

71. Tahawus

During World War II the great magnetite mine at Lake Sanford at the tiny village of Tahawus was declared a site of strategic military importance because of the taconite which occurred in considerable abundance. This emergency permitted the construction of the railroad spur which followed the Boreas River and continued up the East River to the open pit mine at Tahawus. It is a spectacular hole in the ground. The huge mine buildings are now completely abandoned. During the heyday of the mine the entire village was abandoned and all personnel removed to a new village constructed in Newcomb.

On the road northward to the trail head for Marcy and Indian Pass (separate trails) the road passes a spectacular iron kiln on the bank of the East River above Stanford Lake.

