

A REEL FISH STORY



Visit our pristine waters and learn about this world-class fishery and premiere sportfishing destination!

Begin your tour at the **Oneida Fish Cultural Station** where more than 200 million walleye are produced annually. Owned and operated by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, it is the largest walleye hatchery in the United States. The fish are used to stock waters in more than a dozen counties in the state including Jefferson, Oswego and St. Lawrence.

Next, come to the **Salmon River Fish Hatchery** in Altmar to see how the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation stocks salmon and trout for Lakes Erie and Ontario. View the many exhibits and take a guided tour of the facility to observe the process where more than 3 million salmonids are produced each year.

Stop at the **Salmon River International Sportfishing Museum** in Altmar which showcases the history of sportfishing. It features a collection of over 250,000 items originally displayed at the Gladding Corporation Museum, including handmade antique fishing rods, lures, reels and tackle, as well as watercolors, historic prints, and books.

Enjoy a hardy lunch and a warm welcome at **Eddy's Place Restaurant** in Pulaski.

Then travel on to the **New York State DEC Fisheries Research Station and Aquarium** in Cape Vincent. Built as a grist mill in 1856, the building was purchased by the federal government in 1895 for a Fisheries Bureau. As such, it recorded nearly 40,000,000 eggs of various fish hatched and distributed in 1906. Today, you can view the many species of local fish in an impressive aquarium and learn about the research that helps keep our underwater friends happy and healthy.

Visit the **Muskie Hall of Fame** in the Thousand Islands Museum in Clayton where you will marvel at the display of huge fish – some are taller than the fisherpersons who caught them! Don't miss the antique collection of fishing gear and the largest and oldest duck decoy display around.

Nothing says fishing like joining in a famous **Fishermen Shore Dinner!** This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share in what made fishing guides famous. Let the captains cook you local fish over an open fire while gazing at the St. Lawrence River. The menu can also include BLT's, fried potatoes, toss salad, fried fish and French toast with special syrup.

