

Welcome to Lewis County the Adirondacks Tug Hill Region!

Lewis County is one of two counties in New York categorized “rural,” with nearly 20% of the land being used for agriculture. They are proud to claim that there are more cows in Lewis County than people—over 28,000 cows and approximately 27,000 people—and this has probably been true for a long, long time. The area also accounts for 13% of the maple syrup produced in New York State—nearly 29,000 gallons!



Lewis County has unique geography. In a drive of 30 miles you can travel from the Tug Hill Plateau, home of the greatest snow fall in the eastern United States, through the Black River Valley’s fertile farm lands, and into the western edge of the Adirondack Mountains. In a short drive you will find over 500 miles of snowmobile trails, the only permitted ATV trail system in the state, and ample places to ski, horse-back ride, bike, canoe, kayak, fish, and hunt. We invite you to stray a little from the beaten path and visit us here in the Adirondacks Tug Hill Region.



Averaging about 200 inches of snow annually, Lewis County is the place for winter enthusiasts! This is snowmobile paradise as there are over 600 miles of trails. Lake-effect snowstorms cover this area in a canvas of white, waiting to capture the traces of your winter adventure. The American Maple Museum in downtown Croghan conducts demonstrations of techniques used to produce this syrup.

Beyond the wet muddy springs are warm, breezy summers, and crisp, fresh autumns— making Lewis County a great place to ride! Hundreds of miles of trails and off-season roads offer a different terrain for every preference. Many businesses located along the trails cater to the ATV enthusiast.

With more than 175,000 acres of public land within its borders, a long hunting season stretching from October to December, and a mix of woodlands and open fields, Lewis County is a good bet for big bucks. Black powder, archery, and regular seasons all offer a nice chance for hunters to enjoy the Adirondack fall beauty. The number of deer in the Northern Zone is less than in the Southern Zone because of range quality and winter severity conditions. On the other hand, hunting pressure is light, so that only about 30 percent of the bucks are taken during the entire season. Translated into opportunity, this means that, unlike the Southern Zone hunting, your chances of success are equally good throughout any week of the season. And if you are looking for big racks, the more remote sections are your best choice. The lower rate of buck harvest results in an overall older age of bucks living in the county. Thus, many of the older males have trophy antlers.

