

The **great camps of the Adirondacks** are the grandiose family compounds that were built in the latter half of the nineteenth century on Adirondack lakes. These camps were summer homes for the wealthy, where they could relax and enjoy the wilderness but without leaving comforts of civilization behind; a comfortable bed, great meals, porches with views, lakeside firepits, and adventure at your doorstep. Make [The Fern Lodge](#) your base camp to enjoy your Adirondack adventure.

- 1) This new **MULTI-SPORT GUIDED HIKE-AND-RAFT EXPEDITION** is unique and exciting. This combination trip begins with an intermediate hike to the top of one of New York's tallest waterfalls, [OK Slip Falls](#), shortly after begin your descent to the Hudson where you will find your raft waiting to run rapids and float out through virgin wilderness.
- 2) You must take a **DAY TRIP** to visit [The Adirondack Museum](#) . It is an extraordinary campus of 23 buildings including a truly rustic hotel, a luxurious private rail car, exhibits on logging, mining, and local crafts. It is a "must see", rain or shine, as it is located in a very picturesque location overlooking Blue Mountain Lake.
- 3) Take the day to enjoy a **SCENIC SUMMER DRIVE** with a day trip to [Lake Placid](#). Window shop down Main Street, stop for lunch at any number of great luncheon spots, go to the top of the ski jumps, take the lift up Whiteface or drive up Whiteface Memorial Highway, save room for a piece of pie at The Noonmark diner in Keene Valley on the way home...
- 4) See the view from one of many many **HIKES** close by. Chestertown recently unveiled the [Chester Challenge](#); a group of 6 hikes within 7 minutes of our front door- my favorites are Kipp Mountain with its view of Loon Lake and Meade Mountain and Beckham Mountain with a great view of Gore mountain. Other favorites include Cat and Thomas Mountains overlooking Bolton Landing on Lake George and Crane Mountain in nearby Thurman. Lots of other hikes- [click here](#)
- 5) Check out [Adirondack Extreme](#), our area's **TREE-TOP ROPES ADVENTURE PARK**. The adult course has five courses, each containing a mix of 10-17 different obstacles. The obstacles range from zip-lines, Tarzan swings, swinging surprises, hanging nets, wobbly bridges and much more.
- 6) **THE ROAD BIKING** in this area is 2nd to none- we know from personal experience. We will provide a personalized route including beautiful lake, river and mountain views. We highly recommend starting out at [The Hub](#) in Brant Lake- a bike shop and beer and wine destination with good eats and lots of live music. How can it get any better? There is also unparalleled **MOUNTAIN BIKING**.
- 7) Stay right here! Relax with a **MASSAGE AND A NAP**– have a licensed massage therapist come right to your room, enjoy a massage followed by a nap. Spend the rest of the day lounging here on the boat house deck, the stone lakeview patios, or in the privacy of your room's private porch. Enjoy lunch in Chestertown at Main Street Ice Cream. Take out a **KAYAK, CANOE, OR STAND UP PADDLEBOARD (SUP)** down to the inlet and keep an eye out for a great blue heron, a loon, or a bald eagle!
- 8) **RENT A BOAT** on [Schroon Lake](#) or take a [WATERSKI/WAKEBOARD LESSON](#).
- 9) Sure, there's lots of **GOLFING**; there are numerous [golf courses](#) in the area that range from very "local" to the famed Donald Ross course at [The Sagamore](#).
- 10) Take a full day **WHITEWATER RAFTING TRIP** down the mighty Hudson River. Paddle and drift through virgin forest, see The Gorge, Blue Ledges and more..... Not up for all that action? Try a float trip on the Sacandaga River over in Lake Luzerne (west of Lake George) or choose your choice of flotation (kayak, canoe, etc) and use [Beaver Brook Outfitter's](#) shuttle service to transport you.