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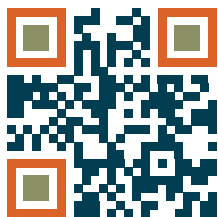
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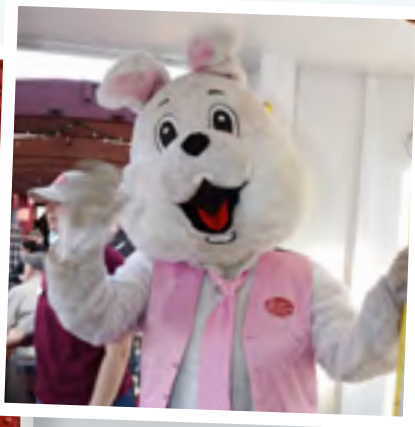
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**This visitors' guide is curated to excite and inspire your next eco-conscious Ulster County getaway. Begin your journey with the low-impact itineraries you'll find within these pages, which were crafted by bloggers and friends who share our passion for eco-conscious travel.**

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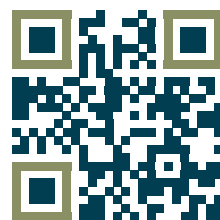
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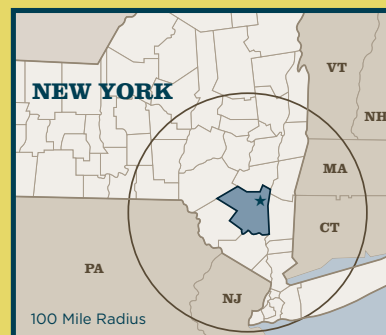
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## Jan–Feb

### Catskill Ice Climbing Festival

New Paltz | [alpineendeavors.com](http://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](http://ashokancenter.org)

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



### NYS Pride Ski Weekend

Highmount | [biggayhudsonvalley.com](http://biggayhudsonvalley.com)

Three-day event that celebrates the LGBTQ+ community with skiing, snowboarding, entertainment and other festivities held at Belleayre Mountain.



### Sojourner Truth Life Walk

Kingston | [blackhistorymonthkingston.org](http://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](http://ashokancenter.org)

Family-friendly day of maple sugaring, pancakes and good times for all ages, with blacksmithing demos, live music, campfires, and guided hikes to the sugar shack!



### Shamrock Run

Kingston | [shamrockrun.org](http://shamrockrun.org)

Annual two-mile fun run that precedes downtown Kingston's St. Patrick's Day Parade and festivities.



## May

### Field + Supply MRKT

Kingston | [fieldandsupply.com](http://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](http://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.



### Pride in the Sky

Highland | [biggayhudsonvalley.com](http://biggayhudsonvalley.com)

Free, nighttime pride celebration held on the Walkway Over the Hudson featuring rainbow lighting, live entertainment, illuminated costumes and DJ dance party.



### Woodstock-New Paltz Art & Crafts Fair

New Paltz | [quailhollow.com](http://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

### Mountain Jam

Highmount | [mountainjamfestival.com](http://mountainjamfestival.com)

Celebrate jam bands, rock, folk and more at one of the Northeast's biggest rock and camping festivals nestled in the heart of the Catskills.



## July

### Borscht Belt Festival

Ellenville | [borschtbeltfest.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://ulstercountyfair.com)

Annual family event promotes local agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry and good old-fashioned fun since 1886. Entertainment, shows and exhibits (through August 3).



### Upstate Arts Weekend

Various counties | [upstateartweekend.org](http://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.





# MISS

## August

### Blueberry Festival

Ellenville | ewcoc.com

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



### Caribbean Carnival

Kingston | seasonedgives.org

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



## September

### Art Walk Kingston

Kingston | artsmidhudson.org

Tenth annual two-day, citywide open studio tour that supports local artists.



### 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, vendors and a parade 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.



### Field + Supply MRKT

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.



### 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.



Scan the QR code above for even more events. Check the event's website for details and to purchase tickets.

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➤ Flip the pages or read our blog for more ideas and year-round sustainable things to do.





## Discover Miles of Scenic Rail Trails

**EMPIRE STATE TRAIL** This continuous 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.

**WALLKILL VALLEY RAIL TRAIL** Access this scenic 22-mile route in New Paltz, where hikers, joggers and cyclists of all ages and abilities can follow it south for eight miles to the hamlet of Wallkill, or north for 14 miles through Rosendale to the Kingston city line. Featuring a smooth stone surface, the trail winds through local farms, past historic ironworks and over the 940-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 offers an unbeatable view of the **Shawangunk Ridge** and will take about two hours to complete.

**O+W RAIL TRAIL** This recreational trail is an accessible way to explore the natural beauty of the **Rondout Valley** and get a glimpse of 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.

**ASHOKAN RAIL TRAIL** Walk or bike this flat, pet-friendly 11.5-mile trail along the northern edge of 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** A new green initiative to promote stronger communities, 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, 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**, highlighting Kingston's historic railroad legacy and offering stunning views of the **Roundout Lighthouse**, **Hudson River** and **Rondout Creek Harbor**.



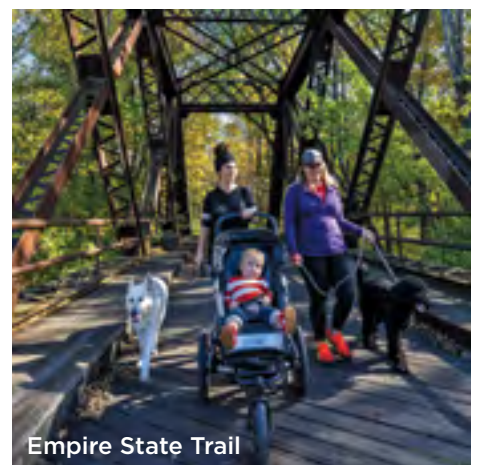
Wallkill Valley Rail Trail



Walkway Over the Hudson



O+W Rail Trail



Empire State Trail

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## Walk Through History

**KINGSTON STOCKADE DISTRICT** Named for the stockade built by Dutch governor Peter Stuyvesant in the mid-1600s, **Uptown Kingston's 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 audio tour *How Dutch is New York?* on your smartphone.

**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 the charming town of High Falls, stop at the **D&H Canal Museum & Visitors Center** where canal-era artifacts are on view, and amble along the half-mile **Five Locks Walk** that follows a towpath along the canal. In Stone Ridge, explore the circa 1690 **Bevier House Museum** which features Civil War artifacts and scullery.

**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 (Wednesdays-Sundays; 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 the community's original burying ground.



The Burning of Kingston event Kingston



Historic Huguenot Street New Paltz



Hurley Historic District Hurley



## Shop, Eat and Drink our Downtowns



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#### EATERIES

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#### COCKTAIL BARS

**HUDSON HOUSE & DISTILLERY**  
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**LONE WOLF COCKTAIL BAR** Kingston

**STOCKADE TAVERN** Kingston

**THE CLUBHOUSE RESTAURANT  
& BAR** Shandaken

**THE GREEN ROOM**  
Wildflower Farms, Gardiner

**THE PUBLIC HOUSE BAR AT URBAN  
COWBOY LODGE** Big Indian

#### WINE BARS

**BRUNETTE WINE BAR** Kingston

**CHLEO** Kingston

**EARLY TERRIBLE** Woodstock

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**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 **Bosco’s Mercantile** for luxurious, sustainably-sourced textiles and gifts. Caffeine up with a fresh roast from **Bluestone Roasting Company**, or lunch on the patio at **Stella’s Station**, a converted car garage. Sample island-inspired fare at **Ohana Café** (gluten-free options available) 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 locally-sourced American 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 **Wallkill Valley Rail Trail** at funky vegan-vegetarian **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 local artist showrooms like **The Cronin Gallery** or catch a film at **DENIZEN**, an intimate 70-seat cinema arts venue. Stop for a New Orleans-style meal at **The Parish** or casual food and drink at **Main Street Bistro**.

**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**, or enjoy globally-inspired dishes with a modern twist at **Good Night**. Stick around for libations and music at **Station Bar & Curio** or the bustling nightlife at local fave **Pearl Moon**. Listen to your favorite band at the intimate **Colony Woodstock** or take in a live show at **Bearsville Theater** and explore the former studio of greats like Dylan, The Band and Joplin.

**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** to explore the historic brick structure then stop for a bite at cozy **Rosie General** on Broadway and find gifts for kids and nature-lovers of all ages at **Chicory Naturalist**.

Head uptown to the **Stockade District** for endless dining options. Sample an eclectic menu at **Brickmen Kitchen + Bar** or grab wholesome meals to go from **Black Eyed Suzie’s**. 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**, browse the **Red Owl Collective’s** 10,000 square-foot mecca located in a former bowling alley, then chill at **Camp Kingston**, a gathering space/canteen with a pool table and arcade games. 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**. 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.



# Small Town ESCAPES

## 48 Hours of Eco-Friendly Adventure

Craving a weekend escape rich in character but light on crowds? For the perfect blend of offbeat travel with a sustainable slant, explore these hidden hamlets, scenic trails and local treasures that honor the region's history while embracing low-impact living.

### Day 1: Kerhonkson and Accord

**Do:** Get into vacation mode with a scenic drive along the Shawangunk Scenic Byway and a stop at Awosting Falls in Minnewaska State Park.

**Eat/Drink:** Raise a glass and satisfy your hunger at Arrowood Farms or Harana Market, both committed to celebrating local food and sustainability. For a nightcap, hit Sorry, Charlie in Kingston.

**Stay:** Make the eco-friendly Courtyard Kingston your home base.

### Day 2: Rosendale and West Park

**Do:** Stroll Rosendale's Main Street, then follow the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail along the Rondout Creek over the Rosendale Trestle. Explore the historic Snyder Estate and the underground Widow Jane Mine.

**Eat/Drink:** Fuel up on classics at Truss & Trestle Diner or The Big Cheese. Wrap up at Hudson House Distillery in West Park and dinner at RMV Cellars, home of Great Life Brewing.

### Day 3: Esopus and High Falls

**Do:** Ease into the day in Hasbrouck Park or along the Esopus Meadows Preserve, then escape to the John Burroughs Natural Sanctuary.

**Eat/Drink:** Stock up on produce at Saunderskill Farms before heading to buzzing High Falls. End with a round at Stone Dock Golf Course & Café and hit Cherries for a handcrafted treat before the drive home.

Learn more about @CarlyFisher's 48-hour journey through Ulster County on our blog!



Widow Jane Mine Rosendale



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## Discover Charming Villages and Hamlets

**PHOENICIA** Tucked in the northwest corner of the Catskills, this funky little town evokes a frontier vibe. Shop the **Nest Egg**, an old-fashioned country store, or find contemporary and handmade home goods at **Tender Land Home**. Restore with a locally-sourced breakfast at **Bettina Phoenicia** and shop the market where women-owned and BIPOC brands fill the shelves. Get fired up for thin-crust, wood-fired pizza and local beer on tap at **Brio's Pizzeria**, or scratch-baked specialties, barista-made coffee and smoothies at **Maeve's Place**.

**ELLENVILLE** Nestled in the foothills of the **Catskill Mountains**, the "Hang Gliding Capital of the Northeast" is known the world over for **Cohen Bakery's** pumpernickel bagels made from scratch using time-honored techniques. Stop at lively **Gaby's Café** for a globally-inspired culinary experience, or enjoy locally-sourced, sustainable fare and cocktails at **Aroma Thyme Bistro**, a Green Certified Restaurant.





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# CONQUER THE OUTDOORS



Rondout Creek Kingston

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. Revel in 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 sustainable Ulster County escape.



Larson's Loop Rosendale



## Top Spots for Rugged Adventure

Take in Ulster County's historic landscapes, amazing views, and iconic waterways—on foot, by bike, or paddling.



**HEAD TO THE HILLS** Covering more than 24,000 acres, **Minnewaska State Park Preserve** includes the **Sam's Point Preserve** area, the most dramatic and highest section of the **Shawangunk Mountains**, making it a popular part of the Preserve. (Online reservations are required on weekends/holidays and can be made at [reserveamerica.com](https://reserveamerica.com).) Hikes can include a combination of carriage roads, trails through blueberry fields, ridge trails with spectacular views and rock scrambles. Kids of all ages 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 Preserve** 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 hike, so 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**.

## Hit the Water or Just Drop In



**PADDLE UP** 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 Away 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. **Tip:** Kids must be three years old and 30+ pounds to ride tandem, or older than 10 to have their own kayak.

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 guided, two-hour Sunset Paddle along wildlife-filled Black Creek to Chodikee Lake; bring your own or rent for a guided tour 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.

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## 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 well-marked, rugged 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.



### HAMILTON POINT TRAIL

For a more serene adventure in **Minnewaska State Park**, opt for this moderately challenging hike that offers breathtaking views of the Shawangunk Mountains and the surrounding valleys with fewer crowds. Check the website for parking details and fees, and start early to finish the 7-mile round trip before sunset.

### 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.



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## Best Destinations for Thrill Seekers

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**MOHONK PRESERVE** Located just minutes from New Paltz, the 8,200 acre **Mohonk Preserve** is home of **The Gunks**, one of the most popular climbing and bouldering destinations in the country. The **Shawangunk Ridge** is known for its quartz conglomerate cliffs and distinct horizontal fissures that create adrenaline-pumping challenges for experienced climbers and easy access for novices. Two of the most popular cliffs are **The Trapps** and **Near Trapps**, but skilled climbers may opt for the two-pitch **Limelight** or the aptly named single- or two-pitch **Ridicullissima**. **Tip:** Day passes and annual memberships are available for purchase at all trailheads.

**MINNEWASKA STATE PARK** Climbers may find **Peterskill Cliffs** in **Minnewaska State Park** easier to access, with a higher concentration of single-pitch climbs. **Tip:** The number of climbers at Peterskill is limited each day, so get there early to avoid being turned away. New to climbing? Consider hiring one of the local guide services in the area (beginner to expert), such as **Alpine Endeavors**.

**MOHONK MOUNTAIN HOUSE** Hike across the private 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 property requires a pre-paid day pass. Plan a weekday hike when the wait at the base will be shorter.

**SLIDE/WITTENBERG/CORNELL MOUNTAIN RANGE** Experience this 14-mile loop 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.

## LOCAL LOWDOWN

# TIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

### CHOOSE ECO-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

Engage in activities that have a minimal environmental impact, such as hiking, kayaking and visiting nature preserves. Use guide services that follow sustainable practices.

### RESPECT NATURE

Follow Leave No Trace principles when enjoying outdoor activities. Stay on designated trails, dispose of waste properly and avoid disturbing wildlife.

### REDUCE WASTE

Bring reusable bags, water bottles and containers to minimize single-use plastics. Take advantage of recycling and composting facilities available.

### OPT FOR SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL METHODS

Whenever possible, bike, walk or use public transportation to reduce your carbon footprint. Ulster County has beautiful trails and scenic routes perfect for exploring on foot or by bike.

### EDUCATE YOURSELF

Learn about Ulster County's sustainability efforts and participate in local programs or workshops. This not only enriches your experience but also supports the community's initiatives.

### SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

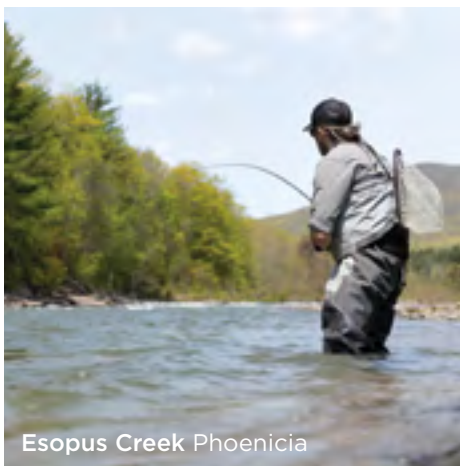
Shop and dine at local businesses that prioritize sustainability. Look for eateries that offer farm-to-table dining experiences and markets that sell locally-produced goods.

### STAY IN GREEN ACCOMMODATIONS

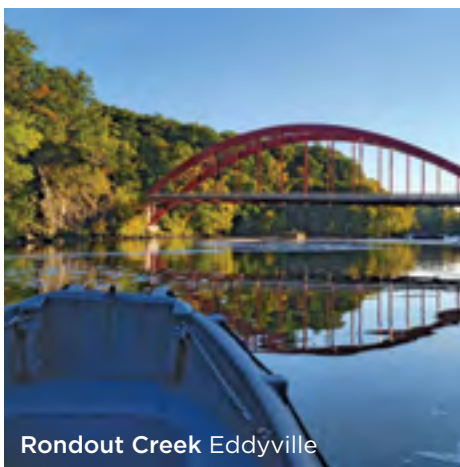
Choose hotels, inns or vacation rentals that have eco-friendly certifications and energy-efficient practices.



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## Top Spots to Cast Away and Tee Off

With tranquil waterways and pristine fairways, Ulster County's best fishing and golfing is calling. Grab your crew and make it a weekend!



**ON THE FLY** An abundance of lakes, rivers and creeks plus 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** which creates 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 regulations.




**ON THE GREEN** Nature and recreation come together at Ulster County's eleven public golf 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 **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.

If you only have time for nine, head to the **New Paltz Golf Course**, located close to **Historic Huguenot Street**, a 10-acre National Historic Landmark District. For a historic outing book a tee time at the private **Woodstock Golf Club** (out-of-town license and local lodging receipt required) and end the 9-hole course with a walk over the **Sawkill Creek** and a relaxed dinner at **Millstream Tavern**.

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## A Sustainable and Cozy Getaway

What does it take to embrace winter and look forward to snow? It starts with early exposure to fun, low-impact family-friendly activities. Ulster County offers the perfect setting to foster a lifelong love of winter and the outdoors, but when it's cold outside, the comforts of curling up indoors by a warm fire can be just as enticing.

**Stay:** Create the perfect vacation atmosphere for up to 18 people at Norsdale in Phoenicia, just minutes from Belleayre Mountain and a variety of scenic winter hikes.

**Play:** Belleayre Mountain offers all levels of lessons to help families build confidence on the slopes. Rocking Horse Ranch, an all-inclusive resort, features a Winter Fun Park, snow tubing and snowy horseback riding. Guests of the Mohonk Mountain House or those with a Winter Day Pass can rent cross-country skis and snowshoes to explore 30 miles of groomed trails at the historic retreat.

**Unwind:** Hit the reset button at The Emerson Resort & Spa in Mt. Tremper. Opt for a deep tissue massage and soak at the zen-like spa or purchase the Emerson Spa Wellness Pass that offers access to the eco-friendly facilities and outdoor hot tub on weekdays.

**Refuel:** Find comfort food at Phoenicia Diner, warm up by the fireplace or play a round of pool at Oliver's at Howland House, or cozy up at The Ridge Tea Store in New Paltz.

**Shop:** Explore Woodstock on foot for gifts and toys that encourage unplugged play and an appreciation for nature. Foster the imagination at Tinker Toys, The Golden Notebook and H. Houst & Sons.

**Indoors:** Lace up at the Kiwanis Ice Arena in Saugerties which also features a snack stand and arcade games.



Discover more of @MomTrend's favorite winter family activities on our blog!



Belleayre Mountain Highmount

## Where to Brave the Chill

**HIT THE TRAILS** Winter is prime time for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing 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. Weather permitting, the **River-to-Ridge Trail** in New Paltz offers free and easy access for all levels and beautiful winter views of the **Shawangunk Ridge** along the six-mile loop.

Experienced adventurers can XC at **Minnewaska State Park Preserve** (\$12 day pass) on five daily-groomed trails that boast some of the best elevation gain in the region (1,079 feet total ascent on the **Upper Awosting loop**).

**HIT THE SLOPES** Now in its 75th year, **Belleayre Mountain** in Highmount has 170+ skiable acres and a network of trails for XC skiing and fat biking, ranging from gentle carriage roads to adrenaline-pumping drops. Energy-efficient upgrades, an expanded lodge, improved accessibility, eight lifts—including a high-speed gondola—make this a go-to winter destination.

**STRAP ON SNOWSHOES** With over 70 miles of carriage roads and trails, **Mohonk Preserve** is a prime spot for snowshoeing—Testimonial Gateway, Spring Farm and West Trapps Trailheads are the most popular destinations. Day passes are \$15; kids under 16 are free. On winter Thursdays, young naturalists aged 2-5 can join in a free, nature-themed story time and activity at the **Visitor Center**.

**HIT THE ICE** Splurge on an Ice Skating 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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## Best Places to Unwind and Restore

Escape the noise and immerse yourself in nature—at a preserve, a wildlife refuge or one of Ulster County's vast open spaces.



**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, set against the stunning backdrop of the **Catskill Mountains**. Join a historic tour to uncover hidden gems, enjoy a Nature Walk or explore the shiitake log yard program to delve into foraging and food security—all while supporting this remarkable site's zero-waste mission.

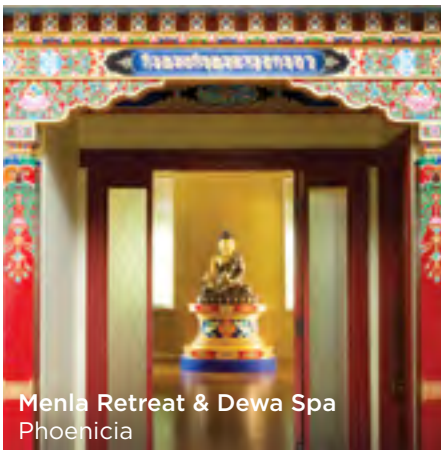
Find tranquility at the **John Burroughs Nature Sanctuary** in Esopus, an oasis of 4.5 miles of easy-to-moderate trails that traverse rocky ridge lines, woodlands and wetlands and include a 2-acre pond, fern valley, stone stairway and a cliff-clinging ladder. Immerse yourself in the landscapes that inspired Burroughs, Walt Whitman and Theodore Roosevelt, and peek inside **Slabsides**, the rustic log cabin Burroughs built by hand in 1895.

**AMONG THE FLORA** Embrace the beauty of Ulster County's stunning wildflower farms as they burst into bloom each spring. Stroll through more than 2,000 tulips in May at **Kelder's Farm** in Kerhonkson, then refresh with a locally-crafted beverage at the farm's **The Loading Dock**. Feel the healing power when you pick your own at **Hudson Wildflower Co.** in Milton and bask in sunny vibes amid lush colorful fields.

Escape to **Auberge Resort's Wildflower Farms** in Gardiner where you'll discover a serene back-to-nature escape on 140 secluded acres with clear views of the **Shawangunk Ridge**. Unwind in free-standing bungalows, cabins or suites crafted with natural materials, and enrich your visit with curated experiences ranging from farm foraging and hiking to botanical baking and sound healing.

Witness biodiversity in action at the **Shawangunk Grassland National Wildlife Refuge** in Wallkill. Wander through 597 acres of lush green space to catch glimpses of diverse migratory birds and other rare wildlife seeking sanctuary. Two interconnected trails form a 3.6-mile loop through open grasslands teeming with native vegetation and offering views of the majestic **Shawangunk Ridge**. **Tip:** Early birds literally get the parking spaces here, so head out early.

**WITH THE ANIMALS** Experience the mental health benefits of connecting with rescued goats at **Frederick Farm Goat Rescue and Sanctuary** in Napanoch. Nestled in the scenic **Catskill Park**, the 15-acre property is a short walk from the Rondout Reservoir's stunning water views. Book a stay for unlimited opportunities to connect with the goats. Foster a connection with nature at the **Forsyth Nature Center** in Kingston and discover animal exhibits, vibrant gardens and programs designed for all ages, or meet rescued farm animals while supporting animal rights advocacy at the **Woodstock Farm Sanctuary** in High Falls. Stay onsite at **The Gray Barn** and enjoy a vegan breakfast and a private tour of the sanctuary.



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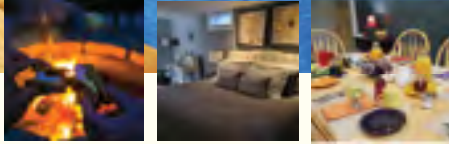
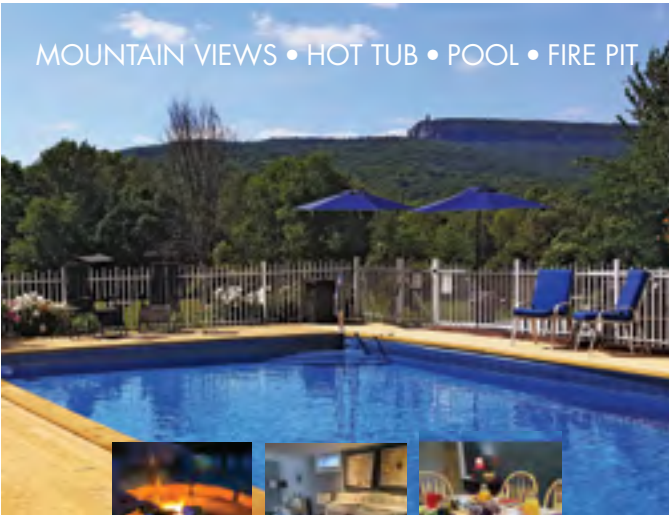
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A southern route traverses from Kerhonkson through the **Rondout Valley**, with stunning views of the ridge as you travel to Ellenville, passing through the **Minnewaska State Park Preserve** into the towns of Shawangunk and Pine Bush.

**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. Stop at the **Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center** in Mount Tremper—it's chock full of resources for things to do along the route.

**ON THE WATER** Soak in waterfront views on a two-hour cruise up the **Hudson River** aboard the *Rip Van Winkle II*, departing from Kingston, past historic estates, lighthouses and sleepy villages. **Tip:** Excursions, especially those in the fall, sell out fast, so purchase tickets in advance. Book a tour aboard the *Solaris*, the **Hudson River Maritime Museum's** solar-powered boat, and glide quietly on an eco-friendly cruise around the **Rondout Creek** and Hudson River lighthouses.

**HIKE FOR VIEWS** Find some solitude along the 1.5-mile **Joppenbergh Mountain Loop**, celebrated for its views of the river, the town of Rosendale and the **Rosendale Trestle Bridge**. Starting from the convenient Main Street parking lot, accessing this short trail is stress-free. Head to the popular **Lake Minnewaska Carriage Road Loop** in Kerhonkson, a 1.9-mile out-and-back hike with a moderate incline, for breathtaking views of the lake and the rocky **Shawangunk Ridge** cliffs—perfect for epic selfies!

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

Experience the tranquility of a Tibetan Buddhist monastery not far from the **Overlook Mountain Trail** in Woodstock. Relax and meditate or take a guided 45-minute tour of the sacred shrines (weekends at 12:45pm) to learn more about the art, architecture and traditions practiced there.

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Use the QR codes to start planning your next fresh-air farm experience and frolic in scenic backdrops that change with every season.

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## Top Farm Experiences

Discover the charm of reconnecting with nature as you experience the joy of farm-fresh produce firsthand!



**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 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 Brewing Co.** 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; \$5 for kids 3 and up) or grab a metal bucket and create a custom bouquet (the \$55 bucket covers admission for two).

**ON-FARM MARKETS** Pop into **Wallkill 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 on their family farm. Vegans have a lot to love here, too. Mingle with locals and lunch outdoors by the garden or pond.

## WHERE TO FILL YOUR BASKET

Support local farmers and stock up on fresh produce and artisanal products at these bustling farmers' markets.



### YEAR ROUND

#### Kingston Farmers Market

May–Nov | Saturdays, 9am–1pm  
Winter | Every other Saturday,  
10am–2pm

#### Woodstock Farm Festival

May–Oct | Wednesdays, 3–7pm  
Dec–Mar | Every other Saturday,  
3–7pm

### SUMMER / FALL

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Saturdays, 9am–2pm

**Kingston Waterfront Farmers  
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**Phoenicia Farmer's Market**  
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**Rosendale Farm Market**  
Sundays, 10am–2pm

**Saugerties Farm Market**  
Saturdays, 10am–2pm

### WINTER (indoors)

**Phoenicia Farmer's Market**  
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## Where to Sip Farm-Fresh Beverages

From award-winning wines and craft spirits to small-batch beer and cider, get ready to find your perfect pour.



**GRAPES AND GRAINS** Plan a scenic tour around the **Shawangunk Wine Trail** nestled between the **Shawangunk Mountains** and the **Hudson River**. In Marlboro, stop at **Benmarl Winery**, home to the oldest vineyard in the U.S., certified green **Stoutridge Winery & Distillery** and **Weed Orchards & Winery** for handcrafted sips and field-fresh fare. Watch the sun slip over the river at **Quartz Rock Vineyards**, and savor their estate-grown wines atop **Mount Zion**. In Milton's rolling hills, **Nostrano Vineyards'** 75-acre farm offers small-batch wines, small bites and expansive bird's-eye views. **RMV Cellars**, a farm destination in West Park, offers award-winning wines and beers, tasty bites and live music on Friday and Saturday nights.

Moonshine fans should head to **Joppenbergh Gap Distillery**, a hidden gem in Tillson that distills its unique flavored spirits (like Apple Pie) onsite. Wind your way through Gardiner for a tour at **Tuthilltown Spirits Distillery** on the site of an old grist mill, and savor sustainably-certified 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.

**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 from fruit harvested at **Wilklow Orchard**, their sixth-generation farm. Stop by the multigenerational **Prospect Hill Orchards** and onsite **1817 Cider House & Distillery** in Milton to sample their small-batch beverages handcrafted using low-impact production methods. (Pick fresh fruit on weekends and charge your EV here, too.)

**Locust Grove Brewing Company** is a go-to for live music and orchard-grown beverages (Thurs-Sun). Bring the group (and pets) to revel in spectacular scenery and snack on local food truck fare. 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. 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.

Make your way to the **Rondout Valley** and historic **Stone Ridge Orchard** for **Hudson Valley Farmhouse Cider's** European-style ciders. Bring home fresh produce and baked goods from their seasonal farmstand. For natural, unfiltered ciders and Italian-inspired food in a casual setting, head to **Westwind Orchard** in Accord. Shop their farmstore for provisions from local vendors.



Explore more  
craft beverages



Westwind Orchard Accord



Nostrano Vineyards Milton

## WHERE TO DINE HARVEST TO PLATE

Savor Ulster County's best local flavors in acclaimed eateries where seasonal and locally-grown ingredients are creatively transformed into unforgettable culinary experiences.

**THE RESTAURANT AT INNESS** | Accord  
Mediterranean-inspired rustic dishes with ingredients sourced onsite.

**MILL & MAIN** | Kerhonkson  
A community hub with a multicultural spin and dishes that highlight local producers.

**CLAY AT WILDFLOWER FARMS**  
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**BUTTERFIELD** | Stone Ridge  
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**RESTAURANT KINSLEY** | Kingston  
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**SILVIA** | Woodstock  
Refined, back-to-basics cooking using sustainable ingredients prepared in an open kitchen with a wood-fired grill.

**OLIVER'S AT HOWLAND HOUSE**  
Mt. Tremper | A British pub-inspired eatery and gathering place serving hearty staples and freshly-harvested fare.

**PEEKAMOOSE RESTAURANT & TAP ROOM** | Big Indian  
Contemporary American cuisine in a renovated farmhouse surrounded by mountains and a forest preserve.

**HENRY'S AT THE FARM** | Milton  
Inventive farm-to-table dining sourced locally and from their 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.



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# CULTURAL PURSUITS



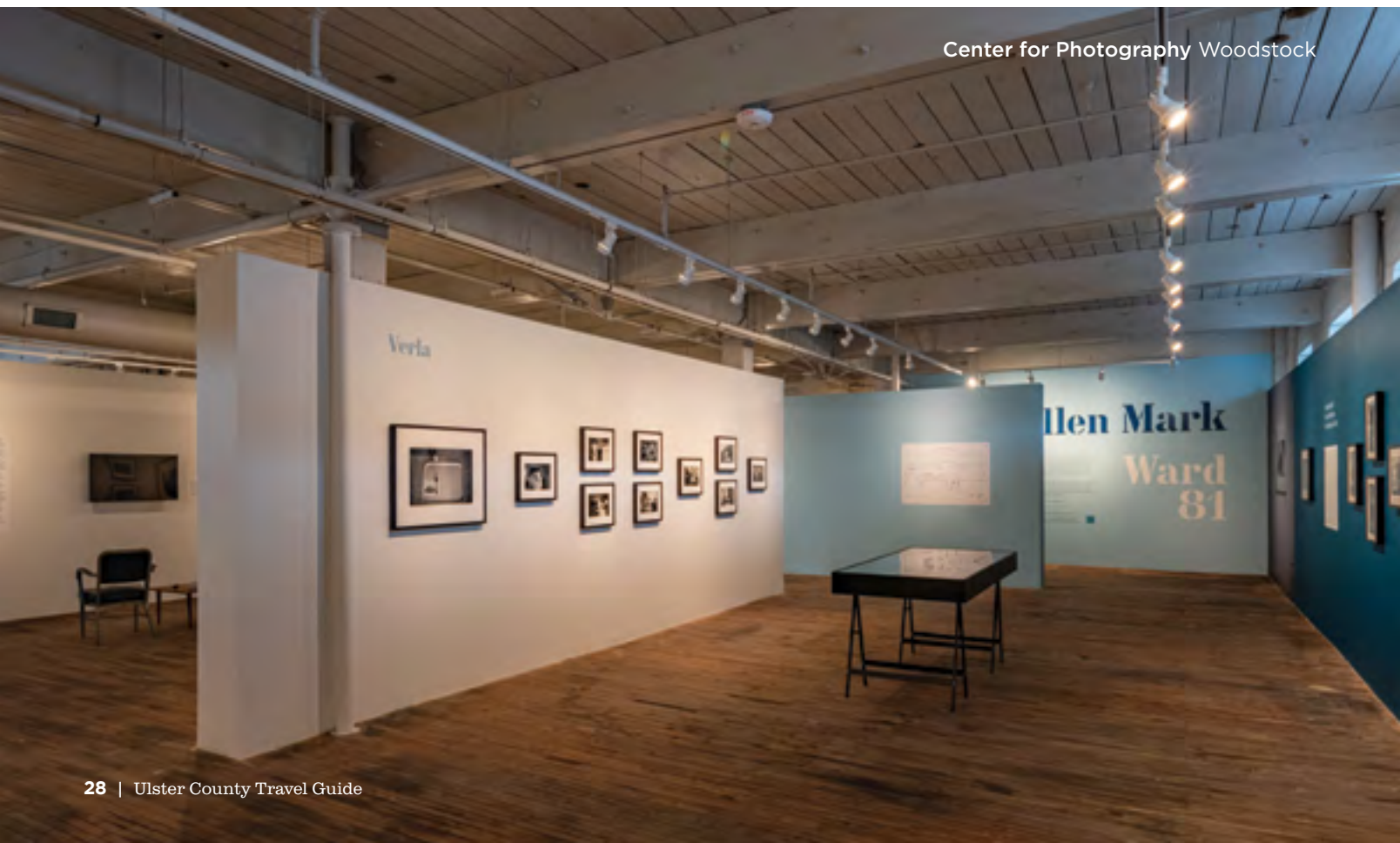
Ulster Performing Arts Center  
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Art and community come alive in Ulster County, where theater, music and art of all genres thrive in landmark buildings, intimate spaces and tucked into nature. Seek out well-known performers or meet emerging artists—there's no shortage of talent or venues where you can have an artful 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.

Center for Photography Woodstock





## Must-Visits: Art and Culture

Discover creative communities that are breaking new ground to bring sustainable art and culture to Ulster County.



**KINGSTON** Explore the city's three distinct areas for a range of art and cultural events. In **Midtown**, explore the **Center for Photography's** new home—a sustainably repurposed, 40,000-square-foot industrial space that once housed the 1907 G.W. Van Slyke & Horton cigar factory. Catch a live performance by national and international artists in music, dance, and theater at the 1,500-seat **Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC)**, a national landmark and one of New York's last great show palaces. **Downtown**, the **One Mile Gallery** exhibits works by local and international artists in an historic building, and **Monument HV** fosters community through exhibits and events that support artists of all genres.

**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 performances and outdoor classes. Catch the sunset over the **Catskills** or take a guided tour of the pristine property on weekends.

Dive into the 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 built in the 1800s, is a newly transformed venue 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 catch arthouse cinema at **DENIZEN's** intimate 70-seat venue on weekends.

**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 or view exhibitions by local artists at the **Woodstock School of Art** or take in a concert at the acoustically unique **Maverick Concert Hall** nestled in a woodland setting.

Channel Woodstock's musical heritage at **Bearsville Theater**, a hub of creativity for legendary music icons. Gather at **Bearsville Park**, an oasis along the **Sawkill Creek**. Step back in time at the **Colony** for 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.



Woodstock School of Art  
Woodstock



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## 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.



### CRAGSMOOR

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. (Donations are appreciated to help support the music and preserve this unique space.)

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## in Woodstock, Saugerties & New Paltz

Looking to explore hidden history, art and music culture and all of the best things to do in Woodstock, Saugerties and New Paltz? Join @pretzelsinparadise and their dogs on a weekend getaway!

### Day 1: Arrival in Woodstock

**Stay:** Make home base the dog-friendly Woodstock Way, consciously built overlooking waterfalls and a stream, and located just off the main streets of Woodstock within walking distance to shops, food spots and theaters.

**Do:** Head to the legendary Bearsville Theater for a concert! The historic compound was originally built to showcase now iconic talent and includes a theater, recording studio and restaurants.

### Day 2: Saugerties

**Do:** Grab a stuffed bagel at Moonrise, then head to Opus 40, home to 60+ acres that includes hiking trails, a museum, and most notably, 6.5 acres of earthwork sculpture—a beautiful example of art and nature coming together in a sustainable way. Make your way to the main part of town to stroll historic buildings and shops.

**Eat:** Stop for a bite at Olsen & Company and visit shops like the dog-friendly bookstore cafe, Inquiring Minds. For dinner, head back to Woodstock to Good Night for pan-Asian cuisine with a modern twist.

### Day 3: New Paltz

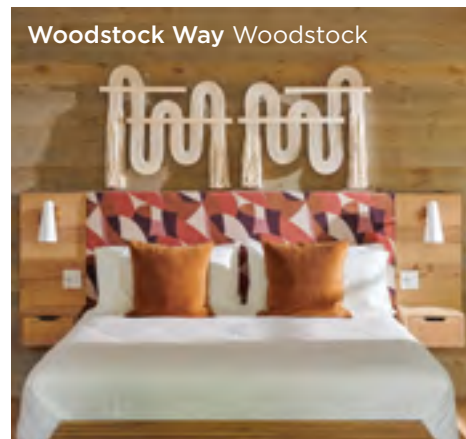
**Do:** After fitting in a dog-friendly hike at Black Creek Preserve, head to Historic Huguenot Street, one of the oldest continuously inhabited streets in America, with seven original 18th-century stone houses.

**Eat:** Make your last stop for treats Lagusta's Luscious where everything is ethical, small-batch and vegan.



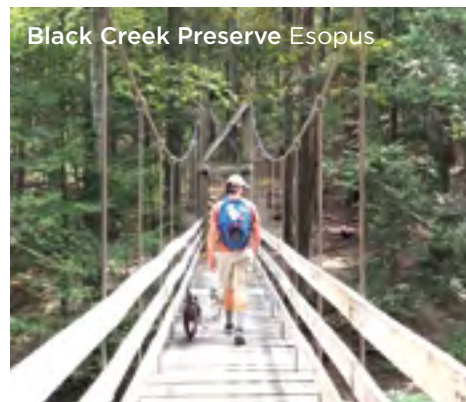
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Woodstock Way Woodstock



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