

# Lake George, New York



The breathtaking beauty of Lake George, nestled in the southern area of New York State's famous Adirondack Park region, began taking shape more than a billion years ago. At that time an ancient, salt-water sea covered a large portion of the northeastern United States and Canada including the area we now know as Lake George, New York. Then, over a period of hundreds of millions of years, Mother Earth began to stir. In the process, a series of geological changes occurred that forced Her crust upwards to form the beautiful mountain ranges surrounding the Lake George area of today. These early changes were followed by a coating of glacial ice, thousands of feet thick, that slid over the Lake George area about a million years ago and carved out the Lake's 32 mile-long basin. Today, the fresh, crystal clear waters of Lake George, which are a genuine testimonial to Mother Nature at her best, can be traced to an abundance of subterranean springs that constantly feed into it. In fact, the waters of Lake George are so clean that many lakeside residents derive their drinking water from it. It's no wonder many generations of people have truly enjoyed her beauty and cleanliness.

Archaeologists tell us that the first visitors to the Lake George area were a primitive race of people who occupied the lake area over 5,000 years ago. Eventually, Native Americans, such as the Iroquois, became established inhabitants. Then, several hundred years ago, French and English immigrants from Europe settled in the area. That caused conflicts, which led to wars involving the French, English and the indigenous Americans. These battles culminated in the famous battle of Fort William Henry. The Fort has been restored and is a short walk from down town Lake George.

Today, Lake George swells with thousands of visitors each year. Her natural beauty has developed a reputation throughout the world as one of the world's most beautiful bodies of water. The residents and local/state officials have done an outstanding job of ensuring that Lake George remains as clean and as natural as possible. The Lake George area has many exciting activities such as biking, hiking, boating, fishing, golfing, lake cruises, shopping, museums, theaters, camping, horseback riding and a variety of play-lands and amusement parks for the children. The numerous restaurants, hotels and other forms of lodging in the Lake George area will satisfy even the most discriminating visitor.

However, the true attraction of Lake George is the Lake itself and its friendly people. Over the years they have consistently created warm feelings and wonderful memories for all who visit the area and do so year after year, generation after generation. Come to Lake George, play in the crystal clear water, share incredible sunsets with loved ones on a Lake George cruise boat, smell the pine in the air on a misty morning, and you will experience the mystique of this natural wonderland. What a wonderful gift to share with your family and friends.



## Lake George Attractions

<p><b>Adventure Racing</b> 1079 State Rte 9 Queensbury, NY 12804 518 798-7860 Family fun center: lazer tag, go-carts, paintball, kiddie track, arcade.</p>	<p><b>Aqua Adventure Water Slides</b> 1035 State Rte 9 Queensbury, NY 12804 518 792-8989 31 ft tower, two slides, 360 degree loop. Kiddie water play area, parents watch free. Picnicking, snack bar, changing facilities.</p>
<p><b>Around The World Mini Golf</b> Beach Rd Lake George, NY 12845 518 668-2531 Two 18-hole mini-golf courses. Coffee and ice cream shop.</p>	<p><b>Fort Mini Golf</b> 50 Canada St Lake George, NY 12845 518 668-5471 Miniature golf.</p>
<p><b>Fun World Arcade</b> 127 Canada St Lake George, NY 12845 518 668-2708 Video and laser games; Open YR. Pinball; arcade style games. Fun for the whole family. Open YR.</p>	<p><b>Gooney Golf / Haunted Castle</b> Rtes 9 &amp; 9N Lake George, NY 12845 518 668-2589 Fantasy theme mini golf course, featuring our giant T REX. Fun for the entire family. Open mid May to mid Oct.</p>
<p><b>Great Escape and Splashwater Kingdom</b> 1172 State Rte 9 Lake George, NY 12845 518 792-3500 More than 125 rides, shows and attractions, including a full water park. Six Roller Coasters!</p>	<p><b>Lake George Batting Cages</b> Rte 9 Lake George, NY 12845 518 668-2531 7 baseball cages, 5 softball cages. Coin operated. Ice cream stand and coffee shop.</p>
<p><b>Lumberjack Pass Miniature Golf</b> 1511 State Rte 9 Lake George, NY 12845 518 793-7141 18 challenging championship holes in an Adirondack setting with a natural stone falls and unique putting greens.</p>	<p><b>Magic Castle Inc.</b> 275 Canada St Lake George, NY 12845 518 668-3777 Motion Simulator, MaxFlight, Mini Golf and Carousel. Open May-Labor Day.</p>
<p><b>Magic Forest</b> Rte 9 Lake George, NY 12845 518 668-2448 Children's amusement park. 25 rides, 3 shows. Santa and his famous deer. Live animals; Low admission.</p>	<p><b>Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf</b> 1089 State Rte 9 Queensbury, NY 12804 518 745-1887 Two 18-hole championship mini-golf. Putt through mountain caves, over foot bridges and under falls.</p>
<p><b>The Fun Spot</b> 1035 State Rt 9 Queensbury, NY 12804 518 792-8989 In-Line and Quad Roller Skating; Go-Karts; Lasertron Laser Tag; Aqua Adventure Waterslides</p>	<p><b>Putts 'N Prizes</b> Corner Canada &amp; Beach Rd Lake George, NY 12845 518 668-9500 Arcade and miniature golf.</p>
<p><b>Water Slide World</b> 2136 Rte 9 Lake George, NY 12845 518 668-4407 12-acre waterpark, over 35 waterslides, attractions and services. Includes 600,000-sq ft wave pool, lazy river tube ride, toddlers' area, activity pool, sand and water volleyball, picnic pavilion.</p>	<p><b>Tubby Tubes Company</b> 1372 Lake Ave Rt 9N Lake Luzerne, NY 12846 518 696-5454 Lazy river tubing down the old Hudson River Log Float. A great way to cool off, swim &amp; relax in the great outdoors. We provide equipment, shuttle &amp; instructions for your adventure. Licensed guides.</p>



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Around The World Golf  
Beach Road (Opposite Lake George Steamboat Company)  
Lake George, NY 12845  
Tel: (518) 668-3223

**Directions from Hunter :** Rt 23A West to Rt 296. Take Rt 296 North to Rt 23 East. Take Rt 23 East to The NYS Thruway I 87 North. Take the thruway North to Albany and follow signs to continue on I 87 North. Take I 87 North to Exit for Lake George.

# **Lake George Hiking**

## ***Prospect Mountain***

Distance - 4 miles roundtrip

1650 foot vertical rise

Hiking Time - 3 1/2 hours

An easy and convenient trail. See the remains of what was once the world's largest cable railroad. Splendid panoramic views. Stop at three separate overlooks - The Narrows, Lake George and The Eagle's Eye.

## ***Buck Mountain***

Distance - 6.6 miles roundtrip

2000 foot vertical rise

Hiking Time - 5 hours

Buck Mountain lies on the southeast shore of Lake George, and is a perfect introduction to the Adirondacks. The views from the summit encompass thousands of square miles of the Adirondacks to the north and west, parts of Vermont's Green Mountains to the east, and Lake George and Lake Champlain.

## ***Rogers Rock***

Distance - 2 1/2 miles roundtrip

Elevation 500 feet

Hiking Time - 2 hours

At the outset, the hike is mostly uphill and northerly, and then continues along a seemingly unused path up to a ledge until an open expanse of scenery appears to the west.

## **Sleeping Beauty, Bumps Pond, and Bumps Pond Overlook**

Distance - 4.5 mile loop

1038 Foot vertical rise

The overlook atop the cliffs offers a wide vista. The mountains of Vermont rise beyond the outline of the Champlain Valley to the east.

## ***Five Mile Mountain***

Distance: 9 miles round trip

Elevation Gain: 2200 ft

Hike Time: 5 hours

Difficulty: Moderate

Trail Condition: Well maintained trail

HikeType: Out and Back

Highlights: lake views, mountain views

From the parking lot, cross the highway and follow the blue trail. At around 3/4 miles, there is an unmarked intersection. Straight ahead on the yellow trail leads to Deer Leap in under a mile. The blue trail turns left at this intersection and, for the next mile, steadily climbs to the top of Brown mountain. In another mile or so, you reach a lean-to. The summit of Five Mile mountain is less than a mile from this shelter. Just past the true summit, which the trail skirts around, there are view points to the east and west.

**Trailhead:** Take Interstate 87 North to Exit 24 (next exit after Warrensburg). Turn right onto Bolton Landing-Riverbank Rd. After 4 miles, turn left onto NY Rte 9N heading north. The trailhead is 9.5 miles from here. Parking is on the left side of road.