

## BIG SLIDE BREWERY & PUBLIC HOUSE

Lake Placid  
5686 Cascade Rd., Lake Placid, NY 12946  
Owner: Chris Ericson

Big Slide Brewery & Public House opened in June 2016 and is the region's newest micro-brewery and brew-pub. Chris won't be insulted if you refer to his brewery as a test kitchen for beer, in fact he has test laboratory in the pub.

Big Slide's three-barrel brewing system focuses on small batches of beer with a wide variety of styles, some of which ferment in what's called the "Funk Room." Chris says that while many breweries are growing this brew-pub remains small and "pushes the envelope a little bit" when it comes to the different styles of beers produced. The 10-tap lineup features light colored beers to Pale Ales, IPAs, Porters, Stouts and Belgian style beers, but you'll also discover Barrel Aged and Sour beers too.

Some of the beers that do well at Big Slide may find their way to the Lake Placid Pub & Brewery and maybe to distribution. The first beer to make it through the pipeline is a Session IPA, Chugger, which will be a part of the company's 12 pack.

While Session IPAs are traditionally light in body and low in alcohol, it's the Giant IPA that has become the most popular. Just like its namesake, Giant Mountain, located in Keene Valley, this beer towers over other American Double IPAs. It's brewed with six pounds of flavor hops per barrel. It's not an overly bitter double IPA, but it is extremely hopping, showcasing the Citra, Simcoe and Chinook hops.

The Big Slide Brewery & Public House's menu also does a good job challenging your palette. Executive Chef Greg Sherman sources most of our ingredients locally, and offers the freshest food in the area.

## GREAT ADIRONDACK BREWING COMPANY

Lake Placid  
2442 Main St., Lake Placid, NY 12946  
Owner: Kane Family

This brewery didn't originally start out in Lake Placid, instead it was founded in Plattsburgh, New York. In 1996, the Kane family built the Lake City Brewing Company at the Great Adirondack Steak & Seafood Restaurant in Plattsburgh, but moved it to its Lake Placid Main Street location just one year later and the Great Adirondack Brewing Company was born.

The seven-barrel stainless steel brew-house produces a wide range of ales and lager, including the most popular of which, the Whiteface Mountain Stout. Named after the fifth highest peak in the Adirondack Park and home to one of the world's most renowned ski resorts, the award winning Stout is rich and full-bodied, and mimics the creamy roastiness of a traditional Irish Stout, but with a significantly higher alcohol content and subtle fruity flavors called "esters."

The Great Adirondack Brewing Company produces over 800 barrels a year, most of which is served in their restaurant, so they pride themselves on creating small batches of brews. You can also find canned batches of the Whiteface Mountain Stout, John Brown IPA and Snøskred Imperial IPA in stores from Plattsburgh to Albany, New York.