

14 Perfect Small Mountain Towns You Can Find In Upstate New York

Head upstate to these idyllic (and super cozy) small mountain towns whose hospitality, charm, and scenery are second to none.

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Upstate New York is full of cozy mountain towns whose spectacular scenery; epic outdoor recreation; and a plethora of hip, eclectic eateries, attractions, and accommodations make for the perfect getaway. The following spots are some of New York's top tiny towns: from lakeside retreats with dramatic mountain backdrops; to quaint villages and hamlets bursting with stellar scenery and homey hospitality, these upstate gems are the best ways to experience NY's most charming small-town getaways.

8 Saranac Lake



Saranac Lake, Lake Placid, New York

Like many of New York's best mountain towns, the scenic **Saranac Lake** is also famed for its lovely waterways—making it a bastion for year-round outdoor adventure *and* breathtaking, tranquil landscapes. A bustling downtown area complete with eclectic shops, eateries, and stays round out the Saranac Lake experience—and creates a one-of-a-kind upstate getaway.

- **Things To Do:** Saranac Lake Walking Tour; Adirondack Carousel; Dewey Mountain Recreation Center; Saranac Laboratory Museum
- **Stay The Night:** Saranac Waterfront Lodge; The Point
- **Wine & Dine:** Red Fox Restaurant; Left Bank Cafe; Boathouse Saranac Lake Pub

