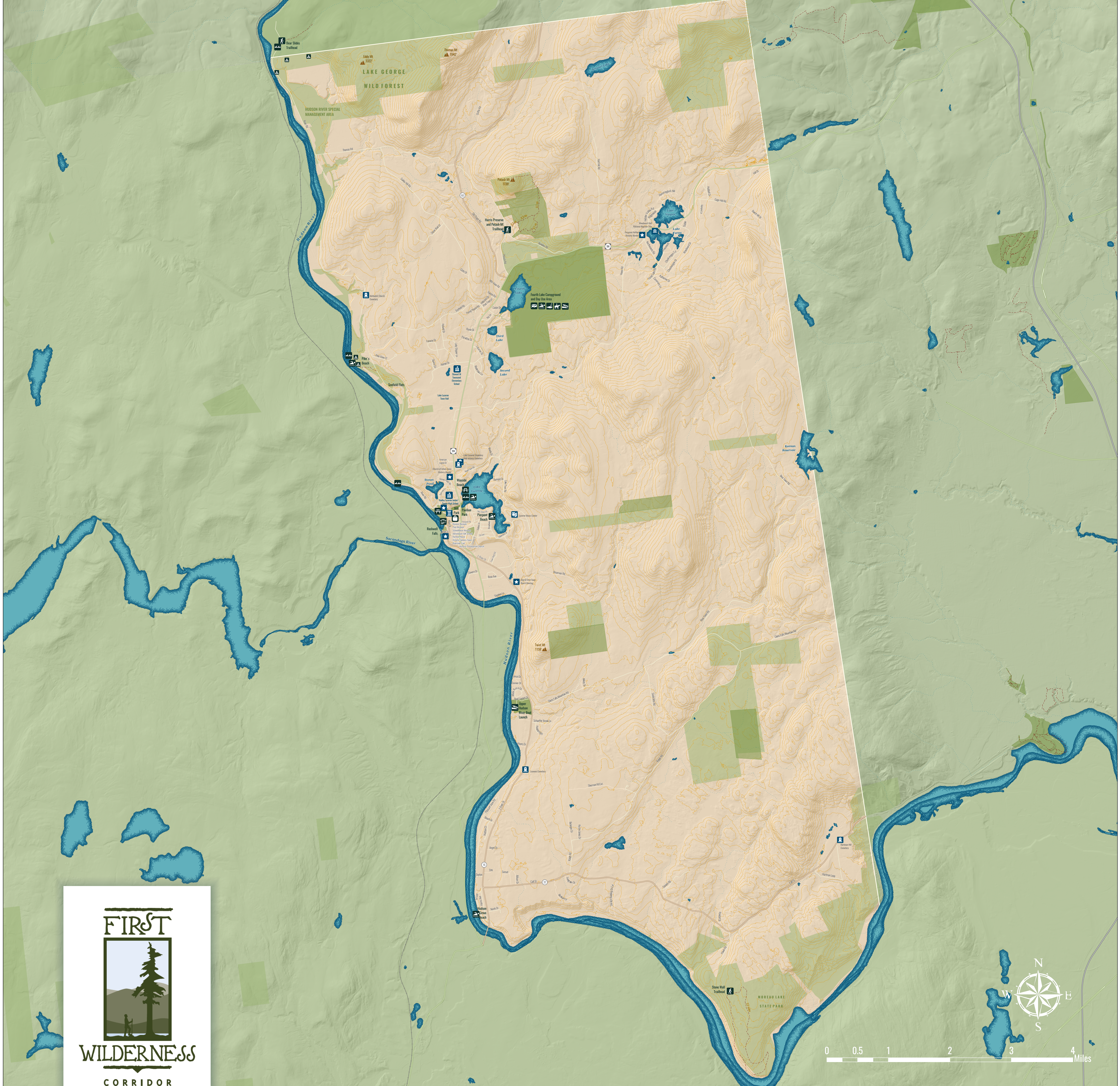


LAKE LUZERNE

NEW YORK



LEGEND

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| arts & theater | canoe/kayak launch | summit |
| cemetery | shopping/dining | hamlet |
| historic marker | fishing | trail |
| museum | golf | river or stream |
| National Register site | hiking | lake or pond |
| school | park/picnic area | park |
| amusement | downhill skiing | State land |
| beach | visitors center | town boundary |
| bike | xc-skiing | Adirondack Northway |
| mountain bike | skating | state or federal highway |
| boat launch | sledding | county highway |
| campground | playground | local road |
| primitive campsite | snowshoe | |

The town was first settled after the French and Indian War. In 1767 a petition was filed by Edward and Ebenezer Jessup and others asking for a land grant consisting for 4,100 acres. In 1792, land was taken from the Town of Queensbury to form the Town of Fairfield. The name was changed in 1808 to Luzerne in honor of Chevalier de la Luzerne, a French nobleman sent by France to aid the Americans in their fight against the British. The last name change was established by the New York State Legislature in 1808 when it was changed to Lake Luzerne. Lumbering was the first industry, and later mills and a distillery were important. The Dude Ranch Era hit the town and eventually brought 8 'ranches' to Lake Luzerne thanks to Earl Woodward. One of the dude ranches was sold in 1992 to Paul Newman and Charles R. Wood where they established 'Double H Hole in the Woods Ranch' for critically ill children. Many of the fine old buildings from the dude ranches dot the landscape today. Albrecht Pagenstacher established a paper mill on Wells Creek and had the first pulp grinder made in the United States. His mill would move to other locations, but eventually would become International Paper. In the late 1800s, Garner Leather, starting out as a tannery, was producing fine leather for book binding and was the largest industry in the town.