

Welcome to the North Country



DRUM Soldier & Family Tour Guide

(within 40 miles of Fort Drum)

Army Community Service
Relocation Readiness Program

4330 Conway Road
Fort Drum, NY 13602
315-772-6556/6557



Boldt Castle



Dry Hill Skiing and Tubing



Whitewater Rafting in the Black River



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Fort Drum: 35 Mile Driving Radius

Town and number of miles from Fort Drum



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*Map not drawn to scale

Welcome to Fort Drum & The North Country!

Being part of the 10th Mountain Division and living in Northern New York, you'll soon learn why Fort Drum is the Army's best kept secret.

The Fort Drum Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (FMWR) offers numerous activities for Soldiers and their Families on post and off. Many of these activities are free, and some have a very nominal charge for their use.

The "North Country" also offers a vast range of activities from touring historic castles to taking guided white water rafting trips to shopping local Farmer's Markets, and much more!

With four distinct seasons you'll get to experience a taste of everything - skiing in the winter, visiting sugar shacks in the spring, boating in the summer, and "leaf peeping" in the fall! (*If you are unfamiliar with what "leaf peeping" or a sugar shack is, you'll have to visit page 27 of this guide and then experience it for yourself!*)

Fort Drum Parks and Recreation Adventure Training often offers discounted rafting trips, check during the summer months for specials!

1115 Iraqi Freedom Drive

315-772-0045/8222/4010

drum.armymwr.com





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drum.armymwr.com

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Disclaimer:

Every effort has been made to provide accurate and current information. However, as information often changes, we recommend calling to verify services, location and hours of operation. Not all recreation opportunities may be listed. Presentation of direct or indirect links to products, services, or vendors does not constitute endorsement by DOD or Fort Drum Army Community Service. Individuals are encouraged to thoroughly investigate and evaluate items of interest prior to entering into contractual obligations.

Helpful Websites

Fort Drum's Home Page
www.drum.army.mil

Fort Drum Family & Morale, Welfare & Recreation
drum.armymwr.com

Drum Country
The Warmest Place You'll Ever Live
www.drumcountry.com

Visiting the 1000 Islands
The Official Tourism Bureau of the Thousand Island Region
www.visit1000islands.com

New York Tourism Information
www.iloveny.com

Thousand Islands State Park Region
www.nysparks.com

Lewis County & Tug Hill Recreation Information
<http://www.adirondackstughill.com/>

Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust (Recreation Information)
www.tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org

North Country Public Radio (Event Information)
www.northcountrypublicradio.org

The City of Watertown
www.watertown-ny.gov

Visit the Adirondacks
<http://visitadirondacks.com>

Helpful Websites

LOCAL AREA CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Greater Watertown North Country Chamber of Commerce:
www.watertownny.com

Carthage Chamber of Commerce: www.carthageny.com

Lewis County Chamber of Commerce:
<http://www.lewiscountychamber.org/>

St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce:
<http://northcountryguide.com/>

Alexandria Bay: www.alexbay.org

Clayton: www.1000islands-clayton.com

Cape Vincent: www.capevincent.org

Sackets Harbor: www.sacketsharborchamberofcommerce.org

Art Centers & Galleries

North Country Arts Council

52 Public Square Watertown, NY

315-661-6361

www.nnyart.org



North Country Arts Council is a non-profit organization whose mission is to "promote growth in and through the arts". The gallery Arts On The Square has work for sale from over 90 local artists and also is a clearing house for information regarding cultural events in the North Country. Educational opportunities are also offered at Arts On The Square with classes in visual art, music, and literary art. Open Wednesday through Saturday; 11:00am-6:00pm.



119 W. Main Street Sackets Harbor, NY

315-646-3502

www.aanny.org

The Arts Association of Northern New York offers a gallery displaying art work from local North Country artists. In addition they offer classes and workshops May through October.

Open 10:00am - 5:00pm Saturdays; 11:00am - 4pm Sundays.

Summer Hours Wed—Fri; 1:00-5:00pm

Breakwater Gallery

379 Club Street Cape Vincent, NY



Breakwater Gallery is a not-for-profit gallery dedicated to the promotion of the visual arts and artists in Cape Vincent featuring original works of art June through September.

<http://www.capevincentartscouncil.org/breakwatergallery.html>



314 John Street Clayton, NY

315-686-4123

<http://www.tiartscenter.org>

The Thousand Islands Arts Center offers art and pottery classes year round, gallery exhibits, annual Antique Show, Craft Show and Weaving History Conference. The museum's Gallery Store (The Arts Center Store) offers unique hand-made items from local artists. Call or visit their website for a full listing of upcoming classes and events.

Open 9:00am - 5:00pm Monday through Friday

Trillium Performing Arts Center

403 Washington Street Watertown, NY 13601

315-785-5515



Please call for more information on Trillium Performing Arts Center and music lessons

Entertainment

Clayton Opera House
405 Riverside Drive Clayton, NY
315-686-2200

www.claytonoperahouse.com

The Clayton Opera House is open year round offering a variety of performances and is available for private or public functions.

They offer various programming such as comedy shows, symphony performances and other musical performances.

Please visit their website for event listings.

AAFES Reel Time Movie Theater
Reeltime Theaters
10725 North Riva Ridge Loop Fort Drum, NY
315-772-5026

Town Hall Theater
5428 Shady Avenue Lowville, NY
(315) 376-2421
www.lowvilletownhalltheater.com

Regal Salmon Run Mall Movie Theater
21182 Salmon Run Mall Loop Watertown, NY
844-462-7342
Year Round

Bay Drive-In Theatre
Route 26 & Bailey Settlement Road
Alexandria Bay, NY
www.baydrivein.com

Black River Valley Concert Series
Ticket Information: (315) 376-8957
Lowville, NY
<http://www.lewiscountyhistory.org>

Black River Drive-In
Route 3 and Route 342 Watertown, NY
315-773-8604
www.blackriverdrivein.com

Concerts on the Waterfront
Free Summer Concert Series
Sackets Harbor Battlefield
Sackets Harbor, NY
Sundays 3-5pm Summer months
www.sacketsharborny.com

Golf Courses

Adams Country Club
10700 Route 11 Adams, NY
315-232-4842

Alexandria Bay Municipal Golf Course
109 Walton St Alexandria Bay, NY
315-482-9902

Bay Breeze Golf Links
11390 Cheever Road Chaumont, NY
315-649-4653

**Bedford Creek Golf Course,
Marina and Campground**
12870 Route 3, Sackets Harbor, NY
315-646-3400

Carlowden Country Club
4105 Carlowden Road, Denmark, NY
315-493-0624

Cedars Golf Course
9368 E Rd, Lowville, NY
315-376-6267

Clayton Country Club
105 State Street Clayton, NY
315-686-4242



C-Way Golf Club, Motel & Resort
37067 Route 12 Clayton, NY
315-686-4214

Highland Meadows Golf and Country Club
24201 Route 342 Watertown, NY
315-785-0108

Ives Hill Country Club
435 West Flower Avenue Watertown, NY
315-775-4837

LA Golf Club
39711 Route 180 LaFargeville, NY
315-686-3748

Rustic Golf and Country Club
16451 County Route 59 Dexter, NY
315-639-6800

Watertown Country Club
1 Thompson Park Watertown, NY
315-782-4040

Willowbrook Golf Club
25075 Route 37 Watertown, NY
315-782-8192

The golf course listed above are open approximately May through October. Please call individual courses for exact hours of operation.

Hunting and Fishing

The Cape Vincent Fisheries Station and Aquarium
541 East Broadway Street Cape Vincent, NY
315-654-2147

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/27069.html>

The no fee public facilities include an Aquarium, fishing access, picnic areas and overnight dockage for transient vessels. The aquarium is open daily 9:00am-4:00pm
May -September.

For information on obtaining a hunting or fishing license please visit:

www.dec.ny.gov

&

www.fortdrum.isportsman.net

Horseback Riding

**Copper Top Stables Boarding
and Indoor Arena**

4280 Branche Road Cape Vincent, NY 13618
315-771-1644

www.coppertopstables.com

Copper Top Stables provides boarding facilities and practicing areas year round, please call for additional information.

Durand's East Edge Ranch

18739 County Route 3 Clayton, NY
315-686-4144

www.eastedgeranch.com

Lessons and horse training is offered. A commercial boarding facility, indoor and outdoor riding arenas and lots of riding trails available. For more information about boarding or riding lessons please call or visit the website.

Snow Country Stables

23464 Ct, RT 16, Evans Mills, NY
315-629-5550

Snow Country Stables is a pleasure Quarter Horse breeding facility that offers both horse boarding and riding.

In-door Family Activities

Pine Plains Bowling Center

4320 Conway Road Fort Drum, NY
315-772-6601

drum.armymwr.com

Enjoy bowling, a meal or both with your Family and friends.

Hours of operation vary by season.

Please call for hours.

Seaway Lanes

22116 US Route 11 Watertown, NY
315-788-4050

www.seawaylanes.com

Enjoy bowling with your Family and friends.

Open daily, please visit the website for hours of operation.

Showtime Skating

Northland Plaza, 144 Eastern Boulevard # 9 Watertown, NY
315-779-8877

Open skating , Jam skating, and adult skate.

Free skating lessons available during each session.

Open daily, please call for hours of operation.

Watertown Fairgrounds Arena Ice Skating Rink

600 William T. Field Drive Watertown, NY
315-785-7836

Public skating, Rock N Skate, Skate and Shoot, skating lessons.

Open October - March. Call for hours of operation.

Pla-Mor Lanes

577 State Street Watertown, NY
315-786-3356

www.plamorlanesny.com

Enjoy bowling with your Family, friends or on a bowling league.

Check web page for hours

Libraries

All off post libraries are part of the North Country Library System. Libraries connected to this system allows you to register for one card at one library and then borrow and return from all libraries in the system!!

Flower Memorial Library
229 Washington Street Watertown, NY
315-785-7705

www.flowermemoriallibrary.org

The Flower Memorial Library offers a variety of programming for children and Families including story time, volunteer opportunities, a book club, programs for teens and much more!

The ATTAIN Lab is a computer literacy program geared toward enhancing computer skills and knowledge in several areas including the internet and Microsoft Office applications.

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 8:00pm Friday and
Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm 12:00pm-5:00pm on Sundays.

Sally Ploof Hunter Memorial Library
101 Public Works Drive
Black River, NY
315-773-5163

Located just off post, this library has something going happening all the time! From kids activities to adult programming; they are the perfect town library and worth the visit.

The McEwen Library
4300 Conway Road Fort Drum, NY
315-772-9099

drum.armymwr.com

The McEwen Library offers free computer and internet access, computer room for parents, movies on DVD and books on CD, children story times. Open 9:00am - 8:00pm Monday through Friday; 10:30am - 6:00pm Saturday and Closed Sunday.

The Army Library Program's worldwide network of academic, research, technical, general, and special libraries provides the Army community access to a selected group of web resources via the Digital Army Library Service.

Museums and Historical Sites

Historical Association of South Jefferson

29 East Church Street Adams, NY

315-232-2616

<http://hasjny.tripod.com>

The Historical Association is an antique 25 room home and farm built in the 1860's with displays such as marine, local history, genealogy, and Indian artifacts. Open year round. Hours vary depending on volunteers. Monday and Friday 8am-1pm, Some Saturdays 9am-2pm.

Jefferson County Historical Society Museum

228 Washington Street Watertown, NY

315-782-3491

<http://www.jeffersoncountyhistory.org/>

The Jefferson County Historical Society's mission is to engage audiences in a dialog about our unique history; what it means to us today, and what it should mean for our future. Open Tuesday through Friday 9am - 4:30pm; Saturdays 9am - 4pm

Antique Boat Museum

750 Mary Street Clayton, NY

315-686-4104

<http://www.abm.org>

The Antique Boat Museum is the premier fresh water nautical museum in North America. Located in the 1000 Islands on the St. Lawrence River, the ABM's galleries overflow with over 300 unique and beautifully-preserved boats and thousands of recreational boating artifacts. Our 4.5 acre campus comes alive with speed boat rides, boat shows, educational programs for all ages, special events and more.
Open May 2-Oct 12; 9:00am-5:00pm daily

Seaway Trail Discovery Center

Corner Ray and West Main Street Sackets Harbor, NY

315-646-4000

www.seawaytrail.com

The Seaway Trail Discovery Center offers several rooms full of exhibits on the Seaway Trail nature, history, culture and recreation. Great for both kids and adults as they learn about everything from the birds found along the seaway trail, to the history of the War of 1812. Open May through October.

Sci-Tech Center

154 Stone Street Watertown, NY

315-788-1340

www.scitechcenter.org

Year-round hands-on museum of science and technology. The Sci-tech center offers parties, tours, classes, clubs, volunteer opportunities and much more!
Winter Hours: Sept-June Fridays and Saturdays, 10am-4pm

Thousand Islands Museum

312 James Street Clayton, NY

315-686-5794

www.timuseum.org

The Thousand Islands Museum offers visitors special exhibits of world class muskies and hunting decoys from the past and present. Please call for hours of operation.

NY State Parks and Campgrounds

From the shores of Long Island to the mighty Niagara Falls, there are 180 state parks in New York offering countless opportunities to explore your natural environment, escape from the grind of the everyday and experience exciting new adventures. Beaches, boat launches, hiking trails, campsites, and golf courses all await you!

**New York's state parks... With all there is to see and do,
how will you spend your time?**

For a complete list of campgrounds throughout New York and for additional information on the campgrounds listed below please visit:

<http://nysparks.state.ny.us/parks/>

Burnham Point State Park
34075 Route 12E Cape Vincent, NY
315-654-2522

Cedar Point State Park and Marina
36661 Cedar Point State Park Drive Clayton, NY
315-654-2522

Grass Point State Park and Marina
42247 Grassy Point Road Alexandria Bay, NY
315-686-4472

Keewaydin State Park and Marina
46165 Route 12 Alexandria Bay, NY
315-482-3331

Kring Point State Park
25950 Kring Point Road Redwood, NY
315-482-2444

Long Point State Park
7495 State Park Road Three Mile Bay, NY
315-649-5258

Mary Island State Park
36661 Cedar Point State Park Drive Clayton, NY
315-654-2522

Information is subject to change

Outdoor Family Activities

Alex Bay 500 Go-Karts & Mini Golf

43772 Route 12 Alexandria Bay, NY
315-482-2021
www.alexbay500.com

Bonnie Castle Greens Miniature Golf and Driving Range

43681 Route 12 Alexandria Bay, NY
315-482-5771

CAN-AM Motorsports Park

21047 Route 411 LaFargeville, NY
315-658-4431
<http://www.dirtcarump.com/tracks/states-q-z/new-york/can-am-motorsports-park/>

River Golf Adventures

40168 NYS Route 12 Clayton, NY
315-777-0225
www.rivergolfadventures.com

Mazeland

Route 12 Alexandria Bay, NY
315-482-2176

Route 342 Karts and More

25773 Route 342 Evans Mills, NY
315-788-7223

Amateur Boxing

<http://watertownareaboxingclub.com/>

Watertown Hockey League
Contact Watertown Municipal Arena
for game schedule information.

Semi-Professional Football

Red and Black Team

<http://www.eteamz.com/watertownredandblack/>

Tourist Attractions

Burrville Cider Mill

18176 County Road 156 Watertown, NY

315-788-7292

www.burrvillecidermill.com

The Burrville Cider Mill is one of Watertown's oldest establishments. The structure was built in 1801 and used as a sawmill and grist mill. The mill is located on the Sandy Creek and has a 30 foot waterfall that was formerly used to power the sawmill. In the 1940's it was turned into a commercial cider mill. Today you can watch cider pressing, enjoy a warm cider donut and pick out the best apples out of the bulk bins to take home. Open seasonally, please visit their website for hours of operation.

Boldt Castle and Boldt Yacht House

Heart Island Alexandria Bay, NY

315-482-2501

www.boldtcastle.com

Please visit page 24 in this guide for additional information on the history of Boldt Castle. The castle is accessible by boat from the U.S. or Canada. Take a self guided tour of the Castle, yacht house and Island.

Open 10:00am-6:30pm mid May through mid October; 10:00am-7:30pm July and August.



Singer Castle

Dark Island Chippewa Bay, NY

315-324-3275

www.singercastle.com

Singer Castle is located on Dark Island in the 1000 Islands, built by the owner of the Singer Sewing Machine Company. Please visit page 24 of this guide the complete story behind Singer Castle. The castle is accessible by boat from the U.S. or Canada. Please visit their website for information on visiting.



The Tibbett's Point Lighthouse

Broadway Road Cape Vincent, NY

315-654-2700

http://www.capevincent.org/lighthouse/lighthouse_001.htm

The Tibbett's Point Lighthouse marks the point where the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario come together. The Lighthouse features a hotel for visitors staying the night. The visitors center is open May through October but you can drive up to and view the lighthouse and beautiful views year round.

Please visit their website for hours of operation.

Parks and Zoos

Historic Thompson Park

Entrances off of Gotham Street; Academy Street & Franklin Street Watertown, NY

www.watertown-ny.gov

Enjoy beautiful scenery, exercise paths, stone stairways, a stone pavilion, tennis courts, playgrounds, seasonal swimming, Watertown Golf Club, The New York State Zoo, outdoor skating area, cross country skiing, and sledding area. Open daily 7:00am-9:00pm year round.

Old McDonald's Farm

14471 County Route 145 Sackets Harbor, NY

315-583-5737

www.oldmcdonaldhasafarm.com

Old McDonald's Farm is a 1200 acre working dairy and crop farm. Enjoy seeing over 1000 animals, a petting zoo, the Lazy Cow Café, mini golf, bouncy house, the Wizard of Oz Hayride and the Moo Town Trolley. Open May through October please call or visit for exact closing time.

The New York State Zoo at Thompson Park

1 Thompson Park Watertown, NY

315-782-6180

www.nyszoo.org

The NYS Zoo is a wonderful place for child and adults to see and learn about the wild species that are native to New York State including black bears, wolverines, elk, and many more. Open year round, please call or visit their website for hours of operations.



Pools and Playgrounds

Magrath Sports Complex and Swimming Pool

10050 Tigris River Valley Fort Drum, NY

315-772-9670

drum.armymwr.com

Magrath is home to three basketball/volleyball courts, an indoor running track, a weight room, cardiovascular machines, two racquetball courts, and a 25-meter indoor pool.

Outside Magrath has several ball fields, tennis courts and a track. Please call for hours of operation.

Monti Physical Fitness Center

4305 Conway Road Fort Drum, NY

315-772-4936

drum.armymwr.com

Monti Fitness Center has two cardiovascular and weight fitness rooms, two multipurpose workout rooms for aerobic classes, basketball courts, volleyball courts, an outside playground and a 25 meter pool.

Please call for hours of operation.

Atkins Functional Fitness Center

4305 Conway Road Fort Drum, NY

315-772-3377

drum.armymwr.com

Atkins Functional Fitness Center is a state of the art cross fit training facility focusing on training Soldiers for combat. Amenities include sprint lanes, cardio machines, pull/push sleds, concept rowers, Jacob's Ladder, strength training room, combatives room and more!

Please call for hours of operation.

Steve D. Alteri Municipal Swimming Pool

600 W.T. Field Drive Alex Duffy Fairgrounds Watertown, NY

315-785-7836

Open 11:00am-8:00pm Sunday-Saturday (Holidays 11:00am-5:00pm) mid June through Labor Day in September.

Thompson Park Swimming Pool

Thompson Park Watertown, NY

315-575-7523

Open 11:00am-8:00pm Sunday-Saturday (Holidays 11:00am-5:00pm) mid June through mid August.

William J. Flynn Municipal Swimming Pool

Between Division and Hoard Streets Watertown, NY

315-767-0500

Open 11:00am-8:00pm Sunday-Saturday (Holidays 11:00am-5:00pm) mid June through mid August.

Playgrounds are located throughout The North Country in each town as well as several locations on Fort Drum.

Playground locations by street in Watertown: Academy Street; East Hills Street; Hamilton Street; John Adams Street; Knickerbocker Street; Kostyk Street; 9th Ward Street; Portage Street; Sacred Heart Street

Scenic Cruises and Tours



Champagne Balloon Adventures

27 James Street Alexandria Bay, NY

315-482-9356

www.balloonadventures.com

May - October

**Take an adventure of a life time floating
right above the water
or 1000 feet above the St. Lawrence River.**

Antique Boat Museum Tours & Rides

750 Mary Street Clayton, NY

315-686-4104

www.abm.org

Take a speed boat ride around the 1000 Islands on the St. Lawrence River.

**Take a ride in a
triple cockpit runabout built for 6 people.**

Uncle Sam Boat Tours

45 James Street Alexandria Bay, NY

315-482-2611 or 1-800-253-9229

www.usboattours.co

May-October

**Offering a variety of tours through the scenic 1000 Islands,
featuring 1-hour and 2 1/4-hour sightseeing cruises, luncheon and dinner cruises,
Singer Castle tours and round-trip shuttles to Boldt Castle on Heart Island.**

Clayton Island Tours

428 Riverside Drive Clayton, NY

315-686-4820

www.claytonislandtours.com

May-October

**Clayton Island Tours offers a variety of tours on the
St. Lawrence River,**

Tours are offered daily starting Memorial Day in May through October.

Water Sports

1000 Islands Diving Adventures

335 Riverside Drive Clayton, NY
1-800-544-4241

Well preserved wrecks abound in the 1000 Islands, many dating back to as far as the 1700's. In the fresh waters of the St. Lawrence river divers can expect to experience clarity usually only experienced in the Caribbean waters. Summer hours open 8:00am-5:00pm, call for reservations.

Thousands Islands Dive Excursions

834 Rees Street Clayton, NY
315-686-5542
<http://www.divetide.com>

Experience the best fresh water diving in the Northeast in the St. Lawrence River. Enjoy a morning, afternoon or night dive, or go diving all day! Call for diving reservations.

T.I. Adventures

Kayaking, Power Kite, Stand Up Paddle Boats
1011 State St Clayton, NY
315-686-2500

Explore the 1000's Islands. T.I. Kayaking offers tailored instruction and tours, kayak rentals and in the winter months offers snow kiting lessons by appointment.

SUP Paddle Boarding

125 Pike Road Sackets Harbor, NY
315-771-5005 or 518-524-7628

Instruction, sales and rentals. Yoga and fitness classes

As mentioned earlier in this guide book, Remington Park offers a wide range of activities including many water sports.

Fort Drum's Remington Park

4775 Pech River Road Fort Drum, NY
Catch and release fishing, kayaking, canoeing, paddle boats.
drum.armymwr.com

Water Sports, Continued

Whitewater Rafting

Experience an adventure of a life time down class III and IV rapids on the Black River. An experienced rafter will guide you and your team down the river. The rafting season runs May through October.

Adirondack River Outfitters, Inc.

140 Newell Street Watertown, NY

1-800-525-7238

www.roadventures.com

B.O.B. Rafting

23873 Route 342 Watertown, NY

315-785-9386

www.bobrafting.com

Hudson River Rafting Company, Inc.

424 Newell Street Watertown, NY 13601

315-782-7881

www.hudsonriverrafting.com

Whitewater Challengers, Inc.

Foster Park Road Dexter, NY

315-639-6100

www.whitewaterchallengers.com



Wineries

Yellow Barn Winery

18876 County Route 66 Watertown, NY

315-782-1824

www.yellowbarnwinery.com

Visit Watertown's only winery! Watertown is one of the most challenging climates in the United States to grow grapes! Offering tastings, tours of the converted barn, and production area.

Thousands Islands Winery

43298 Seaway Ave Alexandria Bay, NY

315-482-9306

www.thousandislandswinery.com

Visit the Thousand Islands Winery on the St. Lawrence seaway for tours, tastings, and exciting events throughout the year including pig roasts, October Fest, holiday events, and much more! Featuring several award winning wines and a 10th Mountain Division Collection of wines.

Otter Creek Winery

33109 Rudes Road Philadelphia, NY

315-642-0622

www.ottercreekwinery.com

Visit the Otter Creek Winery, named after the creek that the winery looks out on just outside of Philadelphia. Producing over 4,000 gallons of nine different kinds of wine, enjoy a tasting by appointment. Open year round, please visit their website for exact hours of operation.

Coyote Moon Vineyards

17371 County Route 3 Clayton, NY

(315) 686-5600

www.coyotemoonvineyards.com

Coyote Moon is one of New York States newest wineries, located just outside the village of Clayton. Call to set up a tasting time for hours of operation.

Tug Hill Vineyards

4051 Yancey Road Lowville, NY

(315) 376-4336

<http://www.tughillvineyards.com/>

At Tug Hill Vineyards we are dedicated to producing the finest estate grown, handcrafted, premium New York State wines available on the market today.

Cape Winery

2066 Deerlick Road Cape Vincent, NY

(315) 654-3218

<http://www.thecapewinery.com/home.html>

The Cape Winery is family owed and operated farm.

Winter Recreation

Dry Hill Ski Area
18160 Alpine Ridge Road Watertown, NY
315-782-8584
www.skidryhill.com

Dry Hill Ski Area is not only a great place to go skiing and snowboarding, they also offer snow tubing! Equipment rentals available on site, please call for hours of operation.

Fort Drum's Parks and Recreation Adventure Training
11115 Iraqi Freedom Drive
315-772-0045/8222/4010
drum.armymwr.com

Fort Drum's recreation division offers guided ATV and snowmobiling trips. Participants must first complete user safety courses before signing up for trips. To sign up for a safety course or for more information please contact the Adventure Training program.

**For discounted rentals on ski and snowboarding equipment also visit Fort Drum's Parks and Recreation Division.*

Snow Ridge Ski Resort
4173 West Road Turin, NY
315-348-8456
www.snowridge.com

Snow Ridge Ski Resort offers down hill skiing, cross-country skiing and snowboarding with beginner to advanced trails. Equipment rentals are available on site and military discount ski days are offered throughout the season. For hours of operation and rates please call or visit their website.

Snowmobile New York
Tug Hill Area

www.snowmobileny.com or www.tughillrider.com

The Tug Hill Region is famously known for heavy snow falls, on average more than any other region in the northeastern United States. For all the details you will need to have an enjoyable snowmobile outing, visit either one of the two websites listed above.

Thousand Islands Snowmobile Club
PO Box 361 Clayton, NY
www.visit1000islands.com

For trail maps and information as well as snow condition reports visit the website listed above. If you are an avid snowmobiler and would like to become a member of the 1000 Island's snowmobile club send an email to: TIsnowclub@gmail.com.

Snow Kiting
www.adirondackstughill.com

Check out the latest craze in winter sports! Visit the website for more information.

Story Time

Thousand Islands A Tale of Two Castles from the Book "New York Curiosities"
by Cindy Perman

"There are not one but two castles in the Thousand Islands. They were both built at the turn of the 20th century, but their stories are quite different. One is a romantic fairy-tale castle, the other is a peculiar mystery-novel castle.

Boldt Castle is better known because it has been open to the public longer. It's called a "Monument of Love" because it was built by George C. Boldt, millionaire proprietor of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City, as a Valentine's Day present for his wife, Louise. It's located on Heart Island, and the heart-shaped motif infiltrates every last nook and cranny, from the stained-glass ceiling to the garden—even the island's seawall is in the shape of a heart. Alas, this love story has a tragic ending: Louise died suddenly before the castle was completed. Heartbroken, Boldt immediately ordered all 300 workers to cease construction. He walked away and never returned.

Boldt Castle remained abandoned and unfinished for an astounding seventy-three years, exposed to wind, rain, snow, and vandals. The Thousand Islands Bridge Authority assumed ownership of the castle in 1977 and began the long process of restoration. It remains unfinished today, but you can still take a fascinating self-guided tour. If Boldt Castle is the princess of castles, then Singer Castle is her black-nail-polish-wearing Goth sister!

Singer Castle, located on the appropriately named "Dark Island," was a private residence for about one hundred years before being opened for public tours in 2003. It was built as a summer home for Frederic Bourne, director of the Singer Sewing Machine Company.

The architect modeled Singer Castle after a castle he read about in Sir Walter Scott's novel, *Woodstock*. There are hidden passageways, accessed through trick bookcases and other clever disguises, and secret lookout spots through ventilation grates and even—how cool, how cliché—through a painting! It was really a child's fantasy come to life, but the practical application was that the servants would always be able to monitor when someone needed a refill of their drink without ever having to pass through and disrupt the conversation. (Well, excuse me!) There's also a fully equipped dungeon (though never used as one), an underground labyrinth, and lots of odd gadgets, high-tech for their time, including an "electric light-bath cabinet." (There's a reason you've never heard of it!)

Oh, and in case you're wondering, the two millionaire castle owners did indeed know each other. They used to race their speedboats between the two castles.

That is *totally* what I would do if I owned a castle on an island! "

For Information on Visiting Boldt Castle or Singer Castle please visit page 17 of this guide.

Enjoy!

Event Highlight #1

Lowville Cream Cheese Festival

Discover the world's largest cheesecake! Celebrate Lowville's distinction as being the home of the world's largest cream cheese manufacturing plant at Kraft Foods. Games, contests, food, crafters and so much more!

Where: Lowville

When: September

Details: <http://www.creamcheesefestival.com>

"Fun Fact"

Spreading the Truth

Where was cream cheese invented?

You said Philadelphia, right?

Wrong!

Hand me that butter knife. I've got some truth to spread!

Cream cheese was invented in 1872 by a dairyman in Chester, New York, which is about 250 miles south of Lowville and 150 miles north of Philadelphia.

So, how did Philadelphia wind up getting all the credit?

When A.L.Reynolds started distributing the cheese in tinfoil wrappers in 1880, Kraft says, he called it "Philadelphia Brand" cream cheese because, at the time, a lot of high-quality foods were being produced in Philadelphia. The city's name became synonymous with quality. You would say that something was "Philadelphia quality."

Because it was referring to a standard and not a city, in some cases, the packaging would have the word "Philadelphia" in quotes.

So, the next time you say, "We need to buy Philadelphia cream cheese," be sure to add some air quotes with your fingers on the word "Philadelphia: for added amusement and historical accuracy.

-Fact taken from Perman, Cindy: [New York Curiosities](#), 2008

Event Highlight #2

Maple Weekend

Visit Fort Drum's Sugar Shack, Maple farms and sugar shacks in towns such as Adams Center, Mannsville, Croghan, Lowville and Castorland and see how pure maple syrup is made. If you get the opportunity to try maple candies or maple cotton candy you can't pass it up!

Where: Fort Drum and throughout Jefferson and Lewis Counties, NY

When: Mid-March

Details: <http://www.mapleweekend.com>

Event Highlight #3

The Great New York State Food and Wine Festival

Celebrate quality "Made in New York" food and wine products, taste samples to your delight and purchase the local products from the vendors directly. Don't miss this once a year great event!

Where: Clayton, NY

When: June

Details: <http://www.nysfoodwinefestival.com>

Event Highlight #4

The Cape Vincent French Festival

Join the local crowd and spend your weekend enjoying fresh baked French bread and pastries, peruse through the many craft and food vendors, watch the grand parade, listen to the bands play and then end the fun filled day watching fireworks fall over the St. Lawrence River. A great event for all ages!

Where: Cape Vincent, NY

When: July

Details: www.capevincentfrenchfestival2004.asp

Event Highlight #5

Leaf Peeping

Take a beautiful drive through the Adirondack mountains. Enjoy the spectacular colors of the leaves as they turn bright reds, yellows and oranges. Tour through the small Adirondack villages or take a visit to the former Olympic site in Lake Placid. You can't miss it!

Where: All over NY, most spectacular in the Adirondack Mountains.

When: Around the last two weeks of September, early October.

Details: www.nyfallfoliage.com

Event Highlight #6

Pirate Days

Visit Alexandria Bay in the 1000 Islands for 10 days of activities and events centered around a pirate theme. Join in on the fun and come dressed as a Pirate, Patriot or Indian. See the pirates sail in on their ship, the sword fighters in the street and much more!

Where: Alexandria Bay, NY

When: August

Details: www.alexbay.org

Event Highlight #7

River Fest

Each year Fort Drum's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division puts on "River Fest" in Alexandria Bay. Spend a day out with the Family, enjoy activities on land then take a boat over to the island where Boldt Castle is located for touring and a BBQ. Don't miss out on the fun!

Where: Alexandria Bay, NY

When: June

Details: www.drummwr.com

Event Highlight #8

The North Country Goes Green Irish Festival

Enjoy four fun filled days at the North Country Irish Festival held at the Dulles State Office Building. Enjoy live entertainment, food, music, a parade and the Shamrock Run.

Where: Watertown, NY

When: Mid-March

Details: www.ncirishfest.com

Event Highlight #9

The Jefferson County Fair

Visit the country's oldest county fair right in your own back yard! The Jefferson County Fair has rides and games for the whole Family. Some activities include but are not limited to; see the farm animals, watch the tractor pull and don't miss out on the demolition derby!

Where: Watertown, NY Fairgrounds.

When: Mid-July.

Details: www.jeffcofair.org

