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Top 75 Experiences in the Finger Lakes

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Welcome to the Finger Lakes! Whether you're a wine aficionado or a skier, an avid hiker or a total foodie, the Finger Lakes has adventures for everyone. Fourteen counties make up the beautiful Finger Lakes Region, with fun-filled experiences and charming small towns to explore. From glassblowing in Corning to touring the Mackenzie Childs campus in Aurora, from riding the carousel and catching the brass ring in Elmira to enjoying a grape pie in Naples, you'll find fantastic flavors, stories, hikes, and so much more on your getaway to the Finger Lakes. Start daydreaming of your next visit now! Here are 75 experiences in the Finger Lakes that you won't want to miss.

For help planning your trip, visit fingerlakestravelny.com for more information and resources, and check out the end of this guide for information on all fourteen county tourism offices.



The Lakes

Science will tell you that the eleven pristine Finger Lakes were formed during the Pleistocene Ice Age. The procession of massive walls of ice cut deep into the

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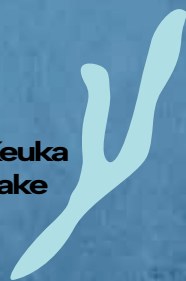
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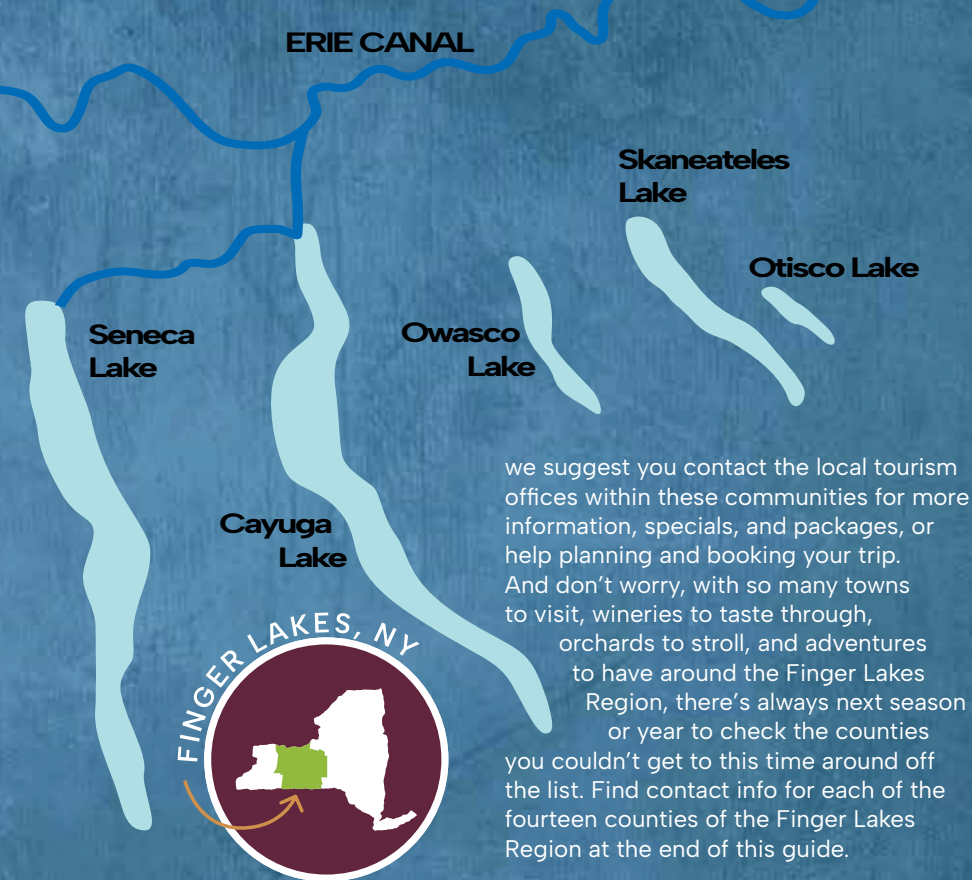
planet's crust, leaving behind deep basins that were then filled with the crystal-clear waters that we still enjoy today. But, there is another story on how the lakes came to be, a Native American legend passed down through generations. As the legend goes, a Great Spirit dearly loved this area of the Americas and felt led to bless it. When the Great Spirit laid his hands on the earth to bless it, he left behind the imprint of his fingers. Either way you want to tell the story, the Finger Lakes are undoubtedly a national treasure, and a striking reminder of nature's beauty and power.

Just like the fingers on your hands, each lake features its own unique attributes and differences—some locals even talk about them having different personalities. It's not uncommon for visitors to love every lake, but have a favorite they can't wait to return to year after year. There are lakes that are perfect for families and kids, romantic lakes, scenic lakes, lakes for water sports, or just sitting with your feet up and a glass of Finger Lakes wine in your hand. In addition to the eleven Finger Lakes, the region hugs the southern shoreline of Great Lake Ontario. Let's find your new favorite lake.

The Counties

The Finger Lakes Region is made up of fourteen individual counties, each offering amazing getaway opportunities for visitors. From small, rural towns like Geneseo, Lyons, Naples, and Owego to the mid-size cities of Canandaigua, Corning, and Ithaca, to the bustling downtowns of Rochester and Syracuse—no matter which size city or village you want to explore, there's a place in the Finger Lakes for every adventure.

While you are more than welcome to cross county lines and explore the most our stunning region has to offer, we know it can be helpful to find your home base before deciding which wineries, state parks, museums, and attractions you want to explore. Each county is home to its own unique adventure, rich history, collection of flavors, and stories. Once you decide,



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OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Outdoor Adventure

Looking for an outdoor adventure? The Finger Lakes region is jam-packed with beautiful state parks, stunning waterfalls, top-notch hiking trails, and other fun-filled surprises! Whether you're seeking a family-friendly outing or an activity to get your adrenaline pumping, the Finger Lakes has something for you.

1. **Bristol Mountain** – Bristol Mountain is the highest vertical rise between the Adirondacks and the Rocky Mountains! It also boasts breathtaking views for skiers and snowboarders of all levels as well as state-of-the-art snowmaking. Enjoy Bristol Mountain Aerial Adventure Park in the summer, with challenges, rope walks, and bridges, and even a children's course. For an exhilarating ride through the woods, try the 5,000 foot zip line canopy tour! | bristolmountain.com
2. **Carpenter Falls** – Tucked away along the southwest end of Skaneateles Lake, Carpenter Falls is a slice of exhilarating, protected wilderness. The 90-foot waterfall has carved its way through stone to take a powerful plunge down into the deep, round pool below. Around the waterfall is an elevated boardwalk and accessible viewing platform, allowing all visitors the opportunity to traverse through the forest to view this spectacular waterfall. | dec.ny.gov
3. **Chimney Bluffs State Park** – Towering 150 feet above Lake Ontario in Huron, Chimney Bluffs offers the most dramatic landscape of the Lake Ontario Shore. These large clay drumlins, formed six to ten thousand years ago by a glacier, were then eroded by waves and weather to create a photographer's dream. Hiking the trails or walking the shoreline will leave you awestruck! Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy nature's beauty. | parks.ny.gov/parks/chimneybluffs
4. **Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Sapsucker Woods** – Renowned worldwide, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology is for bird lovers everywhere. It features hands-on exhibits, cutting-edge media experiences, and exceptional art, fostering a profound connection with birds and biodiversity. The Lab of Ornithology's 425-acre Sapsucker Woods offers five miles of wooded trails resonating with birdsong that provides a perfect backdrop for a stroll in nature. | birds.cornell.edu/home/visit

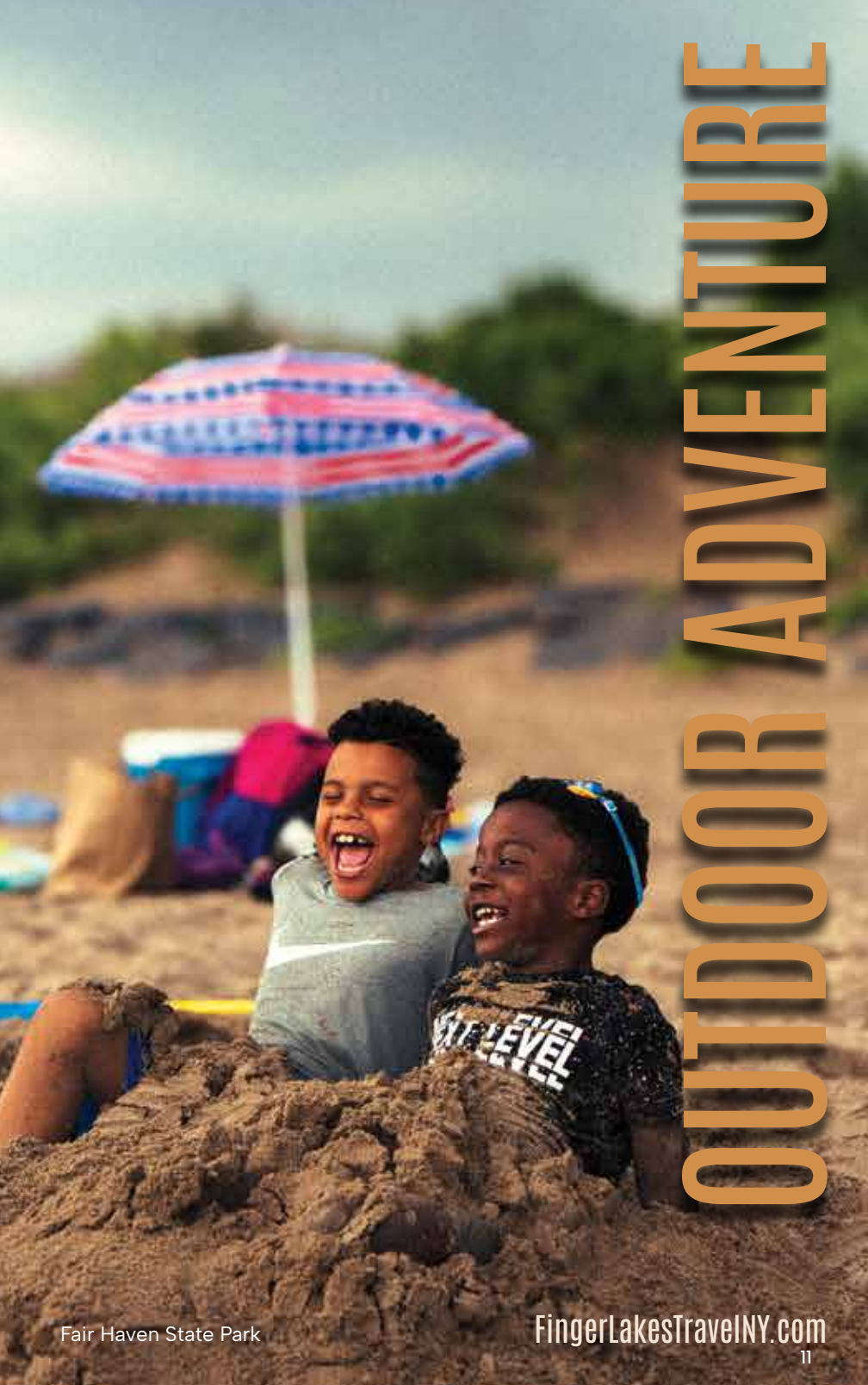
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5. **Deer Haven Park** – Deer Haven Park exists on the former Seneca Army Depot, built in 1941 for munitions storage. When building the facilities, a perimeter fence trapped several white-tailed deer. The fence isolated them from predators, allowing their population to thrive and become one of the largest herds of white deer. Take a tour through the former military base to catch a glimpse of the white deer and see a piece of history! | deerhavenpark.org
6. **Erie Canal** – This historic waterway stretches across several parts of the Finger Lakes region. The canal once played an important role in commerce and the development of the United States. Now it's a hub for outdoor recreation, popular with bikers, hikers, and boaters. Outfitters along the way offer canoe, kayak, and even houseboat rentals! Explore charming small villages, scenic views and rich history along the Erie Canal. | eriecanalway.org

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7. **Fair Haven Beach State Park** – Fair Haven Beach State Park is one of the finest public lakefronts in the state, with high bluffs above sandy beaches, hilly woodlands, and breathtaking sunsets. The park features 1,500 feet of beautiful beachfront including a guarded swimming area. Campsites and cabins are nestled within the gently rolling woodlands, with plentiful fishing and boating opportunities in Lake Ontario and Little Sodus Bay. Winter activities include cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, and ice fishing. | parks.ny.gov/parks/fairhavenbeach/maps.asp
8. **Finger Lakes National Forest** – The only National Forest in New York and one of the only three in the Northeast, this wilderness area offers over 16,000 acres to explore. With miles of interconnecting trails, you'll find gorges, ravines, pastures, and woodland. Enjoy birding, wildlife watching and tent camping! Get maps and helpful information at the Hector Ranger Station, or start with the Burnt Hill Trail and Ravine Trail for easily accessible hikes and spectacular views. | dec.ny.gov
9. **Glider Ride at Harris Hill Soaring** – Elmira is America's Soaring Capital and the views at Harris Hill are spectacular! Gliders are motorless planes that are towed into the air by a power plane before being released to soar silently among the clouds for an unforgettable experience. The National Soaring Museum, home to the world's largest sailplane collection (most of which are rare or one of a kind), is located right beside the runway. | harrishillsoaring.org/rides
10. **Greek Peak Mountain Resort** – From slopes to spa, discover year-round excitement at Greek Peak Mountain Resort, the premier destination for unforgettable family fun. With 55 trails, six aerial lifts, and a beginner slope, it's the largest ski resort in Central New York. Dive into adventure with tubing, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing at the Nordic Center. Experience heart-pounding zip lines, aerial challenges, and a Mountain Coaster at the Outdoor Adventure Center. Relax in eco-friendly luxury at Hope Lake Lodge. | greekpeak.net
11. **Green Lakes State Park** – You've got to see the exquisite blue color of Green Lakes yourself! These two glacial lakes are meromictic lakes, with no fall and spring mixing of surface and bottom waters, so they're an unusual and striking shade of blue. The park also features a lush forest, an 18-hole golf course, a large beach, athletic fields, snowshoeing in the winter, and 10 miles of trails for cross-country skiing and hiking. | parks.ny.gov/parks/greenlakes/details.aspx



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12. **Keuka Lake** – Being different can be spectacular! The only Finger Lake not shaped like a finger, Keuka (pronounced Q-KA) is one of the few Y-shaped lakes in the world. Spend the night at a lakeside inn. Rent everything from paddleboards to jet skis, kayaks to pontoon boats. Treat yourself to a delicious meal by the water. Fish for trout, bass, and even land-locked salmon. Enjoy a guided tour on the historic Pat II tour boat. | exploresteuben.com/experience-keuka-lake
13. **Keuka Outlet Trail** – This seven-mile trail is built on the track bed of an old railroad following along the Keuka Outlet waterway, connecting Keuka and Seneca Lakes with two main waterfalls. The Keuka Outlet Trail is multi-use and open year-round between sunrise and sunset for hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, bicycling, horseback riding, and dog-walking. | keukaoutlettrail.org
14. **Letchworth State Park** – Letchworth is one of America's most majestic natural wonders and has been nicknamed "the Grand Canyon of the East." The Genesee River runs through the center of the park, carving out a vast canyon with sheer walls and lush forests. Open year-round, it's gorgeous in all seasons but is especially vibrant in autumn when the park transforms into a kaleidoscope of fall colors. parks.ny.gov/parks/letchworth
15. **Montezuma Audubon Center** – Get involved in local conservation efforts and experience the wonder of the outdoors in Wayne County. The Center houses a large exhibit area and nature store. There are five types of habitats on 198 acres, two restored marshes, two-miles of trails, and an all-access observation platform. Canoes, kayaks and snowshoes are available to reach the heart of Montezuma's wetlands, forests and grasslands. You can also enjoy nature photography, cross-country skiing, fishing, picnicking, wildlife viewing, and hiking. ny.audubon.org/montezuma
16. **Montezuma Wildlife Refuge** – Established in 1938 as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife, Montezuma is situated along one of the most active bird flight lanes in the Atlantic Flyway. Stop by in March to see swarms of snow geese and thousands of pintail ducks stopping to rest on their way home! The Montezuma Audubon Center also offers education on wildlife resources. fws.gov/refuge/montezuma

17. **Mount Morris Dam** – Deep in the Genesee River Gorge at the northern end of Letchworth, you'll find the Mount Morris Dam. Explore the Visitor Center to learn more about the dam or enjoy a free ranger-guided walking tour. Full of beautiful overlooks, picnic shelters, and a playground, this park is a wonderful place to hike, bike, or see some wildlife. recreation.gov/camping/gateways/1821

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- 18. Seneca Lake Harbor Park** – Experience the waterfront of the deepest of all eleven Finger Lakes! Start with a walk on the fishing pier and breakwater, then enjoy breathtaking views at the Seneca Lake Pier Pavilion. This quaint scene includes the picturesque Marina, the Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel, and Seneca Harbor Restaurant, formerly the old train station. You can also check out the sights through a cruise with Captain Bill's! | explorewatkinsglen.com
- 19. Stony Brook State Park** – Stony Brook is a well-kept regional secret south of Dansville, NY. Historically, its deep gorge offered protection in winter for the Seneca Nation of Indians. Today, it's perfect for a refreshing swim in the stream-fed pool on a hot summer day. Wander the hilly forest trails, explore the rim, or hike through the gorge with its three dramatic waterfalls. With picnic areas, a playground, and over 80 campsites, immerse yourself in nature for a few days. parks.ny.gov/parks/stonybrook/details.aspx
- 20. Tanglewood Nature Center & Museum** – This joint trail system unites 462 acres in Chemung County, including meadows, ponds, an abundance of wildlife, and breathtaking views. The seven hiking trails vary in terrain and difficulty, offering something for all hikers, including a sensory trail for children. The museum is home to over 40 animal ambassadors found locally and around the world, featuring mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, and arthropods. tanglewoodnaturecenter.com
- 21. Taughannock Falls State Park** – One of four stunning state parks in Tompkins County, Taughannock Falls State Park boasts the tallest single-drop waterfall east of the Rockies and offers picturesque waterfront access for swimming or boating on Cayuga Lake. When you pay for parking at Taughannock, you get the added bonus of access to other nearby state parks—Allen Treman State Marine Park, Buttermilk Falls and Robert Treman—to hike their trails and check out their waterfalls. | parks.ny.gov/parks/taughannockfalls
- 22. Watkins Glen State Park** – Watkins Glen often leaves visitors spellbound. Within two miles, the glen's stream descends 400 feet past 200-foot cliffs, generating 19 waterfalls along its course. The gorge trail winds over and under and through the spray of cascading waterfalls. Known for its natural beauty, the entrance to the Park is in the picturesque village of Watkins Glen located in Schuyler County. parks.ny.gov/parks/watkinsglen/maps



Greek Peak

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CRAFT BEVERAGE & DINING

Craft Beverage & Dining

Fabulous food and drinks await you in the Finger Lakes! There's something for every palate here, from BBQ to seasonal, farm-to-table meals. Experience award-winning wines, unique beers, and learn something new along the way. Your tastebuds will thank you!

- 23. Canandaigua Lake Wine Trail** – Stretching from Victor to Naples, the Canandaigua Lake Wine Trail encompasses award-winning wineries and scenic views of vineyards and rolling hills. With its new mobile Wine Tasting Passport, you can enjoy complimentary tastings, discounts on purchased bottles, and more! | canandaigualakewinetrail.com
- 24. Cayuga Lake Wine Trail** – The first organized and longest-running wine trail in America, the Cayuga Lake Wine Trail includes fourteen wineries, a cidery, four distilleries, and a meadery. Cayuga's growing season is about three weeks longer than other Finger Lakes, with a unique microclimate in autumn that results in some truly special wines that are well worth exploring. | cayugawinetrail.com
- 25. Genesee Brewery** – The oldest brewery in New York State is now one of the most popular breweries and attractions in the region. Visit the Genesee Brew House, explore an interpretive center, gift shop, and pilot brewery on the first floor of the building, a restaurant on the second, and sweeping views of Rochester's High Falls from the Brew House's rooftop. geneseebeer.com
- 26. Keuka Lake Wine Trail** – These six member wineries craft some of the world's most beautifully balanced and vibrant wines and offer warm hospitality. Established in 1985, traverse the wine trail to taste outstanding wines, receive excellent hospitality, and enjoy breathtaking views around Keuka Lake. | keukawinetrail.com
- 27. Lake Ontario Wine Trail** – The Lake Ontario Wine Trail runs the expanse of the southern side of our Great Lake and includes five wineries, two cideries, and a distillery. The soil and climate along the shores of Lake Ontario produce excellent fruit, making every sip of their handcrafted wines, ciders, and spirits uniquely delectable. The Digital Tasting Passport allows you to enjoy year-round special offers and events! lakeontariowinetrail.com

- 28. LivCo Libation Loop** – Livingston County craft breweries, local cideries, distilleries, and renowned wineries have come together as the LivCo Libation Loop. This county-wide trail allows locals and visitors alike to taste many types of alcohol and explore multiple towns. The local soils, water, and weather give beverages made here a distinctive taste that can't be duplicated. Stop, sip, and savor time with friends and family. | visitlivco.com/things-to-do/nightlife/livingston-libation-loop
- 29. New York Kitchen** – Sample New York's agricultural bounty all in one place! Enjoy the views, the food, and the company in a casual dining atmosphere at the upstairs restaurant. Savor a flight of New York wine, beer, or spirits in the Tasting Room. Relish your taste of New York while enjoying live music outdoors on the patio. Watch a cooking demonstration in the Educational Theater or create your own culinary masterpiece in the Hands-On Kitchen. | nykitchen.com
- 30. ROC / FLX Craft Beverage Trail** – Beer, ciders, and brews from east to west! This beverage trail traverses through Monroe County, Ontario County, and parts of Wayne and Livingston Counties, so you can try a variety of Finger Lakes flavors. The Passport provides a map to over 30 wineries, breweries, cideries, and distilleries, as well as access to discounts on your tasting journey through the region. rocflxcraftbevtrail.com
- 31. Seneca Lake Wine Trail** – With a rich history of grape growing, Seneca Lake is home to excellent wineries. Tour the oldest post-Prohibition winery, Glenora Wine Cellars on the west shore, to the second-oldest, Wagner, on the east shore. This wine trail is one of the largest in North America and features a diversity of wine and many different styles of tasting rooms. senecalakewine.com



Corning Museum of Glass



Arnot Art Museum



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ARTS & CULTURE



Arts & Culture

Fans of live music, art aficionados, and museum lovers alike will find amazing gems to explore on their next trip to the Finger Lakes. Learn about regional and national history, take in unique art, and even get some hands-on experience making your own creations.

- 32. Ake Gallery** – Located in the historic Crescent Commons in Cortland, Ake Gallery is a vibrant hub for affordable fine art in CNY. Helmed by local artist Paul Kozlowski, renowned for his cult following among Hollywood elites, the Gallery showcases his original masterpieces alongside works from local talents. Ake also hosts live music, open mics, and comedy nights, including the annual “Duck and Red Octopus Short Funny Stop Action and Animated Film Festival” each fall. | paulkozlowski.com
- 33. Arnot Art Museum** – A true hidden gem, the Arnot Art Museum has earned a worldwide reputation in its 100+ year history, and was named by Vitality Magazine as “arguably the best small-town art museum in America.” Among the museum’s permanent collection is a Picture Gallery with 16th–19th century European masterpieces and a group of important American Hudson River School paintings. arnotartmuseum.org
- 34. Cayuga Museum of History & Art** – Across its three different buildings, the Cayuga Museum promotes the appreciation of history and the arts. In the Willard–Case Mansion, guests can enjoy rotating and permanent displays of local art and history. Visit the Case Research Lab to browse an exhibit on the workings of Theodore Case’s 20th century laboratory, the birthplace of sound on film. At the Carriage House Theater, explore a renovated 1850s carriage house which now operates as a multi-arts space. cayugamuseum.org
- 35. Corning Museum of Glass** – Marvelous! Mind-boggling! Glass is a material humans have shaped for thousands of years for functional uses as well as art. If you’ve caught *Blown Away* on Netflix, you’ve seen how talented the artists can be. But, let’s face it, the real star is the glass. Visit the world’s largest glass museum. Watch live demonstrations. Explore artifacts and remarkable art from around the world. Maybe the best part? The chance to make your own glass keepsake. | home.cmog.org
- 36. Cortland Repertory Theatre** – Cortland Repertory Theatre is one of the longest running live professional theaters in the country. During the summer, CRT presents musicals, comedies, and children’s productions at the historic Little York Pavilion on picturesque Little York Lake. During the winter, “CRT Downtown” showcases concerts, stage shows, and special events. Featuring national-caliber professional actors, performances at Cortland Rep are a pleasure for residents and visitors alike. | cortlandrep.org

- 37. George Eastman Museum** – Located in Rochester on the estate of George Eastman, the Eastman Museum is the world's oldest photography museum and one of the oldest film archives. The museum holds unparalleled collections in photography, cinema, and photographic and cinematographic technology, and photographically illustrated books. Browse exhibitions on photography and cinema, discover Eastman's life and legacy, and explore historic gardens, all set in Eastman's National Historic Landmark Home. eastman.org
- 38. Inspirations Trail** – The Livingston County Inspirations Trail is a 90-mile, self-guided route exploring the art of LivCo. Travel from downtown villages to stunning countryside views—this is a trail of inspiration you won't want to miss! From large-scale murals on buildings to sculptures and storefront displays (including fairies!)— we challenge you to find them all in the heart of the Genesee River Valley. A trail of art awaits. inspirationstrail.com
- 39. The Rockwell Museum** – Upstate New York's only Smithsonian Affiliate, The Rockwell Museum boasts a world-class collection of Western and contemporary Native American Art and other exhibits focusing on "Art About America" as it explores the people, land, and ideas that have shaped our country. Kids 17 and under get free admission every day! Don't forget to take them to Kids Rockwell Art Lab on Market Street for fun, interactive experiences that foster creativity and imagination. | rockwellmuseum.org
- 40. Saunders Finger Lakes Museum** – Dedicated to developing, supporting, and inspiring stewardship of the Finger Lakes Region, this museum showcases the cultural heritage and ecological evolution of the vast region. Enjoy fascinating events and programs held throughout the season or visit the campus from dawn to dusk to explore the wetlands property, boardwalk and lakeside octagon pavilion, kayak/canoe launch, and playscape. | fingerlakesmuseum.org



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FAMILY FRIENDLY

Family-Friendly Finger Lakes

Kids are more than welcome in the Finger Lakes Region! Kids of all ages will love exploring a 6-story treehouse, playing rounds of mini-golf, visiting a butterfly garden, and so much more. You can even catch a brass ring on one of the fastest traditional carousels in the U.S.!

- 41. Eldridge Park** – This Victorian-themed amusement park dates back to the 1860s! There's something for everyone, including dragon boat rides, walking/biking paths, a dog park, picnic areas, a mini golf course surrounded by a mini train, a skate park, a disc golf course, a splashpad, flying scooters, pony carts, kiddy rides, and a Tilt-a-whirl. Don't miss the fastest traditional carousel in the U.S., one of only 20 remaining where you can still catch a brass ring! eldridgepark.org/new/
- 42. Minnehan's Restaurant and Fun Center** – Minnehan's is the place for family fun! A full-service family restaurant serving charbroiled Zweigles hot dogs, juicy burgers, fish fry, and more. They are also known for their seasonal ice cream stand and mini-golf. Minnehan's Fun Center includes outdoor kart racing, batting cages, soft play area for the littlest ones, and an arcade. Minnehan's is located on the north end of Conesus Lake, a perfect spot for a great meal or some family fun. | minnehansgokart.com
- 43. Museum of the Earth** – Museum of the Earth is renowned for its paleontological collections, featuring more than 2 million specimens, including fossils of plants, animals, and invertebrates, with a focus on the history of life on Earth. Favorite exhibits include skeletons of a North Atlantic Right Whale and the Hyde Park Mastodon. The affiliated Cayuga Nature Center has miles of trails, a 6-story tree house, and can be accessed by foot or bicycle via the Black Diamond Trail. | museumoftheearth.org

- 44. RMSC Museum & Science Center** – Experience the thrill of invention and innovation through hands-on exploration at the RMSC Museum & Science Center, by hitting the 15 miles of idyllic trails at the RMSC Cumming Nature Center, or discovering the wonders of our universe in the recently renovated RMSC Strassenburgh Planetarium. Visit Rochester's hub for lifelong science learning to engage with the wonders of science and the natural world! | rmsc.org
- 45. The Strong National Museum of Play** – The Strong is the ultimate play destination for all ages! Experience two floors of hands-on, dynamic, interactive exhibit spaces. Explore the world's largest collection of toys, dolls, and games, play through video game history, and experience the charm of a 1918 carousel and an indoor butterfly garden. Discover the National Toy Hall of Fame, Toy Industry Hall of Fame, and World Video Game Hall of Fame, celebrating the history of play. museumofplay.org

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HISTORY



Seward House Museum



Genesee Country Village & Museum

History

History buffs, rejoice! The Finger Lakes are full of historic sites where you can dive into the lives of famous figures like Harriet Tubman, Mark Twain, and more. Explore world-class museums, learn about the engineering feat that is the Erie Canal, tour lighthouses and mansions—and that's just the tip of the iceberg!

- 46. 1890 House Museum** – Step into the past at the 1890 House Museum, originally home to industrial pioneer Chester F. Wickwire. Marvel at the legacy of invention and philanthropy as you explore Cortland's very own castle. Delve into the lives of the Wickwire family, their servants, and factory workers through the extensive collection. The museum offers diverse programs and exhibitions for the whole family, including thrilling paranormal investigations. | the1890house.org
- 47. Erie Canal Museum** – An engineering marvel, the Erie Canal cut through 363 miles of inland wilderness from Albany to Buffalo, connecting New York City to the Great Lakes and any port in the world. The museum is in the national Register 1850 Syracuse Weighlock Building—the only remaining canal boat weigh station in America. Explore the history of the Erie Canal, climb aboard a replica canal boat, stroll the Lock tender's Garden, and discover what makes Syracuse unique. | eriecanalmuseum.org
- 48. Ganondagan State Historic Site** – Ganondagan is the site of one of the largest recorded settlements of thriving Iroquois culture. Today, the Seneca Art and Culture Center tells the history of the Seneca and Haudenosaunee through exhibits and artifacts spanning centuries. The replica Bark Longhouse and ethnobotanical trails are yours to explore. Attending a special event here completes the Ganondagan experience. ganondagan.org
- 49. Genesee Country Village & Museum** – History comes alive at the largest living history museum in New York. Step back in time with costumed interpreters to explore the 19th-century Historic Village, including the working brewery, blacksmith, pottery, tin shop, and baby animals. GCV&M is also home to an art gallery, nature center, and Baseball Park. Open seasonally with special events all year long, you'll find it in Mumfords, 20 miles southwest of Rochester. | gcv.org

50. **Glenn H. Curtiss Museum** – Before becoming an aviation pioneer, Glenn Curtiss was an accomplished bicycle racer and one of America’s earliest motorcycle manufacturers. Driven by an insatiable need for speed, he held numerous speed records and became the “Fastest Man on Earth” in 1907 when he strapped a motor made for flight onto an altered bicycle frame. With popular events, exhibits of vintage aircrafts, motorcycles, and automobiles, the Museum tells the story of how Hammondsport got its wings. glennhcurtissmuseum.org
51. **Harriet Tubman’s Chosen Hometown** – Many people know Harriet Tubman as a conductor of the Underground Railroad, but few know the rest of her story. That story is Auburn, NY, where she spent 50+ years of her life as a free woman, owning property, becoming a business owner, and fulfilling her philanthropic work. It’s where her legacy lives on. Learn more at the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park, the NYS Equal Rights Heritage Center, and the Seward House Museum. | equalrightsheritage.com
52. **Historic Palmyra Complex** – Explore five fascinating museums in the village of Palmyra! The William Phelps General Store, “where time stands still” served the community since 1826. When it closed in 1940, it was left untouched, creating a retail time capsule. The Alling Coverlet Museum is home to the largest collection of hand-woven coverlets in America. Also explore The Palmyra Historical Museum, The Erie Canal Depot, and The Print Shop. | historicpalmyraany.com
53. **Mark Twain Study & Gravesite** – Mark Twain wrote many of his classics while summering with his in-laws in Elmira for 20+ years. Step inside the author’s private study at Elmira College, where characters such as Tom Sawyer & Huck Finn came to life, then pay respects at his final resting place at Woodlawn Cemetery. The Study was named the #1 Literary Attraction in America by USA TODAY and Twain’s gravesite remains one of America’s most visited 100+ years after his death. marktwainstudies.com

- 54. Sodus Bay Lighthouse Museum** – This beautiful 1870 limestone lighthouse overlooks Lake Ontario and Sodus Bay, housing museum exhibitions about local and maritime history. Stroll the magnificently manicured gardens or climb the 52-step spiral staircase to the top of the lighthouse tower for breathtaking panoramic views, including Chimney Bluffs, and a close-up view of a third and a half order Fresnel lens, one of only 12 left in the world. | sodusbaylighthouse.org
- 55. Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park** – From strolling through its flower-filled gardens to picnicking under its majestic trees to touring the magnificent mansion, there's so much to enjoy when visiting one of America's longest surviving estates! The elegant Queen Anne-style mansion was built in 1887. Beloved spots include the century-old Greenhouses, the Rose Garden, the Rock Garden, and Japanese Garden. You can also taste wines from across the region at the Finger Lakes Wine Center. | sonnenberg.org
- 56. Women's Rights Historical Park** – The Women's Rights Historical Park is part of the National Park Service and home to Wesleyan Chapel, the location of the Seneca Falls Convention that took place in July 1848. The National Park Service purchased the property in 1985, preserving it as a historic landmark. The park offers a variety of exhibits throughout their two-story museum as well as tours of the Stanton House, Elizabeth Cady Stanton's family home in Seneca Falls. | nps.gov/wori



Women's Rights Historical Park

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Harriet Tubman Statue in Auburn, NY



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SMALLTOWN EXPLORING

Small Town Exploring

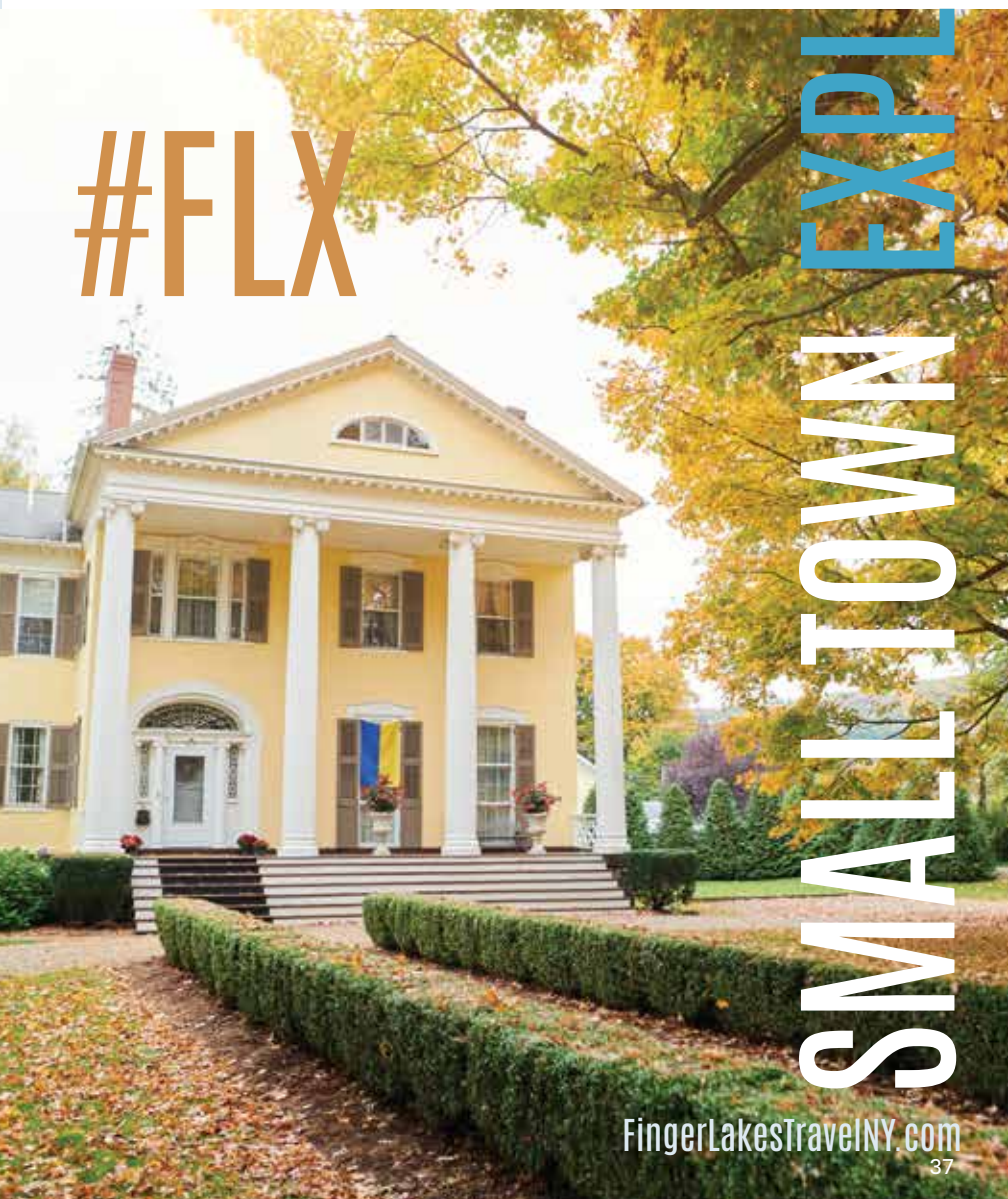
Don't miss out on cozy small town adventures in the Finger Lakes! Quaint villages offer historic charm, cute cafes, homey eateries, festivals, and more. Explore to your heart's content!

- 57. Aurora** – Welcome to Aurora, a charming Finger Lakes small town waiting to be explored! Nestled along the stunning shores of Cayuga Lake, Aurora is home to the luxurious Inns of Aurora. Whether you're strolling along the scenic waterfront, dining at Aurora Cooks! demonstration kitchen, or discovering the town's rich heritage, Aurora invites you to unwind, recharge, and experience its tranquil beauty and warm hospitality year-round. | tourcayuga.com
- 58. Corning's Gaffer District** – Corning's vibrant downtown is full of delights! You'll find excellent restaurants, striking public art, historic buildings, small art galleries, and more. Browse unique local shops or pop into a wine bar for a drink. Don't miss taking a stroll on the Centerway Walking Bridge, complete with interactive activities for little ones. Visit for GlassFest in May, the Harvest Festival in autumn, or enjoy the wonders of Crystal City Christmas in December! gafferdistrict.com
- 59. Downtown Penn Yan** – This quaint Yates County town in the heart of the Finger Lakes boasts unique shops, dining, and historic architecture. Once you're here, you're within walking distance to one of the best trails in the Finger Lakes and beautiful Keuka Lake. We invite you to shop local and experience this fun and exciting town ripe for exploring. downtownpennyan.com
- 60. Fairport** – A crown jewel along the Erie Canal, Fairport is a picturesque village on the east side of Rochester with a quickly growing food and drink scene, canal trails, and special events all year round. Enjoy the village's historic architecture, browse small businesses on Main Street, and amenities for boaters. Fairport Canal Days, an annual festival in June, is the largest single event along the Erie Canal! finditinfairport.com
- 61. Skaneateles** – Nestled on the shores of Skaneateles Lake, one of the cleanest lakes in the country, the village of Skaneateles has so much beauty, luxury, and hospitality to offer. Explore the historic downtown district for unique foods, distinctive fashions, original art, home accessories, or special antiques. The much-loved Dickens Christmas celebration at the end of the year is a must! | skaneateles.com

- 62. Village of Homer** – This charming village in Cortland County proudly preserves its historic charm while embracing modern-day allure. Discover an array of eateries, cafes, and quaint shops alongside Main Street. The former church turned Center for the Arts hosts a variety of concerts and plays. From beautiful architecture to year-round festivals, live entertainment, dining, and one-of-a-kind shopping, Homer promises an unforgettable experience for all. experiencecortland.com

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Shop & Play in the Finger Lakes

Whether you're seeking a unique souvenir or a great deal, you'll find it in the Finger Lakes! Christmas fanatics will love Evolve, the Christmas store, and craft markets like The Windmill give you endless opportunities to browse handmade items, fresh produce, and more.

- 63. Del Lago Resort & Casino** – Take a trip to del Lago Resort & Casino where you can stay in a luxury hotel, enjoy the spa, see a concert, have fun in the casino, and try some of the most delicious food in the area! The activities are endless at del Lago Resort & Casino and you're sure to find something unique and fun to do with friends. dellagoresort.com
- 64. Destiny USA** – Destiny USA is a 2.4 million square foot tourist destination in Syracuse that includes luxury outlets, restaurants, and entertainment. With new brands often being added to the mix, there's a unique and dynamic consumer shopping experience. A stunning three-story glass atrium makes it a great spot for year-round exploring over 250 stores and experiences. Don't miss the iconic carousel! | destinyusa.com/
- 65. Eastview Mall** – This super-regional shopping center boasts more than 170 stores. Some popular venues are Apple, Pottery Barn, LEGO, and DICK'S House of Sport, where you can experience your gear at a whole new level with golf and batting simulators, a rock-climbing wall, and outdoor turf and skating rink. After shopping, enjoy a meal at several full-service restaurants or catch a movie next door. eastviewmall.com

- 66. Evolve, The Christmas Store** – It's Christmas every day at the area's only-year round Christmas store located in three connected historic buildings in the Downtown Historic District of Lyons. Over 10,000 square feet of everything Christmas awaits you. Featuring 40+ fully decorated Christmas trees in various themes to provide you with inspiration to help create your own magic. Visit the acclaimed Village Room, featuring the largest collection of Department 56 Villages in the Finger Lakes! evolveforthehome.com
- 67. The Ithaca Commons** – Four blocks of independently owned shops and restaurants await when you visit The Ithaca Commons in the heart of downtown Ithaca. Dive into eclectic boutiques for unique finds and discover a vibrant restaurant scene with globally-inspired cuisine. Enjoy top notch free performances at themed festivals and summer concerts. Downtown is also home to the historic State Theatre performance venue and close to the Press Bay District. | downtownithaca.com/visit-downtown/the-commons
- 68. Watkins Glen International** – Experience the only NASCAR track in New York! Thanks to the Drive the Glen experience, fans can test the power under their own vehicle's hood when they take on the track themselves. For adrenaline pumping fun anytime, recreate the historic Grand Prix Road race. Watkins Glen earned a place in history in October 1948 when the first post-World War II Road race in America ran through the 6.6 mile drive. | www.theglen.com
- 69. The Windmill Farm and Craft Market** – This Penn Yan market hosts over 175 indoor and outdoor shops filled with handcrafted items. You will discover great food, tasty treats, fresh produce, flowers, custom cabinetry, furniture, fashion, healthy choices, local wineries, artistry, micro brews, entertainment, hands-on activities, and more. With six wineries, a brewery, and a distillery, The Windmill is a one-stop destination for tastings, shopping, and fun. | thewindmill.com

Spas & Wellness

Looking to step out of your daily grind, slow down, and spend time taking care of yourself? The Finger Lakes has excellent spas and wellness opportunities. Whether you're looking to indulge in a reinvigorating massage, practice yoga and meditation, try out a hydrotherapy circuit, or relax in a lovely garden, you're sure to find ways to rest and recharge.

- 70. Mirbeau Inn & Spa** – Unwind with an elegant and relaxing wellness resort experience in Skaneateles. Mirbeau is a French-inspired hotel surrounded by gardens transporting you into a Claude Monet painting. With 34 guest rooms, seasonal dining at the bistro, yoga and fitness classes, a resort boutique, and an award-winning spa, you'll feel refreshed and ready to explore the town after your time spent here. skaneateles.mirbeau.com
- 71. Rasa Spa** – Known for its tranquil atmosphere, Ithaca's Rasa Spa offers a serene retreat focused on holistic wellness and relaxation. Offerings include therapeutic massages, facials, body treatments, and wellness rituals designed to rejuvenate the body and mind. With skilled therapists and a calming environment, Rasa Spa promotes self-care and healing, making it a popular choice for locals and visitors seeking personalized wellness experiences in the Finger Lakes. | rasaspa.com
- 72. Spa at the Inns of Aurora** – The Inns of Aurora offer an exceptional health and wellness experience, highlighted by their world-class Spa at the Inns of Aurora. Nestled on a hilltop with sweeping views of Cayuga Lake, the spa features hydrotherapy circuits, a tranquil outdoor pool, saunas, and steam rooms. Guests can enjoy nature-inspired treatments from therapeutic massages to skincare rituals and participate in yoga and meditation sessions, making it a truly rejuvenating lakeside retreat. innsofaurora.com/spa



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Agriculture has long been part of the Finger Lakes landscape, so don't miss out on enjoying some of what these farms have to offer! You can enjoy butter sculptures and produce shows at the State Fair, browse fresh produce and other artisan wares at the Ithaca Farmers Market, and so much more.

- 73. The Finger Lakes Welcome Center** – Located on the northern shore of Seneca Lake, you will find interactive kiosks, regional visitor's guides, friendly people, tasty treats, and an immersive experience at this Welcome Center. Take a photo at the I Love NY sculpture, have the kids explore the playground, and check out the Finger Lakes floor map. A wonderful place to get your bearings and discover where you would like to go during your trip. | taste.ny.gov/location/finger-lakes-welcome-center
- 74. Ithaca Farmers Market** – For 50 years, the Ithaca Farmers Market has been connecting people with the rich agricultural heritage of Tompkins County. In addition to being a haven for local produce, the main market at Steamboat Landing at the southern end of Cayuga Lake is a lively weekend gathering spot, with an abundance of prepared foods and artisan wares. In the summer, check out public boat cruises to experience Cayuga Lake. | ithacamarket.com
- 75. New York State Fair** – The Great New York State Fair is a 13-day extravaganza celebrating agriculture, entertainment, education, and technology. It draws hundreds of thousands of visitors with midway rides, concessions, exhibits, and concerts. Established as the nation's oldest and largest state fair, it's a beloved late summer tradition. Explore agriculture offerings through flower and produce shows, the NYS Maple Center, Taste NY Marketplace, a butter sculpture, 25-cent milk, horse shows, the wool center, rooster crowing competitions, and more. | nysfair.ny.gov



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Visitor Centers

Looking for a local attraction, outdoor activity or restaurant recommendation? Stop in to any of these welcome centers across the region for information about the Finger Lakes.

Finger Lakes Welcome Center

35 Lakefront Drive Geneva, NY 14456
315-787-0007

Central New York Welcome Center

Destiny USA
9090 Destiny USA Drive, Syracuse, NY 13204
315-436-6341

Visit Ithaca's Taughannock Overlook Visitor Center

Taughannock Blvd, Trumansburg, NY 14886
Open May – October
607-272-1313

Visit Ithaca's Downtown Visitor Center

(in the Tompkins Center for History & Culture)
110 N. Tioga Street, Ithaca, NY 14850
607-273-7482

Chemung County

Chemung County Chamber of Commerce
400 East Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901
800-627-5892

Experience Cortland

42 Main Street, Cortland, NY 13045
607-753-8463

Explore Steuben

Steuben County Conference & Visitors Bureau
1 West Market Street, Suite 201, Corning, NY 14830
607-936-6544

Livingston County

Visit LivCo at LivCo Basecamp
4 O'Connell Avenue, Mount Morris, NY 14510
585-519-6035

Seneca County

Seneca County Chamber of Commerce
1 W Main Street, Waterloo, NY 13165
315-568-2906

Taughannock Overlook Visitor Center

Taughannock Park Road, Trumansburg, NY 14886
607-209-0008

Tioga County

Tioga County Tourism Visitor's Center
200 Front Street, Owego, NY 13827
607-687-7440

Tour Cayuga

Cayuga County Office of Tourism
25 South Street, Auburn, NY 13021
315-255-1658

Visit Finger Lakes

Finger Lakes Visitors Connection
19 Susan B. Anthony Lane, Canandaigua, NY 14424
585-394-3915

Visit Rochester

45 East Avenue, Suite 400, Rochester, NY 14604
585-279-8300

Visit Syracuse

109 S. Warren Street, Suite 10, Syracuse, NY 13202
315-470-1910

Watkins Glen Downtown Visitor Center

214 North Franklin Street, Watkins Glen, NY 14891
607-535-4300

Watkins Glen State Park Visitor Center

1009 North Franklin Street, Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Wayne County

Wayne County Office of Tourism
9 Pearl Street, Suite 3, Lyons, NY 14489
315-946-5469

Yates County

Yates County Chamber of Commerce
2375 Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527
315-536-3111

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