### CORNING & THE SOUTHERN FINGER LAKES Official Experience Guide

Cluster of Grapes at Bully Hill Vineyards

## Welcome

We hear it time and time again. The astonishment. The sense of wonder. Not just in awe of the incomparable landscape and fun outdoor adventures, or the remarkable art and exceptional culinary offerings, but over the unexpected perk of spending time in a place dotted with small towns where you can finally slow down, catch your breath, and reconnect with the world around you. With the people who matter most. With yourself.

In this hurry-up, hectic world that often feels a bit upside down, a little time spent in a small town can help you feel right-side up again.

Welcome to Corning and the Southern Finger Lakes!

of upstate New York, a wonderful new world for one so accustomed to urban life in America."

-Jim Ferri, Never Stop Traveling

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# Why You'll Love Us

Here is what people who visited have to say about why you'll love us.

Photo courtesy Bob Magee

## *Just 80 minutes south of downtown Rochester, Steuben Brewing . . . has quietly become one of the best*

breweries in the region." -Will Cleveland, Democrat & Chronicle



Photo courtesy The Corning Museum of Glass

### PREMIER WINES

"Morten Hallgren was trained at France's prestigious wine school at Montpelier; his wife Lisa is a chef. Together they offer one of the Finger Lakes' premier stops for wine and food lovers." —Food & Wine

### **GLASS IS TRENDING**

If Netflix's new glassmaking competition series "Blown Away" left you feeling inspired, head to this surprising hot spot for glassblowing and learn how to make your own masterpiece."

(Kathleen Rellihan, AFAR)



Photo courtesy Ravines Wine Cellars



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## SATISFY YOUR CRAVINGS FOR GREAT FOOD

"You'll want to stroll down Market Street, when you're hungry for any meal of the day there's something great."

-Megan and Scott, Bobo & Chichi

**F** The Finger Lakes is one of the most beautiful, friendly, tasty places we've ever visited."

-Angie Orth, Angie Away



#### YOUR VERY OWN PARADISE

"... known for its charming small towns, local vineyards and wineries, historic inns, a growing food scene with excellent restaurants, cheese makers, numerous distilleries, microbreweries and cideries. It is an area of great beauty with many state parks, outdoor activities, dramatic waterfalls and hiking trails."

-Bob Glaze, Classic Chicago Magazine

### INNOVATIVE, ELEGANT AND DOWNRIGHT DELICIOUS

"There's a ton to try, so we recommend settling into a seat in the spacious taproom, ideally with one of the cidery's pizzas and some smoked wings . . . At the end of the day, a visit to Cider Creek might be the apple of everyone's eyes, a crowd-pleasing finale for an innovative adventure." —Joshua M. Bernstein, Want Beer, Will Travel



Photo courtesy Michael B Studios



Photo courtesy Luke Petrinec

#### A SPECIAL PLACE

"The Finger Lakes stretch like narrow northsouth slashes across western central New York.... Iroquois legend has it that the Finger Lakes were formed when the Great Spirit placed his hand in blessing on this favored land, leaving behind an imprint." —Fodors

### A DESTINATION FOR ALL SEASONS

"In warm months, the Finger Lakes region comes alive with boaters, cyclists, and wine tourists. Though the area is most often thought of as a summer destination, the ideal time to visit extends from spring to late fall... when the brilliant blue lake waters are framed by an earthy palette of reds and yellows and sun-kissed, golden vineyards." —Frommer's



Photo courtesy Chris Brooks

### EAST COAST'S MOST EXCITING WINE REGION

"Located five hours outside New York City. in the Southern Tier region of New York State. sits the most exciting wine region on the East Coast, the Finger Lakes." -Adam Teeter, VinePair



Photo courtesy Finger Lakes Wine Country



Photo courtesy Stu Gallagher

### LIVING HISTORY

"Those interested in living history (and live blacksmith demos) should beeline for the Heritage Village of the Southern Finger Lakes, with nearly a dozen buildings including an 1850s log cabin and the historic 1796 Benjamin Patterson Inn that capture what area life was like during the 19th century."

-Laura Kiniry, Smithsonian.com

### Just a few reasons why you'll love Corning and the Southern Finger Lakes

- Finger Lakes named one of The World's Top 10 Wine Destinations for 2019 (VinePair)
- Corning's Gorilla® Glass 6 named one of The 100 greatest inventions of 2018 (Popular Science)
- ▶ Finger Lakes named America's Best Wine **Region** (USA Today, 2018 and 2019)
- Finger Lakes named "Most Exciting Wine Region on the East Coast of America" (VinePair)
- Corning named one of the 20 Best Small Towns to Visit in 2018 (Laura Kiniry. *Smithsonian.com*)
- Hammondsport named one of the 25 Best Small Lake Towns in America (Country Living Magazine, 2017)

- Finger Lakes named one of The 11 Best Lake Getaways in the U.S. (Condé Naste Traveler, 2017)
- The Finger Lakes has been recognized as a Great Value Destination (ShermansTravel) and a Top Lakeside Vacation (Yahoo! Travel)
- Finger Lakes named Best Wine Travel Destination for 2015 (Wine Enthusiast Magazine)
- Dr. Konstantin Frank Vinifera Wine Cellars named one of the Top 100 Wineries in the world (Wine & Spirits, 2016)
- Guthrie Wineglass Marathon named Best Marathon in New York State (RaceRaves, 2018)

## GLASS The Incredible Paradox

In a word-association game, Corning and glass would roll off the tongue together. The city, located in the Finger Lakes region of New York, boasts what is arguably the world's premiere glass museum."

-Elizabeth Albertson, Frommer's

The Corning Museum of Glass dazzles with fabulous galleries of glassworks and terrific demos of live glassmaking."

-Suzanne Rowan Kelleher, MiniTime: Bring the Kids

Glass has an almost magical quality. As it cools, transforming from a molten gooey state (like honey, like lava) to a solid, it settles into that seemingly delicate, fragile, breakable state with which we are most familiar. Yet, glass can be durable; almost indestructible. So heat resistant, in fact, that it has been integral to space exploration. When it comes to science and technology, glass is a material with seemingly endless applications.

From its role in making the first lightbulbs for Thomas Edison to developing the first low-loss glass fibers fifty years ago, Corning Glass Works (known today as Corning Incorporated) and the small town from which it gets its name have helped get light out into the world. That's why America's Crystal City—a City of Glass—is also a City of Light.

Gathered from a white-hot furnace. glass is an amorphous material, a glowing oozy glob that moves with the pull of gravity. For the glass artist, this requires constant attention and continuous movement (with or against the pull depending on the desired effect, for gravity becomes one of the glass artist's many tools). The results vary in size and scope. From something as small and delicate as an ancient cameo broach to colossal contemporary pieces that require their own room in which to be displayed at **The** Corning Museum of Glass. the world's largest glass museum.

Photos this spread courtesy The Corning Museum of Glass

This Small Town is the Glassblowing Hub of the United States"

—Kathleen <mark>Rell</mark>ihan, *AFAR* 

How unique is this? You can choose from several different experiences from sandblasting to making your own ornament."

(Annick, The Common Traveler)



Photo courtesy The Corning Museum of Glass

To learn about our glass studios and events, visit CorningFingerLakes.com

Chris Walters for The Corning Museum of Glass (below)



Central is its glass collection, comprising an unrivaled sampling of glass works through the ages, including a turquoise glass portrait of a pharaoh from c. 1353-36 B.C. and a stained-glass wall by Frank Lloyd Wright . . ." –Julie V. lovine, The Wall Street Journal

Photo below courtesy The Corning Museum of Glass





Chris Walters for The Corning Museum of Glass

## The Seeds of a World Class Wine Destination

world-class wine region doesn't just happen. It's the result of a number of variables. including the quality of wine produced there which is, itself, impacted by the types of grapes grown, the unique characteristics of the soil (terroir), the complimentary or adverse conditions of the weather, and the people behind the scenes who also make a profound difference. That's right, the small independent grape-grower farmers and the gracious neighbors and friends who lend a hand picking grapes during harvest all play an



Photo courtesy Finger Lakes Wine Country

integral role. Renown comes from hard work and sweat. And the wizardry of the winemakers, those agricultural magicians who often use the same grape varietals, yet apply their own individual skills and expertise to create completely different flavor profiles.

> For a complete listing and detailed insight into Steuben wineries and recent vintages, request the *Steuben Wine Guide* at <u>CorningFingerLakes.com</u>

Background photo courtesy Dr. Konstantin Frank Winery

For decades, Riesling has reigned supreme in the Finger Lakes and nearly every winery in the region has its own version. Yet none will taste exactly the same. Ranging from sweet to bone dry, this varietal represents just how varied wine styles and techniques are throughout the region. But other varietals have been taking hold in recent years, establishing the region as more than just a one-trick pony. As a legitimate destination for wine lovers of all types.



Photo courtesy Cagwin Photography

Of course, all the recent accolades and success grew from the first seeds planted over 190 years ago in the small town of Hammondsport. Located at the foot of Keuka Lake. Hammondsport was also the site where the first winery in the region was founded back in 1860 and where the Vinifera Revolution took place nearly a full century later. It's that same small town where some of the most accomplished wines are being made today, where wine experiences continue to evolve beyond simple tastings, and where the future of this world-renowned wine destination continues to blossom vintage after vintage.

If you like dry wines, you'll want to head to close by Domaine LeSeurre for a tasting (and a view) that will leave you wanting more." –Karissa Klee, Flirting With The Globe



Photo below courtesy Bully Hill Vineyards



Photo below courtesy Cagwin Photography



Photo courtesy Finger Lakes Wine Country

Frank's commitment to the grape, and the region's wide-scale adoption of its cultivation, has turned the Finger Lakes into one of the greatest Riesling regions of the world. The area's signature wine, combined with a burgeoning food and craft beer scene, makes now the perfect time to visit." –Adam Teeter, VinePair





Background photo courtesy Luke Petrinec

At a time when the local food movement has inspired many consumers across the nation to, for the first time, consider the wines being made in their own backyards, no up-and-coming domestic region has received as much serious attention as the Finger Lakes of upstate New York."



-Caroline Helper, The Atlantic

Photo courtesy Michael B Studios

For a list of all Steuben Country wineries, or information about wine tour companies and fun wine events, visit <u>CorningFingerLakes.com</u>

Photo courtesy Stu Gallagher

## The Only Un-Finger Lake

Our story started millions of years ago, carved into the earth's surface by glaciers. It takes time, after all, to create such stunning natural beauty.

Due to its unique shape, **Keuka Lake** offers views like no other. Considered the warmest and cleanest of the big three (Keuka, Seneca, Cayuga) around which you'll find the largest concentration of wineries, Keuka also offers an abundance of water activities and splashable fun.

Talk about the perfect setting for *your story*.

You can live the lake life. As you may have guessed, the area lends itself to a plethora of water activities you can partake in. If you're feeling active, you can explore Y-shaped Keuka Lake on a stand-up paddle board or kayak with Keuka Watersports."



Photo courtesy Chris Brooks

-Karissa Klee, *Flirting With The Globe* 



Photo courtesy Bill Banaszewski



Photo courtesy Chris Brooks

Don't have your own cottage or boat? No problem! We've made it easy to experience the best of lake life. Rent kayaks, paddle boards, jet skis, or simply unwind with a picnic at Depot Park or Champlin Beach. Prepare yourself for incomparable views of the region's most unique lake with a seaplane ride.

Enjoy the warmth of a bonfire at a waterfront inn, go for a dip near shore or rent a pontoon boat and explore wonderful coves that make perfect swimming holes. Fish from a dock or charter your own fishing excursion and search the crystal depths for trout, bass, even landlocked salmon. Savor a great meal at a lakeside restaurant or take in a stunning sunset on an evening cruise.

Isn't it time you got your feet wet?





Photo above courtesy Evan Williams

For information about public beaches, boat rentals, fishing excursions, lakeside dining, scenic seaplane rides and other lake life experiences, visit CorningFingerLakes.com

Background photo courtesy Luke Petrinec

### We spent some time at Keuka Lake . . . and it was beautiful!! Wishing I was back in that beautiful area right now!" –Kami Nelson, Hello Drifter



# Step into History

Maybe it's because small towns are the perfect place for dreamers. For people driven by an innovative spirit to take a chance and see what they're capable of doing.

All we know is Corning and the Southern Finger Lakes is dotted with small towns where remarkable men and women have made prodigious contributions to the world.

From planting the first grapes in the region to sparking the Vinifera

Revolution, from taking aviation beyond a fantastical idea to a viable means of transportation. Where a small glass company went from making the first lightbulbs for Thomas Edison to developing fiber optics and other glass technologies that shape the world today.

> Blanche Stuart Scott, first female pilot in U.S. Photo courtesy Glenn H. Curtiss Museum

Learn about the many historic museums, sites, and events at <u>CorningFingerLakes.com/things-to-do/history</u>

# *WARNING: Even though wine has been used by humans for over 4,253 years irresponsible use of this product could be harmful."*

—Bully Hill Vineyards was the first American winery to include this type of warning on their labels. Later that same year, Walter and Bully Hill debuted a missing children's label becoming the first winery in the United States to enter the search to find missing children.

### Pioneer, Advocate, Folk Hero

Some people are larger than life. Their stories told again and again, passed down through generations, romanticized to the point that they become folk heroes, their exploits legendary. While that may, in part, be due to charisma or wit, it is often the result of pluck and a willingness to be an outcast for the greater good. They do not merely go along for the ride, but challenge the status quo, pushing the boundaries of what is accepted until they bring about change.

Founded by **Walter Taylor** on a hilltop overlooking breathtaking Keuka Lake, **Bully Hill Vineyards** is one of the most eclectic wineries in the Finger Lakes region.

An artist for NASA, poet and flying enthusiast, farmer and winemaker, Walter Taylor might be best known for his battles with a soft drink giant and his clever use of marketing which helped him achieve folk hero status. For Walter was a maverick: a nonconformist who caused chaos for the New York wine industry, advocating for local growers. His efforts to fight regulations (not to make things easier for himself. but because he believed in the integrity of producing something that was honest and authentic) helped change legislation which in many ways has allowed the region to grow and blossom and become one of the premiere wine regions in the world.



Photo courtesy Bully Hill Vineyards

Learn more about Walter Taylor and other wine pioneers at **CorningFingerLakes.com** 

### **FINGER LAKES UNIQUE**

## America's Crystal City

Known today for innovations in glass science and technology that have become an indelible part of everyday life (from Pyrex to fiber optics), the town of Corning and the glass company that bears its name first gained renown for the exquisite etched and engraved objects created by master artists like

John Hoare and, later, T.G. Hawkes who won Grand Prize at the 1889 Paris Exhibition establishing himself as one of the world's premier glass cutters. At one point, there were over 20 glass-cutting shops in town earning Corning the nickname "America's Crystal City."

Today, you'll find a thriving historic downtown named after master glassblowers, the world's largest museum devoted to glass, and studios like **Vitrix** and **Hands-on Glass**. You'll also encounter antique shops, boutiques, and galleries, including one featuring the remarkable work of contemporary Master Engraver, **Max Erlacher**, who has more than 40 years experience working with copper, stone, and diamond engraving, as well as cold-working techniques.

Hawkes factory photo courtesy Collection of The Rakow Research Library, The Corning Museum of Glass, Corning, NY

Top: Electric Lamp Shade, J. Hoare & Company; (1868-1920); Manufacturer, United States, NY, Corning, about 1895-1910. Gift of Mrs. P. M. Chamberlain. 65.4.22 courtesy The Corning Museum of Glass

(Kathleen Rellihan, AFAR)

**G** Dubbed 'Crystal City,' this New York town is where fiber optics, Gorilla Glass, CorningWare, Pyrex, and other important glass innovations such as space shuttle windows were invented"





Photo courtesy Vitrix Hot Glass Studio



Photo courtesy Cagwin Photography

Learn more about Corning's endearing culture of glass, exciting culinary scene, special annual events at **CorningFingerLakes.com** 



The Erlacher Steuben Glass Collection: This is a must see store when you are in town." –Bob Glaze, Classic Chicago Magazine

## Tiffany & Treasures Trail

Discover original stained glass windows and mosaics designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany in their historic settings. Explore small town shops and boutiques where you can find stunning iconic objects by Frederick Carder or Steuben Glass to add to your collection. Get your hands dirty throwing clay at Rocky Hill Pottery or Betelgeuse Pottery. Watch contemporary glass artists

shape glass and bend light at the world's largest museum of glass or at intimate **Vitrix Hot Glass**. Make your own glass masterpiece at the museum or at the hidden gem **Hands-on Glass**.

Spend some time exploring the **Tiffany & Treasures Trail** and you'll quickly discover just how diverse and exciting the fire arts can be.



The pottery is a gentle reminder of a pleasant morning spent in delightful company, but it's not the best part. For me, it's recalling the sensation of my hands working and molding wet clay." –Penny Zibula, Six Legs Will Travel



For details on historic sites, hands-on workshops, scheduling tours, and special events visit **<u>TiffanyTreasuresTrail.com</u>** 

Photo courtesy Alexandra-Elise Photography



# Cradle of Aviation

Did you know the small town of **Hammondsport**, located on crooked **Keuka Lake**, was The Hotspot for early aviation experimentation and advancement in the U.S.?

It was there that **Glenn Curtiss** held the first pre-announced publiclywitnessed flight in America. And where he and other aviators frequently used the lake as a runway. Curtiss received the first pilot's license in America and in 1908 completed the first true cross-country flight in the U.S. (flying from Albany to Manhattan for which he won a \$10,000 prize).

His ability to make powerful engines drew the interest of aviation enthusiasts, innovators, and adventurers including Alexander Graham Bell with whom he created the Aerial Experiment Association. To be closer to Curtiss, dirigible and airplane companies opened shop in Hammondsport. Famed balloonist Thomas Baldwin commissioned Curtiss for a Hercules motorcycle engine to successfully power his "lighter-than-air" ship.

Today you can explore many of Curtiss's contributions at the **Glenn H. Curtiss Museum**. Want a real thrill? Enjoy a seaplane ride off the very lake where they were first developed over 100 years ago or experience the annual Wings & Wheels event.



Photo courtesy Stu Gallagher



Photo courtesy Bonnie Gustin Photography

Learn more about the "Cradle of Aviation" and "Defying Gravity" on <u>CorningFingerLakes.com</u>

Photo courtesy Glenn H. Curtiss Museum

New York State was actually at the center of aviation pioneering in the years between 1908 and 1929, with developments concentrated first near Keuka Lake . . ." –Susan Ingalls Lewis, New York Rediscovered

May 22, 1908 . . . would mark the first vertical liftoff of a person in the United States...Kingsley Flats was also the site of extensive dirigible testing." –Vertical Flight Society

G I took leaf peeping to another level just outside of Corning with a scenic flight." –Heidi Siefkas

## Craft Your Adventure Beverage Trail and Outdoor Experiences

The southern Finger Lakes region is a paradise for anyone interested in the outdoors, wines, craft brewing and distilling, or an amazing combination of all of these things." –Arlo Hemphill, The Green Gatsby



GET THE APP!

We figured out the ultimate pairing: awesome outdoor adventure capped off with some delicious craft brews, spirits and ciders.

It's called taking advantage of the incredible natural landscape (we're talking deep gorges, dramatic waterfalls, hiking trails through lush forests, paddling the numerous bodies of water ... you get the picture).

Oh, we're also taking advantage of some of the best craft beverage producers around.





Photo courtesy Stu Gallagher



Photo courtesy Cagwin Photography

Terroir dictates much in the wine world, how the soil and surroundings influence the grapes and the fermentations. Zimar is trying to extend that conversation to his beers. He works with maltsters and hop growers from across the state." –Will Cleveland, Democrat & Chronicle



Photo courtesy Brian Maloney

Just outside of Corning, hikers have plenty to keep them satisfied with portions of both the 950-mile Finger Lakes Trail system and the overlapping Great Eastern long-distance trail nearby. The town sits on the cusp of three rivers, making it especially popular for kayaking and canoeing." –Laura Kiniry, Smithsonian.com



Photo courtesy Stu Gallagher





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#### Background photo courtesy Keuka Outlet Trail, Evan Williams



Photo courtesy Stu Gallagher



Photo courtesy Cagwin Photography



Photo courtesy Cagwin Photography

**G**Nature lovers, let's get straight to it. The Finger Lakes have waterfalls everywhere."

> —Naomi Figueroa, Roaming the Americas

Learn about the 30+ craft beverage producers and the many outdoor adventure pairings on the Craft Your Adventure Trail at <u>FingerLakesBeerCountry.com</u>

# Steuben Vintage Report

*"The quality of Dr. Frank's wines has never been better. The winery ... was recently named as one of the top 100 wineries in the world by Wine & Spirits magazine. One could say Dr. Frank is at a high point of its history."* 

-Dave Sit, Living the Wine Life

A lover of fine wine, Benjamin Franklin (as well as some of the smartest minds in the entire country) could not figure out a way for the delicate vinifera grapes to be grown in the northeastern United States. Within a few years of planting, the vines always succumbed. Most attributed it to the cold climate. Little did they know.

While the first grapes in the Finger Lakes were planted by Reverend William Bostwick in 1829 in the small town of Hammondsport, and the first winery in the region was founded in the same town 31 years later, it wasn't until 1962 when Dr. Konstantin Frank ignited the Vinifera Revolution that the fine Europeanstyle wines could be made here.

Although some pioneer winemakers like Walter Taylor embraced hybrid

varietals, most wineries followed Dr. Frank's lead forever changing winemaking in the region and beyond.

Half-a century later, today's winemakers are generating quite a buzz about their wines (mostly made from vinifera grapes, but some still working with hybrids). A few of them have shared insights with regards to the 2019 vintage in the brief Vintage Report below.

### STEUBEN VINTAGE REPORT

What can we expect from the 2019 vintage as a whole?

"Wines from 2019 may have a bit brighter acidity, especially the rieslings."

> -Sébastien & Céline LeSeurre, owners and winemakers at Domaine LeSeurre Winery

"The wine quality is rock solid. . . . we had warm days with cool nights, which kept the acids high. We love our Riesling with strong acidity, and these wines will age well."

> Staci Nugent, Winemaker at Keuka Lake Vineyards

"The wines across the Board were above the average giving the 2019 one of the better vintages."

> Michael Countryman, Winemaker at Point of the Bluff Vineyards

## Please sum up the vintage in three words.

"outstanding potential expression/ character" —Sébastien & Céline "exciting, smooth, and busy"

—Michael Countryman

Photo courtesy Stu Gallagher

For information about each of the 14 wineries in Steuben County and the full 2018 Vintage Report, request your copy of the *Steuben Wine Guide* at <u>CorningFingerLakes.com</u>

## A Woman's World



Ruth Law on frozen Keuka Lake Photo courtesy Glenn H. Curtiss Museum

Blanche Stuart Scott, the only female trained by Glenn Curtiss of Hammondsport, was the first female pilot in the U.S. and a trailblazer who inspired a number of early aviators to take flying beyond barnstorming and aerial spectacle and help make aviation a viable form of transportation.

In 1915, at the age of 27, Ruth Law is reported to have done the first looping-the-loop ever (by a male or female pilot). The following year, she set "an American distance record and the World's Women's Distance Record" flying nearly 600 miles from Chicago, IL to Hornell, NY. Explore the special exhibit called *Flying High: Pioneer Women in Aviation* at the **Glenn H. Curtiss Museum**.

Learn about missionaries, activists, and other women from the past who played significant roles in shaping world history, as well as contemporary winemakers, glass blowers, and artists who continue to impact their respective fields at **CorningFingerLakes.com** 

Background photo courtesy Dr. Konstantin Frank Winery

Gon Nov. 19, 1916, Ruth Law fearlessly glided her Curtiss Airplane into the Hornell Fair Grounds, breaking the longest distance aerial record in America and the longest distance flight for any woman."



Photo courtesy Stu Gallagher



Photo courtesy The Corning Museum of Glass

Since 2015, Meaghan has made some notable enhancements to Dr. Frank."

-Dave Sit, Living the Wine Life

-Chris Potter, Evening Tribune

## THE REST OF THE STORY Fabulous FLX Food

Best known for remarkable wine, stunning landscapes, creative craft brews, and exceptional art, more and more visitors are discovering that the unsung star of the Finger Lakes region might just be the food.
#### Photo opposite and below courtesy Bully Hill Vineyards

The most exciting restaurant in the region, Hand + Foot was founded by New York City restaurant industry veterans who returned to upstate New York to start a family. The cocktail list and wine selection here are amazing and the food is insanely inventive." (Adam Teeter, VinePair)





Center photos courtesy Bill Hutches, Pleasant Valley Inn





Photo right courtesy Bully Hill Vineyards

# Arts and Culture

Best part about small town life? Proving folks wrong. For example, you probably didn't know you could find world-renowned art in rural upstate New York. Not only are there world-class museums, but also intimate studios and galleries, cool art-centered events, public art, and fun opportunities to create a masterpiece with your own hands.

Major cities don't have a monopoly on culture, as the Rockwell Museum in Corning proves with ease."

—Katie McLeod, Stories My Suitcase Could Tell





Learn about art centers, programs, galleries, and trails, as well as theatre companies and music venues at CorningFingerLakes.com





Photo opposite and above courtesy The Rockwell Museum Photo right courtesy Chris Walters Photography Photo below courtesy Lee Speary Inset photos opposite courtesy Filomena Jack Studio



### **Small-Town Charm**

Remove the hustle and bustle from your everyday life, the noise, the hectic frenetic pace and you've got a good start on what small town life can be like. Of course, if you're looking for charm, you need people

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who make you feel like you're home. You need a sense of nostalgia and tradition and old-school values. You need an inescapable sense of town pride, of neighbors helping neighbors, of community coming together.

Hammondsport for shopping and dinner at the Village Tavern Restaurant."

-Frommer's

Learn about "Our Communities" and what there is to see and do in Corning and the Southern Finger Lakes at <u>CorningFingerLakes.com</u>

Truck photo below courtesy Bonnie Gustin Photography Bottom photo courtesy Brian Maloney

The Finger Lakes region is loaded with hidden gems, but few shine as bright as Hammondsport. Friendly locals, gorgeous scenery, and fun things to do who wouldn't love this place?"

-Chris Killen, CarRental.com



Photo courtesy Corning's Gaffer District



Photo courtesy Hammondsport Chamber of Commerce



## Solo Travel

This is one time when it *is* all about you. And it should be!

Explore charming small towns where you can feel safe adventuring without having to hold back on exceptional experiences. Spoil yourself by doing what you love. Have the freedom to try something new. Immerse yourself in a getaway that is liberating, enriching, empowering, or just flat out fun.

You could say, Corning and the Southern Finger Lakes was made for this.

*Vineyards, rolling farmland, waterfalls and culturally rich towns . . ."* 

-Kenneth R. Rosen, The New York Times

Learn more about the incredible things to see and do in this under-the-radar destination for solo travel at <u>CorningFingerLakes.com</u>

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The Finger Lakes Region is a 9,000 square mile, four-season playground, set against a backdrop of Mother Nature's best work—from waterfalls and gorges to thick, cool woods to rolling hills to miles of spectacular shoreline on 11 glacial lakes . . ."

—Teresa Plowright, TripSavvy

Photo courtesy Lucas Berard



## Multigenerational Adventures



Chris Walters for The Corning Museum of Glass

There's nothing quite like seeing a new place through the eyes of someone you love to make the experience even more unforgettable.

Explore the great outdoors. Step back in time at an historic attraction. Bring the past to life with a blacksmithing workshop or a seaplane ride. Challenge each other to step outside your comfort zone by learning a new skill. Or simply slow down and savor some peace and quiet together.

Give yourself the incomparable gift of quality time. Kid-tested, familyapproved experiences await.

Family vacations in New York offer the kids plenty of lake recreation, hiking, sports, and scheduled activities with the backdrop of scenic rural New York."

-Teresa Plowright, TripSavvy

The lakes themselves are the main draw here, long summer days filled with swimming, sailing, fishing, kayaking, and more. Kids are drawn to the inviting water like bears to honey. Rent a cottage on the lake, and gather the family, extended family, or multigenerational group, and enjoy the water. Families will find each lake has its own distinct character."

-Family Traveller Magazine



Photo courtesy Stu Gallagher



Photo courtesy Chris Brooks



## Diversity

People who have been here frequently say what they're most surprised by, the thing that often makes their visit so special, goes beyond the awesome attractions and exciting experiences to the people who live here and the way they make you feel. With a rich culture of creativity and art, and folks from around the globe who make their homes here (bringing their own unique, progressively-minded perspectives), Corning is one small town with a welcoming vibe and sense of open-mindedness.





Maria Strinni for The Corning Museum of Glass

Photo courtesy Lee Speary

Photo courtesy Cagwin Photography

G People are friendly and welcoming, they love sharing their beautiful homeland and surroundings with their visitors." –Megan and Scott, Bobo & Chichi



Photo courtesy Stu Gallagher

## Hands-On Experiences

Travel allows you to break free from the same-old same-old, to get away from your daily routine, and try something new. Talk about the perfect time to learn a new skill. Throw clay, blow glass, paint, cook, work an anvil, make teas and tinctures . . . there are so many ways to discover the magic of creating something with your own hands.

We've been offering unique hands-on activities for decades. Learn more at **CorningFingerLakes.com** 

Healing Spirits photos courtesy Ali Marshall



I absolutely loved this afternoon in the Finger Lakes, learning about some of the area's unique and hands-on farm experiences." –Alex Baackes, Alex in Wanderland



Photo courtesy The Corning Musum of Glass

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Nearby, Hands-On Glass, the original glassmaking experience in town owned by artist Rodi Rovner, offers a similar but more personalized and family friendly experience."

-Maria Carter, Country Living





Photo courtesy Hitched Studios

# Destination Weddings

We get it. The perfect setting can add that last bit of magic to your special day. Stunning scenery, awesome activities and attractions to enhance the experience, worldclass culinary options . . . a Finger Lakes wedding is proof positive dreams really do come true!



**G** The Finger Lakes Region in New York is a land of gorgeous scenery and breathtaking sights. It is ideal for any romantic getaway, whether couples are looking for relaxation, adventure or a little bit of both."



Photo courtesy Stu Gallagher

-Hilary Atkinson, USA Today



Photo courtesy Hitched Studios

Photo courtesy Paul Saunders Photography



To learn about wedding venues or for help with ideas about this incredible destination, visit <u>CorningFingerLakes.com</u>

# Finger Lakes Farm Country

From farm stays to hands-on teachable moments, from horseback riding and goat yoga to farm-to-table dining, **Finger Lakes Farm Country** offers an abundance of agricultural experiences that allow you to immerse yourself in the culture of farm life.





Learn about the abundance of agritourism offerings, local farms and farm markets at FingerLakesFarmCountry.com



# *If you're looking for the ultimate farming experience, there's no lack of options here in the Finger Lakes. We decided*



to go off the beaten path to visit Hemlock Ridge Farm. They specialize in everything from diary, to livestock, to even flowers."

-Linh Phillips, Travel + Leisure Instagram TV



Photo courtesy Alexandra Baackes



Photo courtesy Mathew Mc. neney

Much of the Finger Lakes region still shows its rural roots. Dairy farms, small villages, and stunning 19th-century architecture dot the landscape."

-Fodor's Travel



Photo courtesy Michael B Studios





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G The natural beauty will blow you away. This amazing slice of America I've been rambling on about is located in the midst of stunning natural beauty. It's obvious that you'll see some really pretty lakes, but did you know that the area is also renowned for it's waterfalls?"

-Karissa Klee, Flirting With The Globe



Stony Brook State Park is located off of NY 36... and the park is one of the better waterfall destinations in western New York." —GoWaterfalling.com

The Finger Lakes is synonymous with wine and water. After all, the region, which gets its name from eleven long, slender glacially-carved lakes, has gained much acclaim of late as one of the premier wine destinations in the world.

But here's a secret. Away from the lakes and the wine trails, there's an awful lot of awesome just waiting to be discovered.

Explore panoramic valleys, dramatic gorges and stunning waterfalls at iconic **Letchworth** (voted the #1 State Park in the country) and nearby **Stony Brook** state parks. Experience the exhilaration of whitewater paddling or breathe in the peacefulness of a wilderness hike on the **Finger Lakes Trail**. Savor delicious tastings of hard cider at **Cider Creek** or craft beer at **Battle Street Brewing**. Step back in time at the **Genesee Country Village & Museum**. Play golf at **Brae Burn** in Dansville or try your hand at fly fishing on the **Canisteo River**.

Stretching approximately 100 miles along *Route 36* and with locally-sourced farms stands, rustic wineries, excellent off-the-beatenpath dining options, and exciting soft adventure, **Finger Lakes Rustic & Wild** offers you a whole other side of the region.

Background photo courtesy Rogola Photography Inset photo opposite courtey Jeff Murray Photos below courtesy Michael B Studios





Looking to get away from it all and reconnect with nature? Seeking some quality bonding time with friends? Intrigued by the challenge? If you're going to spend time in the woods hunting, you might as well do it in New York State's premier destination for whitetail.

To learn more about the exciting hunting options in Steuben County, including hunting seasons, licenses, and places to hunt, visit <u>SteubenSportsman.com</u> **G** More trophy whitetail deer are harvested in Steuben County than any other county in New York. That being said, Steuben County is the number-one place we want to hunt in New York this season."



Photo courtesy Brian Maloney

-Dustin Prievo, Wide Open Spaces



Photo courtesy Bill Banaszewski

Steuben County is once again the deer hunting capital of New York state."

-The Evening Tribune



Photo opposite and above courtesy Bill Banaszewski

### Steuben Sportsman Fishing

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Rainbow trout, brown and lake trout, small and large mouth bass, landlocked salmon, perch, sunfish, muskellunge, chain pickerel, bluegill, pumpkinseed, black crappie, rock bass, brown bullhead, golden shiner, white sucker, common carp . . . what are you waiting for?

With four rivers, numerous streams and tributaries, small lakes as well as the most unique of all the Finger Lakes, you can fish off docks, in parks, out of kayaks, hire a fly fishing guide, rent charter services and more. You can even visit the **New York Fish Hatchery** in Bath or watch as they stock streams and rivers every year.

To learn more about fishing seasons, licenses, species, guided excursions, and places to fish, visit **<u>SteubenSportsman.com</u>** 

Background photo courtesy Jason Barnette Sunfish photo courtesy Bill Banaszewski



### **G** The Cohocton River: This waterway . . . is a jewel. It provides a unique, year-round trout fishery for anglers."

—David Figura, New York Upstate



All photos courtesy Summit to Stream except where noted





### Women-Only Weekends



Even at home, a picnic with the besties would be fun. But following up a wine tasting at **Ravine's** (yeah, the same winery named one of the top 100 in the world by Wine & Spirits magazine) was, let's just say, awesome. Delicious =

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wines, local cheeses we grabbed from **Parulski Farms** just down the road, fabulous views from the lawn overlooking **Keuka Lake**. Perfect way to get our weekend started.

Stayed at the **Blushing Rose** located half-a-block from the water. Between the charming park, the antique shops and boutiques on the square in town (also only half-a-block away) and the great food, we had everything we wanted.

I'll admit it. When you don't have to make it yourself (or clean up afterwards), breakfast sure does taste good. Of course, the gourmet baked items Scott and Tami created were to die for. Not that there's a crumb of evidence left that any of us had any baked goods.



S'mores at The Cellar

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The charming innkeepers told us about the **Craft Your Adventure** app and we used that to find waterfalls on the **Keuka Outlet Trail** and tasty craft beverages at **Krooked Tusker Distillery**.





Rounded out our getaway with some time in Corning. The historic **Gaffer District** was just the right mix of art, shops and food. Oh, and a little kick-thefeet-up pampering at **Ageless Spa's** new "Skin Bar." There's a

**Chocolate Trail** in town for crying out loud. They must have known we were coming.

For help crafting your own wonderful women only weekend experience, visit WomenOnlyWeekends.com

> "If you're looking for a destination for a getaway with friends, I can't recommend the Finger Lakes enough - Erin, Marie, and I haven't stopped talking about our adventures since!" —katie MacLeod, Stories My Suitcase Could Tell

### Craft Beverage Lovers

They're called adventure pairings, connecting fun outdoor experiences with nearby purveyors of deliciousness. Don't really care what they're called.



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Morning fishing on Keuka Lake. Wish we had one of those trout boats from the Boating Museum. We cast from the docks in Depot Park. Lakers were biting. Opted for catch and release

Photo courtesy Bob Magee

with all our other plans. Next time we'll be grilling that tender meat on cedar.

Not far away was a brewery with more than a cool name. **The Brewery of Broken Dreams** has 12 taplines and the brews are smooth across the board. Ales like Crying Loon and Unfinished Business were spot on. Got stung by To Bee or Not To Bee. Made with local honey, it's a tarty dry saison deftly balanced by blueberry blossom honey.

Learn about the Craft Your Adventure Trail at FingerLakesBeerCountry.com Get the App on your favorite mobile device.

Delish!



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Day Two we headed to **Mossy Bank Park** for some morning mountain biking. The trails are fresh and challenging. We may have stopped a couple times to catch our breath. Totally worth it with views of the valley. There's even a bald eagle's nest down below. Visited **Railhead Brewing** for some tasty wood fired pizzas and



Photo courtesy Evan Williams MOSSY Bank Park

craft beers before heading back to the hotel. Dinner at the **Waterfront** meant parm-crusted haddock, crispy calamari, and local brews right on the dock.



Day Three consisted of a guided kayak paddle on the **Chemung River** followed by pure gold at **Liquid Shoes** in Corning's Gaffer District. Beer names like the Ding Dong Daddy, a special collab

with another local brewery, might have cracked us up, but dang these are some seriously good brews.



### Wine Connoisseurs

N of sure if it was the charm of the young winemaker and his wife, the quaint setting, or the selection of flat out fabulous wines that have us calling **Weis Vineyards** the best surprise of the trip. Talk about epic discoveries!

Not all bubbles are created equal which is evident the moment you taste the sparkling wines from **Château** 



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Frank, part of arguably the most influential and



Château Frank

renowned winery in the region. We did the special sparkling **1886 Tastings** (they change the theme every month) and then just sat on the terrace and enjoyed a glass of wine and some yummy cheese.

Historic tour at **Pleasant Valley**, the first winery in the Finger Lakes, was informational and cool.

Beautiful stone-work buildings covered with ivy reminded us of a small European village. No wonder they used to call this the "Rheims of America." Call 607.936.6544

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Lucked out when we were told about the special winepairing dinners at **The Park Inn**. Sideby-side tastings of local wines with similar wines from classic regions. We sampled Rieslings from Austria and



Germany as well as some of the local standouts. Educational, delicious, and fun. Our kind of evening.

We were a bit embarrassed to learn that we didn't even have to hit a wine trail to find some excellent Finger Lakes wines. All we needed was to stop by **The Brute** in Hornell, a Finger Lakes wine bar serving local wines like the unfiltered Cab Frank from **Wild Brute**, as well as other regional and New York State wines.



Photo courtesy Michael B Studios

The Brute

We picked up a **Steuben Wine Guide** which has a vintage report and info on all the wineries in the county. Great find!

Next time we're going to try the Experience! The Finger Lakes "Keuka Tour" for a VIP excursion.





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Photo courtesy Cagwin Photography Union Block We thought we knew about Whe incredible food scene. Hand + Foot for eclectic craveable creations. **The Cellar** for get-out-to-town tapas and their full and half portion entrees (yes, even delish vegetarian and vegan options).

Or **Union Block** in Hammondsport for indulgent Mediterranean fare and

The Park Inn for oh-so-good farm-to-table treats. And out in Hornell, **Marino's** is so worth the drive.

## But who knew the Finger Lakes was a dream destination for baked goods and ice cream?

New bakery in Corning, Laurabelle's, is totally crushing it. Tempted us with s'more cupcakes, but the scones put us over the edge. Ridiculous! The texture. The wonderful balance of flavors. Lemon blueberry, blackberry, strawberry. Not gonna lie, we tried them all.



Laurabelle's



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Farm markets are prime for tastemakers whether it's fresh produce, local honey, cheese, jams. But we never expected to find Amish

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donuts. We're talking fresh-made while-youwait fried clouds of dough dusted in cinnamon or sugar (or both, that's right we said it). Thursdays in Corning's charming Centennial Park. You can thank us later.

**Betty Kay Bakery** in Bath is known for their English Cut Donuts. Go ahead and look. You won't find them anywhere

else. Part cinnamon roll, part chocolaty frosted goodness. How can this place be a hidden gem? There's been a bakery here since the building was first built in the 1800s!

Did we mention **Crooked Lake** Ice Cream Company or Dippity Do Dah's for the sort of creamy decadence you're going to want to take home? Only there's no chance you'll let it last that long.



Photo courtesy Stu Gallagher

# Love Birds 2

Ckay, when she suggested Wine & Design, I might have planned on sneaking out the back and heading to the craft brewery a few doors down. How could I know it would be a blast? Plus we got to bring our own wine. Afterwards, we stopped by Four Fights for some adult beverages. She enjoyed a pink martini with Crystal City Vodka, while I



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Wine & Design

savored the smooth Bower's Bourbon. So good!

Had a great dinner at Fiesta Brava. What can I say? We like to keep it simple. The chicken chimichangas were fabulous. And the chips and salsa were so good we got some to go. All tucked out of the way on a hill just outside town,



Villa Bernese **B&B** feels like a Swiss Chalet. And breakfast was incredible!



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Day Two kicked off with us renting a pontoon boat. The smooth crystal water of Keuka Lake was just what we needed. And the slide was perfect for laugh-out-loud fun. Later we stopped by **Château Renaissance** because, well, rose petal wine and lavender wine sounded romantic. Turns out, they're quite tasty, too. I may have repeated the name **Domaine LeSeurre** a few



Photo courtesy Cagwin Photography

Domaine Leseurre

times in my best French accent. Totally made her weak in the knees. Okay, maybe not! But dry wines are our thing and this place sure does deliver. We even got to explore the wine cellar.



Dinner at **Pleasant Valley Inn**. The wonderful French onion soup. The tender and oh-so-flavorful filet. The sweet crab cake. The handmade ice cream for dessert. Unforgettable! We didn't even scratch the surface of all we wanted to do here. Can't wait to come back. Just the two of us.

Photo courtesy Cagwin Photography

Art Aficionado (20)

### Our favorite part? All of it.

Corning's downtown is walkable, but you can take a free shuttle between the two world-class museums CMoG and The Rockwell. We did. Also strolled around town. Exhibit A and West End



**Gallery** are great. Caught a live demo at **Vitrix** while we shopped. One of us (not me) might have yelped when the main glassblower (they're called gaffers) turned what we thought was the final piece upside down and the whole thing slumped and got wavy. But that's what they were going for all along. Turned out even cooler than we expected.



Painting by GC Meyers

West End Gallery

One of the best things about art is how you can find it in the most unlikely of places. And when art is such a big part of local culture you'll find it on the walls in restaurants, in the air at craft breweries and wineries, and just about everywhere in between. Plus most of the small towns have free summer music in the park. -

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Speaking of music, there's everything from orchestra and chamber music to bluegrass and folk. **Point of the Bluff Vineyards** is turning into a destination of its own with a tasting room overlooking the lake and an awesome new

concert space. Last year they had America. Yeah, that America! Who hasn't sung along to "A Horse With No Name?" Heard about a more rustic venue called **Moe-Town** with live concerts on an old



Photo courtesy Walter Colley

race track. They have camping options and this year's Country Summer Fest in July features Confederate Railroad.





Hornell Arts Center

Photo courtesy Filomena Jack Studio

Even the hotel we stayed in, **Best Western Plus in Hammondsport**, uses only local art and photography. Little tip: Want a class or workshop? Try studios and art centers like 171 Cedar Arts and Hornell Arts Center. We did!



### Family Fun



Figured it was time to move beyond water parks to the water itself. We got a little carried away. And boy was it awesome! -

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Walking beside waterfalls at **Stony Brook** was so cool.

How such a small stream can flow with such power is mindboggling. The natural swimming hole piqued the kids' interest. They took the chilly temp as a personal challenge. Squealed the whole time. Almost couldn't get them to leave.

In the past, we explored **The Corning Museum of Glass** and **Kids Rockwell Art Lab**. Those two spots are hard to top. But this year, we wanted more time outdoors. We stopped by the **Boating Museum** for a little local history. Who knew there

were steam boats here in the 1800s? The kids got up close to dozens of vintage wooden boats at the Classic Boat Show in **Depot Park** which is a summer tradition here.





Chris Walters for the Corning Museum of Glass The Corning Museum of Glass Call 607.936.6544

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Last year we stayed at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park. Sleeping in a cabin was our idea of roughing it. The kids loved the inground pool and paddle boats. This year we took things to the next level with a room right on Keuka Lake at Keuka Lakeside Inn. With Depot Park barely a hundred yards away,



Photo courtesy Stu Gallagher

Boating Museum

the kids got to swim all day long. Nothing like being in the water to make you appreciate lake life.



The Village Tavern was the perfect spot for lunch. We're talking grilled Kielbasa, tavern BBQ burger, deep fried pickle spears, hush puppies, and beet & chevre salad. Everyone

Photo courtesy Southern Tier Kayak Tours

had their own favorite. And don't get me started on Crooked Lake Ice Cream. Yum!

"We've decided the Finger Lakes is one of the most underrated destinations in the US... a perfect place for a family vacation." —Megan Indoe and Scott Herder, Bobo & Chichi

### History Buffs

Time travel rocks! Step foot inside a one-room schoolhouse like the one at **Heritage Village** and I'm instantly transported to another time. Built in 1878, the Browntown Schoolhouse was used for kindergarten through eighth grade until 1955. The complex also includes the Patterson Inn (aka oldest building in Corning) and a one-room log cabin. Hard to believe a family of five lived there.



Lunch at Market Street Brewing was only fitting since it was the first microbrewery in the area over two decades ago. It wasn't just about the brews though, as the burgers were tasterrific! We also

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visited **Keuka Brewing** later in the trip. You know, to keep things balanced. First craft brewery on Keuka Lake, they won an award for Best Craft Brewery in New York State in 2014. More than just hazy IPAs, they make unique and delicious brews like Local Mocha Stout, a tastefully done ale using bitter and sweet chocolate with locally-roasted coffee.

Got here just in time for what was dubbed the greatest annual air show in the region and the most exciting event on Keuka Lake. With seaplane competitions, fly-ins, and rides, as well as a classic car show **Wings & Wheels** didn't disappoint. Call 607.936.6544

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CUILD S S NTIQUES Spent a couple hours exploring antique shops on the Village Square like **Shethar 57** and **Opera House Antiques** (even the building is vintage, having opened in 1901 as the Frey Opera House).

Oh, get this. Volunteers at the **Boating Museum** spent the past few years (that's right, years) renovating this historic mailboat called the **Pat II** and now they offer tours on Keuka Lake.

Photo courtesy Bonnie Gustin Photography

What a fun way to connect with history in real time! So cool!



Photo courtesy Finger Lakes Boating Museum

Pat 11 in 1933



Pat II being renovated

"New York's Finger Lakes region is a beautiful destination filled with history, adventure and the great outdoors." —Samantha Feuss, Daily Item

# Outdoor Enthusiasts

Sure **Keuka Lake** and the other the namesakes of the Sregion are the main draws, but some of the smaller, lesser known lakes like **Waneta**, **Lamoka** and **Loon** lakes are good for fishing and paddling. Heck, you can even do some ice fishing if the weather gets cold enough.



Photo courtesy Stu Gallagher

Hard to believe something nearly 1,000 miles long could be a secret, but even a lot of the locals don't know about the Finger Lakes Trail which means you often have the trail to yourself. Perfect for a relaxing hike through the woods. -

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This place is huge (Steuben County, just one of fourteen counties making up the region, is bigger than Rhode Island). All that space makes for great outdoor fun. You can fish or paddle on the river in **Canisteo**. Actually, there are four rivers in Steuben and so many streams and creeks you'll find your fill of fishing holes. Looking for a little help? How about a guided fishing excursion with **Finger Lakes** 



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Adventure Center? Whether you're you're a serious angler or a newbie, Russ can show you some of his favorite spots. Or contact Chris at Ranger Outfitters for a guided morning hike at Erwin Wildlife Management. There's something about morning birdsong that makes you feel alive.

Our favorite way to explore the area is cycling between the small towns. Talk about breathtaking



scenery. For cyclists craving competition (and who don't require a smooth ride), the annual **Durty Bike Gravel Series** gets some of the top riders in the world. Like Jeremy Powers and



Anthony Clark. Can we help it if the race started and ended at **Steuben Brewing** this year? Excellent brews with a great view. We call that good planning.

Photo courtesy Anne Pellerin

"The Finger Lakes region of central New York is known as an outdoor lover's paradise." —US News & World Report

> "Adventures Abound in the Finger Lakes" —Heidi siefkas

# Agritourism moood



We come a couple times a year. Simple, fun-filled weekend getaways. Our fall visit aligned with Finger Lakes Regional Market. Live music, blacksmithing demonstrations, activities for the little ones. Everything comes from the region. Locally-grown produce, locally-made cheese, honey, maple syrup, jams, chocolates, arts and crafts, even craft beverages. That's right. Family friendly with -

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some extra goodies for us grownups.

Who knew the weeds growing behind the garage were actually healthy? The folks at **Healing Spirits** did. We took a class identifying medicinal plants. Fascinating! Thought it might get me out of mowing the lawn. No such

luck. Now I just have to be extra careful. Totally worth it though. The teas they made were unusual and quite tasty.

Got a feel for farm life at **Taylor Farm B&B** (a 315 acre working farm in the countryside). Nothing like an authentic country breakfast (bacon, farmfresh eggs, homemade



Photo courtesy Alexandra Baackes Ziegenvine Homestead

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grape juice). And those awesome smells wafting in from the kitchen. Pies. Breads. Oh, my!

Didn't realize how much fun picking blueberries could be (I mean, it sort of sounded like work until we got to **Hillview Blueberry Farm**). Felt a little guilty popping a few berries into my mouth as we picked. Well, not that guilty. It's called quality control. Delicious! Can't wait to make cobbler back home.



Photo courtesy Alexandra Baackes

Drove past **Heavenly Sunset** Farm and the kids kept asking to stop until we finally gave in. Talk about personalities. Alpacas are adorable. So funny! We could barely pry the kids away at the end. Okay, maybe they had a hard time prying us away. What an unexpected treat.



Balsamic grilled chicken. Maple walnut crusted pork tenderloin.

Mmmhmm! A fabulous meal on **Timber Stone**'s outdoor patio. Enjoyed scrumptious food while soaking up the small town vibe. We'll be back!

"We have these farmers who care about the quality and the sustainability of their practices." —Linh Phillips, Travel + Leisure Instagram TV

### FIVE SEASONS OF ARTISTRY

### Winter

ere's a little secret. Winter might just be the best time to savor awardwinning wines and brews, excellent culinary options, and world-class museums, as the lines are small and the experience even more intimate.

Snow shoeing, cross country skiing, ice fishing, snowmobiling . . . So many ways to enjoy the scenic outdoors during wintertime.



It can be gorgeous even in winter—which is actually milder than most parts of upstate New York."

-Frommer's



Photo courtesy Bill Banaszewski

For ideas creating a magical winter escape or information about hot annual events, visit CorningFingerLakes.com

Photo opposite courtesy Brian Maloney

Spring is a season of new beginnings. Warmer weather brings outdoor activities like spring fishing and hikes beside waterfalls rushing with the spring thaw. Exciting events and

*G* "Western New York's Finger Lakes offer some of the finest spring trout fishing in the state. Don't miss out on this amazing smorgasbord of trout-fishing opportunities!"

—J. Michael Kelly, Game and Fishing Magazine festivals celebrate everything from wildflowers to wine to glass and the fire arts. Take classes and create something with your own hands. More than just the flowers come alive each spring.

Photo below courtesy Hornell HPG



For information on spring events and more spring fun, visit CorningFingerLakes.com

Photo courtesy Corning's Gaffer District

### Summer

Summer is a time to let loose. It's a time for picnics in the park and bike rides and longwalks. It's a time for paddling and splashing and sleeping out under the stars.

Summer is also a time for slowing down, for letting go of the daily routine and catching your breath. It's a time when we find so many reasons to smile.





Visit <u>CorningFingerLakes.com</u> for more exciting excursions

Bottom inset photo opposite courtesy Watkins Glen International



Photo courtesy Brian Maloney

Looking for a new lake area to visit this summer? We've rounded up the absolute coolest small lake towns in America from off-the-beaten-path locales . . . to the crooked Finger Lakes in New York, summer bliss awaits." —Perri O. Blumberg, Country Living



Balloon inset photo opposite and above photo courtesy Corning's Gaffer District

# Autumn

Ust when you think it can't get any better, autumn shows up with its spectacular colors.

Enjoy special events celebrating the bounty of the harvest, blow a glass pumpkin, or immerse yourself in outdoor adventures offering a unique perspective of the incomparable wonders of Fall in the Finger Lakes.

Although many of the lake swimming opportunities pass by late September, the region is just starting to show its true colors as local harvests coincide with fall foliage, great weather and some of the nation's best hearty brews to keep you warm on a brisk autumn night."

Arlo Hemphill, The Green Gatsby

For information about fabulous fall events and other fun ideas visit <u>CorningFingerLakes.com</u>



Photo above courtesy Wineglass Marathon

Whether you're admiring the bright fall foliage as it's swallowed up by steep gorges, or vineyards awash with color on their gentle descent to the lake, there's a calm and quietyet still stunning-beauty in this landscape."

-Naomi Figueroa, Roaming the Americas





Photo courtesy Bonnie Gustin Photography



Photo courtesy Rogola Photography

## Holiday Sparkle

Corning was named one of "America's 30 Best Small Towns for Christmas" as well as one of the "55 Best Christmas Towns That You Need to Visit This Holiday Season" by *Country Living Magazine*. And *Reader's Digest* named Corning and Hornell to its list of "16 Old-Fashioned Christmas Towns You Should Visit."

Why? Small town's immersed in nostalgic holiday traditions, friendly locals who make you feel at home, opportunities to find (or make) the perfect gift, and the chance to create special new traditions. You can't help but feel connected to something special.

Corning holds its annual Sparkle Festival during Christmastime, and . . . has carolers, candy shops, horse and wagon rides, and even Santa's reindeer."



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# **Extraordinary Events**

Year after year, popular events like **GlassFest** (called one of the "Top 100 Events in North America" by the American Bus Association), **Wings &** Wheels, and The Days of Incandescence bring unique local history to life.

Events like the annual Hammondsport Winter Stroll and Taste FLXpo have grown over the past few years becoming wintertime favorites for people from near and far.

Looking for **St. Patrick's** parades, **July 4th** fireworks, or quintessential small town holiday traditions? We've got something special waiting for you. Hey, we even have the **Wineglass Marathon**, the "runners choice" for the top marathon in New York State (*RaceRaves*, 2018).





Photo courtesy Watkins Glen International



Corning Pride photo courtesy Sean Lukasik (Creagent Marketing)

For information on these extraordinary events and others, visit **CorningFingerLakes.com/events** 

Dotted with delightful settlements between stretches of magnificent forest and all that deep blue water, the southern Finger Lakes region transports visitors back to a simpler era during the holidays." –Jill Glesson and Lori Vanover, Readers Digest



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# Camping

Bud Valley Campground 10378 Presler Rd., Prattsburgh 14873



607.522.3270 BudValleyCG.com

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Farmer Phil's Cabins 7678 County Rt. 55, Hornell 14843	607.368.5741 FarmerPhil.com			C/R				~	~			5/1 to 12/30
Ferenbaugh Campground & Recreational Center 4248 State Rt. 414, Corning 14830	607.962.6193 Ferenbaugh.com	149	33	С	42		•	~	~	~	•	4/15 to 11/1
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Sunflower Acres Family Campground 1488 Sunflower Blvd., Addison 14801	607.523.7756 SunflowerAcresFamilyCampground.com	91	60	-	50		~	~		~	~	5/1 to 10/15
Tumble Hill Campground 10551 Atlanta Back Rd., Cohocton 14826	585.384.5248 <u>TumbleHill.com</u>	40	35	R	5			1	~	•	~	5/1 to 10/31
Twin Rivers CB Club Campground 7910 County Rt. 5, Addison 14801	607.359.2547	74	0	-	74							5/1 to 10/15
Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Camp Resort 5932 County Rt. 11, Bath 14810	607.776.7185 <u>FingerLakesJellystone.com</u>	105	68	C/R	22	•	•	~	~	•	1	5/1 to 10/15

## Hotels and Motels

### **BATH AREA**

*I* wandered through the small town of Bath wondering how many people knew that one of the finest examples of Tiffany art was housed in the only existing church ever designed by the curious architectural mind of Jacob Wrey Mould."

-Chris Clemens, Exploring Upstate







Boat Launch

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HAMMONDSPORT AREA



Photo courtesy Stu Gallagher



### HORNELL AREA



Photo courtesy ABC Ranch

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Days Inn-Hornell   \$-\$\$     1157 County Rt. 66, Hornell 14843   \$0.329.7466 or 607.324.6222     TheDaysInn.com/Hornell03703   \$	<b>Sunshine Motel</b> \$ 7433 Seneca Rd. North, Hornell 14843 607.324.4565
Rooms: 48	Rooms: 14
Indoor Pool Cutdoor Pool Online Reservations Pets Permitted	Restaurant 💮 Wireless

### Bed and Breakfasts and Country Inns



#### Button's Creekside Farm Bed & Breakfast \$-\$\$

9705 County Rt. 9, Cohocton 14826 607.566.2406

ButtonCreeksideFarm@Facebook.com

1850s 20-room farmhouse nestled in the peaceful Cohocton Valley. Experience farm life firsthand, snuggle a newborn lamb, feed sheep, or just relax on our sprawling front porch and enjoy the view of rolling hills. For winter fun, take advantage of the tubing hill and warming hut. Wake up to the delicious aroma of a full country breakfast.

#### Feather Tick 'n Thyme Bed & Breakfast

7661 Tuttle Rd., Prattsburgh 14873 607.522.4113 BBNYFingerLakes.com

1890s Victorian home on 220 acres in our own fertile valley between lakes Canandaigua and Keuka. Minutes from most area attractions and wineries. Perfect venue for weddings or any milestone celebration. Three-story barn with game room and TV. Hot air balloon rides launched from property. Heron's Roost Gift Shop on premises.





#### **Taylor Farm Bed & Breakfast** \$\$-\$\$\$ 6554 Cook School Rd., Prattsburgh 14873 607.522.5155 TaylorFarm.net

Modern, spacious, rural two-story farmhouse on 300 acres, with forest, food crops, and ponds. Relax, hike, snowshoe, and fish. Businessman's retreat, couples' getaway, and perfect for family reunions. Camping areas available. Hiking trails on premises. Home theater on site rec room available

Photo above courtesy Robyn Baty

Photo courtesy Luke Petrinec



#### Lodging at the Gaffer Inn

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60 W. Market St., Corning 14840 6079624649 GafferInn.com



The Gaffer Inn offers an accommodating stay on historic Market Street in Corning's Gaffer District. A great space and proximity to great beer are waiting at the Lodge at the Gaffer Inn on Market Street in Corning. These beautiful and roomy guest accommodations are just upstairs from Burgers and Beers with 30 beers on tap.

#### Villa Bernese Bed & Breakfast

11881 Overlook Dr., Corning 14830 607 936 2633 BedBreakfastCorning.com



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The Villa offers European elegance, luxury, and hospitality. It is situated in a tranquil wooded location overlooking the Chemung River Valley. Five minutes from downtown Corning.

#### Rosewood Inn

134 E. First St., Corning 14830 607.962.3253 RosewoodInn.com



Built in 1855 and located within walking distance to Corning's historic downtown area, Rockwell Museum and Corning Museum of Glass. Guest rooms with private baths, Victorian charm and fine antiques. Afternoon refreshments and wonderful breakfasts. Free bottled water, free WiFi and private parking lot. "Come and be pampered"



Photo above courtesy Brian Maloney

### Bed and Breakfasts and Country Inns



#### 18 Vine Inn & Carriage House

607.569.3039 18Vine net

18 Vine St., Hammondsport 14840

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Historic 1860's home built by first champagne producer at Great Western, U.S. Bonded Winery No. 1. Frequented by Henry Ford and other dignitaries. Unique trees, beautiful gardens, and in-ground pool greet your arrival to five cozy rooms! Serene, charming B&B just three short blocks from the Village Square and beautiful Keuka Lake, specializing in craft beer and wine tours.



#### Black Sheep Inn

8329 Pleasant Valley Rd., Hammondsport 14840 607.569.3767 or 607.368.8471 <u>StayBlackSheepInn.com</u>



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Boutique B&B offering 5 luxury en-suite guest rooms in 1850's Octagon house listed on National Register of Historic Buildings. Lavishly furnished on three acres, the Inn offers a tranquil retreat and a perfect central base for exploring wineries, breweries and distilleries, stunning parks and local museums. Open year round. Room discounts for midweek low season stays. Plant-based menu with unique English twists!



#### Blushing Rose Bed & Breakfast 11 William St., Hammondsport 14840 607.569.2687



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18 Vine Inn & Carriage House Bed and Breakfast Finger Lakes is an amazing option in Hammondsport. Located in a gorgeous, large house, the cozy rooms are perfect to make you feel right at home. This bed and breakfast has a pool and gardens... with 6 themed rooms to enjoy."

-Megan and Scott, Bobo & Chichi

#### Gone with the Wind on Keuka Lake \$\$-\$\$\$ Moonshadow Bed & Breakfast \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$ 14905 State Rt. 54A, Pulteney 14874 10249 Gibson Rd., Hammondsport 14840 607.374.9777 607.868.3088 MoonShadowBedAndBreakfast.com GoneWithTheWindOnKeukaLake.com Magnificent views of Keuka Lake in the heart Historic stone Victorian lakeside inn on Keuka of wine country. Enjoy the quiet, magical Lake. Lakefront for swimming and fishing, wine surroundings from your private suite, or take it all sipping in the gazebo, rest and refreshment, scrumptious breakfasts, home baking. Top-notch in from the large veranda with a glass of wine in hand. Wake up daily to a bountiful breakfast and restaurants within minutes, verandas, lawns, and home-baked goods. Kick off your shoes, relax and the clear, fresh Keuka Lake waters. Come to stay; breathe. When you stay with us, you will come as toss your troubles to the wind. quests and leave as family. **HC Myrtle House** \$\$ Pleasant Valley Inn and Restaurant \$\$ 7663 County Rt. 13, Bath 14810 7979 State Rt. 54. Hammondsport 14840 607.542.6911 or 6912 607.569.2282 HCMyrtleHouse.com PleasantValleyInn.com Chef-owned country inn, circa 1848. Four gueen Bath's first bed and breakfast, this historic guest rooms with private baths. Candlelight farmhouse offers guests proximity and tranquility. dinner Thursday through Sunday from 5 p.m. to Just minutes from breathtaking Keuka Lake, award-winning wineries and breweries, guaint 9 p.m. Open May through October. shops, outdoor trails, and historic sites, HC Myrtle House provides travelers a quiet place to pause and reflect on life, to recharge, and to enjoy the area. J. S. Hubbs Bed & Breakfast The Fine Thread Bed & Breakfast \$\$ \$ 17 Shethar St., Hammondsport 14840 38 Liberty St., Hammondsport 14840 607.569.2093 607.569.2440 JSHubbs.com/js-hubbs-bed-breakfast TheFineThread.com Victorian home sits on 1/2-acre lot in the Village Relax in a peaceful village setting and a familyof Hammondsport. Half block from the lake and friendly atmosphere. Close to Village Square. Village Square. Built in 1840 and family-owned Easy access to Keuka Lake and wineries. Close to since 1894. Complete with antigues. Queen beds, Curtiss Museum. Not far from Corning. private baths, full breakfast. Outside seating for sunbathing and barbecue. Close to wineries.

### **Bed and Breakfasts** and Country Inns





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Photo courtesy Stu Gallagher

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The Park Inn Hotel

37 Shethar St., Hammondsport 14840 607.323.1077 ParkInnFLX.com



The Park Inn restaurant takes pride in providing healthy, creative, and delicious food in a comfortable environment. We focus on ingredient-driven food and source as many local ingredients as possible, utilizing our newly established organic vegetable farm. Upstairs from our restaurant, we feature five beautifully restored inn suites for your overnight stay.

#### Village Tavern Restaurant & Inn

30 Mechanic St., Hammondsport 14840 607.569.2528 VillageTavernInn.com



NY's largest collection of Finger Lakes wines. Wine Spectator Award yearly since 1995. Serving lunch & dinner, over 130 domestic, exotic and craft beers, 15 draughts, 30+wines by the glass and locally distilled spirits. Fresh shell fish. seafood, pasta, steaks. vegetarian, vegan and gluten free dishes. Outdoor pet-friendly seating. Nightly and weekly vacation rentals all with private entrances and private baths.

### Vacation Rentals



#### Champagne House

122 Pulteney St., Hammondsport 14840 607.654.3917



Clean, comfortable, and quiet lodging in picturesque Hammondsport. Walking distance to Keuka Lake and Village Square. Moments away from wineries, fine/casual dining, antiques, marina, park, and beach. The Corning Museum of Glass, Glenn H. Curtiss Museum, and Watkins Glen close by.

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**Carriage House Coachman's Quarters** 18 Vine St., Hammondsport 14840 607.569.3039 AffordableFingerLakes.com



The perfect getaway for every celebration from a romantic weekend to an escape that lasts all season. Just a short stroll from the Village Square and beautiful Keuka Lake, the Coachman's original cottage offers you your own private space, inground pool and landscaped grounds in the heart of "America's Coolest Small Town." Specializing in craft beer/wine tours.

#### Gulfstream House

20 William St., Hammondsport 14840 607.654.3917 HammondsportLodging.com

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Located lake block in the heart of NY's wine region with nightly and weekly vacation rentals. Private entrances, private baths, walk to restaurants, bars, shops, nearby live music and beach at beautiful Keuka Lake. World-class attractions include Glenn Curtis Museum, Finger Lakes Boating Museum, Corning Museum of Glass and Watkins Glen.

Marsh Creek Cabin

980 Marsh Rd., Corning 14830 607.857.1185 CorningVacationRentals.com



Experience the serenity of country living just minutes from the fun and excitement of Corning's Gaffer District. Tucked among the trees on over 70 acres of land, Marsh Creek Cabin offers two newly-furnished bedrooms, handcrafted decor, an outdoor grill and fire pit, washer and dryer, fully-stocked kitchenware, and an abundance of peace and quiet.

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### **G** "Don't miss this stunning region of upstate New York . . . "

-Perri Ormont Blumberg, Glamour Magazine

#### IT'S EASY TO GET HERE!

#### Approximate travel time from maior cities to Corning, New York:

Albany	. 3½ hrs.
Boston	.6 hrs.
Buffalo	.2 hrs.
Cleveland	.4½ hrs.
Harrisburg	.3 hrs.
New York City	.4½ hrs.
Niagara Falls	. 2½ hrs.
Philadelphia	. 4 hrs.
Pittsburgh	.4½ hrs.
Rochester	.1½ hrs.
Scranton	. 2 hrs.
Syracuse	. 2 hrs.
Toronto	.4½ hrs.
Washington, D.C	. 5½ hrs.



#### By Car

From the east and west: Follow NYS Route 17 / Interstate 86

From the north: Follow Interstate 390 South from Rochester or Interstate 81 South from Syracuse

#### From the south: Follow Interstate 99 from Williamsport. PA; 220N to I-99 from Pittsburgh; 476N to 81N from Philadelphia

**Bv** Bus New York Trailways: 800.776.7548 Shortline: 845.610.2600

#### By Air

Elmira-Corning Regional Airport (15 minutes from Corning) FlyELM.com

Delta Airlines: 800.225.2525 Allegiant Air: 702.505.8888

**Corning Transportation Center** 85 Denison Parkway East Corning, NY 14830 607.936.6223

#### Getting Around

The Finger Lakes region is a wonderfully scenic, rural area. The best way to get around is by car. The following rentals are available:

Enterprise: 800.261.7331 Avis: 800 3311212 Hertz: 800.654.3131 National: 800.227.7368

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#### CorningFingerLakes.com • 607.936.6544

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