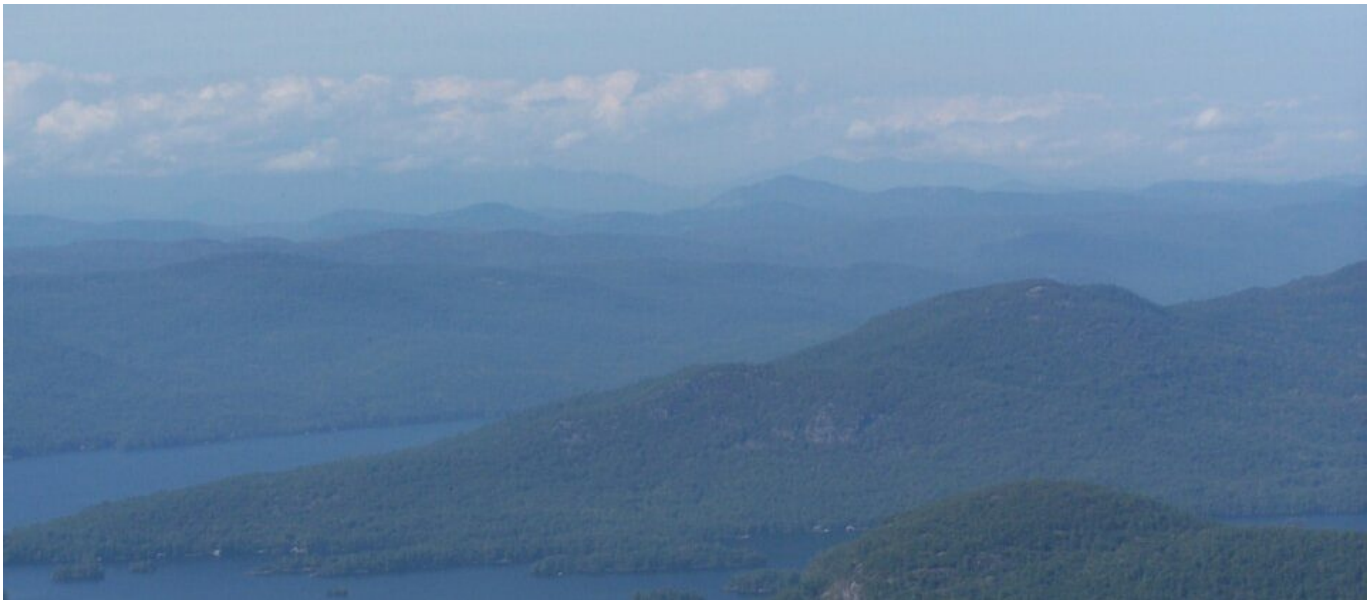


BOLTON LANDING · NEW YORK

Lake George

An Adirondack Escape at The Sagamore

Friday, July 10 – Sunday, July 12, 2026
Two nights · The Sagamore Resort · Driving arrival



The Tongue Mountain Range and the island-studded Narrows

Welcome to the Queen of American Lakes

Thomas Jefferson called Lake George “without comparison, the most beautiful water I ever saw,” and two centuries later the view from Bolton Landing makes the case better than any argument could. Thirty-two miles of spring-fed, drinking-water-clear lake threaded between Adirondack ridgelines — and at its narrowest, most dramatic stretch sits The Sagamore, a grand 19th-century resort commanding its own 72-acre island.

This weekend is built around the things this corner of the lake does best: a wooden-boat cruise through the island-studded Narrows, a ridgeline hike on the Tongue Mountain Range with the whole lake spread out below, a golden-hour walk to Mohican Point, and two genuinely good dinners — one on the Bolton Landing lakefront, one at a chef-driven farm-to-table room fifteen minutes south.

The pace is deliberately unhurried. Arrive Friday afternoon with time to wander the village before dinner. Saturday holds the boat, the hike, and the best free sunset on the lake. Sunday opens with a waterfall before the checkout rush and has you southbound before the Northway clogs. Everything that needs a reservation is flagged in the Pre-Departure Checklist — the small kitchens here book out fast in July.

At a Glance

STAY	The Sagamore Resort, 110 Sagamore Rd, Bolton Landing, NY 12814 · +1-518-644-9400 · 2 nights, lake-view room
ARRIVE	Friday by car — ~4 hrs from the NYC metro via I-87 N (Northway), exit 24
SIGNATURE	Lake George Narrows cruise aboard the Sagamore’s 1900s-style launch, the Morgan
ACTIVE	Tongue Mountain Range hike (Day 2) · Shelving Rock Falls (Day 3 morning)
DINE	The Algonquin (Fri) · The Waterhouse Restaurant (Sat)
DEPART	Sunday 11:30 AM — beat the southbound summer traffic



The Sagamore Resort, Bolton Landing

DAY ONE · ARRIVAL

Friday, July 10

Arrive Bolton Landing — sunset on the lakefront terrace

Sunset dock beers at The Sagamore’s lakefront terrace.

High 78°F / low 58°F · mostly sunny, 20% afternoon shower chance — classic mid-July Adirondacks. An easy arrival day: drive up, settle in, let the lake do the work.

10:00 AM · DRIVE

North on the Northway — origin to The Sagamore

Roughly four hours from the NYC metro via I-87 N to exit 24, about 1.5 hours from Albany, 4.5 from Boston. Adjust your departure to your origin — the goal is wheels-down in Bolton Landing by mid-afternoon.

Gas up before the Northway — stations are sparse north of Saratoga.

2:30 PM - CHECK IN

The Sagamore Resort — your island base for the weekend

The grande dame of Lake George, on its own island peninsula just off the village. Official check-in is 4:00 PM, but request early check-in for 2:30–3:00 given the driving arrival.

ADDRESS	110 Sagamore Rd, Bolton Landing, NY 12814
PHONE	+1-518-644-9400
TIMES	In 4:00 PM · Out 11:00 AM
ROOM	Lake-view room or suite — the Narrows view is the whole point; decline garden-view courtyard

Book directly for resort credit. Valet parking is included.

4:00 PM - STROLL

Bolton Landing village — galleries, antiques, lakefront

Five minutes' walk from the resort, Bolton Landing's compact Main Street is the rare Adirondack hamlet that keeps its galleries and boutiques open year-round. Give it 90 unhurried minutes: browse the shops, then drift to Veterans Memorial Park for public beach access and bench views straight up the Narrows.

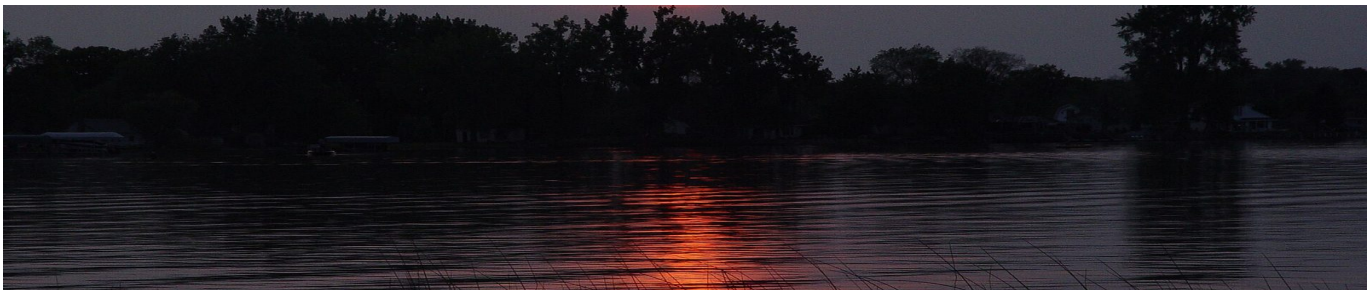
Free, self-guided. Main Street runs parallel to the lakeshore.

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM · DINNER

The Algonquin — Adirondack whitefish and farm fare on the water

Contemporary American built on Adirondack ingredients, right on the Bolton Landing lakefront. The arrival-night table you want.

RESERVE	Phone — +1-518-644-9442
STYLE	Contemporary American · \$\$\$ · lakefront
BACKUP	The Boathouse Restaurant — American casual, lake views



Evening light on Lake George

DAY TWO · THE FULL LAKE

Saturday, July 11

The Narrows by wooden boat, the ridgeline on foot

Sail the Narrows on a wooden launch, then earn your dinner on the Tongue.

High 80°F / low 60°F · sun with scattered afternoon clouds, ~30% late-day thunderstorm chance — typical. Storms roll off the peaks fast and clear within the hour.

9:00 AM - CRUISE

Lake George scenic cruise — wooden boat from the Sagamore dock

The Narrows — the slim, island-studded channel between the main basin and Northwest Bay — are the signature Adirondack postcard, and the best way to see them is from the water. The Sagamore operates its own 1900s-style launch, the Morgan, for hotel guests; two hours, departing the resort's private dock.

BOOK Sagamore concierge — +1-518-644-9400 · thesagamore.com/activities

PRICE \$50–75/person hotel boat · \$35–45 public steamboat alternative

PLAN B Lake George Steamboat Company's narrated Minne-Ha-Ha or Lac du Saint Sacrement cruises from the Bolton Landing public dock

Private charters available. Reserve at hotel booking or immediately at check-in — July weekends sell out.

12:00 PM - HIKE

Tongue Mountain Range — Five Mile Mountain summit

Twenty minutes north of the village, the Tongue is the mountainous peninsula that juts into the lake, and Five Mile Mountain (2,256 ft) is the highpoint of the range. From the Clay Meadow trailhead the route climbs through Lake George Wild Forest to rocky ledges and ridgeline views over the Narrows you just cruised. Budget about three hours round-trip including the drive.

TRAILHEAD Clay Meadow, Route 9N north of Bolton Landing

INFO dec.ny.gov/outdoor/24418.html · free, no permit

Parking fills by 10 AM on summer weekends — the post-cruise midday start means arrive ready to be flexible. Bring water and traction; the ledges are rocky. Easier swap: Prospect Mountain scenic drive + short summit walk.

4:30 PM - GOLDEN HOUR

Mohican Point — the best free hour on the property

The Sagamore sits on a private 72-acre island peninsula, and the walk out to Mohican Point at golden hour is the best free activity on the grounds. An hour, on foot or by kayak.

Free for hotel guests. Kayak and SUP rentals at the beach (summer only, weather permitting) — +1-518-644-9400.

7:30 PM – 9:30 PM - DINNER

The Waterhouse Restaurant — chef-driven, farm-to-table

Fifteen minutes south in Lake Luzerne, The Waterhouse is the area's locally-sourced New American room — small, serious, and worth the short drive. Closed Tuesday–Wednesday, so Saturday is safe.

RESERVE Phone — +1-518-696-3115

STYLE New American, locally sourced · \$\$\$ · Lake Luzerne

BACKUP Frederick's Restaurant, Bolton Landing — Continental, steaks & seafood



Shelving Rock Falls, Lake George east shore

DAY THREE · DEPARTURE

Sunday, July 12

A waterfall before the checkout rush

Shelving Rock Falls at eight, southbound by half past eleven.

High 79°F / low 59°F · partly cloudy — a pleasant Adirondack July Sunday.

8:00 AM · HIKE

Shelving Rock Falls — the east shore's 50-foot cascade

Fifteen minutes' drive around to the lake's quieter east shore, Shelving Rock Falls is a 50-foot cascade reached by an easy walk along an old carriage road. Go at 8 AM and you'll have it nearly to yourselves; two hours covers the trail and the drive.

TRAILHEAD Shelving Rock Rd, Fort Ann, NY (via Pilot Knob Rd)

INFO dec.ny.gov/outdoor/24418.html · free, no permit

The final 3 miles of Shelving Rock Rd are narrow dirt — sedans can crawl it, high-clearance SUV preferred. Small lot; arrive early. Not wheelchair accessible.

11:00 AM · CHECK OUT

The Sagamore — valet has the car ready

Checkout is 11:00 AM sharp. If you'd rather linger over an early lunch before pointing south, the bell desk will hold luggage.

PHONE +1-518-644-9400

11:30 AM · DRIVE

Southbound — beat the Sunday Northway

About four hours back to the NYC area via I-87 S, 1.5 to Albany, 4.5 to Boston via the Mass Pike. Summer Sunday afternoons add 30–60 minutes southbound near the Saratoga and Albany exits — departing by 11:30 keeps you ahead of it; otherwise wait until after 3 PM.

Fuel up in Lake George village (exit 22) if heading south on fumes.

Pre-Departure Checklist

Book tonight

Dinner, The Waterhouse — Sat Jul 11. Call +1-518-696-3115 now. They're small and July weekends book out 1–2 weeks ahead. Confirm the Tue–Wed closure so Saturday is safe.

Dinner, The Algonquin — Fri Jul 10 arrival night. Call +1-518-644-9442.

The Sagamore Morgan boat tour — Sat AM. Contact the Sagamore concierge at +1-518-644-9400 (or concierge@thesagamore.com) at the time of booking confirmation. Backup: Lake George Steamboat Narrows cruise.

This week

Request a lake-view room (not garden-view courtyard) when booking The Sagamore — the Narrows view is the whole point.

Check Shelving Rock Rd conditions 24–48h before departure if heavy rain is forecast — Sagamore concierge or Warren County DEC office, +1-518-623-1200.

Anytime

Download offline Google Maps for the Lake George region — cell service is patchy on Tongue Mountain and Shelving Rock Rd.

Weather Window

Mid-July Bolton Landing is classic Adirondack summer: warm days (high 70s–low 80s°F), cool evenings (upper 50s), brilliant sun with a 20–30% afternoon thunderstorm chance. The storms roll in fast off the peaks, drench for 30–60 minutes, then clear. Pack layers — evenings on the dock run a full 20°F cooler than midday and breezy.

Pack

- Bug spray — mosquitoes and black flies linger lakeside through July
- Hiking boots or trail runners — Tongue Mountain and Shelving Rock are rocky
- Layers — evenings drop to the upper 50s; mornings start cool
- Sunscreen and a hat — lake reflection doubles UV exposure
- Cash — some village shops and farm stands are cash-only
- Binoculars — loons, bald eagles, and ospreys are common on the Narrows
- Swimsuit — Sagamore beach and lake access

Know Before You Go

Small kitchens, big weekends. The Algonquin and The Waterhouse are small operations — book dinner reservations now, 5+ days ahead minimum for Saturday night.

Shelving Rock Rd. The final 3 miles are narrow, rutted dirt. Sedans can make it at a slow crawl; a high-clearance SUV is preferred. After rain, the road may be muddy — confirm with the Sagamore concierge on Day 2.

Sunday traffic. I-87 southbound on summer Sunday afternoons can add 30–60 minutes Albany → NYC. Depart by 11:30 AM or wait until after 3 PM.

The Morgan books out. Reserve the Sagamore boat at the time of hotel booking or immediately at check-in. If unavailable, Lake George Steamboat Company runs narrated cruises from the Bolton Landing public dock — book online ahead at lakegeorgesteamboat.com.

Clay Meadow parking fills by 10 AM on summer weekends. Arrive by 9 AM or substitute Prospect Mountain — the Veterans Memorial Hwy scenic drive plus a short summit walk, with far easier logistics.

Plan B

Rain on Day 2. Skip the Tongue Mountain hike. Instead: Fort William Henry Museum (15 min south, French & Indian War history and demos), The Hyde Collection in Glens Falls (30 min — Picasso, Rembrandt, Degas in a mansion setting), or a longer scenic drive north to the Ticonderoga and Crown Point historic sites (45 min).

The Waterhouse fully booked. Use the backup, Frederick's Restaurant in Bolton Landing. Same-tier options within 20 minutes: Trailhead Lodge at Garnet Hill (North River, 25 min — +1-518-251-2150) or Villa Napoli (Lake George village, Italian — +1-518-668-2060).

Sagamore boat sold out. Book the Lake George Steamboat Minne-Ha-Ha one-hour Narrows cruise (Bolton Landing public dock, lakegeorgesteamboat.com) or rent a private motorboat from Norowal Marina (+1-518-644-3741) for a two-hour self-guided tour of the islands.

Car trouble / no drive. Bolton Landing has no commercial airport and limited transit. Closest: Albany ALB (1.5 h) or Saratoga County (1 h) — rent a car at either, or arrange a private car via the Sagamore concierge (+1-518-644-9400). Amtrak's Adirondack line stops at Fort Edward (30 min south) but service is limited — verify the schedule.

Afternoon thunderstorm Day 2. Swap the Mohican Point walk for a Sagamore spa session (book at check-in, +1-518-743-6010) or the Marcella Sembrich Opera Museum (10 min south on Rt 9N, by appointment — +1-518-644-2431). Evening: early dinner at The Algonquin (move from Day 1 if needed) or casual at Bolton Beans coffee house plus pizza.

Insider Notes

The small intelligence that separates a good weekend from a great one.

The Verandah Sunday brunch

The Sagamore's Verandah Restaurant does a Sunday brunch buffet (10 AM–2 PM) that's a local institution — if you skip the early hike, the smoked salmon and the omelet station are the move. Reservations required, even for hotel guests.

Bolton Beans

4932 Lake Shore Dr — the only year-round café in Bolton Landing, and the one where the guides and seasonal staff actually hang. Grab an oat-milk latte and a scone before the Tongue Mountain hike.

Beat the day-trippers

Hike Shelving Rock Falls at an 8 AM start — by 10:30 the trail fills with day-trippers up from Lake George village and the serenity vanishes.

The cancellation list

If The Waterhouse is booked, call anyway the day before and ask to be put on the cancellation list — they often get a no-show and will text you by 3 PM.

Blueberry season

Bring cash for the Hague farm stands along Rt 9N north of Bolton — mid-July is peak blueberry season, and the honor-system roadside tables have pints for \$4–5.

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