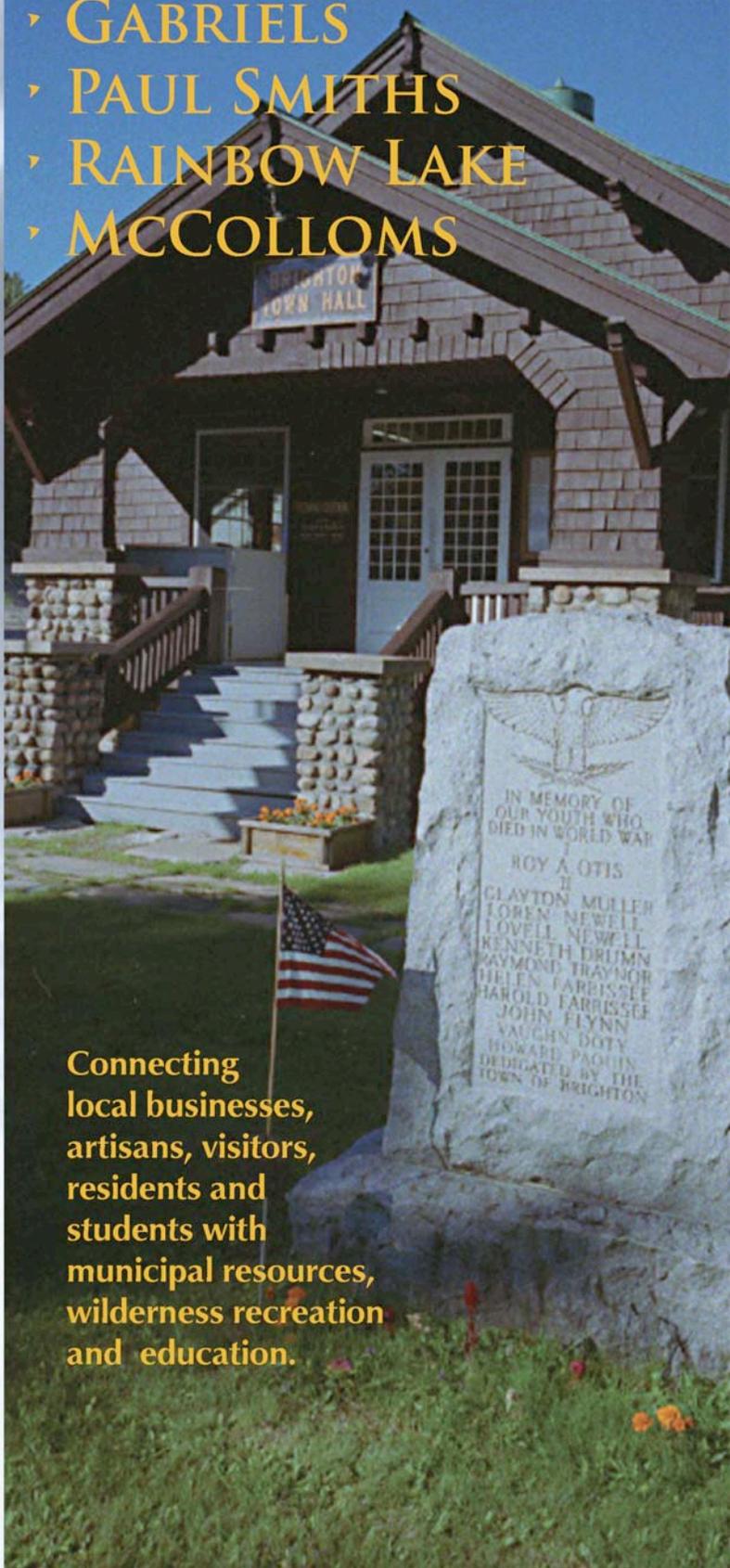


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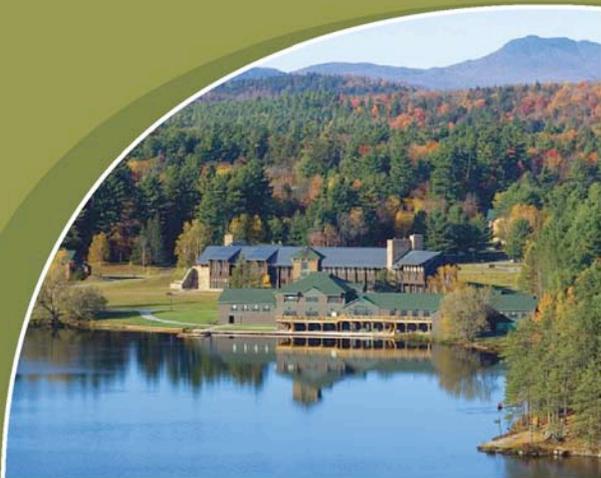
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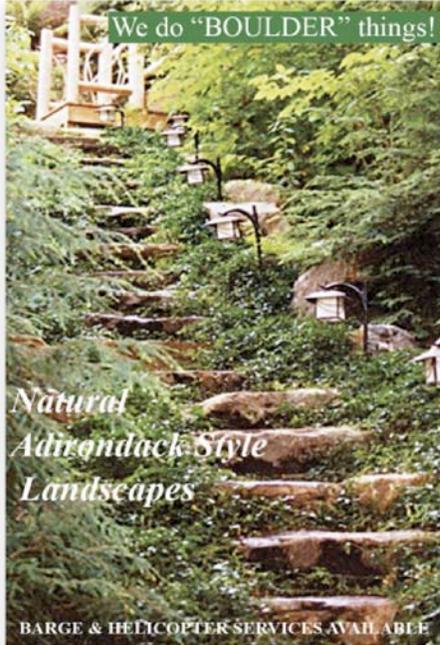
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Brighton Highway Department: 327-3201

Town of Brighton board meetings are held every second Thursday of the month at 7 PM, at the Brighton Town Hall (corner of State Route 86 and Jones Pond Road, Paul Smiths).

The Town of Brighton Park, located at the corner of State Route 86 and Rainbow Lake Road, features field house, playground, picnic pavilion, playing fields, and horseshoe pits:  
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Adirondack Regional Airport: 891-4600

For more information about the Town of Brighton visit: <http://townofbrighton.net>



### Did you know...

Three different US presidents were guests at Paul Smith's Hotel in its heyday: Grover Cleveland, Theodore Roosevelt, and Calvin Coolidge.<sup>1</sup>

In 1926, President Calvin Coolidge and his wife spent the entire summer at White Pine Camp in Paul Smiths, hence the nickname, the Summer White House. The White House executive offices that summer were located in a cottage at Paul Smith's Hotel. Another hotel cottage housed twelve staff telegraph officers.<sup>1</sup>

Approximately 47% of the land in the Town of Brighton is state-owned. Paul Smith's College land accounts for an additional 20% of town acreage.

The Town of Brighton is 20% wetlands and nearly the entire town is underlain by a high-quality aquifer. Many of the wetland areas are home to rare and threatened species such as spruce grouse, moose, and three-toed woodpecker.

The Saint Regis Canoe Area, the only designated canoe area in New York State, has several access points in the Town of Brighton, including the St. Regis River and Upper and Lower St. Regis Lakes.

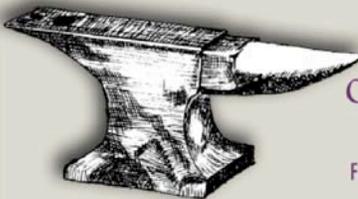
Brighton lies in three different major watersheds: the Saranac/Chazy-Lake Champlain watershed, St. Regis-St. Lawrence watershed, and Salmon/Trout-St. Lawrence watershed.

The Adirondack Regional Airport, which provides daily service to Boston, is located a few miles from the Town of Brighton.

<sup>1</sup> Collins, Geraldine. The Brighton Story, Being the History of Paul Smiths, Gabriels, and Rainbow Lake. Saranac Lake, NY: The Chauncy Press, 1977.

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### Spring

- Paul Smith's College Sugarbush Breakfast—April: 327-6430
- Great Adirondack Birding Celebration—June, Adirondack Park Agency Visitor Interpretive Center (VIC), Paul Smiths: 327-3000

### Summer

- Adirondack Farmers Market, located at Paul Smith's College— June-August: 891-7470
- Pat Stratton Memorial Ride— August: 891-1616
- Guided Wilderness Canoe Paddles, VIC – summer: 327-3000
- Adirondack Almanac Lecture Series, VIC— Wednesday evenings, summer: 327-3000
- White Pine Camp Summer White House Tours— Saturdays, July & August: 327-3030
- Brighton History Days—Sponsored by Town of Brighton & Brighton Architectural Heritage Committee, July: 327-3202
- St. Regis Canoe Invitational Race, Paul Smith's College— July: 327-6389
- Town of Brighton Ice Cream Social— August: 327-3202
- Adirondack Wildlife Festival, VIC— August: 327-3000

### Fall

- Artist at Work Studio Tour Weekend, sponsored by Adirondack Artists' Guild— September 891-2615
- Great Adirondack Corn Maze, Tucker Farms— August-October 637-1230

### Winter

- Cut Your Own Christmas Tree, Moody's Tree Farm— November-December: 891-4147
- Joy of Giving Party sponsored by New & Improved—Paul Smith's College, December: 327-3554
- Saturdays Are for Kids programs— VIC: 327-3000
- Chilly Ski and Snowshoe Festival— VIC: –January 327-3000
- Paul Smiths-Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department Lasagna Dinner, fund raiser—March: 327-3600

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- Twin Pines on Osgood Pond—Vacation Rental, Paul Smiths: 327-3986
- White Pine Camp—Historical Lodging on Osgood Pond, 432 White Pine Rd., Paul Smiths: 327-3030

### Recreation Resources

- The Great Adirondack Corn Maze—Open 1st Weekend in August through Halloween, 112 Hobart Rd., Gabriels: 637-1230
- Mac's Canoe Livery—Organizers of Adirondack Canoe Races, 5859 St. Rt. 30, Lake Clear: 891-1176
- Moody Tree Farm—Cut Your Own Christmas Tree, 60 Co. Rt. 55, Gabriels: 891-2468
- NYS Adirondack Park Agency Visitors Interpretive Center—miles of scenic trails, 8023 St. Rt. 30, Paul Smiths: 327-3000
- Pat Stratton Memorial Ride—Annual fund raiser through Brighton, Info: 891-1616
- Wiley's Flies—Fly Fishing Shop, 379 Co. Rt. 60, Rainbow Lake: 327-1829

### Art Studios

- Point of View Studio—Paintings & Design, Diane Leifheit, Hunt Bldg., 815 St. Rt. 86, Gabriels: 327-3473
- Peter Shrope Studio—Ceramic Artist & Exhibit Design, PO Box 36, Rainbow Lake Rd., Rainbow Lake: 327-5247
- Train Brook Forge—Ornamental Ironwork, David Woodward, 243 St. Rt. 86, Paul Smiths: 327-3747

### Education

- Paul Smith's College—The College of the Adirondacks, It's About the Experience, St. Rts. 86 & 30, Paul Smiths: 800-421-2605

### Services

- AG Construction—Build & Remodel Homes, 22 Plank Rd., Bloomingdale: 946-2565
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### Spring/Summer/Fall

**Hiking:** Jenkins Mountain, Jones Hill, Red Dot Trail, Hayes Brook Trail, Jackrabbit Trail, St. Regis Mt., NYS Adirondack Park Agency Visitor Interpretive Center (VIC)

**Canoeing/Boating Access:** Barnum Pond, Mountain Pond, Black Pond (canoe only), St. Regis River, Upper St. Regis Lake, Lower St. Regis Lake, Church Pond (canoe only - access to Osgood Pond), Jones Pond, Rainbow Lake

**Fishing (trout stocked):** Mountain Pond, Black Pond, Deer Pond, Long Pond, Loon Pond, Lost Pond, Upper St. Regis Lake (salmon), Upper Spectacle Pond

**Camping (primitive campsites):** Jones Pond, Osgood Pond (lean-tos), Mountain Pond, Seven Carries Canoe Area, Rainbow Lake.

**Nature observation/birding:** VIC

**Tucker Farms:** strawberry picking (June-July), corn maze (August-October), pumpkin picking (October)

**Horseback Riding Trails:** Hayes Brook trails

**Geocaching:** use zip codes 12970, 12976, 12939

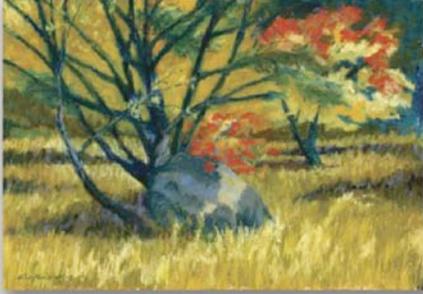
### Winter Fun

**Jackrabbit Trail:** Skiing, Snowshoeing

**Snowshoeing/Skiing:** VIC: 327-3000

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Rainbow Lake Association: 327-5221  
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St. Regis Lakes Association: <http://nuvocom.com/stregis/stregisweb.html>

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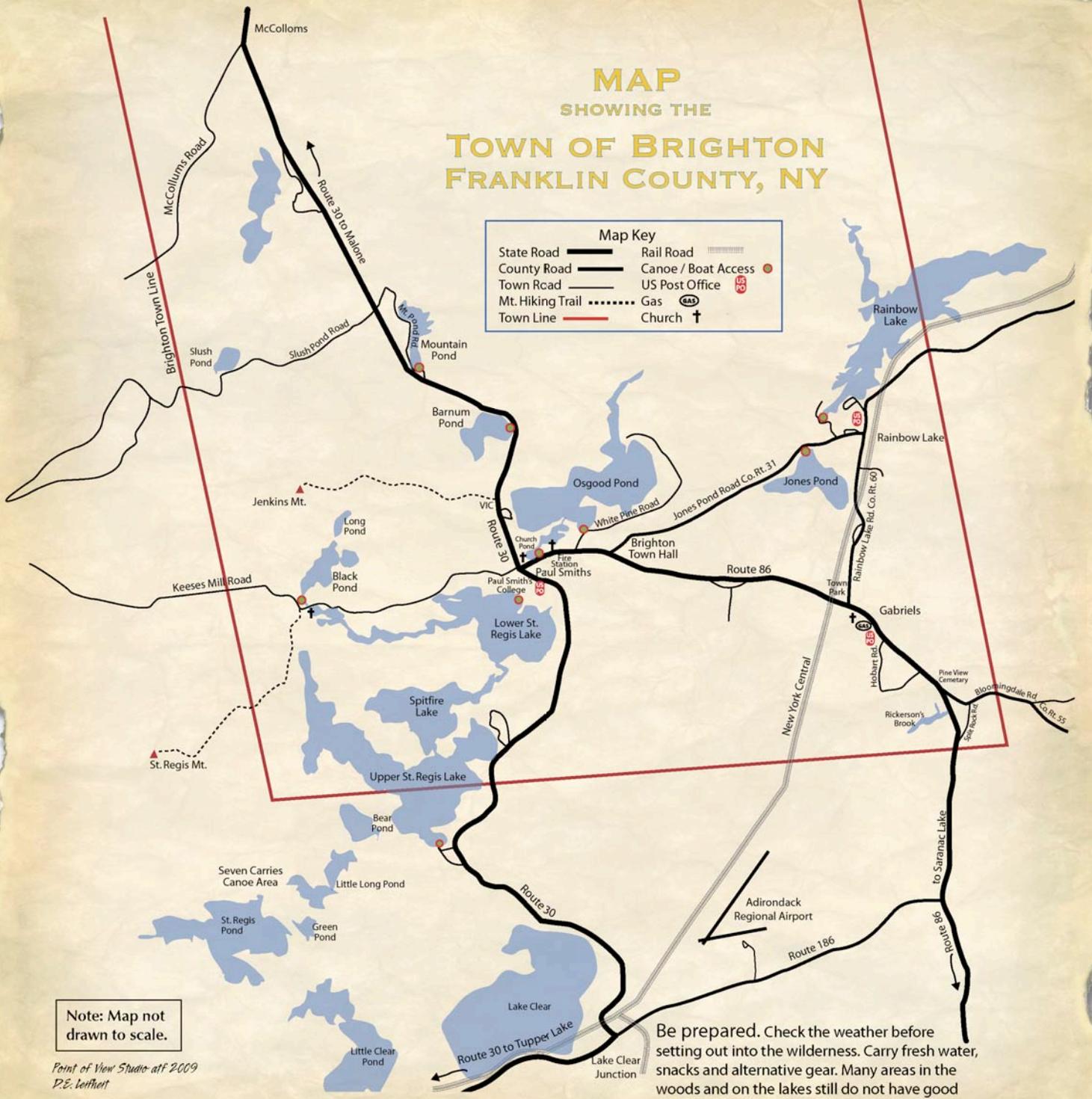
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# MAP SHOWING THE TOWN OF BRIGHTON FRANKLIN COUNTY, NY

Map Key			
State Road	Thick black line	Rail Road	Thin grey line with cross-ticks
County Road	Medium black line	Canoe / Boat Access	Red circle with a white dot
Town Road	Thin black line	US Post Office	Red circle with 'PS'
Mt. Hiking Trail	Dashed black line	Gas	Red circle with 'GAS'
Town Line	Red line	Church	Black cross symbol



Note: Map not drawn to scale.

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