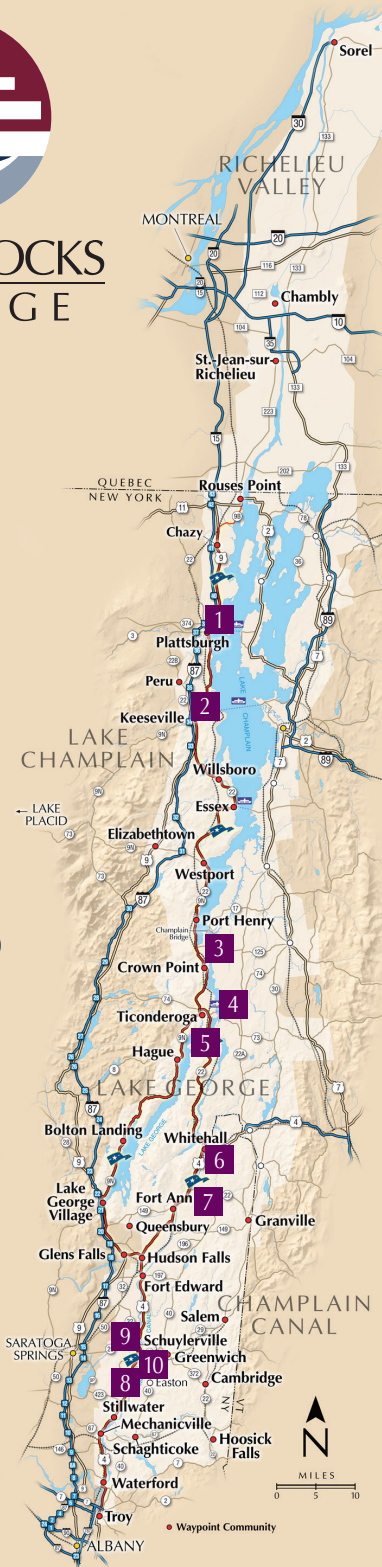




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Turning Point Trail



TURNING POINT TRAIL

Follow in the footsteps of British General John Burgoyne, aka “Gentleman Johnny,” whose fateful decisions led to the turning point of the American Revolution. In the summer of 1777, Burgoyne began his campaign to seize control of the strategic Lake Champlain/Hudson River waterway and cut off rebellious New England from the rest of the colonies.



Fort Ticonderoga (Left). Saratoga NHP (Center). The Drowned Lands. (Right)

The Lakes to Locks PassagePort is your tool to explore The Turning Point Trail and step back in time. Download the audio journey and learn all about the people who traveled through this New York wilderness at www.PassagePort/turning-point/. The tour guides you along 32 stops at key sites and museums, provides travel tools for driving and dining, and includes images.

- 1 The veranda of **Clinton Community College** in Plattsburgh offers one of the most wide-sweeping views of Lake Champlain, where in October 1776, booming cannons, gunfire, and searing smoke filled the air during the Battle of Valcour.
- 2 **Ausable Chasm** retains the wild character the British encountered when traveling through this region, a striking contrast to the cultivated fields of Europe.
- 3 The fort at **Crown Point** was a critical staging ground for Burgoyne and his 14,000 troops and camp followers, as they prepared to attack Fort Ticonderoga.
- 4 The **Fort View Inn** offers a panoramic view of where all the action took place at Fort Ticonderoga and Mount Independence on that momentous night of July 4, 1777.
- 5 At the **Drowned Lands Pocket Park** in Dresden, Lake Champlain shrinks to a narrow river, forcing Burgoyne’s flotilla to sail single-file in their pursuit of the fleeing Rebels.
- 6 Anticipating Burgoyne’s arrival in Whitehall, the Rebels set fire to the settlement as they continued their retreat south. At the **Skenesborough Museum** learn why Whitehall is the birthplace of the US Navy.
- 7 Exhibits at the **Fort Ann Pocket Park** describe the vital role this location played in several wars. A replica of the 1777 blockhouse is now a bank.
- 8 At **Saratoga National Historical Park** two costly battles left the British defeated and with little hope. Explore the visitor center to learn about both battles.
- 9 Burgoyne rested at the country home of American General Philip Schuyler, on October 9, 1777, burning it the next day as he and his troops retreated north. The rebuilt **Schuyler House** provides tours.
- 10 **Saratoga Surrender Site** looks much now as it did on October 17, 1777, when Burgoyne ceremoniously gave his sword to Rebel General Horatio Gates, after conceding to a capitulation.



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