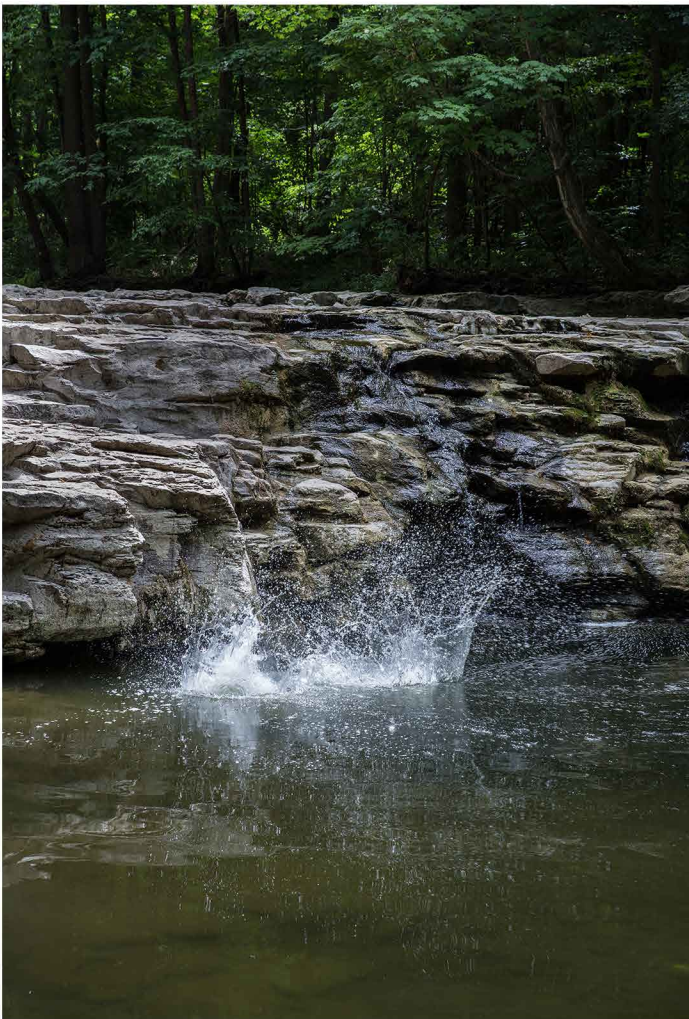


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Great Gully

Great Gully Nature Reserve is located in Springport, just South of Union Springs, NY. (Take Route 90 (South of 5 & 20) on the Eastern side of Cayuga Lake for about 10 miles. Depending on direction, you will see a pull off on the East side of the road with various historical markers detailing Cayuga villages and Sullivan's campaign against the Iroquois during the American Revolution. South of these markers, before the bridge that crosses Great Gully Creek, is the parking area.

Great Gully is an extensive ravine with multiple branches. The portion you can access is under a conservation easement by the Finger Lakes Land Trust. About a mile and a half to the upper falls and back. A lot of the Gully falls on private land, so please be respectful of private property and posted signs. The trail boasts two large waterfalls and two smaller cascades. You will find the lower falls at the beginning of the trail-head, and the upper falls about 2/3 mile up the gorge. The trail is accessible year round, but the Limestone can get slippery, so be cautious when go- ing in winter. Pets are allowed on leashes and admission is free.



History: Accurately named for it's massive size, Great Gully encompasses over 25 square miles of watershed (80% of which is developed) It travels over 4 miles, dropping over 460 feet into Cayuga Lake. You cannot hike the entire length of the Gully as most of it is on private land. The dropping and swirling water of Great Gully has carved out several deep pools that maintain their depth even in the hot summer months. This area is rife with history. The Cayuga "Castle" of Goiogouen was located right to the North of Great Gully. This was a large and principal village that consisted of over 15 longhouses and numerous cornfields and orchards. The early French settlers in the area also built a Jesuit mission at this site. Early European settlers wrote accounts of the plentiful salmon and freshwater eels present in the tributaries along Cayuga Lake. Undoubtedly, the earliest settlers to this area used Great Gully for fishing, swimming and drinking. (Information found on nyfalls.com)



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Be sure to check out these women-owned businesses near by!

Heart & Hands Wine Company - Owned by Susan and Tom Higgins, Heart in Hand is known for its warm and educational tasting experience. A boutique winery producing around 2,000 cases per year focusing exclusively on Pinot Noir and Riesling, from which they create still and sparkling wines. Tastings are available on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays primarily by appointment. Tasting is limited to groups of 4 maximum, and they also offer curbside pick up.



Salt of the Earth - Union Springs, NY. Driven by availability and seasonality, menus are thoughtfully crafted to deliver unique approaches to authentic recipes, ensuring a unique and delicious culinary experience. Call ahead or email to reserve your private seating for up to 12-14 people and discuss meal options. Featuring locally sourced ingredients and handcrafted beverages, let us create an unforgettable dining experience. (email: soteunionsprings@gmail.com)

Susan's Servings - Owned and operated by Susan Nanna-Pedder, this home town bakery offers lots of home made sweet and savory options. They use all fresh, local ingredients. To satisfy everyone's sweet tooth, they offer cookies, muffins, cinnamon rolls, breakfast casserole, scones, coffee, breakfast sandwiches on Fridays and breakfast pizza on Saturdays.

The Apple Station Winery - Established in 1986, the apple orchard and winery is like stepping back in time to an old country store stocked with fresh apples and local treats. Owners Kathy and Bob Wintamute offer something for everyone in their nostalgic space. Wine lovers are met with a tasting of their unique apple wine selection, which contains a diverse array of flavor profiles and styles. With the tasting room open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, they offer sweet cider, hard cider, local potatoes and on weekends they offer their home made cider and donuts. They make a limited amount each day, so call ahead to order yours!

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