

# LAKE LUZERNE – WHERE FRIENDS AND WATERS MEET

Come to Lake Luzerne, just eleven miles south of Lake George Village. Here, the Hudson River squeezes into a narrow gorge, tumbling over the dramatic Rockwell Falls. Water from the Great Sacandaga Reservoir joins the river in a flurry of white water. Further downstream, the river widens into “The Bay,” a stretch of water broad enough for water skiing. For those who seek quiet water, a chain of four beautiful lakes offer fishing, camping and boating with two public swimming beaches on Lake Luzerne itself.

Lake Luzerne has catered to visitors since President Grant came here for rest and recreation after the Civil War. The grand old hotels of that day have given way to modern inns and restaurants while new tennis and basketball courts, miniature golf and three local history museums, along with summer concerts and craft shows, offer a variety of family fun. Two riverside parks flank the downtown area. Nearby, Lake Luzerne Music camp attracts world-class musicians. In winter, snowmobilers can ride over 200 miles of forest trails.

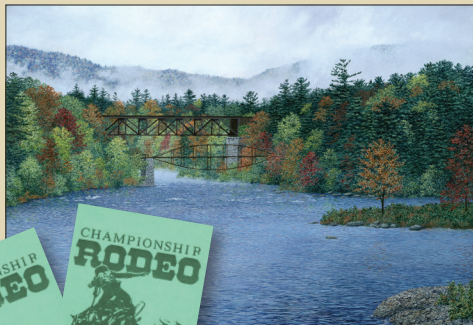
Signs for the “Dude Ranch Trail” hearken back to the days after World War II, when the old logging camps found new life as Dude Ranches. The Rodeo is still going strong after more than 50 years and several stables along Route 9N still offer horseback riding.



A New Day.  
Painting of Icy Island  
courtesy of  
Lynn Benevento

Bridges from  
The Bay.

Painting of the Bow  
Bridge and railroad  
trestle courtesy of  
Lynn Benevento



Peaceful August Morning.  
Painting of Rockwell Falls (formerly Little Jessup Falls) courtesy of Lynn Benevento.

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The Town of Lake Luzerne was incorporated April 10, 1792 and lies 11 miles south of Lake George along Route 9N. The town's west side lies entirely along the Upper Hudson River. The area received its first permanent settlers around 1770. The town of Lake Luzerne was set off from the town of Queensbury in 1792 as the “Town of Fairfield.” In 1808, the town changed its name to “Luzerne” and in 1963 to “Lake Luzerne”. Just north of the Hope Bridge across the Hudson to Hadley is the most narrow point of the entire Hudson River, Rockwell Falls. Just south of the bridge the Sacandaga and the Hudson River meet (*confluence*) allowing flat water to Corinth. Seasonal railway service along the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor began in July 2011 from the Hadley/Lake Luzerne station stop on Rockwell Street.

## The Hudson River Watershed

*All Warren County townships have a portion of their land that drains into the Upper Hudson River.*

99% of Lake Luzerne is in the Hudson River Watershed. An easy example of hydroconnectivity begins at Lake Vanare along Route 9N. The outlet from Vanare feeds into Forest Lake, which continues downstream to form Fourth, Third and Second Lakes respectively. The last of the lakes in this series is Lake Luzerne, which outlets into Mill Creek and finds its way to the Hudson by the old tannery near River Road. Numerous other streams and ponds add water along the way to form this system.

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