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The New York State Byway known as Lakes to Locks Passage unifies the interconnected waterway of the upper Hudson River, Champlain Canal, Lake George, and Lake Champlain. This waterway is the core of North America's first "super-highway," linking upstate New York and Quebec, Canada. By bike, foot, boat, train or car, travelers find numerous national caliber historic, natural, cultural and recreational sites and events to visit.

Throughout the byway corridor various interpretive products, with collaborations between organizations and institutions, provide a visitor experience that can cross town, county, state and even national boundaries. Along Lakes to Locks Passage, we have stories to tell, delivering on our promise that "the best travel advice comes from the people who live here."



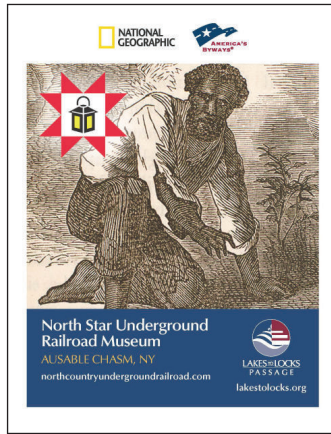
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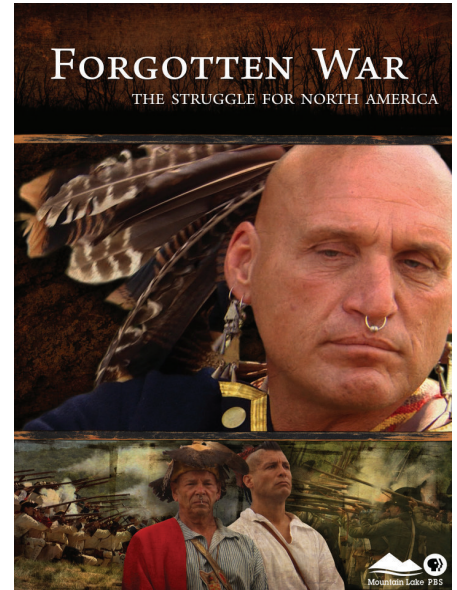
Raptor Fest, photo by Cliff Oliver



Heritage Center Exhibits & Ambassadors



Heritage Center Activity Card



PBS Documentaries



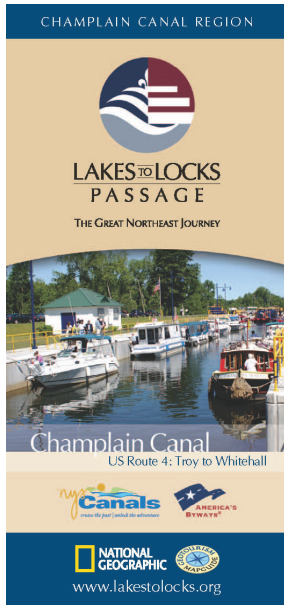
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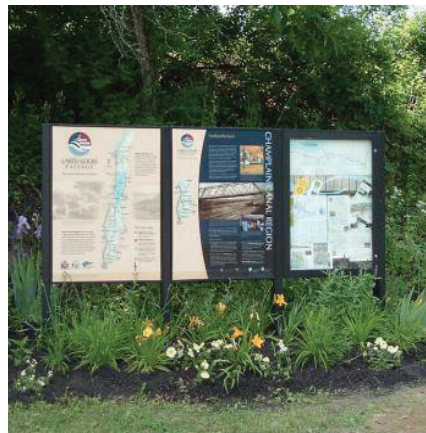
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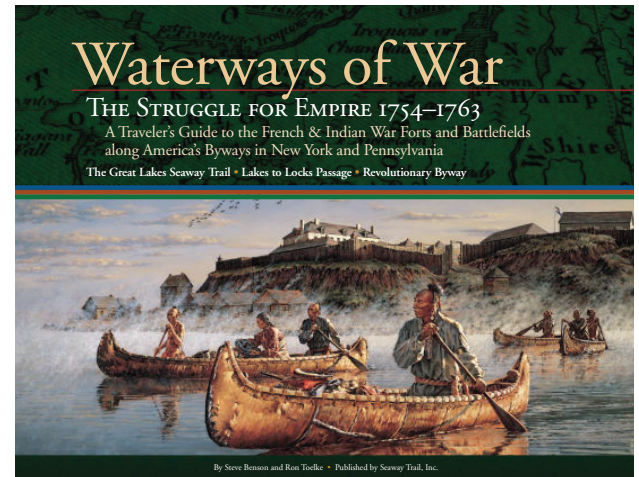
Bike, Walk or Boat Guidebooks



Regional Mapguides



Waypoint Community Kiosk Panel



Thematic Guidebooks

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The Adirondack Region offers thousands of miles of recreation trails, countless rivers, streams, lakes and mountains. A vast playground, offering endless, year-round outdoor adventure. Here, the adventurous are free to explore an authentic wilderness in all seasons. The region is home to some of the most intense whitewater in the country -- and the spring thaw marks the beginning of "big water" season, offering thrilling rafting expeditions on the Hudson River's Class IV and V rapids. During the summer, fishing, whether with a lure or a fly, is a passion in the Adirondacks. Bass, trout, walleyes, landlock salmon, northern pike and muskies are all part of the roster here. In the fall, when the fall foliage is in its peak, the Adirondack Region has more than 2,000 miles of trails that wind along colorful forested paths and skip along waterfalls, leading to summits with 360 views that extend as far as the eye can see. In the winter, adventure awaits on the slopes, on the ice and at festivals long-cherished and much anticipated. The Adirondack Region has hosted the Winter Olympics twice, and was made famous by the "Miracle on Ice." Explore the countless possibilities for all four seasons in New York's Adirondack Region

Sacandaga Outdoor Courtesy of Johnny Duncans

NOT-TO-BE-MISSED EXPERIENCES

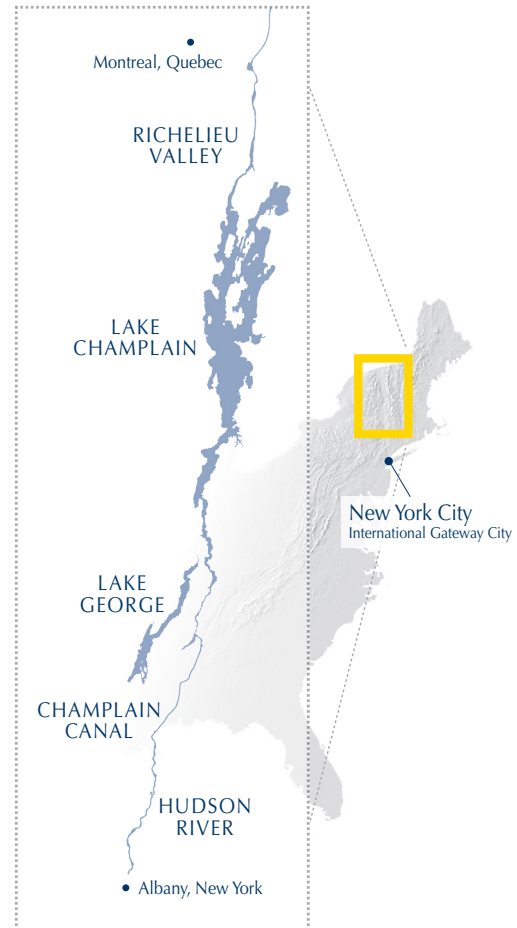
- **Lake Champlain Bikeways** offers several themed bicycle loops throughout the Adirondacks and Vermont.
- **North Creek Rafting Company** whitewater rafting trips travel through the heart of the Adirondack Wilderness.
- **Camp Orenda** offers individuals to camp in luxury, or what is called “Glamping.” This destination has been recognized by the Huffington Post, Luxury Travel Magazine and others.
- **Adirondack Great Walks & Day Hikes Guide** directs visitors to hiking and walking trails that are graded by difficulty and incline
- **Lake George Winter Carnival** is an annual event held every weekend in February.
- **Saratoga and North Creek Railroad** Ski Train that takes Amtrak riders from destinations in NYC and Montreal to Saratoga, and an excursion train to Gore Mountain Ski Resort.
- **Lake Placid Olympic Center** is home to the 1980 winter olympics made famous by the “Miracle on Ice.”
- **Elizabeth Lee** will guide you on legendary adventures in the Champlain Valley and the Adirondacks.



Saratoga North Creek Ski Train



Ice Climbers at Poke-O-Moonshine



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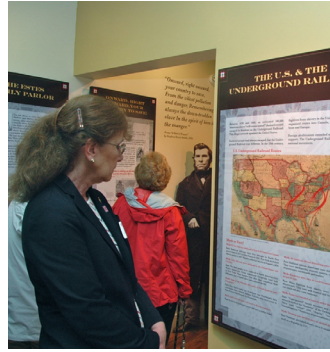
The interconnected waterway of Lakes to Locks Passage provided the travel route for European explorers; later both French and English armies built forts as they claimed territory, setting the stage for two centuries of conflict. These waterways became the battleground of the European super powers, and later between the Americans and British Canada. The final battle played out in Plattsburgh Bay in 1814, leading to nearly two hundred years of peace and prosperity between the two countries.

Fur traders and settlers streamed into the new country to establish communities along the river waterfalls and lakeshore harbors, the distinctive French and English influence of these communities is still evident today. Visionary minds anticipated the boost to commerce that an improved waterway could provide, by the mid-1820s goods traveled by boat along the Champlain and Erie Canals to world markets. Cargoes of lumber, iron, and building stone, along with cotton, silk and wool, supplied the raw material for New York's industrial revolution. The stories of the people and their tribulations can be found at many historic sites, delivering on our promise that "the best travel advice comes from the people who live here."

Heavy Lifting Exhibit at the Slate Valley Museum

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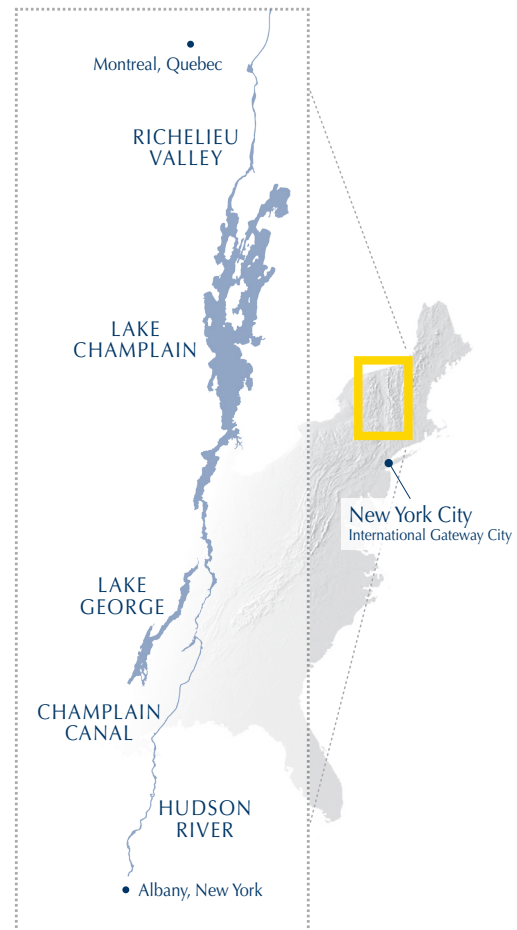
- **Turning Point Trail: The 1777 Campaign of Major General John Burgoyne**, a thematic itinerary connects historic sites that led to the American victory in Saratoga.
- **Fort Ticonderoga** offers visitors an array of special events, weekly activities, and demonstrations steeped in military history.
- **Crown Point State Historic Site**, both the British and the French claimed Crown Point in the struggle for a North American empire.
- The **Adirondack History Center** is one of many Lakes to Locks Heritage Centers, the Worked/Wild exhibit provides unique insight to the Adirondack Park.
- **Saratoga National Historical Park** commemorates the famous Battles of Saratoga, called by some historians as the “most important battle of the last 1,000 years.”
- **“Enemies At Rest,”** and many other Passage Minute videos, provide an engaging look at the American history that played out along Lakes to Locks Passage.
- **Road to the Battle of Bennington PassagePort** follows Lt. Col. Friedrich Baum’s ill-fated military excursion during the American Revolution.
- **Ticonderoga Heritage Museum** water power exhibit and children’s workshops on pencil and paper making.
- **Waterways of War** is a series of traveler’s guidebooks to the forts and battlefields along America’s Byways in New York and Pennsylvania.
- **New York State Military Museum** houses artifacts from the Revolutionary War to Desert Storm, a significant portion of the museum’s collection is from the Civil War.



North Star Underground Railroad Museum



Schenectady Stockade Historic District



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Dramatic geological forces built Lakes to Locks Passage. The land was heated, crushed, buried and folded by continental collisions, gouged by glaciers a mile thick, and ultimately filled with a series of rivers and lakes that formed an inland waterway. Visitors find Lakes to Locks Passage a premiere destination for activities that allow you to come closer to nature.

As one of the earth's busiest tectonic intersections, we have heat-forged mountains, slate-filled valleys, and deposits of marble and limestone to explore. There are many different habitats to observe birds and wildlife -- fields and grasslands, lakes and ponds, shorelines, cliffs and bluffs, wetlands, and woodlands. Most sites are accessible to hikers, bikers, boaters and motorists, many have interpretive signs to reveal the special qualities to be discovered. Outfitters and guides provide special insights to the natural resources, delivering on our promise that "the best travel advice comes from the people who live here."

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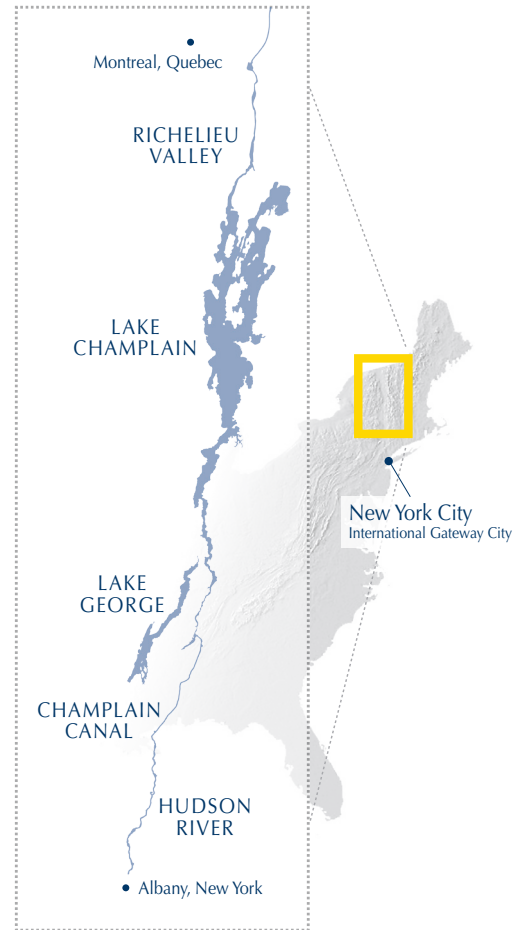
- The **Slate Valley Museum** is North America's leading center for the research and interpretation of the geology, history, and peoples of the slate industry.
- **John Boyd Thacher State Park**, is one of the richest fossil-bearing formations in the world.
- Outdoor recreation and education can be found at **Up Yonda Farm Environmental Education Center**.
- **Winter Raptor Fest** provides exciting live bird-of-prey programs and native raptor free-flight demonstrations.
- **Lake Champlain Birding Trail** unifies 88 birding sites along the Lake Champlain shoreline and uplands.
- **Wilton Wildlife Preserve** is home to the federally endangered Karner blue butterfly.
- **Pember Museum of Natural History** collection of mounted birds, insects, plants, rocks and minerals.
- **Elizabeth Lee**, will guide you on legendary adventures in the Champlain Valley and the Adirondacks.
- **Ausable Chasm**, America's Oldest Natural Attraction, with 150' cliffs along the legendary Ausable River.
- **North Creek Rafting Company** whitewater rafting trips travel through the heart of the Adirondack Wilderness.
- **Champlain Area Trails** trails and events for hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, birding, and picnicking in the Champlain Valley of New York State's Adirondack Park.
- Take a **Garnet Mine Tour** at one of the world's largest garnet mines.



Au Sable Chasm



Snowy Owls Courtesy of Friends of the IBA



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