

Honeoye, Canadice, and Hemlock are often referred to as the "Little Lakes," as they are dwarfed in size compared to Keuka, Canandaigua, Seneca, and Cayuga. These lakes and the communities that surround them, the towns of Richmond and Canadice and the hamlet of Honeoye, may be small but they are full of hidden treasures to discover.

The relatively shallow Honeoye Lake has been popular spot for summer cottages and retirement homes for people from nearby Rochester since the 1920s who enjoy swimming and fishing on the lake. Harriet Hollister Spencer State Recreation Area provides breathtaking views of Honeoye Lake and the Rochester skyline, and its 20-mile trail network offers year-round activities including hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling.

Canadice Lake and Hemlock Lake have supplied the City of Rochester with drinking water for more than a century and much of the land surrounding the lakes has remained undeveloped and are off limits to swimmers, but kayaks, canoes and other small watercraft are allowed and both lakes are good for fishing. Hunting, cycling, and snowmobiling are also popular activities. Canadice Lake Outfitters has all the gear you need from kayaks, canoes, and standup paddleboards to life jackets, dry bags and even bicycle rentals.

The natural beauty of the area attracts artists to live here, and their hand-crafted pieces are available for purchase at several local businesses. For 40 years and three generations, the Wizard of Clay, located near Honeoye, has created hand-thrown pieces of pottery inspired by the surrounding Bristol Hills. Groups love touring the Wizard of Clay workshop and seeing the wizards in action, then exploring the shop for unique hand thrown

pieces that will always remind them of the beauty of the Finger Lakes. In the Hamlet of Honeoye, the work of resident artisans including maple products, painted glass, fine art and quilted and crocheted items can be found in several downtown shops and the sculpture of internationally known artist, Philippe Faraut can be seen around town.

One of the newest places in town is Birdhouse Brewing. It's conveniently located right on Main Street and is fun with little pop-up shops in the birdhouse replica buildings.

For those that prefer to fish, there are some great spots. Start your expedition by picking up some special lures or new gear at Doc's on Rt. 20A and Co. Road 37. Honeoye is one of the favorite lakes to bike around. At just 19 miles, it's fairly level riding and easy for many levels.

Key area attractions

- Harriet Hollister Spencer State Recreation Area
- Hemlock-Canadice State Forest
- Sandy Bottom Park
- Wesley Hill Nature Preserve
- Trident Marine
- Pitts Mansion
- Little Red Schoolhouse
- The Historical Museum at Richmond Town Hall
- Muller Field Station
- Canadice United Methodist Church
- Wizard of Clay