

Summertime Outdoor Adventures in the Town of Johnsbury

Nestled in the Adirondack Mountains and adjacent to the Hudson River, The Town of Johnsbury is an ideal destination for summertime outdoor fun and exploration. For everyone from families with young children to dedicated outdoor-sports enthusiasts, there are countless ways to fill a day while enjoying nature and the warm weather. Here are a few can't miss ideas to add to your itinerary:

Start your day with a hike

You're in the Adirondack Mountains- trails for hiking and nature walks abound. Take your pick of one of the many well-maintained trail systems crisscrossing the region and take a hike!

The [Crane Mountain trail](#), [Raymond Brook Trailhead](#), and [Schaefer Trail](#) offer more difficult trails for experienced hikers seeking a challenge. The [Siamese Pond Trailhead](#) has more accessible trails for less intense hikes, suitable for beginners and those looking for a nature walk. Or, if mountain biking is more your thing, check out the [Ski Bowl Trails](#) for bike-specific trails.

Visit Gore Mountain- it's not just for skiing!

Gore Mountain is a known haven for skiers and snowboarders in the winter months, but it still has plenty to offer when the temperatures rise. Scenic gondola skyrides, inflatable obstacle courses, climbing walls, zip-lines, bungee trampolines, and bounce houses can all be found at [Gore Mountain](#) in the summertime.

Gore is also another great spot for downhill mountain biking and hiking. You can choose from multiple trails and courses based on skill level and many can be accessed through lift service. Take a stroll through a mountain top labyrinth or along one of three walking loops marked with educational signage. Gore staff offer free interpretative hiking talks twice a day to share interesting facts about the mountain's ecosystem and history.

These attractions are open at Gore Mountain Thursday through Sunday from July 5 through September 1, 2019, and on weekends through October 13th.

Take a ride on Revolution Rail

Go railbiking on [Revolution Rail](#) for a one-of-a-kind outdoor experience. You'll start by checking in at the North Creek Railroad Station, then take a short shuttle ride to the tour's launch point a few miles outside of town. There, tour guides provide riders with a safety briefing before kicking off the 2-hour excursion.

While pedaling a railbike on the tracks of the historic North Creek Railroad, you'll explore 6 miles of breathtaking scenery as the railway winds through treetops, alongside the Hudson River, and across a gorgeous trestle bridge. Both quad bikes, with seating for 4 passengers, and tandem bikes, with seating for 2, are available.

Railbiking is a fun and unique activity suitable for all ages and a broad range of abilities. There's no minimum age requirement, and riders are encouraged to enjoy the tour at a leisurely pace. Infants and toddlers can ride in front-facing baby carriers with an adult, or toddlers with the ability to sit upright can use a 5-point harness supplied by Revolution Rail. Children 4-years-old and up can sit in their own seats using the standard seatbelt.

Have a white water rafting adventure

White water rafting is one summer activity that exemplifies adventure. There are a number of top-notch rafting outfits in and around Johnsbury, all of which employ seasoned rafting guides to lead you and your party on an exciting trip on the Hudson River or other nearby waterways. [North Creek Rafting Company](#), [Square Eddy Expeditions](#), [Wild Waters](#), [Adirondack Adventures](#), and [Beaver Brook Outfitters](#) are just some of the companies available to take you on an unforgettable white water rafting trip.

There are rafting routes suitable for all experience levels, from first-timers to experts. Some companies offer both day trips and overnight tours, and some have packages combining rafting with another activity like hiking. And, if rafting is a little too high-octane for your liking, many of the same companies also offer lazy-river tubing, kayaking, and canoe tours.

Tour garnet mines

Johnsbury is rich in mining history and is particularly well-known for its garnet mines. If you're looking for an especially family-friendly option in the Johnsbury area, go on a tour of the historic [Barton Garnet Mines](#). Established in 1878, the Barton Garnet Mines boasts one of the largest garnet deposits in the world, accompanied by panoramic views of the Adirondacks.

On the tour, you'll learn about the mine's past and have an opportunity to mine for garnets of your own! The mine site is predominantly flat, making it ideal for walking and accessible for those in wheelchairs. The tours run 7 days a week from June 24th through September 2nd of this year.

Make summer memories in the Town of Johnsbury

So what are you waiting for? Pack up, bring along your favorite people or head out on a solo adventure, and come see all that the great outdoors of Johnsbury has to offer!

