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Nestled where the St. Lawrence River meets Lake Ontario, the 1000 Islands region is a hidden gem that has long captivated visitors from around the globe. With 1,864 islands, each with its own unique charm, it's a destination where breathtaking views, outdoor adventure and rich history come together.

Whether you're cruising past fairytale castles, fishing from a quiet dock or enjoying a cold drink as massive ships glide by, the 1000 Islands offers something for everyone. In the fall, the landscape transforms into a stunning tapestry of vibrant red, orange, and gold foliage, as crisp, fresh air fills the atmosphere - creating a perfect backdrop for hiking, boating, or simply relaxing by the water.

Once a playground for the wealthy elite during the Gilded Age, this stunning region is now a beloved escape for all. From kayaking and zip-lining to enjoying the colorful fall scenery, the 1000 Islands can be experienced in countless ways. Whatever brings you here, you're invited to discover what the 1000 Islands means to you.

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## ABOUT GEORGE FISCHER



George Fischer, acclaimed landscape photographer is well-known for his more than 72 pictorial books and numerous art posters. His unique photo style has been commissioned by various companies, hospitals and private collectors. He has also worked with various international tourism boards and media. In November 2017, George received the Ontario Tourism Award of Excellence in Photography. He resides in Toronto, Canada. See more of George Fischer's work at [GeorgeFischerPhotography.com](http://GeorgeFischerPhotography.com)

## ABOUT THE COVER

The 1000 Islands is a boater's dream with endless passageways, channels and coves to explore, Rock Island Lighthouse State Park, Fishers Landing, NY is open to private boaters and cruise boat passengers May to September.

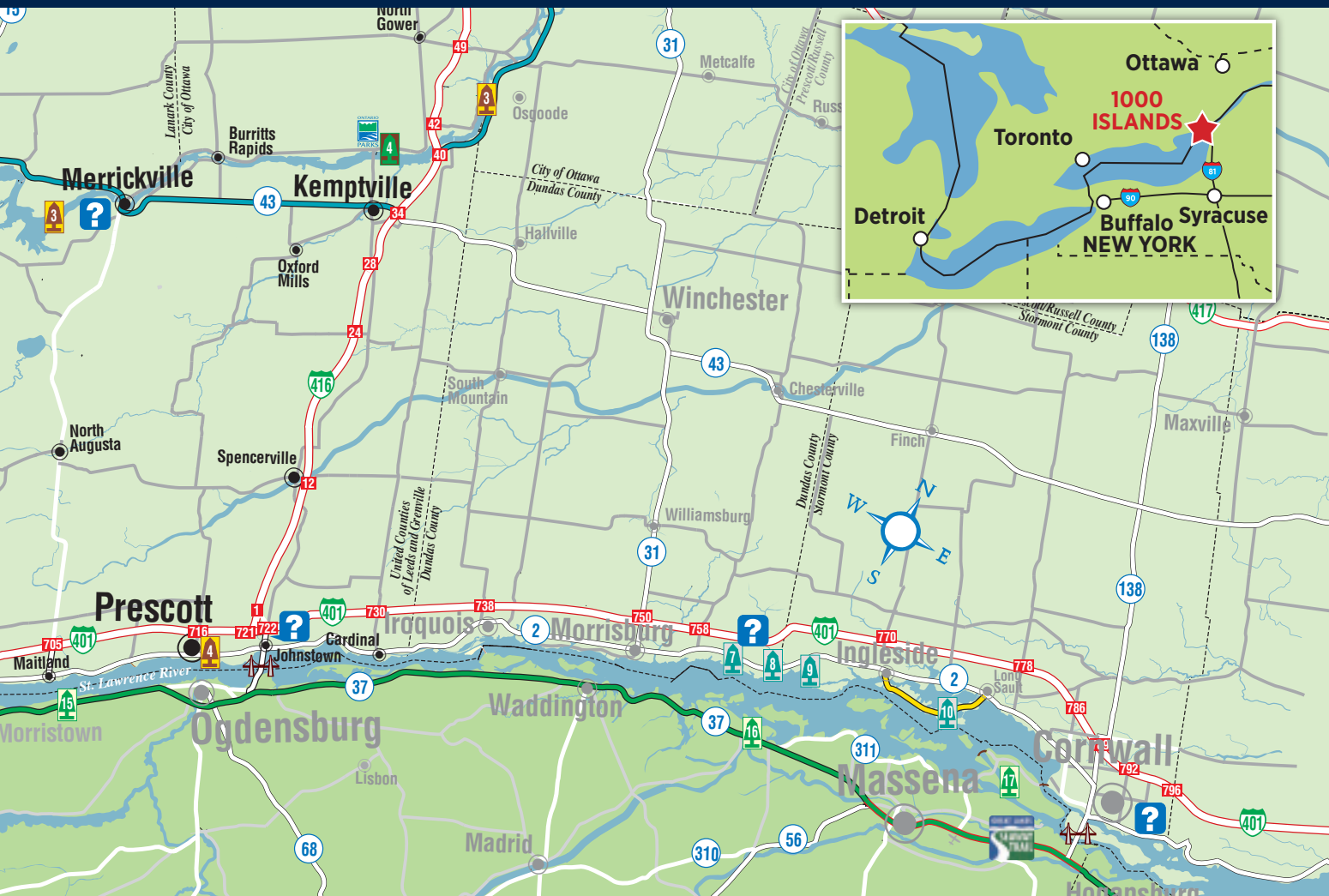
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## Key to Numbered Park Symbols

### New York State Parks

- 1 Southwick Beach State Park
- 2 Westcott Beach State Park
- 3 Long Point State Park
- 4 Burnham Point State Park
- 5 Cedar Point State Park
- 6 Grass Point State Park
- 7 Canoe-Picnic Point State Park
- 8 Wellesley Island State Park
- 9 DeWolf Point State Park
- 10 Keewaydin State Park
- 11 Mary Island State Park
- 12 Kring Point State Park
- 13 Cedar Island State Park
- 14 Jacques Cartier State Park
- 15 St. Lawrence State Park
- 16 Coles Creek State Park
- 17 Robert Moses State Park
- 18 Robert G. Wehle State Park

### Parks of the St. Lawrence

- 1 Loyalist Scenic Parkway
- 2 Fort Henry
- 3 Ivy Lea Campsite
- 4 1000 Islands Scenic Parkway
- 5 St. Lawrence Bikeway
- 6 Brown's Bay Picnic Area
- 7 Riverside-Cedar Campsite
- 8 Upper Canada Village, Upper Canada Golf Course, Cryster Beach, Cryster Park Marina
- 9 Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary
- 10 Long Sault Parkway

### Parks Canada

- 1 Thousand Islands National Park - Unique park comprised of 21 Islands
- 2 Bellevue House National Historic Site
- 3 Rideau Canal-Kingston to Ottawa and World Heritage Destination Area
- 4 Fort Wellington National Historic Site
- 5 Delta Mill National Historic Site

### Ontario Provincial Parks

- 1 Charleston Lake Provincial Park
- 2 Frontenac Provincial Park
- 3 Murphys Point Provincial Park
- 4 Rideau Provincial Park

Multi-Lane Divided Highway

Seaway Trail

1000 Islands Parkway  
Long Sault Parkway  
Loyalist Scenic Parkway

Rideau Heritage Route

659 Limited Access Highway Exits

International Bridge

Lighthouse

Tourism Information

Ferry Crossing

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# Cruises

## SCENIC BOAT TOURS

The most popular way to see the islands is aboard a boat cruise! Tours depart throughout the day to cruise visitors past fairytale castles, stately mansions and historic lighthouses. Tour boats zig-zag among the islands while guides entertain with true stories of pirates and bootleggers and point out homes owned by titans of industry and secret societies.

Cruises range from 1 to 5 hours; some include stops at Boldt Castle, Singer Castle and Rock Island Lighthouse.

You can pair your sightseeing cruise with a luncheon or dining excursion or enjoy a twilight tour that includes tastings by local wine and beer producers.



Be sure to check for themed-party cruises, fireworks outings and other special tours throughout the season.

Fall is a popular time to cruise because visitors are treated to a “mirrored-effect” of colorful fall foliage from the islands reflecting off the water. Cruising season fluctuates depending on weather but most tour companies start in late April and wrap-up in November. ■

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# Castles

## BOLDT CASTLE

New York City hotelier George Boldt (Waldorf-Astoria) built this six-story, 120-room mansion as a gift to his beloved wife Louise at the turn of the century.

Her untimely death left the dream unfulfilled and the castle lay abandoned for nearly a century. The stunning restoration of the castle and other island structures has topped more than \$45 million and leaves visitors-many who come back annually to see the progress-in awe.

Visitors can also tour the Boldt Yacht House, home to a collection of antique boats including several owned by the Boldt family. A shuttle boat ferries passengers between Boldt Castle and the Yacht House every 30 minutes.

## SINGER CASTLE

Built by the Bourne Family of Singer Sewing Machine fame, the castle was designed as an island retreat. Guided tours of this four-story, 28-room mansion include secret passageways and a glimpse into American history.

The Royal Suite is available for overnight booking! Enjoy a 45-minute guided tour of the grounds and castle; check with boat tour operators for transportation or dock with your own watercraft. ■

### Singer Castle

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Dark Island, Chippewa Bay, NY

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May to October



Visitors can tour the castle and other island structures at their leisure; tours are self-guided and aides are located throughout. The castle is accessible by tour boat and private watercraft and is handicap accessible. Visitors arriving from Canada must provide border-crossing documents. ■

### Boldt Castle and the Boldt Yacht House

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# History & Culture

Dive into a treasure trove of nautical history and ingenuity at museums and historic sites throughout the region. Soak in the awe-inspiring creations of artists inspired by pristine beauty at dozens of galleries and annual exhibitions. ■

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# Craft Beverages

Local brews, spirits and wine abound. Enjoy tasting rooms, entertainment and interact with the creators who hone their craft right on site! What else would you expect from such fertile land and the fresh waters of the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario? ■

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# Family Fun

Welcome to your quintessential family vacation spot. Aside from the swimming and outdoor play there's old fashioned fun such as go-karts, mini-golf, interactive museums and nature centers, petting zoos, drive-in movie theaters and endless places that the whole family will fondly remember. ■

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# Golf

From historic island courses overlooking the water to easy-on, easy-off stops, the golf courses of the 1000 Islands provide a relaxing - and challenging - day for all skill levels. Bring along the clubs and swing away. ■

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# Boating

One of the world's premier - and most diverse - freshwater boating destinations. From the endless shorelines of more than 1,800 islands to the vast open waters of Lake Ontario, the region is a boating paradise to be enjoyed year after year. You can't imagine it; you can only experience it firsthand to understand. ■

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# Fishing

Freshwater fishing at its finest, with year-round opportunities and enough species to satisfy any style. Whether embarking from one of dozens of launches or going with a professional guide, there's ample water for anyone to carve out their own secret spot. Records are caught here alongside enough small fry to make everyone feel like a pro. ■

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# Outdoors

Nowhere does outdoors like the 1000 Islands region. Endless shorelines of freshwater fun, inland lakes with ample public access and gently rolling forests are just part of the setting for your outdoor adventure. Public access to the outdoors is paramount. State, provincial and private parks and preserves are open to the public. ■

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# Cycling & Paddling

Fresh air awaits whether on the water or shore. With so much freshwater and woods, all abilities invited! Bring your own gear or hook up with a rental or guided service to enjoy the woods and water at your own pace. ■

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# Diving

Accessible wrecks and spots for all abilities highlight the underwater opportunities of the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario. Professional diving shops cater trips to varying skill levels. Seek a diving outfitter to start planning your dive into this unbelievable waterway. ■

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## Places to Stay

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Camping



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and B&Bs



Cottage &  
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# 1000 Islands Rideau Canal Waterways

## ST. LAWRENCE RIVER WATERFRONT, ONTARIO

Plan your adventure in the 1000 Islands Rideau Canal region with its internationally known landscapes. Cruise the 1,864 islands or navigate the 202-km/125-mile passageway through 47 locks as part of Ontario's only UNESCO World Heritage Destination. It is an outdoor playground for boating, paddling, fishing, hiking, picnicking, wildlife watching, waterside camping and golfing amongst a historic backdrop.

The 1000 Islands Parkway that runs parallel to the river, offers a scenic 40-km / 25-mile drive with a separate double-lane paved path for cycling enthusiasts. Along the way, you will find Brown's Bay Park with a new beach, playground, picnic areas and a canteen. Also is Thousands Islands National Park with trails, waterside and island camping and picnicking. Outlets for trekking, zip lining and scuba diving are a part of the recreational fun.

Island views from above are offered by 1000 Islands Helicopter tours and the 1000 Islands Tower. To get up close to the islands, castles, and the mansions, take a cruise with departures leaving from Rockport, Ivy Lea, Gananoque, and Brockville.

The Rideau Canal Waterway, North America's longest-operating canal system is a 19th century canal, a National Historic Site of Canada and an engineering marvel with original military blockhouses. The slack waters of the canal provide calm water for family paddling and houseboat rentals. Enjoy small-town hospitality and unique boutique shopping in Westport, Newboro and Merrickville. ■

### 1000 Islands Rideau Canal Waterways Region

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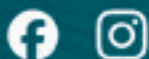
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# Alexandria Bay

## NEW YORK

Welcome to the heart of the 1000 Islands and home to Boldt Castle, the real-life fairytale island castle that hosts hundreds of thousands of visitors annually.

“The Bay” is your stop for fun in the 1000 Islands. Boat cruises, golfing, boating, fishing and more are why so many choose to stay here when visiting the region. Boldt Castle sits just off the shoreline and can be seen from many spots throughout downtown, including several hotels and resorts. Uncle Sam Boat Tours departs daily from a downtown harbor. They offer a variety of sight-seeing and dining cruises that stop at Boldt and Singer castles.

The calendar is chock full of events ranging from the Thousand Islands Motorcycle Rally and Bill Johnston’s Pirate Days to fall mainstays like Blues in the Bay and the Farmer’s Market. Winter warms up with the popular Polar Bear Dip.

The Bay has something for everyone. Visitors have access to scuba diving, flyboarding, mini-golf, go-karts, hiking trails, craft beverage tasting rooms and fishing charters. Looking for live music? Alexandria Bay is known for having more than 800 live performances from June through September. Visit a winery or distillery, rent a boat, have a picnic at one of the eight nearby state parks or along the waterfront. The Scenic View Park and footbridge to Casino Island is the perfect place to view the beauty of the St. Lawrence River. Whatever your heart desires, you will find it in the heart of the 1000 Islands! ■

### Alexandria Bay Chamber of Commerce

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# Brockville

## ONTARIO

### City of the 1000 Islands

Brockville is blessed with stunning scenery, beautiful architecture, and history. Come explore!

The Brockville Railway Tunnel has been transformed into a FREE walking attraction full of dramatic sounds and lights. It's open April - November and received TripAdvisor's Traveler's Choice Award for 2023 as one of the top 10% tourist attractions in the world.

Brockville is home to many festivals and events. The 1000 Islands Regatta brings hydroplane racing and fabulous music acts to the shores of the St. Lawrence. Ribfest, street festivals, 2025 Tall Ships Festival, and much more. The Brockville Arts Centre presents excellent live theater and music concerts. Visit [brockvilleartscentre.com](http://brockvilleartscentre.com) for the complete lineup!

The Aquarium is Brockville's marine discovery centre whose mission it is to inspire curiosity through enriching and entertaining experiences. Immerse in exciting new exhibits for the whole family. Watch the live otters, Brock & Oliver and enjoy meeting the AQ's latest rescue animal, Justin Beaver!

Brockville has been recognized as one of the best freshwater scuba diving locations in the world, with century-old shipwrecks and artifacts scattered along the river bottom waiting to be discovered. Including the Brockville Underwater Sculpture Park, a unique scuba diving training experience.

For those who prefer a more relaxing, comfortable and intimate river experience on the St. Lawrence, a river cruise with 1000 Islands and Seaway Cruise Company may be more your speed.

Blockhouse isn't technically an island, but it's a great spot to watch the sun go down, view freighters & fish, or get a close-up look at Brockville's resident Tall Ships, The Fair Jeanne and The BlackJack.



Arriving by air? The Brockville 1000 Islands Tackaberry Regional Airport is your gateway to the aerial views of the St. Lawrence River and its world famous 1000 Islands. ■

#### Brockville Tourism

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# Chasing Sunsets

Our majestic sunsets are an attraction exclusive to the Thousand Islands region and free to everyone that visits. Like watercolors in a gallery, each sensational sunset is a masterpiece, showcasing an arrangement from Mother Nature's palette. Sometimes she paints the sky lilac and lavender fading into pastel pinks edged with the blues reflecting the surrounding lakes and river, other times she uses a golden-hued swath with lines of amber and auburn that stretches into gray-blue billowing clouds against a backdrop of black silhouettes, and every display is breathtaking. ■

Find more reasons to visit the 1000 Islands... scan the QR code below.



## Brockville

*Experience Life on the River*

Discover Brockville, the City of the 1000 Islands! Explore historic sites like Canada's first railway tunnel, enjoy a 1000 Islands Cruise, or stroll downtown filled with shops and cafes. Family fun, history, and adventures await!

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# Cape Vincent

## NEW YORK

The beautiful Tibbetts Point Lighthouse stands tall at the very edge of Lake Ontario where the Great Lakes system funnels into the St. Lawrence River. The lighthouse is an extension of Cape Vincent – the Community where lake and river meet. With its picturesque landscape and a wide array of recreational activities, Cape Vincent offers visitors endless opportunities to explore the great outdoors while enjoying unique shopping, dining, and lodging experiences in some of the most hospitable establishments in the 1000 Islands region. From strolling along the beach at Wilson's Bay to fishing at East End Park, or enjoying a relaxing meal at one of the delicious restaurants, there is always something new to discover in this little town that has so much to offer.

Visitors to Cape Vincent enjoy strolling through the Village Green for concerts, craft fairs, vintage auto shows and farmers markets. "The Cape" is home to a winery as well as two breweries that serve locally made beverages. Events take place year-round including Oktoberfest, a popular folk festival that celebrates Bavarian culture; French Festival, a celebration of the area's French roots, and Christmas in the Cape, a nearly month-long schedule of family-friendly holiday activities right before the New Year.

Lodging options for visitors to this area are simply outstanding. Whether you are looking for a cozy and comfortable inn, a luxurious hotel with all the amenities, or a charming and rustic riverside cabin, we have something for everyone.

Bring your boat or bring your friend. Come discover all that Cape Vincent and the 1000 Islands have to offer and create memories that will last a lifetime. ■

### Cape Vincent Chamber of Commerce

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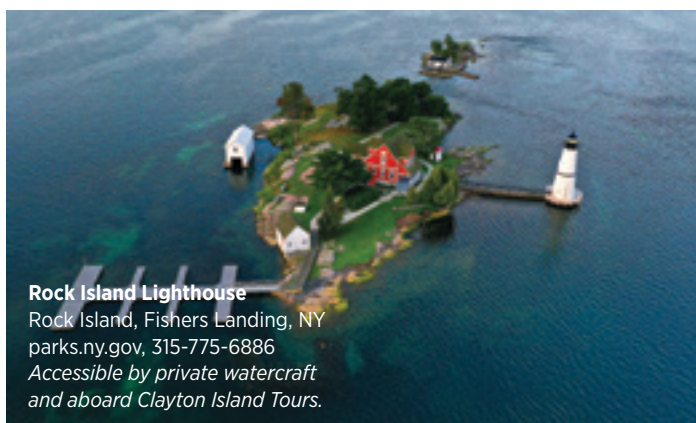
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# Lighthouses

The lighthouses of the 1000 Islands once played pivotal roles in the safe passage of commercial, military and recreational boats through the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario. Today they stand as a nostalgic callback to this region's nautical history. You will find lighthouses accessible by automobile or foot along the shoreline as well as by tour boat or personal watercraft. The lighthouses are in varying states of accessibility – some you can walk the interior iron stairs to the lantern rooms – and each has a unique design to be enjoyed by lighthouse buffs and casual observers.

Boat tour passengers and private vessels should keep an eye and ear open – and a camera handy – to learn the history of each of these stoic towers. Some have been retired while others are still illuminated at night to assist boaters on their way. The lighthouses of the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario – part of the St. Lawrence Seaway connecting the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean – were essential to providing safe passage for early boaters and travelers. We encourage all of today's visitors to not only take in their beauty but learn their importance in the 1000 Islands. ■



# Chaumont-Three Mile Bay

## NEW YORK

Welcome to the Chaumont-Three Mile Bay area located on the eastern end of Lake Ontario known as the “Golden Crescent.” Chaumont Bay harbors some of the best family fishing on the continent! It is the largest freshwater bay in the world!

A unique bay with Point Peninsula and Pillar Point providing the entrance, it has rocky shores, varying water depths, weed and rocky covered bottoms, and good shoals for spawning. Its murky depths provide some of the liveliest, mouthwatering pan-frying bass, pickerel, perch, pike, bullhead, lake trout and salmon.

Sailing in the Golden Crescent is second to none, featuring two of the finest yacht clubs in the country. Local marinas provide the boat owner with sales and service for all of their needs. Bait is sold locally at marinas and the hardware store. Shop locally at the Chaumont Country Store, wine and spirits, gift shops and don't

forget about the Cottage Bakery & Gift Shop by the isthmus! Antique store in Three Mile Bay with many treasures. Our local farmers are selling fresh produce, honey and meats year-round.

Devoid of heavy commercialism, areas of Chaumont Bay offer relaxation, swimming, fishing, biking, walking trails, boating and camping. Winter sports include ice fishing, cross country skiing and snowmobiling. A two-mile nature trail at the Chaumont Barrens takes the hiker through a mosaic of rare habitats and a unique alvar landscape unlike any other natural area in the North-eastern United States.

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# Clayton

## NEW YORK

This quintessential river town has undergone a revival in recent years to offer new places to stay, dine, and play while preserving the small-town vacation traditions that have made it a favorite among visitors for more than a century.

Clayton brought in luxury with the 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel, an upscale Four Diamond Rated AAA hotel perched along the St. Lawrence River. Balance that with the traditional family-run motels, fire pits, and volleyball net cottage colonies along the water, and you'll learn why more and more people are basing their 1000 Islands vacations in Clayton.

The community is harvesting the fruitful products of its inland properties and staking a claim in the craft beverage market with a brewery, two wineries with vineyards, and a pair of distilleries.

Clayton's museums immerse visitors in river culture. Recently, USA TODAY 10 Best Readers' Choice named Clayton as "Best Small Town Cultural Scene." The Antique Boat Museum is home to North America's largest collection of wooden and classic boats, many of which still venture onto the river! The Thousand Islands Museum houses the Muskie Hall of Fame. Some say it's the local fishing community who came up with the famous Thousand Island Dressing that shares the region's name.

The Thousand Islands Arts Center showcases handmade textiles and offers exhibits and workshops for seasonal and short-term visitors. Private galleries and the Clayton Opera House bring the arts to Clayton for all to enjoy.

The clear waters of the St. Lawrence provide a fishing experience second to none. In fact, the Bassmaster Elite Series tournament in Clayton on July 17, 2022, set the world record catch of smallmouth bass. Prior to this event, no angler in recorded sportfishing history had ever reached 100 pounds solely with smallmouth. After the tournament, Bassmaster Magazine named the St. Lawrence River and the 1000



Islands the number one bass fishing spot in the country!

Head downtown and discover small shops focused on river- and cottage-themed apparel, keepsakes, and more. Enjoy a quick bite or meticulously planned meal while seated outdoors, often with a stunning river view. Make Clayton your first stop for diving into the 1000 Islands. ■

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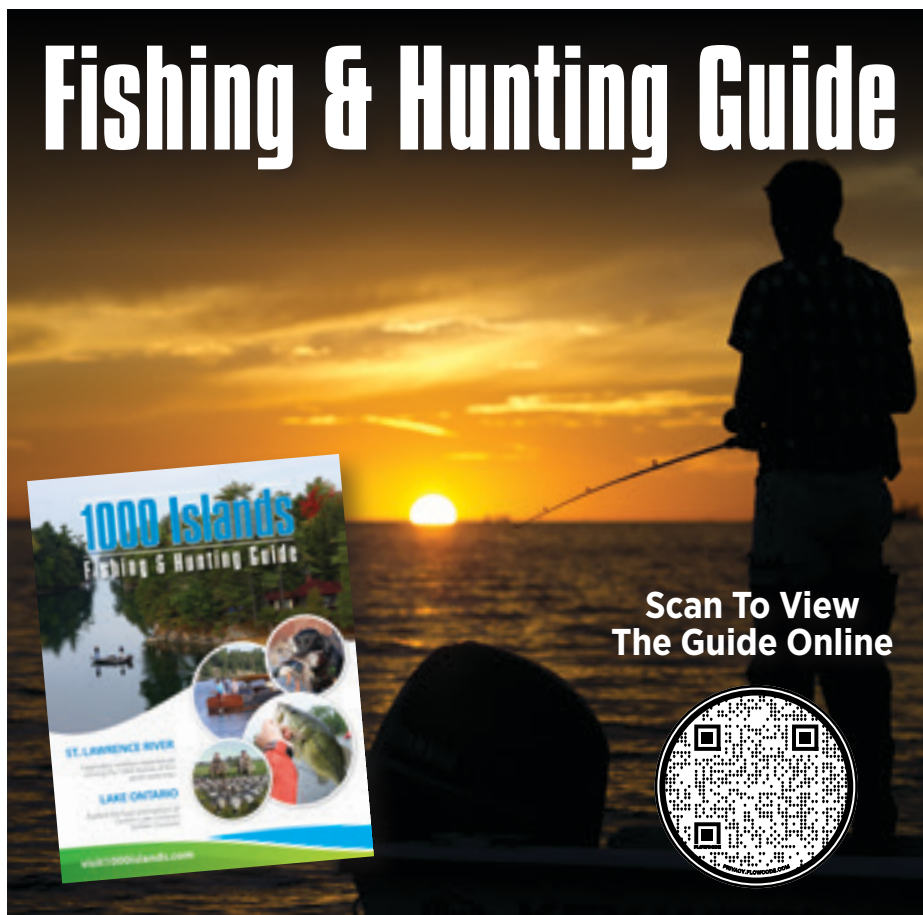
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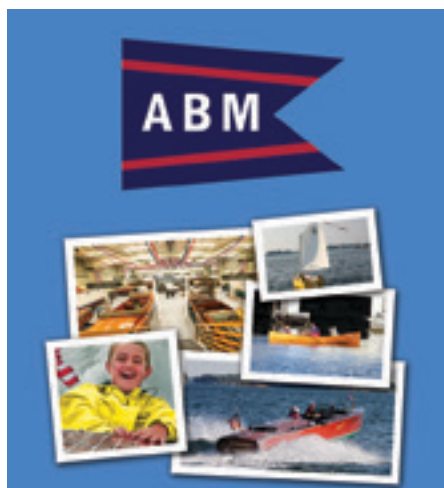
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# Gananoque

## ONTARIO

Just west of the Thousand Islands International Bridge is riverside Gananoque, the perfect spot for a 1000 Islands vacation that mixes small-town charm, outdoor adventure and unforgettable experiences.

Fun awaits in “Gan,” from swimming at Joel Stone Park and biking along the Parkway to kayaking among the Admiralty Islands just off shore. It’s the only place in the region to view the islands from way above, via 1000 Islands Helicopter Tours or SkyDive Gan.

Gananoque’s easily accessible waterfront is the perfect launching point for cruising along the St. Lawrence River via either the many sightseeing and dining tours aboard City Cruises Gananoque or with a private fishing charter departing daily in season.

Catch a glimpse of island history at the nearby 1000 Islands History Museum and Thousand Islands Boat Museum, both located in the harbor! Just down the shoreline is the Thousand Islands Playhouse, offering professional theatre in an intimate venue right on the water with docking for arriving at shows via private watercraft!

An emerging culinary scene and mix of traditional, locally owned lodging and recognizable chains make Gananoque the ideal spot for a 1000 Islands vacation. ■

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# Henderson Harbor

NEW YORK 

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Launching a boat is easy with 3 launch sites; Westcott Beach State Park, Henderson Town Boat Launch and the Stony Creek Boat Launch.

There are 8 Marinas offering covered boat slips, boat repair and boat fuel. Henderson Harbor is a popular safe harbor for traveling boaters and sailors during inclement weather. Henderson is well known for its water recreation, but this area also offers a multitude of opportunities for recreation on land as well.

Miles of hiking trails, camping, RV park, road biking, mountain biking, bird watching, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and hunting.

Henderson boasts three state parks and a wildlife management area within its boundaries, all offering varied recreational opportunities, Westcott Beach State Park, Robert Wehle State Park and Southwick beach State Park.

The Black Pond Wildlife management area is a 526 acre natural wetland complex consisting of a barrier beach, sand dunes, open water, emergent marsh and woodland shrub swamp... lakeshore barrier beach and wetland complexes such as this are rare in New York State...in recognition of this, the area has been designated as a significant coastal fish and wildlife habitat by the New York Department of State.

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# Kingston

## ONTARIO

Whenever you visit - spring, summer, fall, or winter - Kingston has a variety of activities for you.

Stay in a historic downtown inn or a modern hotel – either way, you'll feel pampered. Kingston offers a number of overnight stay packages year-round: choose your accommodation and pair it with a culinary, outdoor, family-friendly, or pampering experience.

In the summer, you can get out on Lake Ontario, through a kayak, SUP, or sailboat rental before you cool off with a beverage on a waterfront patio. In the winter, take a turn around our downtown public skating rink before you explore Kingston's unique boutiques or take in a concert. Get close to nature in one of the conservation areas close to the city; go birdwatching, hiking, or cross-country skiing. You can explore on your own: our walkable downtown means you are always just minutes away from your next dining, shopping, outdoor, or cultural experience. You can also take a guided tour: on a boat, touring the famous Thousand Islands; on a trolley, taking in 300 years of history throughout the city; or on a culinary walking tour. Sundays from June to September, visit the Kingston Indigenous Market, and experience art, music, and culinary treats.

Kingston is known for its vibrant culinary scene. Here, you'll find everything from bāo to roti, casual comfort food to haute cuisine. Kingston chefs use fresh, seasonal ingredients from local farmers and producers. Craft beer aficionados can take a tour of some of our eight local breweries or explore our regional wine country with a guided tasting tour. Keep an eye out for "Kingstonlicious" events in February and March, featuring prix fixe menus to fit every budget, as well as special culinary events with guest chefs.

Kingston is also a community of artists and artisans. Explore our galleries, shops, and studios, and take home a one-of-a-kind creation, from jewelry and apparel to art and crafts. Home to a lively music



scene, the city offers a variety of live performances throughout the year, both inside local venues and outdoors. ■

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# Prescott

## ONTARIO

The Town of Prescott invites you to  
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Located on Canada's South Coast along the St. Lawrence River, the spring and summer months bring our historic RiverWalk District to life. Our Port of Call welcomes cruise ships like the St. Lawrence Cruise Lines' Canadian Empress, while new and experienced scuba divers fill the waterfront to explore our dive park. From Centennial Park with its splash pad and Kelly's Bay beach at the west end to RiverWalk Park, the Sandra S. Lawn Harbour and the Heritage Trail in the east, you'll find nearly uninterrupted public access to our beautiful waterfront.

Take some time to visit Fort Wellington National Historical Site, featuring an interpretive centre and a 19th century military barracks. Book your tickets for the Shakespeare Festival at the waterfront Kinsmen Amphitheatre. Explore the unique shops, restaurants, and coffee shops downtown and throughout Prescott. Visit regular events like the Farmers' Market and RiverWalk Promenade, or stop by the Prescott Pop-Ups, featuring artisans, seasonal retail shops, and food trucks with a view of the Marina.

With free two-hour transient docking at the Sandra S. Lawn Harbour & Marina, free on-street parking for vehicles, cycling amenities that make us an Ontario by Bike Bike-Friendly Business Area, and accommodation options from historic B&Bs to modern hotels, Prescott is the perfect place to spend an afternoon, a weekend, or more! ■

### Town of Prescott

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# What makes an island...an island?

We actually have 1,864 islands in the “Thousand Islands.”

To become part of that count, an island must meet two criteria: it must be above water 365 days a year and it must support a living tree.

The smallest is Tom Thumb Island, located just upriver - or west - of the Canadian span of the Thousand Islands Bridge. With just one tree and only a few square feet staying above water all year, Tom Thumb barely makes the cut.

No island is divided by the international border, meaning each is either wholly within the United States or Canada. That causes the international border to zig-zag across the water instead of forming a straight line between the two counties.

In some places along the St. Lawrence River, islands that are very close are in different counties. Each island has its own individuality with features such as stately granite cliffs, soft sand bays, tall dark pines and vibrant maple trees. It's a sightseer's paradise.

Most islands are privately owned; accommodations range from modern mansions harkening back to the region's time as a playground for the wealthy to modest fishing and hunting camps.

So if someone asks, remember two things: above water all year and at least one tree. Anything less is just a shoal. ■





# Sackets Harbor

NEW YORK 

Sackets Harbor is a charming, historic community, nestled on the eastern shore of Lake Ontario.

Founded in 1801 by Augustus Sacket, the strategically located, deep-water harbor made it the perfect location for the American military headquarters on the Great Lakes during the War of 1812.

Today, Sackets Harbor is a vibrant lakeside community, boasting a newly-renovated waterfront and offering year-round events and activities. From spring poetry gatherings to waterfront concerts and downtown festivals in the summer, our warmer months are packed with things to do. Late summer into the cooler days of fall bring our annual marathon, quilt show, and Halloween bash. And the village comes alive with beautiful lights and festive decorations to brighten up the short days of winter and mark our annual Yuletide celebration. For the most up-to-date information on all our events, please visit our website: [VisitSacketsHarbor.com/events](http://VisitSacketsHarbor.com/events).

Begin your visit at the Sackets Harbor Heritage Area Visitor Center, located in the original Augustus Sacket House that overlooks the harbor. The Visitor Center has an excellent orientation exhibit and video about the history and attractions in the area. Next, be sure to tour the sites related to the War of 1812 and our military history:

- Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site
- Pickering-Beach Museum
- 1812 Bicentennial Trail
- Madison Barracks and Fort Pike
- Military Cemetery

Discover the Battlefield's engaging exhibits and restored Navy Yard, and learn about the site's pivotal role in our nation's history. The grounds of the State Historic Site also include an interpretive trail that's both educational and picturesque, with sweeping vistas of Black River Bay and Lake Ontario.

The village features a range of shops, galleries, accommodations, and family-friendly attractions as well. Admire locally-made art at the Sackets Harbor Arts Center, listen for the bells of the United Presbyterian Church marking the hours or playing an impromptu concert, and explore a working family farm and petting zoo just a couple miles from downtown.

Once you've worked up an appetite, enjoy a hearty meal, decadent dessert, craft beer, or cocktail. From casual bakeries and cafés to fine dining by the waterfront, Sackets Harbor has something to suit everyone's taste and budget. Or find fresh produce at our Community Farmstand on Saturdays, in late May through early October.

Whether you're traveling by foot, bicycle, cross country ski, or snowshoe, our scenic village streets and ADA-accessible trails make for relaxing adventures. And our marinas, boat and kayak launches, docks, and nearby beaches and state parks all provide a variety of on-the-water activities. ■

## Sackets Harbor Visitors Center

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# Watertown

## NEW YORK

The city of Watertown is the urban center of Northern New York, with the modern conveniences of national chain stores, restaurants and hotels co-existing with a healthy community of independent shopping, locally owned restaurants and recreational services that provide local flair and a friendly atmosphere.

One of Watertown's greatest treasures - the Black River - is just steps from the shops, wine bars, gastropubs and restaurants of downtown's Public Square. Seven miles of whitewater featuring 14 sets of class III and IV rapids offer thrilling and reliable adventures from spring through fall. The river has several great play spots for kayakers and has hosted national whitewater competitions.

The downtown area is also a hub for culture and community. A few local favorites include the seasonal Watertown Farm and Craft Market, the Summer Downtown Block Parties, Snowtown USA among other community events and festivals. The Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library and Jefferson Country Historical Society offer a glimpse into Watertown's charming history.

The city's beautiful Olmsted-designed Thompson Park has golfing, tennis and Zoo New York. Dedicated to the bears, eagles and other animals of New York, the Zoo New York in Thompson Park is the only one of its kind. The park's picnic areas and stone pavilions can be reserved for private functions through the city Parks and Recreation Department. The park is also home to the Thompson Park Vortex, an unexplained phenomenon that is said to teleport those who discover it - unharmed - to another location within the park without explanation. The mysterious location is said to move within the park and visitors enjoy searching for it.

Winter in and around the Watertown area brings tubing, snowboarding and downhill skiing to the Dry Hill Ski Area as well as snowshoeing and Nordic skiing to Thompson Park. ■

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Few people live within the Tug Hill's 2,100 square miles, meaning there are sparse crowds, hardly any traffic and no waiting in lines. Dozens of hiking trails snake through the region, perfect for hiking, snowshoeing, mountain biking and just breathing in nature. The waterways are prime for adventurous kayakers, canoe paddling and – in some places – swimming and boating.

Record-breaking snowfalls turn the Tug Hill into a snowy playground for everyone from cross-country and downhill skiers to dog sledgers and snowmobile runners.

Maple sugar shacks, farmers' markets, diners and other staples of the rural lifestyle dot the Tug Hill's many small towns and villages. For a slower pace – with a chance for high adventure – check out the Tug Hill during your next trip. ■

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