

ALLEGANY MOUNTAIN RESORT



Western New York's lakeside favorite for more than 50 years



Imagine the ideal outdoor recreation destination, and you'll have a clear picture of Allegany Mountain Resort. Tucked among the wooded foothills of western New York, this postcard-perfect Coast Deluxe Resort embraces equally picturesque Rainbow Lake. Since purchasing the resort in 2010, owners Dave and Marlene Geddes have worked with manager Michelle Holt to make the camping experience here as extraordinary as the location.

For more than half a century, folks have been making vacation memories in this scenic setting, and many who were young in the early days are returning now with their own kids and grandkids. Families bond while fishing on Rainbow Lake and the resort's two spring-fed ponds and paddling in the fleet of rowboats, kayaks, canoes and pedal boats. If you travel with a nonmotorized boat, you're welcome to launch it on the 70-acre lake.

The resort itself covers 310 acres, and you'll find all sorts of outdoor activities on the grounds, from the minigolf course to baseball and soccer fields, horseshoe pits, and basketball, volleyball, shuffleboard and tennis courts. Children have their choice of three playgrounds, and older kids get a place of their own at the teen center. Grownups aren't left out either, with an adult lodge complete with a dining room, a pool table and an extensive library.

In warm weather families slip on their swimsuits and dip into the pair of side-by-side outdoor pools, right next to the poolside café. Indoors, a third swimming pool and a hot tub make a splash in the campground's largest building. Another building serves as a gathering place for family games and social events, and a third building houses the restaurant and general store.

Throughout the summer Allegany Mountain Resort stages family-friendly theme weekends and activities from craft classes to scavenger hunts. On summer evenings the resort keeps things lively with DJs, dance bands and movies under the stars.

Twenty furnished rental cabins and hundreds of RV sites spread out across the property, many of them overlooking the lake. Nearby Ellicottville draws guests to its quaint shops and restaurants. An hour's drive to the north takes you to the bucket-list attraction of Niagara Falls on the New York–Canada border, so make sure to pack your passport.



LOCATION: East Otto, New York

RESORT TYPE: Coast Deluxe

SEASON: May 1 through October 14

WEBSITE: alleganymtresort.com

GOOD SAM RATING: 8/9.5★/8