

Views

- Whiteface Mountain Memorial Highway (admission fee)** Enjoy views from road all the way up this amazing highway, numerous pull outs and picnic tables are found along the road. From the summit parking lot, those who can hike to the top will enjoy an interesting climb along the rocky edge of a glacial cirque with outstanding views. The extensive summit views are also accessible by taking an elevator to the top from the summit parking area. ♿
- Mt. Jo (2.3 miles loop, moderate, parking fee)** The short but steep climb to the summit is rewarded with one of the best views of the High Peaks to be attained for such little effort. Several large rocky ledges provide open vistas in three directions. Two trails lead to the summit which can be done as a loop or as an up and back on the same trail
- Mt. Van Hoevenberg from the north (3.2 miles RT, moderate, admission fee)** The 2 mile RT climb to the top follows the twists and turns of the new state-of-the-art combined bobsled-luge-skeleton track. Near the upper start building, a 1.2 mile RT trail leads to summit ledges for a great view of the High Peaks. On the way back down, check out the lower portion of the original 1932/1980 Olympic Bobsled run.
- Mt. Van Hoevenberg from the south (4.4 miles RT, moderate)** A pleasant and mostly level walk is followed by a relatively easy climb up a wooded hillside to several open ledges that offer good views of the High Peaks to the south.
- Haystack Mtn. (6.6 miles RT, moderate)** A pleasant woods walk leads to a final steep climb to an open rock face and ledge with views of Whiteface, the High Peaks and the Saranac Lakes chain. Trail continues on to McKenzie Mountain.
- Scarface Mtn. (7 miles RT, moderate)** The first half of this trail follows old roads over relatively flat terrain and is good for mountain biking. Eventually the trail begins a steady climb, keep an eye out for the side trail that leads to an open ledge with views overlooking Oseetah Lake and the Saranac Lakes chain.
- Wilmington Trail (10.4 miles RT, difficult)** While climbing up the eastern slope of Whiteface Mountain, you will pass the remains of the old Marble Mountain ski area and, above timberline, along the edge of a glacial arête. Fragile alpine vegetation attempts survival on this well-trod mountaintop; walk only on the marked trail and rocks. During the summer you will be sharing the summit with many others who have driven to the top to enjoy the fantastic 360 degree views.

Waterfalls/Lakes

- High Falls Gorge (admission fee)** The Ausable River rushes through a deep gorge with over 600 feet of cascading waterfalls. The self-guided tour allows you to set your own pace along the paths, bridges and platforms. Open year round. 518-946-2278.
- Rocky Falls (4.8 miles RT, moderate, parking fee)** A pleasant woods walk to a series of scenic cascades and a swimming hole near a lean-to. Extend your outing by continuing up towards Indian Pass and Summit Rock. (see below)
- Calamity Brook to Flowed Land (9.4 miles RT, moderate)** An interesting route with ponds, brooks and a unique monument. Extend your outing by exploring the area around Flowed Land.

Nature Trails

- Brewster Peninsula Nature Trails (easy)** A compact network of trails traverses gently rolling terrain and winds through a mixed forest and along the shore of Lake Placid. The Lakeside Trail has nice views overlooking the lake, several benches and a dock near the small outlet dam.

Mountain Passes

- Indian Pass (8.8 miles RT, moderate)** Hike over mostly level terrain through a woodland valley to a steep final climb that winds among boulders and up ladders to Summit Rock where you can enjoy a spectacular view of the 1000-foot cliff of Wallface Mtn. directly opposite you—it is one of the highest wilderness cliffs in the Northeast.
- Avalanche Lake (8.8 miles RT, moderate, parking fee)** Traverse over rolling terrain and pass the pond at Marcy Dam before climbing up to the remote and narrow Avalanche Pass. As you reach the high point of the pass, the trail passes through a jumble of trees and debris deposited by a slide. From the pass, you'll descend to the lakeshore where there are impressive views of the lake which is nestled within a narrow gorge flanked by sheer cliffs on both sides.

Historic Sites

- Adirondack/Tahawus Mines** The extensive remains of an iron ore and, later, titanium mine can be seen along the road leading to Henderson Lake. After passing the piles of mine tailings, mine pits and a 48-foot blast furnace, you'll arrive at the deserted village of Adirondack. The mine area is not accessible to the public.
- John Brown's Farm** Interpretive displays are located at the homestead site and gravesite of abolitionist John Brown which includes the farmhouse, out-buildings and pond. A network of nature trails wind through the fields and forest of the homestead. 518-523-3900.

RESOURCE GUIDE Trail Guides: ADK Guide to Adirondack Trails—High Peaks Region; Discover the Northern Adirondacks, McMartin; Discover the Adirondack High Peaks, McMartin. Maps: National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map #742—Adirondack Park Lake Placid/High Peaks; High Peaks Region Map. See page 22 for more books and maps. See page 21 for Adirondack Region Information Centers and page 25 for NYS Department of Environmental Conservation information.

