



The Adirondacks have inspired famous naturalists and writers, as well as fly-fishermen and rafters.

## NORTHEAST

**W**hen I was driving from Ripton, Vermont, up to Cady's Falls, I met the old man—whiskers, flannel shirt, the denim seat of his overalls worn shiny. I gave him a lift, and he talked.

"Avep, 'bout this time every spring the manure begins to thaw and the sheep get randy. Well son, you know them campers'll drive up the pike soon enough. Folks 'round here generally jack the price on last fall's maple syrup four or five dollars a can. Practice whittlin'."

"Why, I once made \$20 off a busted ax handle, might've looked like a snake. Or a lizard, could be. I don't know. I just tell 'em how to get to the Notch, up the cutoff from the covered bridge. It's the second gravel turnout past where that barn burnt back in '64. And I point it all out with whatever I'm whittlin' on. Most times, them camp folks'll offer to buy the thing 'fore I finish tellin' 'em how to get to where they're headed."

"Avep, camping's the sport for me. And right here's the place. You can just drop me off at that old mailbox there on the left. Thankee, son."



### THE MAINE ATTRACTION

With its dramatic cliffs, sandy beaches, and clean North Atlantic waters, the Maine coast is just the place for a clam-bake or beach party. Two state parks with wide waterfront picnic areas are only 40 miles from Portland (or 10 miles by boat): Popham Beach is better for swimming, but if it's crowded or the weather looks questionable, try Beid. It has a covered group-picnic area at the edge of the dunes. Both parks are open for day-use only, but commercial campgrounds abound outside the parks' boundaries. Next door to Popham, Ocean View Park Campground (207-389-2564) has its own beach as well as waterfront campsites—\$13 to \$17 a night. A few miles back toward the fishing