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# Get to *The Point!*

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William Avery Rockefeller owned several properties and The Point was one of his vacation camps (they began construction in 1929 and completed it in 1933). You might not be familiar with this term from the northeast, but camps are typically privately owned property, many times on a lake with housing (somewhat loosely analogous to a ranch in Texas). **The Point**, located on **Upper Saranac Lake**, is a time capsule of exterior and interior Adirondack great camp style.

## *The Point of it all*

The main reason guests return again and again is not the lakeside cozy setting; it's not the delicious food served 24/7; it's the people. The staff at The Point is made up of some of the friendliest folks (Texas-level friendly), there to satisfy your every whim. We jokingly said they anticipate your needs to the point of reading your mind (me sitting at breakfast table thinking I'd like another cup of coffee; server appears holding coffee).

The Point staff thrives on making your stay as relaxing as staying at your best friend's lake house (but with five-star VIP treatment). I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know many of the team and missed them as soon as I left!

## *Drive The Point home*

Guest rooms are housed in four buildings, with four of the guest rooms in The Great Hall.

Rockefeller's study is now the **Algonquin** room, and it's cozy, filled with walls of books, two perfectly situated reading chairs and a comfy queen bed. We also enjoyed the door to the back terrace where we dined many times.

But if you're looking for a more spacious suite, **The Mohawk** was the Rockefeller master bedroom, featuring a luxe king bed fit for "the princess and the pea," two original reading chairs enjoyed by Rockefeller and his wife, a fireplace (which we used in July), a large bathroom spacious enough for a chair, and a door leading out to a private patio overlooking the lake.

One of the buildings houses the pub downstairs and three guest rooms. That building was originally their three-car garage; the original gas pump still sits outside. The pub houses a host of interesting antiques. Pro tip: Ask for a Kolsch ale from the **von Trapp Brewery** in Stowe, Vermont.

## *Beside The Point*

Any season of the year, one of the prime activities at The Point is simply curling up with a great book (it helps that there's no WiFi or cell service), and you can pair this with a glass of wine or craft beer just by asking. There's a sense of peacefulness that permeates the camp. But, if you'd rather be more active, the summer temperatures allowed us to hike two trails: the "blue trail" outside the gate (just challenging

enough to get out of breath and break a sweat) and a trail we reached by boat, a 45-minute hike across to **Waller Pond**.

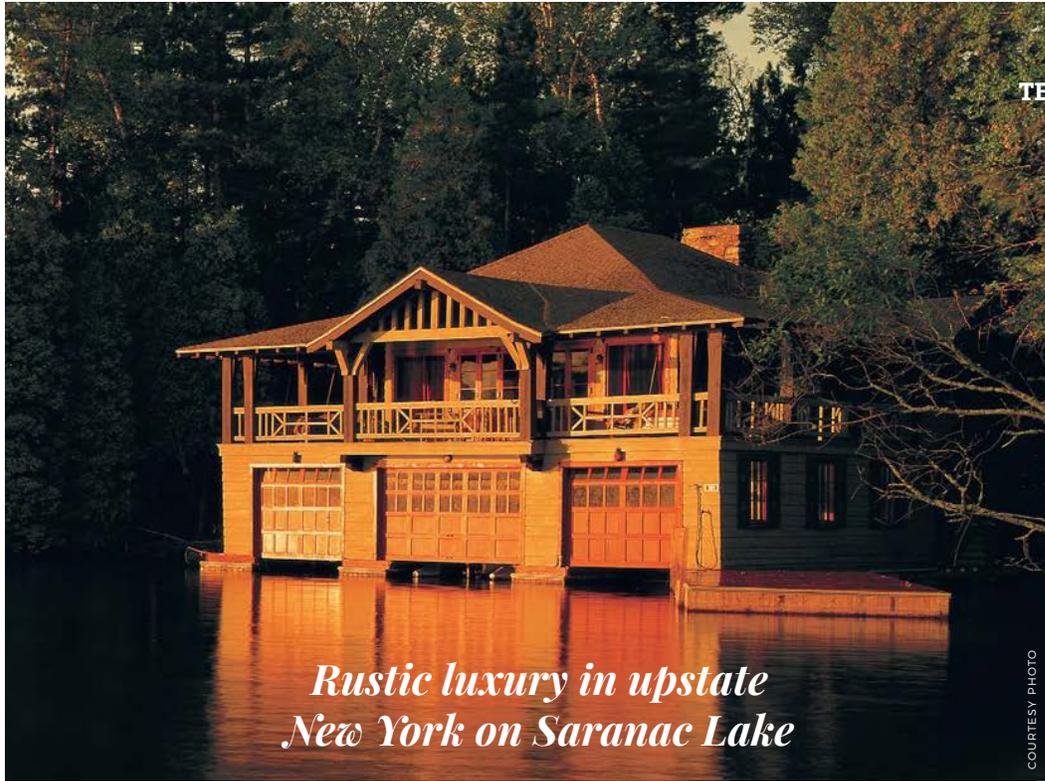
We also enjoyed taking one of The Point's 20-horsepower outboard boats out on Saranac Lake. We explored and then settled on Windy Island where The Point staff set up a cloth-covered table for the lunch they prepared and delivered to us. Fish and chips with craft beer on your own private island, anyone? #spoiledrotten

The fleet also includes electric boats you can take out yourself; plus three boats that The Point will provide a captain for: a ski boat, a 33-foot mahogany hacker craft beauty and a replica of a 1920s Victorian fantail riverboat. Occasionally, their nightly cocktail hour will be on this boat, weather permitting.

## *What's The Point?*

All-inclusive is The Point! All of your food and beverage is included for your entire stay. (Nightly rates for a couple are \$1,800 for Algonquin and \$2,300 for Mohawk.) Not only do you get to enjoy gourmet meals, but you have booze at your fingertips at all times, no extra charge. The breakfast menu stayed the same for our three-day visit, but we saw others ordering things not on the menu... just because! I loved the breakfast bowl full of quinoa, a sous vide egg, sautéed spinach, feta cheese, sliced avocado and sumac dukkah (like





*Rustic luxury in upstate  
New York on Saranac Lake*

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**Fun Facts**

“Forever wild” is the slogan of the Adirondacks. Prominent politicians and celebrities, including FDR & Teddy Roosevelt, have long enjoyed visiting this area of outstanding natural beauty.

The Point is dog-friendly. Guests can bring their own furry friend; and Romeo is an adorable dog in residence.

Returning guests have many fun stories about The Point’s over-the-top service. One guest told us his car arrived on empty and when he got in to leave, his gas tank was magically full!

There are many hikes of various levels within a decent driving distance. The Point will happily loan you a car for the day to go off-property.

turmeric nuts). Other choices included a fried chicken breakfast sandwich, coconut bircher muesli and Catsmo gravlax.

Lunch is a set single offering, but guests are encouraged to ask for other choices if the feature doesn’t suit them. You can request your lunch be served anywhere on property. Most eat on the terrace or inside the Great Hall, but you could choose the table in the pub, on your patio, at the actual point of the property, a picnic packed to take with you or any other location that you fancy.

Dinner is served at 8pm, following the cocktail hour, where you are encouraged to mix and mingle with other guests and enjoy communal dining in the Great Hall. But, as with any other meal, you’re free to dine alone at your preferred location. (Guests who have been coming to The Point for years chose to eat in the kitchen one night.) Dinner is a four-course gourmet dining experience with wine pairings along the journey. My favorite dinner included housemade ricotta gnocchi, diver scallops, lamb loin and lemon pudding cake.

As if that’s not enough sustenance, yummy snacks are left in your room throughout the day and the “night butler” encourages crazy culinary requests all hours of the night. (How about some honey truffle fries at 2am?) Apparently, he gets a kick out of catering to the most outlandish requests!

**Getting to *The Point***

From Texas, you might choose to fly into **Boston’s Logan airport** and take **Cape Air** to Saranac Lake. Cape Air, a small boutique carrier, flies to various locations within the Northeast, to the Caribbean and beyond.

Some things to know:

- » You must check-in at the airport’s Cape Air desk a minimum of one hour before your flight. These planes are small so they need to weigh baggage (even your backpack) and they’ll ask for your weight, too!
- » Our plane held eight passengers and two pilots. Our backpacks went into a cargo space on the wing of the plane, but you can carry on reading material.
- » Because these planes are petite, you might experience a little turbulence going over the mountains. They have to be uber-aware of the weather patterns. If storms are imminent, they might need to cancel a flight. Be flexible with your travel plans.
- » If they reach their weight limit, your suitcase might need to come on the next flight, as ours did. (We had our bags by 8 pm that night).



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