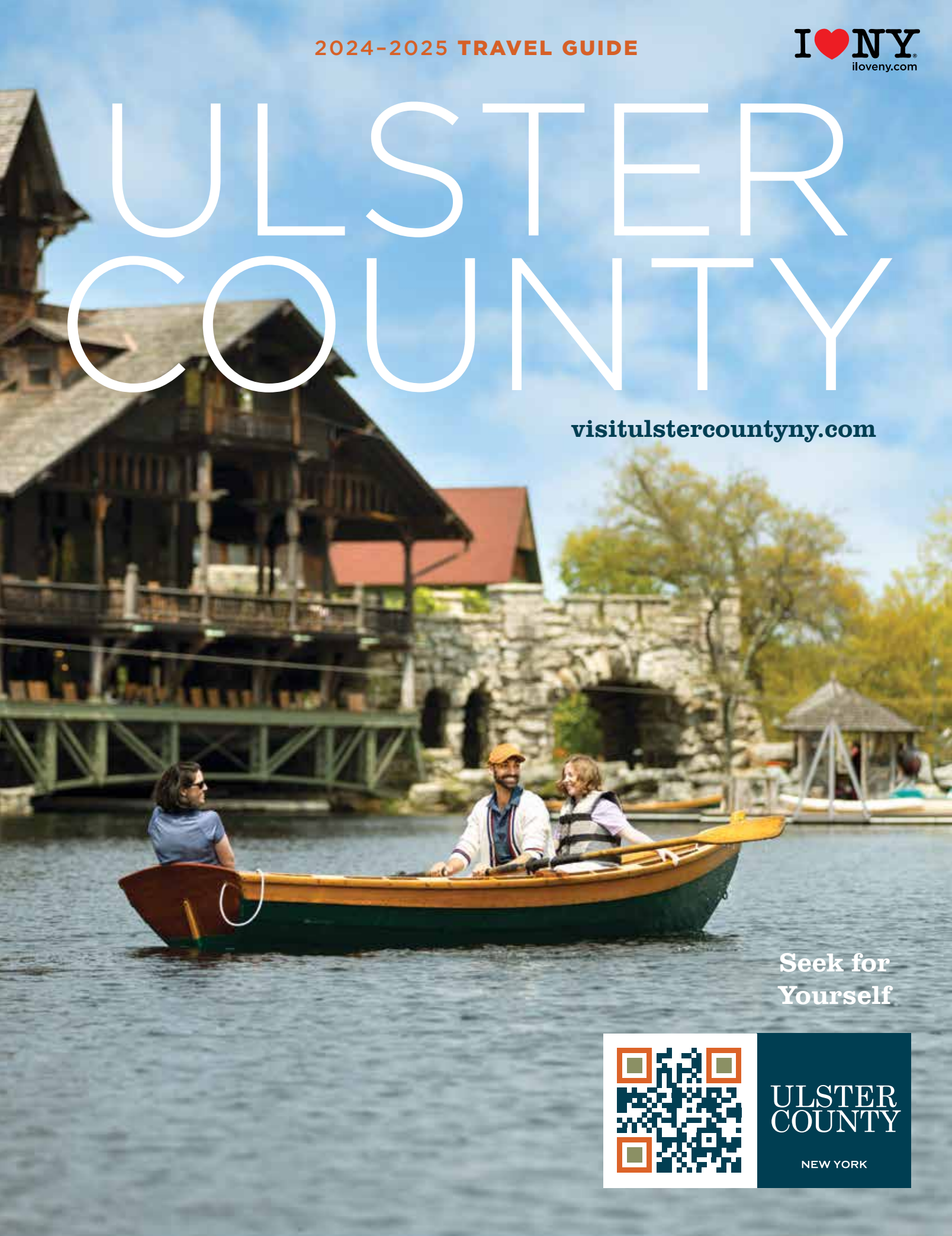


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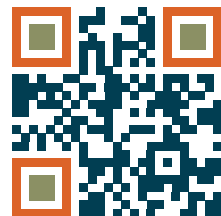
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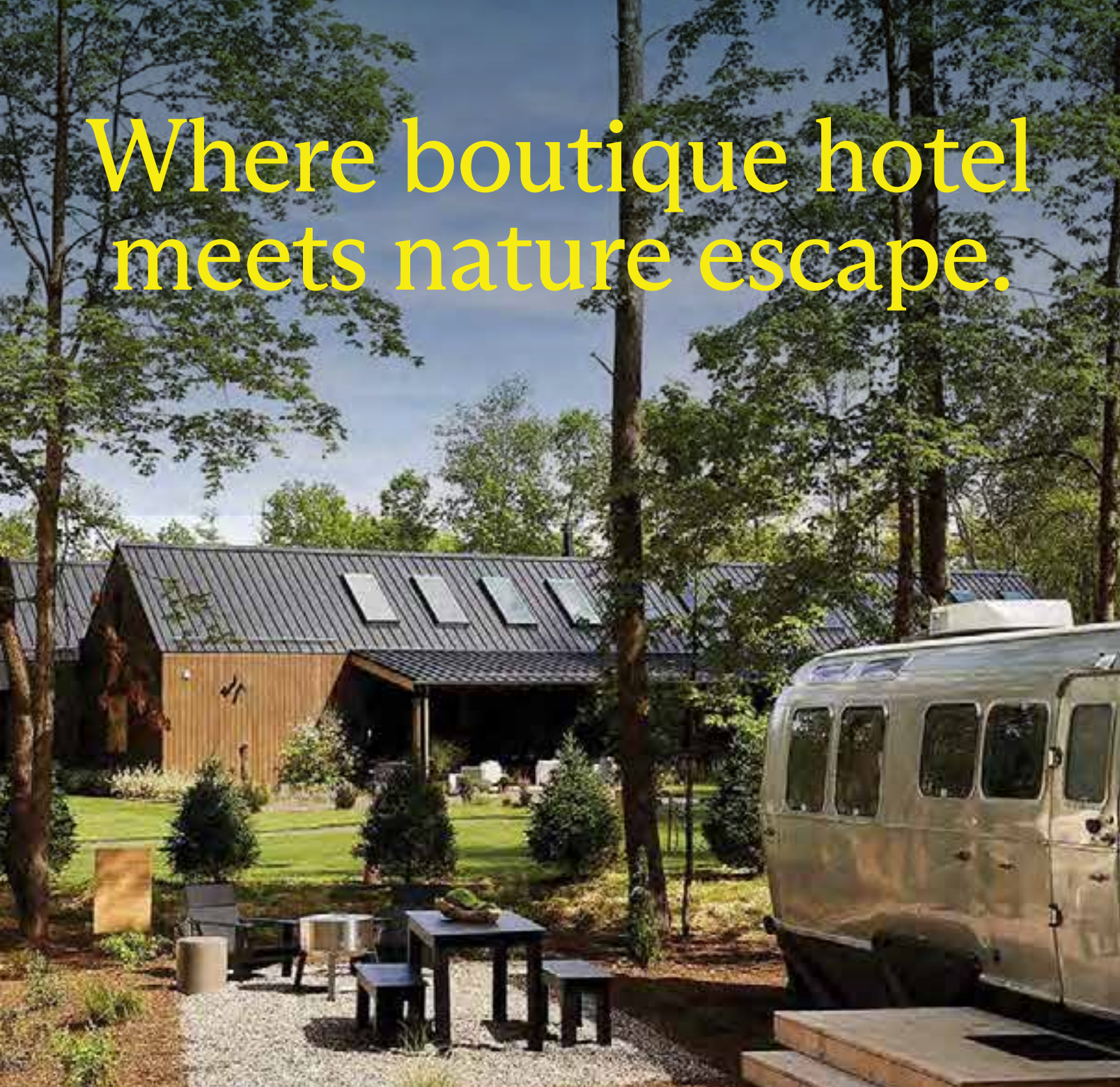
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We've curated this visitors' guide to inspire your next Ulster County getaway, no matter how long you stay, or what time of year you visit.

Scan the QR codes in this guide to find even more to discover in Ulster County.

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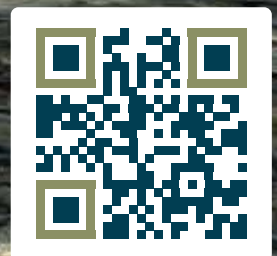
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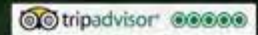


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Catskill Ice Climbing Festival

New Paltz | alpineendeavors.com

Learn the skills you need to get out on the ice—from the basics of ice-climbing to dry-tooling and glacier travel techniques.



Hot Chocolate Fest

Ashokan | ashokancenter.org

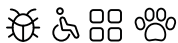
Warm up with delicious flavors of hot chocolate, plus live music, food, guided hikes, blacksmithing and more.



Sojourner Truth Life Walk

Kingston | blackhistorymonthkingston.org

Celebrate the life of abolitionist Sojourner Truth on a walk that highlights her escape route to freedom. Free shuttle.



March

Ashokan Center Maple Fest

Ashokan | ashokancenter.org

Blacksmithing demos, live music, campfires, and guided hikes to the sugar shack!



May

Field + Supply MRKT

Kingston | fieldandsupply.com

Home goods, apparel, jewelry, apothecary and more, from dozens of skilled makers, designers and artists. Food and live music. (Also October)



Hudson Valley Marathon at Walkway Over the Hudson

Highland | alpha.win

A breathtaking run over the Hudson River on the longest elevated pedestrian bridge in the world. Participate in a 5K to full marathon run, or walk/run the “friends and family” first mile.



Woodstock-New Paltz Art & Crafts Fair

New Paltz | quailhollow.com

One-of-a-kind goods by fine makers and artisans, featuring furniture, architectural crafts, demos, gourmet foods, wellness products and more. (Also September)



June

Hudson Valley Pride Coalition March & Festival

New Paltz | biggayhudsonvalley.com

Events and performances to celebrate Pride Month that kicks off with a march.



Hudson Valley Triathlon

Kingston | alpha.win

Experience the beauty of the region! Swim Williams Lake, bike the Ashokan Reservoir and run the Walkkill Valley Rail Trail.



Summer at Belleayre

Highmount | belleayre.com

Enjoy outdoor activities like Belleayre beach, scenic gondola rides, hiking, climbing wall and disc golf, plus special events. Through September.



July



Borscht Belt Festival

Ellenville | borschtbeltfest.org

Two-day festival paying homage to the Borscht Belt’s vibrant cultural legacy featuring stand-up comedy, art, live music, film, educational programming and food.



HITS-on-the-Hudson

Saugerties | hitsshows.com

Equestrian center offering family-friendly fun with horse and pony shows, championships and a glimpse of equestrian stars. Events through September.



Sawyer Motors Car Show

Saugerties | sawyerMotorsCarShow.com

At “The Best Little Car Show in the Northeast,” Main and Partition Streets are closed to traffic and lined with more than 500 vintage cars. A day of fun for all ages with live music on every corner.



Ulster County Fair

New Paltz | ulstercountyfair.com

Annual family event promotes local agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry and good old-fashioned fun since 1886. Entertainment, shows and exhibits (through August 4).



Upstate Arts Weekend

Various counties | upstateartweekend.org

Multi-day, self-directed event celebrating the cultural vibrancy of Upstate New York with hundreds of exhibitions and artist studio tours. Free and ticketed events.



August

Blueberry Festival

Ellenville | ewcoc.com

Live music, hundreds of vendors featuring crafts, goods, delicious foods and blueberry pies. Rain or shine. Free parking.



MISS

Caribbean Carnival

Saugerties | seasonedgives.org
Authentic Caribbean food, music and live performances; costume contest, games and family fun. Donations suggested.



September



Headless Horseman Haunted Attractions

Ulster Park | headlesshorseman.com
Named "No. 1 Haunted Attraction in America." New theme each season. Multiple attractions, gift shops and cafés. Through October.



Hooley on The Hudson

Kingston | ulsteraoh.com
Annual Irish festival featuring live music, step dancing, childrens' tent, food and craft vendors. Kicks off with "Parade of Dignitaries" on the Rondout Creek. Free shuttle.



Hudson Valley Garlic Festival

Saugerties | hvgf.org
Two-day celebration with garlic farmers, food, crafts, live music, chef demos, children's activities and tons of garlic. Free trolley service and onsite shuttle bus service.



Woodstock-New Paltz Art & Crafts Fair

See May

October

Burning of Kingston "Capital to Capital 5K Run"

Kingston | burningofkingston.com
5K run/walk commemorating Colonists who fled to Hurley as Kingston was burned to the ground during the Revolutionary War. Both a family fun run and a timed run.



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See May

O+ Kingston Festival

Kingston | opositivefestival.org
A citywide celebration featuring mural, performance, interactive, installation and fiber artists exhibiting at outdoor locations. Wellness expos and healing arts classes. Some pet-friendly locations.



Rosendale International Pickle Festival

New Paltz | rosendalepicklefestival.org
A variety of food, music, wares, contests and lots of pickles, representing cultures of many countries. Rain or shine.



Ulster County Italian Festival

Kingston | ucitalianamericanfoundation.org
Annual, free festival featuring a variety of Italian foods, beverages, products, music and family fun on the Rondout waterfront.



Walktoberfest Farmers & Makers Market

Highland | walkway.org
Artisans, restaurants, craft beverage makers and more, exhibiting on the Hudson Valley Rail Trail and west approach to the Walkway Over the Hudson. Kids under 12 free.



Woodstock Film Festival

Woodstock | woodstockfilmfestival.org
More than 100 films, concerts, panels and the Maverick Awards Ceremony. Held at various locations.



Nov-Dec

A Frosty Fest

Ulster Park | afrostyfest.com
Drive-through holiday light spectacular displaying more than one million lights; park and enter for stage show, Santa, gift shops and more.



Catskill Mountain Railroad Polar Express

Kingston | cmrrevents.com
Discover the magic of Christmas aboard the Polar Express when it arrives in Kingston on a trip inspired by the hit book and film.



Snowflake Festival

Kingston | kuba.network
Fun for the whole family with main stage performances, carolers, horse-drawn carriage rides, ice carving, dancers, Christmas Tree lighting, a visit from Santa and more.



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Read our blog to keep up with all things happening in Ulster County all year long.

There are literally hundreds of ways to explore the four corners and four seasons of Ulster County. Browse our quaint towns and bustling Main Streets in Woodstock, Kingston, New Paltz, Saugerties and Gardiner to discover new culinary destinations and craft beverage tasting rooms. Shop our eclectic shops and high-end boutiques or scour for vintage. Peel back centuries of multicultural history and old Dutch architecture in the Stockade District, in Hurley or on historic Huguenot Street. Or, take to the road on the Shawangunk Mountain Scenic Byway or the Catskill Mountain Scenic Byway for thrilling views in any weather.

> Flip the pages for more ideas and year-round things to do.



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Discover Miles of Scenic Rail Trails



EMPIRE STATE TRAIL This 750-mile trail stretches from NYC to Buffalo, connecting in Ulster County from the **Walkway Over the Hudson** in Highland to New Paltz, through Rosendale and on to Kingston. Its multi-use, family-friendly trails wind through forests, under stone bridges and over creeks and rivers. Stop for a picnic lunch at **Black Creek Crossing** just outside the hamlet of Highland, where the rail bed rises 20 feet above the valley and offers expansive views of **Illinois Mountain**.

WALKWAY OVER THE HUDSON The eastern end of the **Hudson Valley Rail Trail** links to the 1.28-mile **Walkway Over the Hudson**, the world's longest elevated pedestrian bridge suspended 200 feet over the picturesque **Hudson River**. (Park at Haviland Road in Highland for easy access.) There are plenty of benches and viewing areas. Delve deeper into nature with a detour to the 251-acre **Franny Reese State Park** located on a bluff with fantastic views.

HUDSON VALLEY RAIL TRAIL This 9-mile mixed-use, pet-friendly trail starts at the Haviland Road parking lot in the hamlet of Highland, where a circa 1926 steel caboose (open on weekends) is a huge draw for kids who love clambering up the cupola. Read up on the region's railroading history on kiosks placed along the trail.

WALKKILL VALLEY RAIL TRAIL Access this scenic 22-mile route in New Paltz, where hikers and cyclists of all ages and abilities can follow it south for eight miles to the hamlet of Walkkill, or north for 14 miles through Rosendale to Kingston. The new stone dust surface winds through local farms, past historic ironworks and over the 150-foot **Rosendale Railroad Trestle**. Great spot for Insta-worthy shots!

RIVER-TO-RIDGE TRAIL A relaxed and scenic trail through flat farmland and rolling foothills that were once home to the indigenous Munsee Lenape. An easy, 6.2-mile out-and-back jaunt from the village of New Paltz that will take about two hours to complete.

O+W RAIL TRAIL This recreational trail provides a glimpse into the area's canal and railroad history. The 27-mile portion within Ulster County spans north-south from Kingston to Kerhonkson with multiple entry points and parking areas along the route. Stop in the charming town of High Falls to visit the **D&H Canal Museum**, dedicated to the people who built, worked and settled alongside the D&H Canal, which was eventually supplanted by the O&W Railroad. Next, amble along the **Five Locks Walk**, one of the most historic sections of the canal.

ASHOKAN RAIL TRAIL Walk or bike this flat 11.5-mile trail running beside the **Ashokan Reservoir** between West Hurley and Boiceville for spectacular views of the **Catskill Mountains**, scenic lookouts and acres of forest and wetlands. There are multiple well-marked entry points and parking lots that allow for distance flexibility. Don't forget the water and snacks!

KINGSTON MIDTOWN LINEAR PARK This 0.8-mile shared-use trail connects midtown Kingston with Kingston Plaza's shopping and transportation hub via a 12-foot wide, ADA-compliant paved surface, running along the former Ulster & Delaware Railroad corridor.

KINGSTON POINT RAIL TRAIL Perfect for families looking for a relaxing stroll or bike ride along the water, this flat, paved pathway stretches 1.2 miles from Kingston's midtown to the **Rondout Creek Waterfront**, offering stunning views of the **Kingston Point Light House**, **Hudson River** and **Rondout Creek Harbor**.

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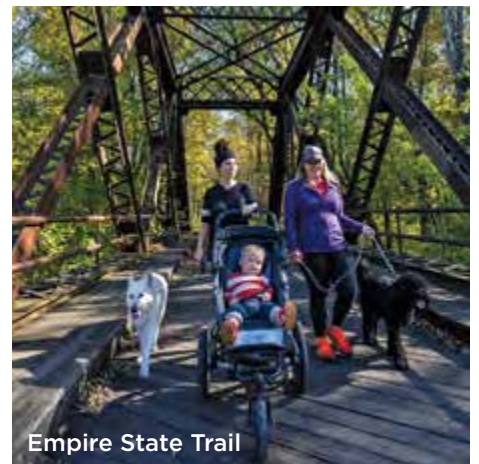
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Walkway Over the Hudson



O+W Rail Trail



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Stroll Small Towns

ELLENVILLE Nestled in the foothills of the **Catskill Mountains**, the “Hang Gliding Capital of the Northeast” is known the world over for **Cohen’s** pumpernickel bagels. Stop at **Gaby’s Café** for a globally-inspired culinary experience, or enjoy locally-sourced, sustainable food and a curated selection of wine and craft beverages at **Aroma Thyme Bistro**.

PHOENICIA Tucked in the northwest corner of the Catskills, this funky little town evokes a frontier vibe. Have a brew at **Sportsman’s Alamo Cantina**. Shop the **Nest Egg**, a quaint country store, or find contemporary and rustic home goods at **Tender Land Home**. Fuel up with comfort food at the **Phoenicia Diner**, a bustling mountainside eatery, or restore with a healthy breakfast at **Bettina Phoenicia**.

ROSENDALE This charming town once supplied cement from its Rosendale Cement Factory to build the Brooklyn Bridge and the Statue of Liberty. Visit the **Snyder Estate** and explore the **Widow Jane Mine** (May-October). Hike to the **Rosendale Trestle**, a 900-foot truss bridge overlooking the **Rondout Creek**, then recharge at the **Rail Trail Café** (weekends May-October) with wood-fired pizza and a signature Green Drink. Catch a vintage film at the iconic **Rosendale Theater** and complete the day with a colossal milkshake at **Santa Fe Burger Bar**.



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Browse Our Downtowns

SAUGERTIES Derived from the Dutch “little Sawyer” (a nod to its 17th-century lumber industry) Saugerties’ quiet yet convivial downtown packs a lot into its **Main** and **Partition Streets**. Find a treasure at one of its many thrifts and fleas like the **Saugerties Antiques Center** and shop boutiques like **Little Blueberry** for clothing and jewelry. Caffeine up at **Bluestone Roasting Co**, lunch on the patio at **Stella’s Station**, sample a locally-loved falafel at **Bina’s Café** or kick back at **The Dutch**, the neighborhood gastropub serving classic comfort food and craft brews. Book a reservation for dinner at **Miss Lucy’s Kitchen** to relish their coveted cocktails and specialty dishes.

NEW PALTZ This energetic college town packs loads to see and do in its bustling downtown. Stroll the heart of New Paltz—**Church, North Front** and **Main Streets**—a haven of eclectic shops and innovative eateries with a vibrant music scene. Hop on the **Walkkill Valley Rail Trail** at **Lagusta’s Luscious Café** and veer off two blocks north for **Dry Fly Coffee Co.** where artisanal bread and pastries are baked daily. Browse the **Water Street Market** shops and artist showrooms like **The Cronin Gallery**, or stop for New Orleans-style food and drinks at **The Parish**. Catch a film at **DENIZEN**, an intimate 70-seat cinema arts venue, then stop in for a sour ale and a bite at **Clemson Brothers Brewery** across the street.

WOODSTOCK Find peace, love and a baja hoodie among the jumble of eclectic shops, casual cafés and bars along **Tinker Street**. Kick off the day with sustainable, locally-sourced sustenance at **Bread Alone Bakery, Oriole 9** or **Caffe**. People watch on the **Village Green** or browse all things vintage at **Mower’s Flea Market** (weekends from mid-May to November). Pop into **Candlestock**, known for its eight-foot tall “Drip Mountain” and coveted handmade tapers.

A relaxed, communal culinary experience awaits at **Cucina**, then at nightfall, stick around for libations and music at **Station Bar & Curio**, curated craft beer at **R&R Taproom** or bustling nightlife at local fave **Early Terrible**. Listen to your favorite band at **Colony Woodstock** or eat, drink and dance at **The Pearl Moon Café**. Tour **Bearsville Theater** and explore the former studio of greats like Dylan, The Band and Joplin. Take in a live show or dine *al fresco* by the babbling stream.

KINGSTON The first capital of New York (for a short-lived period during the summer of 1777), Kingston remains steeped in history but with an ultra-contemporary vibe. Start at the artifact-filled **Hudson River Maritime Museum** at the bottom of **Broadway**, then stroll the **Rondout District**. Book a cruise to the **Rondout Lighthouse** and explore the historic brick structure, accessible only by boat. Stop for a bite at **Rosie General** on Broadway and find gifts for kids and fungi lovers of all ages at nature-themed **The Chicory Naturalist**.

Head uptown to the **Stockade District** for endless dining options. Sample authentic Greek food at **OPA!**, margaritas and Mexican at **Tortilla Uptown** (open until 5pm) or an eclectic menu of local flavors at **Brickmen Kitchen + Bar**. Shoppers can get their fill at **GirlBoy** (modern classics), **Hamilton & Adams** (upstate garb) and **Blue Byrd’s Haberdashery and Music** (great hats and classic vinyl), or scour vintage and antiques at **Gargoyles, Lovefield Vintage** and **Kingston Consignments**. In **Midtown**, chill at **Camp Kingston**, a gathering space and canteen with a pool table and arcade games, or stop for bistro fare at **Eliza** or authentic Turkish cuisine at **Masa Midtown**.

MARLBORO/MILTON In the heart of the Hudson River Valley, these hamlets in the town of Marlborough are lush with multi-generational farms and vineyards and expansive views of the **Hudson River**. Wake up with coffee and pastries from **Frida’s Café & Bakery**, then wind your way around the region to explore farm-to-glass beverages at the family-owned wineries and cideries dotting the landscape. Sip a classic cocktail at the **Raccoon Saloon**, a local staple for more than 40 years with views of the river, or savor an old-school dining experience at **The Ship Lantern Inn** in a historic Revolutionary War building.

Dining Destinations



You'll find some of the best local flavors in Ulster County, where acclaimed chefs and mixologists creatively transform seasonal and locally-grown ingredients into memorable experiences.

THE RESTAURANT INNESS | Accord

Simple rustic fare and Mediterranean-inspired dishes with produce sourced from their onsite garden and orchard.

MILL & MAIN | Kerhonkson

A community hub for relatable dishes with a multicultural spin that highlight local producers.

CLAY AT WILDFLOWER FARMS | Gardiner

Rustic new American menu that celebrates the region's bounty with seasonal vegetables grown at local farms and onsite in clay-rich soil.

BUTTERFIELD | Stone Ridge

Farm-to-table dining set in a lavish, 18th-century Dutch Colonial stone mansion on 50 park-like acres.

RESTAURANT KINSLEY | Kingston

Seasonal New American classics and creative cocktails served in the understated glamour of a former federal bank building (or *al fresco*).

SILVIA | Woodstock

Refined, back-to-basics cooking using organic and sustainable ingredients prepared in an open kitchen with a wood-fired grill.

OLIVER'S TAVERN AT HOWLAND HOUSE | Mt. Tremper

A British pub-inspired eatery and gathering place serving hearty staples like stews and pies, with vegan and gluten-free options.

PEEKAMOOSER RESTAURANT & TAP ROOM | Big Indian

A culinary beacon for contemporary American cuisine in a renovated farmhouse surrounded by mountains and a forever-wild forest preserve.

HENRY'S AT THE FARM | Milton

Inventive farm-to-table dining with starters and entrees sourced locally and from their onsite organic farm.

BLACKBARN HUDSON VALLEY | Saugerties

Distinct Hudson Valley fare from fresh farm-to-table ingredients in an elegant setting overlooking Esopus Falls.

GARVAN'S | New Paltz

Comfort food with an emphasis on fresh, local ingredients in an 18th-century house at the end of historic Huguenot Street.



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Drinks Destinations

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STOCKADE TAVERN

Kingston

THE CLUBHOUSE RESTAURANT

& BAR | Shandaken

THE GREEN ROOM

Wildflower Farms, Gardiner

URBAN COWBOY | Big Indian

WINE BARS

BRUNETTE WINE BAR

Kingston

CHLEO | Kingston

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Find adventure in Ulster County’s Catskill Forest Preserve—its 300,000 acres of mountain wilderness and 1,161 square miles of majestic landscapes are primed for hiking (with more than 190 miles of trails), biking, kayaking, climbing, fishing, camping and so much more. Explore the 71-mile Shawangunk Ridge with over 100,000 acres of natural terrain, and discover swimming holes, pristine mountain lakes and opportunities for extreme experiences like backcountry hiking, hang-gliding, sky diving and mountain climbing.

Plan a getaway that’s fun for the whole family with kid-friendly activities like pedal biking along a scenic stream bed or paddling along a nature preserve. Romp and swim or hit a local fair or vintage car show. Soak up some seasonal magic and experience a paradise of snow-dusted hills and crunchy, snowy trails.

Scan the QR code to find more ways to revive your spirit—or get your heart pumping—on your Ulster County outdoor escape.



Gertrude’s Nose New Paltz



Best Treks and Biking Trails

HEAD TO THE HILLS Covering more than 5,000 acres, **Sam's Point Preserve** includes the most dramatic and highest section of the **Shawangunk Mountains**, making it the busiest park by far. (Online reservations are required on weekends/holidays.) Hikes can include a combination of carriage roads, trails through blueberry fields, ridge trails with spectacular views and rock scrambles. Kids love the ice caves and the 187-foot **Verkeerderkill Falls**. The **Nature Center** offers tips to get around.

Hike to **Awosting Falls** just inside **Minnewaska State Park** for dramatic waterfalls that plunge more than 60 feet into **Peter's Kill** after the thaw in spring. Once parked, take the short, wooded path meandering alongside the access road to the trailhead for the falls.

Trek over to **Overlook Mountain** near Woodstock, a 4.6-mile out-and-back, challenging route that is popular for its extraordinary views, old hotel ruins and a fire tower. It will take about 2.5 hours to complete the loop, but start out early as the parking lot gets filled by mid-morning during peak season (April–November).

Mountain bike the **Shaupeneak Ridge Trail** in Ulster Park, a 2.2-mile loop of rugged terrain with vistas to the **Hudson River**, or **Jockey Hill** off Route 28 in Kingston with 25 miles of groomed trails that connect to the **Onteora Lake Trails** for a longer ride. In Wawarsing, **Lippman Park** is a mountain biking destination for all levels, with 14 miles of surface for beginners and plenty of berms, jumps and rocky terrain to make it fun and fast for advanced riders.

For an easy, breezy afternoon, head to **Black Creek Preserve** near the town of Esopus. Immerse your senses in the sounds of nature on the well-groomed, 2.1-mile up-and-down hike over a suspension bridge and through the forest to a rocky beach on the **Hudson River**.

Prime Places for Water Sports



DIVE IN Boat, kayak or paddle past spectacular scenery along Kingston's waterfront in the **Rondout District**. Get outfitted with canoes, electric boats, kayaks or stand-up paddleboards at **A Day**

Way Kayak Rentals or **Hudson Valley Watersports**.

Plan a one-of-a-kind family kayaking adventure and rent from **I Paddle New York**, then suit up at **Saugerties Beach** for an easy, two-hour paddle along the **Esopus Bend Nature Preserve**. New to the sport? Learn kayaking basics from their certified instructors (Tuesday mornings only). **Tip:** Kids must be three years old and 30+ pounds to ride tandem; or older than 10 to have their own kayak. Reservations recommended.

Bring your own canoe or kayak to **Belleayre Beach** at **Pine Hill Lake** in Pine Hill, where you can also rent pedal boats, swim, fish, boat and hike around the lake from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Enjoy a peaceful paddle on the quiet **Alder Lake** in Hardenburgh.

Experienced kayakers can rent from **New Paltz Kayaking** for a two-hour Sunset Paddle along wildlife-filled Black Creek to Chodikee Lake; bring your own or rent for a guided tour of the **Forsyth Nature Center** (June through September) along the **Hudson River** and **Rondout Creek**. Venture on canoe through the narrow, undeveloped shoreline to **Onteora Lake** in Kingston or explore **Bristol Beach State Park** located at the site of a former brickyard in Saugerties.

Explore more family activities



LOCAL LOWDOWN

HIDDEN GEMS

FALLING WATERS PRESERVE

Just a few miles from the heart of Saugerties—and a world away—set aside an hour to wander a short, rugged trail along well-marked trails with beautiful streams, meadows, wetlands and cascading waterfalls that flow toward the **Hudson River**.

VERNOOY KILL FALLS

Easy access and ample parking mark the start of the 3.3-mile, out-and-back **Vernooy Kill Falls Trail** in Kerhonkson. Traverse rocky streams, babbling brooks and footbridges, and be rewarded with a spectacular waterfall, stone quarry ruins and crystal-clear swimming holes.

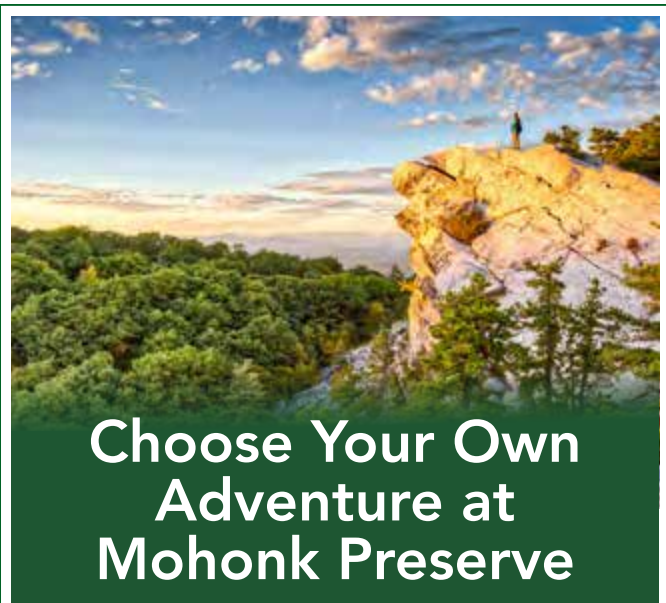


SUNDOWN WILD FOREST

Tucked within the secluded wilderness of the **Catskill Forest Preserve**, find massive rock ledges, lush greenery and pristine water amid 30,000 verdant acres primed for easy and intermediate hikes.

BELLEAYRE MOUNTAIN

A popular winter destination with more than 170 skiable acres, **Belleayre Mountain** in Highmount offers free access to cross-country trails in the off-season. All levels and abilities can walk or bike miles of trails that range from easy treks to more challenging routes. Or, just take a gondola to the top to enjoy views from the summit.



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Top Spots for Epic Adventure



MOHONK PRESERVE Extreme sports enthusiasts should head to the New Paltz and Gardiner areas. Hike across the grounds of the iconic **Mohonk Mountain House** resort (Hiking Trail Pass required) to the **Labyrinth** scramble and up the **Lemon Squeeze**, a 5.5-mile, 4-hour challenge; you'll be rewarded with breathtaking vistas. For 360-degree views, climb up the **Sky Top Tower**. Overnight guests of the resort can experience a pulse-pounding escapade along the new **Via Ferrata** complete with sky bridges and aerial ladders. **Tip:** Access to the 40,000-acre **Mohonk Preserve** requires a pre-paid pass which includes parking. Plan a weekday climb when the wait at the base will be shorter.

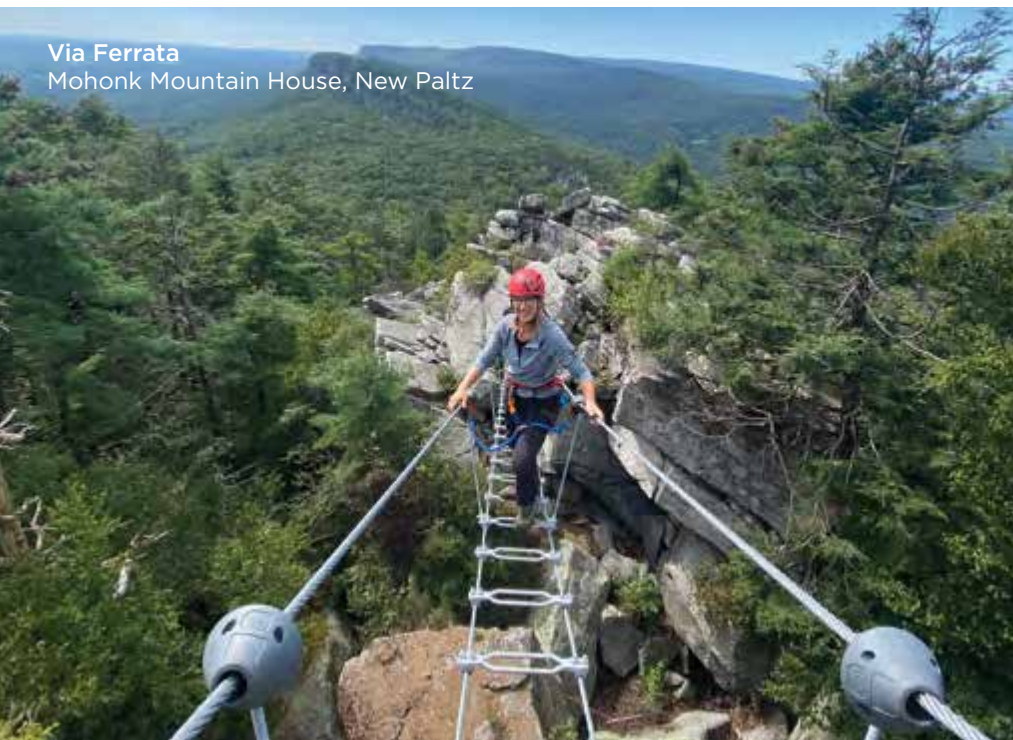
THE GUNKS Located just minutes from New Paltz, the **Shawangunks**, better known as the "Gunks," is one of the most popular climbing destinations in the country, sought for its quartz conglomerate cliffs and distinct horizontal fissures that create adrenaline-pumping challenges for more experienced climbers. Most of the Gunks is located in **Mohonk Preserve** with multiple routes rated at 5.6 or higher that require a minimum of a 60 ft. rope for rappelling. Two of the most popular cliffs are **The Trapps** and **Near Trapps**. Skilled climbers will opt for the two-pitch **Limelight**, or the aptly named **Ridicullissima**, a single-pitch at 180 feet.

MINNEWASKA STATE PARK Beginners find the **Peterskill Cliffs** in **Minnewaska State Park** easier to access, with bolt anchors and a single-pitch climb. **Tip:** The number of climbers at Peterskill is limited each day, so get there early to avoid being turned away. New to climbing? Consider taking a class (from beginner to expert) or hire a guide from **Alpine Endeavors**.

SLIDE/WITTENBERG/CORNELL MOUNTAIN RANGE Experience this 12.3-mile out-and-back trail near Phoenicia, known for its spectacular views. Generally considered a steep and challenging route, this popular trail for backpacking, camping and hiking is a continuous climb that crosses over the summit of three 3,000+ foot peaks with a total elevation gain of 4,504 ft. **Tip:** Don't miss the sunrise at Wittenberg.

IN THE AIR If it's airtime you're after, take hang gliding lessons from the certified instructors at **Mountain Wings** in Ellenville or at **Ellenville Flight Park**. For heart-stopping adventure, **Skydive The Ranch** in Gardiner boasts the highest tandem skydive in New York and the longest freefall experience in the Northeast.

Via Ferrata
Mohonk Mountain House, New Paltz



MORE TO EXPLORE FAMILY FUN

ROCKING HORSE RANCH

Adventure is within walking distance of your room at the **Rocking Horse Ranch Resort** in Highland. Rock climbing, horseback riding, tubing, bungee jumpers, mini-golf and a water park are just some of the daytime activities; enjoy bonfires, fireworks displays and live performances at night.



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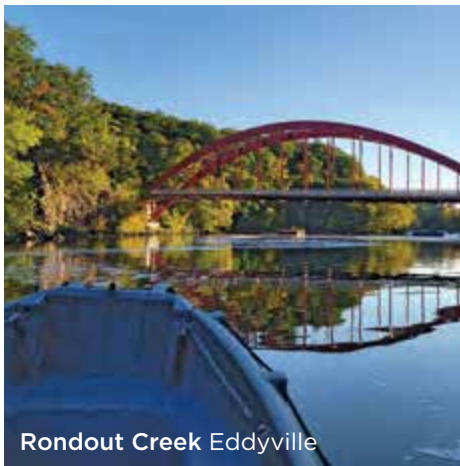
Tour the **Catskills** on pedal-powered Rail Explorers that run on the tracks of the former Ulster & Delaware Railroad along **Esopus Creek**. Book ahead for a limited 2- or 4-seater that departs from **Phoenicia Station** for an invigorating, 2.5 hour, 8-mile "River Run."

ROTARY PARK

Cool off with a swim at **Kingston Point Beach** (lifeguards on duty Wednesday to Saturday in summer), then head across the street to **Kingston Point** for non-stop activities that include a BMX track and nine-hole disc golf course.

RAH'S PLAYLAND & PARLOUR

If it's fast-paced excitement you're after, bring the family to **Rah's** in Kingston for a thrilling spin in a Go-Kart. Score extra points and buy the Triple Play Ticket that includes 75 swings in their batting cage, one go-kart ride and a round of mini-golf. Finish with a kid-friendly meal and a shake.



Rondout Creek Eddyville



Rocking Horse Ranch Highland



Awosting Falls
Minnewaska State Park, Kerhonkson



Belleayre Mountain Highmount

ON THE FLY An abundance of lakes, rivers and creeks and ideal weather conditions make Ulster County a favorite destination for fishing, especially trout. **Esopus Creek** is a go-to spot for anglers, with good wading levels and a variety of brown, rainbow and brook trout. The **Ashokan Reservoir** is stocked with fish and a rewarding place for casual fishing from shore or boat. If you're new to fly fishing, **Catskill Outfitters** in Phoenicia offers organized fishing expeditions with licensed guides and all equipment supplied.

Rondout Creek is a sprawling tributary of the **Hudson River** creating perfect trout fishing conditions all spring and summer long. Public access to some portions of the creek (north of the reservoir) is limited, which makes it coveted for serious anglers. With boat launch sites in Kingston, Esopus and Saugerties, opportunities for fishing abound, with plenty of bait-and-tackle shops, fishing guides, restaurants and amenities nearby.

Trout season comes to a close at the end of November in Ulster County, but hardcore enthusiasts can ice fish at places like **Sturgeon Pool** east of Rosendale, **Rondout Creek** in Eddyville and **Onteora Lake** west of Kingston. Polar-bear anglers can cast at various lakes, rivers, streams and reservoirs, including the **Hudson River** (eel), the **Ashokan Reservoir** (walleye) and **Esopus Creek** (black bass). **Tip:** Stay apprised of weather conditions and know the rules and regulations.



Best Ways to Weather the Cold

HIT THE TRAILS Winter is prime time for cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing and fat biking, and most rail trails in Ulster County are open for a good cold-weather workout with scenic, rustic views. Head to the popular **Hurley Rail Trail**, a 2.2-mile-long, 10-foot-wide paved path that stretches along the **Esopus Creek** and continues 16 miles south (unpaved) to Kerhonkson along the old O&W Railway. (The trailhead is on the left just after you cross the creek.) XC in fresh snow at **Minnewaska State Park** on five groomed trails that boast some of the best elevation gain in the region (1,079 feet total ascent on the **Upper Awosting loop**). Weather permitting, the **River-to-Ridge Trail** in New Paltz offers easy access for all levels and beautiful winter views of the **Shawangunk Ridge**.

HIT THE SLOPES **Belleayre Mountain** in Highmount, a winter destination since 1947, has 170+ skiable acres, lodges, group and private lessons and eight lifts, including a high-speed gondola. Cross-country skiers and off-road-ready fat bikes are welcome on a network of thrilling trails groomed for every level, from gentle carriage roads to steep, challenging drops.

Reserve a date at **Kidscamp Belleayre** and introduce your kids 12 and under to skiing or snowboarding. Kid-friendly instructors run two- and four-hour group lessons on weekends and holidays, so beginners can get acclimated to the terrain and progress to the 220-foot "Magic Carpet." **Tip:** For the quickest access, park at the base at the Discovery Lodge (opens at 8am).

HIT THE ICE Hit the **Rondout Ice Rink** at **Ole Savannah**, quintessential for skating on the waterfront in Kingston. Stay for the southern hospitality and relish the comfort food from their extensive menu, or get a family-sized meal to go.

Glide on an Olympic-sized rink indoors at **Kiwanis Ice Arena** in Saugerties. It's fully-enclosed and open daily from September to April. Or, splurge on a Winter Sports Pass and lace up at the rustic **Mohonk Ice Skating Pavilion**, perched high above the lake atop the **Mohonk Mountain House** property. Rest tired legs with a ride on an ice chariot and warm up in front of the massive stone fireplace.

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Hudson River Kingston Point





Scenic Places to Connect with Nature

WOODLAND WALKS Get lost in the 63-acre forest and sculpture park at **Opus 40** in Saugerties, and explore 6.5 acres of monumental earthwork created by artist Harvey Fite. Book a tour to explore every nook and cranny, or chill out on the lawn and enjoy a live performance or classic film with the majestic **Catskill Mountains** as the backdrop.

Tap your inner zen at the **John Burroughs Nature Sanctuary** in Esopus, a tranquil oasis of 4.5 miles of easy-to-moderate trails that traverse rocky ridge lines, woodlands and wetlands with a 2-acre pond, fern valley, stone stairway and a cliff-clinging ladder. Revel in the lush landscapes that inspired Burroughs and fellow naturalists like Walt Whitman and Theodore Roosevelt, and peek inside **Slabsides**, the rustic log cabin Burroughs handbuilt in 1895.

AMONG THE FLORA Bliss out at one of Ulster County's stunning wildflower farms, which come alive with blossoms come springtime. Stroll through more than 2,000 tulips in May at **Kelder's Farm** in Kerhonkson, then refresh with locally-crafted beer, wine or cider on tap at the farm's **The Loading Dock**. Feel the healing power of fresh flowers at **Hudson Wildflower Co.** in Milton and soak up sunny vibes amid lush colorful fields. Stay at **Auberge Resort's Wildflower Farms** in Gardiner where you'll discover an understated, authentic back-to-nature escape, set on 140 acres with clear views of the **Shawangunk Ridge**. Stay in free-standing cabins, and book an "experience" from farm foraging to hiking to botanical baking.

Witness biodiversity in action at the **Shawangunk Grassland National Wildlife Refuge** in Wallkill. Stroll through the 597-acre green space to catch glimpses of diverse migratory birds and other rare wildlife that find refuge here. Two interconnected trails make a 3.6-mile loop through open grasslands plush with native grasses and views of the majestic **Shawangunk Ridge**. **Tip:** Early birds literally get the parking spaces here, so head out early.

ON THE GREEN Pack your clubs for one of Ulster County's nine public courses known for their world-class design. Tee up at family-owned **Apple Greens Golf Course**, a 27-hole course beloved for its fairways intertwined with apple orchards and stunning views of the **Catskills** and **Shawangunk Mountains**. Shot-making possibilities are endless at the **Inness**, a wide-open, inland links-style course with majestic mountain views, or at **Wiltwyck Golf Club's** championship course nestled amid Kingston's natural terrain.

For a historic outing book tee time at the private **Woodstock Golf Club** (out-of-town license and local lodging receipt required) and end the par 70, 18-hole course with a walk over the rushing **Sawkill Creek** and dinner at the five-star **Millstream**. If you only have time for nine, head to the **New Paltz Golf Course**, located close to **Historic Huguenot Street**, a district of stone house museums built by early settlers.



Shawangunk Country Club
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SHAWANGUNK SCENIC BYWAY Pack up the car or hop on a motorcycle for a vivid excursion along this byway that winds through 88 miles of scenery, connecting on two different loops as you head north. Start at the vibrant village of New Paltz, with its farm-to-table eateries and local music scene, then head west through the **Shawangunk Ridge**, where the elevation rises 2,200 feet above sea level. Follow Routes 44/55 to Kerhonkson and the charming rural town of Stone Ridge before looping back. Hops and spirits lovers should head to **Arrowood Farms** in Accord for a seasonal take on regenerative farming and refined bar food served onsite at **The Apiary + Bar**.

A southern route traverses from Kerhonkson through the **Rondout Valley**, with views of the ridge as you travel to Ellenville, passing through the **Minnewaska State Park Preserve**, the hamlet of Cragmoor and through bucolic farmland into the town of Shawangunk and Pine Bush.

CATSKILL MOUNTAIN SCENIC BYWAY The 52-mile-long stretch passes through the quaint towns of Olive and Shandaken, winding through small hamlets to the wild and pristine **Catskill Preserve**. Detour to the **Ashokan Reservoir** and find a quiet bench to inhale the views and marvel at this engineering triumph developed in the early 20th century to hold billions of gallons of water for New York City's growing metropolis. The **Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center** in Mount Tremper is a must-stop—it's chock full of resources for things to do along the route.

ON THE WATER Prefer not to drive? Soak in the glorious foliage along the waterfront with a two-hour cruise up the **Hudson River** on the *Rip Van Winkle II*, starting in Kingston, past views of the **Catskill Mountains**, sprawling historic estates, lighthouses and sleepy villages. **Tip:** Excursions, especially those in the fall, sell out fast, so purchase tickets at least one week in advance.

HIKE FOR VIEWS At an elevation of 1,812 feet, **Gertrude's Nose** (named after Gertrude Bruyn, a 17th-century settler who donated much of the land) is one of the most popular hikes in **Minnewaska State Park**, known for its unique rock formations and dramatic foliage views over expanses of farmland and forest. Hike in on the trails (**Millbrook Mountain Loop** is the most popular) or use the easier, flatter carriage roads to reach Gertrude's Nose. Epic selfies await!

Shawangunk Mountains Scenic Byway Gardiner



LOCAL LOWDOWN

HIDDEN GEMS

SAUGERTIES LIGHTHOUSE

Hike to the remote 1850s red-bricked lighthouse on a half-mile nature trail, open sunrise to sunset, or turn the clock back to when steamboats traveled the **Hudson River** and book a stay at this two-room B&B surrounded by water and furnished as it was in the early 20th century.



SOJOURNER TRUTH STATE PARK

Explore history along a mile of Hudson River coastline in Kingston at this newly developed state park honoring Sojourner Truth, a 19th-century African-American abolitionist and suffragist. Part of the **Empire State Trail** and host to the paved **Hudson River Brickyard Trail**, the 500+ acres of park is a quiet refuge for hikes and private family gatherings.

KTD MONASTERY

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Kelder's Farm Kerhonkson

Top Farm Experiences



PICK YOUR OWN Head to any of the sprawling U-pick farms and orchards in the county to fill your basket with fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables. With a variety of fun family attractions, farm tours and indulgent baked treats, local faves for kids of all ages include **Kelder's Farm** in Kerhonkson, **Minard's Farm** in Clintondale, **Jenkins-Lueken Orchards** in New Paltz and **Hurd Family Farm** in Modena. Check online for picking schedules and special events. **Tip:** Slather on the sunscreen and bug spray and keep hydrated in open fields.

At **DuBois Farm** in Highland, you can pick all sorts of fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers throughout the season. Relax with lunch from their pizzeria (panini and salads are also on the menu) and visit with farm animals. Choose from 24 flavors of hand-crafted ice cream in summer and sip on a variety of local wine and craft beverages at **The Tavern**.

Make a day of it at **Wright's Farm** in Gardiner, open year round seven days a week. Shop the roadside market, pick apples in season and tailgate on the farm's 453 breathtaking acres. Carve out a niche for your crew (and pets) and lay out a blanket, toss a football or hit the onsite **Gardiner Brewery** and enjoy the live music, seasonal beers and cocktails made with farm-grown ingredients.

From late summer to fall, apples, peaches and pumpkins are ripe for picking at pet-friendly **Sonny Weed's Fruit Farm**, a fifth-generation fruit farm nestled in the rolling hills of Milton. On weekends, delight in food truck fare, live music, fruit-themed treats, specialty sangrias and wine from sister farm **Weed Orchards & Winery**. Mid-summer, experience the beauty of a pick-your-own flower farm at nearby **Hudson Wildflower Co.** in Milton. Stroll through the endless color (\$8 per adult; kids under seven \$5) or grab a metal bucket and create a custom bouquet (\$45 covers admission for two adults or one adult with two children).

ON-FARM MARKETS Pop into **Walkill View Farm** in New Paltz for coffee and fresh baked goods (like three types of cider donuts) made daily at the onsite bakery. Shop the market for seasonal produce, locally-made cheeses, jams and syrups. In October, create lasting memories in the 3-acre corn maze, on a hay ride or in their massive pick-your-own pumpkin field.

A must-stop for fresh fruits and veggies is the historic **Saunderskill Farms** in Accord, growing for locals since 1680. Today, the 11th generation of Schoonmakers continues to serve up scratchmade baked goods, breakfast sandwiches and hearty soups and sandwiches. Vegans have a lot to love here, too. Mingle with locals and lunch outdoors by the garden or pond.



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Saturdays, 10am–2pm

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Phoenicia Farmer's Market

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GRAPES AND GRAINS Plan a scenic tour around the **Shawangunk Wine Trail** nestled between the **Shawangunk Mountains** and the **Hudson River**, and cluster a day's tastings in the Marlboro area. Stop at **Benmarl Winery**, home to the oldest vineyard in the U.S., the artisanal **Stoutridge Winery & Distillery** and **Weed Orchards & Winery**, where you can explore the century-old farm's countryside views and enjoy handcrafted wine, cider and field-fresh fare. Watch the sun slip over the river at **Quartz Rock Vineyards**, and savor award-winning wines high atop **Mount Zion**.

Nestled in Milton's rolling hills, **Nostrano Vineyards'** 75-acre farm offers small-batch wines, small bites and expansive bird's-eye views. **Locust Grove Brewing Company** is the go-to on weekends for live music of all genres and orchard-grown cider and beer. Bring the group (and pets) to revel in spectacular scenery and snack on a rotating selection of food truck fare.

Wind your way through Gardiner for a distillery tour and flight of whiskey at **Tuthilltown Spirits Distillery** on the site of an old grist mill, or savor sustainably-grown vegan wines at **Whitecliff Vineyards** at the base of the **Shawangunks**. End the day at **Robibero Winery** in New Paltz with silky estate-grown wines, live music and wood-fired pizza (on weekends). Bring the family for grape stomping in fall.

A new collaboration between **Great Life Brewing** and **Red Maple Vineyard** makes **RMV Cellars** in West Park the newest farm destination for award-winning wines and beers, tasty bites and live music on Friday and Saturday nights.

CIDER AND BEER In Highland, **Bad Seed Cider** features a kid- and puppy-friendly taproom and outdoor beer garden that serves up pizza, snacks and ciders made from fruit harvested at **Wilklow Orchard**, their sixth-generation farm just a few miles away. Head there for orchard views, pick-your-own apples, hay rides and beverages at the **Farm Bar**.

At **Brooklyn Cider House** at **Twin Star Orchards** in New Paltz (leashed dogs are welcome), wood-fired pizza, burgers and barbeque complements their naturally dry and complex orchard ciders. Check for pop-ups and one-of-a kind events. Heirloom hard ciders are traditionally crafted at **Kettleborough Cider House** located on the multigenerational **Dressel Farms**. Pick your own berries or stop by the roadstand in summer for fresh produce and ice cream flavored on the farm.

Make your way to **Rondout Valley** and the historic **Stone Ridge Orchard** for **Hudson Valley Farmhouse Cider's** English-style hard cider and New York State beverages, and bring home fresh produce and baked goods from the seasonal farmstand. For locally-inspired comfort food and a craft cocktail or farmhouse beer head to **Arrowood Farms'** sustainably-minded brewery in Accord.



Explore more craft beverages



Whitecliff Vineyard Gardiner



Arrowood Farms Accord

WHERE TO U-CUT TREE FARMS

Venture out to a sustainable family farm to find the perfect tree and decor to deck your halls. Saws, sleds and good times supplied!

Balsam Ridge Christmas Tree Farm
Clintondale | Fresh-cut or U-cut trees; sleds and antique sleigh.

Bell's Tree Farm | Accord
Twelve varieties of U-cut and fresh-cut trees; cozy gift shop.



Boice's Farm & Garden | Saugerties
Pre-cut trees and kissing balls.

Christmas Tree Lane | Wallkill
Pre-cut and U-cut; reindeer barrel train, live animals and comfort food.

Garone's Mountain Fresh Farms
Highland | U-cut or they cut; hayrides, Santa and outdoor firepit.

Mountain View Tree Farm
Saugerties | Choose and cut your own.

Thunder Horse Hollow Farm
Ulster Park | Pre-cut trees in season.

W&K Split Rail Nursery | Milton
U-cut or they cut; wreaths, kissing balls and personalized ornaments.

Wallkill View Farm | New Paltz
Fresh-cut trees; gifts, plants and baked treats; groups welcome.

West Wind Tree Farm | Wallkill
Pre-cut and U-cut; wreaths, kissing balls and handmade gifts.

Scan for more tree farms and holiday shops



CULTURAL PURSUITS



Discover more arts and culture



Maverick Theater Woodstock

Art and community come alive in Ulster County, where theater, music and art of all genres thrive in landmark buildings, intimate spaces and tucked into nature. Seek out well-known performers or meet emerging artists—there’s no shortage of talent or venues where you can have a meaningful experience or rock a good time. From the oldest section in New York’s oldest city to historic spaces creatively reenvisioned, you will find tradition and innovation imaginatively intertwined. Dine in a colonial-era inn, stay in a mid-century motel and discover historic districts that will take your travels back in time.

Scan the QR codes to find new ways to enjoy your favorite art form or satisfy your passion for the past.



Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art New Paltz

Top Destinations for Art and Culture



KINGSTON Explore the city's three distinct areas for a wide range of art and cultural events. Converge with other art lovers in midtown on the first Saturday of every month when galleries open new exhibits to the public, or dive into photography at the home of the **Center for Photography at Woodstock**. Catch a national act at the 1,500-seat **Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC)**, a national landmark and one of New York's last great show palaces. Browse antique and vintage design at the **Red Owl Collective's** 10,000 square-foot shop. Downtown, the **West Strand Art Gallery** on the waterfront exhibits contemporary works, and **ArtPort Kingston** is a must-stop for non-traditional exhibits housed inside the historic **Cornell Steamboat Co. Building**. Book tickets for a performance at colonial uptown's **Senate Garage**.

SAUGERTIES Embrace the uniqueness of **Opus 40**, the life's work of sculptor Harvey Fite, a permanent art installation on 6.5 acres of a former bluestone quarry that provides a monumental setting for live music, theater, dance, yoga and outdoor classes. Catch the sunset over the **Catskills** or take a guided tour of the pristine property on weekends.

Dive into the emerging art scene in the center of the eclectic Saugerties village, including **Jane Street Art Center**, which showcases multidisciplinary art in a 19th-century building (formerly a 1920s speakeasy). **The Local**, a former Dutch chapel, is a newly transformed space for arts, music, culture and community.

NEW PALTZ Find world-class art at the **Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art** at SUNY New Paltz, tucked behind the campus's iconic glass and metal **Atrium**. Six galleries are housed in 9,000 square feet of exhibit space, each filled with diverse works. The **DM Weil Gallery** offers the look and vibe of a Soho-style exhibition space with the majestic **Shawangunk Mountains** as a backdrop. Peruse galleries as you stroll through **Water Street Market** and along **Main Street** or watch an independent film at **DENIZEN's** intimate 70-seat cinema arts venue.

WOODSTOCK Feel a connection to Woodstock's deep artistic roots on **Tinker Street**, teeming with pottery, paintings, jewelry, photography and more. In its center is the **Woodstock Artists Association & Museum (WAAM)**, where Woodstock's heritage as the "Colony of the Arts" is on display. **Kleinert/James Center for the Arts** honors the legacy of the utopian Byrdcliff Arts Colony and exhibits contemporary works. Tap your inner artist and take a workshop at the **Woodstock School of Art** or view exhibitions by local artists.

Channel Woodstock's musical heritage at **Bearsville Theater**, a center of creativity for music icons as far back as the 60s. Take in a show or gather at **Bearsville Park**, an oasis for dining, drinking and relaxing with live music along the **Sawkill Creek**. Step back in time at the **Colony** for a curated line-up of live music and upscale pub food in the circa 1929 hotel ballroom or outdoors in the beer garden. Catch a live performance at the 70-seat **Barn at Levon Helm Studios**, a one-of-a-kind musical landmark and home of the Midnight Ramble.



Ulster Performing Arts Center
Kingston



Woodstock Playhouse Woodstock

LOCAL LOWDOWN

HIDDEN GEMS

WOODSTOCK PLAYHOUSE

This legendary theater at the **Gateway to Woodstock** has staged plays, concerts and other performances since 1938, including a pivotal precursor to Woodstock '69. Catch a live performance in this historical mecca beginning in May each year.

BRUNEL SCULPTURE PARK

Tucked away off the **Catskill Scenic Byway** in the town of Olive, embrace the visual beauty of indigenous horticulture on a self-guided tour of this 4-acre artistic sanctuary.



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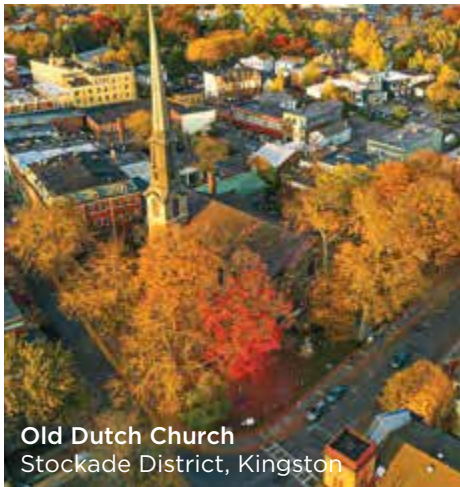
Along the craggy top of the **Shawangunk Ridge** in Warwarsing, explore the tiny, rustic hamlet of Cragsmoor, founded in the late-19th century as a cultural, spiritual and artistic community. Stop at the **Cragsmoor Stone Church** and take in serene views from the iconic arch.

THE FALCON

Perched over **Marlboro Falls**, listen to world-class jazz, blues or rock by Grammy Award-winning artists and local musicians at this iconic venue (no tickets needed, just reserve a table for dinner) or visit the "pub-beneath-the-club," home to Avalon Archives Museum of Rock & Roll.



Best Places to Walk Through History



Old Dutch Church
Stockade District, Kingston

KINGSTON STOCKADE DISTRICT Named for the stockade built by Dutch governor Peter Stuyvesant in the mid-1600s, the uptown Kingston **Stockade District** is a close-knit, eight-block neighborhood that blends colonial American history and small-town charm with a bustling retail scene.

Get acclimated at the **Matthewis Persen House Museum** on John Street, one of oldest structures in the District, then head to the **Senate House State Historic Site**, the first seat of New York government where the state's first Constitution was adopted in 1777. Browse artifacts next door at the **Senate House Museum**. Explore the heart of the Dutch settlement on a self-guided walking tour (download a map or pick one up at the **Friends of Historic Kingston Gallery** on Main Street), or download the *Kingston Walks Audio Tour* on your smartphone.



Hudson River Maritime Museum
Rondout Creek

HURLEY HISTORIC DISTRICT Stretching for 250 acres on both sides of U.S. Route 209, the **Hurley Historic District** is a prime destination for some of the best-preserved colonial Dutch architecture in the country. Dive into 350 years of the settlement's history at the **Hurley Heritage Society** museum on Main Street. Pick up a map (or download one) and take a self-guided walking tour of the picturesque village.

Nature lovers can explore more of the hamlet on the paved, mixed-use **O&W Rail Trail**. Park on Russell Road in Hurley to stroll or bike the 13-mile route that runs along U.S. Route 209 to Stone Ridge and High Falls. In High Falls, stop at the **D&H Canal Museum & Visitors Center** where canal-era artifacts are on view, and follow the half-mile **Five Locks Walk** that follows a towpath along the canal. Head toward Stone Ridge to explore the circa 1690 **Bevier House Museum** which features Civil War artifacts and scullery.



Historic Huguenot Street New Paltz

HISTORIC HUGUENOT STREET Walk down one of America's oldest streets in this 10-acre National Historic Landmark District in New Paltz, tucked away from the college-town buzz. Explore 300 years of multicultural history on **Historic Huguenot Street**. Begin at the **DuBois Fort Visitor Center** where you can register for a guided tour (limited to eight people; pre-registration is encouraged) and browse exhibits on the settlement's evolution. Visit the museum shop there, too.

For a self-guided tour, download the free app to learn about the District's seven stone house museums, including the flagship **Jean Hasbrouck House**, a reconstructed 1717 French church, a replica Esopus Munsee wigwam and burial ground.



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Fred Johnston House Kingston



Hurley Historic District Hurley



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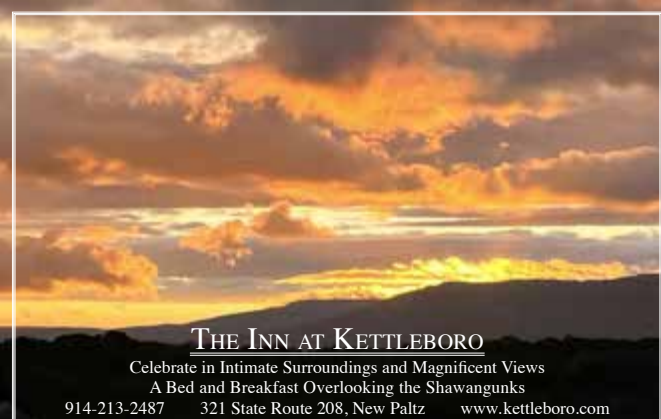
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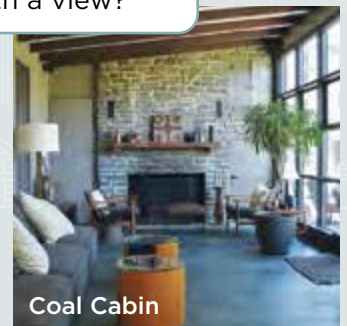
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Firehouse Inn, The Carriage House

Saugerties
Barn on the Pond, Bluestone Basecamp, The Warehouse



Coal Cabin

Q historic inns and B&Bs



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**1796 House Inn at the Ridge, Audrey's Farmhouse,
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Saugerties Bed and Breakfast, Saugerties Lighthouse B&B

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