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WINTER IN THE ADIRONDACKS

Learn to Love Winter!

The Adirondacks offer unique opportunities for first-timers looking to dip their toes into winter.

For many, time spent outdoors is time well spent. Now, more than ever, we are craving outdoor spaces, fresh air, and the opportunity to reconnect with nature. That said, if it's your first time skiing or climbing a mountain in the snow, there are certain places to go and things to do to prepare. No one is an expert right away! If you're new, don't sweat it - we've got a variety of outfitters who can help you prepare, attractions with special "learn to" activities, and locations to help you ease into a new endeavor! Here's to making new memories in the Adirondacks in 2021!



We know that it is not simple to make the decision to travel during this time and we are here to help connect you with the information you need to know so you make informed travel decisions. When the time is right for you to travel comfortably, we look forward to welcoming you to the six million acres of awesomeness the Adirondacks has to offer. AdirondacksUSA.com/travel-updates



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LoveYourADK.org/winter-preparedness

Story Angle - At 6 million acres, 1,500 miles of designated hiking trails, and dozens of outdoor recreation attractions, the Adirondacks boast plenty of opportunities to help first-time winter enthusiasts avoid crowds and learn new activities. The following is a small sampling of these opportunities. If you would like more information, images, or to schedule a time to learn more, please contact us at media@roostadk.com.

GET STARTED:

Ausable Chasm - 2144 US Route 9, Ausable Chasm

Ausable Chasm has been providing guided winter tours of the sparkling ice covered chasm for years, so they definitely know how to make your winter experience one to remember! Equipment, snowshoe or ice cleats appropriate for the conditions, are available for rent. Reservations are required for the 1-2 hour guided tours. Self guided admissions are only allowed on the Rim Trail when conditions permit.

<https://www.ausablechasm.com/>

Cloud-Splitter Outfitters - 5302 NY-28N, Newcomb

Newcomb Guide Service, based at Cloud-Splitter Outfitters, is a four-season business that will provide you high quality outdoor recreational experiences. NGS will also provide transportation to and from a



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train station, airport, or bus station. NGS will also rent some of their equipment inventory. Cloud-Splitter Outfitters also stocks hiking, camping, other outdoor gear, and some basic groceries for your time in the Adirondacks.

<https://www.cloudsplitteroutfitters.com>

The Wild Center - 45 Museum Drive, Tupper Lake

This winter, The Wild Center is offering free snowshoes with any paid admission. This offers people a great opportunity to try snowshoeing for the first time on beginner level and intermediate trails. They are also offering a guided "Learn to Ice Fish" experience on Green Leaf Pond, located on the property. This experience is also free with a paid admission fee.

www.wildcenter.org

High Peaks Cyclery - 2733 Main Street, Lake Placid

High Peaks Mountain Guides and the High Peaks Cyclery store was established by husband and wife team, Karen and Brian Delaney. Since then, they have helped thousands of people experience the awe-inspiring beauty of the Adirondack Forest Preserve. Their team of guides is happy to cater to any adventure you dream of. Their mission is to provide exceptional service, education, and experiences for our clients while promoting stewardship of the incredible wilderness where we live, work, and play. The store sells just about anything you could need for any adventure.

<https://www.highpeakscyclery.com/> | <https://www.hpmountainguides.com/>

Dewey Mountain - 238 George H. LaPan Memorial Highway, Saranac Lake

Dewey Mountain is less of a mountain and more of an adventure hub. This is a great place for snowshoers and Nordic skiers of all abilities, and there are on-site rentals of snowshoe and ski equipment. Stick to the flatter, groomed trails or head up the mountain for a more uncultivated trail experience.

<http://www.deweymountain.com/>

Paul Smith's College Visitor Interpretive Center - 8023 State Route 30, Paul Smiths

The Paul Smith's Visitor Interpretive Center (VIC) offers 25 miles of trails for walking, skiing, and snowshoeing. Some of the trails include interpretive signage, so learning about the forests, wildlife, and wetlands is easily accessible! In addition to on-site rentals of snowshoes, the VIC was recently designated as the national headquarters for the US Nordic ski team and USA Biathlon - so you'll probably be sharing the trails with current, former, and future Olympians!

<https://www.paulsmiths.edu/vic/>

Whiteface Mountain - 5021 Route 86 Wilmington, NY 12997

Learn to ski or snowboard at Bear Den Mountain, the beginner slopes of Whiteface Mountain. Their ski and snowboard instructors are experienced in demonstrating the proper techniques to get you on your feet and learning fast, and they'll make sure you're on the best trails for your skill level.

www.Whiteface.com



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James C. Frenette Sr. Cross Country Ski Trails - Tupper Lake

The James C Frenette Sr cross-country ski trail system is the perfect place for first time skiers. This is a very family friendly trail network, which is free. And the best part? When you tire of skiing, the sledding is superb!

www.tupperlake.com/sledding-tubing-toboggan/tupper-lake-groomed-xc-ski-center

Oak Mountain - 141 Novosel Way, Speculator

Oak Mountain is the perfect place for skiers or boarders to learn or perfect their craft. This family friendly mountain offers a great learn to ski or ride program and the mountain is a great place to further learn the sport.

<https://oakmountainski.com/>

Cliffside Coaster - 220 Bobsled Run Lane, Lake Placid

Enjoy a scenic ride to the top of the Cliffside Coaster and learn about the inspiring Olympic history of the Lake Placid Sliding Center. Once you reach the top, you control the ride. You have the ability to go as slow or as fast as you'd like. Race your family & friends alongside the 1980 bobsled track to the bottom of the Cliffside Coaster, the longest Mountain Coaster in the U.S.A. We promise you'll love it so much you'll want to race again!

<https://mtvanhoevenberg.com/todo/cliffside-coaster/>

Adirondack Interpretive Center - 5922 NY-28N, Newcomb

The AIC features 3.6 miles of interpretive trails perfect for beginners on its 236-acre property, along the shoreline of Rich Lake and Rich Lake outlet. Trailheads are located at the building. (AIC buildings are closed due to Covid, but trails are open dawn to dusk.)

www.esf.edu/aic/

Adirondack Wayfinder "Learn To" Trails

Adirondackwayfinder.com/trail/winter-learn-to-trail-north

Adirondackwayfinder.com/trail/winter-learn-to-trail-south

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