# THE FIRST WILDERNESS

**Explore** the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor by rail, river or road. The communities along this river and rail corridor are abundant with historical, recreational and cultural activities. You can find **rail access** at each of the eight communities that will lead you on a journey through the scenic landscape of the Northern Hudson River valley. At each railroad station or railroad platform an **information kiosk** will help guide your way to the many attractions of each community.

Welcome to the First Wilderness

## SARATOGA SPRINGS

DIRECTIONS TO SARATOGA SPRINGS: Take I-87, Exit 15 north of Albany. Follow SR 50 west towards Saratoga Springs. At the intersection of SR50/US9, North Broadway and Church St., at the north end of downtown Saratoga Springs, follow Church St. (straight) west. Follow the Saratoga Hospital signs to the traffic light at West Avenue. Take a left onto West Avenue. Take a right onto Station Lane & the Saratoga Amtrak Train Station will be straight ahead.

## SARATOGA SPRINGS TO CORINTH

DISTANCE: 14 miles, TRAVEL TIME: 25 Min.

DIRECTIONS TO CORINTH: From the Saratoga Springs Rail Station turn left on to West Ave. Turn left at the next traffic light onto SR 9N. Follow 9N into the Village of Corinth. To reach the Corinth Rail Station, take a left onto West Maple St. (~1/3 mile past Village line). The Station and information kiosk will be on your right.

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## CORINTH TO HADLEY/LAKE LUZERNE

DISTANCE: 6 miles, TRAVEL TIME: 10 Min.

DIRECTIONS: From the Corinth Rail Station turn left onto West Maple St. Follow to the end & turn left onto SR 9N. Follow 9N through the Village of Corinth & toward Lake Luzerne & Hadley (5 miles). Turn left at traffic light onto CR 16 (Bay Rd.). Take next left onto CR 4 (Rockwell St.), go over bridge & the Hadley Rail Station & information kiosk will be on your right just before the railroad tracks.

## HADLEY TO STONY CREEK

DISTANCE: 12 miles, TRAVEL TIME: 20 Min.

DIRECTIONS: From the Hadley Rail Station turn left onto West CR 4 (North Shore Rd.), & take quick left onto CR 1 (Stony Creek Rd.). CR1 turns into CR12 in Warren County. Follow for 9 miles. Turn right onto CR3 (Warrensburg Rd.). Follow for 3 miles and the Stony Creek Rail Platform & information kiosk will be on the right.

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## STONY CREEK TO THURMAN STATION

DISTANCE: 5.5 Miles, TRAVEL TIME: 10 Min.

DIRECTIONS: From the Stony Creek Rail Platform at 1000 Acres Ranch follow CR3 (which turns into CR2/Stony Creek Rd. in the Town of Thurman) for approximately 5.5 miles. The Thurman Rail Platform & information kiosk is located on the right corner of CR2 and SR 418.

## THE GLEN TO RIPARIUS/RIVERSIDE

DISTANCE: 9 Miles, TRAVEL TIME: 15 Min.

DIRECTIONS: From the Glen Flag Stop head north on SR 28. At the intersection of SR 28 and SR 8, turn right onto SR 8. Follow downhill towards the Hudson River. The Riparius Rail Station will be on the right just before the bridge that crosses the Hudson River. This station is on the National Register of Historic Sites.

## RIPARIUS TO NORTH CREEK

DISTANCE: 9 Miles, TRAVEL TIME: 15 Min.

DIRECTIONS: From the Riparius Rail Station head west on SR 8. Turn right and head north on SR28 towards North Creek. Veer right onto CR 77/Main St. & into cross over SR 28N/Bridge St. Take right onto Railroad Place. North Creek Rail Station, a restored historic site on National Register of Historic Places, will be straight ahead.

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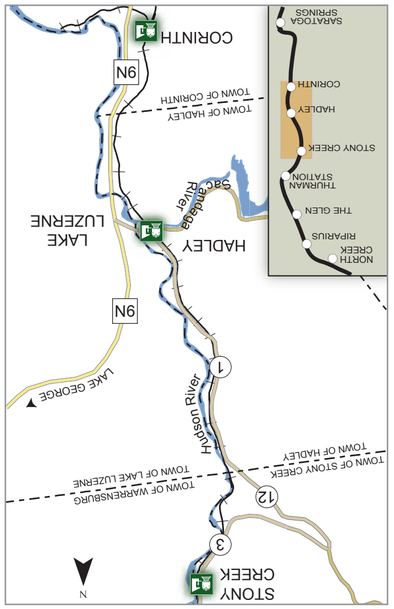


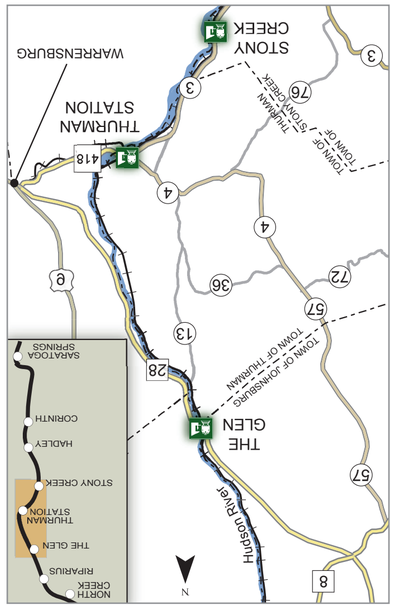


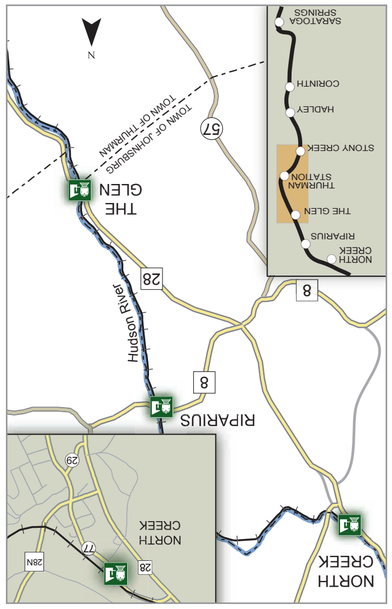


# VISITOR SERVICES

| | Saratoga Springs | Corinth | Hadley/ Lake Luzerne | Stony Creek | Thurman/ Warrensburg | The Glen | Riparius/ Chestertown | North Creek |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Antique Shops | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | | | | |
| Auto Repair | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ |
| Bank | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ |
| Biking/Hiking Trail | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Boat Dock/Launch | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Boat Rental | ◆ | | ◆ | | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ |
| Camping | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Car Top Boat Launch | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | |
| Dining | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ |
| Farmer's Market / Roadside Stand | ◆ | | ◆ | | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ |
| Gas Station | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ |
| Golf | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | |
| Historic Sites | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ |
| Horseback Riding | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | |
| Library | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ |
| Lodging | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Medical | ◆ | | | ◆ | | | ◆ | ◆ |
| Museum/Gallery | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ |
| Nature Trails | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Park | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| Post Office | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ |
| Rodeo | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ | | | | |
| Shops/Retail | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ |
| Skiing | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | | ◆ | | ◆ | ◆ |
| Water Sports | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |

# VISITOR RESOURCES

## MEDICAL + SAFETY

- Glens Falls Hospital 518-926-1000
- Hudson Headwaters Health Centers 518-623-2844
- NYS District Highway Department 518-623-3511
- New York State Police: Chestertown 518-494-3332
- New York State Police: Hadley 518-696-4117
- Warren County Highway Department 518-761-6556
- Warren County Sheriff Department 911
- Warren County Sheriff Dept. *(Non-Emergency)* 518-743-2500

## EDUCATION + TOURISM

- **Adirondack Mountain Club** [adk.org]
- **Adirondack North Country Assoc.** [adirondack.org]
- **Adirondack Regional Tourism** [visitadirondacks.com]
- **Department of Conservation** [dec.ny.gov]
- **Department of State** [dos.ny.gov]
- **First Wilderness** [firstwilderness.com]
- **I Love New York** [iloveny.com]
- **Lakes to Locks Passage** [lakestolocks.org]
- **Saratoga County CVB** [discoversaratoga.org]
- **Saratoga County Chamber** [saratoga.org]
- **Saratoga & North Creek Railway** [sncrr.com]
- **Warren County Tourism** [visitlakegeorge.com]

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# RAILWAY HISTORY

## Railway Provides Easy Access Into Heart of First Wilderness Heritage Corridor

A handsomely restored mid-century rail car pulls into the station. A uniformed conductor takes your ticket and guides you on board. You settle into your comfortable seat in the luxury car and gaze out the large dome windows that wrap overhead. A waiter appears to take your order. Relaxation sets in as you prepare to take in the beauty of the Adirondacks and the upper reaches of the mighty Hudson River.

This isn't travel in the early 1900's. Explorers today can reclaim the days when travel was sophisticated and elegant aboard the Saratoga & North Creek Railway. The railway operates regular scenic train services between Saratoga Springs and North Creek, New York connecting a 56.5 mile ribbon of unique towns, hamlets and villages that make up the heart of the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor.

Along the route, passengers have options of disembarking the train for a day of outdoor activity, site seeing, visiting museums, local attractions and festivals. The train is also happy to pick up passengers at any of its three station stops in Hadley/Luzerne, Thurman or Riparius/Riverside or to allow boarding at its four flag stops of Corinth, Stony Creek, Glen Hudson Campground or The Glen. At flag stops, simply wave the available flag to alert the engineer that you wish to board. In all cases, our friendly conductors will transact the fares if you do not have advance reservations. It's that simple to ride the train!

During certain times of the year the Saratoga & North Creek Railway also hosts special excursions and popular events like *The Polar Express™*, *The Saratoga Dinner Train*, and the popular *Teddy Roosevelt Rides Again Festival* in September. The railway is very popular with group tours as well!

# FIRST WILDERNESS HISTORY

## The First Wilderness Heritage Corridor

in the Adirondack Mountains of New York State, follows the Upper Hudson River Valley from Saratoga Springs to Tahawus and first served as a hunting ground for the Indian people who had established trails connecting the Mohawk Valley to the Champlain Valley. Soldiers followed these same trails during the French and Indian War (1755). After fighting had subsided, large tracks of land were awarded for military service, and settlers began the establishments of the new of hamlets, villages and townships in Warren County.

The construction of a rail system by W. C. Durant after the Civil War led way to the easy access for tourism vacationers that would stay as large hotels and resorts in the Saratoga and Hadley/ Luzerne area. The fur trading, logging, tanning and mining industries soon captured the economy in most of these waterfront communities from Corinth to North Creek and beyond.

The late 1930's and 40's, dude ranches and resorts grew in popularity as destinations for country adventure. Routes 9N and 9 became the main arteries from Manhattan to Montreal.

Today, these communities have shared their history, enhanced their amenities and continue to showcase their very special themed events as major attractions. The new passenger rail operator, Iowa Pacific, can help you to discover these treasures. A "Hop On - Hop Off" highway experience can be best planned by contacting the local Chambers or Warren County Tourism Department at **1-800-365-1050**.

New York State Adirondack Communities
Along the Upper Hudson River

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North Creek, Riparius, Chestertown, The Glen, Thurman, Warrensburg, Stony Creek, Hadley, Lake Luzerne, Corinth & Saratoga Springs

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