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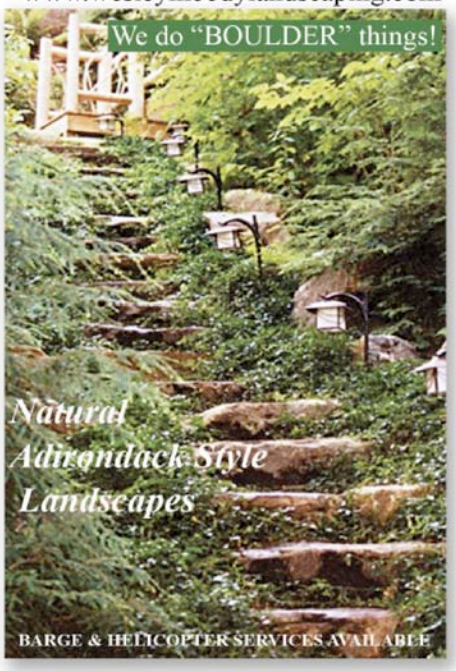

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Welcome!
This brochure was produced to provide information about attractions, services, and events happening in Paul Smiths, Rainbow Lake, Gabriels, and McColloms, as part of a smart growth initiative. In 2008, the Town of Brighton received an Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Grant for a sustainable economic development project to determine ways to maximize our natural, cultural, historical, and creative resources. Brighton is a wonderful place to live and work, as well as a recreation haven, sporting hiking trails, numerous lakes and rivers for paddling, wetland birdwatching, historical sites, crafters' studios, working farms, a nature center, and an award-winning college. This brochure would not be possible without the generous support of the Brighton business community, so please support our sponsors. We hope you enjoy your visit, and appreciate all that the Town of Brighton has to offer!

Sincerely,

The Brighton Town Board

March 16, 2009

For Your Information

All Town of Brighton phone numbers are within the 518 area code.

Emergency: 911

Brighton Town Hall: Open Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12-5 PM, 327-3202
Brighton Highway Department: 327-3201

Town of Brighton board meetings are held every second Thursday of the month at 7 PM, at the Brighton Town Hall (corner of State Route 86 and Jones Pond Road, Paul Smiths).

The Town of Brighton Park, located at the corner of State Route 86 and Rainbow Lake Road, features field house, playground, picnic pavilion, playing fields, and horseshoe pits:
327-3530 (field house)

Adirondack Regional Airport: 891-4600

For more information about the Town of Brighton visit: http://townofbrighton.net

Did you know...

Three different US presidents were guests at Paul Smith's Hotel in its heyday: Grover Cleveland, Theodore Roosevelt, and Calvin Coolidge.[1]

In 1926, President Calvin Coolidge and his wife spent the entire summer at White Pine Camp in Paul Smiths, hence the nickname, the Summer White House. The White House executive offices that summer were located in a cottage at Paul Smith's Hotel. Another hotel cottage housed twelve staff telegraph officers. [1]

Approximately 47% of the land in the Town of Brighton is state-owned. Paul Smith's College land accounts for an additional 20% of town acreage.

The Town of Brighton is 20% wetlands and nearly the entire town is underlain by a high-quality aquifer. Many of the wetland areas are home to rare and threatened species such as spruce grouse, moose, and three-toed woodpecker.

The Saint Regis Canoe Area, the only designated canoe area in New York State, has several access points in the Town of Brighton, including the St. Regis River and Upper and Lower St. Regis Lakes.

Brighton lies in three different major watersheds: the Saranac/Chazy-Lake Champlain watershed, St. Regis-St. Lawrence watershed, and Salmon/Trout-St. Lawrence watershed.

The Adirondack Regional Airport, which provides daily service to Boston, is located a few miles from the Town of Brighton.

[1] Collins, Geraldine. The Brighton Story, Being the History of Paul Smiths, Gabriels, and Rainbow Lake. Saranac Lake, NY: The Chauncy Press, 1977.

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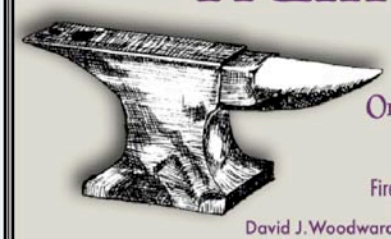
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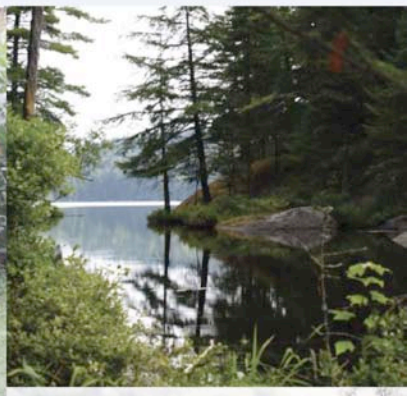

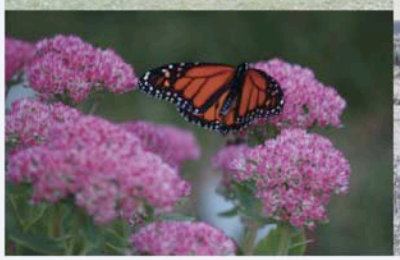

Year-Round Brighton Happenings

Spring

- Paul Smith's College Sugarbush Breakfast–April: 327-6430
- Great Adirondack Birding Celebration–June, Adirondack Park Agency Visitor Interpretive Center (VIC), Paul Smiths: 327-3000

Summer

- Adirondack Farmers Market, located at Paul Smith's College– June-August: 891-7470
- Pat Stratton Memorial Ride– August: 891-1616
- Guided Wilderness Canoe Paddles, VIC – summer: 327-3000
- Adirondack Almanac Lecture Series, VIC– Wednesday evenings, summer: 327-3000
- White Pine Camp Summer White House Tours– Saturdays, July & August: 327-3030
- Brighton History Days–Sponsored by Town of Brighton & Brighton Architectural Heritage Committee, July: 327-3202
- St. Regis Canoe Invitational Race, Paul Smith's College– July: 327-6389
- Town of Brighton Ice Cream Social– August: 327-3202
- Adirondack Wildlife Festival, VIC– August: 327-3000

Fall

- Artist at Work Studio Tour Weekend, sponsored by Adirondack Artists' Guild– September 891-2615
- Great Adirondack Corn Maze, Tucker Farms– August-October 637-1230

Winter

- Cut Your Own Christmas Tree, Moody's Tree Farm– November-December: 891-4147
- Joy of Giving Party sponsored by New & Improved–Paul Smith's College, December: 327-3554
- Saturdays Are for Kids programs– VIC: 327-3000
- Chilly Ski and Snowshoe Festival– VIC: –January 327-3000
- Paul Smiths-Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department Lasagna Dinner, fund raiser–March: 327-3600

Attractions & Activities

Spring/Summer/Fall

Hiking: Jenkins Mountain, Jones Hill, Red Dot Trail, Hayes Brook Trail, Jackrabbit Trail, St. Regis Mt., NYS Adirondack Park Agency Visitor Interpretive Center (VIC)

Canoeing/Boating Access: Barnum Pond, Mountain Pond, Black Pond (canoe only), St. Regis River, Upper St. Regis Lake, Lower St. Regis Lake, Church Pond (canoe only - access to Osgood Pond), Jones Pond, Rainbow Lake

Fishing (trout stocked): Mountain Pond, Black Pond, Deer Pond, Long Pond, Loon Pond, Lost Pond, Upper St. Regis Lake (salmon), Upper Spectacle Pond

Camping (primitive campsites): Jones Pond, Osgood Pond (lean-tos), Mountain Pond, Seven Carries Canoe Area, Rainbow Lake.

Nature observation/birding: VIC

Tucker Farms: strawberry picking (June-July), corn maze (August-October), pumpkin picking (October)

Horseback Riding Trails: Hayes Brook trails

Geocaching: use zip codes 12970, 12976, 12939

Winter Fun

Jackrabbit Trail: Skiing, Snowshoeing

Snowshoeing/Skiing: VIC: 327-3000

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- Tucker Farms–Pick Your Own Strawberries, Potato Stock, Pumpkins, 56 Hobart Road, Gabriels: 327-3408

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- Twin Pines on Osgood Pond–Vacation Rental, Paul Smiths: 327-3986
- White Pine Camp–Historical Lodging on Osgood Pond, 432 White Pine Rd., Paul Smiths: 327-3030

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- The Great Adirondack Corn Maze–Open 1st Weekend in August through Halloween, 112 Hobart Rd., Gabriels: 637-1230
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- Pat Stratton Memorial Ride–Annual fund raiser through Brighton, Info: 891-1616
- Wiley's Flies–Fly Fishing Shop, 379 Co. Rt. 60, Rainbow Lake: 327-1829

Art Studios

- Point of View Studio–Paintings & Design, Diane Leifheit, Hunt Bldg., 815 St. Rt. 86, Gabriels: 327-3473
- Peter Shrope Studio–Ceramic Artist & Exhibit Design, PO Box 36, Rainbow Lake Rd., Rainbow Lake: 327-5247
- Train Brook Forge–Ornamental Ironwork, David Woodward, 243 St. Rt. 86, Paul Smiths: 327-3747

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- Paul Smith's College–The College of the Adirondacks, It's About the Experience, St. Rts. 86 & 30, Paul Smiths: 800-421-2605

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Mt. Hiking Trail	Gas
Town Line	Church

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Brighton Town Line
Route 30 to Malone
Mt. Pond Rd
Mountain Pond
Slush Pond
Slush Pond Road
Barnum Pond
Jenkins Mt.
Long Pond
Black Pond
Keeses Mill Road
Osgood Pond
White Pine Road
Jones Pond Road Co. Rt. 31
Jones Pond
Rainbow Lake
Rainbow Lake Rd. Co. Rt. 60
Church Pond
Fire Station
Paul Smiths
Paul Smith's College
Brighton Town Hall
Route 86
Town Park
Gabriels
Hobart Rd.
Pine View Cemetery
Bloomingdale Rd. Co. Rt. 55
Rickerson's Brook
Spitfire Lake
Lower St. Regis Lake
St. Regis Mt.
Upper St. Regis Lake
Bear Pond
Seven Carries Canoe Area
Little Long Pond
St. Regis Pond
Green Pond
Route 30
Adirondack Regional Airport
Route 186
Route 86
to Saranac Lake
Lake Clear
Route 30 to Tupper Lake
Lake Clear Junction
Little Clear Pond
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Note: Map not drawn to scale.

Point of View Studio atf 2009
D.E. Leffhert

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