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Thousand Islands-Seaway: More Smiles Per Gallon

With some of the nation's most beautiful scenery, the Thousand Islands-Seaway region features nearly 2,000 islands, the shining blue bays of Great Lake Ontario, abundant rivers and streams, 27 state parks, and hundreds of miles of picturesque coastline. Discover boundless adventures on land, water and air, from world-class fishing to uplifting balloon rides.

Explore historic Fort Ontario and Pulaski, and then head north to the Seaway Trail Discovery Center in Sackets Harbor to learn about attractions along the Great Lakes Seaway Trail. Named one of the Top 9 Great American Drives by *Budget Travel*, this scenic byway leads to historic lighthouses, unique museums, and great outdoor activities from bird-watching to scuba diving. The Black River is world-famous for whitewater rafting. Add some fascinating history and fairy-tale castles to create a magical trip.

This route begins in Oswego on Lake Ontario, runs north along (and around) Route 81, and then continues northeast along the beautiful St. Lawrence River to Massena.

A. Oswego

Begin your trip at Fort Ontario State Historic Site, a star-shaped fortress overlooking Lake Ontario. Costumed interpreters recreate history and special events include commemorations of the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812.

<http://www.nysparks.com/historic-sites/20/details.aspx>

If you're visiting in July, don't miss Harborfest (July 28 to 31). This fantastic waterside festival features legendary rock and jazz bands, art and craft shows and vendors, great food and fireworks over Lake Ontario. www.oswegoharborfest.com

B. Pulaski

Follow a hiking trail along the scenic Salmon River, known as the Salmon Capital of the Northeast. Depending on the season you can fish for steelhead, rainbow trout, smallmouth and largemouth bass, northern pike and, of course, huge salmon!

<http://visitoswegocounty.com/fishing-hunting/fishing/where-to-fish/#salmonriver>

C. Sackets Harbor

Reenactments bring history to life at Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site. Guides in period military uniforms recreate War of 1812 battles and camp life. Explore the gallery, a restored Navy Yard and the Commandant's House. <http://www.nysparks.com/historic-sites/7/details.aspx>

Take a musical hayride and a trolley tour of the dairy at Old McDonald's Farm Village, a 1200-acre working farm. Children of all ages can feed the [animals](#), [ride the ponies](#), [play mini-golf](#), and [eat lunch in the Lazy Cow Café](#). www.oldmcdonaldhasafarm.com

D. Watertown

Black River Whitewater Rafting tours will guide you through seven miles of class III and IV rapids rushing through the world-famous Black River canyon. www.blackriverny.com

Explore the museum of the Sci-Tech Center of Northern NY with more than 40 interactive exhibits designed to spark your imagination. www.scitechcenter.org

E. Cape Vincent

Visit the 1827 Tibbetts Point Lighthouse, standing where Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River meet. The Victorian-era lightkeeper's quarters have been converted to a hostel, with family rooms available by reservation. www.capevincent.org/lighthouse

See local fish species and learn about Great Lakes conservation programs at the NYS DEC Research Station & Aquarium. <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/27069.html>

F. Clayton

Walk amid more than 100 classic and antique wooden boats at the Antique Boat Museum. Head to the docks to board a 106-foot Gilded Age houseboat, rent (and row) a St. Lawrence skiff, or take a ride in a triple-cockpit runabout speedboat. www.abm.org

On a scenic ecology and habitat cruise with Clayton Island Tours you'll see native wildlife and learn about the St. Lawrence River's natural history. Watch for waterfowl, song birds and raptors as you meander through the many islands. www.claytonislandtours.com

G. Alexandria Bay

Take a tour boat, shuttle or private boat to explore Boldt Castle, a magnificent 120-room Rhineland-style castle with lush Italian gardens. www.boldtcastle.com

Whether you float a few feet from the water, drift above the treetops, or soar a thousand feet over the Thousand Islands River Valley, a flight with Champagne Balloon Adventures is truly an uplifting experience! www.balloonadventures.com

Uncle Sam Boat Tours offer a variety of sightseeing, lunch and dinner cruises as well as trips to Singer Castle on Dark Island and Boldt Castle on Heart Island. www.usboattours.com

Head to the Aqua Zoo to interact with sea creatures and see hundreds of exotic fish, sharks, alligators and living coral from around the world. www.aquazoo.com

H. Hammond

Take a tour boat, shuttle or private boat to Singer Castle, a 28-room Scottish castle built on Dark Island in the early 1900s. See the clock tower, boathouse, pergola and rose garden. www.singercastle.com

I. Ogdensburg

Browse the Frederic Remington Art Museum to see sculpture, paintings, drawings and artifacts of the renowned artist of the Old West. www.fredericremington.org

J. Massena

Visit the NY Power Authority's Hawkins Point Visitors Center at the site of the St. Lawrence Power Project. You'll get a charge out of the interactive energy exhibits as well as the spectacular views from the observation deck! <http://www.nypa.gov/vc/stlaw.htm>

Related Links: Thousand Islands

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