

■ The Village of Northville

The Village of Northville, NY is located in Fulton County in the Town of Northampton. It is nestled in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains, within the Adirondack Park. Northville sits on the shores of the Great Sacandaga Lake, where the Sacandaga River flows in from the north.

The first permanent settlement took place in the late 1780's. Main Street was surveyed and laid out in 1797. In 1807 only six families lived along Main Street. The village was incorporated in 1873. During the latter half of the nineteenth century, the lumber industry created a boomtown with milling, cooperage, tanning and woodenware industries. Up into the early 1900's the Village (as well as the Hamlet of Sacandaga Park, across the river) enjoyed a strong economy and a rich cultural life. There were a number of large hotels, entertainment halls and a railroad. The construction of the Conklingville Dam in 1929 brought major changes to the local economy. The gates of the dam were closed on March 27, 1930 and although the Village of Northville itself was mostly spared, several other communities, including a large portion of Sacandaga Park were flooded and gone forever.

Because of its location along the Great Sacandaga Lake, proximity to Route 30 being the entrance to the Southern Adirondacks, wonderful boating, hiking and skiing opportunities, its picturesque setting and historical architecture, Northville has become a destination point for summer, fall and winter tourists. Facilities for tourists are steadily expanding in the Great Sacandaga Lake region and now include several fine restaurants, a golf course and bed and breakfasts. You will also find a wonderful cross-country ski resort, a regional cultural arts program, arts and craft shops, marinas, libraries, an extensive fish stocking program, sailing regattas, opportunities for hiking, cycling, snowshoeing, ice-fishing, snowmobiling and other outdoor pursuits. Camping at the Northampton Beach Campground, right along the lake, is an experience not to be missed.

In recent years, the village has created the Waterfront Park which sits behind the historic Main St. buildings, overlooking Northville Lake, better known to locals as "The Little Lake." Many community events are held in this park throughout the year, as it boasts a performance stage, picnic areas, a gazebo, and ample room for vendors or activities.

Be sure to check out the many local businesses along Main Street and Bridge Street, located in the historic buildings, some of which date back to the mid-1800s. There are several shops and restaurants within the village, as well as a gas station, convenience stores, a hardware store, post office and other businesses providing specialized services.



1890



1950's



1955

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PICTURES

1890: Unpaved Northville Main Street looking north, 1950's, 1955 (Provided by G. Cramer)
Present Day Northville (pictures taken by NCS students)

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NORTHVILLE Business District Historic Walking Tour



NORTHVILLE, NEW YORK



- 1 Gifford Valley School House #9**
Today: Northville Northampton
 Historical Museum
 412 South Main Street



- 2 Hotel Livery Stable**
Today: The Red Barn
 202 South Main Street



- 3 James A. Cole Block**
Today: Masons Fish House Lodge #298
 172-182 South Main Street
 Wellness in Motion
 174 South Main Street
 Village Cafe and Pizzeria
 172 South Main Street



- 4 The Fry Block**
Today: Timeless Tavern and Inn
 162 South Main Street



- 5 Franklin Wright Block**
Today: Sacandaga Valley Arts
 Network Gallery
 132 South Main Street
 Colorful Collections
 132 South Main Street



- 6 Willard Brothers**
Today: Northville 5-10-25 Cent Store
 122 South Main Street



- 7 G. N. Brown Building**
Today: Dragon City Chinese
 Restaurant
 112 South Main Street



- 8 Allen and Palmer**
Today: Allen and Palmer
 Hardware Store
 112 North Main Street



- 9 Cook and Miller Meat Market**
Today: Shelby's Kitchenette
 132 North Main Street



- 10 Samuel B. Benton Hardware**
Today: JF Farm Store
 132 North Main Street



- 11 Hardpan Store**
Today: Just Because Boutique
 142 North Main Street



- 12 William F. Barker House**
Today: Northville Liquor Store
 172 North Main Street



- 13 Uriah Patrick House**
Today: Adirondack Country Store
 252 North Main Street



- 14 Lee Anibal Law Office**
Today: R. J. Morrison Complete
 Insurance Service
 141 North Main Street



- 15 The Holiness Mission**
Today: Michael J. Poulin,
 Attorney-at-Law
 111 North Main Street
 Happy Returns,
 Business & Personal
 Income Tax Preparation
 111 North Main Street



- 16 Blacksmith Shop**
Today: CMK Realty
 122 Bridge Street



- 17 Malloy Bargain Store**
Today: Klippel's
 Kozy Korner Cafe
 221 Bridge Street



- 18 Mosher's Feed Store**
Today: NBT Bank
 312 Bridge Street



- 19 Abrams Garage**
Today: William Coffey Studio
 322 North Third Street



- 20 John A. Willard House**
Today: Inn at the Bridge
 641 Bridge Street

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