AN ADIRONDACK VACATION
NEAR THE WILD CENTER

Tupper Lake, NY - So after you've visited The Wild Center, described by *The Boston Globe* as “the place to go” in the Adirondacks, what else is there to do in the area? Why not take some of what you've experienced at The Wild Center and really SEE the Adirondacks and the natural world around you. Here are some other ideas of what to do and see in the largest Park in the lower 48 states.

Our Natural World

The Adirondacks are a natural wonder. Here are three mountains near The Wild Center, from the very small to one with a truly spectacular view. They’re easy to find, and to climb:

*Ampersand* - The view from the peak of Ampersand Mountain is one of the best around, and the hike a good day’s outing. Ampersand rises up alone, surrounded by lakes. Climb it, and you feel like you’re at the top of the world. July and August is prime blueberry season.

*Panther Mountain* - Actually more of a kitten, Panther makes a great picnic spot, with a top-of-the-world feeling after a 20-minute stroll.

*Mt Arab Fire Tower* - This peak has a bonus, a recently restored 1918 steel fire tower. The restored observer’s cabin houses a small museum. The tower can be climbed, so see what the fire crews used to look over.

Paddle away

This is the water trip to take. Called the Seven Carries, it takes you into remote ponds in an 18,000-acre canoe-only preserve. Dave Cilley, who wrote the best canoe map of the Adirondacks, will make it easy for you. His professional guide service operates a great boat livery.

Guiding Light

Rob Frenette, a fourth generation Adirondacker is the authority on the local waters and woods. Rent canoes or kayaks for a leisurely paddle or arrange to be equipped for an extended trip into the Adirondack Wilderness.

Three must sees near The Wild Center

*Beth Joseph Synagogue* - Erected in 1905 by Russian Jewish immigrants, Beth Joseph was the first synagogue built in the Adirondacks. It has a beautiful interior and is reminiscent of Eastern European rural synagogues. The synagogue has been restored and now offers services, events and a museum in the summer.
**Adirondack Experience** - This is the museum that relates the human experience to the Adirondacks. Learn how people adapted to and settled in the Adirondacks. Everything from rustic furniture to restored boats and railway cars. 22 indoor and outdoor exhibit areas.

**Great Camp Sagamore** - Visit one of the last Great Camps of the Adirondacks. Home to the Vanderbilts for over 50 years, this National Historic Landmark dates back to 1895.

**Towards Lake Placid**

**John Brown Farm** - The abolitionist’s grave is here, along with interpretive displays at his farmhouse and out-buildings. A network of nature trails wind through the area.

**Ski Jump Elevator** - A 120-meter leap from John Brown’s home, the Olympic Ski jumps offer a 20 story elevator ride up to an observation tower. They jump all year round, so don’t be surprised to see flying athletes.

**Tunnel to the Top** - Another great outing near Lake Placid. There’s one road to the top of one mountain in the Adirondacks, and this is it. But the best part is the tunnel. Carved 27 stories below the summit, the tunnel takes you to an elevator, and from there, you go up. A piece of another era.

**On Lake Champlain**

**Fort Ticonderoga** - This was where Benedict Arnold did the right thing (betrayal came later). It’s beautifully restored, with period gardens too. Costumed interpreters and cannons bring history to life.

**Essex** - The whole village of Essex is on the National Register of Historic Places. Founded in 1765, it contains one of the most intact collections of pre-Civil War village architecture in America. The walking tour guide includes a history of the area and brief details on 28 structures in the village and 24 outside the village.

**Where to stay**

For more information on where to stay in the area please visit the following local Visitor Bureaus:

Tupper Lake Chamber of Commerce, Saranac Lake Chamber of Commerce, and Lake Placid/Essex County CVB

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