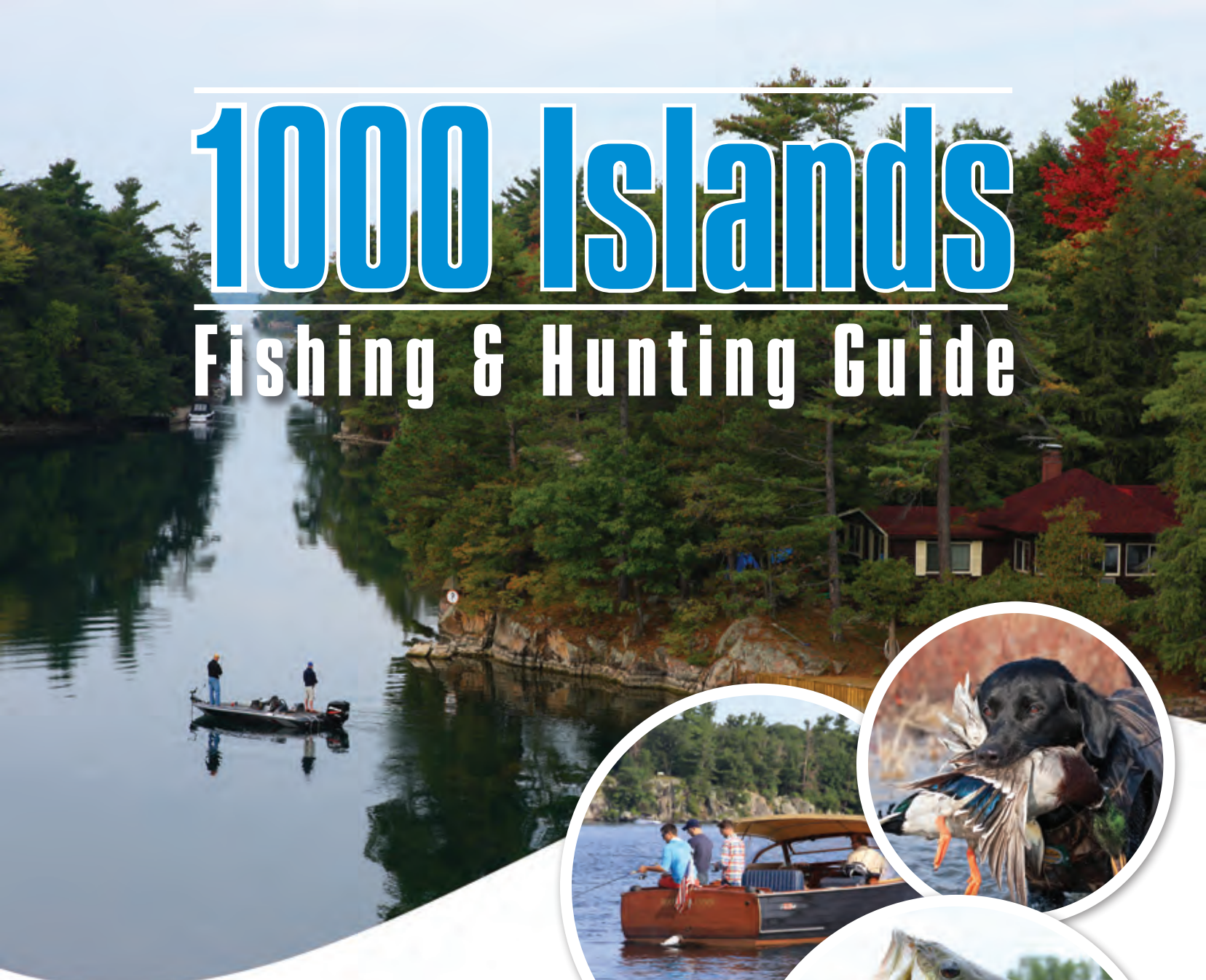


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## Fishing & Hunting Guide



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Generations have come to fish these waters and today it is shared by the world's top anglers, bobber-toting children and all skill levels in between. Beyond the big water, inland streams and lakes offer a peaceful, serene experience. With so many different kinds of water and species galore, this is truly a year-round fishing destination for any taste.

The islands, shorelines and inland lakes and ponds provide ample waterfowl opportunities for birds along the Atlantic flyway. Whether you're chasing speedy divers among the big waves or prefer puddle ducks in a quiet swamp, you'll find a spot to your liking. Public lands and private preserves across this rural expanse allow for the pursuit of whitetail deer, turkey, pheasant and more.



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## Lake Ontario

It is little wonder why the Eastern Lake Ontario Basin is considered by many anglers to be among the finest freshwater fisheries in the world. It is hard to imagine another place with as many trophy-sized fish of so many different species.

Preservation of the lake's pristine ecology has allowed populations of salmon, trout, steelhead and walleye to thrive and grow to amazing sizes. The standing New York records for Chinook, Coho and Atlantic Salmon – along with channel catfish and burbot – have been set on Eastern Lake Ontario. The lake holds several Ontario records for Atlantic, Chinook and Coho as well as Freshwater Drum.

With virtually every type of freshwater fish and an endless array of hot spots, this area provides opportunities throughout the year for spectacular fishing. The many experienced guides and charter captains make landing a monster a real possibility for anyone from the novice to the seasoned angler.



Eric Scordo caught this state record channel catfish in 2017 while fishing along the eastern edge of Lake Ontario. The fish weighed 35 pounds, 3 ounces.



## Chaumont

## Eastern Lake Ontario's Golden Crescent

April is the traditional beginning of the warm water season when many species move inshore. There is excellent brown and lake trout action, with catches weighing upwards of 15 pounds.

May and early June are prime time for fishing trophy walleye and steelhead as they make their inland runs. Enormous walleyes can be found in Black River Bay and giant steelhead below the Black River Dam. Below Henderson Harbor, hit the mouth of South Sandy Creek.

During the summer, the region offers some of the best deep-water fishing for salmon and trout in North America. In June and July, you can enjoy the hardy fight of small and largemouth black bass.

Running from the end of summer (around Labor Day) through late November, the tributaries up and down the lakeshore are abundant with salmon – King, Coho and Atlantic. If your timing is right, you can reel in a 40 pounder.

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Stunning islands, shoals and protected bays are the setting for some of the most picturesque places you'll ever drop a line. Bring the family and reel a battling bass off the river bottom within sight of Boldt Castle and quaint, historic waterside villages.

The 1000 Islands is famous for its muskies. There are few places where muskies grow as large and cunning. Hiring one of the many expert and experienced river guides makes hauling-in a muskie a reality for anglers of all skills.

Excellent fishing for northern pike and walleye can be enjoyed year-round. In winter, the bays and islands provide numerous fishing hot spots. In the warmer months, the shoals around islands and at the river's edge are abundant with northern pike.

In spring and summer, great action for walleye can be found in many places, especially where Lake Ontario flows into the St. Lawrence.

Smallmouth bass catches of up to four pounds are common around the islands, off points and in bays. The islands and weedy bays on the edges of shoals, particularly around Wellesley Island, provide great opportunities for largemouth bass. Not surprisingly, the 1000 Islands is a popular stop for professional and amateur bass tournaments.







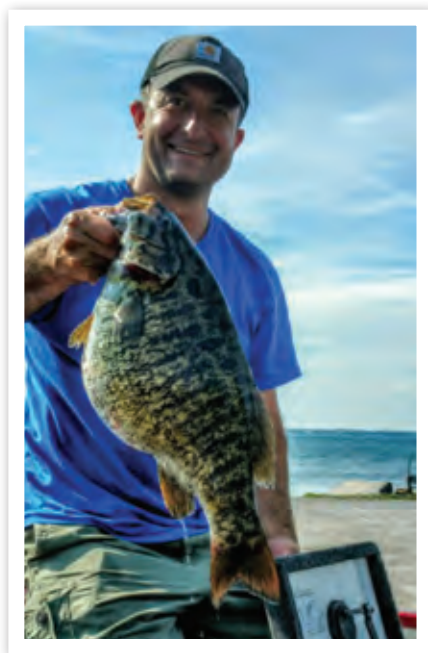
## New York State Record Breaking Fish



Brian Hartman reeled in the New York record walleye in 2018 while fishing the St. Lawrence River. This giant tipped the scales at 18 pounds, 2 ounces.



New York State's record Muskellunge was caught on the St. Lawrence River by Arthur Lawton in the fall of 1957. Measuring 64.5" and weighing 69 lbs. 15 oz., it is the largest freshwater fish in the State's record books.



Patrick Hildebrand netted a share of the New York record for smallmouth bass when he reeled in an 8 lb., 4 oz. lunker in 2016 near Cape Vincent, where Lake Ontario flows into the St. Lawrence River. The fish tied the state record set in 1995.

# St. Lawrence River Based Fishing Charters

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Hunters and anglers will find lots to do off the water and beyond the field. Famous for scenic boat tours and the grand Boldt Castle, the 1000 Islands offers activities that will entertain your whole family. Go to [www.visit1000islands.com](http://www.visit1000islands.com) for an overview of the entire region, along with listings of lodging options from national brand hotels to cottage rentals. Here are a few attractions that have a special focus on the region's outdoor heritage.

## Thousand Islands Museum

Clayton, New York's local history museum presents a modern gallery of permanent and rotating exhibits on the first floor, along with a gift shop and library. The second floor focuses on fishing and hunting heritage with a display of waterfowl decoys and the Muskie Hall of Fame.

[www.timuseum.org](http://www.timuseum.org)  
312 James Street, Clayton, New York

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[www.abm.org](http://www.abm.org)  
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6 Broad Street, Brockville, Ontario





Scale of Miles





## Inland Waters

### Indian River Lakes

Wilderness lakes are teeming with northern pike, bass and walleye. Secluded clearwater streams and creeks are abundant with robust rainbow and brook trout. Mighty rivers swell with steelhead, Chinook and Atlantic salmon as they make spawning runs from Eastern Lake Ontario. The inland waters of Jefferson County provide a unique opportunity to fish an amazing variety of species in a relatively small area.

Inland fishing in the northern part of Jefferson County is dominated by the Indian River chain of lakes. Stretching into western St. Lawrence County, the chain consists of 18 pristine backcountry lakes, ranging from shallow warm-water ponds to deep cold-water basins.

Lush with aquatic vegetation, the shallow waters in the Indian River chain – including Yellow, Moon, Payne and Muskellunge Lakes - have habitats that support plentiful populations of yellow perch, crappie, sunfish and bullhead.

Butterfield, Crystal and Red Lakes, which are among the deeper bodies of water, offer excellent opportunities for northern pike, walleye,

bluegill and pumpkinseed. The deepest waters in the Indian River chain offer great action for lake trout and smallmouth bass. Sixberry Lake and Lake of the Woods are home to an Atlantic salmon community. In the fall, when salmon make their spawning run inland from Lake Ontario, the Black River and Sandy Creek in the southern part of Jefferson County are ideal for landing a trophy Chinook, Atlantic salmon or even a feisty steelhead. Fish ladders on the Black River in Dexter and Glen Park have extended the distance covered by the salmon by about eight miles.

In the eastern part of Jefferson County, on the Fort Drum Military Reservation, Black Creek and Remington Pond offer very good brown and brook trout action, as do many of the remote streams on the Tug Hill Plateau.

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## Species Sampler: Lake & River Favorites

### Atlantic Salmon (Landlocked)

Average catch: up to 15 lbs

Hot Spots: Summer—deep water, fall spawning—in and around tributaries, especially Black River and North and South Sandy Creeks.

Profile: The silvery, line-throwing leaps are legendary. Favorite techniques include spring/fall surface trolling, deep-water trolling in summer and fly-casting in fall on spawning streams and rivers.

### Brook Trout

Average catch: up to 4 lbs

Hot Spots: Indian River lakes, streams and rivers throughout.

Profile: Brookies or speckles provide fine angling and are the best of eating. Brook trout three or four pounds and 12-14 inches are caught every year. Favorite lures include flies, spinners, spoons and worms.



### Brown Trout

Average catch: Up to 20 lbs

Hot Spots: Summer—cool, deep water, spring/fall—inshore shallows

Profile: Fishing excitement peaks as brown trout move inshore in early spring. Light tackle is in order as browns search out the warmer water along the shore. Mid-summer brown trout fishing is also excellent as the fish move to deeper, cooler waters offshore.

### Carp

Average catch: 20+ lbs

Hot Spots: Spring and summer—shallow bays and marshes

Profile: Popular with shoreline anglers along the St. Lawrence River. Put bait on a hook, cast it out and wait. Carp bite gently, but their size makes for an exciting battle on hook and line.

### Chinook "King" Salmon

Average catch: Up to 30 lbs

Hot Spots: Summer—deep water, fall spawning—in and around tributaries, especially Black River and North and South Sandy Creeks.

Profile: Largest member of the Pacific salmon family. Chinooks fight hard when hooked and often attain weights in excess of 30 pounds. The largest catches have been taken at dawn.



### Coho Salmon

Average catch: Up to 8 lbs

Hot Spots: Summer—deep water, fall spawning—in and around tributaries, especially Black River and North and South Sandy Creeks.

Profile: Cohos travel in large, tight schools and are often found near concentrations of their favorite food — smelt or alewives. Use sonar to locate schools of bait, and then troll with downriggers.



### Lake Trout

Average catch: Up to 12 lbs

Hot Spots: Summer—cool, deep water, spring/fall—inshore shallows

Profile: Because they prefer lower temperatures, lake trout are usually found in deeper waters. Though they will leave the bottom in search of smelt and alewives, they tend to be bottom-oriented. Casting, trolling and still fishing are all effective.

### Largemouth Bass

Average catch: Up to 5 lbs

Hot Spots: Around islands, off islands and in bays.

Profile: Aggressive attitude, striking a lure or bait with explosive force. Use almost any kind of artificial lure or live bait. Successful tactics include plastic worms, surface plugs, spinnerbaits, crankbaits, bass bugs and shiner minnows.

### Muskellunge "Muskie"

Average catch: Up to 35 lbs

Hot Spots: Late June—shallow weed beds. August/September—near drop-offs. November/December—deep water.

Profile: New York is a top muskellunge state. The fish average 12-30 pounds and an occasional 40-50 pound tackle-buster is taken. Special fishing gear is needed to land this wily fish. A guide is strongly recommended.



### Northern Pike

Average catch: Up to 12 lbs

Hot Spots: All year—shallow bays and marshes

Profile: Vicious strikes are their trademark. Use large spoons, plugs, spinners or live bait and hold on, because Northern grow big and mean. A number of fish from 15 to 20 pounds are caught every year in the St. Lawrence.

### Rainbow Trout

Average catch: up to 10 lbs

Hot Spots: Indian River lakes, streams and rivers throughout.

Profile: Rainbows are popular year-round as anglers enjoy surface trolling and shore fishing in spring and fall, deepwater trolling in midsummer and ice fishing in winter. Although most caught are about 10 pounds, rainbows of up to 20 pounds are not uncommon.

### Smallmouth Bass

Average catch: Up to 5 lbs

Hot Spots: Around islands, off islands, in bays.

Profile: Tough, rod-bending fish. One to two-pound smallmouths are abundant, two to three pound fish are common and six to eight pound trophies are not uncommon. Fish shallow in spring and fall, move deeper in mid-summer months.

### Steelhead

Average catch: Up to 10 lbs

Hot Spots: November-May—inshore shallows.

May-September—deep water. Spring/fall spawning—in and around tributaries, especially Black River and North and South Sandy Creeks. October & November—inshore shallows.

Profile: Fishing is best during spring and fall spawning runs. For cold water enthusiasts, the season runs through winter.

### Walleye

Average catch: Up to 8 lbs

Hot Spots: Spring/fall—inshore shallows, summer—deeper shoals.

Profile: A popular game fish know for its delicate, delicious flavor and light-tackle fight. Five to ten pound fish are common and trophies have been known to be as much as 16 pounds. Ice fishing makes for great walleye action all winter.

### Yellow Perch

Average catch: Up to 8-10 inches

Hot Spots: Shallow bays, creek mouths and marshes.

Profile: An angler's delight, typical size is 8-10 inches, but some jumbo fish are the rule in part of the St. Lawrence. Ice-fishing for perch can be enjoyed all winter with bucket-filling catches common.



*Northern Pike*



*Smallmouth Bass*



*Yellow Perch*



*Chinook or "King" Salmon*



*Walleye*



## Cape Vincent Fisheries Station

541 E. Broadway St., Cape Vincent, NY 13618  
315-654-2147

The Cape Vincent Fisheries Station is along the St. Lawrence, a short distance from the eastern end of Lake Ontario. The Station includes the offices of the DEC's Lake Ontario Fisheries Unit and the base for the research vessel Seth Green.

The Fisheries Aquarium is open daily from 9am - 4pm, May through September. There is no charge for admission. Visitors can view many of the fish species common to Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence and to learn about New York State's conservation programs in the Great Lakes. Five large viewing tanks are complemented by several displays relating to the area's fisheries and the DEC's management of the resources. The aquarium, including the rest room, is handicap accessible.

A beautiful picnic area overlooking the harbor is provided for the public. There are picnic tables, and the site is accessible to people with disabilities. Fishing is allowed off the station's dock, which is a designated accessible fishing access site. As such, the ends of the docks have been fitted with guard rails for the public's safety. Anglers predominantly catch panfish, but an occasional pike or bass is also landed.



## Plan Your Next Fishing Excursion In Clayton!

For two centuries, Clayton has been the center of 1000 Islands fishing action. The clear waters of the St. Lawrence provide a fishing experience second to none. In fact, USA Weekend named Clayton and the 1000 Islands the number one bass fishing spot in the country! There are any number of game fish, sure to thrill the angler of every ability. Northern pike, walleye, bass, perch, panfish and the elusive trophy muskellunge continue to challenge fishermen from all over the country and attract professional fishing tournaments year after year.

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# New York State Public Boat Launches

Water	Location
Black River	Fish Island, east of Route 180 in Village of Dexter.
Black River	In Village of Dexter, west of Route 180 on Liberty Street.
Butterfield Lake	Off Town Road 1/2 mile east of Hamlet of Redwood.
Colwell Pond	Off Route 3 on Montario Point Road.
Hyde Lake	Off Route 26, 3 miles nothwest of the Village of Theresa.
Indian River	Off Red Lake Road north of Village of Theresa.
Lake Ontario	On Military Road 2 mile northeast of Sackets Harbor.
Lake Ontario	On Route 180, 1 1/4 mile south of Village of Dexter.
Lake Ontario	Off Route 12E, 2 miles west of Chaumont.
Lake Ontario	Adjacent to Route 178, 1 mile west of Hamlet of Henderson Harbor.
Lake Ontario	1 Long Point State Park , 14 miles from the Village of Three Mile Bay.
Lake Ontario	Golden's Marina. Off County Route 57 in Town of Lyme.
Lake Ontario	On Doane Road 1 1/2 miles west of Village of Dexter.
Lake Ontario	Westcott Beach State Park. On Route 3, 4 miles south of Village of Sackets Harbor.
Lake Ontario	Off Route 3, south of Henderson Harbor.
Lake Ontario	Off Route 12E in Hamlet of Three Mile Bay.
Lake-of-the-Woods	Off Burns Road which is approx. 3 miles east of the Village of Redwood, off Cottage Hill Road.
Lakeview Pond	Off Route 3 on Pierreport Place Road, 9 miles south of Village of Henderson.
Millsite Lake	On Cottage Hill Road, 1 mile east of Village of Redwood.
Moon Lake	Off Moon Lake Road, north of village of Theresa.
Oswegatchie	Off County Route 25, just east of Village of Oxbow.
Payne Lake	Adjacent to Theresa-Oxbow Road 1 mile west of Hamlet of Oxbow.
Red Lake	On Greenacre Road about 4 miles north of Hamlet of Theresa.
Sixberry Lake	Off County Route 21, English Settlement Road, north of Village of Theresa.
Sixtown Pond	Off Route 178, 4 miles east of the Village of Henderson or 5 miles west of Village of Adams.
S. Sandy Creek	On the Lakeview Wildlife Management Area, 10 1/2 miles south of Village of Henderson.
St. Lawrence	Kring Point State Park, Off NYS Route 12, 10 miles northeast of Village of Alexandria Bay.
St. Lawrence	Keewaydin State Park, NYS Route 12, 1 mile west of Village of Alexandria Bay.
St. Lawrence	Burnham Point State Park, Route 12E, miles east of Village of Cape Vincent.
St. Lawrence	Off NYS Route 12E, on the north end of Village of Cape Vincent.
St. Lawrence	Cedar Point State Park, NYS Route 12E, 6 miles west of Village of Clayton.
St. Lawrence	Grass Point State Park, NYS Route 12, 1 mile east of Hamlet of Fisher's Landing.
St. Lawrence	DeWolf Point State Park, Off Route 181, 4 miles north of Thousand Islands bridge.
St. Lawrence	Wellesley Island State Park, 2 miles north of Thousand Island bridge.

## Relevant NOAA Charts - can be viewed online at [nauticalcharts.noaa.gov](http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov)

Number	Scale	Title and description
14802	80000	Clayton to False Ducks - Eastern basin of Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River downriver to the Village of Clayton (Lake Ontario)
14811	30000	Chaumont, Henderson and Black River Bays; Sackets Harbor; Henderson Harbor; Chaumont Harbor - Eastern Lake Ontario
14770	15000	Morristown, N.Y. to Butternut, Ont. - Crossover Island downriver to Morristown and Brockville (St. Lawrence River)
14771	15000	Butternut Bay, Ont., to Ironsides I., N.Y. - Chippewa Bay downriver to Crossover Island (St. Lawrence River)
14772	15000	Ironsides I., N.Y., to Bingham I., Ont. - Alexandria Bay area downriver to Goose Bay, includes Lake of the Isles (St. Lawrence River)
14773	15000	Gananoque, Ont., to St. Lawrence Park, N.Y. - Round Island near Clayton downriver to Swan Bay (St. Lawrence River)
14774	15000	Round I., N.Y., and Gananoque, Ont. - Foot of Wolfe Island downriver including Grindstone and Clayton to Round Island (St Lawrence River)



# Black River

B L U E W A Y

A mix of unspoiled beauty, rapid whitewater and rich history make the Black River a recreation dream. Long thought of as an industrial river thanks to its turn-of-the-century heyday, the Black has been redefined by paddlers, birdwatchers and anglers as an outdoor playground. With its three distinctly different flows, the Black serves casual vacationers, adventurers and adrenaline junkies with room to spare.

Starting in the lower Adirondack Mountains near Forestport and Boonville, the Black flows 114 miles northwest to the mighty Lake Ontario. From its origins, the wild river snakes into the lowlands, along the way becoming the place fly fishing anglers see in their dreams. Nature watchers discover an abundance of mallards, Cardinals, deer and more.

From Port Leyden to Carthage, it's obvious why the river's slow, steady currents attracted lumber companies and mills in the 1800s. Today paddlers can still see the old dams and catwalks. Waterfront communities still keep an eye on the Black, opening their doors to visitors and sharing stories of their secret playground.

From Carthage, the Black heads west skirting Fort Drum and rushing into the heart of the City of Watertown, where whitewater is king and rafting companies offer the East Coast's greatest paddling adventures. Watertown is popular with whitewater kayakers, who play on its natural waves.

The Black cascades its way out of Watertown through a cluster of welcoming communities with scores of public fishing access, boat launches, trails and observation areas before raging into Black River Bay and Lake Ontario.

With so much to offer, the Black is heading for another heyday, as a recreational paradise.

[www.BlackRiverNY.com](http://www.BlackRiverNY.com)

## The Famous Shore Dinner

There is no better end to an enjoyable day of fishing than the famous shore dinner. Among the many charter captains, preparing the shore dinner for visiting anglers is a tradition that has been handed down through the generations. Relax and enjoy sandwiches of bacon and tomato while your guide fillets the day's catch. The main course follows with a crisp garden salad, tasty salt potatoes and mouth-watering fish fillets prepared before your eyes. For dessert there's lightly browned french toast with real maple syrup.

Be sure to ask your charter captain about this wonderful tradition.



## Fishing Regulations

### New York

A license is needed to fish or hunt in the State of New York (ages 16 and over). A variety of resident and non-resident licenses are available covering a full season, week or day.

Rules and regulations specific to species and bodies of water are available where fishing licenses are sold or by visiting the New York Department of Environmental Conservation website at [dec.ny.gov](http://dec.ny.gov).

### **Important Note:**

*There is not reciprocity of licenses in the border waters of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River. You must have the appropriate credentials to fish within the boundaries of either New York or Ontario. Anglers should also become familiar with the rules for crossing the USA/Canada border by boat. See: [www.cbp.gov/travel/pleasure-boats-private-flyers](http://www.cbp.gov/travel/pleasure-boats-private-flyers)*

### Province of Ontario

A license and/or Outdoors Card is needed to fish or hunt in the Province of Ontario for those 16 and older, or 15 with parental permission. A variety of resident and non-resident licenses, tags and Outdoors Cards are available covering a full season, week or day.

Rules and regulations specific to species and bodies of water are available where fishing licenses are sold or by visiting the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources fishing site at [mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/fishing](http://mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/fishing).



## Hunting

### **Waterfowl:**

With hundreds of miles of shoreline along Lake Ontario, the St. Lawrence River and more than 100 inland lakes, ponds and reservoirs, it is easy to see why this region is one of the Atlantic Flyway's largest migrating waterfowl spots.

The region offers prime waterfowling in a variety of settings. The bulk occurs on the inland swamps, marshes and ponds for mallards, wood ducks, black ducks and teal. The second half of the season produces good wing shooting for both puddle ducks and divers. Diving ducks show in numbers around the beginning of November, when prime hunting is out on the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario. Divers that cross our skies include canvasbacks, redheads, goldeneyes, ringnecks, buffleheads and most common, broadbills or bluebills.

### **Upland Birds:**

Thousands of acres of private and public land make for fantastic upland bird hunting opportunities. Ruffed grouse or partridge, a native upland bird species, are abundant in the region. New York has long stocked public land with pheasants for the fall season.

### **Deer:**

Whitetail deer herds in the "North Country" remain strong. Most hunting in the county is on private land, but several DEC Wildlife Management Areas provide good opportunities for a trophy buck. Check the DEC website at [dec.ny.gov](http://dec.ny.gov).

### **Turkey and Small Game:**

Vast acres of public and private woodlands and fields are prime for calling-in a tom turkey in May. Hunters can also pursue the keen-eyed wild birds in the fall. Cotton-tail rabbits, snowshoe hares and gray squirrels are fair game in the fall and winter.

### **Ontario:**

North of the border, game includes whitetail deer, moose, black bear, turkey, waterfowl/migratory birds and small game such as fox, beaver, squirrel and rabbit. Go online to [mnr.gov.on.ca](http://mnr.gov.on.ca) to view current hunting regulations, fees and guidelines as well as locations and usage of Wildlife Management Units.

# Hunting Guides

## FUN-2-FISH CHARTERS

### Dave Gascon

Bonnie Castle Marina • Alexandria Bay, NY 13607  
315-771-2699 • fun2fish@cit-tele.com • www.fun2fishcharters.com

*Guide ducks, geese and waterfowl. Member of Alexandria Bay and Black Lake Chambers of commerce.*

## Grindstone Island Hunting Guide Service

### Harry Slate

10841 Northshore Rd. • Clayton, NY 13624  
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*Enjoy a two, three or four day hunt on one of the largest islands in the Thousand Islands, accessible only by boat. Package includes: Transportation by boat to and from Grindstone Island, overnights in a camp along the shore of the majestic St. Lawrence River, meals and the hunt. Optional: Incorporate a muskie fishing trip in with your stay! Packages start at \$375/day.*

## St. Lawrence River Outfitters

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*Guides are 4th and 5th-generation waterfowlers born in the 1000 Islands region and offer a combined 60+ years of hunting experience extending from the Eastern Shore of Maryland to the back water ponds, swamps, marshes, islands and shoals of the mighty St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario. Guided hunts for Canada Goose, spring Snow Goose, puddle ducks, divers, 2 man layout boat, sea ducks, late season Finger Lake hunts, spring turkey and ice fishing trips. Members of Ducks Unlimited, Waterfowl USA and Delta Waterfowl.*

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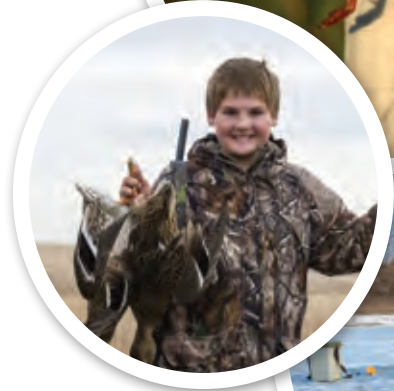
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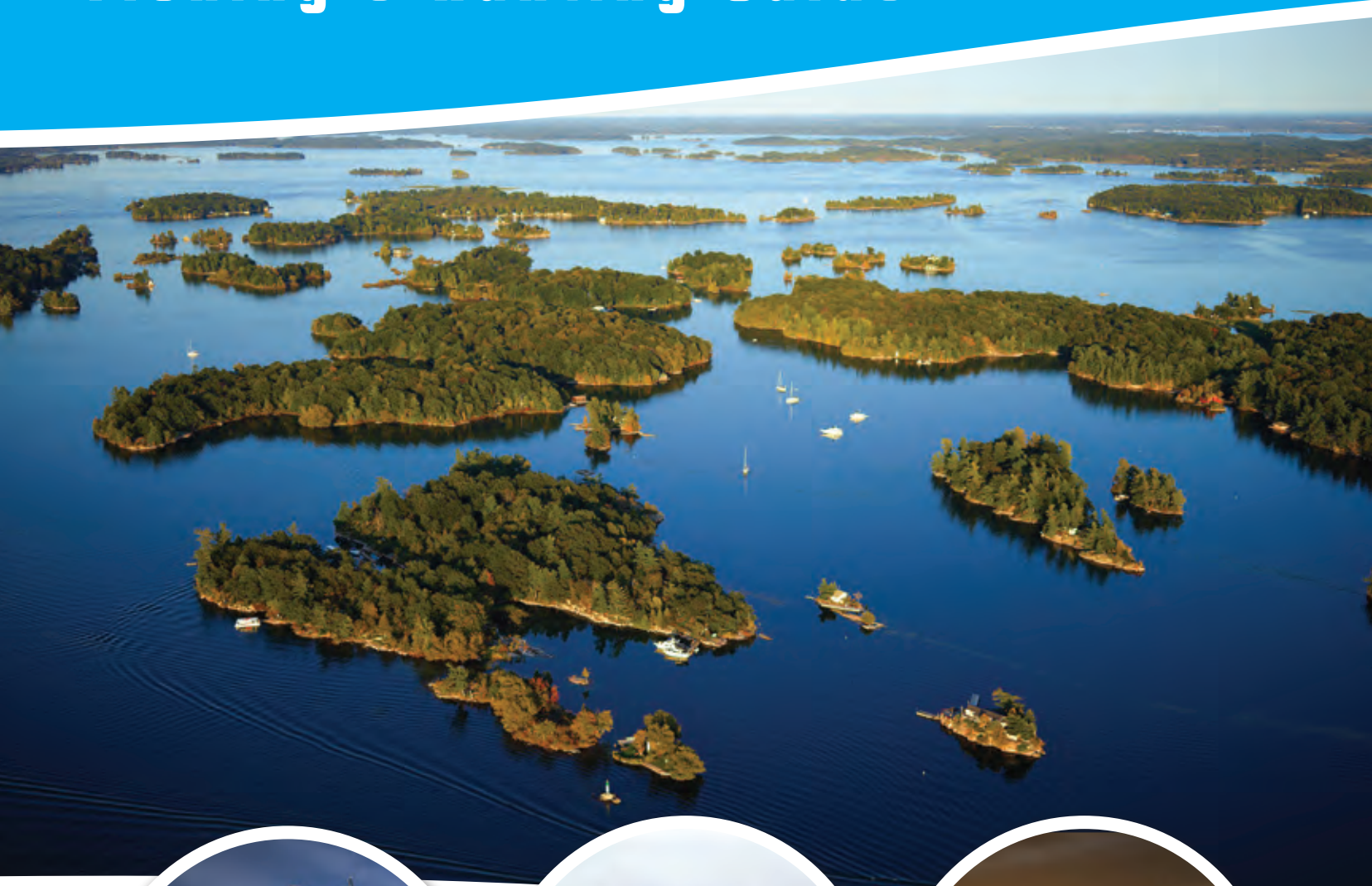
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