

Adventure and Leisure Enjoying Our Land and Communities

Flocking to Lakeside Resorts

Ever since Thomas Jefferson famously described Lake George as “the most beautiful water I ever saw” in 1791, visitors have come to explore the beauty of our landscape and our communities. With the advent of the Lake George Steamboat Company in 1817, visitors could reach lakeside resorts boasting the newest amenities, like running water and telegraph systems. Train service and improved roads opened Warren County to growing numbers of visitors.



The Great Outdoors

The sky's the limit for outdoor experiences in Warren County—swimming, hiking, biking, camping, adventure courses, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, paddling, and much more. Tap into your inner lumberjack at Stony Creek's Mountain Days Festival, one of our county's many themed festivals.



Famous Visitors

It was said Teddy Roosevelt was at the Brant Lake Hunting Club in Horicon, now the Sunset Mountain Lodge. A very young Willie Nelson is said to have performed in Glens Falls taverns in the 1950s and 1960s. Desi Arnez reportedly appeared at the famous Fan and Bill's Restaurant and Night Club in Queensbury. And in 1949, Marilyn Monroe presented the keys to *Photoplay Magazine's* “Dream House” contest winner in Warrensburg.

Have You Explored?



Warren County Bike Trail *Glens Falls to Lake George*

Portions of this 9.4-mile trail between Glens Falls and Lake George follow the historic Old Military Road built during the French and Indian War. The 7-mile Feeder Canal Trail System in Glens Falls also offers a historic route for biking and walking.



Whitewater Paddling *North Creek*

Log drives on the Hudson River ended in the 1950s. In 1958, Johnsburg hosted the first Hudson River Whitewater Derby to honor this logging history. The derby—held the same weekend in early May as the Kentucky Derby, is one of the country's oldest canoe and kayak races.



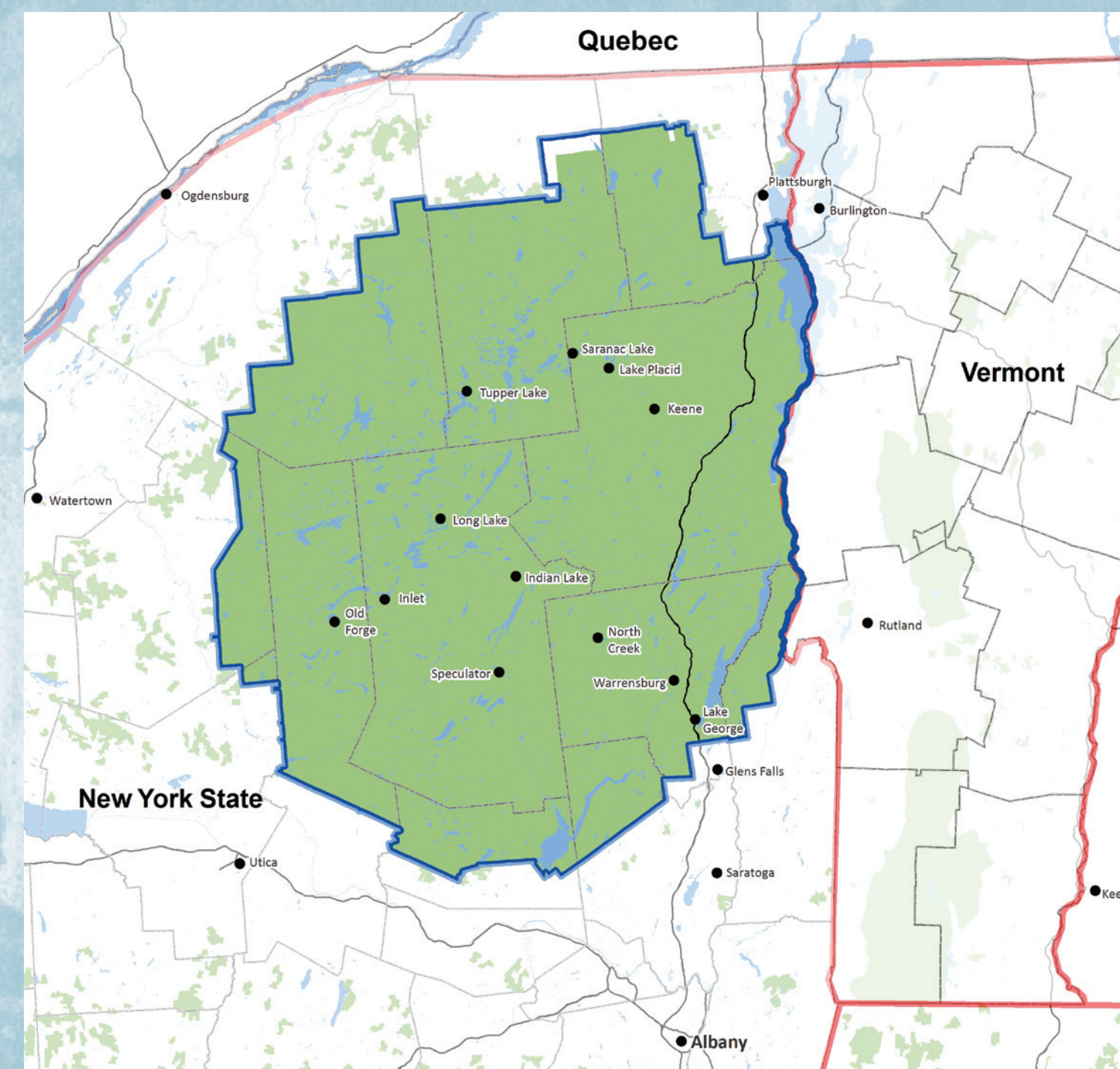
Thurman Maple Days *Thurman*

You know spring has truly arrived when Warren County's sweetest festival gets underway. Celebrate the season with tours, tastings, and demonstrations at the sugar houses of some of our region's biggest maple producers.



Dude Ranches *Stony Creek*

Since the 1930s, local dude ranches have offered a taste of the Wild West right here in Warren County. Earl Woodward started the region's first dude ranches in Stony Creek and Lake Luzerne. Several dude ranches still thrive in our region, so pull on your cowboy boots and saddle up!



Creating the Adirondack Park

The clearing of Adirondack forests for lumber, pulp logs, hemlock bark, and charcoal accelerated in the 1800s and led to growing concern about soil erosion, water quality, and flooding. In 1885, the NY State legislature created the Adirondack Forest Preserve. In 1892, the preserve was redesignated as the Adirondack Park, and in 1895, the new park received constitutional protection as “forever wild.” This 6-million acre patchwork of public and private land includes much of Warren County.

Though Warren County has long attracted summer visitors, our communities offer plenty of year-round draws—from the autumn Adirondack Balloon Festival to Lake George's Winter Carnival and New Year's Day cruise, to the springtime deliciousness of Thurman's Maple Days.