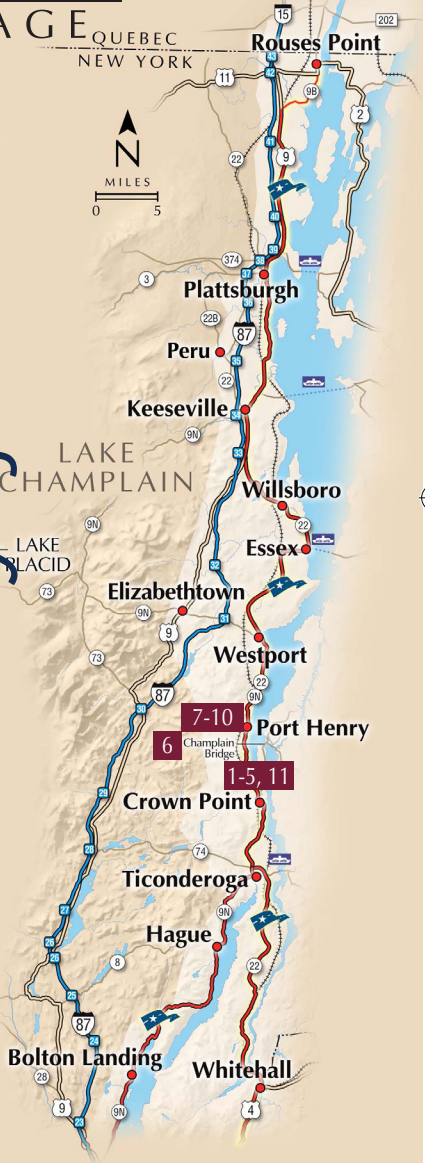




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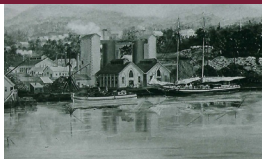
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The booming iron industry in Crown Point and Moriah may be gone, but its legacy remains. Some 150 years ago, this area employed thousands, mining thousands of tons of iron ore per month—most of which traveled south to Albany and Troy to be transformed into horseshoes, nails, wheel axles, and later railroads.



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- 1 On the shores of **Crown Point State Historic Site**, the first European noted the iron-rich black sand. Looking east across the lake, you'll see a huge iron tailings pile. 21 Grandview Drive, Crown Point.
- 2 Stroll along the **Crown Point Green Historic District**. This town park anchors the heart and history of the Hammond family, the first iron industrialists of Crown Point. Park Avenue, Crown Point.
- 3 The **Essex County Fish Hatchery** is the site of Crown Point's first iron forge. It sits along Putnam Creek, which once had as many as 100 waterwheels. 98 Fish Hatchery Road, Crown Point.
- 4 The bustling company town of Ironville is now the **Penfield Homestead Museum**, which houses a replica Catalan forge and offers a walking tour of the historic ironworks. 703 Creek Road, Crown Point.
- 5 The **White Church**, with its prominent iron weathervane, sits along the first route of land travel in the town. White Church Road, Crown Point.
- 6 Climb **Belfry Mountain Historic Fire Tower** for a spectacular view of several iron tailings piles and the center of mining operations, where more than 33 million tons of iron ore were taken. Dalton Hill Road, Mineville.
- 7 Hike **CATS Cheney Mt Trail** (1.5 mi RT) for a view of Republic Steel's #7 Mill and the 12.5 million ton tailings pile. Pelfershire Road, Port Henry.
- 8 Once an industrial lakefront and site of the Bay State Iron Company (right image above), **Power House Park** now offers recreational opportunities to enjoy the lake. 35 Dock St, Port Henry.
- 9 The architecture of **downtown Port Henry**, such as the Sherman Free Library, Lee House, and Ledgeside, reflects the great wealth that mining and manufacturing created. Main Street, Port Henry.
- 10 Housed in the Witherbee, Sherman & Co. Carriage House, the **Iron Center Museum** documents the operations of the local iron mining industry from the 1820s to 1971. 34 Park Place, Port Henry
- 11 It was at **Hammond Wharf at Monitor Bay Park** that the Crown Point Iron Company built its mammoth double-blast furnace. Crown Point.

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