 354-5532 raquettelakenavigation.com

#### SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Alpine village with Santa Claus, helpers, live reindeer, animal park, storybook characters, children's rides, crafts, musical shows. Off Rt 83, Wilmington  $\cdot$  (518) 946-2211  $\cdot$  northpoleny.com

### SIX FLAGS GREAT ESCAPE & SPLASHWATER

**KINGDOM** Over 135 rides, shows, and attractions. Rt 9, Lake George. (518) 792-3500 · sixflags.com

#### **GRASSE RIVER ADVENTURES**

Professionally guided trips. Hunt - Fish - Hike - Paddle. David Burnham, Certified Guide ⋅ (315) 854-0422 Grass RiverAdventures.com

#### SCI-TECH CENTER OF NORTHERN NY

Hands-on science center, more than 40 interactive exhibits, specialty art classes and programs, school tours, birthday parties. 154 Stone St, Watertown · (315) 788-1340 · scitechcenter.org

#### SINGER CASTLE ON DARK ISLAND

Frederick G. Bourne of New York City (a contemporary of George Boldt) had this castle built as a hunting retreat for is family. Italian stonecutters cut granite to shape this 3-story, 28-room castle with a 5-story clock tower and elaborate boathouse. Boat tours are offered from Chippewa Bay by Schermerhorn Harbor Shuttle, (315) 324-5966 and from Alexandria Bay by Uncle Sam Boat Tours, 877-253-9229. Charter group available. Chippewa Bay · 1-877-327-5475 · singercastle.com

#### STONE MILLS AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

Museum telling the development of the agricultural industry in Northern, NY, historical materials relating to farm and farmhouse in Jefferson, St. Lawrence, Lewis & Oswego Counties. 30950 Rt 180, LaFargeville · (315) 658-2353 · stonemillsmuseum.org

#### THOUSAND ISLANDS ARTS CENTER

Preservation and promotion of traditional arts and handcrafts, Exhibits, craft shows, gift shop, pottery classes, events. 314 John St, Clayton · (315) 686-4123 · tiartscenter.org

#### THOUSAND ISLANDS LAND TRUST (TILT)

Working to conserve the natural beauty, diverse wildlife habitats, water quality and outdoor recreation opportunities on 8,200 acres of land. Over 30 miles of trails, year round. 135 John St, Clayton (315) 686-5345 · info@TILandTrust.org ·www.TILandTrust.org

#### **UNCLE SAM BOAT TOURS**

Tours of the St. Lawrence Seaway and Thousand Islands. 45 James St, Alexandria Bay  $\cdot$  (315) 482-2611  $\cdot$  sboattours.com

#### UPPER CANADA VILLAGE FAVORITE!

Authentic buildings comprise this village from the 1860's. Period costuming and activities capture the seasons and cycles of rural village life. Very cool! Great for kids! <a href="https://www.uppercanadavillage.com">uppercanadavillage.com</a> 13740 County Rd 2, Morrisburg, Ontario, Canada · 613-543-4328

#### WATER SLIDE WORLD

Wave pool, 35 water slides, volleyball. 2136 Rte. 9, Lake George · (518) 668-4407 · <u>waterslideworld.net</u>

#### WHITE PINE CAMP TOUR

Guided walking tour of historic Adirondack Great Camp, served as summer White House in 1926 for Pres. Calvin Coolidge. Tours Wednesdays late June - Sept. and Saturdays late June - early Sept. White Pine Rd, Paul Smiths  $\cdot$  (518) 327-3030  $\cdot$  whitepinecamp.com

#### WHITEFACE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

Wilmington, panoramic views of the Adk High Peaks, along a five-mile toll road, elevator to top, historic toll house, castle and tunnel. (518) 946-2223  $\cdot$  whiteface.com

#### **SWING TIME MINI GOLF**

A whimsical north country oasis for mini golf enthusiasts of all ages! Open during the summer months. 7065 US Hwy 11 Potsdam  $\cdot$  (315) 212-9975

www.swingtimeminigolf.info



### St. Lawrence County Museums & Galleries

#### NORTH COUNTRY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

A fun and educational center for North Country families committed to hands-on, minds-on learning. The museum's permanent exhibits provide opportunities for children and their families to play and learn together. Open Wed-Sun 10am-5pm.

Changing programs and activities daily. 10 Raymond St, Potsdam (315) 274-9380 · northcountrychildrensmuseum.org

#### FREDERIC REMINGTON ART MUSEUM

Dedicated to collecting, exhibiting, preserving and interpreting the art and archives of Frederic Remington.

303Washington St, Ogdensburg. Hours: Wed - Sun 11am-4pm (315) 393-2425 · www.fredericremington.org

#### ST. LAWRENCE POWER & EQUIPMENT MUSEUM

Preserving the history of how people in the North Country lived and how new technologies helped shape their lives.

Regular exhibits open 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 10 am to 2 pm, June - October or by appointment. Groups welcome.

1755 State Highway 345, Madrid · www.slpowermuseum.com

#### HAWKINS POINT VISITORS CENTER

State-of-the-art exhibits and panoramic views of St. Lawrence River and NYPA's St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project, interactive displays and hands-on learning about energy, electricity and the North Country, Barnhart Island, Massena.

Open 7 days a week from 9 am to 5 pm from Memorial Day - Columbus Day. Open Monday - Friday from 9 am to 5 pm, the rest of the year. 21 Hawkins Point Road, Massena  $\cdot$  (315) 764-0226, ext 716-6302 or 800-262-NYPA

http://www.nypa.gov/ communities/visitors-centers/hawkins-point

#### NICANDRI NATURE CENTER

Exhibits and programs designed to promote public awareness, appreciation and respect for the environment through exploration, education, and outdoor recreation.

19 Robinson Bay Rd, Massena, in Robert Moses State Park (315) 705-5022 · massenanaturecenter.com

#### POTSDAM PUBLIC MUSEUM

permanent and featured exhibits on local history and decorative arts. Open 10 am-4 pm Tues.-Sat. Free.

Civic Center, 2 Park St · (315) 265-6910 · potsdampublicmuseum.org

#### ROLAND GIBSON GALLERY, SUNY POTSDAM

Art museum with collection and exhibitions of 20th century and contemporary art. Tues.-Thurs. 1-7pm, Fri. & Sat. 1-5pm; closed Mon. & Sun.; closed during school recesses and between exhibits. (315)  $267-3290 \cdot (315) \ 267-2245 \cdot \underline{potsdam.edu/museum}$ 

#### ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ART GALLERY

Exhibits of current local art, rotating every four to six weeks. Free. Potsdam Town Hall, 18 Elm St  $\cdot$  (315) 265-6860  $\cdot$  slcartscouncil.org

## CELINE G. PHILIBERT MEMORIAL CULTURE CENTRE & MUSEUM

Exhibits include general store, doctor's office, early street lights, musical instruments and others. Open Monday - Friday, 10 am-4 pm 200 E. Orvis St, Massena  $\cdot$  (315) 769-8571  $\cdot$  massena.us/178/museum

#### **GOUVERNEUR MUSEUM**

Museum houses artifacts scrapbooks, and mineral specimens from the Gouverneur area. Free admission.

Open year-round, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1 to 3 pm. 30 Church St.  $\cdot$  (315) 287-0570  $\cdot$  gouverneurmuseum.org

#### BIRCHBARK BOOKSHOP

75,000 books, also rustic and modern furniture. Open year-round. Hours: 1-6 pm Saturday & Sunday. <u>birchbarkbookshop.wordpress.com</u> Directions: South on Rt 56 past Potsdam College to Rt 72 on left, after 4.5 miles, just past sign for Parishville Center, turn right onto Ashton Road, bear left at Y in road, third house on left.

#### OGDENSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

Historical and genealogical materials relating to Ogdensburg, including Hasbrouck correspondence collection, Gen. N. M. Curtis Civil War papers.

312 Washington St · (315) 393-4325 · ogdensburgpubliclibrary.org

#### **OLD MEETING HOUSE MUSEUM**

Wednesdays 11 am - 3 pm, Thursdays 4 to 7pm during winter, and by appointment. <a href="dekalbnyhistorian.org">dekalbnyhistorian.org</a> (315) 347-1900 DeKalb Historical Association · 696 E. DeKalb Rd, DeKalb Junction

#### HOPKINTON TOWN MUSEUM

Information on the Adirondacks on display.
7 Church St, Hopkinton · (315) 328-4187
townofhopkinton.com/hopkinton-historical-group-and-museum

#### WALKER HOUSE MUSEUM

Operated by Madrid Historical Society. Open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from June - October from 10 am to 2 pm 191 County Rt 31, Madrid  $\cdot$  (315) 322-0605  $\cdot$  (315) 322-4203 <u>madridhistoricalsociety.com</u>

#### PARISHVILLE MUSEUM

13 rooms in 19th century style. July and Aug. Wed 1 - 3 pm, 6 - 8 pm. E. Main St  $\cdot$  (315) 265-4232 parishvilleny.us/museum.html

## Tour the Adirondack Fragrance Farm Factory and Outlet Store on Rt 72 Parishville.

Visit the gift shop or schedule a tour to see how soap is made. Owned by your host Sandy Maine. <a href="https://www.adkfragrancefarm.com">www.adkfragrancefarm.com</a> 315-265-1976

#### MORRISTOWN GATEWAY MUSEUM

309 Main St · (315) 375-4910 · morristowngatewaymuseum.org

#### HAMMOND MUSEUM

2-4 pm Wednesdays and 10 am-4 pm Saturdays mid-May - September. Main St (NYS Hwy. 37)  $\cdot$  Hammond  $\cdot$  (315) 324-5517 www.hammondmuseum.com

#### **OGDENSBURG DIOCESE ARCHIVES**

622 Washington St  $\cdot$  Ogdensburg  $\cdot$  (315) 393-2920 www.rcdony.org



### St. Lawrence County Museums & Galleries

#### **MOORE MUSEUM**

400 family histories and about 50 house histories available for research, in conjunction withWaddington Historial Society; also memorabilia from Waddington history and diarama that shows what happened to land during construction of St. Lawrence Seaway/Power Project.

May - mid September · Tues. - Thurs. 1-4 pm or by appt.

3 Main St, Waddington · (315) 388-5967 · wadhist@northnet.org

#### **OGDENSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Historical and genealogical materials relating to Ogdensburg, including Hasbrouck collection, Gen. N. M. Curtis Civil War papers. 312 Washington St  $\cdot$  (315) 393-4325  $\cdot$  ogdensburgpubliclibrary.org

#### NORFOLK HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Open Tues. & Thurs. noon to 5 pm  $\cdot$  42 1/2 West Main St  $\cdot$  (315) 384-4575  $\cdot$  facebook.com/norfolk.historical

#### OLD MEETING HOUSE MUSEUM

Wednesdays 11 am - 3 pm, Thursdays 4 to 7pm during winter, and by appointment.

DeKalb Historical Association · 696 E. DeKalb Rd, DeKalb Junction · dekalbnyhistorian.org · (315) 347-1900

#### HOPKINTON TOWN MUSEUM

Information on the Adirondacks on display. 7 Church St, Hopkinton · (315) 328-4187 townofhopkinton.com/hopkinton-historical-group-and-museum

#### WALKER HOUSE MUSEUM

Operated by Madrid Historical Society. Open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from June - October from 10 am to 2 pm 191 County Rt 31, Madrid  $\cdot$  (315) 322-0605  $\cdot$  (315) 322-4203 madridhistoricalsociety.com

### **Regional Museums & Galleries**

#### **AKWESASNE LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER, 321**

Rt. 37, Hogansburg, on the St. Regis Indian Reservation. Historical & contemporary Mohawk artifacts, utilitarian & fancy ash splint & sweetgrass baskets, traditional crafts. (518) 358-2461 · <u>akwesasneculturalcenter.org/museum</u>

#### THE WILD CENTER

The Center, including the Wild Walk, its elevated trail across the treetops, is an all-day attraction. It includes 81-acres of outdoors, a 54,000-square-foot museum with movies and live animals, guided canoe paddles and hands-on everything.

For all ages. Hours: Memorial Day to Labor Day, 10 am to 6 pm, 7 days a week; Labor Day to Columbus Day, 10 am to 5 pm Closed April, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

45 Museum Dr., Tupper Lake · (518) 359-7800 · www.wildcenter.org

#### LAKE PLACID CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Hours may vary, free admission.

17 Algonquin Dr., Lake Placid · (518) 523-2512 · <u>lakeplacidarts.org</u>

#### THOUSAND ISLANDS ARTS CENTER

Preservation and promotion of traditional arts and handcrafts, Handweaving Museum, gallery exhibits, craft shows, giftshop, pottery classes, events. 314 John St, Clayton  $\cdot$  (315) 686-4123  $\cdot$  tiartscenter.org Open Mon.- Fri. 9 am-5 p.m, Sat. 10 am-4 pm, Sun. 11 am-3 pm

#### ADIRONDACK LAKES CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Concerts, theatre, art exhibits, workshops and classes for children and adults. Blue Mountain Lake  $\cdot$  (518) 352-7715  $\cdot$  adirondackarts.org

#### WINTER OLYMPIC MUSEUM

Exhibits, displays, memorabilia of the Winter Olympic Games. Open daily, 10 am-5 pm Admission: Adults \$14, juniors & seniors \$12 2634 Main St, Olympic Center in Lake Placid  $\cdot$  (518) 302-5326 lakeplacidolympicmuseum.org

#### ADIRONDACK MUSEUM

Six million acres of Adirondack Park surround the museum and form the basis of the museum's exhibits and programs telling the stories of how people have lived, worked, played and traveled in the Adirondack region since the early 1800s. Twenty buildings on 32 acres of grounds and gardens, house exhibits on logging, boats and boating, mining, outdoor recreation, transportation, rustic furniture, and on-going programs and special events.

10am - 5pm daily late May - mid October. 9097 St Rt 30, Blue Mountain Lake · (518) 352-7311 · theadkx.org

#### JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Closed Sun & Mon. Tues-Fri. 9 am to 4:30 pm, Saturday 9 am-4 pm Archives by appointment. 228 Washington St, Watertown  $\cdot$  (315) 782-3491

 $\underline{jeffers on county history.org}$ 

#### ADIRONDACK ARTISTS GUILD GALLERY

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 10 am - 5pm, Thurs until 7 pm, Sun. 11 am to 3 pm 52 Main St, Saranac Lake  $\cdot$  (518) 891-2615 adirondackartistsguild.com

#### **WILDER HOMESTEAD**

Childhood home of Almanzo Wilder, whose memories of growing up in NNY were written as "Farmer Boy" by his wife Laura Ingalls Wilder. Open daily May - October and for one weekend in early December. Guided tours of the period-decorated home, historically recreated barns, 1860s-era one-room school house, museum and gift shop. Special events throughout the season with Civil War re-enactors, a Harvest Festival, music, food vendors, children's games, and demonstrations.

Open 10 am-4 pm Monday - Saturday and noon-4 pm on Sunday. 177 Stacy Rd, Burke · (518) 483-1207 · www.almanzowilderfarm.com



# Antique Stores (within a one-hour drive)

#### **Dekalb Junction**

#### **OLD GENERAL STORE**

Multi-dealer shop featuring a large variety of antiques and collectibles ranging from glassware to furniture and primitives. Buying individual items or estates. Paul Hitchman, Proprietor 352 U.S. Hwy.  $11 \cdot (315) 347-1340$ 

#### TREASURED ANTIQUES

Hidden treasures, rare finds and trendsetters of antiques & collectibles. Corner of 3 School St. and Rt 11  $\cdot$  (315) 347-1604 facebook.com/TreasuredAntiques

#### Gouverneur

#### PICKERS DREAM

The place to go if you love treasure hunting. Antiques, collectibles, sourdough supplies, cheese curd and pie. 470 E Main St. Gouverneur · (315) 771-0939

#### Hammond

#### LAKESIDE TREASURES & MARINA

Constantly changing inventory, 2,500 square feet of antiques and collectibles, primitives, furniture, fishing tackle, glass, tools, gifts. Closed Wednesdays and Sundays. 3675 County Rt  $6 \cdot (315) \ 375-4436$ 

#### Massena

#### FABULOUS FINDS BOUTIQUE & CONSIGNMENT

Cynthia Aracadi, Proprietor · 535 South Main St · (315) 514-1334
Antiques, collectibles, coins, jewelry, clothing.
Red building by the railroad track. Open Tues.-Sat., 9 am-6 pm
Cynthia Aracadi, Proprietor
· 535 South Main St · (315) 514-1334
fab.findsboutique@hotmail.com · facebook.com/FabulousFindsNY

#### MASSENA MARKETPLACE

Homecrafted furniture, toys, dolls, lamps, china and glass, jewelry and coins, books and paper, new and old primitives.

Across the street from Fabulous Finds.

Open Tues - Sat 10 am-5 pm  $\cdot$  Sun 10am - 4pm and closed Mon. John Gardner, Proprietor  $\cdot$  528 South Main St  $\cdot$  (315) 705-4258 facebook.com/MassenaMarketplace

#### Morristown

#### MARE'S WARES

Varied line of traditional antiques, artist-made pottery, and unique one-of-a-kind gifts; scenic Rt 37 just outside Morristown, in the same building as the famous "Evan's House - Home of The Muskie," mixture of the traditional, contemporary, and outrageous; by chance or appointment. (315) 375-8214, or mareswares@hotmail.com <a href="mailto:facebook.com/Mares-Wares-Arts-Fest-127924893899044">facebook.com/Mares-Wares-Arts-Fest-127924893899044</a>

#### Norfolk

#### NORTH COUNTRY PINS AND PAPER

Vintage pins, advertising, ephemera and smalls. Especially interested in railroad, tobacco, gambling, sewing, Americana, gasoline, political, olympic, labor, World's Fair, space, maps, bottle openers, military medals, paper dolls. Also Germansteins, Steiff animals, hand crafted baskets and items handcrafted by our Native American neighbors. Jason Clark  $\cdot$  617-312-8594  $\cdot$  Norfolk

#### **Potsdam**

#### **BEST FRIENDS THRIFT SHOP**

Antiques and collectibles, along with thrift store style items. 8 Raymond St, Potsdam, (315) 262-4959. https://www.faceook.com/Best-Friends-Thrift-Shop-Potsdam-NY-168744249805215/

#### RUSTIC TROUT ANTIQUES

Antiques and vintage items for many years. Specializing in hunting & fishing items, knives, ephemera, and anything old. 32 Market Street, Potsdam  $\cdot$  (315) 767-6244

#### THE FRONT PORCH

Antique and vintage goods, home accents, furniture, linens and more. 7283 US-11, Potsdam · TheFrontPorchPotsdam@gmail.com

#### NORTH COUNTRY NEIGHBORS

6 Main St, downstairs, Potsdam, (315) 268-1055; 5,500 sq. ft. flea market featuring over 50 vendor booths; used, vintage and antique items including books, toys, home accents and smalls of every kind.

Cathy Connoly, owner. (315) 600-1021

https://www.facebook.com/North-Country-Neighbors-109316925766200

#### TREASURES COVE, THRIFT & GIFT STORE

Laura and Jay Taylor, proprietors; vintage vinyl, clothing, thrift items, some antiques. <a href="mailto:facebook.com/Treasures.Cove/">facebook.com/Treasures.Cove/</a>

22 Market St, Potsdam · t.c.treasures.cove@gmail.com · (315) 261-4113



### Canoeing and Kayaking

At one time the small rivers of the North Country were the focus of commerce. Today, the rivers are quiet; the surviving mills are no longer the center of activity. Few if any other areas can offer so many rivers with such easy and numerous access points. There are more than 200 rivers, ponds and lakes in St. Lawrence County and we are also part of the Adirondack Park, which boasts more than 3,000 bodies of water.

As the rivers finish their rush out of the mountains they begin but never fully settle down. Waterfalls and low water rapids are numerous along all the rivers and dams often block the way. Motor boats play in the longer sections of river but most rivers see little or no traffic.

You hardly need a guide to canoe or kayak in the area. Every stretch of river is worth exploring and usually has easy access.

### Some favorite options:

#### Lower Oswegatchie River

Starting near Gouverneur and flowing 65 miles to Ogdensburg, this section of the Oswegatchie is a gentle section. The river is wide and slow-moving here as it passes through rolling hills, rock ledges, marshes, and pasture land. There are scenic cliffs along the shore near Oxbow. There are carries at the dams and most of the rapids can be portaged or run by experience paddlers. There are various access points along the route to create varying trip lengths.

#### Grasse River: Canton to Madrid

Canoeing from the boat launch on Rt 68 just outside the village of Canton to the dam in Madrid. This is a full-day trip of about 12 miles. For more launch sites along the Grasse river please visit: <a href="dec.nv.gov/places/fishing-and-canoeing-the-grass-river">dec.nv.gov/places/fishing-and-canoeing-the-grass-river</a>

#### South Branch Grasse River

16 miles, 5 portages, access is off the Tooley Pond Road at various points.

South Branch Grass River is considered as some of the most challenging white water in the Adirondacks and viewed by some kayakers as one of the best opportunities in the northeast. The aesthetic qualities of the river corridor coupled with easy access in spots has led to significant public use during high water.

Although limited to times of high water, a trip down the South Branch will include sections that challenge the most experienced paddler.

The section between Copper Rock Falls and DeGrasse is the most heavy used. The section of river above Rainbow Falls provides a great flatwater paddling opportunity.

Please visit dec.ny.gov/places/grass-river-complex

#### Raquette River: Potsdam

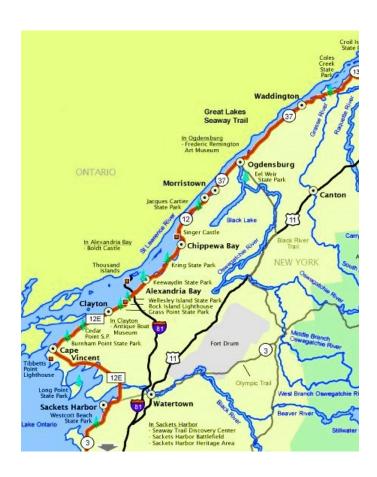
The dam in Potsdam backs up the river nearly two miles and is a great place for a quick paddle or fishing. Access is in Ives Park, behind the Clarkson Inn, 1 Main Street, Potsdam and there is a public parking area next to the Inn's parking.

For more launch sites along the Raquette river go to: dec.ny.gov/places/fishing-and-canoeing-the-raquette-river

#### **Cranberry Lake**

The Cranberry Lake region is one of the largest remote areas remaining in the State. The lake covers 11 square miles and has 55 miles of shoreline, over 40 of which are state land. There are also 42 primitive campsites along the shoreline.

Visit Cranberrylake50.org



### **Local Guide Services**

HUNT . FISH . CAMP . HIKE . PADDLE
David Burnham
GrassRiverAdventures.com
(315) 854-0422



#### Waterfalls

**Harper Falls:** Harper Falls is on the North Branch of the Grasse River. View the interactive trail map for Harper's Falls Trail on <a href="https://www.strails.com/harpersfallstrail">STLCtrails.com/harpersfallstrail</a>

Directions: From the intersection to the trail parking is ½ mile on the Donnerville Road which is dirt and gravel and is shared with ATV users, so please use caution as there are several blind hills and turns. Starting from Donnerville Road and walking up the river toward Harper Falls offers a relaxing trek, with a couple of hills and small creek crossings.

While walking up you may notice the path has stone walls along the edge. These are the remnants of an old sawmill. This mill was made during the time the town of Donnerville was active and running.

**Stone Valley:** The trails in Stone Valley is one of the most popular nature walks in the North Country. Following the shores of the Raquette River through Colton, the scenery is amazing. There are a series of waterfalls that continue for a mile or more along the trail, which extends for two or more miles. During the spring, the power of the highwater from the snow melt in the Adirondacks is impressive. In winter months expect the beginning of the trail to slippery and use caution when walking along the river.

There are a series of signs along the path describing some of the geological features of the area. To the geologists this is a unique area, the connection of the Adirondack Mountains and the St. Lawrence Lowlands. Watch for the signs posted on the trees to learn more. View the interactive trail map for Stone Valley Trail on STLCtrails.com/stonevalleytrail

**Directions:** From Rt 68, turn left on to Rt 56 in Colton. At the Hepburn Library, turn right. There are two access points to the trails, one before the bridge near the Colton Historical Society, and one across the bridge near the Colton Fire Department. If you are coming from Rt 56 north, take a left at the Hepburn Library.

**Tooley Pond:** The land along Tooley Pond Road is the Northern River Flow-Tooley Pond Tract, which is a section of the New York DEC public lands, allowing access to this simply amazing place. A 16-mile section of the South Branch of the Grasse River meanders within the tract. Along this stretch, six major waterfalls exist with a variety of named rapids. The falls include: Rainbow Falls, Bulkhead Falls, Flat Rock Falls, Twin Falls, Sinclair Falls and Basford Falls. They range from the 40 foot drop of Rainbow Falls to the gentle sloped falls at Sinclair Falls, a perfect place to have lunch. The South Branch of the Grasse has excellent kayaking and canoeing with easy carries around the falls, if you do not desire to take the express Rt. There is also an enjoyable hike up Tooley Pond Mountain at the southern end of the road.

In 1866 the town of Clarksboro was established near Twin Falls on the shore of the Grasse River. An iron furnace and water-run sawmill were built to support the town. The foundation of the sawmill can still be seen at the top of Twin Falls. Iron was mined in this region until the 1950s when the mines closed because of low iron prices. Exploring this area can reveal the unique history of the County and show some of the best hidden waters.

View the interactive trail map at <u>STLCtrails.com/tooleypond</u> (con't) Directions to Tooley Pond Road: From the south or east: Turn north on Tooley Pond Road from NY Rt 3, about a mile west of Cran-

berry Lake (Right-hand turn).

From the north and west: Tooley Pond Road is located three-quarters of a mile east of Degrasse, along St. Lawrence County Rt 27. Directions to the Falls: Some of the falls can be seen from the road, while others are a short walk along trails. The mileage below is for starting at the northern end of Tooley Pond Road in Degrasse. There are no parking areas for many of the falls, so one will have to pull to the side of the road as far as possible.

**Basford Falls:** 1.4 miles- follow trail to falls. View the interactive trail map at <u>STLCtrails.com/basfordfalls</u>

**Sinclair Falls:** 2 miles- Sinclair Falls is located just South of Lake Gorge Road. There is a small information stop in the parking lot. View the interactive trail map at <a href="STLCtrails.com/sinclairfalls">STLCtrails.com/sinclairfalls</a>

**Twin Falls:** 3.1 miles- Before this there is a dirt road giving a good view of both falls. After this is the top of the falls, where the mill was located.

**Stewart Rapids:** 3.3 miles- Can be seen from the road, large turn in the river.

**Bulkhead Falls:** 3.5 miles- Right before turn in the road, follow old road marked no vehicles to the falls.

**Rainbow Falls:** 6.1 miles- Look for a clearing marked off with boulders. Follow old road to the river, cross foot bridge to island and continue walking on path until you see the falls. View the interactive trail map at <a href="STLCtrails.com/rainbowfalls">STLCtrails.com/rainbowfalls</a>

**Copper Rock Falls:** 8.6 miles- Look for red blaze on tree along with sign including fishing regulations. This is the beginning of the trail, follow white marked path to water and falls. View the interactive trail map at <a href="STLCtrails.com/copperrockfalls">STLCtrails.com/copperrockfalls</a>

Lampson Falls: The most popular waterfall in St. Lawrence County, is easily accessed at the Degrasse State Forest on Rt 38. An impressive falls at an estimated 40 feet tall and 100 feet wide. Lampson is a shallow and broad-faced falls, which can have huge amounts of water flowing over it during peak melt season in the spring. During the summer it calms and becomes a much quieter setting. At the bottom of the falls a small beach has formed allowing for swimming and picnicking.

The 15 minute walk into this area is well worth it.

View the interactive trail map at <a href="STLCtrails.com/lampsonfalls">STLCtrails.com/lampsonfalls</a>

Directions: The access for Lampson Falls is the Grasse River Recreation Area on Rt 27 in Clare, just north of Degrasse. Look for the brown and yellow DEC sign at a gated road. Park on the road side and head down the dirt road.







## Airbnb & Adirondack by Owner Rental Properties at 1150 Sylvan Falls Road Hosted by Sandy & Lou Maine



ADK Riverside Cabin A Frame Right on the water!



The Rock House
Up in the trees! Private tub and firepit!



ADK River Overlook Cabin Overlooking the river. Spectacular views & soundscape.



21 Main St. in Canton Upstairs in Nature's Storehouse historical building.