

Lakes to Locks Passage

Midway between Manhattan and Montreal, the Lakes to Locks Passage lets you experience the interconnected waterway that shaped the destiny of North America. By bike, foot, boat, train, or car, you will discover charming small cities, rural landscapes and Adirondack hamlets with diverse historic, natural, cultural, and recreational sites.



Local Information

Length: 234 miles / 374.4 km

Time Two to five days to enjoy to the byway in New York;

Allow: add a few days to explore Quebec.

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Visitor Services



Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities

Most of the byway route is designated as NYS Bike Route 9 and can accommodate bicycle and pedestrian travel. Within the byway corridor, planners have identified and developed interpretive bikeway and walkway routes that utilize rural back roads or public right-of-ways to minimize conflicts between automobiles and bicycle and pedestrian travel. The byway's landscape makes it a great destination for biking and walking. The byway also allows for water-based travel; the interconnected lake and rivers allow access by water from anywhere in the world.



Food

There are places to buy food along this byway.



Gasoline

Gasoline is available.



Information

Each of the byway's Waypoint Communities offer accommodations, dining and shopping opportunities, visitor information and interpretation, restrooms, multi-modal connections, as well as scenic overlooks, parks, and other public facilities.



Lodging

There is overnight lodging along this byway.



Phone

Public phones are available along this byway.



Restrooms

There are toilet facilities along this byway.



Retail

There are places to shop along this byway.

Special Considerations

Many of the ferries crossing from New York to Vermont are closed in the winter.

Restrictions

There are no restrictions along the byway. The entire byway route for Lakes to Locks Passage can safely and conveniently accommodate two-wheel drive automobiles and tour buses.

U.S. citizens traveling to Canada should be aware of new International Travel restrictions. As of January 2007 U.S. citizens must present their U.S. passport in order to re-enter the United States.

Seasons

Off Season

Many of the attractions are closed during the winter or have reduced hours of operation.

Spring

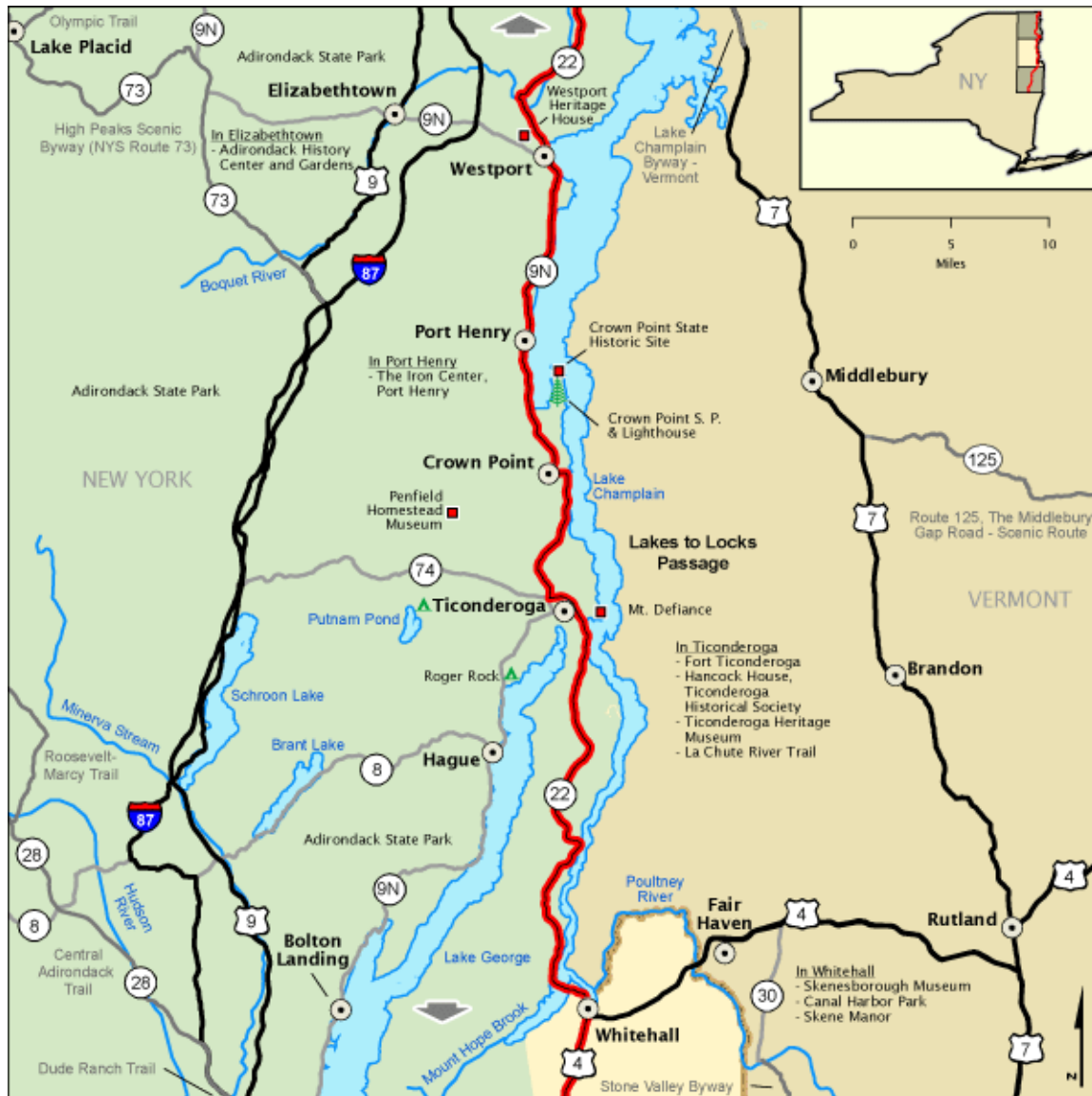
The spring time is ushered in with "sugar season." Visitors should watch the woods along the byway as nearly every sugar bush is tapped for sap collection.

Winter

In the winter, Lake Champlain's bays become "shanty villages" for icefishing. People gather along the passage for ice-skating, cross-country skiing, and other winter activities.

Map and Directions

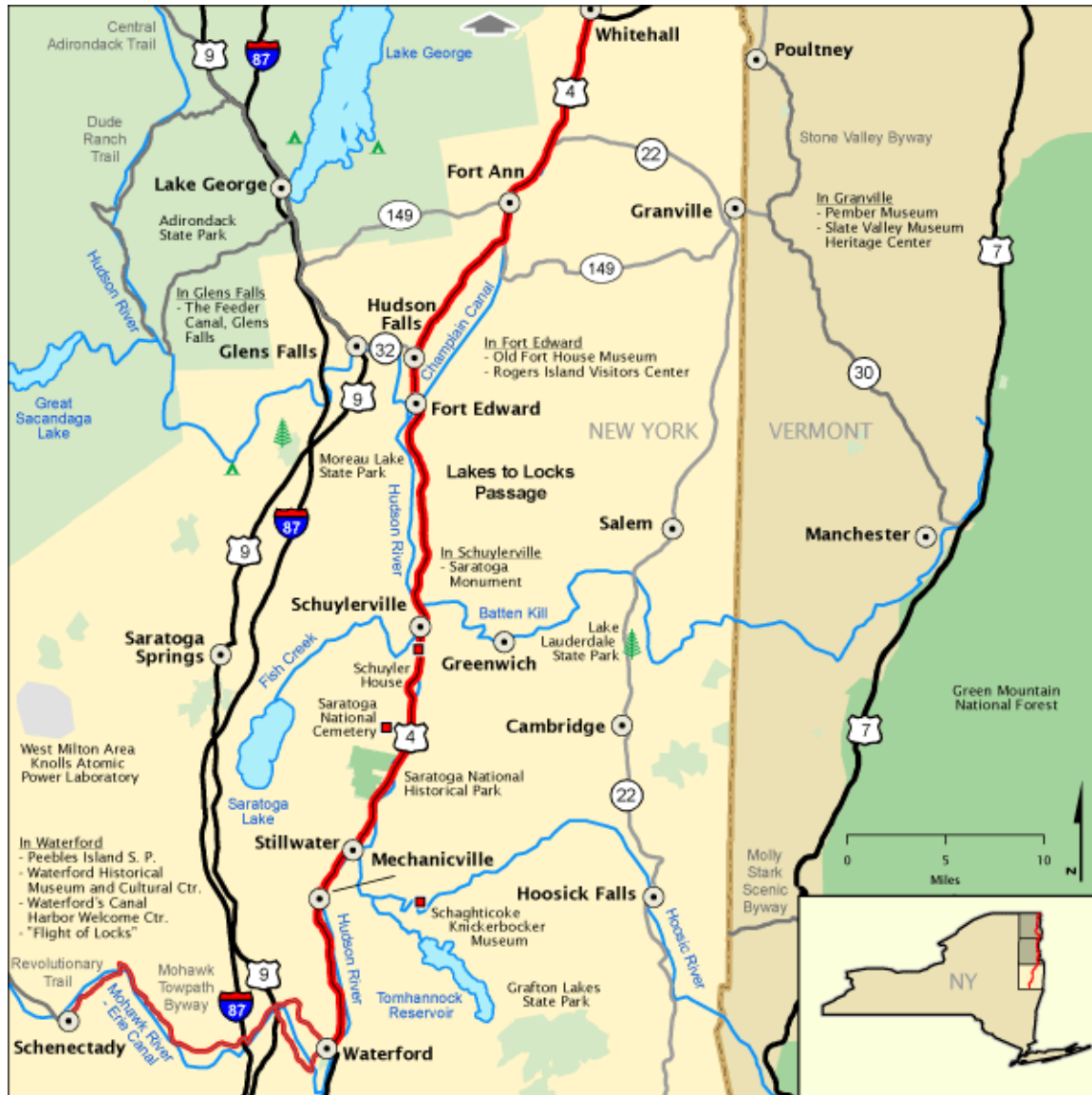
Standard Map - Middle Section



Standard Map - North Section



Standard Map - South Section



Legend:

Point of Interest	Campground	Featured Byway	Water	State Border
Park	Picnic/Rest Area	America's Byways	Wildlife Refuge	Urban Area
Mountain	Interstate	Other Byway	Wilderness Area	Tribal Nation
City	U.S. Highway	Other Road	Other Federal Lands	Military Base
Capital	State Highway	Trail	Other State Lands	

Driving Directions

The Lakes to Locks Passage travels in a north/south direction for 234 miles of New York State.

From Waterford to Whitehall

- Begin your travels along the Lakes to Locks Passage on US Route 4 in Waterford at the Canal Visitor Center, the junction of the Champlain and Erie Canals where the Mohawk and Hudson Rivers come together.
- Continue your drive north on US Route 4 through Mechanicville, Stillwater and Schuylerville, three of the 19 Lakes to Locks Passage "Waypoint Communities" that are eager to meet and greet visitors along the byway.
- While driving along US Route 4, note that the Champlain Canal is running parallel to the roadway, often just a "stone's throw" away. Most of the canal locks have parks and interpretation about the canal system - keep an eye out for the signs.
- Just north of the Village of Stillwater, watch for the signs to the Saratoga National Historical Park and the Saratoga National Cemetery. As you continue north through Fort Edward, Hudson Falls, Fort Ann, and Whitehall, be sure to stop at the Visitor Centers and park facilities.
- Just north of Fort Ann, take NYS RT 22 east to the museums in Granville to learn about the natural history of the Slate Valley.
- *First Spur*: Take US Route 4 east of Whitehall to New York/Vermont state line. Return to Whitehall.

From Whitehall to Crown Point

- In Whitehall, the "Birthplace of the US Navy," you will find great parks, restaurants, and shops that open out to the canal.
- Lakes to Locks Passage continues north on NYS RT 22 to Ticonderoga. Throughout Essex County you will find Champlain Valley Heritage Network interpretive signs that have been erected along the byway.
- Look to the west as you approach Ticonderoga. At the top of Mount Defiance the American flag flies at the strategic Military outlook for Lake Champlain, to the east are views of Fort Ticonderoga, and the fort site at Mount Independence in Vermont.
- *Second Spur*: At the junction with NYS RT 74 East, you can make a right turn to Fort Ticonderoga and the historic cable ferry across the lake, which operates during the summer. Return to Ticonderoga.
- You may also take a left on Montcalm St at the junction with NYS RT 74 East. It will take you into historic downtown Ticonderoga.
- Just north of Ticonderoga, NYS RT 9N and NYS RT 22 join; continue north along NYS 9N/22 to Crown Point.
- When in Crown Point, look for the signs to the Penfield Museum, on Essex County Route 2, or at the junction with NYS RT 903; follow the signs to the Crown Point State Historic Site, Crown Point State Park, and the beautiful Champlain Bridge across the lake.

From Crown Point to the Canadian Border

- *Third Spur*: Continue north along NYS 9N/22 to Bridge Rd./NYS 185 south of Bulwagga Bay. Follow NYS 185 to the ferry crossing. Return to NYS 9N/22.

- The byway continues north on NYS RT 9N/22 to Port Henry and through Westport. In the winter, note that the lake's bays become "shanty villages" for ice fishing.
- In Westport, NYS RTs 9N and 22 once again separate. NYS RT 9N will head west to Elizabethtown, which is known as the "Gateway to the Adirondacks."
- Continuing north on NYS RT 22 will take you through the pastoral landscape along the Boquet River to the community of Essex.
- The byway will turn left when it hits the lakeshore and the ferry across the lake.
- Traveling north on the byway will take you through Willsboro, up towards the Adirondack Mountains, and on to the junction with US RT 9.
- Turn right and follow US RT 9 through Keeseville and heading towards Plattsburgh. Be sure to stop at Ausable Chasm, and explore its breathtaking views.
- *Fourth Spur*: Take NYS RT 373 to Port Kent and the scenic ferry across the lake. Return to US RT 9 and continue north to Plattsburgh.
- As you continue north on the byway through Valcour, you see a wonderful view of the broad lake and Valcour Island (boat access only).
- In downtown Plattsburgh, turn right on City Hall Place, and then left on Cumberland Avenue to follow the city's signed "Heritage Trail," which will take you past several historic sites and great views of the lake.
- Cumberland Avenue will join NYS RT 9, where you will turn right and head north again.
- *Fifth Spur*: At the northern edge of the city, turn east on Cumberland Head Road, which will take you past the Cumberland Head State Park and loop around Cumberland Head, providing outstanding views of the lake.
- Or continue on NYS RT 9 to Point Au Roche Road. Turn right and head east to the Point Au Roche State Park, where you turn north again on Lake Shore Road.
- Follow Lake Shore Road through farmland and open views of the northern lake islands.
- At the junction of NYS RT 9B, turn right and continue north to Rouses Point and the Canadian border.
- *Sixth Spur*: North of Rouses Point, be sure to take a moment and travel US RT 2 to the Vermont/New York border.

Getting to the Byway



Nearby cities

Albany, NY (12 miles / 19.31 km, 18 minutes)

Start:

📍 Albany, NY
[N 42.654° W 73.747° \[?\]](#)

Directions:

- Take I-787 north to Green Island.



- Continue on NY-787 north to Cohoes.
- Get on NY-32 and go northeast to US-4 in Waterford where the byway begins.

**Junction
with
byway:**

- * Intersection of NY-32 and US-4
N 42.790° W 73.678° [?]

Road Trip: New York Naturally

Departure: Tour Beginnings - Albany, New York

Destination: Syracuse, New York

Time to allow: 8 days

This itinerary, produced by the Great Lakes Seaway Trail and the Lakes to Locks Passage, highlights locations along these New York National Scenic Byways.

Day 1

- **Start: Tour Beginnings - Albany**

The New York Nature tour recommends flying into New York City and reserving three days to explore the Big Apple, then taking a day-long trip winding up the Hudson Valley towards Albany. Plan on visiting Bear Mountain State Park; tour Sunnyside, the home of author Washington Irving; or visit Val-Kill, Eleanor Roosevelt's home. Spend the night in Albany, New York.

- **Stop 1: Waterford's Canal Harbor Welcome Center**

From previous stop: 20 minutes / 12 mi (19.2 km)

Directions: From Albany: * Follow Interstate 787 northwards. * Continue straight northward after the Interstate ends and becomes State Route 787, then turn right onto State Road 32. * Continue along State Road 32 for 1.7 miles, then turn right onto 3rd Street. * From 3rd Street, turn left onto South Street, and then right onto Tugboat Alley. The Welcome Center will be at the end of Tugboat Alley.

Suggested time at this stop: 45 minutes

A new interpretive sign indicates the junction of New York's three major heritage corridors - the Hudson River National Heritage Corridor, the Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor, and the Lakes to Locks Passage.

• **Stop 2: Slate Valley Museum**



From previous stop: 1 hour 40 minutes / 64 mi (102.4 km)

Directions: From Tug Boat Alley:

- Go north to the intersection of South Street.
- Turn left on South Street.
- Turn right onto 3rd Street, which will become Highway 4.
- Continue along Highway 4 for 51.7 miles through the communities of Mechanicville, Schuylerville, Hudson Falls and Fort Ann to the junction of State Road 22.
- Go 9.8 miles on State Road 22, and turn left onto Mettowee Street.
- Continue along Mettowee Street for .8 miles.
- Turn right onto Glen Street.
- Turn left onto Main Street.
- Turn right onto River Street, and continue to the Slate Valley Museum.

Suggested time at this stop: 30 minutes

The Slate Valley Museum celebrates the rich heritage of the Slate Valley in New York and Vermont. Museum exhibits and programs interpret the geology of slate, the history of quarrying, and the Welsh immigrant culture that is evident in the local communities.

- **Stop 3: Pember Museum**

From previous stop: 2 minutes / 0.25 mi (0.4 km)

Directions: From the Slate Valley Museum, head north towards Main Street. Turn left onto Main Street, and continue to 33 West and the Pember Museum.

Suggested time at this stop: 30 minutes

The Pember Museum is a natural history collection of mounted birds and mammals, bird nests and eggs, insects, plants, shells, rocks and minerals. The Pember Library and Museum were established in Granville, New York, in 1909, by Franklin Tanner Pember and his wife Ellen Wood Pember. Both institutions continue to operate in the marble structure designed and built for this purpose. In 1979, the Pember Museum acquired 125 acres of land south of Granville, which became the Pember Nature Preserve. The Pember Museum of Natural History and the Pember Nature Preserve provide programs, exhibits and activities for the people of eastern New York and western Vermont. It is the only institution of its kind in the region and offers lectures, field trips, environmental studies, tours, hikes, day camps, outreach and many other special programs.

• **Stop 4: Fort Ticonderoga**

From previous stop: 1 hour 8 minutes / 40 mi (64.0 km)

Directions: From the Pember Museum:

- Head southwest on Main Street.
- Bear right onto Quaker Street.
- Turn left onto Mettowee Street and continue for .6 miles.
- Turn right onto State Road 22 and continue for 3.3 miles.
- Turn right onto County Road 12A, and then turn right onto County Road 12 and continue for 9 miles
- Turn left onto Poultney Street, and then veer right onto Broadway, or State Route 22. Continue for 24.8 miles along State Route 22.
- Turn right onto State Route 74, where you will find the entrance to Fort Ticonderoga.

Suggested time at this stop: 1 hour 30 minutes

This restored 18th Century fort resides on 2000 acres and features museum exhibits and educational programs that focus on the military history of the Lake Champlain and Lake George regions. From the fort, visitors enjoy breathtaking views of Lake Champlain, the Adirondacks and Green Mountains. This historic fort still relives a history of pivotal battles and strategic wars that played a part in forming the American, Canadian, and European nations. If you happen to be passing through on Labor Day or at the end of June, you may catch a spectacular re-enactment of battles from the Revolutionary War or the French and Indian War.

• **End: Lake Placid**

From previous stop: 1 hour 19 minutes / 66 mi (105.6 km)

Directions: From Fort Ticonderoga:

- Head north, and then turn left onto State Route 74 and continue for 1.2 miles.
- Turn right to continue along State Route 22/74 for 18.8 miles.
- Merge onto I-87 Northbound.
- Take Exit 30 and then turn left onto US 9. Continue for 2.2 miles
- Turn slight left onto NY-73 and continue for 27.5 miles into the community of Lake Placid.

You will spend your first night in Lake Placid. Lake Placid has hosted two Winter Olympics and is a major recreational center in the Adirondacks, with a year-round operating ski resort. Lake Placid features excellent accommodations, so call ahead for reservations.

Totals for Day 1

Total Distance Traveled: 182.25 miles / 291.6 km

Total Travel Time: 4 hours 29 minutes

Total Stopping Time: 3 hours 15 minutes

Day 2

• **Stop 1: Alexandria Bay**

From previous stop: 3 hours / 136.09 mi (217.7 km)

Directions: From Lake Placid:

- Head southwest on State Route 73 or Sentinel Road.
- Turn right onto Mill Pond Drive.
- Turn left to stay on Mill Pond Drive and Continue for .8 miles.
- Turn right onto Old Military Road and continue for 1.4 miles.
- Turn left onto State Route 86 and continue for 6.1 miles.
- Turn left onto River Street, and continue straight onto State Route 3, or the George Lapan Memorial highway. Follow State Route 3 for 20.5 miles.
- Take two consecutive right turns onto Mill Street and Lake Street to stay on Route 3 and continue for 48 miles.
- Turn right onto State Route 58 and continue for 22.3 miles.
- Turn left onto US-11 and continue for 17.8 miles.
- Turn right onto State Route 26 and continue for 6.3 miles.
- Turn right onto Main Street to continue along State Route 26 for .5 miles.
- Turn right onto Alex Bay Road, and continue for .8 miles.
- Turn right onto State Route 26, continue for 1.6 miles, and then turn left to continue along State Route 26 for another 4.6 miles.
- Turn left to stay on State Road 26 for 3.8 more miles, and you will have reached Alexandria Bay.

Locate your accommodations and prepare for an excellent time on the Great Lakes Seaway Trail.

Suggested time at this stop: 30 minutes

You will spend the next two nights in Alexandria Bay, in the 1000 Islands region of northwestern New York. Alexandria Bay is a central location on the Great

Lakes Seaway Trail, the second America's Byway of our tour. Check into your accommodations.

- **Stop 2: Boldt Castle**



From previous stop: 15 minutes / 1 mi (1.6 km)

Directions: In Alexandria, navigate from your lodgings to Church Street. Follow Church Street northwest to the docks on the St. Lawrence River. Here you can find several different boat tour operators willing to take you to Heart Island, the home of Boldt Castle.

Suggested time at this stop: 2 hours

Looking like it dropped straight from the shores of Germany's Rhine River, Boldt Castle is a magnificent six-story island castle in the heart of the Thousand Islands area. In 1900, a millionaire by the name of George C. Boldt went to work building a castle with over 120 rooms for his wife, Louise. Yet the fantasy castle was not to be. When Louise died shortly after the work commenced, George lost all interest in the castle and it was abandoned. Seventy years later, the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority acquired the property and restored and improved the structure. The first level of the castle is now a museum, filled with exhibits dedicated to the lives of George and Louise Boldt and the development of the Thousand Island region. After your tour, return to your choice of lodging and rest up for the next day.

- **End: Alexandria Bay**

From previous stop: 15 minutes / 1 mi (1.6 km)

Directions: After your tour, return to your choice of lodging and rest up for the next day.

Totals for Day 2

Total Distance Traveled: 138.09 miles / 220.9 km

Total Travel Time: 3 hours 30 minutes

Total Stopping Time: 2 hours 30 minutes

Day 3

- **Stop 1: Antique Boat Museum**



From previous stop: 20 minutes / 11.72 mi (18.8 km)

Directions:

From your accommodations in Alexandria:

- Navigate to State Route 12, or the Great Lakes Seaway Trail.
- Head east along the Great Lakes Seaway Trail for 11 miles to reach State Street in Clayton.
- Turn right onto Alexandria Street, and then left onto Mary Street.
- The Antique Boat Museum is located at 750 Mary Street.

Suggested time at this stop: 1 hour 30 minutes

Situated on one of the loveliest harbors in the 1000 Islands, the Antique Boat Museum offers the whole family a perfect setting for summer fun. Experience a priceless collection of over 200 antique boats, take a quiet ride in a St. Lawrence Skiff or thunder down the River in a gleaming mahogany runabout. Round out your visit by browsing the River Memories Gift shop and consider enrolling in a boat building or restoration class.

• **Stop 2: Great Lakes Seaway Trail Discovery Center**



From 1 hour / 41 mi (65.6 km)

previous stop:

Directions: From the Antique Boat Museum:

- Head southwest on Mary Street and turn left onto Theresa Street.
- Turn right onto State Street (State Route 12), which is a part of the Great Lakes Seaway Trail.
- Continue to follow State Route 12 for 31 miles, passing through Cape Vincent.
- Turn right onto State Route 180 and continue for 5 miles.
- Take a slight right onto State Route 3 and continue for 2.5 miles.
- Turn right onto Sulphur Springs Road, and continue for 1.4 miles into Sacketts Harbor.
- The Great Lakes Seaway Trail Discovery Center is located on the corner of Ray Street and West Main Street.

Suggested 1 hour 30 minutes

time at this

stop:

The Great Lakes Seaway Trail Discovery Center is an authoritative introduction to any visit. Interactive exhibits highlight the many cultural and historic activities along the trail. You can command at a tall ship's wheel, test your knowledge of War of 1812 trivia, and view one-of-a-kind murals.

Several characters enhance your visit to the Great Lakes Seaway Trail. An animated Ulysses S. Grant, who played checkers in this building as a young officer, greets you at the entrance. You can chat with lake and salmon anglers about fishing, or visit the Great Lakes Seaway Trail Talking Cow to learn about the many fresh farm products available along the Great Lakes Seaway Trail.

When you have finished exploring the Discovery Center, return to your lodgings at Alexandria Bay.

• **End: Alexandria Bay**

From previous stop: 45 minutes / 40 mi (64.0 km)

- Directions:** From the Great Lakes Seaway Trail Discovery Center:
- Follow Main Street southeast for 1.4 miles.
 - Turn left onto State Route 3 and continue for 8 miles.
 - Veer left to merge onto Interstate 81, then follow I-81 for 25 miles.
 - Take Exit 50N, then continue along State Route 12N into Alexandria Bay.

Return to your lodgings at Alexandria Bay.

Totals for Day 3

Total Distance Traveled: 92.72 miles / 148.4 km

Total Travel Time: 2 hours 5 minutes

Total Stopping Time: 3 hours

Day 4

• Stop 1: Fort Ontario

From previous stop: 1 hour 40 minutes / 90 mi (144.0 km)

Directions: From Alexandria Bay:

- Navigate to State Route 26, and then head south for 4 miles.
- Merge onto Interstate 81, and continue for 64 miles.
- Take Exit 34.
- Turn right onto State Route 104, and continue for 21 miles into Oswego.
- Turn left onto 4th Avenue, and continue to the Fort Ontario State Historic Site.

Suggested time at this stop: 45 minutes

Fort Ontario has played many changing roles throughout history, and through a series of wars. Over the course of the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War, Fort Ontario was built and destroyed several times. Beginning as a simple log stockade, the fort evolved into its current star shape during the decades after the War of 1812. From 1944 to 1946, the fort also housed refugees from the WWII Holocaust. The fort features living history exhibits, including an array of historical information and artifacts.

• **Stop 2: Old Sodus Lighthouse**



From previous stop: 1 hour 24 minutes / 40 mi (64.0 km)

- Directions:** From Fort Ontario:
- Follow 4th Avenue northwest and turn left onto W. Seneca Street, State Route 104 W, or the Great Lakes Seaway Trail.
 - Continue along State Route 104 W for 14.7 miles until you reach the community of Fair Haven.
 - Continue 6.2 miles south of Fair Haven on Route 104 A, and then turn right onto Route 104.
 - Continue on Route 104 for 2.7 miles.
 - Turn right onto Ridge Road and continue for 1.6 miles.
 - Take a slight right to continue along Ridge Road for another 6.8 miles.
 - Turn right onto Shaker Tract Road, continue for 3 miles.
 - Turn right onto State Route 14 and continue for nearly 3 miles to the Old Sodus Lighthouse.
 - The Old Sodus Lighthouse is located at 7606 N Ontario Street.

Suggested time at this stop: 30 minutes

The Sodus Point Lighthouse provides incredible views of Lake Ontario and the Chimney Bluffs from its lantern room, and the keeper's house doubles as a museum. Since the mid-1800s, the Sodus Bay and lighthouse have been an ideal place for yachtsmen, campers, fishermen and picnickers to enjoy their summer activities.

• **Stop 3: Charlotte-Genessee Lighthouse**



From previous stop: 1 hour 15 minutes / 40.86 mi (65.4 km)

Directions: From Fort Ontario, head south on Wickham Boulevard and turn right on Bay Street, which will become Lake Road.

- Follow Lake Road for 23 miles, passing through the community of Pultneyville.
- Veer right to continue along Lake Road for another 4.5 miles.
- Turn left onto Bay Road. After 2 miles, Bay Road merges with State Route 104 W, continue for another 2.8 miles.
- Take the Culver Road ramp, and then turn right onto Culver Road. Continue for 2.3 miles, and then turn left onto Lake Shore Boulevard.
- Follow Lake Shore Boulevard for 3.2 miles.
- Turn right onto St. Paul Boulevard, and then left onto Pattonwood Drive. Continue for one mile on Pattonwood Drive.
- Make a right turn onto Lake Road, another right turn on Latta Road, and finally a left turn onto Lighthouse Drive.
- The Charlotte-Genessee Lighthouse is located at 70 Lighthouse St in Rochester.

Suggested time at this stop: 30 minutes

The original Charlotte-Genessee Lighthouse was built here in 1822 and is the second oldest lighthouse on the Great Lakes. Nearly 200 years after it was built, the lighthouse was restored and converted to a museum. Many historic structures still exist on the same grounds as this lighthouse in Rochester.

• **End: Rochester**

From previous stop: same location

After visiting the Charlotte-Genessee Lighthouse, proceed to your lodgings in Rochester.

Totals for Day 4

Total Distance Traveled: 170.86 miles / 273.4 km

Total Travel Time: 4 hours 19 minutes

Total Stopping Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

Day 5

- **Stop 1: George Eastman House and International Museum of Photography and Film**



From previous stop: 20 minutes / 5 mi (8.0 km)

Directions: From your lodgings in Rochester, navigate to 900 East Avenue. The George Eastman House will be on the north side of the street.

Suggested time at this stop: 1 hour

Originally the home of George Eastman, founder of Eastman Kodak, this Georgian-revival mansion contains the world's preeminent photography museum and one of the oldest film archives in America. Learn about the history of photography, or watch a film preserved from the early 20th Century.

- **Stop 2: Strong Museum & National Toy Hall of Fame**



From previous stop: 5 minutes / 1.5 mi (2.4 km)

Directions: From the George Eastman Museum, turn right and head west on East Avenue for 0.9 miles. Turn left onto Pitkin Street, and continue for 0.4 miles. Make a slight right onto Monroe Avenue, and then turn right onto Manhattan Square Drive. The Strong Museum is located at 1 Manhattan Square Drive.

Suggested time at this stop: 1 hour 30 minutes

The Strong Museum features 500,000 objects dealing with everyday American life, including historic toys and games, homecrafts, and even advertisements. The museum also houses the National Toy Hall of Fame.

- **End: Rochester, Second Day**

From previous stop: same location

After visiting the Strong Museum, spend the day experiencing the sights, sounds, and shops of Rochester. For more information on things to do in Rochester, visit the Rochester Downtown site. Return to your lodgings after your second day in Rochester.

Totals for Day 5

Total Distance Traveled: 6.5 miles / 10.4 km

Total Travel Time: 25 minutes

Total Stopping Time: 2 hours 30 minutes

Day 6

- **Stop 1: Thirty Mile Point Lighthouse**

Take Exit 9A to head north on State Route 390. Continue for 7.8 miles. Merge onto the Lake Ontario State Parkway, a part of the Great Lakes Seaway Trail, and continue for 32 miles. Take the Lakeside Beach Exit, and turn left onto Lakeside Beach Road. Turn right onto Roosevelt Highway and continue for 13.3 miles. Turn right onto Carmen Road and continue for 1.2 miles. Turn right onto Lower Lake Road and continue to the Thirty Mile Point Lighthouse in Golden Hill State Park. 10: Turn RIGHT onto LOWER LAKE RD. 0.3 miles 11: End at Golden Hill State Park 9691 Lower Lake Rd, Barker, NY 14012, US Map Total Est. Time: 1 hour, 11 minutes

From previous stop: 1 hour 11 minutes / 59 mi (94.4 km)

Directions: From the Rochester City Center:

- Follow Interstate 490 west for 3 miles.

Suggested time at this stop: 30 minutes

Located in Golden Hill State Park, Thirty Mile Point Lighthouse is a great photo opportunity. As visitors explore the park and take a walk around this 1875 lighthouse, the life and times of a lighthouse come into view through informational signs. During its years of operation, a lighthouse keeper lived in it to attend to its maintenance. The lighthouse keeper would light the wick, make sure there was sufficient oil, trim the wick, and polish the lens of the light. Other buildings situated around Thirty Mile Point Lighthouse include a foghorn building, a carriage house, outhouses, and oil houses.

• **Stop 2: Old Fort Niagara**



From previous stop: 48 minutes / 32 mi (51.2 km)

Directions: From Thirty Mile Point Lighthouse:

- Head west on Lower Lake Road.
- Turn left onto Carmen Road and continue for 1.2 miles.
- Turn right onto Lake Road and continue for 26.3 miles.
- Turn right onto Robert Moses State Parkway and continue for 2.1 miles.
- Take the NY-18/Fort Niagara ramp and merge onto Robert Moses State Parkway. Continue for 1 mile. Enter next roundabout and take 2nd exit.
- Continue for .5 miles.
- Turn slight right onto Scott Avenue, then continue to the entrance of Old Fort Niagara.

Suggested time at this stop: 1 hour

Under three different flags, Old Fort Niagara stood for over 200 years. The French recognized the importance of the location and built temporary forts here as early as 1678 under La Salle. In 1726, the actual Old Fort Niagara, which stands today, was built by the French and was a key location for fur traders. The fort bothered Great Britain who wanted to control this settlement. In 1759, after an 18-day siege, the fort was surrendered to the English who improved it and continued to use it in the fur trade. It was used as a base for launching attacks in New York during the American Revolution. However, after the American Revolution, Great Britain relinquished the fort to the fledgling United States. Great Britain would reclaim the fort temporarily during the War of 1812, but following the war, the United States took control once again.

• **End: Niagara Falls**

From 20 minutes / 9 mi (14.4 km)
previous
stop:

Directions: From Old Fort Niagara:

- Go southeast on Scott Avenue for .7 miles.
- Turn slight right onto Main Street and continue for 5.5 miles. Main Street will become Lower River Road.
- Turn left onto Oneida Street.
- Turn right onto N 4th Street.
- Turn left onto Center Street and continue for 0.7 miles.
- Take the Route 104-W ramp towards I-190 and Canada. Continue for .2 miles.
- Turn slight right onto Lewiston Road and continue for 5.1 miles.
- Turn right onto Main Street and continue into Niagara Falls.

Spend the next two nights of your trip in Niagara Falls, a city full of history, nature, and excitement.

Totals for Day 6

Total Distance Traveled: 100 miles / 160.0 km

Total Travel Time: 2 hours 19 minutes

Total Stopping Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Day 7

- **Stop 1: Niagara Falls State Park**



From previous stop: same location

Directions: Make your way from your lodgings to Niagara Falls State Park, which spans the Niagara River near Rainbow Bridge.

Suggested time at this stop: 12 hours

Once believed to be the sacred dwelling place of the Native American Thunder Being *Henon*, Niagara Falls is now a cultural icon. For decades, people have made it their vacation destination. The falls actually consist of two parts: the American Falls and Horseshoe Falls. The American Falls is on the U.S. side, while Horseshoe Falls is shared by the U.S. and Canada. Horseshoe Falls is the widest at 2200 feet, but the American Falls are the taller of the two at 184 feet. The two of them combine to form a grand spectacle of water gushing off the cliffs, creating a foamy whiteness the color of snow. Visitors gather at overlooks on Goat Island or take a tour under the falls themselves. The Maid of the Mist is a boat that will take visitors close to the bottom of the falls. Take a long look at the falls from overlooks on Goat Island, or take a tour under the falls themselves. The Maid of the Mist is a boat that will take visitors close to the bottom of the falls. Visit the visitor center, gardens, gift shops, restaurants, and the Niagara Falls aquarium. Then, once night has fallen, see the falls lit up in a spectacular light show.

- **End: Niagara Falls, Second Night**

From previous stop: same location

After a full day at Niagara Falls State Park, return to your lodgings for the night.

Totals for Day 7

Total Distance Traveled: 0 miles / 0.0 km

Total Travel Time: 0 minutes

Total Stopping Time: 12 hours

Day 8

- **Stop 1: William Seward House**

From previous stop: 3 minutes / 1 mi (1.6 km)

Directions: From Harriet Tubman's Home, head a mile south on South Street to the 33 South Street, the location of the Seward House.

Suggested time at this stop: 30 minutes

Visit the home of William Henry Seward, who served as Governor of New York, United States Senator, and Secretary of State to Presidents Lincoln and Johnson. Guided tour includes Civil War Era memorabilia.

- **Stop 2: Harriet Tubman's Home**

From previous stop: 2 hours 32 minutes / 139 mi (222.4 km)

Directions: From your lodgings in Niagara Falls:

- Follow I-190 S to the junction of I-290 E.
- Take Exit 16 towards Tonawanda and Rochester, and continue for 10 miles.
- Take Exit 1-49 on the left to merge onto I-90 E.
- Continue along I-90 for 100 miles.
- Take Exit 41 toward Seneca Falls.
- Turn slight right onto Ridge Road.
- Turn left onto NY-318 and continue for 4.1 miles.
- Turn slight left onto US-20 E / NY-5 E. Continue for 11.2 miles.
- Turn slight right onto Clark Street.
- Turn right onto Dill Street.
- Turn right onto South Street and continue for 1 mile to Harriet Tubman's home at 180 South Street.

Suggested time at this stop: 30 minutes

Visit the last home of Harriet Tubman, a famed worker on the Underground Railroad in the 1800s, in Auburn, New York.

- **End: Syracuse**

From previous stop: same location

Spend the rest of your day in the Syracuse area. You can tour the Museum of Automobile History, visit the grounds of Cornell University, or rent a boat and go boating on beautiful Cayuga Lake.

Totals for Day 8

Total Distance Traveled: 140 miles / 224.0 km

Total Travel Time: 2 hours 35 minutes

Total Stopping Time: 1 hour