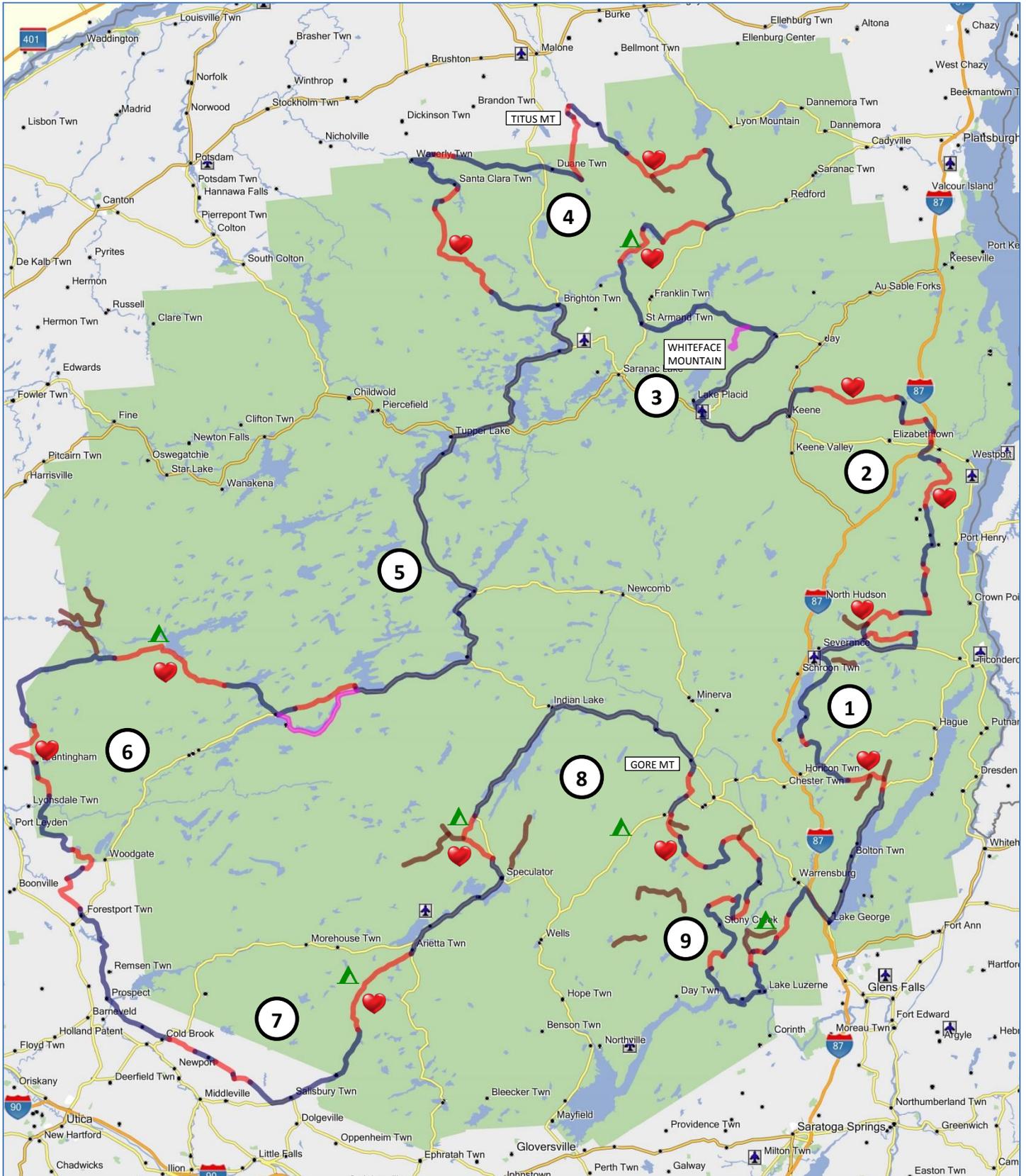


# Adirondack ADV Loop

645 MILES TOTAL / 194 MILES DIRT



- PAVEMENT
- DIRT
- ▲ FREE CAMPING
- ♥ FAVORITE

# ROUTE NOTES

(described riding counter-clockwise)

## REGION 1: *Lake George - Schroon Lake – Paradox*

- The route starts in the village of Lake George and heads north along the west side of the lake.
- ♥ (5.9 mi) Padamaram Rd between RT 9N and Hayesburg Rd is great seasonal road that climbs a hill along Round Pond Brook as you're heading west. There is turnoff to the north onto Wardsboro Rd that is worth exploring, it goes for about 2.1 miles before turning into Fly Brook Trail which gets very technical and is only good for smaller bikes. It actually goes all the way to Rte 8 in Hague but at some point it turns to private property.
- Heading north along the east side Schroon Lake is a bit slow and tedious but has nice windy roads. The west side less fun but maybe a little quicker and has gas and food. Before getting to RT 74 there is a turn off to Crane Pond Rd which is a fun road to explore but it dead-ends at the trailhead for Pharaoh Mountain.
- ♥ (10.9 mi) Stony Lonesome Rd/Flemings Pond Rd & Old Furnace Rd on north side of Paradox Lake. This section sort of backtracks a little bit and there is a shortcut to skip the first half but the part around Flemings Pond has some nice views and is worth doing. There are some extra trails in the area but they are all on private land.

## REGION 2: *Port Henry – Elizabethtown – Keene*

- If you need gas and want to get a good look at Lake Champlain and into Vermont take a detour into Port Henry.
- ♥ (7.6 mi) Mountain Spring Rd between Mineville and Westport is cool with some moderately technical spots. ATV's regularly used this road so use caution for oncoming riders.
- ♥ (9.9 mi) Jay Mountain / Wells Hill Rd between Lewis and RT 9N is fun riding loose rocks and some sand with a pretty significant ascent/descent. Whiteface Mountain is visible when coming down the west side.
- The route heads west on RT 73 but if you head south there a few free camping spots near Chapel Pond in Keene Valley and another one at the intersection of RT 73 and RT 9 along the Bouquet River. Chapel Pond is also a great place to go swimming and has a small a beach area. There is also the Mountaineer for outdoor supplies and the Noonmark Diner (good pie) in Keene Valley.

## REGION 3: *Lake Placid – Rainbow Lake*

- On the way to Lake Placid while riding on RT 73 along the Cascade Lakes you'll notice Pitchoff Chimney cliff on the northwest side of the road which is a popular rock climbing area. There is a big chimney and cave hidden behind the main face which is fun to explore if you have the skills and climbing gear.
- There isn't any dirt in this region but some great views of the high peaks and Olympic attractions around Lake Placid with plenty of touristy things to do. The route heads out of town north on RT 86 along the Ausable River and then northwest on the Whiteface Memorial Highway (RT 431) branching off before the toll road to the summit (worth the time if you've never done it).

## REGION 4: *Salmon River – Titus Mountain – St. Regis River – Paul Smith's*

- ♥ (6.7 mi) Kushaqua Mud Pond Rd has got some great scenery and has a really nice camping spot on the north side of Lake Kushaqua. Maps shows the road going right across the Saranac River at the end of Mud Pond but there is a bridge out to the route turns onto Thatcherville Rd and goes around it. There are also some fun trails along the powerlines in this area but with posted signs everywhere so ride them at your own risk!
- ♥ (11.0 mi) Wolf Rd between Standish Rd & Salmon River (sections with deep sand) is remote with good views and there are often ATV's and side-by-sides riding around on this road so use caution. There are also a number of side trails in this area worth exploring and though some of them are owned by local hunting clubs the owners are generally pretty friendly towards non-members riding on their trails.
- The route then heads north towards Titus Mountain and then south along the Salmon River. This section could be shortcut by taking Pond Rd directly west but the ride on Studley Hill Rd along the Salmon River is quite pleasant.

- The route goes west to the town of St. Regis Falls (gas and food) and then winds east along the St. Regis River to Santa Clara (residential areas are only 30mph through here so watch speed).
- ♥ (14.0 mi) Blue Mountain Rd between Santa Clara and Paul Smith's is a fun road and one of the longer stretches of dirt roads. Watch for loose sand and gravel especially around the bends.
- The route goes by Paul Smith's College in Brighton and then heads south by Lake Clear and Upper Saranac Lake all the eventually ending up in Tupper Lake.

#### REGION 5: *Tupper Lake – Long Lake – Blue Mountain Lake - Inlet*

- This is the longest stretch of pavement on the route but the scenery is fantastic and well worth the road miles. At Helms Aero Service in Long Lake there is a bulletin board with a photo of Mick Jagger when he took a scenic ride there some years ago. The Adirondack Experience Museum in Blue Mountain Lake is a good place to stop and check out Adirondack history.
- The route turns right at Raquette Lake onto Uncas Rd (dirt) to Eagle Bay but this road is nothing special and you'll actually see better views by taking Route 28 through Inlet. Even if you take Uncas Rd be sure to stop over in Inlet anyway as this is really scenic overlooking Fourth Lake.

#### REGION 6: *Stillwater – Brantingham - Forestport*

- ♥ (15.1 mi) Stillwater-Big Moose Rd between Eagle Bay and Loweville is a long stretch of road used by many cars and trucks. CAUTION: This road is loose sand and gravel and has a significant crown to it so your bike will have a tendency to drift to the shoulder and riding in the middle of the road is risky because of oncoming traffic.
- The route heads west on Number 4 Rd (CR 26) before turning south on Erie Canal Rd (nowhere near the actual Erie Canal) towards Otter Creek.
- ♥ (7.9 mi) Otter Creek Truck Trail can be challenging riding with a heavy bike since there is quite a bit of deep sand. There are also a number of people riding horses on these trails so if you encounter one STOP to prevent spooking it (trying to steer around a frantic horse in sand is not easy).
- There are some good trails to explore around Otter Creek State Forest and Lewis County has lots of trails to ride on but require a trail pass ([www.lewiscountyatv.org](http://www.lewiscountyatv.org)) and there is also camping in this area (pay).

#### REGION 7: *Cold Brook - Piseco*

- This part of the route is technically outside of the Adirondack Park but has some good views of Central NY farmland with wind turbines visible on the horizon as you ride along Military Road through the town of Norway. A section of this road goes through the City of Little Falls' watershed and is technically off limits. If you attempt to go through it beware that it gets very muddy and rocky.
- ♥ (12.2 mi) Piseco Rd between Stratford and Piseco is a nice long stretch of mostly hardpack dirt where you can really cruise for a bit. There are several camping spots along this road. Many maps don't show this road going all the way through but it does come out on RT 10 near Piseco Lake.

#### REGION 8: *Speculator – Indian Lake – North Creek*

- Be sure to stop off in Speculator (gas & food) to get a good view of Lake Pleasant before heading north.
- ♥ (7.5 mi) Perkins Clearing Rd is really good riding and there are a few free campsites along this road. There is also some excellent riding along Old Military Rd and Jessup River Rd which goes back 9 miles back before it dead-ends at the Spruce Lake Trailhead. Beware of logging trucks and DEC presence in this area.
- There is also Elm Lake Rd (dead end) that heads northeast out of Speculator that is worth checking out.
- From here it is another long stretch of pavement through Indian Lake all the way to North Creek with great scenery.

REGION 9: *Bakers Mills – Stony Creek - Lake Luzerne*

- After heading southwest from Gore Mountain the route takes RT 8 for a few miles before turning onto Goodman Rd in Bakers Mills. There are a few nice camping spots about 5.5 miles further down RT 8 along the Sacandaga River.
- ♥ (6.3 mi) Armstrong Rd / Garnet Lake Rd southwest of Bakers Mills is really nice with good views of Crane Mountain. There is one spot along Armstrong Rd that tends to get washed out after a major rainfall but it is usually still passable on a motorcycle. If it is not possible to get through then back track and take Coulter Rd.
- The route then meanders through some dirt roads down to Lake Luzerne which are fun but can be a bit tedious but this is the area where the “Dirt Daze” event is held during Americade so some of the other roads in this area are worth exploring (check out Stony Creek Rd). The scenery around Sacandaga Lake is also quite good and there are some camping spots if you continue along River Road in the forest east of the Hudson River.
- From here it is back to Lake George.

\* If you’re doing the route clockwise then read all of this in reverse.