

VisitFingerLakes.com/winter





# This is our office - stop by and see us



This brochure is published by the Finger Lakes Visitors Connection, Ontario County, NY. While every effort is made to provide accurate and up-to-date information, specific details are subject to change. Travelers are advised to confirm the specifics of each listing when making travel plans. VisitFingerLakes.com

• I LOVE NEW YORK is a registered trademark and service mark of the New York State Department of Economic Development; used with permission



Copyright December 2023 Finger Lakes Visitors Connection ~ HS JP - 3000

19 Susan B. Anthony Lane | Canandaigua, NY 14424

## 32. SHOP TIL YOU DROP

## HISTORIC DOWNTOWN CANANDAIGUA

Don't know where to start your holiday shopping? Want to upgrade your wardrobe with artistic jewelry and fashion? Need a memorable gift for that special someone? How about some unique gourmet foods for the pantry? The merchants of Canandaigua have it all, in a pedestrian-friendly setting that includes restaurants, bars and other delicious distractions. downtowncanandaigua.com (585) 396-0300

## 33. SNOWY TERRAIN WITH A VIEW

## HARRIET HOLLISTER SPENCER STATE RECREATION AREA.

Sure, this scenic park of high elevation is a great place to hike in the summer and fall, but winter snow turns it into a magic forest for snowshoeing, cross-county skiing, snowmobiling, and dog sledding. Your efforts will be rewarded with a stunning vista of Honeoye Lake and the Rochester distant skyline. gofingerlakes.org and then search for Harriet Hollister

## 34. BE FOREVER WILD

## **HEMLOCK-CANADICE STATE FOREST, SPRINGWATER**

If you are looking to see the Finger Lakes the way they used to be, there is no better place than Hemlock-Canadice Lake State Forest. The area surrounding Hemlock and Canadice Lakes are protected as "forever wild." The forest is an excellent spot for geocaching, winter hiking and birdwatching. www.dec.ny.gov/lands/66521.html

## 35. EAT LOCAL, EVEN IN WINTER

## **CANANDAIGUA WINTER FARMERS MARKET,**

## **CANANDAIGUA**

Every other Saturday morning through May, area growers and food producers gather in the parking lot behind Byrne Dairy to sell fruits, vegetables and other locally grown and produced foods. Winter never tasted so good. canandaiguafarmersmarket.com

## **GENEVA JINGLE MARKETS, GENEVA**

For a limited time during November and December, head over to the Finger Lakes Welcome Center to find diverse gifts made by local vendors. Try some Finger Lakes wine and fill your "Made in the Finger Lakes" gift box.

taste.ny.gov/location/finger-lakes-welcome-center

#### **36. LOSE YOURSELF IN A STORY PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACROSS ONTARIO COUNTY**

Have a literary outing at one of Ontario County's 12 libraries. These libraries are also a great place to read about local history, find books by local authors, view an art exhibit or take part in a book discussion. owwl.org

## **37. PICK A PACK OF ALPACAS**

## LAZY ACRE ALPACAS, BLOOMFIELD

Have you ever pet an alpaca? Now is your chance! Take the kids to Lazy Acre to meet more than 90 alpacas on a 180-acre farm. It's cuddle time, so plan accordingly. Stock up on high quality alpaca wool clothing and souvenirs. Lazyacrealpacas.com (585) 455-1203

#### 38. WARM UP TO WINE IN A NEW ENVIRONMENT MICROCLIMATE WINE BAR, GENEVA

This Geneva wine cave, crafted with re-purposed timber and original brickwork, resonates with hip. The intimate side street locale brings in a world of wine from both near and far. Order a glass, a flight or commit to a bottle. Make the experience even more special by nibbling local cheeses, meats, and breads. Beer and non-alcoholic juices are also served. microclimatewinebar.com (315) 787-0077

## 39. WHEN GROWING OLD IS A GOOD THING

## **ANTIQUES**

Treasures, treasures, and more treasures are plentiful within these antique dealer co-ops, with over 175 antique dealers. The largest shop, Ontario Mall Antiques, is loaded with all sorts of antiques and décor items. Don't forget the smaller shops like Cat's in the Kitchen where you get personalized attention and lots of referrals. Cheshire Union is not only an antique center, but also an art gallery, gift shop, and community gathering place.

visitfingerlakes.com/things-to-do/shopping/antiques

#### 40. TAKE THE PATH LESS TRAVELED **ONTARIO PATHWAYS**

Meander around a creek, pass through working farmland and enjoy the birds. The Ontario Pathways trail is a 23-mile rails-to-trails project composed of two "legs" that connect Canandaigua, Stanley, Seneca Castle, Orleans, and Phelps/ Clifton Springs. It's year-round fun for snowshoeing, crosscountry skiing, hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding. ontariopathways.org (585) 234-7722

## 41. LEARN ABOUT LOCAL HISTORY ONTARIO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM,

## CANANDAIGUA

Did you know that Susan B. Anthony's trial for voting in the 1872 presidential election took place in Canandaigua? Or that the Underground Railroad had stops in Ontario County? Or that the first mechanical cabbage harvester was developed here? These and other interesting historical facts come alive at the Ontario County Historical Society Museum. ochs.org (585) 394-4975

## 42. MICROBREWS WITH YOUR FLOCK BIRD HOUSE BREWING CO., HONEOYE

Birdhouse Brewing Company began with a love of craft beer and a desire to build something special. The brewery houses a one-barrel brew system to create a unique selection of handcrafted small batch brews that are constantly changing. The

menu also contains a curated selection of homemade items to accompany the beers and ciders. birdhousebrewing.beer (585) 229-1216

#### 43. TAKE A REST IN EITHER ROOM **HOWE HOUSE, PHELPS**

If you have never seen a two-story outhouse, then a visit to the Howe House in Phelps is a must. The historic building also has permanent and rotating exhibits featuring household and farm

phelpsny.com/historical-society (315) 548-4940

#### 44. TASTE NEW YORK STATE FINGER LAKES WELCOME CENTER, GENEVA

Located on the Northern shore of Seneca Lake, the Finger Lakes Welcome Center is a must do year-round when visiting. Home to a Taste NY market and café you can try snacks, meals, and beverages all made and sold in New York State. Receive travel advice and local insights tailored to you and your trip

from the staff. While you're there, don't miss a New York State wine tasting or the baked goods; they're delicious! taste.ny.gov/location/finger-lakes-welcome-center

## 45. TASTE THE FARM-TO-TABLE CONNECTION

## **FARM TO TABLE RESTAURANTS**

There is no better place to experience the bounty of Finger Lakes agriculture than at the restaurants where these farm products are featured. Let Phelp's Local Palate, Geneva's Kindred Fare, Naples' Roots Cafe, and Canandaigua's Rose Tavern bring locavore meats, vegetables, cheeses and grains to your next meal.

visitfingerlakes.com/restaurants/farm-to-table

#### **46. A GUILDED AGE EXPERIENCE SMITH CENTER FOR THE ARTS, GENEVA**

This handsomely restored, century-old theater provides a full spectrum of live performing arts, house films and classics. Lots of variety including indie rock concerts, orchestral performances, modern dance and opera to children's theater, community theater and comedy. thesmith.org (315) 781-5483

## 47. CULTURE YOURSELF WITH THE ARTS

FORT HILL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, CANANDAIGUA 427 seats are waiting for you to slip into and enjoy the enriching and entertaining Finger Lakes performing arts. The center is a beloved 1928 historic landmark (former school) with the modern theatrical equipment to provide a first-class experience. fhpac.org (585) 412-6043

## 48. THE CUTEST REINDEER OF ALL

**SHORTSVILLE REINDEER FARM, SHORTSVILLE** Meet Ontario County's resident reindeer! These reindeer love treats, are Santa's helpers, and a fan favorite with the kids. This Farm is a unique place to engage in the holiday spirit with family and friends. Enjoy a seasonal event or make an appointment to pet a reindeer.

www.shortsvillereindeer.com (585) 282-9892

#### 49. A CALM STATE OF BODY AND MIND **YOGA IN THE FINGER LAKES**

Enjoying our own versions of bliss is an amazing way to take care of ourselves and have fun! A great way to find a sense of calm and unity is through a Finger Lakes Yoga class. Whether you enjoy hot yoga or want to brave the outdoors with a Snowga class, we have options for every level of yogi

FINGER LAKES YOGASCAPES, CANANDAIGUA fingerlakesyogascapes.com

GROUNDED BY YOGA, CANANDAIGUA & BLOOMFIELD

groundedbyyoga.com **ENCHANTED HILLS WELLNESS, HONEOYE** 

## enchantedhillswellness.com

**50. HIT THE SLOPES** 

**HUNT HOLLOW NAPLES** This semi-private ski and snowboard resort is in the heart of the Finger Lakes. Open to the public Wednesday - Friday, Hunt Hollow offers the intimate ski experience you have been craving! Ski and enjoy the safe, family-friendly atmosphere and ample amenities such as a café and ski shop. hunthollow.com (585) 374-5428

## **Share your FLX Experience!**

Carolobarb Park Scenic Overlook on County Road #12 in South times. Come here to look out over Canandaigua Lake and breathe in our Finger Lakes perspectives on travel! Snap those pictures and views and tag them with

**#FLXperience** and **@VisitFLX** 



# Festivals and Special Events

You might want to plan your trip around one of these beloved Finger Lakes events. To catch what's new and what's going on scan this QR Code or type in

VisitFingerLakes.com and check out the home page for the events!

#### 2024 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE Save the date: April 8, 2024! A rare event, we will be in the path of

Finger Lakes
MUST-DO's

totality for this upcoming total solar eclipse. Keep your eyes and ears open for local happenings surrounding the eclipse.

#### Christkindl Market and Festival of Trees, Canandaigua This Christmas market, on the grounds of the Granger Homestead,

brings together artisans, food vendors, musicians and much good cheer. Christkindl starts mid-November/Festival of Trees runs through early December.

## Annual Festival of Lights, Clifton Springs

The charm that is evident during the day comes alive at night as downtown is bathed in festive holiday lights! You will find Santa; horse-drawn wagon rides; ice sculpting; live music & entertainment. A weekend in December.

cliftonspringschamber.com/localtourism-events/

## Fire and Ice Festival, Canandaigua

Come-out-of-hibernation to enjoy specials and experiences at local businesses. Food, festivities, drinks, family fun. A weekend in February. downtowncanandaigua.com/events.

## Vintage Vines and Valentines, Naples

This Valentine's weekend, join Naples for the festivities with themed parties, wine tastings, dinner with your valentine, and cozy stays in the area! Vintage, Vines and Valentine's tickets can be found at explorenaplesny.com/vintage-vines-and-valentines.

**Maple Weekend, Ontario County**Come join our local maple farms in March to taste delicious maple syrup and view the sugar making processes. Maple weekends span the last two weekends of March.

## **Bristol Mountain Ski Events**

Check the Bristol Mountain calendar all season long for lots of fun activities. BristolMt.com

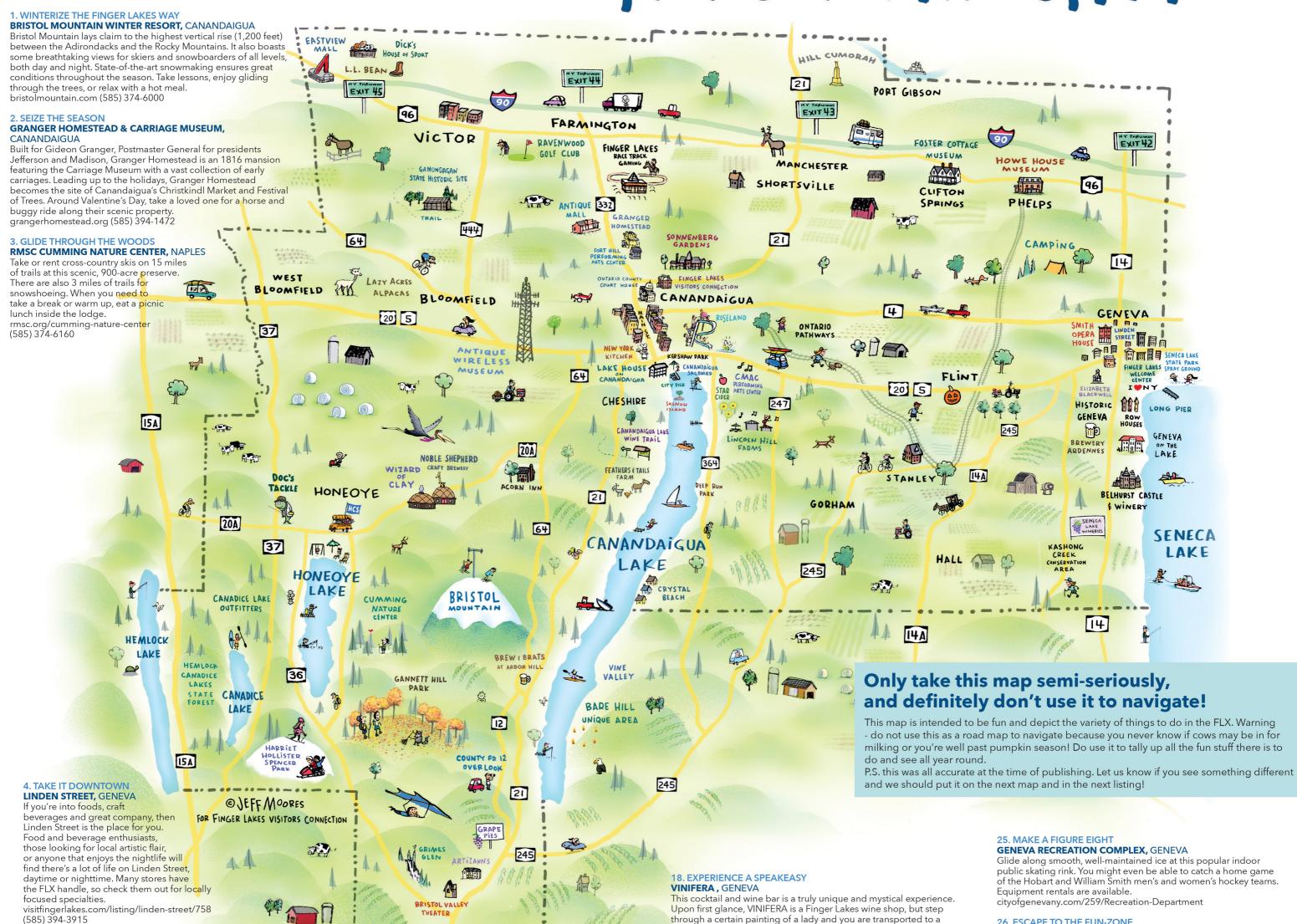
A three-day event celebrating winter with great food, local shops, and beverages served from ice bars. You can't miss the live music, themed ice sculptures, lakefront fire pits, and Saturday night fireworks over Canandaigua Lake. fingerlakeswintercarnival.com/

#### Scan this QR Code for even more ideas!



VisitFingerLakes.com

# ONTARIO COUNTY, FINGER LAKES, NY



#### 5. WARM UP TO WINTER **BELHURST CASTLE, GENEVA**

Let luxury rule and all your cares melt away at this historic lakeside retreat. Surrender to a restorative massage, manicure, or facial at the Isabella Spa. Taste Belhurst wines at the on-site winery. Relax in front of the indoor fireplace at Stonecutter's Tavern or savor a gourmet meal at Edgar's Restaurant. Stay for the night in one of three unique hotels. belhurst.com (315) 781-0201

#### 6. RETAIL THERAPY - I'LL TAKE SOME **EASTVIEW MALL, VICTOR**

This super-regional shopping center boasts more than 150 stores. Many cater to the truly evolved fashionista. Other popular venues are Apple, Pottery Barn, and LEGO. While shopping, relax with a meal at one of several full-service restaurants or get cozy by catching a movie next door. A great place to find holiday deals and gifts for someone special.

eastviewmall.com (585) 223-4420

#### 7. WINTER TASTES BETTER WITH A GLASS OF WINE CANANDAIGUA LAKE WINE TRAIL and SENECA LAKE WINE TRAIL

Sip your way along the scenic 30-mile trail from Victor to Canandaigua and along the Lake to Naples; the Canandaigua Lake Wine Trail is just right for a one-day venture. For Seneca Lake, it's a longer trail with larger wineries. Spread out your visit to make sure you're a Finger Lakes expert in all the wine, food and "personalities" along the trail. canandaigualakewinetrail.com (585) 394-1915 senecalakewine.com (877) 536-2717

#### 8. GET CRAFTY WITH YOUR BREWS **ROC/FLX CRAFT BEVERAGE TRAIL**

Wine might take top billing in the Finger Lakes, but there's plenty more craft where that comes from. Over 35 wineries, distilleries cideries, and breweries from Monroe, Livingston, Ontario and Wayne Counties are offering up lots of tastes. Trail along with a passport that has an incentive to complete it with top prizes to visit all locations. RocFLXCraftbevtrail.com (585) 394-3915

#### 9. TAKE A DEEP BREATH AT THE SPA WILLOWBROOK SPA, CANANDAIGUA

The Lake House on Canandaigua is a four-season Finger Lakes Resort that has incredible food, luxury lodging and peaceful views on Canandaigua Lake. In the winter, you won't want to miss experiencing the onsite Willowbrook Spa. One of our favorite features are the barrel saunas that overlook the lake, or the hot stone massages to warm up

lakehousecanandaigua.com/willowbrook-spa (585) 394-9479

#### 10. SPARKLING FROSTY VIEWS ONTARIO COUNTY PARK AT GANNETT HILL, NAPLES

Bring your camera and binoculars to this county park, which boasts the highest elevation in Ontario County. Located in the scenic Bristol Hills at an elevation of 2,256 feet, you'll be thrilled with the views expanding to the hills behind Seneca and Cayuga Lakes. The locals dub this spectacular vantage point "The Jump-Off." The park is a magnet for snowshoers, snowmobiling, and summer campers.

#### 11.GEAR UP FOR YOUR OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

MOTION JUNCTION, CANANDAIGUA With so many outdoor adventure opportunities, you'll want to make sure you're properly outfitted - inside or out! Here are three great suggestions

NEON WAVE, VICTOR thisisneonwave.com (585) 732-0643 FULLSEND SKI & OUTDOOR, CANANDAIGUA fullsendskiandoutdoor.com (585) 340-7469 L. L. BEAN, VICTOR

#### 12. BREAKFAST BY THE FIREPLACE SIMPLY CREPES, CANANDAIGUA

Add a little French country vibe to your next brunch! This restaurant and event space has all things crepe, savory, sweet, and totally unique. Enjoy a classic crepe with fruit and chocolate, or maybe try a crepe burrito. A great place to hold a catered event or birthday party as well in their upstairs room.

simplycrepes.com/canandaigua (585) 394-9090

#### 13. TRY OUT YOUR WINTER GEAR **DICK'S HOUSE OF SPORT, VICTOR**

Try out your skates at their outdoor ice rink or test your strength at the indoor rock-climbing wall. Prepare for the summer season with golf and batting simulators. Find your sporting clothes, equipment, and accessories at this outdoor outfitting destination. (585) 282-2000

#### 14. BRUNCH IN AN IGLOO **KETTLE RIDGE FARMS, VICTOR**

Have you ever wanted to try brunch in a heated igloo? Enjoy a delicious, unique breakfast with homemade maple syrup at a Sugarmaker's Igloo Brunch. Bring yourself and five of your friends to experience a chef made breakfast sourced from local ingredients! There is also a DIY Mimosa Bar or cash bar for your favorite cocktail. Enjoy homemade maple syrup and Finger Lakes pancakes at their

casual Pancake Sundays. kettleridgefarm.com (585) 217-7108

#### 15. TURN UP THE VOLUME AWA COMMUNICATIONS MUSEUM, BLOOMFIELD

Put away the cell phones and tune into the 1800s and 1900s "cutting-edge" technology that led up to our modern day take-itfor-granted communications power. Learn how famous inventors such as Thomas Edison and Guglielmo Marconi were reinventing communications. See a set replicating the Voice of America. Most importantly, learn the backstory from the guides who are passionate about all things "wireless." antiquewireless.org (585) 257-5119

#### 16. GET YOUR GAME ON

#### FINGER LAKES GAMING & RACETRACK, FARMINGTON

Big-city gaming and thoroughbred horse racing have a home in the Finger Lakes at this state-of-the-art 30,000-square-foot facility. In addition to the 1,500 video machines and live races at the track, there is live local music, an 18-foot-tall projection screen for live sports, pay-per-view events, bars and restaurants. fingerlakesgaming.com (585) 924-3232

#### 17. EAT, DRINK THE EMPIRE STATE **NEW YORK KITCHEN, CANANDAIGUA**

Sample New York's agricultural bounty all in one place. Enjoy the views, the foods, and the company in the casual dining atmosphere at The Café at NY Kitchen. Savor a flight of New York wine, beer, or spirits in the Tasting Room. Watch a cooking demonstration in the Educational Theater or create your own culinary masterpiece in the Hands-On Kitchen

nykitchen.com (585) 394-7070

through a certain painting of a lady and you are transported to a zus tnemed speakeasy. VIINIFERA is entirely devoted to Finge Lakes wines featuring both rare vintage and current release wines. Combine that with some upbeat jazz and you are enveloped in the unique ambiance of this Finger Lakes wine bar. viniferanewyork.com (315) 325-2349

#### 19. WARM UP WITH A CRAFT ROAST FINGER LAKES COFFEE SHOPS, VARIOUS TOWNS

When in the Finger Lakes in the wintertime, warming up with a hot beverage is a necessity! There are local shops in every town that provide you with a unique flavor of beverage. If you like a delicious, flavored latte, we recommend you try Dalai Java, Next Door Coffee, or Monaco's. For a hometown feel, try Next Door Coffee or Caruso's Café for their special craft roasts.

visitfingerlakes.com/bakeries-and-coffee-shops

#### 20. GET INSPIRED LIKE FLX ARTISTS **ART GALLERIES, VARIOUS TOWNS**

The Finger Lakes region is known for its beautiful scenery, warm people, and ability to inspire the creative mind. Local galleries are a great place to view the inspiration that the Finger Lakes brings. At some of these galleries you can take a class to develop your own skills or maybe purchase a piece to bring home from your trip. Pat Rini Roher Gallery, Main Street Arts, the Dove Block, and Cobblestone Arts Center are all great places to enjoy the creations of local artists. visitfingerlakes.com/art-galleries-and-exhibits

#### 21. TASTE THE ARTISTIC LIFE WIZARD OF CLAY POTTERY, BLOOMFIELD

See how three generations of pottery artists are inspired by the natural beauty of the region. The Wizard of Clay creates and sells hand-thrown pieces: bowls, mugs and casserole dishes, vases, clocks, and planters. Check out the trademarked Bristoleaf® design which incorporates the impressions of the leaves from area trees and plants. This is a perfect gift finding spot! wizardofclay.com (585) 229-2980

## 22. BEAT THE CHILL WITH SUDS AND SAUSAGE BREW & BRATS AT ARBOR HILL, NAPLES

A beer can get lonely on its own. That's why one local brewery has surrounded its taps with plenty of links, made right in Canandaigua. Enjoy the casual atmosphere of this 150-year-old carriage house, mingle with the friendly locals and join in the musical fun at the open mic events. Prefer wine - well that's made right there, too. brewandbrats.com (585) 374-2870

#### 23. CATCH THE BIG ONE ON ICE ICE FISHING, CANADICE, HONEOYE, CANANDAIGUA LAKES

Fishing in the Finger Lakes is a great year-round activity. The fun doesn't stop when the temperatures drop, and the lakes freeze over. Bring your shanty, your gear and try your luck at catching trout, walleye, bass, perch and more. **DOC'S TACKLE, HONEOYE**:

Stop into this family-owned business for your live bait, rods, reels, and tackle needs. (585) 229-2277

THE SUTTON COMPANY, NAPLES: This lure and tackle shop is famous for their legendary, family-made Sutton spoons ideal for trout

visitfingerlakes.com/things-to-do/on-the-lakes/fishing

#### 24. GIVE THE GIFT OF LOCAL **ARTIZANNS GIFTS FROM THE FINGER LAKES, NAPLES**

More than 200 Finger Lakes artisans present everything in this cozy homelike setting in Naples. Looking for the perfect gift for the friend you had to leave at home? It's here. There is also a pantry packed with

local foods and lots of "yum!" artizanns.com (585) 374-6740

## 25. MAKE A FIGURE EIGHT

**GENEVA RECREATION COMPLEX, GENEVA** Glide along smooth, well-maintained ice at this popular indoor public skating rink. You might even be able to catch a home game of the Hobart and William Smith men's and women's hockey teams. Equipment rentals are available

GENEVA

HISTORIC PAR

GENEVA

mb .

BREWERY ARDENNES

KASHONG

STREET IN IN IN INC.

4 4

SENECA

LAKE

GENEVA

FINGER LAKES WELCOME CENTER

BELHURST CASTLE

& WINERY

cityofgenevany.com/259/Recreation-Department

#### 26. ESCAPE TO THE FUN-ZONE ROSELAND BOWL FAMILY FUN CENTER, CANANDAIGUA

Family fun is abundant when you choose Roseland, with its 44 bowling lanes, laser tag, and bumper cars, Atomic Bowling and 30 arcade games. If you're the head of a team, you'll be a big hit when you suggest this fun activity center. roselandbowl.com (585) 394-5050

#### 27. GEMS TO BE UNCOVERED IN THIS SMALL TOWN **DOWNTOWN CLIFTON SPRINGS**

Visit Clifton Springs, a haven of pristine parks and gardens, and beautiful Victorian-era architecture where photo opportunities abound. This is a spot to just be "centered." It's home to the only mineral spa in Western New York, The Springs Integrative Medicine Center & Spa. We're also shining a special light on Checkmates for fun home accents, Flowers by Sandy, a good old-fashioned hardware store - and comics - yes, comics! Of course, there's food - really good food; we're just warning you. Its covered walkways, concerts and historic tours make this little gem a place not to miss.

cliftonspringschamber.com (315) 462-8200

#### 28. ADOPT A MAPLE **EMBERS RISING FARM, CLIFTON SPRINGS**

Embers Rising Farm is a multi-season haven of all things local - the most impressive Christmas trees in the winter, the best blueberries in the summer and the highest quality syrup & syrup products. Home to an adopt-a-maple program, here you can tap a tree yourself or make it a family activity. Enjoy warm pancakes or try a tasting with multiple syrups. embersrisingfarm.com (315) 879-7390

#### 29. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE SENECA STORY GANONDAGAN STATE HISTORIC SITE, VICTOR The Seneca Art & Culture Center at Ganondagan

State Historic Site weaves 2,000 years of Seneca and Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) art and culture into an enlightened story of the region's Native American heritage. The year-round interpretive center includes a gallery, orientation theater, auditorium, and gift shop. Hike, snowshoe, or cross-country ski the trails around Ganondagan throughout the winter. ganondagan.org (585) 398-6151

## 30. ENJOY A SNOWBIRD'S VIEW

#### **COUNTY ROAD 12 OVERLOOK, NAPLES/SOUTH BRISTOL**

Looking for an incredible view? There is no place better - as voted by the residents. This expansive view across Canandaigua Lake looks north towards the city, east to Bare Hill, and south to the marshland and trails of Naples. Take several "long looks" through the John Brahm viewfinders winter, spring, summer, or fall, the scenery will not disappoint.

#### 31. GET BACK UNDER THE TREES

#### **NEW YORK BEER PROJECT, VICTOR**

Looking to enjoy some great comfort food in a beer garden? What about trying some local craft brews while watching your favorite winter sports team on the big screen? New York Beer Project is a delicious restaurant and bar where you can sit under twinkling lights strung through indoor trees. Enjoy a glimpse of summer during the chilly months and great drinks

nybeerproject.com (585) 888-6927