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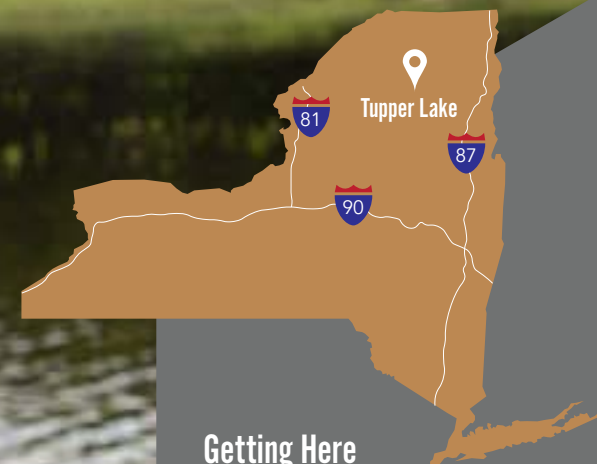
Getting Here

Situated at the crossroads of Routes 3 and 30 in the Adirondacks, Tupper Lake is well known for its idyllic lakes, picturesque hiking trails, fun attractions, and friendly atmosphere.

So what are you waiting for? Find directions at TupperLake.com

Tupper Lake Information Center
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A Brief History of *A Logging Town*

The town of Tupper Lake comprises 76,168 acres of rolling mountains that are covered with a magnificent forest of mixed softwood and sprinkled liberally with palatial lakes, winding rivers, and sparkling brooks.

The first white settlers were hunters, anglers, and trappers who entered the Tupper Lake area soon after the end of the American Revolution. In 1850, a Maine outfit called the Pomeroy Lumber Company became the first logging operation to work the virgin pine forests.

With the first logging ventures came a rush of settlers. Sawmills and dams were built along the Raquette River and soon Tupper Lake logs were feeding hungry mills as far away as Potsdam. For the next century, logging was the signature industry of Tupper Lake. The most famous mill was the big Hurd Mill, which once sawed more than one million board feet of lumber in a day, a world record at the time.

As the logging industry grew, the railroad arrived. The junction point for Hurd's and Webb's railroad, downtown Tupper Lake, became the Adirondacks' leading rail center. The operation kept 40 men busy maintaining the locomotives operating over the Utica- Montreal and Tupper-Ottawa lines.

The Sunmount Veterans Hospital, which is still a major employer in the community, soon followed on August 15, 1924.

The spirit of adventure that was so intrinsic in Tupper Lake's development still thrives in the community today. Come explore the woods and waterways of the region, and take time to peruse the shops and restaurants downtown. With so much to do, you'll see why Tupper Lake truly is a natural place for discovery.

Photo credit: John Kopp, Town Historian

Events



JAN Phil Edwards Hockey Tournament

FEB Northern Challenge Ice Fishing Derby
Empire State Winter Games
Junior Lumberjack Scramble

MAR The Brew-Ski
Maple Weekends

May Great Adirondack Garage Sale

JUN Tupper Lake Tinman Triathlon

JUL Tupper Lake Woodsmen's Days

AUG Rock the Arc
Masonic Flea Market
Tupper Lake Arts Show

SEPT OkTupperFest
90 Miler

OCT Trick-or-Treat on Park Street
Dark Sky Astrophotography

NOV Turkey Trot

There is more to Tupper Lake than outdoor recreation! From festivals and sporting events, to an assortment of educational workshops, to an ever-growing music scene, Tupper Lake has a wide variety of events to discover.

Check out a sampling of our jam-packed events schedule above and find more information at [TupperLake.com/events](https://www.tupperlake.com/events)



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Discover the Trails!

The wilderness surrounding Tupper Lake is a vast playground for hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. Whether you're a seasoned hiker or a first-timer taking your family on a backcountry adventure, we guarantee the trails in and around Tupper Lake will excite and inspire you.

Please note that the accompanying map is not intended to be used for navigational purposes. Pick up a topographic map or guide book from a local outfitter or bookstore before hitting the trails.

New to outdoor pursuits or simply don't know where to start? Hire a licensed guide and leave the details to them. For a list of guide services, or to find more trails in the area, visit TupperLake.com or contact the Tupper Lake Chamber of Commerce and information center at (518) 359-3328.



Get inspired

Get your hike on!

Six Recommended Mountain Hikes

Coney Mountain

Trail length: 2.2 miles round trip

Elevation: 2,265 feet

Directions from Tupper Lake: Take Route 30 south approximately 10 miles. The trailhead is on the left side of the road, near the county boundary line.

The trail up Coney Mountain is relatively gentle, making it a great hike for beginners and families. Follow the well-developed path as it sweeps its way up the forest-covered slope of the mountain. When you reach the bare rock summit, you will be rewarded with 360-degree panoramic views. In the winter, Coney becomes a popular snowshoe hike.

Floodwood Mountain

Trail length: 4.2 miles round trip

Elevation: 2,304 feet

Directions from Tupper Lake: Take Route 30 north from Tupper Lake for 14.5 miles. Turn left on Floodwood Road, drive 6.25 miles and watch for signs for Floodwood Mountain – there is a turnoff on the left near the end of the road.

Floodwood Mountain is an excellent hike for all ages and hiking abilities. The moderate hike begins at a Boy Scout camp and only gets steep near the summit. Views of the High Peaks, St. Regis Mountain, Mt. Matumbula, Iron Mountain, the Saranac lakes, and Tupper Lake await on top.

Mount Arab

Trail length: 2 miles round trip

Elevation: 2,545 feet

Directions from Tupper Lake: Take Route 3 west for 6.5 miles. After the hamlet of Piercefield turn left on Conifer Road, then left on Mt. Arab Road after 1.8 miles. At 0.8 miles, park in the parking area on the right. The trailhead is across the road.

Mount Arab has moderate grades for hiking and snowshoeing to the summit. At the peak there's an observer's cabin and fire tower, which are maintained by the Friends of Mt. Arab. The tower is open year-round and provides sweeping panoramic views.

Ampersand Mountain

Trail length: 5.2 miles round trip

Elevation: 3,352 feet

Directions from Tupper Lake: From the intersection of Routes 3 and 30, take Route 3 east for 13.5 miles. The parking lot for Ampersand Mountain is on the left; the trailhead is across the street.

Ampersand is the most challenging mountain of the six listed here. The trail is easy until the second brook crossing. After that the grade becomes moderate, then it steepens considerably as it nears the summit. The final scramble up open rock rewards hikers with outstanding 360-degree views.

Goodman Mountain

Trail length: 3.4 miles round trip

Elevation: 2,178 feet

Directions from Tupper Lake: Take Route 30 south from Tupper Lake for 10 miles to the large parking area on the left.

Goodman Mountain is a local favorite that recently received a trail makeover. The new path has a wooden bridge and an opening stretch that's compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. About halfway up the mountain the path narrows before turning left to head toward the summit. The hike is easy and the views are great. Check out the trailhead kiosk to learn the tragic story of the mountain's namesake, Andrew Goodman.

Panther Mountain

Trail length: 1.2 miles round trip

Elevation: 2,236 feet

Directions from Tupper Lake: The parking area is about 11 miles from the intersection of Routes 3 and 30 in downtown Tupper Lake. Head east from the intersection and you'll see the parking area on the right, just past Panther Pond. The trailhead is across the street.

This short, steep hike along a well-used trail is rewarded by nice views of the High Peaks and Ampersand Mountain to the east, and Tupper Lake to the west.

This is a great trek for families, and little ones will enjoy a post-hike frog hunt in Panther Pond!

Fully Accessible Trails

John Dillon Park

Located on Route 30 between Tupper Lake and Long Lake.

The goal of John Dillon Park is to make the natural landscape of the Adirondacks available to everyone, especially those with disabilities. This was the vision of International Paper's retired CEO and Paul Smith's College alumnus John Dillon. The park is managed by Paul Smith's College and protected by a conservation easement donated by IP. It will remain forever wild, showing how well-managed forests, recreation, and conservation benefit both land and people. Stay for the day, a night, or a week and enjoy the fully accessible trails, lean-tos, and other services. Visit JohnDillonPark.org for more.

Junction Pass Trail

Navigate through Tupper Lake on a new multi-use recreational trail. This level, tightly-packed gravel trail connects the two distinct business districts in town – the "Junction" and "Uptown." Grab lunch, browse our shops, and play in our parks along the way.

Wild Walk

Built with accessibility in mind, The Wild Center's Wild Walk attraction gives people of all ages and abilities a chance to see an Adirondack forest from the treetops. Learn about the plants and animals that live in the marvelous world that's just above our heads.



THE TUPPER LAKE TRIAD

Three peaks - One great family-friendly hiking challenge!

- Step 1: Hike Mt. Arab, Coney Mountain and Goodman Mountain.
- Step 2: Fill out the form below or register online at TupperLake.com.
- Step 3: Mail your completed form with \$5 fee (per registrant) to:
Tupper Lake Triad, 121 Park St., Tupper Lake, NY 12986
- Step 4: Receive patch and display proudly!

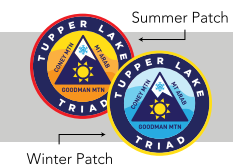


Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Email: _____

- My dog hiked too, and he/she wants a patch! (An additional \$5 registration fee applies.)
- Dogs Name: _____

Hiking Log:

Mount Arab	Date: _____	Time: _____
Coney Mtn.	Date: _____	Time: _____
Goodman Mtn.	Date: _____	Time: _____



Comments: _____

Trails Exploring Waterways by Land

Raquette Falls Trail

Trail length: 9 miles round trip

Directions from Tupper Lake: Take Route 3 east for 8 miles, turn right on Corey's Road, and park near the trailhead after 2.7 miles. The last 1.3 miles of Corey's Road are not routinely plowed in the winter.

This trail parallels the scenic Raquette River and its rolling terrain. At the DEC Outpost there is a three-way split: Left goes to Dawson Pond, right leads to the Raquette Falls canoe carry launch, and straight is the carry. Follow the canoe carry a short distance to the next split. Straight is a wide track leading to the Upper Falls and right is a foot trail leading to Lower and Upper Raquette Falls.

Middle Saranac Lake Beach Trail

Trail length: 1.2 miles round trip

Directions from Tupper Lake: See directions to Ampersand Mountain on page 8. The trailhead starts at the rear of the parking area.

This easy hike to the sandy beach on Middle Saranac Lake is great for families. Enjoy a flat walk through a beautiful forest to the long, natural beach. The water here is quite shallow – you can easily walk out 100 feet and still touch the sandy bottom. An old campsite at the end of the trail makes for a great picnic area. The beach is an ideal finale to an Ampersand Mountain hike. See the description on page 8 for more.

Trombley Landing

Trail length: 3.2 miles round trip

Directions from Tupper Lake: The trailhead is 6.6 miles east of the intersection of Routes 3 and 30 in downtown Tupper Lake.

This is a pleasant trail from the highway to a lean-to on the Raquette River. The trail follows a former state fire truck trail that served as access to the Raquette River during log drives around the turn of the 20th century. The southern end of this trail is a deer wintering yard where deer can often be spotted by those moving stealthily.

Educational Nature Trails

The Wild Center

45 Museum Drive, Tupper Lake

Explore the 115-acre campus of The Wild Center in Tupper Lake. Inside, there are live animals and exhibits about nature in the Adirondacks. Outside, you can follow the trail network to boardwalks over Blue Pond and to raised decks overlooking the oxbow on the Raquette River.

Other notable features include the butterfly garden, the pines play area, and the Green Leaf Pond loop and bridge. And don't miss the Wild Walk! It's a one-of-a-kind experience that gives visitors an up-close look at life in the Adirondack treetops.

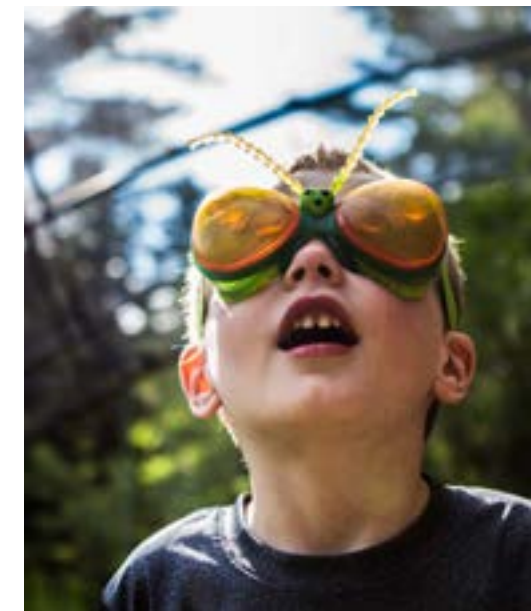
In the winter, guided trail tours and free snowshoes are available with an admission pass. For more information, see pages 26-27 of this guide or visit WildCenter.org.

Paul Smith's VIC

8023 State Route 30, Paul Smiths

The Paul Smith's VIC is "Where outdoor recreation, interpretive education, and the arts come together, naturally." The campus boasts 25 miles of trails, including 6 miles of interpretive trails, and a spectacular butterfly house with native butterfly species. The trails weave through woodlands, marshes, and bogs and pass ponds and brooks along the way.

The trails are free and open to the public from spring through fall. In the winter, they are open for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing with the purchase of a pass. For more information, visit PSCVIC.org.



Multi-Use and Mountain Biking Trails

Deer Pond Loop

Trail length: 7.3 mile loop

Directions from Tupper Lake: Take Route 3 east from Tupper Lake for 5 miles. The parking area and trailhead are on the left. An alternate starting point is available on Route 30.

This enjoyable loop offers great hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, or mountain biking. About 2.5 miles of the trail follows a paved extension of Old Wawbeek Road, the original highway to Tupper Lake from the east. More than half of the Deer Pond trail is flat terrain, but there are some steeper climbs.

Massawepie to Horseshoe

Trail length: 11.5 miles one way

Directions from Tupper Lake: This route can be tackled by starting at either end. To begin at Horseshoe see the next trail. To start at Massawepie, take Route 3 west for 11.4 miles to the hamlet of Gale and turn left toward the Massawepie Boy Scout Camp. A kiosk with parking information is at the Scout's House on the left.

Riders will enjoy a mountain biking road through dense forest that connects Horseshoe Lake and Massawepie. Please pay attention to posted property and note that the Massawepie Boy Scout trails are closed to the public from June 15 - Aug. 30.

Low's Upper Dam and Low's Ridge

Multi-use trail: 2.7 miles one way

Low's Ridge trail: 1.1 mile one way

Directions from Tupper Lake: Take Route 30 south to Route 421 (Horseshoe Road), turn right and drive 6.5 miles, then turn left past the railroad tracks. Park near the trailhead, which is marked with a yellow gate on the left 0.8 miles past the tracks.

The first 2.7 miles of this trail is along a level gravel road that ends at a gate at Low's Upper Dam. There's a trail to Low's Ridge on the right just past the gate. This 1.1-mile trail is recommended for hiking and snowshoeing only. Downstream from the dam is Hitchin's Pond.

Fernow Forest

Located on Route 30, just north of the "Y" intersection of Routes 3 and 30 on the outskirts of Tupper Lake.

Learn about forest ecology and history as you explore this 1.1-mile loop. This 100-year-old white pine and Norway spruce plantation was started by Bernard Fernow, an early pioneer in American forestry. The trail features 15 interpretive stops.





Winter in Tupper Lake



We play in the snow!

James C. Frenette Sr. Recreational Trails

In the winter, the Tupper Lake Golf Club becomes the home base for the groomed James C. Frenette Sr. Recreational Trails. This free ski trail system will have you gliding through beautiful terrain with great vantage points and wildlife.

The dog- and snowshoe-friendly ski center connects the golf course with Big Tupper Ski Area through a network of loops and trails groomed for classic cross-country skiing, with skate lanes available on the wider sections. Snowshoers are welcome, but please stay to the sides of the set tracks.

The ski center also hosts a series of events and programs, including the annual Brew-Ski, full moon bonfires, and the monthly “Skiing with the Stars,” hosted in conjunction with members of the Adirondack Sky Center and Observatory.

Pick up a trail map at the ski center or download one online at TupperLake.com. For skiing conditions, call the town of Tupper Lake Recreation Department at (518) 359-8370.

Big Tupper Ski Area

Big Tupper is one of the oldest, most beloved ski resorts in New York state. After a decade-long hiatus, the mountain was resurrected in 2009 and is currently run as a not-for-profit by volunteers and community-minded citizens.

Today, this affordable and family-oriented ski center serves up no-frills alpine fun— three lifts carry skiers and riders to the mountain’s 25 trails and a variety of terrain ranging from beginner to expert skill levels, a vertical drop of 1,151 feet, and 100 percent natural snow cover.

Rentals and lessons are available for skiers and boarders. For more information, visit SkiBigTupper.org.

Ice Skating

If you’re looking to strap on a pair of skates, Tupper Lake has you covered! Enjoy free public skating at the Tupper Lake Memorial Civic Center, or head to the outdoor rink at Tupper Lake Waterfront Park.

For more details and the skating schedule, contact:
The Tupper Lake Memorial Civic Center, Santa Clara Avenue at (518) 359-2531
Outdoor Village Rink, Tupper Lake Waterfront Park at (518) 359-3341

Tupper Lake Ice Fishing

Grab your augers and tip-ups and come experience why anglers of all abilities consider Tupper Lake to be a fishing haven. It could be the monster-sized northern pike that the annual Northern Challenge Ice Fishing Derby showcases each February. Possibly it is the legend of the state record walleye that is believed to be roaming unscathed, just waiting for you to drop the bait. Or maybe it is simply the breathtaking winter scenery set against the backdrop of small-town charm. Whatever the elements that make up the ideal winter fishing trip might be, odds are Tupper Lake will offer just what you are looking for. Popular winter ice fishing holes to check out are Simon Pond and Raquette Pond.

Welcome Snowmobilers!

Located along “Corridor 7” – or C7, the Remsen/Lake Placid corridor – Tupper Lake offers snowmobile enthusiasts outstanding hospitality, easy connections to well-groomed trails, and free parking just off the corridor.

The mountainous terrain surrounding Tupper Lake provides miles of scenic groomed and ungroomed backcountry trails, some of which go to nearby towns like Plercefield. A network of trails also runs through the village, connecting services and amenities like lodging, restaurants, taverns, gas, and more.

The groomed trail network is maintained by a variety of different snowmobile clubs and the town and village of Tupper Lake. All are free and open to the public.

Snowmobiling maps and resources

For snowmobile trail information, download a free Franklin County Snowmobile Trail App, available at the app stores for Android and iPhone. Paper and digital maps and the latest snowmobile conditions are also available at TupperLake.com.



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The Wild Center

A visit to Tupper Lake isn't complete without The Wild Center experience.

The praise speaks for itself: The Wall Street Journal called it "glorious" and the New York Times said it was "stunning." This new kind of natural history museum, spread over 115 acres, is an Adirondack "must see" according to USA Today. From live river otters to canoe rides on the river, The Wild Center gets you close to the true nature of the Adirondacks.

The Wild Center was designed by the same firm that created Washington's Air and Space Museum, and it shows. The Center, located off of Hosley Avenue in Tupper Lake, lets you see the natural world in fascinating and unique ways that incorporate the indoors and outdoors.

Exhibits include a river flowing through the Center's Hall of the Adirondacks, complete with a live marsh that is directly connected through a giant glass window to a living three-acre pond outside. There's also an indoor waterfall, a towering glacial ice wall,

high-definition interactive films, a wide-screen theater, and an indoor trail leading from an Adirondack lean-to in the Center's Great Hall to a replica of the summit of a mile-high mountain.

Outside, the museum's campus includes trails to the wild and scenic Raquette River. Speaking of wild, The Wild Center's newest addition is the Wild Walk, an educational treetop boardwalk that's accessible to all ages and abilities. Observe birds from the cover of Feeder Alley, view the mountains from the life-sized bald eagle nest, or take a heart-thumping walk on a gigantic shamrock spider's web! The entire family is bound to be impressed.

The Center's staff has earned praise for their daily activities, which change daily and include chances to get up close to live Adirondack animals. The Center also has a café with outside seating, a store, and many unique features.

Daily events and other information can be found at WildCenter.org.



THE PLACE TO SEE

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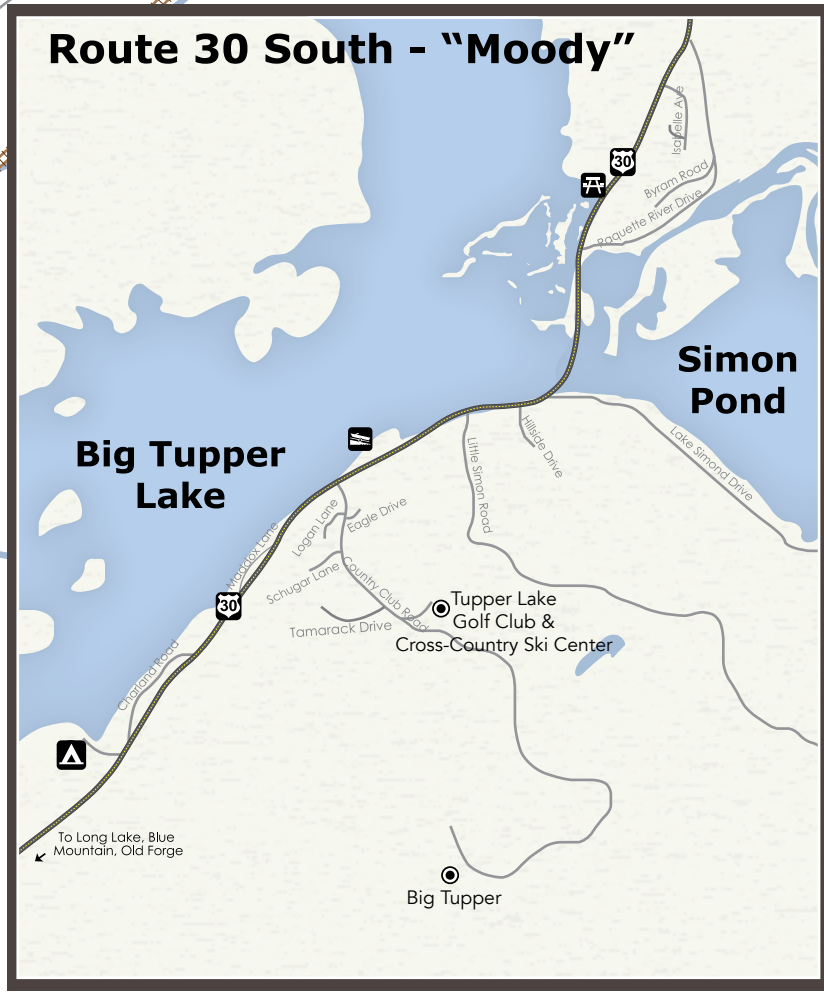
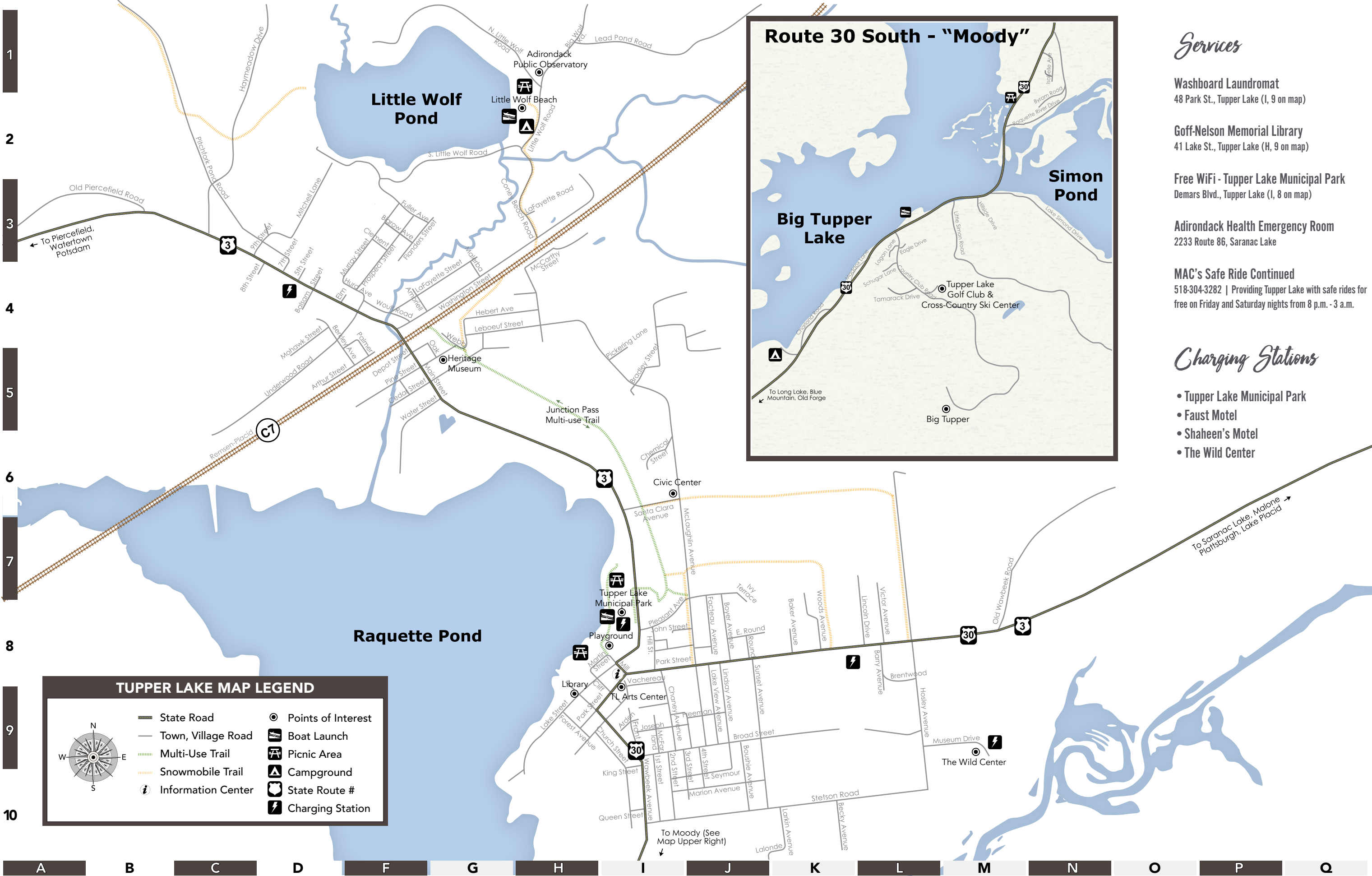
An immersive forest sound installation by Pete M. Wyer

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THE WILD CENTER

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Services

Washboard Laundromat
48 Park St., Tupper Lake (I, 9 on map)

Goff-Nelson Memorial Library
41 Lake St., Tupper Lake (H, 9 on map)

Free WiFi - Tupper Lake Municipal Park
Demars Blvd., Tupper Lake (I, 8 on map)

Adirondack Health Emergency Room
2233 Route 86, Saranac Lake

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Charging Stations

- Tupper Lake Municipal Park
- Faust Motel
- Shaheen's Motel
- The Wild Center

TUPPER LAKE MAP LEGEND

State Road	Points of Interest
Town, Village Road	Boat Launch
Multi-Use Trail	Picnic Area
Snowmobile Trail	Campground
Information Center	State Route #
	Charging Station



TOWN OF
TUPPER LAKE

Welcome to the town of Tupper Lake, home to Little Wolf Beach and Campground, the James C. Frenette Sr. Recreational Trails, and the Tupper Lake Golf Club.

Visit TupperLakeNY.gov for more information on the town of Tupper Lake.



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Tupper Lake Municipal Park

On the shore of Raquette Pond in the village of Tupper Lake, you will find Tupper Lake Waterfront Park. You can access the park by land via Demars Boulevard (Route 3).

Tupper Lake Waterfront Park has plenty of parking, public restrooms, and a boat launch. Water and electric hookups are also available for your convenience. Overnight camping is not available.

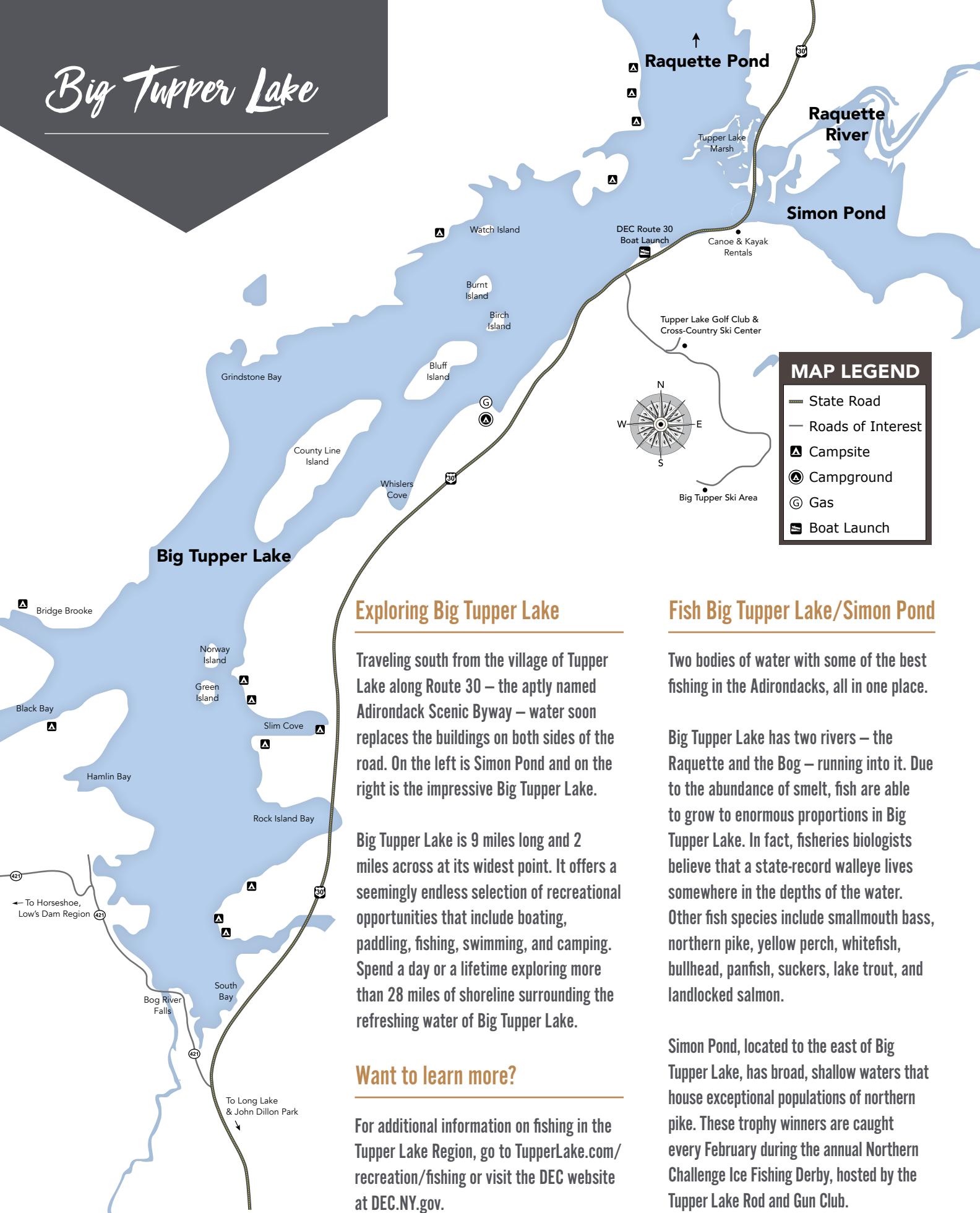
This park is also the site of a variety of events and activities all year long, from the annual Woodsmen's Days, Tinman Triathlon, and giant flea market in the summer to car ice races and a winter golf tournament in the colder months. For dates and the complete list of events held at Tupper Lake Waterfront Park, visit TupperLake.com/events.

You can easily spend an entire day enjoying the park:

- Take a stroll along the paved waterfront walkway as it follows the shore of Raquette Pond.
- Fish from one of the covered lookouts flanking both ends of the walkway.
- Enjoy lunch under the pavilion or at one of the many benches and picnic tables throughout the park.
- Move your office to the gazebo and take in the views as you use the free WiFi, provided courtesy of The Wild Center.
- Play tennis, volleyball, basketball, and baseball during the day, or on the lighted field and courts at night.
- In the winter enjoy ice skating in the outdoor rink or ice fishing on Raquette Pond.

- Tire out the little ones at Little Loggers Playground.
- Read a book in the tranquil Flanders Park, located at the southern end of the waterfront walkway.
- Plug into the two electric car charging stations.

Big Tupper Lake



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Exploring Big Tupper Lake

Traveling south from the village of Tupper Lake along Route 30 – the aptly named Adirondack Scenic Byway – water soon replaces the buildings on both sides of the road. On the left is Simon Pond and on the right is the impressive Big Tupper Lake.

Big Tupper Lake is 9 miles long and 2 miles across at its widest point. It offers a seemingly endless selection of recreational opportunities that include boating, paddling, fishing, swimming, and camping. Spend a day or a lifetime exploring more than 28 miles of shoreline surrounding the refreshing water of Big Tupper Lake.

Want to learn more?

For additional information on fishing in the Tupper Lake Region, go to TupperLake.com/recreation/fishing or visit the DEC website at DEC.NY.gov.

Fish Big Tupper Lake/Simon Pond

Two bodies of water with some of the best fishing in the Adirondacks, all in one place.

Big Tupper Lake has two rivers – the Raquette and the Bog – running into it. Due to the abundance of smelt, fish are able to grow to enormous proportions in Big Tupper Lake. In fact, fisheries biologists believe that a state-record walleye lives somewhere in the depths of the water. Other fish species include smallmouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch, whitefish, bullhead, panfish, suckers, lake trout, and landlocked salmon.

Simon Pond, located to the east of Big Tupper Lake, has broad, shallow waters that house exceptional populations of northern pike. These trophy winners are caught every February during the annual Northern Challenge Ice Fishing Derby, hosted by the Tupper Lake Rod and Gun Club.

Little Wolf Beach and Campground

Little Wolf Beach and Campground is a hidden gem located on the shore of Little Wolf Pond. The town-operated facility features a 50-site campground, a majority of which have electric, water, and sewage disposal. Open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, Little Wolf Campground makes for an excellent summer getaway!

The facility comes with many amenities including a swim area staffed by trained and certified lifeguards, showers, a snack shack, pavilion area, playground, basketball court, volleyball net, boat launch, and incredible Adirondack sunsets. There are also plenty of events and activities at Little Wolf Beach geared for families and

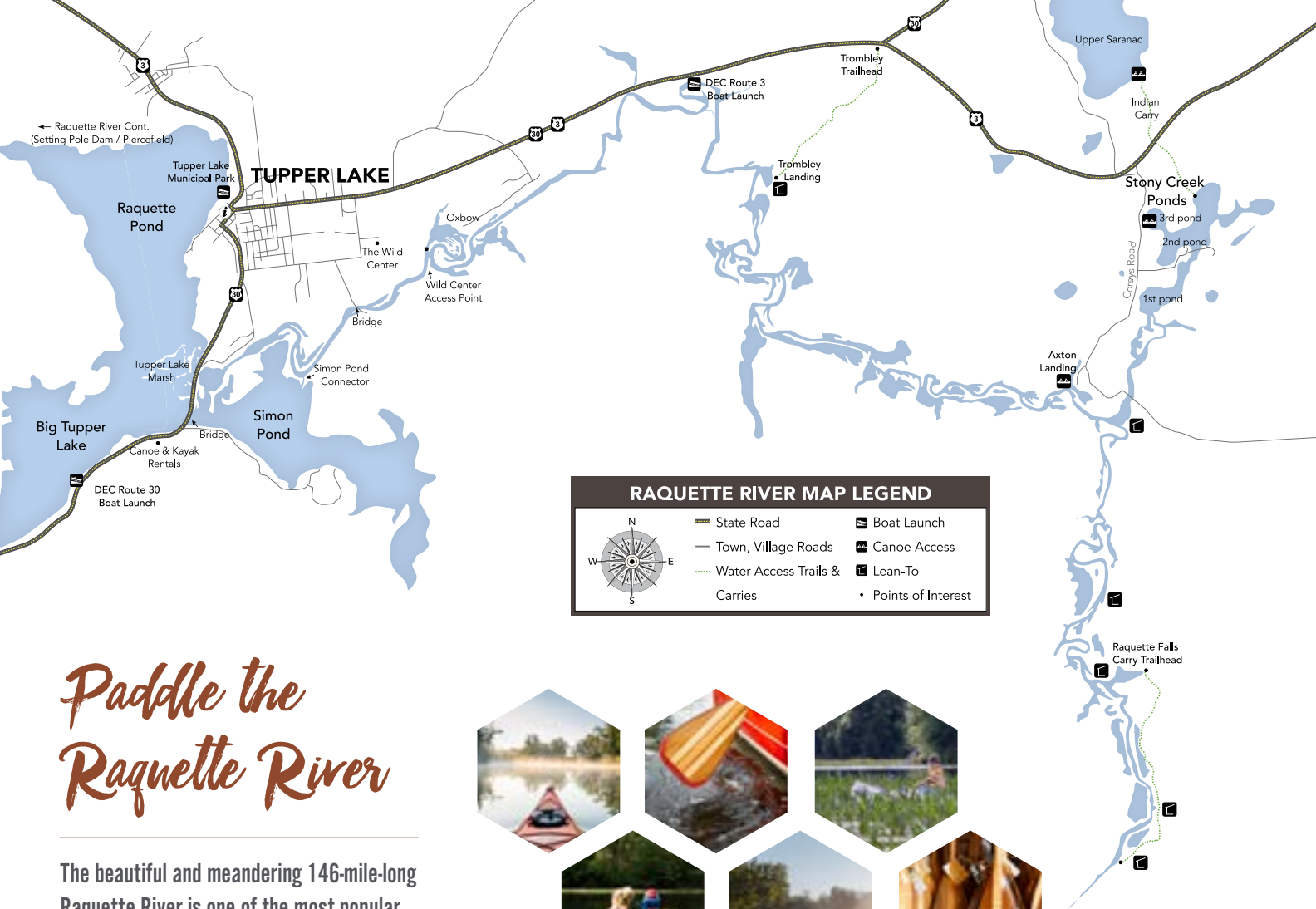
children, including a free outdoor movie every Sunday evening in the summer. And for an out-of-this-world experience, head next door to the Adirondack Sky Center & Observatory, where you'll find telescopes for stargazing as well as regular workshops and lectures on the universe.

Little Wolf Pond is a great spot for anglers, too. The motorboat-friendly water boasts an array of fish including northern pike, walleye, and bass. You don't have to be an angler to enjoy it, though. Paddlers can spend an afternoon on the pond or use it as a launch point for longer adventures.

If you're traveling with a group, you can also rent the pavilion at Little Wolf Beach



and Campground. To learn more, or to book a campsite, call the town of Tupper Lake at (518) 359-8370 or (518) 359-3000.



RAQUETTE RIVER MAP LEGEND

	State Road		Boat Launch
	Town, Village Roads		Canoe Access
	Water Access Trails & Carries		Lean-To
			Points of Interest

Paddle the Raquette River

The beautiful and meandering 146-mile-long Raquette River is one of the most popular paddling destinations in the Adirondacks. It's also part of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail, which travels from Old Forge, New York, to Fort Kent, Maine, and is the basis for the 90-mile Adirondack Canoe Classic.

Some of the Raquette River's best twists, elbows, and oxbows can be accessed from multiple points in Tupper Lake. Campsites and lean-tos appear intermittently along the way, making a variety of half- to multi-day trips possible.

Use this map and the descriptions below for ideas on paddling the Raquette River, but please note that they're only intended to help you get started. Before entering the backcountry, purchase a topographic map and guide book from a local outfitter or bookstore.



Four Recommended Paddles

- 1 **Rte. 3 boat launch to Rte. 30 boat launch | 7 miles**
Paddle with the current to the oxbow and beyond from a popular launch site known locally as "the Crusher."
- 2 **Axton Landing to Rte. 3 boat launch | 9.5 miles one way**
A leisurely paddle between sandy banks with campsites along the way.
- 3 **Axton Landing to Raquette Falls | 6 miles one way**
A scenic, winding paddle to a backcountry waterfall. Camping and hiking available.
- 4 **Stony Creek Ponds to Axton Landing | 4 miles one way**
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Lows Dam/Hitchens Pond

The paddle from Low's Lower Dam to Hitchens Pond begins with a 100-foot carry to the sandy shore of the Bog River. This calm and remote paddle provides exceptional scenery and an optional 1.1-mile hike up Low's Ridge. Hitchens Pond has 4 miles of shoreline and no motorboats.

Massawepie Lake

A 100-foot carry leads to the shore of this large lake, which is a birder's delight! Several narrow bays provide sheltered viewing opportunities and the narrow Grass River, found at the southern end of the lake, is a winding waterway bordered by vegetation that birds love to hide in.

Round Lake/Little Tupper Lake

Located south of Tupper Lake, this beautiful motor-free area is a great spot for loon watching. Little Tupper Lake is 6 miles long with several islands. The adjacent Round Pond is 2 miles long. A variety of camping and picnic sites are available along the shore.

Bog River Falls

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The Adirondack Mountains have long been a backdrop of inspiration for creativity, so it's no surprise that the arts and music scene in Tupper Lake is alive and well.

The newly reenergized arts council, Tupper Arts, has opened a new center at 106 Park St. to promote the efforts and achievements of artists and artisans of all ages in Tupper Lake and the surrounding Adirondacks, including painters, potters, dancers, woodworkers, musicians, actors, composers, playwrights, storytellers, and graphic-design artists. By supporting and encouraging local artists, Tupper

Arts hopes to help enrich the cultural life of the entire community as we present art exhibits, classes, workshops, book readings, concerts, theater, and other events. There is a special emphasis on children's activities to expose them early and to encourage an appreciation for the arts.

For more information on upcoming events please check out our website TupperArts.com. And if you're looking for a unique gift, you will enjoy browsing in our one of a kind gift shop. Hours vary depending on season.



- ❖ Tupper Arts Center is a community arts space dedicated to nurturing the arts, artists, and community life.
- ❖ The center focuses on programs for children, offers dance classes, and hosts live performances.
- ❖ The Adirondack inspired gift shop features gifts from local artisans.
- ❖ Tupper Arts also runs the Summer Sunset Series at the new Tupper Lake Bandshell - catch the exciting live concerts every Tuesday nite at 7pm.

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are a variety of smaller telescopes, astronomy accessories, and equipment for astrophotography.

In addition to stargazing, the Adirondack Sky Center and Observatory offers a variety of educational workshops and events throughout the year. For complete schedule, visit AdirondackSkyCenter.org. The Sky Center is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. For more information, find them online or at their office at 46 High Street in Tupper Lake.

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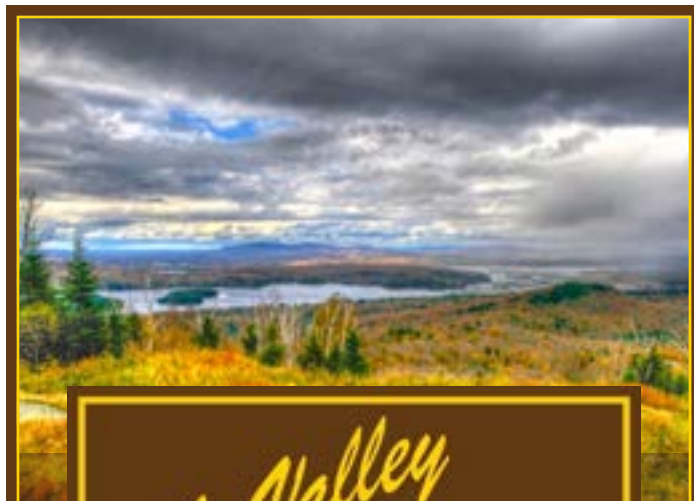
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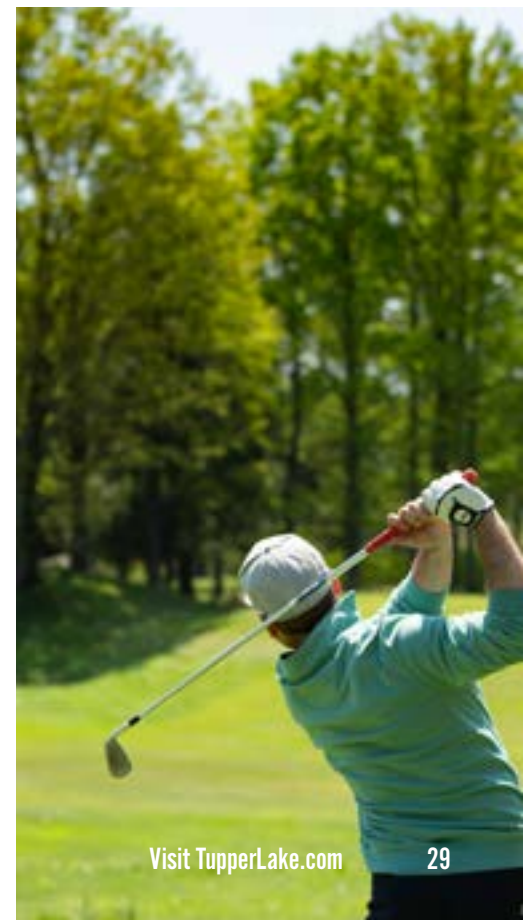
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This 18-hole course was designed by renowned golf course designer Donald Ross and features challenging mountainous terrain with lush, rolling fairways and undulating greens.

Carved into the side of Mount Morris, the Tupper Lake Golf Club course provides

uphill and downhill lies and plenty of panoramic views of the surrounding mountains and lakes. Traps and bunkers are strategically placed for the long ball hitter and consist of both sand and grass. Mid-September to mid-October play is especially beautiful as fall colors contrast with the blue of the surrounding lakes and the emerald putting greens.

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Did somebody say breakfast? That's easy! Eat like a lumberjack at one of our local diners, indulge in a bottomless cup of coffee, and strike up a conversation with the locals. They know some of the best-kept secrets on what to do in the area.

After your adventure, bring the kids to one of our family-friendly restaurants, pizzerias, or ice cream shops, grab some take-out Chinese food, or get a sandwich to go at one of our delis or bistros.

In the mood for something stronger than coffee? Tupper Lake has several pubs and taverns to choose from, and we even have our own breweries!



Piercefield

Piercefield is an adventure lover's paradise where natural attractions abound. Paddlers, bikers, and hikers love the Horseshoe Lake Wild Forest, which is home to Horseshoe Pond, Hitchens Pond, Bog River Falls, and Lows Ridge. The falls can be seen from the road, while the outstanding view from the ridge requires a mile hike to reach.

Just west of Piercefield is Massawepie Mire, the largest peatland bog in New York state. Birders flock to the mire to see the rare spruce grouse, more than 18 warbler species, and common loons. Mount Arab, one of the Tupper Lake Triads, is a popular year-round hiking trail with a beautifully restored fire tower that provides a stunning 360-degree view.

In winter, Piercefield's trails are a snow-covered delight for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling. Those heading into the backcountry will find plenty of Adirondack scenery to explore, while snowmobilers can enjoy meticulously groomed and maintained

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