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Every Corner

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# Welcome to CHEMUNG COUNTY!

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Welcome to Chemung County, a region filled with scenic views, historic landmarks, and exciting activities for all ages. Chemung County is not only the southern gateway to Finger Lakes Wine Country, New York's largest wine producing region, but it has a fascinating story of its own. With charming small towns, rolling hills, and natural beauty, Chemung County

is the perfect vacation destination. Whether you're looking to explore the great outdoors, soak up some culture and history, or simply relax and unwind, this guide will provide you with all the information you need to plan your trip.



“Chemung County is a unique destination that captivates with its rich history, outdoor experiences, and vibrant arts and entertainment scene. It’s a place where visitors can enjoy memorable experiences throughout the year.”

– **Chris Moss,**  
Chemung County Executive

So pack your bags, grab your camera, and get ready to discover all that Chemung County has to offer!

# Finding Mark Twain

## WALK IN A LEGEND'S FOOTSTEPS



Mark Twain's connection with Elmira, NY, began with his marriage to Olivia Langdon in 1870. For over twenty summers, Twain and his family stayed at **Quarry Farm**, where he penned

his most famous works in a unique octagonal study atop East Hill. In Mark Twain Country, his local ties are celebrated in various ways.

**The Chemung Valley History Museum** features a permanent exhibit dedicated to Mark Twain's life in Elmira, NY. Through a curated collection of artifacts, photographs, and interactive displays, visitors can delve into the lesser-known aspects of Twain's life during his summers spent in Elmira.

**The Center for Mark Twain Studies** at Elmira College houses many Twain artifacts and special editions of his books is free and open to the public, and **Mark Twain's Study**, which was relocated to Elmira College in 1952.



Modeled after a Mississippi steamboat pilot house, this study witnessed the creation of literary classics such as *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The Prince and the Pauper*, *A Tramp Abroad*, and *Life on the Mississippi*. The Mark Twain Study is open to visitors on weekdays throughout the summer and fall or by appointment.



To pay respects to Twain, a visit to **Woodlawn Cemetery** is a must. His grave, marked by a towering headstone, is a resting place for the author, his wife, and their children. Visitors often leave tributes, including cigars, which were Twain's favorite vice.



**Find Mark Twain**

Scan the QR code to get more detail about Mark Twain locations in Chemung County.

# TANGLEWOOD: *A walk through the treetops*



**The Treetop Walkway at Tanglewood Nature Center** will offer an exciting and immersive way to experience the natural beauty of the Chemung Valley from a whole new perspective—high above the forest floor. This elevated trail will take visitors up into the treetops, providing breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape and a rare opportunity to observe native wildlife in their natural habitat. The walkway will bring visitors closer to the intricate details of the ecosystem in a way that traditional trails cannot.

Designed to be accessible for all ages and abilities, the walkway will ensure that everyone—from young children to lifelong nature enthusiasts—can enjoy the thrill of walking among the trees. By offering an engaging and hands-on approach to environmental education, the Treetop Walkway will strengthen Tanglewood’s mission of inspiring curiosity, appreciation, and stewardship of the natural



“This elevated trail will give visitors a closer look at forest ecosystems, local wildlife, and the importance of conservation. We’re aiming to break ground in late 2025/early 2026, and we couldn’t be more excited to make it a reality!”

– Elaine Smith,  
Exec. Director, Tanglewood

world. With a planned fall 2026 opening, the Treetop Walkway at Tanglewood Nature Center will be a standout for Chemung County. We are thrilled to welcome this one-of-a-kind experience for residents and travelers.

For more information on the Treetop Walkway, visit [tanglewoodnaturecenter.com](https://tanglewoodnaturecenter.com)





# SPRING SOARS

## *Nature blossoms again*

Spring welcomes the return of warmer weather and blooming landscapes, and in Chemung County it also marks the return of gliders overhead. Harris Hill Soaring opens for weekend rides in April and daily rides in mid-June, as weather permits. The season is also a perfect time to explore the Chemung River and Lackawanna Rail Trail for fishing, kayaking, biking and hiking.



# YOUR CHEMUNG COUNTY *Spring Itinerary*

Kickstart your day with a delectable breakfast at one of Chemung County's many local cafes – such as **Light's Coffee Shop** or **Tossed**.

Energized and ready for adventure, make your way to the **Mark Twain Golf Course**.



This hidden gem, designed by Donald Ross and hailed as the #1 Best Kept Secret by Golf Digest, promises breathtaking



views and an exhilarating round of golf on its challenging layout.

After your morning tee time, take a short drive to Horseheads to stroll the shops and enjoy a well-deserved lunch at one of several eateries in **Historic Hanover Square**.

*Take the near West side  
Historic District Walking Tour* ↗

With your appetite satisfied, embark on a journey through **Elmira's Near Westside Historic District** where you'll find yourself immersed in the charm of Victorian-era houses. The streets are adorned with these architectural marvels, showcasing vibrant colors and intricate details that will transport you to a bygone era.

As the day draws to a close, treat yourself to a memorable dinner experience at **Hill Top Inn**, where you can



savor a delightful meal while overlooking the Chemung River Valley. If you're feeling like Italian might hit the spot, head back to Horseheads for **Tanino's Ristorante Italiano** for some of the most authentic Italian favorites served up in the county.



## SPRING MUST-DOS

If you are here for the first weekend of June, join us for the

**Town of Erin's Wood Fest!** You can enjoy wood

carving, vendors, quick saw contests, and games at this New York State Lumberjack Association event.



**New York Susquehanna Basin Water Trail** offers

guided paddle itineraries along the Susquehanna and Chemung rivers. It also features information on fishing, bird watching, river conditions, river resources and more. visit: [paddle607.com](http://paddle607.com)



# Tracing our Roots

## UNCOVER THE HISTORY OF CHEMUNG COUNTY



Chemung County was established on March 29, 1836, and has a storied past that includes a significant role in the American Civil War. Elmira, the county seat, became a vital hub during the war, housing the Elmira Prison Camp. This camp held Confederate prisoners of war, and its operation had a profound impact on the community.

Today, visitors can learn about this chapter of history at the **Elmira Civil War Prison Camp Site**, which exhibits the conditions faced by both Union and Confederate soldiers during this tumultuous period.

Among other influential figures associated with Chemung County, John W. Jones stands tall. Born into slavery in Virginia, Jones escaped to Elmira in 1844 and became an active participant in the Underground Railroad. He assisted countless fugitive slaves on their journey

to freedom and played a pivotal role in their emancipation. Jones' efforts are commemorated at the **John W. Jones Museum**, where visitors can explore exhibits detailing his remarkable life and the stories of those he helped rescue.

Located in the heart of Elmira, the **Chemung Valley History Museum** showcases the region's past through engaging exhibits and artifacts. From the early Native American settlements to the influential role in the American Civil War, visitors can explore the diverse stories that have shaped Chemung County's identity.

Tucked into the rolling hills on the outskirts of Elmira, **Newtown Battlefield State Park** stands as a memorial to the clashes that unfolded during the American Revolution.



## HISTORY IN CHEMUNG COUNTY

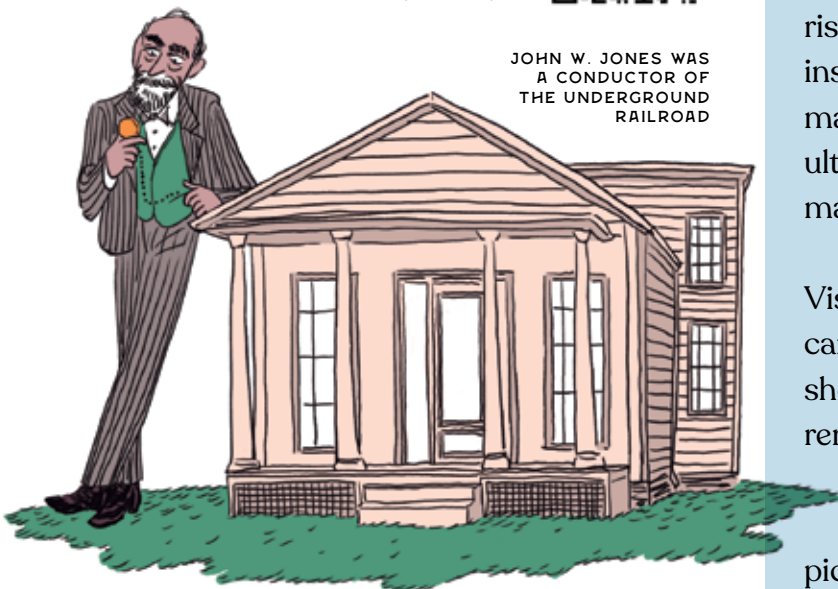
Overnight camping is also available at the park. Go to: [www.parks.ny.gov](http://www.parks.ny.gov) to reserve your spot.



As you explore the region, you'll discover the stories woven into its fabric. Chemung County invites you to step back in time and connect with the extraordinary individuals who have left their mark on its captivating narrative.



JOHN W. JONES WAS  
A CONDUCTOR OF  
THE UNDERGROUND  
RAILROAD



**Talima Aaron** is the **President of the Board of Trustees for the John W. Jones Museum.**

Ms. Aaron has a deep connection to the area, having lived in Elmira for 50 years and tracing her husband's local roots back to the 1800s, Talima brings a wealth of knowledge and passion to her role.

What is most fascinating about **John W. Jones**, according to Talima, was his ability to navigate the challenging political landscape of his time while staying true to his values. His determination to fight for his abolitionist principles, even at the risk of his own life and freedom, is awe-inspiring. His unwavering convictions made him an influential figure, and he ultimately became the wealthiest Black man in the region.

Visitors to the John W. Jones Museum can expect a rich experience that sheds light on the life and legacy of this remarkable man. Inside the museum, visitors can explore storyboards showcasing Jones' life through pictures and narratives.



# SUMMERTIME *and the living is easy*

Summer in Chemung County, New York is a beautiful time of year. It's all about natural beauty, festivals, and picturesque towns. There are endless opportunities for hiking, fishing, shopping and taking in the arts. The county is also host to a wide range of events, from outdoor concerts to farmers markets, that showcase the area's rich history and culture.



# YOUR CHEMUNG COUNTY *Summer Itinerary*



Start your day by visiting a local farmer's market in Chemung County, such as **Chamberlain Acres** on Sundays from 11am-3pm or **Wisner Market** on summer Wednesdays from 10am-2pm. Grab a bite to eat and explore the stalls, fresh produce, local crafts, and artisanal products. Go to **FingerLakesFarmCountry.com** to see when the farmers markets and agricultural experiences are going on in the area.

Once you've finished exploring the farmer's market, take a scenic drive to **Park Station** in northern



Chemung County. Here you can spend some time fishing or boating in the park's 100-acre lake, take a refreshing swim,

explore the hiking trails that wind through the scenic landscapes, or even stay overnight at one of the designated camping areas to take some time to relax and enjoy the natural surroundings.

Afterwards, drive back to Elmira to enjoy dinner and drinks at **Rye Bar and Restaurant**. Modern bistro fare, events and live music make the experience one to remember.



Wrap up your day by heading to the **Elmira Drive-In**, located on Route 352. Catch a movie under the stars and indulge in a bag of popcorn while you enjoy your double feature. Check the drive-in's schedule in advance for the movie times on your desired date.



*Find the best farm markets in Chemung County ↗*



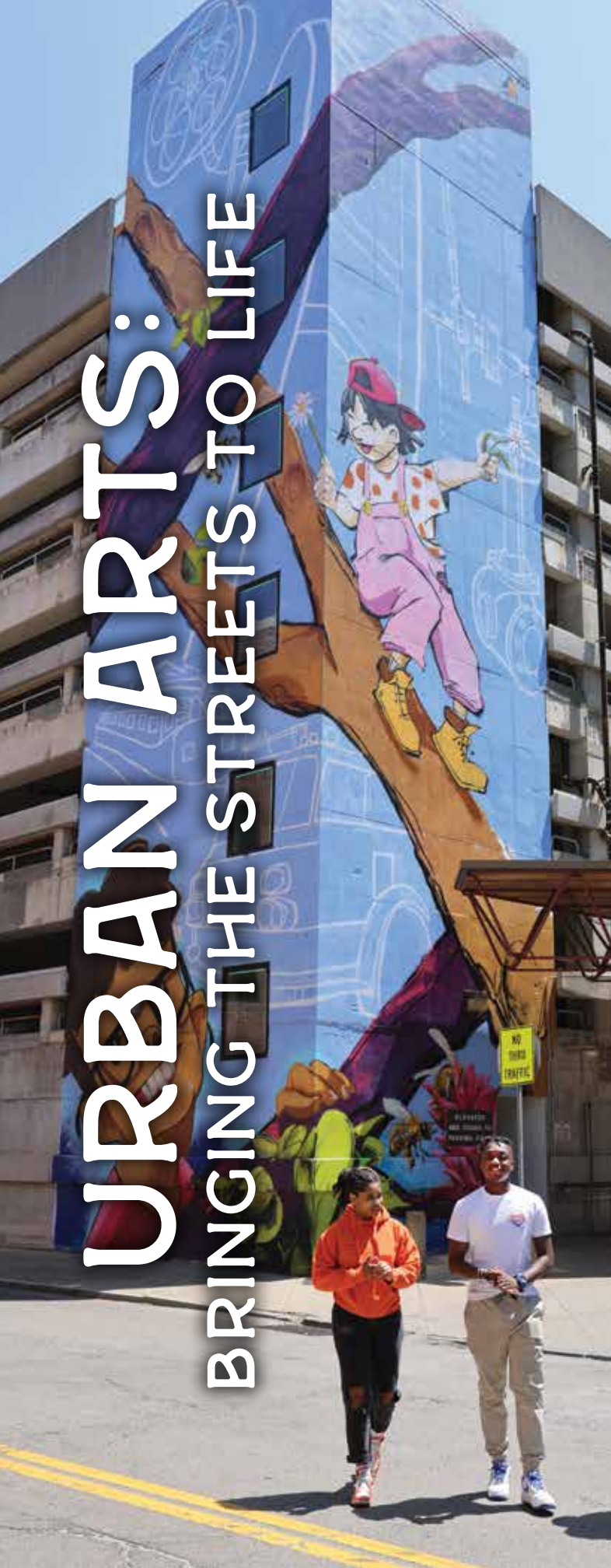
## VINTAGE FUN!

A must-see while in Chemung County is **Eldridge Park** and its iconic carousel and dragon paddle boats. Dating from the turn of the century, this enchanting park offers a picturesque escape, inviting visitors to unwind amidst its greenery and scenic lake. The crown jewel of Eldridge



Park is its restored 1890's carousel, that has delighted generations of children and kids at heart. With its intricately hand-carved wooden animals and whimsical music, the carousel provides a nostalgic ride that transports riders to a bygone era.

# URBAN ARTS: BRINGING THE STREETS TO LIFE



**Left:** "Community And Commerce" By Sam Somo Somostrada **Above top:** "Taking Flight" By Dion Brown **Above middle:** "Impact" by Tori Immerwahr **Bottom:** A participant in the Elmira Street Painting Festival



**Street Art** has become a vibrant part of the region's cultural and artistic landscape. The county is home to several notable street art installations, including murals, sculptures, and other public art displays.

One of the most prominent street art initiatives in Chemung County is the **Elmira Infinite Canvas program**. Organized by **Community Arts of Elmira**, the program focuses on commissioning large-scale murals which are designed in collaboration with local residents and artists. These murals have helped to beautify the city and foster a sense of community pride and ownership.

Chemung County also hosts the annual **Elmira Street Painting Festival**, which brings together artists from across the region and beyond to create stunning chalk paintings on the streets of downtown.



**Follow the Art!**  
Scan the QR code  
to find where  
artworks are located  
throughout the city.



**Dion Brown**, a mural artist based in Elmira, NY, has dedicated his craft to creating public art that is rooted in themes of social issues, history, and community identity. Brown's murals aim to provoke thought and offer new perspectives. *"I feel a moral obligation as an artist to design pieces that make people think,"* Brown explains. His approach combines a passion for storytelling with bold visual elements.

To authentically reflect the city's culture and history, Brown invests time in research and community engagement. He connects with local business owners, community leaders, and residents, drawing inspiration directly from the people of Elmira. Brown's creative process involves designing around a central focal point and using vibrant colors and dynamic shapes to establish a specific mood. His murals do more than beautify—they foster community pride and spark dialogue, making public art a cornerstone of Elmira's growth and identity.

# DISCOVER CHEMUNG: THINGS TO DO & PLACES TO STAY

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## **Antique & Specialty Shops**

**Annie's Hallmark**  
2058 College Avenue  
Elmira Heights, 607-734-1492

**Antique Revival**  
26 North Palmer Road  
Big Flats, 607-562-2202

**Arnot Mall**  
3300 Chambers Road  
Horseheads, 607-739-8702

**Bonjulies Main Street Bride**  
819 South Main Street  
Horseheads, 607-739-5321

**Chamberlain Acres  
Garden Center & Florist**  
824 Broadway Street  
Elmira, 607-737-1313

**Finger Lakes Chocolates**  
3300 Chambers Road  
Horseheads, 607-936-1663

**Great Escape Adventures**  
3300 Chambers Road  
Horseheads, 607-873-7108

**Gold, Silver and Diamond Store**  
2360 Corning Road  
Elmira, 607-733-8049

**H. Strauss Men's Clothier  
& Haberdashery**  
363 West Church Street  
Elmira, 607-733-7475

**Haskins Gardens**  
955 College Ave  
Elmira, 607-259-2675

**Heroes Your Mom Threw Out  
Comic Books**  
130 West 14th Street  
Elmira, 607-737-1347

**HoneyBeeMade**  
2981 State Route 352  
Big Flats, 607-481-3787

**Horseheads Mill Street Market**  
117 East Mill Street  
Horseheads, 607-739-2531

**Mann's Country Gardens**  
2863 Bird Creek Road  
Gillett, PA 570-537-6676

**Millport Landing**  
2020 Crescent Street  
Millport, 607-739-1400

**Pine City Post**  
1445 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Pine City, 607-857-9924

**Plato's Closet**  
830 County Road 64  
Elmira, 607-739-1086

**Pookie's Little Britches**  
3300 Chambers Road  
Horseheads, 607-846-3655

**Purple Iris Boutique**  
705 South Main Street  
Horseheads, 607-426-4701

**Ray Jewelers**  
1100 Clemens Center Parkway  
Elmira, 607-734-9400

**Second Editions Bookshop**  
112 South Main Street  
Elmira, 607-733-3512

**Shoppes at Oldies But Goodies**  
10 Carpenter Road  
Elmira, 607-562-7416

**The Shoppes on Main**  
703 South Main Street  
Horseheads

**Wild Birds Unlimited**  
950 County Route 64, Suite 600  
Horseheads, 607-739-8157

**Wildflower on Main**  
110 South Main Street  
Horseheads, 607-735-2460

**Willow Faith Gift Shop**  
364 County Road 60  
Waverly, 607-877-4035

**Witch's Stitches**  
18 Canal Street  
Big Flats, 607-358-4016

**With Love Bridal Boutique**  
126 Lake Street  
Elmira, 607-526-5236

## **Art & Culture**

**Arnot Art Museum**  
235 Lake Street  
Elmira, 607-734-3697  
[www.arnotartmuseum.org](http://www.arnotartmuseum.org)

**ARTS Council of the  
Southern Finger Lakes**  
79 West Market Street  
Corning, 607-962-1332  
[www.earts.org](http://www.earts.org)

**Chemung Valley History Museum**  
415 East Water Street  
Elmira, 607-734-4167  
[www.chemungvalleymuseum.org](http://www.chemungvalleymuseum.org)

**Clemens Center for  
the Performing Arts**  
207 Clemens Center Parkway  
Elmira, 607-734-8191  
[www.clemenscenter.org](http://www.clemenscenter.org)

**Community Arts of Elmira**  
413 Lake Street  
Elmira, 607-846-2418  
[www.communityartsofelmira.com](http://www.communityartsofelmira.com)

**Corning Museum of Glass**  
One Museum Way  
Corning, 607-937-5371  
[www.cmog.org](http://www.cmog.org)

**Elmira Little Theatre, Inc.**  
607-732-9616  
[www.elmiralittletheatre.org](http://www.elmiralittletheatre.org)

**Gibson Theatre at Elmira College**  
One Park Place  
Elmira, 607-735-1853

**The Rockwell Museum**  
111 Cedar Street  
Corning, 607-937-5386  
[www.rockwellmuseum.org](http://www.rockwellmuseum.org)

## DO / SHOP / STAY

**Tag's Summer Stage**  
3037 State Route 352  
Big Flats, 800-650-8247  
www.tagstickets.com

**The Orchestra of  
the Southern Finger Lakes**  
Corning, 607-936-2873  
www.osfl.org

### **Aviation & Soaring**

**Elmira Corning Regional Airport**  
276 Sing Sing Rd  
Horseheads, 607-739-5621  
www.flyelm.com

**Glenn H. Curtiss Museum**  
8419 State Route 54  
Hammondsport, 607-569-2160  
www.glennhcurtissmuseum.org

**Harris Hill Soaring Corp.**  
57 Soaring Hill Drive  
Elmira, 607-734-0641  
www.harrishillsoaring.org

**National Soaring Museum**  
51 Soaring Hill Drive  
Elmira, 607-734-3128  
www.soaringmuseum.org

**Premier Aviation**  
236 Sing Sing Road  
Horseheads, 607-301-1390  
www.premier-aviation.com

**Wings of Eagles Discovery Center**  
339 Daniel Zenker Drive  
Horseheads, 607-358-4247  
www.wingsofeagles.com

### **Family Fun**

**At The Pier Arcade**  
3300 Chambers Road  
Horseheads, 607-739-1236

**Bradley Farms**  
1543 Maple Avenue  
Elmira, 607-732-0561  
www.bradleyfarmselmira.com

**Checkpoint Gaming Lounge**  
3300 Chambers Road  
Horseheads, 607-442-6171  
www.checkpointgaminglounge.com

**Eldridge Park Carousel**  
96 Eldridge Park Drive  
Elmira, 607-732-8440  
www.eldridgepark.org

**Elmira Drive-In Theatre**  
2431 State Route 352  
Elmira, 607-734-8599  
www.elmiradrivein.com

**Elmira Pioneers Baseball**  
546 Luce Street  
Elmira, 607-734-2690  
www.theelmrapioneers.com

**Farmland Animal Park**  
940 Wyncoop Creek Road  
Chemung, 607-529-3371  
www.farmlandanimalpark.com

**Great Escapes Adventures**  
3300 Chambers Road  
Horseheads, 607-873-7108  
www.greatescapeadventures.net

**Harris Hill Amusement Park**  
557 Harris Hill Road  
Elmira, 607-732-1210  
www.harrishillamusements.com

**Hobby Game Hangout**  
2088 College Ave  
Elmira Heights, 607-794-2079  
www.hobbygamehangout.com

**Jams Fitness Club  
(Joycrest Skating Rink)**  
1570 Lake Street  
Elmira, 607-732-0494

**Smash Therapy Arnot**  
3300 Chambers Road  
Horseheads  
www.smashtherapyarnot.com

**Tanglewood Nature Center & Museum**  
443 Coleman Avenue  
Elmira, 607-732-6060  
www.tanglewoodnaturecenter.com

**Target Zone Arnot Mall**  
3300 Chambers Road

Horseheads, 607-731-2900  
**Wings of Eagles Discovery Center**  
339 Daniel Zenker Drive  
Horseheads, 607-358-4247  
www.wingsofeagles.com

### **Golf**

**DJ's Golf Center**  
273 County Road 60  
Waverly, 607-565-2618  
www.djsgolfcenter.com

**Elmira Country Club**  
1538 West Church Street  
Elmira, 607-734-6251  
www.elmiracountryclub.com

**Harris Hill Park Par 3-Course**  
599 Harris Hill Road  
Elmira, 607-873-1307

**Mark Twain Golf Course**  
2275 Corning Road  
Elmira, 607-737-5770  
www.golftwain.com

**Soaring Eagles Golf Course at  
Mark Twain State Park**  
201 Middle Road  
Horseheads, 607-739-0551  
www.parks.ny.gov/golf/3/details.aspx

**Tomasso's Restaurant & Golf Course**  
398 County Road 60  
Waverly, 607-565-2323

**Willowcreek Golf Club**  
3069 State Route 352  
Big Flats, 607-562-8898  
www.willowcreekgolfclub.com

### **History & Architecture**

**Big Flats Historical Society**  
258 Hibbard Road  
Big Flats, 607-562-7460  
www.bigflatsny.gov

**Chemung Valley History Museum**  
415 East Water Street  
Elmira, 607-734-4167  
www.chemungvalleymuseum.org

**Elmira Civil War Prison Camp**

645 Winsor Avenue, Elmira  
www.elmiracivilwar.org

**Hanover Square Historic District**

Horseheads

**Historic Elmira**

www.historicelmira.com

**Horseheads Historical Society & Museum**

312 West Broad Street  
Horseheads, 607-739-3938  
www.horseheadshistoricalsociety.com

**John W. Jones Museum**

1250 Davis Street  
Elmira, 607-846-3030  
www.johnwjonesmuseum.org

**Near Westside Neighborhood Assoc.**

353 Davis Street  
Elmira, 607-733-4924  
www.nwnainc.com

**Newtown Battlefield Sullivan's Monument**

2346 County Road 60  
Elmira, 607-732-6067  
https://parks.ny.gov/parks/newtown-battlefield/

**Steele Memorial Library**

101 East Church Street  
Elmira, 607-733-9173  
www.chemunglibraries.org

**Vietnam Veterans of America Museum**

1200 Davis Street  
Elmira, 607-737-2760

**Woodlawn Cemetery**

1200 Walnut Street  
Elmira, 607-732-0151  
www.friendsofwoodlawnelmira.org

**Woodlawn National Cemetery**

1825 Davis Street  
Elmira, 607-732-5411  
www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/Woodlawn.asp

**Zimmerman House**

601 North Pine Street  
Horseheads  
www.horseheadshistoricalsociety.com

**Lodging – Hotels****Best Western Plus**

2671 Corning Road  
Horseheads, 607-398-2346

**Candlewood Suites**

198 Colonial Drive  
Horseheads, 607-873-7676

**Clarion Inn**

760 East Water Street  
Elmira, 607-271-5252

**Country Inn & Suites**

105 East Mall Road  
Horseheads, 607-873-2255

**Courtyard by Marriott**

202 Colonial Drive  
Horseheads, 607-795-5900

**Econo Lodge**

871 County Route 64  
Elmira, 607-739-2000

**Fairfield Inn & Suites**

1600 County Route 64  
Horseheads, 607-739-9200

**Hampton Inn**

51 Arnot Road  
Horseheads, 607-795-3333

**Quality Inn**

2666 Corning Road  
Horseheads, 607-271-5365

**Vacation Rentals****Apartments at RYE**

365 Davis Street  
Elmira, 607-732-6625  
www.ryebarandrestaurant.com/rooms

**Castle on Glen**

320 Glen Avenue  
Elmira, 607-272-4576  
www.castleonglen.com

**Enchanted Cottage on Glen**

323 Glen Avenue  
Elmira, 607-272-4576  
www.enchantedcottageonglen.com

**Campgrounds****Newtown Battlefield State Park**

2346 County Road 60  
Elmira, 607-732-6067  
https://parks.ny.gov/parks/newtown-battlefield/

**Park Station**

2 West Beaver Pond Road  
Erin, 607-739-9164  
www.chemungcountyny.gov/694/Park-Station

**Outdoor Recreation****Catharine Valley Trail**

www.trailink.com/trail/catharine-valley-trail/

**City of Elmira Parks & Recreation**

www.cityofelmira.net

**Chemung County Parks & Recreation**

www.chemungcountyny.gov

**Eldridge Park**

96 Eldridge Park Drive  
Elmira, 607-732-8440

**Friends of the Chemung River Watershed**

109 North Main Street  
Elmira, 607-846-2242  
www.chemungriverfriends.org

**Harris Hill Park**

599 Harris Hill Road  
Elmira, 607-873-1307  
www.chemungcountyny.gov/691/Park-Facilities

**Lackawanna Rail Trail**

www.trailink.com/trail/lackawanna-rail-trail/

**Newtown Battlefield State Park**

2346 County Road 60  
Elmira, 607-732-6067  
https://parks.ny.gov/parks/newtown-battlefield/

**Park Station**

2 West Beaver Pond Road  
Erin, 607-739-9164  
www.chemungcountyny.gov/694/Park-Station

## DO / SHOP / STAY

### **Steege Hill Nature Preserve**

Steege Hill Road, Corning  
www.chemungcountyny.gov/1433/  
Steege-hill-nature-preserve

### **Tanglewood Nature Center & Museum**

443 Coleman Avenue  
Elmira, 607-732-6060  
www.tanglewoodnaturecenter.com

### **Town of Big Flats Parks**

www.bigflatsny.gov

### **Village of Elmira Heights Parks & Recreation**

www.elmiraheightsvillage.com

### **Village of Horseheads Parks & Recreation**

www.horseheads.org/parksrec

### **Watkins Glen State Park**

1009 North Franklin Street  
Watkins Glen, 607-535-4511  
www.parks.ny.gov/parks/142

## **Racing & Sports**

### **Chemung Speedrome**

605 Wyncoop Creek Road  
Chemung, 607-483-3468  
www.chemung-speedrome.com

### **Denim Axe**

162 East 14th Street  
Elmira Heights, 607-792-1099  
www.denimaxe.com

### **Elmira Pioneers**

546 Luce Street  
Elmira, 607-734-2690  
www.theelmirapioneers.com

### **LECOM Event Center**

155 North Main Street  
Elmira, 607-734-7825  
www.lecomeventcenter.com

### **Greek Peak Mountain Resort**

2000 State Route 392  
Cortland, 800-955-2754  
www.greekpeak.net

### **NYSF Pickleball**

3300 Chamber Road  
Horseheads, 607-735-2965  
www.nysfpickleball.com

### **Tioga Downs Casino & Racetrack**

2384 West River Road  
Nichols, 888-946-8464  
www.tiogadowns.com

### **Watkins Glen International**

2790 County Route 16  
Watkins Glen, 866-461-7223  
www.theglen.com

## **Wellness & Relaxation**

### **360Aurora**

360 East 14th Street  
Elmira Heights, 607-333-4764  
www.360aurora.com

### **A New You Professional Massage & Body Wellness Center**

295 Main Street  
Wellsburg, 607-425-5292

### **Exhale Massage Therapy**

200 East Church Street  
Elmira, 607-259-0939

### **His Hands Massage Therapy**

143 Lynwood Ave  
Elmira Heights, 607-873-7666

### **Honeysuckle Skin**

112 North Main Street  
Horseheads, 607-353-3184  
www.honeysuckleskin.com

### **InfusivE IV Hydration & Wellness**

2366 Corning Road  
Elmira Heights, 607-215-5728  
www.infusivewellness.com

### **Journeys in Love and Light**

116 Baldwin Street  
Elmira, 607-857-9203

### **Live Well Upstate: Massage Therapy & Natural Medicine**

408 West Church Street  
Elmira, 607-733-3373  
www.livewellupstate.com

### **LUXE Beauty Company**

1141 Broadway Street, Suite 6  
Elmira, 607-205-0044  
www.luxebeautycompanyny.com

### **Massage-by-Karen**

604 Yale Street  
Elmira, 607-742-2628

### **Namaste Event, Spa & Wellness Center**

2667 Corning Road  
Horseheads, 607-333-4778  
www.mynamastespa.com

### **Pure Balance Therapeutic Massage**

112 North Main Street  
Horseheads, 607-377-6391  
www.purebalancenyc.com

### **Robert Williams Therapeutic Massage**

301 West Broad Street  
Horseheads, 607-427-0849  
www.rwtm.massagetherapy.com

### **TWE Skin Studio**

200 East Church Street, 3rd Floor  
Elmira, 607-397-5562  
www.thewanderingesthetician.com

### **Xin Spa**

3300 Chambers Road  
Horseheads, 607-338-0101

### **Your Wellness Matters**

2119 Grand Central Ave  
Horseheads, 607-481-5714  
www.yourwellnessmatterselmira.com

### **Youthful Roots**

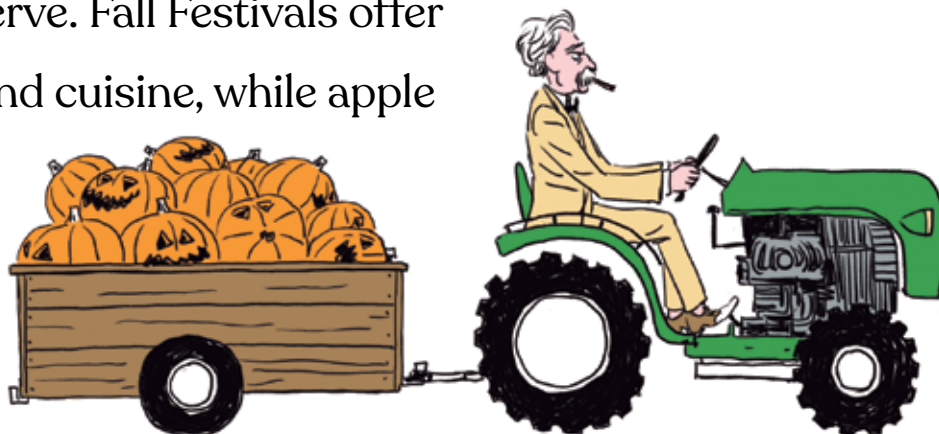
200 East Church Street, Suite 304  
Elmira, 607-259-0476  
www.youthfulrootsskincare.com

For an expanded list of  
local experiences, including  
dining, events, and more,  
scan here  
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website



# DISCOVER CHEMUNG *in full color*

Chemung County really showcases the beauty of the autumn season. As the leaves change hue and the weather gets cooler, take a drive along the winding roads that cut through the county's rolling hills and valleys or go for a hike at Tanglewood Nature Center or Steege Hill Nature Preserve. Fall Festivals offer a taste of local culture and cuisine, while apple picking and pumpkin patches provide fun for the whole family.



FALL MARKETS ABOUND!

# YOUR CHEMUNG COUNTY *Autumn Itinerary*



Autumn in Chemung County is the season for colorful drives, farm visits, thrill-filled activities and festivals. Start your day with a breathtaking hike at **Tanglewood Nature Center**, then warm up in the museum and see more than 40 live animal species. Then, mingle with the community at the **Annual Octagon Fair** at Elmira College, a fall fair with vendors, food trucks and activities.

The Annual **Elmira Heights Oktoberfest** takes place the second week of October and offers free kid games, craft & food vendors, vintage & classic cars, live music and more! Stop by **Holy Grounds Coffee Shop** to warm up with a cup of freshly roasted coffee before heading over to **360 Aurora Event Center** where the festivities



continue. No fall experience is complete without a visit to a fall market. **Bradley Farms** has a pumpkin patch, corn maze, hayrides & more!

End your day with spirits of a different kind at the **Elmira Ghost Walk at Woodlawn Cemetery**. Explore first-hand accounts of history as told by the tenants of Woodlawn

Cemetery during this lantern lit tour. Among the notables buried at Woodlawn are Mark Twain



and his family. Woodlawn is now a part of the **NY State Haunted History Trail**. To find more locations on the trail, visit: [www.hauntedhistorytrail.com](http://www.hauntedhistorytrail.com).

Then head over to Big Flats' **Tagsylvania** featuring 4 different haunted attractions sure to get you in the Halloween mood!

*Scan for the best of Fall!*



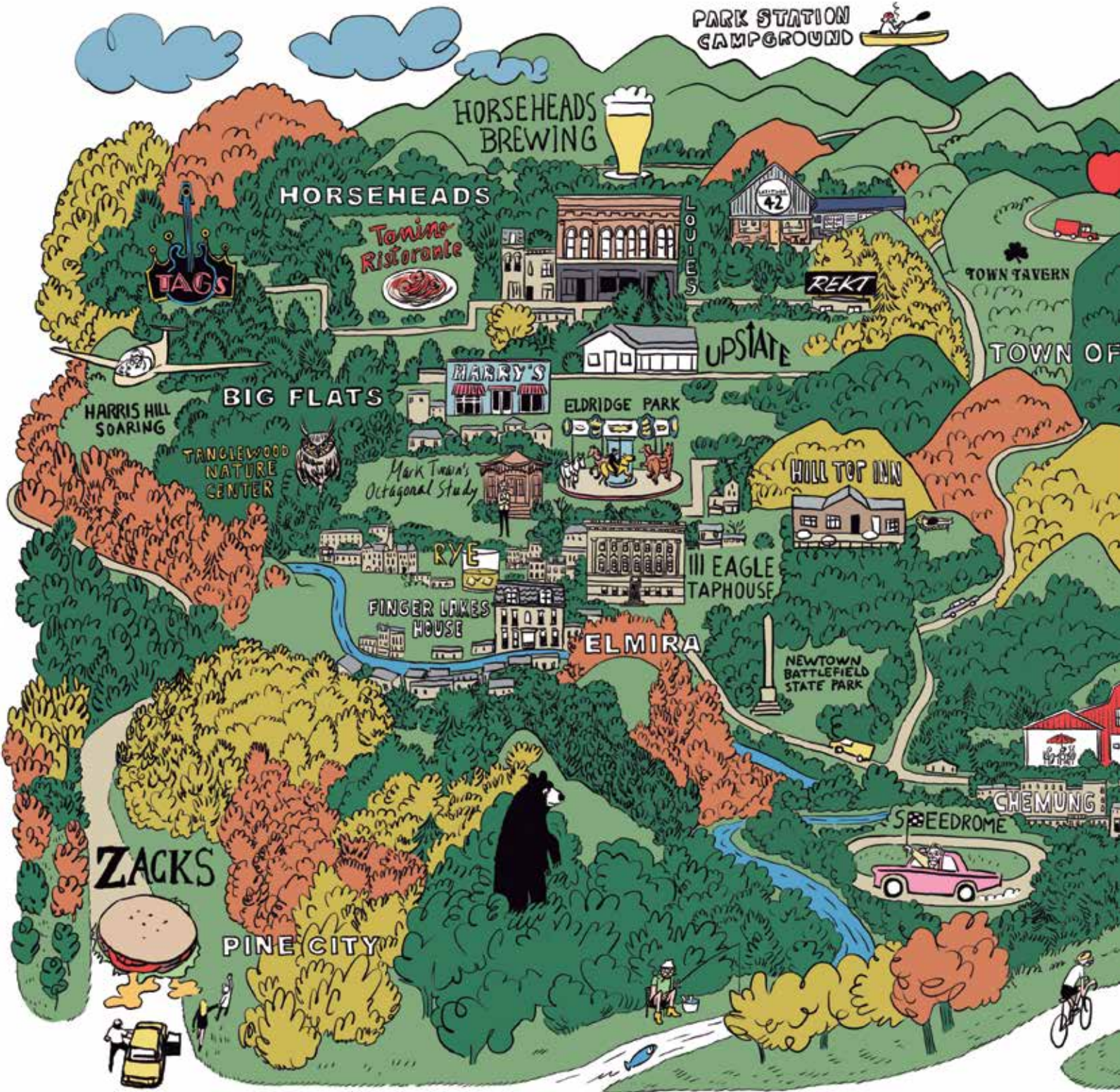
## TAKE FLIGHT!

If you're looking for an unforgettable adventure, Harris Hill Soaring is a must. Named the #1 pick on



*Try Soaring at Harris Hill*

Conde Nast Traveler's list of Best Fall Foliage Adventures in the U.S., soaring at Harris Hill offers a breathtaking way to take in some of New York's most spectacular views. Gliders are motorless planes that are towed in the air before being released to soar silently overhead with a certified pilot, offering a thrilling experience for both fliers and spectators. Be sure to stop at the National Soaring Museum to see the world's largest sailplane collection!



# CHEMUNG COUNTY

## *Eats & Drinks Trail*

# THE JUICE COLLECTIVE



LATEKA COOKE-DAVIS  
OWNER, THE JUICE COLLECTIVE

“When I started my juice bar in 2021, I had one goal: to bring fresh, healthy options to Elmira, a city where nutritious choices aren’t always easy to find. As the first juice bar in Chemung County, the journey wasn’t easy, but by 2022, the business had taken off thanks to the incredible support of the community. Now, in our new downtown location, we’re more excited than ever to provide cold-pressed juices, wellness

shots, sea moss, specialty sandwiches, and grab-and-go meals to those looking for something fresh and nourishing.”

“One of the best parts of this journey is seeing customers’ excitement when they discover our unique offerings. Whether you’re all-in on a wellness journey or just looking for a quick, delicious option, we have something for everyone. More than just a juice bar, we’ve created a warm, welcoming space—a home away from home where people can feel good about what they’re putting into their bodies. We can’t wait for you to stop by and experience our legendary customer service for yourself!”





Embark on a culinary adventure along the **Chemung County Eats & Drinks Trail**. From farm-to-table fare to classic comfort food, you'll find something for every craving.

Explore local breweries and tap houses, sampling award-winning ciders and unique craft beers.

The trail is just a taste of Chemung's 100+ restaurants! Scan the QR code or visit [DiscoverChemung.com](http://DiscoverChemung.com) for the full list.



*See a complete listing of local Restaurants here*



# ILL EAGLE TAPHOUSE

## *Food, Drinks & “Legal” Fun*



Nestled in the heart of Elmira, **ILL EAGLE Taphouse** is more than just a bar—it’s a vibrant gathering space that celebrates the city’s rich history and tight-knit community.

Housed in a beautifully restored historic building, this local hotspot has quickly become a favorite for both residents and visitors looking for great food, craft drinks, and a welcoming atmosphere. With unwavering support from the Chemung County community, the team at ILL EAGLE Taphouse is dedicated to creating an inviting space where history, hospitality, and modern flavors blend seamlessly.

For the owners, setting up shop in Elmira was an intentional choice—a chance to revitalize a historic space while contributing to the city’s ongoing transformation. As proud locals, they see

their work as part of a broader movement to make Elmira a destination for food lovers and travelers alike. The city’s growing restaurant scene, driven by passionate business owners and an engaged community, is making waves, with new and innovative culinary experiences emerging alongside beloved local favorites.

Visitors to ILL EAGLE Taphouse will not only enjoy a dynamic menu and lively events, but they’ll also experience the warmth and camaraderie that define Elmira. With a deep-rooted sense of pride and collaboration among local businesses, the city continues

to evolve while staying true to its heritage. Whether you’re stopping by for a drink, a meal, or just to soak in the atmosphere, ILL EAGLE Taphouse offers an authentic taste of Elmira’s past, present, and exciting future.

“Elmira is a vibrant, tight-knit community that deeply values its history and local businesses...there’s a strong sense of pride in supporting one another.”

– Nick Difasi, Co-owner



# WINTER WONDERS

## *Chill out & get cozy*

As snowflakes blanket Chemung County, it transforms into a winter wonderland, offering a host of activities. Outdoor enthusiasts can experience the peaceful serenity of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. For those seeking to cozy up indoors, the Clemens Center in Elmira offers a variety of performances, including theater shows and concerts, perfect for a night of entertainment. The holiday season brings festive markets and events, like the Downtown Elmira Holiday Parade adding warmth and joy to the chilly months.



# YOUR CHEMUNG COUNTY *Winter Itinerary*

During the winter months, travelers have an opportunity to take in the beauty of nature, as well as stay warm in some of our most beloved art and entertainment venues.

Outdoor lovers can enjoy trekking through The **Catharine Valley Trail**, which offers 9 miles of multi-use trail for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, as well as hiking and biking in the warmer months.



Warm up with a cup at **Elmira's Tea and Coffee House** before leisurely taking in the arts at **Arnot Museum of Art**. And then head over to **Pine City Post** for a large selection of gifts for everyone on your list.

Escape the cold at end the day with a show at the **Clemens Center**, the region's premier performing arts center. Their winter performances offer a wonderful Broadway series and other family-friendly shows to choose from, including



performances by the **Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes**.

To join the community in some holiday-themed fun, don't miss out on the **Annual Elmira Tree Lighting**, in Downtown Elmira.



Wrap up the night by sampling local and regional wine and beer at **Latitude 42 Taphouse** or get caught up on sports over beer and wings at **Roundin' Third** sports bar.

*Find out what's coming to the Clemens Center*



## BRIGHT NIGHTS!

Take in the lights and holiday scene at **Bradley Farms' Annual Twinkle Town** display, where you can view over 200 individually lighted scenes

from the comfort of your vehicle as you



drive through the one-mile, two-lane road while listening to their holiday channel on your radio. Bradley Farms generously donates a portion of ticket sales to local charity. With its captivating lights, joyful atmosphere, and commitment to making a positive impact, Twinkle Town truly embodies the spirit of the season!

# Arts, Culture & Entertainment

## EXPLORE THE ARTISTIC HEART OF CHEMUNG COUNTY

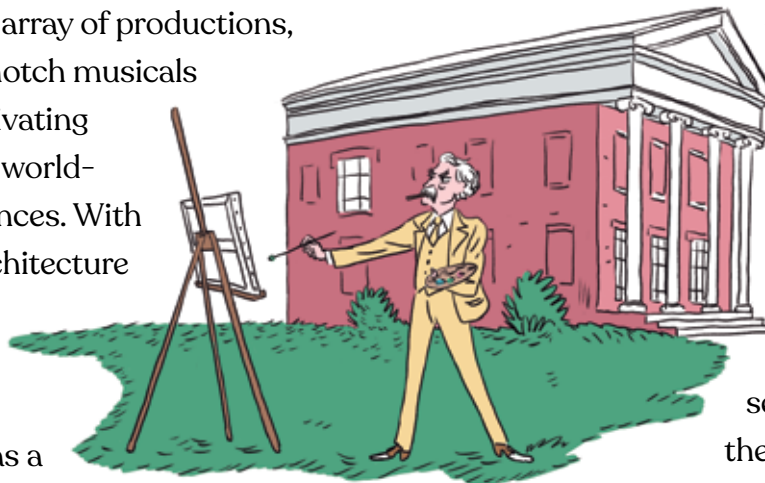


Chemung County boasts a vibrant arts and culture scene that appeals to residents and visitors alike. One of its prominent cultural gems is the **Clemens Center**, renowned for its Broadway shows. This grand theater hosts a diverse array of productions, including top-notch musicals and plays, captivating audiences with world-class performances. With its stunning architecture and superb acoustics, the Clemens Center stands as a cornerstone of the arts scene in Chemung County.

Art enthusiasts in the county love to visit the **Arnot Art Museum**. This esteemed

institution showcases an impressive collection of American and European art, spanning various styles and periods. From classical paintings to contemporary installations, visitors can explore the rich

artistic heritage within its walls. Through rotating exhibitions and educational programs, the Arnot Art Museum fosters a deep appreciation for the arts among locals and serves as a cultural hub for the community.



During the summer months, the Chemung County music scene comes alive with vibrant performances at **TAGS Summer Stage** in Big Flats. This outdoor theater

## ARTS, CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT

experience offers a mix of musical performances under the open sky.

**Alive After 5** is a vibrant summer street festival series on Friday nights featuring live music, local food vendors, and a lively community atmosphere in rotating downtown locations. Perfect for a Friday night out, this free event brings together



friends, families, and music lovers to celebrate Elmira's culture and nightlife.

Beyond the realms of traditional arts and music, the **Wings of Eagles Discovery Center** captivates visitors with its fascinating exhibits exploring the world of aviation and aerospace. This unique center boasts an impressive collection of aircraft, providing an immersive experience that educates and



inspires. With interactive displays, flight simulators, and educational programs, the Wings of Eagles Discovery Center celebrates the history and technological advancements in aviation, making it a must-visit cultural destination for all ages in Chemung County.

“The Arnot Art Museum has been a Treasure House in Elmira for over 110 years, and we welcome international art scholars as well as travelers visiting the Southern Finger Lakes for our outdoor activities, historic sites and gorgeous scenery. Downtown Elmira is a great place to begin, and we are pleased to roll out the welcome mat.”

– Rick Pirozzolo, Executive Director & Chief Curator



# Mark Your Calendar

## ANNUAL EVENTS IN CHEMUNG



*Here's the most  
up-to-date  
Event info*

### SPRING

Harris Hill Amusement  
Park Opens

Horseheads St. Patrick's  
Day Parade

Watkins Glen  
International Season Starts

Weekend Glider Rides Begin

Wisner Market Opens

Hill Top Inn St. Patrick's Day Festivities

Town of Erin's "WoodFest"

Chemung County Golf Courses Open



Mark Twain Study Open Weekdays

Tag's Summer Stage Concert Series

Public River Paddles

### FALL

Big Flats Community Days

Ghost Walks at  
Woodlawn Cemetery

Haunted Happenings at  
Tanglewood Nature Center

Phantom Phright Nights  
at Bradley Farms

Elmira College Octagon Fair

Tagsylvania Haunted Attractions

Hayrides and Corn Maze at  
Smithome Farms

Pumpkin Express Train Rides in Horseheads

Elmira Aviators Hockey Season Begins



### SUMMER

Alive After 5 Street  
Music Festivals

Chemung County Fair

Eldridge Park Opens

Elmira Pioneers Baseball

Elmira Pride Celebration

"Elmira Blooms" Garden Tour

Elmira Street Painting Festival

Juneteenth Freedom Day

Elmira Mural Fest

Southern Tier  
Jazz Festival

Park Station Opens

Farmer Markets

Daily Glider Rides at  
Harris Hill



### WINTER

Aurora 360 Holiday Market

Snowshoeing - Tanglewood  
and Park Station

Hill Top Inn  
Wreath Lighting

Ill Eagle Holiday Market

Downtown Elmira  
Holiday Parade

Homes for the Holidays Tour

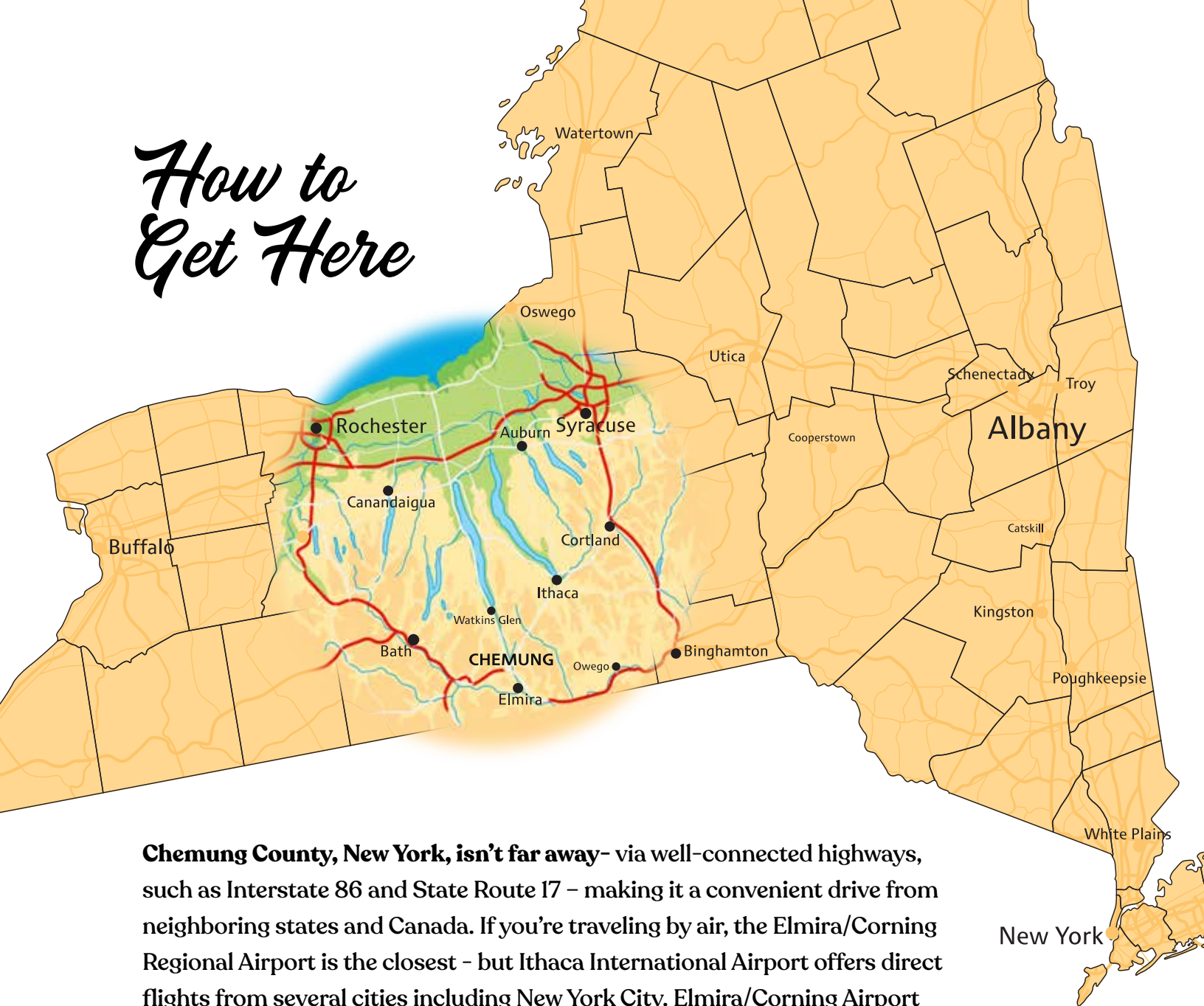
Holly Days in Historic Hanover Square

Winter Handmade Market at  
Chamberlain Acres

Bradley Farms Twinkle Town Light Display



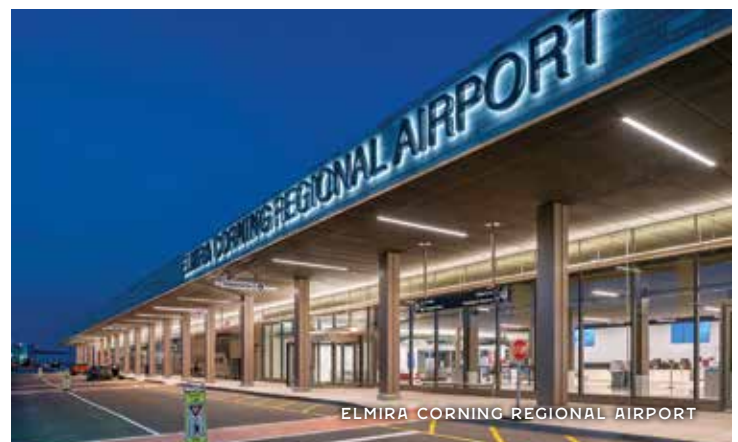
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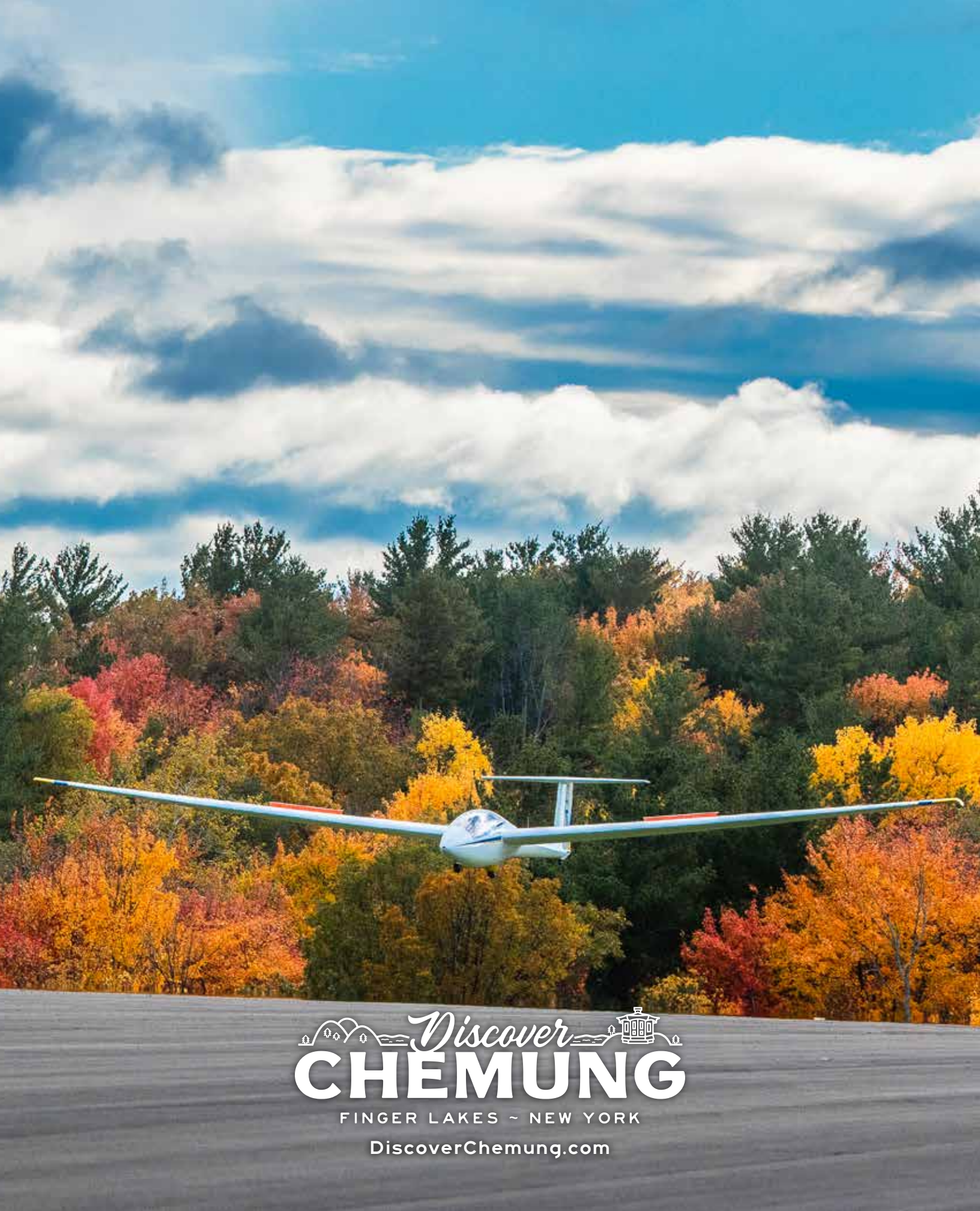
**Chemung County, New York, isn't far away-** via well-connected highways, such as Interstate 86 and State Route 17 – making it a convenient drive from neighboring states and Canada. If you're traveling by air, the Elmira/Corning Regional Airport is the closest - but Ithaca International Airport offers direct flights from several cities including New York City. Elmira/Corning Airport also offers direct flights to/from Florida via Allegiant Airlines and to/from Detroit via Delta Airlines

## **Driving distances to Chemung County**

- New York City - 4 hours
- Philadelphia - 4 hours
- Toronto - 4.5 hours
- Montreal - 6 hours
- Washington, DC - 5 hours
- Cleveland, OH - 4.5 hours



ELMIRA CORNING REGIONAL AIRPORT



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