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These young campers enjoy a sunny, spring day at the Robert Moses Campground near Massena in 2023.

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Welcome to St. Lawrence County

From concerts, classic car shows, 1812 War reenactments and summer festivals to hiking, whitewater kayaking and competitive or recreational fishing, St. Lawrence County offers something for everyone.

This summer promises to be a momentous one in St. Lawrence County.

Live music is offered at numerous outdoor concert series to be staged this summer. Norwood Village Green Series will offer an extensive lineup of eclectic entertainment starting May 30.

The Norfolk concert series will showcase some of the best local bands in the region.

Concerts at the Edwards Opera House will feature folk, Americana and blues acts.

Live music continues throughout the summer at the Waddington pavilion and in Hammond at the Yellow Barn.

Rockin' The River: Gon' Country music festival will be held Saturday, August 3rd at the Massena Town Beach.

If a quieter pace is what you are looking for, the region offers some of the best fishing in the world, with the St. Lawrence, Oswegatchie and Racquette rivers offering different challenges for every angler.

If competitive fishing is what you are looking for, the natural fisheries off Massena and Ogdensburg shorelines bring in the best bass anglers in the world for several events throughout the year.

This year, the Phoenix Bass Fishing League Northeast Division will be held in Massena on July 19th, followed by the Town of Massena's Big Bass Blowout on July 28th and 29th.

The region also offers classic car shows, 1812 War reenactments, summer festivals and campgrounds and hotels to stay during your visit.

Summer festivals to check out this year include the annual Seaway Festival in July, Potsdam Summer Fest in July, the annual Dairy Princess Festival in June in Canton, annual Antique Gas & Steam Exhibition in June in Madrid, and the annual Gouverneur & St. Lawrence County Fair in Gouverneur the first week in August with concerts, rides, agricultural displays, and a demolition derby.

St. Lawrence County has something for everyone, from hiking trails in the backwoods, to boating excursions in every type of craft imaginable.

Come visit us.

On our cover

- Clockwise from the upper left:
- Brayden Bennett, Massena, age 12, caught this channel catfish, roughly 16 lb., on the Grasse River.
 - Aaron Binion, Massena, lifeguards at Waddington's Howard Park/Beach on the beach's opening day, July 1.
 - A fabric artist weaves a tapestry at local museum.
 - An exhibit at the new Eisenhower Visitor Center in Massena.
 - A family enjoys a day out on the water.

Canton | Cranberry Lake | Gouverneur | Massena | Ogdensburg | Potsdam | Waddington

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Kayakers enjoy one of the many river paddles available in Massena.

Experience the best of
Massena this summer

MASSENA -- Nestled along the scenic St. Lawrence River, the town of Massena offers an unbeatable summer destination for visitors seeking small-town charm, outdoor adventures, and big-time entertainment. Mark your calendars and get ready to explore all that this vibrant North Country community has to offer.
Kicking off the summer festivities is the highly-anticipated Rockin' The River: Gon' Country music festival on Saturday, August

3rd at the Massena Town Beach. This free annual event brings the spirit of Nashville to the riverside with a lineup of country artists led by headliner Brett Westgrove, a rising star straight from Music City itself. Beyond the toe-tapping tunes, attendees can look forward to a vendor village showcasing local artisans, delicious food trucks, and activities for the whole family to enjoy against the breathtaking backdrop of the St. Lawrence River.
SEE **MASSENA** ON 5.

St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum



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June 8 - 9

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CLIFTON FINE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE, 4173 Main St., NYS Hwy. 3, Star Lake; 9-hole course par 36, 2799 yards, cart rentals, driving range, pro shop; 315-848-3570; <https://www.cliftonfineadk.com/clif-ton-fine-municipal-golf-course>

EMERALD GREENS GOLF COURSE, 1485 Rt. 11, north of Gouverneur; 18 holes, 2,965 yards, par 35, lounge, cart rental; 315-287-4497; <https://www.emeraldgreens.golf/>

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THE RIVER COURSE at Louisville Landing (formerly Massena Town and Country Club), 829 NYS Hwy. 131; 18 holes, 6,670 yards, par 71; rolling terrain, refreshments, cart rental, pro shop; 315-769-2293; <https://www.river-courselouisvillelanding.com/>

MEADOWBROOK GOLF COURSE, 9757 US Hwy. 11, 3 mi. southwest of Winthrop; 9 holes, 18 tees, 6,360 yards, par 36; hilly terrain, cart rentals; 315-389-4562; meadowbrookgolfny.com

PARTRIDGE RUN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, 70 Sullivan Dr. (off Outer State St.), Canton; 18 holes, 6,700 yards from blue tees, 6,306 from white, 5,267 from red, 5,850 from seniors' tees, par 72; cart & club rentals available, restaurant, pro shop; 315-386-4444, partridgerungolf.com

POTSDAM GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, 6194 NYS Hwy. 56, south of Potsdam, 18 holes, 6,573 yards, par 72, meals/licensed lounge, club, cart rentals; 315-265-2141; Potsdamgolf.com

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No visit to Massena is complete without taking advantage of the free Explore Massena app and website at explore Massenacom. This one-stop digital resource serves as your guide to the best local activities, dining hotspots, events, and more. Download the app to have all the information at your fingertips.

Between the electrifying Rockin' The River festival, the world-class fishing tournaments, and the wealth of resources like the Explore Massena app and website, Massena promises a summer experience you'll never forget. With so much packed into one scenic riverside destination, it's no wonder Massena is always in season.

Stay connected with the latest Massena happenings by following Explore Massena on Facebook and checking explore Massenacom regularly. This summer is shaping up to be one for the books in this North Country gem. Start planning your Massena getaway today!"



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County Chamber of Commerce, Visitor Center a one-stop shop for tourist info

CANTON -- St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center, 101 Main St., offers information, contacts and connections for everything there is to do in the county.

The STLC Chamber, founded in 1965, is a nonprofit organization serving member businesses throughout St. Lawrence County.

As the designated tourism promotion agent for STLC, a portion of the team is dedicated to visitor and tourism efforts, working closely with I Love New York, as well as engaging in active partnerships with the Adirondack Regional Tourism Council and the Thousand Islands International Tourism Council to showcase the county to visitors from the Northeast and the bordering areas of Canada.

Through these local, regional, and state partnerships, the STLC Chamber is able to connect businesses and event planners with opportunities on a larger scale.

Promotional efforts highlight attractions, places to eat, lodging, events, seasonal activities, and many other aspects of North Country living that make the region so unique.

The tourism team continuously collects information to provide a variety of resources to promote "Life Undiscovered" to visitors in a way that enhances their experience whilst directly connecting them to local businesses and organizations.

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- Higley Flow State Park Beach, 442 Cold Brook Drive, Colton, 315-262-2880, park of the State Park system includes sandy beach, picnic area, pavilion rentals on the Raquette River. Day use fee applies.
- Howard Park at Waddington Beach, River Rd, Waddington, 315-388-5629. Located on the St. Lawrence River, picnic area, pavilion with electrical outlet and gas grill available for use for a fee. Playground facilities, restrooms, concession stand.
- Lisbon Beach part of the Lisbon Campground, 9975 SH 37, Lisbon. 315-393-5374, located on the St. Lawrence River, picnic areas, day use fee may apply.
- Massena Town Beach, Route 131 and Town Line Rd, Lousville, 315-764-0380, located on the St. Lawrence River, picnic area, concession stand, play area, restrooms, nature trail, pavilion rental. Day use fee applies.
- Jacques Cartier State Park, Rt. 12 Morris-town, 315-375-6371, part of the Jacques Cartier State Park on the St. Lawrence River, with picnic area, grills, pavilion rentals, playground. Day use fee applies.
- Postwood Park, Postwood Rd, off Church St., Hannawa Falls. Located on the Raquette River, includes playground, concession stand, restrooms. Free.
- Sandstoner Park, 43 Pine Street, Potsdam, 315-265-4030. Located near the Pine Street arena on the Raquette River, includes play-ground, picnic area, and sand beach. Free.
- Taylor Park Beach, Miner Street Rd., Can-ton, beach area on the Grass River with picnic pavilion, playground, volleyball court, and kayak rentals. Free public access.

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Online Business Directory - Find local businesses, including restaurants, lodging, museums, nature centers, & more.

STLCtrails.com - Use this interactive trails website to plan your next outdoor adventure, including trails for walking, hiking, cycling, paddling, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, horse riding & more.

SLCchamber.org - Get information about the STLC Chamber of Commerce and the many resources on offer for local businesses, including webinars, upcoming event details, and more.

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SUNDAY, JULY 21

Pasquala I Labaca and Fauna

This Valparaiso band performs original and folk-rock music of the Andes and Chile. There will be a participatory demonstration of Chilean rhythms at 5 pm.

THURSDAY, JULY 25

Norwoodstock with Northbound

A Star-studded cast of several dozen local musicians performing for the benefit of the Norwood-Norfolk-Raymondville Outreach Program. Northbound will be the house band.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

Jordan Davidson and Toni Zyglado

Maria Tartaglia and Jeffrey Hinkle

A Vocal concert with music from Broadway to Contemporary gems.

THURSDAY, AUG. 1

Shimul Zaman and Clove and Chai of Bangladesh

Music from India and Bangladesh led by Norwood resident and Bangladesh native Shimul Zaman and friends.

SUNDAY, AUG. 4

The Dave North Trio Music

From the English and Irish pub scene. Diane Murray Warburton, a native of Norwood, is part of the group.

THURSDAY, AUG. 8

The Brass Firemen

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THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Foolish Pride

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THURSDAY, JUNE 27

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SUNDAY, JUNE 30

The Ronnie Leigh Quintet

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SUNDAY, JULY 7

The All Star Big Band

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SUNDAY, JULY 14

Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper

Born blind and almost deaf in one ear, Michael Cleveland has attained legendary status as one of the greatest fiddlers of his or any other generation. The Grammy Award recipient has been nominated for his 2nd Grammy in 2024. He has also been awarded the National Endowment For the Arts National Heritage Medal.

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The newly built Eisenhower Visitor Center.

Eisenhower Visitor Center at the Massena Seaway now open

MASSENA -- The new built Eisenhower Visitor Center at the Massena Seaway is ready to welcome visitors.

The new center provides amply opportunities for children and adults alike to learn about the seaway system and shipping on the Great Lakes with the use of 38 exhibits, many of which are interactive.

The center also includes a museum and gathering places for community groups to meet and view ships traversing the locks.

First proposed in 2018 by Senator Chuck Schumer, officials moved forward with the \$7 million project shortly afterward.

The grand opening on May 14 also happens to coincide with the 70th anniversary of the Wildly-Dondero Act, the legislation that paved the way to create the seaway under then President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Officials say the new center will be a prime viewing location for vessel activity, with two viewing decks available. Indoor and outdoor viewing is also available for those days when the weather does not want to cooperate.

Meeting spaces are also available for families and groups to hold special events as well.

As part of the new visitor center, seaway officials plan to have rotating exhibits to supplement the 38 on site. Ranging from local artist displays to informational exhibits about the seaway and its impact on the north country, officials say there will be something for everyone.

Whether a first time visitor or returning seaway enthusiast, officials say they want to keep the space and exhibits fresh and exciting for everyone. Special events will also be held throughout the course of the year.

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The new center also details the numerous ports in the system that have driven the Great Lakes maritime economy for decades.

As part of a new tourism roadmap, the new visitor center is one of three sites near the seaway that visitors can see, including the Hawkins Point visitor center and Nicandri Nature Center.

Visitors will learn about the thousands of ships that traverse the sway each year, as well as the economic importance of the waterway in the region since its creation.

The new facility is now fully ADA compliant, with an elevator available for those who have difficulty with stairs.

The new visitor center is located at Barnhart Island Rd, Massena, NY 13662.

Regular hours of operation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday.

For more information, visit www.seaway.dot.gov/explore/seaway-visitor-center.



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JUN 21

Potsdam Studio of Dance

Under the direction of Kristen Schmid, Potsdam Dance Company offers dance classes in jazz, lyrical, hip hop, musical theater and tap to ages 2 - 18 years old at both a recreational and competitive level.

JUN 28

Double Axel

Tapping their rock 'n roll and R&B roots, Double Axel performs classic hits of the past and present - but only those you can dance to...when they perform, you can't sit still! Check the band's website: www.doubleaxel.com for performance schedule, history, pictures and updates.

JUL 5

River Mohawk Band

A three piece band from Akwesasne, Eddy Lawrence - guitar and back up vocals; Joe Barney - drummer and back up vocals; Roger Mitchell - lead vocals & bass guitar. Their music ranges from old classic country to rock 'n roll.

JUL 6

Kontiwennehá:wi Akwesasne Women Singers

Kontiwennehá:wi, which translates as Carriers of the Words, is a singing group made up of young women, mothers, aunties and grandmothers from Akwesasne.

JUL 12

Christian Cabaret Night

A variety of Christian based solo and ensemble performances including the Leap of Faith Dancers (featuring local senior citizens) and the Emmanuel Dance Club and Kids Choir.

JUL 20

Double Barrel Blues Band

Double Barrel Blues band is a 4-piece rocking blues outfit that features old time traditional blues, modern rocking blues, and original material.
RAINDATE: JULY 27

AUG 3

Sudden Impact

The band, "Sudden Impact", has been rocking the North Country for over 32 years. Led by Ray Stoddard, Norfolk, this group has a huge sound that is a potpourri of classic and modern rock with a little country thrown in here and there.

AUG 9

Lacey Stoddard-Peets

Lacey Stoddard-Peets, has been entertaining North Country audiences since she was in her teens. She is a well known name in our area, and is sought out year long for her amazing singing and performing skills. Lacey's blend of country and rock never fails to please the crowd.

AUG 18

Undeclared

Undeclared is a rock and metal band with "a lil' bit of glitter thrown in" consisting of Meredith (19), Christian (18), and Lis (15) Dunkel. Their music is influenced by Lacey Sturm, Wage War, and Impending Doom.

AUG 24

Sweet Revenge

The band started with bassist Kevin Bosjolie, drummer Scott Barney and guitarist Matt French. In 2012 they added guitarist Andy Deon. They mix a selection of songs from such artists as The Tragically Hip, AC/DC, Journey, Collective Soul and many others.

AUG 31

Knotty Paddy

Knotty Paddy, an Adirondack based, 5-piece band specializing in Celtic Rock and Traditional Irish music. Knotty Paddy members include Jami Savage, Rick Kovacs, Douglas Riley, Riczi Kovacs and Mike McBride.
RAINDATE: SEPTEMBER 1



The North Country Children's Museum offers interactive exhibits for youngsters.

North Country Children's Museum offers education, interactive exhibits

POTSDAM -- The North Country Children's Museum is located at 10 Raymond Street in downtown Potsdam.

The Children's Museum is open to the public from Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The museum is geared for children ages 12 years and under and their families.

NCCM's motto is "hands-on, minds-on learning."

The museum has interactive exhibits that celebrate local themes including: the Maple Tree Digital interactive, Kids' Co-op Natural Grocery Store, Adirondack Waterplay featuring a mini hydroelectric dam and a working lock, Construction Zone featuring Mohawk Skywalkers, the Maple Tree Puppet Theater, the Adirondack Animal Digital Wall, North Country Childhood digital storytelling interactive, and more.

An outdoor play area in front of the museum includes a renovated, historic tractor for climb-on play.

The Children's Museum has changing daily activities and programs so there is always something new.

There are drop-in Family STEAM programs ever Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-3 p.m.

These drop-in programs are included with the cost of membership and admission and there is no need to preregister.

Program descriptions are listed on the Children's Museum's website calendar.

The museum offers afterschool and pre-school STEAM class series during the school year.

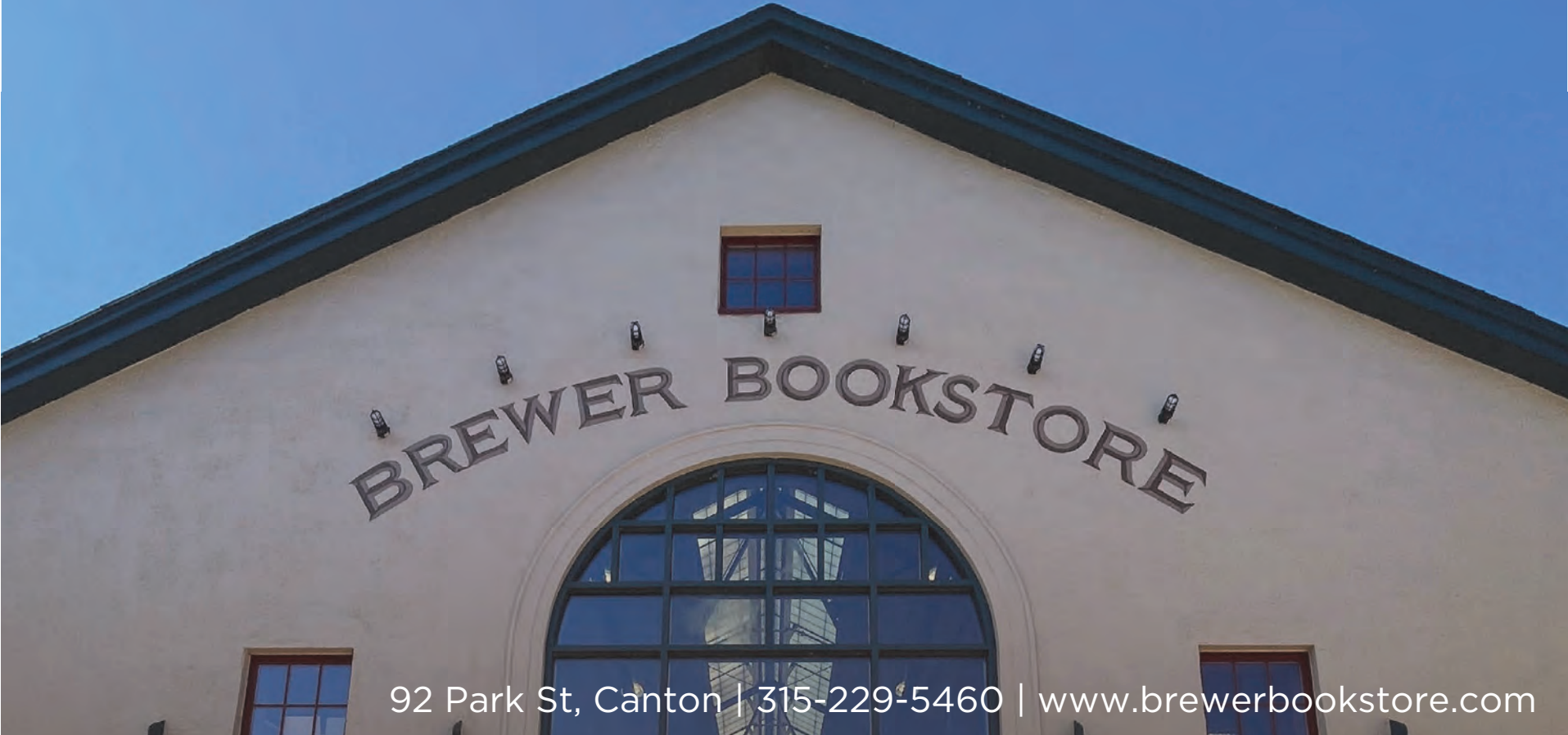
Families can also schedule birthday parties at the museum.

There are vacation week camps during February, April, and summer break.

In July and August, the museum has seven weeks of STEAM summer camp covering a

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NCCM photo

A family watches the leaves fall on the NCCM digital maple tree.

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Camps are for children in Grades 1-5 and run from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The cost is \$195 for the week with a 10% discount for NCCM members.

Scholarship spots are available in all camps and classes.

Contact info@northcountrychildrensmuseum.org for more information.

Day entry to the museum is \$8 per person.

Family memberships are \$85 annually.

Membership Plus which includes two additional adults is \$115.

Needs-based discounted annual family memberships are \$25 annually.

To find out more about visiting the museum or any of the special events and activities, visit the Children's Museum's Facebook, Instagram, call 315-274-9380, or website: www.northcountrychildrensmuseum.org

The Children's Museum is in the midst of a major expansion into the second floor of the building.

The museum is working with exhibit design firm Blue Rhino Design.

The anticipated opening of the second-floor exhibits is in 2025.

Fundraising for the expansion project is ongoing.

To learn more about this exciting project and how you can help make it happen, visit: <https://northcountrychildrensmuseum.org/explore/expansion/>.

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- Fishing -- \$25.00 (ages 16-69)
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 - Seven-Day Fishing -- \$12.00
 - Senior (70+) Fishing -- \$5.00
 - Small & Big Game Hunting -- \$22.00 (ages 16-69), \$5 (70+), \$5 (12-15)
 - Trapping -- \$20.00 (ages 16-69), \$5 (70+), \$5 (12-15)
 - Turkey Permit (in addition to small game license) -- \$10.00
 - Bowhunting (in addition to big game license)-- \$15.00 (ages 16-69), \$0.00 (\$70+), \$4 (12-15)
 - Muzzleloading (in addition to big game license) -- \$15.00 (ages 14-69), \$0.00 (70+)

- Non-Resident**
- Fishing -- \$50.00
 - One-Day Fishing -- \$10.00
 - Seven-Day Fishing -- \$28.00
 - Small & Big Game Hunting -- \$100.00 (ages 16+), \$5 (12-15)
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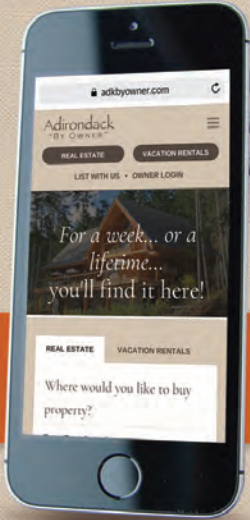
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Easy Rides to Get You Started

St. Lawrence Seaway Ride (52 miles, rated 1). This ride starts from Canton and proceeds through Madrid to Waddington then follows the Seaway Trail (State Highway 37) to Massena. Only two of the St. Lawrence Seaway's seven canals are located on the U.S. side of the River, and this ride takes you to

the Dwight D. Eisenhower Lock. You will be able to view the lock from the Observation Deck, and then ride underneath it on your way to the St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project and Robert Moses Power Dam, which transformed the River's International Rapids to Lake St. Lawrence, a power pool almost as large as the District of Columbia. The Admission to the Lock and the Hawkins Point Visitor Center is free. The return route is on the same road just with a different view, and extra chances to view oceangoing ships.

Pleasant Valley Ride (16 miles, rated 2). Lightly rolling terrain and sparsely traveled back roads have made this ride popular with the locals and visitors alike.

Morley-Bucks Bridge-West Potsdam Loop (23 miles, rated 2). This undulating ride takes you along the Grasse River through Morley to Bucks Bridge, then to West Potsdam and back to Canton through prime farmland. In Morley if you turn left at the intersection of County Route 27 and County Route 14, a short detour will take you to an interesting old Episcopal church and graveyard. Some stretches of this route can be windy but it is still a good route for a laid back rider. Click here for route map.

Indian Creek Tour (24 miles, rated 2). This scenic tour takes the rider along the flat to gently rolling country roads between, Canton, Morley and Rensselaer Falls and completely around the Indian Creek Nature Center. Points of interest include one of the few grist mill ruins still standing in the County. You will also see Trinity Chapel, constructed in 1871 in Morley. There are several Amish farms along this route, and deer and water-fowl abound in the woods and marshes. Road surfaces are generally good to excellent with little traffic. Click here for route map.

Frederic Remington Ride (57 miles, rated 2). The famed Western century artist Frederic Remington was a native of Canton is buried in the local Evergreen Cemetery. This ride passes the Indian River Wildlife Refuge, through the hamlets of Rensselaer Falls and Heuvelton and along parts of the Oswegatchie River to Ogdensburg. Here you can tour the Frederic Remington Art Museum, located in the Parish Mansion where his widow Eva (Kid) lived until her death. In addition to exhibits relating to Remington himself, the Museum houses one of the world's finest collections of his works including paintings, sketches and sculptures. Food and water are not allowed in the museum, and please no cleated bike shoes. The return trip to Canton takes you along the St. Lawrence River past Red Mills, home to the River Myst Winery, turning East through some of St. Lawrence County's prime farmland. Click here for route map

Pyrites-Old Dekalb Road (17 miles, rated 2+). This short tour takes the rider into a series of scenic hills south and west of Canton. At the edge of village you will cross over the Little River on a wooden bridge. About ¾ of a mile beyond that bridge on the right you will see the Meadows restaurant. After that point there are no more services on this tour until you return to Canton via the Old Dekalb Road, so take plenty of water.

Church Ride (47 miles, rated 2+). This ride tours a series of historic churches and churchyards between Canton and Waddington on the St. Lawrence River. The ride passes sites at Morley, Bucks Bridge, Waddington and Chipman. In Morley, view both the Trinity Chapel, constructed in 1871 and one of the few grist mills remains left in the County. Road surface conditions along this flat to rolling tour are generally good to excellent. This ride has been featured in the book, "Best Rides in the Mid Atlantic," by Trudy E. Bell. Click here for route map.

Moderate to Difficult Rides

Canton Pyrites Loop (14 miles, rated 3). This scenic ride takes the rider along the flat to gently rolling county and town roads between Canton and Pyrites, bypassing the hamlet of Pyrites. Road surface conditions along this tour are generally good to excellent with little traffic.

Crary Mills Loop (20 miles, rated 3). There are some rolling hills on part of this route with plenty of flat portions in between. Roads

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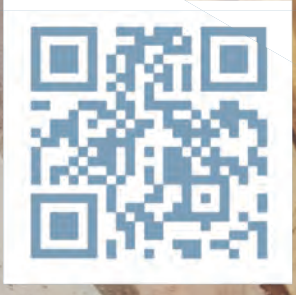
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With some of best fishing in world, MLF hosts tournaments in Massena

Since 2011, Massena has taken the lead in tourism within the county, and has demonstrated their desire to grow the economy of the region through its innovation and support for the fishing experience along the majestic St. Lawrence River.

Given the beautiful resource of the Massena Intake, the town has embarked on an ambitious journey to host pro-anglers and tourists alike to enjoy the wide array of fish species that are found in the river.

Because the town is blessed with three different and diverse river systems, the St. Lawrence River is only the beginning for adventure on the water.

The town also has the Grasse River, famous for the muskie fishing, as well as the Raquette River, home to northern pike and walleye species.

It is easy to boast that the fishing in Massena is some of the best around the world.

The Major League Fishing (MLF) organization has recognized the excellent fishing on these rivers, and comes back to the Town of Massena annually to host at least two, and sometimes three fishing tournaments that garner interest and desire from around the globe.

Professional anglers who are part of the MLF organization make their requests annually to come back to the North Country and the Massena Intake to weigh in some of the most amazing bass that cannot be found anywhere else on the planet.

With the MLF organization branching out into other countries around the world, Massena has hosted anglers from Italy, Japan, and

of course our neighbors to the north, Canada. With the world-wide recognition, Massena is rapidly becoming the darling of anglers, both near and far.

The vision of the leaders of Massena, starting with Town Supervisor Sue Bellor, has expanded into an international emphasis on economic development and tourism, using the natural resources of the three rivers to entice visitors to come for the fishing, but stay for the variety of amenities throughout the county.

Golfing, hiking, bird watching, camping, and an array of restaurants, all create a draw for visitors to come and experience the area in the summer.

With the town's annual attendance at sports shows, a greater number of people are learning about the "North Country Nice" experience that they can find in Massena.

Anecdotal stories tell of a wonderful adventure in Massena and the North Country, and create a desire to return every year to enjoy more of what St. Lawrence County can offer.

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The desire to come to the North Country and visit the Town of Massena is real and here to stay.

Given the beautiful resource of the Massena Intake, the town has embarked on an ambitious journey to host pro-anglers and tourists alike.

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Foothills Loop (27 miles, rated 3). Rolling all the way, this takes you along the edge of the foothills of the Adirondacks.

There is an elevation gain of around 500 feet, but you'll climb a total of 700 to reach that.

Old Mill Town Loop (32 Miles, rated 3). The real hills start around the 9 mile point and continue off and on until the return to Canton. Take plenty of water as there are no services on this route.

Though you can hardly tell it today, the little hamlet of Pyrites was a bustling paper mill town until the mill closed in the late 1920s.

Hidden behind vegetation, the mill ruins are still visible between mile 23.6 and 23.8.

Among the thriving businesses was Dominic Benedetto's grocery store.

Dominic's young nephew, Antonio Benedetto went on to achieve fame as singer Tony Bennett.

Raquette River Loop (34 miles, rated 3). This loop takes the rider over the hills from the Grasse River valley to the Raquette River valley at Hannawa Falls and back by way of the crossroads community of Pierrepont.

It is one of the more challenging middle distance rides.

None of the hills is really formidable but several are more than gentle rises.

After you cross the river in the hamlet of Hannawa Falls there are a couple of stores as you leave the village you will come to the entrance of Postwood Park, a good place for a picnic lunch or a swim.

Lampson Falls Loop (48 miles, rated 3+). After a good climb out of Russell, there are a couple of options for breaks at either Poor Ol' Satch's or the Bear Paw at Whippoorwill Corners.

About 10 miles beyond is the stopover at Lampson Falls, with a short walk into the falls.

This series of falls features a basic camping and picnic area, and is unusual in that you can stand or sit at the very edge of the falls.

Whippoorwill Metric Century (63 miles, rated 3+). This ride, though outside of the Adirondack Park itself, give you the full North Country and Adirondack treatment, with winding and twisting hilly back roads weaving through farmland and wooded areas.

Tooley Pond Loop (44 miles, rated 3, and 84 miles rated 4). This loop is actually two separate rides.

Leaving from Canton is the total 86 miles, while a report start from Degrasse results in a 44-mile total.

In either case, this is one of the beautiful wilderness trips for which the Adirondack Park is known. Part of both rides follows the Oswegatchie River.

Along the Tooley Pond Road, you will either see deer or be seen by them – count on it! You'll pass logging roads, as well, and stay alert for herons, hawks and other birds. **THIS IS NOT A RIDE FOR BEGINNERS.** There may be some sections of the road that are dirt, and some steep downhill sections with rough pavement, check your brakes before the ride.

South Colton Loop (41 miles, rated 4). This ride ascends into the Adirondack foothills, making a loop through South Colton and Colton, which lie just outside the Adirondack State Park.

The terrain is mostly hilly with a few challenging longer climbs.

A stopping point at mile 32.3 (after that surprise climb you'll deserve a break) provides a long view across the St. Lawrence River Valley atop the hills in Pierrepont.

From there the descent into Canton on State Highway 68 is enjoyable and fast, but requires caution because of hills, curves and narrow shoulders.

Along this route is the picturesque hamlet of Colton, with White's General Store at the top of the hill, with the Sandstone Zion Church across from the Heburn Library at the bottom.

As you enter South Colton, you will pass Sunday Rock, the legend is in the lumbering days this was the divide between civilization and the lawless.

There was no law south of the Rock, and no Sunday recognized, as the days all flowed together as they worked 24/7.

Joe Indian Loop (72 miles, rated 4+). This is a truly challenging ride, climbing a total of over 2,600 feet with some steep grades.

It has many beautiful vistas typical of the Adirondack Park and a spectacular view from White Hill of the St. Lawrence River Valley and over into Canada on a very clear day.

There are no services between South Colton and Parishville, so a good supply of water is necessary.

Adirondack Century (103 miles, rated 4). A scenic trip from rolling farmland to hilly sections of the Adirondack Park.

From a beginning elevation of about 300 feet, you'll gradually reach a maximum elevation of 1,600 feet, climbing over 2,800 feet in the process. Watch for deer, hawks, and herons.

There are few places for water or provisions along the route, so stock up when you can.

Adirondack Overnight (approximately 100 miles in 2 days, rated 4). This is essentially the Adirondack Century broken up into two days.

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Frederic Remington Museum features iconic western scenes, world class sculpture

OGDENSBURG -- Nestled along the St. Lawrence River in Ogdensburg, the Frederic Remington Art Museum, 303 Washington St., houses the largest public collection of artworks by famed American artist, Frederic Remington.

Located in the historic 1810 Parish Mansion, the Museum's collection of Remington artworks is unparalleled.

Visitors to the Museum will have the opportunity to see the well known bronze sculptures, paintings, drawings, and other artworks by Remington; explore the Sally James Farnham exhibit; view rotating exhibitions with work by contemporary artists; learn about Remington's life and work; and purchase unique items in the Museum Shop.

Frederic Remington (1861-1909) was born and raised in Canton.

While Remington is often remembered as a western artist, his love of the North Country comes through in his breathtaking landscape paintings and sketches depicting familiar scenes along the St. Lawrence River and surrounding woods and wilderness, many of which are currently on view at the Remington Museum.

In addition to some of Remington's major

works, visitors will find a wide variety of objects from the collection on view at the Museum including sketchbooks, Remington's easel and painting supplies, a sculpting stand, as well as photographs taken by the artist on his travels to the West, personal items, and even the cigar that was in his pocket before he died.

The depth and breadth of the Remington Museum collection creates a unique and enriching experience that will make visitors want to come back to explore the Museum again and again.

While visiting the Museum, visitors also have the special opportunity to learn about the life and work of another accomplished North Country sculptor, Sally James Farnham (1869-1943).

World renowned in her day, Farnham was a tenacious, ground-breaking artist.

As a contemporary and close friend of Remington, Farnham bucked the traditions of the day by donning coveralls, climbing ladders, and creating some of the most astonishing and breath-taking monuments of the 20th century.

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Summer hours (May 15-Oct. 15) are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 12-4 p.m.

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Launching their boat from Massena Intake on a sunny afternoon were Luke and Ashley Breault, and their children Hunter and Easley.

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Best places to put in for boaters

St. Lawrence County offers a number of boating access sites operated by the state Department of Environmental Conservation. St. Lawrence County offers a number of boating access sites operated by the State. A listing of the sites compiled by the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation follows:

- Black Lake: Adjacent to Hammonds-Edwardsville County Road, two miles west of

Edwardsville in Morristown, launching ramp, parking for 55 cars and trailers.

- Bog River Flow: Off Route 421 south of Tupper Lake, hand launch, parking for eight cars, no motors permitted on the river.
- Cranberry Lake: Off Route 3, adjacent to the outlet dam in Cranberry Lake, hard surface launching ramp, parking for 55 cars and trailers.

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Action got underway Thursday at the Major League Fishing Toyota Series in Massena. The event is part of the Toyota Series Northern Division. Competition concludes Saturday. Tom Rausch took this photo of boats heading out on the St. Lawrence River off Wilson Hill.

BOATERS . . .

- Grasse Lake, Rossie, off Butler Road, parking for five cars.
- Grasse River: On Route 68, 3 miles north-west of Canton, hard surface launching ramp suitable for canoes and small motor boats, parking for 14 cars and trailers. Off Butler Road, Rossie, beach launch, parking for 5 cars.
- Higley Flow State Park: Two miles west from Route 56, on Cold Brook Drive, South Colton, 15 miles south from Potsdam, concrete ramp, parking for 10 cars and trailers.
- Indian River: Off Co. Rt. 3, near Hall Road, hand launch, parking for 10 cars.
- Lake Ozonia: Off Lake Ozonia Road, 8 miles south of Route 72 in Hopkinton, hand launch, parking for 30 cars.
- Oswegatchie River: Near Town Road, 3 miles east of Star Lake and approximately 5 miles south of Route 3, hand launching, parking for 25 cars, no motors permitted. On Co. Route 24 in Edwards, hand launch, parking for 10 cars. Off Route 87 in Heuvelton, hard surface launching ramp, parking for 30 cars. Off County Route 58 above Village of Edwards, beach launch, parking for 5 cars.
- Portaferry Lake: Off Route 3, 9 miles northeast of Harrisville, hand launching, no

motors, parking for 5 cars.

- St. Lawrence River: Cartier State Park, on River Road, 2 miles south of Morris-town, flat rock ramp, parking for 10 cars and trailers. Brandy Brook, three miles north of Waddington on Route 37, hard surface ramp, parking for 10 cars and trailers. Coles Creek State Park, on Route 37 between Massena and Waddington, concrete ramp, parking for 15 cars and trailers. Willson Hill, one mile north of Route 37 on Route 131, between Louisville and Massena, concrete ramp, parking for 50 cars and trailers. Barnhart Island, Robert Moses State Park, north of Massena, concrete ramp, parking for 15 cars and trailers. Masse-na Intake, off Route 131, via Old River Road, 1 1/2 miles northwest of Massena, hard surface ramp, parking for 30 cars and trailers.
- St. Regis River: Brasher, off Co. Rt. 53, beach launch, parking for 5 cars.
- Star Lake: Fine, off NYS Rt. 3 in Star Lake, hand launch, parking for 5 cars, electric motors only.
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Massena residents Robin Love, left, and Hanna Siddon were among the nearly 60 participants at Nature Up North's 8th Annual Earth Day 7k Trail Run/Walk in Canton April 21.

Best hiking trails in St. Lawrence County

The North Country and St. Lawrence County offer a variety of trail types and difficulties for everyone from the avid hiker to the weekend stroller.

Here are some of them, provided by the Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club. The club's website can be viewed at AdkLaurentian.org.

RED SANDSTONE TRAIL. History and scenery combine in this 3.5-mile trail along west bank of Raquette River between Hannawa Falls and Potsdam. Interpretive markers display a map. See where some of the famous "Potsdam Sandstone" came from. Park near the Hannawa Falls Fire Department on Mill St., just off State Hwy 56 in Hannawa Falls. Follow the blue diamond trail markers. Trail terminates at the northern tip of Sugar Island. Return to Mill St. or walk out the dirt roads to the Back Hannawa Road.

BROWNS BRIDGE-POSTWOOD PARK, Church Street, off Route 56, Hannawa Falls, easy 5.7 mile trail system, used for cross-country skiing, intersected by back-

roads, canoe access.

STONE VALLEY RECREATION AREA. Trail goes along both sides of the Raquette River from Colton north to the Brown's Bridge road and back, making it possible to do a 7.5-mile loop if desired. Trailheads in Colton are on each side of the bridge over the river just above the Colton Dam and parking is available at both places. Dramatic views and overlooks of many waterfalls and rapids and some informational plaques.

HIGLEY FLOW STATE PARK TRAILS. A number of great trails are available at Higley Flow State Park. Take route 56 south to South Colton and turn right onto Cold Brook Road – watch for signs on the right. Small day use fee during summer months, but trails are open for skiing all winter at no charge. The Warm Brook Trail follows the Blue Trail Markers. It is 1.3 miles of rolling, hilly trail through the park's northern hardwood forests and pine plantations. A nice hiking and cross-country

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MUNTER TRAIL, packed sand trail suitable for walking, running and bicycling, along Raquette River in Potsdam from behind Stewart's Shop on Maple Street to Bayside Cemetery off Clarkson Avenue. Trail connects with cemetery access road that circles around cemetery along the riverbank.

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AZURE MOUNTAIN. The fire tower atop Azure Mountain has recently been restored by the Azure Mountain Friends, making this a popular two mile round trip hike. Elevation is only 2,518 feet, but this little mountain offers fantastic views of the High Peaks region to the south and east. A volunteer fire tower interpreter is often on duty on weekends to answer questions about the tower and can help identify distant mountains. Great hike for kids, but it is steep and caution should be used on the open cliffs on the summit. Take Route 11B east from Potsdam to Nicholville, then turn south onto Route 458. About four miles past St. Regis Falls, turn right onto Blue Mountain Road. Continue about 7 miles and watch for the small sign and trailhead parking area on the right.

LAMPSON FALLS. There is a short .8 mile round trip hike in to this tremendous waterfall on the Grasse River, with excellent viewing opportunities. Take County Route 27 south out of Canton, heading towards Degrasse. After crossing the Pierrepont-Russell Road, it is 5.8 miles more. Watch for a large brown DEC sign on the right (west side) for the Grasse River Wild Forest. Park on the roadside and walk down the gated road. About .3 miles in there will be a wide path to the left – this leads to the top of the falls. From there you can follow a trail that runs alongside the river down to the base of the falls, or return to where you turned off and

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BEAR MOUNTAIN. Take Route 56 south and then turn right (west) onto Route 3. This moderately steep 3.4-mile round trip trail climbs from the Cranberry Lake State Campground to the summit, which overlooks a broad vista of the lake and forests beyond. Access is from the campground (small day use fee), which is just east of the hamlet of Cranberry Lake. It can also be reached from the Burntbridge Pond trailhead which is a snowmobile/hiking trail on the south side of Route 3 approximately 2 miles east of Cranberry lake. It is a 9.6 mile round trip to the summit using this route.

MOUNT ARAB. A restored fire tower sits on the summit, a relatively easy two-mile round trip hike that. Limited views from the open cliffs, but a full 360-degree view from the cab of the tower. Take Route 56 south out of Potsdam until it meets Route 3 at Sevey's Corners. Turn left (east) onto Route 3 and continue for 10.4 miles. Watch for a right hand turn towards Conifer. Follow the Conifer Road 1.8 miles south and take a left onto Eagle Crag Road. In .9 mile you will reach the trailhead (on left) and parking area (on right), just after crossing an old railroad bed.

STREETER LAKE, Star Lake, acces from Young's Road off Route 3 or Coffin Road in Oswegatchie. Moderate 8 miles round trip, easy 1 mile round trip, two trailheads provide access to lean-to and lake.

WOLF LAKE, Talcville, located between Edwards and Fowler; accessed from the Talcville Road, easy 5-mile loop winding around a series of outcrops, leading to a series of lakes, each with a lean-to, and a 40-foot bluff overlooking Huckleberry Lake.

MACSHERRY TRAIL, in Hammond near Schermerhorn Landing off NYS Hwy. 12 and Indian Head Point Road; trail is in the Crooked Creek Preserve; the 1.5- and 3-mile loops take in dense thickets, open woodland, pond, wetland and St. Lawrence River with interpretive signs along the way.
CATHEDRAL ROCK. The Tooley Pond Mountain fire tower was dismantled and rebuilt on Cathedral Rock, on the grounds of the Ranger School at Wanakena. It is a 1.4-mile easy hike from Route 3. Drive south out of Potsdam on Route 56 to Sevey's Corners. Turn right (west) on Route 3 and go through Cranberry Lake. Continue about 6 miles and watch for a road on the left (south) side of the highway with a yellow gate. If you get all the way to the turn off to Wanakena, you've gone to far. Go back .7 miles. The fire tower can actually be seen on the hill top from near the gate. Proceed through the gate. Bear left at the second junction. When you reach the top of the hill on that road (Cathedral Rock Road), take a left onto the Tower Road, which is the service road to the summit, or walk a little farther for a hiking trail to the top.

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Grasse River, Canton to Madrid, canoe from the boat launch on Route 68 just outside the village of Canton to the dam in

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