

## **Long Tradition of Excellence Marks Certain Establishments July 23, 2002**

Welcome to the Adirondacks. The region has come a long way since Dr. William Seward Webb's railroad opened up its pristine wilderness in 1892. It was a wilderness theretofore known only to those hardy souls fit enough to endure the rigors necessary to experience its primal joys.

Today, the wilderness experiences still exist relatively unaltered, as is the requirement on to be physically fit to sample them.

However, people of all ages and degrees of physical condition can still enjoy many aspects of the wild. It is with that thought in mind that I heartily recommend the following establishments for your consideration. They all have a long history of providing unexcelled accommodations and service to generations of visitors.

Our journey begins in Blue Mountain Lake and extends south along Route 28 to Thendara.

Potter's Resort on the shores of Blue Mountain Lake is our first stop. Overshadowed by the mountain that gave the lake its name, Potter's has been serving patrons with the finest in meals and lodging since 1895. It and the adjacent area offer activities appealing to the day traveler and to those wishing to spend a week or more.

With Potter's as your base, fishing, picnicking, hiking, canoeing, sailing, boating, water skiing, swimming, and tennis are a few of the activities readily available to you and your family. The Adirondack Museum is just a step away and combined with other area gift shops, provides something for everyone's enjoyment.

Holl's Inn is located on Fourth Lake at Inlet. Unpretentious and relaxing, it offers all the amenities found at our first stop. Guests will experience a family atmosphere in which the interests of all members will be met. Serving the public since 1935, the inn will provide you with a memorable dining and vacation experience.

VanAuken's Inne in Thendara is our next stop. VanAuken's has been an historical landmark since 1891. Its 12 guest rooms are enhanced by a dining room famous for its gourmet food and a tap room that has enjoyed continued popularity with locals.

Combine your stay or dining experience with a day trip on the railroad that first made the tourist industry a success beginning in 1892.

One need only cross the street to experience an Adirondack Scenic Railroad train adventure. Old Forge Moose River local trips feature special events with train robberies, eco-tours and barbecue cookouts. All trips share one thing in common – spectacular views of nature and wildlife. Twelve other special events and weekends are a regular part of the season running from May 25 to October 20.

The Adirondack Scenic Railroad operates out of Union Station in Utica, Thendara Station, Lake Placid Station and Saranac Lake Union Depot.

Rail trips and the other three attractions briefly outlined are only a small segment of Adirondack vacation possibilities that can be enjoyed by everyone. They all look forward to meeting you and making your vacation the best you ever had.