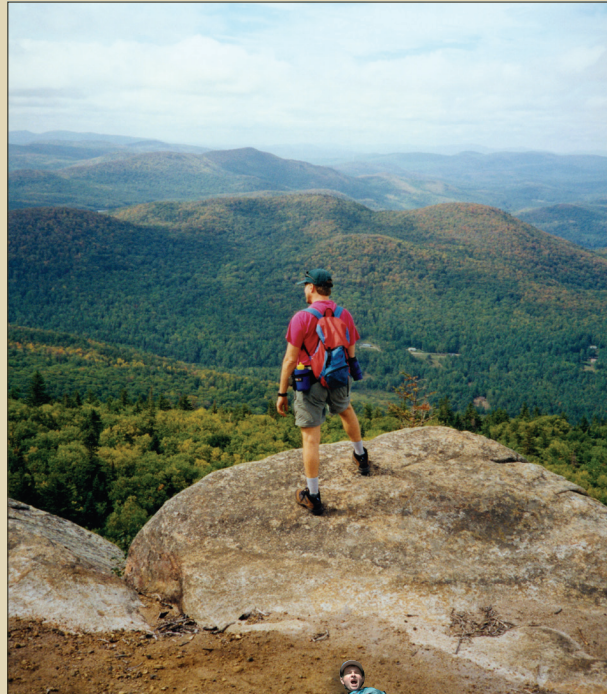


THURMAN – WHERE NATURE IS A WAY OF LIFE

The roads leading into Thurman twist and wind along rivers once choked with logs bound for the mills. Their serpentine course compels you to slow down, step back from daily cares, and enjoy the mountain vistas. Today, instead of logs, the river may carry a raft full of revelers or the solitary canoeist or kayaker. It laps around the feet of a fisherman angling for the supper skillet or a swimmer finding respite from summer's heat. The historic D&H railroad also shadows the river's course, wending its way toward Thurman Station.

Thick forests blanket the hills of Thurman – more logs for the mills, and a haven for songbirds and other wildlife. Local guides can lead you to abundant deer, bear and wild turkeys. In summer the wooded trails invite hikers and horseback riders. Fall brings hunters, and winter lures snowshoers, cross-country skiers and snowmobile enthusiasts. As winter fades, spring's sweet promise rises in the maples, and the town's many maple producers open their sugar houses to welcome guests and demonstrate the age-old art of sugar-making. Thurman's hills create a natural amphitheater at Veterans' Memorial Field, home to open-air summer concerts and a fall music festival. Performers and listeners love the natural acoustics and the authentic Adirondack atmosphere in Thurman.

Meander down a country road, stopping briefly at a general store, or linger longer at a cozy riverside bed and breakfast or scenic campground. You'll be glad you drove the extra mile to Thurman, where nature is a way of life.



Hike the Crane Mountain trail from Thurman clear up to heaven.
Courtesy of Helen Masterson



The Hudson River in Thurman affords hours of fun to water sports enthusiasts.
Courtesy of James Swedberg



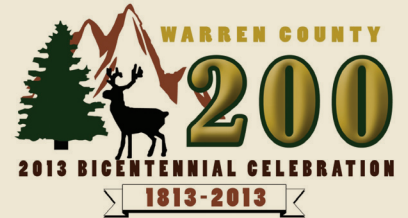
Pike and Bass are extremely plentiful in the many ponds and lakes of the Adirondacks.
Courtesy of Stephen Buckbee



Thurman sugar-makers welcome the sweet promise of spring and open their sugar house doors to visitors each year.
Courtesy of Amy Drexel

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The Town of Thurman is named after John Thurman, an early landowner. The town of Thurman was established in 1792, and at that time covered 800 square miles, all of Warren County except Queensbury and Lake Luzerne. Originally the town was called Athol by early settlers, but when Warren County was established in 1813, much of the town was lost to the new town of Warrensburg and the remainder assumed the name "Athol". Athol was divided in 1852 to form the town of Thurman and the town of Stony Creek. For the first 50 years small mills and the woods provided a living wage for about 2,000 residents. The arrival of the 20th century and its changing lifestyle saw the closing of the factories and a reduction in population. The Saratoga & North Creek Railway system includes the Thurman Station along 418 and just a few miles outside Warrensburg. Annual themed events for the scenic train as well as the Thurman community are being planned for our Bicentennial year of 2013.

The Hudson River Watershed

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

With numerous lakes, ponds and streams, Thurman has an abundant supply of surface waters which contribute to the Hudson River. Since all of this town's lands drain to the Hudson, picking an example out is not easy, however a well known drainage begins at Bear Pond and flows northeasterly picking up many streams and wetlands, becoming Patterson Brook. The 10,000 acres of this watershed includes Daggett Lake and Burch Brook. Patterson Brook flows under River Road and enters the Hudson opposite from the Warren County Fish Hatchery

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