

An American Tour: 3



New York's Ausable Chasm

In its 135th season, Ausable Chasm, as one of the earliest and oldest attractions in the USA, has developed a history filled with adventures, disasters, and many famous visitors. Step back in time as you walk the nature trails through primeval Adirondack Forest. Stroll past Rainbow Falls, Elephant's Head, Column Rock, Hyde's Cave and the eerie quiet of Mystic Gorge. Descend hundreds of feet and walk the natural stone walkways within the Chasm and gaze upon millenniums of geologic history etched in stone. Take a scenic raft, tube or kayak adventure on the legendary waters of the Ausable River through a maze of breathtaking rock formations sculpted across eons by the river's currents.

Ausable Chasm is as breathtaking now as it was 400 years ago when Samuel De Champlain first explored the Champlain Valley. People of all ages enjoy the natural splendor of this Adirondack wonder which began its formation during the Cambrian age - 500 million years ago! This is when the rushing water of the powerful Ausable River began cutting its way deeper into a fault in the Potsdam sandstone strata.

A recent new attraction is the "Rim Walk." Visitors can now walk the rim and peer into the vast chasm below. The new vistas along the rim are spectacular and provide ample bird-watching opportunities! View the Great Blue Heron as it swoops below you through the Chasm as well as Blue Jays, Robins, and maybe a

f a b l e d
Peregrine
F a l c o n .
You'll also
h a ve a
chance to
spot a Bald
Eagle!

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