

Lake Placid Recommendations

Dining

Adirondack Steak and Seafood: Located in the heart of Main Street this Lake Placid institution serves great steaks and their own beer in a comfortable casual environment. The prime rib and filet are both favorites' of mine. Go early or late, since they don't accept reservations, ask for Rob and tell them Thaddeus sent you.

Website: <http://www.greatadirondacksteakandseafood.com>

Location: 34 Main St., Lake Placid, NY

Phone: 518-523-1629

Café Rustica: So I would probably guess if I told you this place had the best Italian food in Lake Placid, your thought would be no big deal, Italian food far from NYC or Philadelphia can't be that good anyway. How about if I told you this place will rival the best of Italian restaurants in NYC and Philadelphia! Now you're talking. The authenticity, flavor, and portions are amazing! Don't let its strip mall location off of Main Street or the fact that it has only a handful of tables deter you. This place is worth the wait. My favorites are one of the many brick oven pizza's to start followed by the Chicken Saltimbocca. Tell them Thaddeus sent you.

Website: None

Location: 211 Saranac Ave, Lake Placid, NY 12946

Phone: 518-523-7511

Lisa G's: A great place to drink or eat, or in my case both. This casual atmosphere, outside deck, fresh ingredients, best french fries, and coolest bar owner in town are all the reasons why this place gets my vote! Ask for Rocco.

Website: www.lisageez.com

Location: 6125 Sentinel Rd (Rt 73), Lake Placid, NY 12946

Phone: 518-523-2093

Downtown Dinner: Looking for a home cooked breakfast at a reasonable price with friendly service? Look no further than the Downtown Dinner.

Website: None

Location: 330 Main St, Lake Placid, NY 12946

Phone: 518-523-3709

Outdoor Activities

Horse Drawn Sleigh Ride

Melisa and George operate what may be one of the most enjoyable activities in the north country! Two majestic Belgian draft horses can take you and 10 friends on a 35 to 45 minute sleigh ride through some of the most scenic trails you have ever seen. Don't think this is slow paced, when four thousand pounds of draft horse get up and go you better hold on!

Website: www.countrydreamsfarm.com

Location: At Hohmeyer's Lake Clear Lodge (approx 17 miles from Camp Twiggy)

Phone: 518-314-6748, ask for Melisa

Toboggan Chute across Mirror Lake

This is so much fun for all ages that it should be illegal. The concept is very simple, a converted ski jump ramp 30ft in the air, a frozen lake with a good 12 inches of ice, and a toboggan! Riders walk to the top of the start and get on their toboggans which hold up to four people and slide down the frozen track at speeds approaching 30mph. At the bottom you slide across the lake for up to 1000ft depending upon ice conditions! Please call in advance, to make sure they are operating.

Website: www.northelba.org/html/toboggan_chute_.html

Location: Parkside Drive, adjacent to the Post Office, at the edge of Mirror Lake, Lake Placid

Phone: 518-523-2591

Whiteface Mountain

The highest vertical drop in the East, home of the 1980 Winter Olympics, and over 80 trails for all abilities.....enough said!

Website: www.whiteface.com

Location: 5021 NY Route 86, Wilmington, N.Y., 9 miles from Lake Placid

Phone: 518-946-2223

Shopping

Maui North

Whether you are looking to buy high end equipment or pick up rentals for the family, this place does it right. Best ski shop in town, ask for Cory.

Website: www.mauinorth.net

Location: 134 Main St. Lake Placid, NY, 12946

Phone: 518-523-7245

Ruthie's Run

This specialty retailer has an awesome selection of the finest outerwear available. Whether you are looking for Kjus, Bogner, or Dale of Norway, Ruthie's Run will have what you are looking for.

Website: www.ruthiesrun.com

Location: 2415 Main St. Lake Placid, NY, 12946

Phone: 518-523-3271

Adirondack Decorative Arts & Crafts

One part museum one part furniture store, this place is a site to see. Offering the finest and most unique pieces of furniture on over three levels, you will surely enjoy your visit.

Website: N/A

Location: 106 Mountain Lane Lake Placid, NY 12946

Phone: 518-523-4545