

**“In the Footsteps of French Louie”**

To Raquette Lake  
9 Miles

Rt. 28

Inlet, NY

The Gateway to Hiking the West Central Adirondacks

Cedar River Road

To Indian Lake  
12 Miles

**Key**

Road

Dirt Road 15 MPH

Trail

Barrier

Lean To

Louie's Fireplace

Eagle Bay

Inlet

Red River

Bear Pond

Moose River

Sly Pond

Little Lost Pond

Entrance to the Moose River Recreation Area

Limekiln Road

(2)

(5)

(8)

(9)

Otter Brook

Cedar Lakes

Limekiln Lake

(3)

Fawn Lake

Mitchell Ponds

(6)

(10)

Wolf Lake

E

Deep Lake

Mud Lake

Northville Placid Trail Red to Whitney

Fulton Chain of Lakes

South Shore Road

(1)

White's Pond

Mitchell Ponds

Beaver Lake

Falls Pond

A

Deep Lake

B

Deep Lake

C

Deep Lake

Deep Lake

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South Lake

Northville Placid Trail Blue

Big West Lake

F

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South Shore Road

N

Balsam Lake

Indian Lake

(7)

Stink Lake

Indian River

Old Forge

Approximately 2 Miles

Always inform someone of your trip route and schedule.

- More detailed maps can be purchased from many of the local stores in the Inlet area on arrival.
- What you carry in, please carry out.
- Fires – If you must build one, please do so with care. Lay up stones and attend it at all times.
- Observe all rules and regulations for hunting and camping in the State of New York.
- Always let someone know where you are going and when you will return.
- Sign in and sign out of all D.E.C. trailhead registers.
- Be prepared for unexpected weather and emergencies

Notify the local forest ranger (Bruce Lomitzer 518-648-5246 or Peter Evans 315-354-4611), if long term camping or if one of your party becomes lost.

The trails in this brochure were inspired by Harvey L. Dunham's timeless book Adirondack French Louie "The old creek flows on, the sun shines, the birds sing and the best pools of fish are ahead of you."

1. Third Lake Creek Trail to Limekiln Lake 5.8 Miles (11.6 Round Trip) On the South Shore Road you will find a very large parking area with a sign for the Third Lake Creek Trail. The trail is very well marked and brings you all the way to the nature trail at the back of the Limekiln Lake Campground.

2. Fawn Lake .9 Miles (1.8 Round Trip) Enter the Moose River Recreation Area and park at Mile Marker 1. You will see a large, open pull-off on the right hand side. An old Jeep log road will take you to the lake in a very short walk. The lake is full of life and very quiet. If you take the trail downstream to Limekiln Lake, be sure to hop the rocks back up stream to Fawn Lake.

3. Whites Pond 2.1 Miles (4.2 Round Trip) Enter the Moose River Recreation Area and travel 5 miles to the Red River. Take a right on the Rock Dam Road. The Whites Pond Trail is on your right. A thick and little used path, but worth the hike.

4. Bear Pond 3.0 Miles (6.0 Round Trip) From the 5 Mile Marker in the Moose River Recreation Area, just after crossing the Red River Bridge, you will see a large sand pit to your left. This road will take you to the trailhead, but it is recommended to park here and hike in.

5. Mitchell Ponds 3.7 Miles (7.4 Round Trip) Start at Mile Marker 5.8 in the Moose River Recreation Area. This is a great place for the whole family, with easy rolling terrain. This trail is an old roadbed that ends at Mitchell Pond then loops back out to the Benedict Creek at Mile Marker 8.

6. Beaver Lake 2.1 Miles (4.2 Round Trip) This is the site of the old Wilcox Hotel and Saw Mill. Both are long gone, but this is still an easy walk on a wide road with open glens around the lake.

7. Balsam & Stink Lake 3.7-4.9 Miles (7.4 & 9.8 Round Trip) Travel to the "Big T" in the Moose River Recreation Area, then bear right over the Moose River and onto the Otter Brook Bridge. After crossing, bear right again and travel down to the Little Indian Lake the trailhead and this parking will lead you to a pair of lakes seldom visited since Louie left them. (You must ford the Indian River on this trail. Use caution, this river can be dangerous.)

8. Sly Pond 7.1 Miles (14.2 Round Trip) This is a long hike that during berry season, blueberries and raspberries could prove fruitful. The trail stretches out along the long low plains that surround the Moose River.

9. Little Lost Pond 7.6 Miles (15.2 Round Trip) This is a hike along the Otter Brook Basin on an old Jeep road. The mountain to the right is Kitty Cobble. Ahead Little Moose, Manbury and Round Mountains lay behind Lost Pond when you gaze across its shores.

10. Big West Lake 8.1 Miles (16.2 Round Trip) A trip into Big West Lake and to the fireplace left behind by Louie is a benchmark in the hikes of anyone "Adirondack". It was here that Louie entertained the "sports" and grew potatoes that were watched over by his collection of Garter Snakes.



### West Canada Lakes Region

These were the lakes made famous by Louie Seymour as he trapped, fished and hunted the West Canada Lakes Region 1855 - 1915.

A. Falls Pond 2.1 Miles (4.2 Round Trip) A fantastic lake to swim in. In the evening you might feel the spirit of Louie pass you on the trail as he makes his way out to the sugar bush in the Otter Valley.

B. Wolf Lake 3.3 Miles (6.6 Round Trip) Named by Louie himself after seeing many in the area. He and Charles Henderson had been photographed here. (This is a very wet trail)

C. Deep Lake 3.4 Miles (6.8 Round Trip) This lake is fed by a cold spring. You can imagine men like Roc Conklin rowing sportsmen along the shore.

D. Brook Trout Lake 5.9 Miles (11.8 Round Trip) This is a great lake to canoe in and explore the shoreline. Boats came over by scoot 'n drag cart from Big West Lake on a narrow pathway.

E. Mud Lake to Little Lost Pond Loop by way of Cedar Lakes (34 Miles Round Trip) These lakes were a favorite place for the Barber's guides; Nat Shepard and John Hines. Lean-to's can be found along the way.

F. South Lake 9 Miles (18 Round Trip) A long thin lake with a terrific sunset at the eastern shore. You can almost see Jim Sturgess coming in with his pack mules to visit Louie's cabin with a load of supplies.

Louie wondered if the time had come. "Ah dunno me. Mebbe stay. Mebbe ah go..."

Well, Louie, you don't have to go. You can stay here as long as you want to.

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