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The health and safety of our visitors is our top priority. Livingston County's businesses are kept up-to-date with all safety regulations. We look forward to your visit, we're ready to make it a safe and memorable one!

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A Word of Welcome

The LivCo community is committed to being an exciting and safe destination for everyone. We're working to create a more inclusive culture, one where marginalized identities are represented, and celebrated. We are a work in progress, but we are listening, and moving forward with empathy, intention, and arms wide open.



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Explore Responsibly

For those who harbor the soul of an explorer, make LivCo your basecamp for one-of-a-kind outdoor recreation, shopping, dining, lodging, and cultural experiences — all in the heart of the Genesee River Valley.

We hope you enjoy an immersive experience in a community where respect for nature rewards you with magnificent adventures, today and for years to come. As you #WanderLivCo, please explore responsibly and remember to Leave No Trace.

PLAN AHEAD

Before you pack, check the forecast. You may need to pack a refillable water bottle, snacks, umbrella, insect repellent, non-toxic sunscreen, sunglasses and cap, and compass or map.

LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

Preserve the past. Observe rocks, plants and artifacts.

RESPECT WILDLIFE

Watch wildlife from a distance and never feed or handle wild animals. Keep an eye out and leash on your pups at all times.

PACK IN, PACK OUT

Inspect your rest area for wrappers, trash or spilled food. Be sure to pack up all the litter you have. Strive to leave the site in better condition than when you arrived.

BE COURTEOUS & KIND

Respect other visitors & be trail-friendly - maybe even say 'hi' while passing by. Let the sounds of nature prevail - save the music for your car ride.

STAY ON THE TRAIL

Use existing trails and rest stops. Walk in the center of the trail.


ENJOY HAPPILY

Last but definitely not least, wherever you go, appreciate the scenery of the Genesee River Valley.



Connect with us!

What better way to showcase Livingston County than through the eyes of our locals? Follow our social media accounts to meet local artists, business owners, students, photographers, yogis, and many more locals who make our region a unique destination to visit. There is no better way to experience Livingston County and the Heart of the Genesee River Valley than through the stories of our locals.

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Explore the hidden gem that is Livingston County, New York — home of Letchworth State Park and westernmost gateway to the Finger Lakes. Make LivCo your basecamp for one-of-a-kind outdoor recreation, shopping, dining, lodging, historical, and cultural experiences — all in the heart of the Genesee River Valley.

Planning your visit to Livingston County? You can find the latest information and resources at visitlivco.com.

Fall Breeze & Autumn Leaves





Take a deep breath. Smell that? Fall is in the air — a crisp breeze heralding chunky sweaters, blazing colors on trees, a hot cider in hand and the holidays just around the corner.

It's time for a fall escape to LivCo! Autumn always brings endless adventures to the Genesee River Valley, from signature seasonal events, festive food and drink offerings, memorable farm experiences, guided ghost tours, and so much more. Come see for yourself why there is a lot to 'fall in love' with in LivCo this season!

With many people taking road trips as a way to chase away the summer blues, fall is a great time to get out of town and surround yourself with nature. It's time for changing leaves, cooling temperatures, and an opportunity to stretch into the wide open spaces that big cities tend to lack. Driving our winding country roads is the ideal way to discover LivCo during leaf-peeping season, and autumn hikes through our many nature preserves can't be topped. Make space for souvenirs or get a head start on that holiday shopping list in the stores of our charming downtowns.

The urban jungle won't have the fall foliage you're looking for, so journey to Western New York for the temperate weather and beautiful foliage instead. Whatever your journey may be, we hope the moments you have in LivCo become some of your greatest memories. Welcome to fall in LivCo!

A place to taste, toast and treat yourself.

The land of farms, waterfalls, and outdoor beauty.

A region of makers, dreamers, and adventurers.

It's Tailgate Season

WELCOME TO BILLS COUNTRY

Think football, and odds are, you'll think tailgating. And with good reason — tailgating is among the most time-honored and revered American sporting traditions, especially in Western New York.



Tailgating means festivities, food, and fans. And chicken wings. Don't forget the wings.

The American football tailgate party combines the attributes of a festival, the air of a birthday party, and the tradition of a ritual to create something utterly unique in sports. For Bills fans, tailgating is a lifestyle.

Buffalo Bills tailgating is a unique Western New York tradition our visitors have to see to believe. The game-day rituals are about creating bonds, celebrating community, nurturing tradition, and supporting the spirit of the team.

Buffalo Bills fans, also known as the #billsmafia, are known for fervent team loyalty, colorful adornments, and tailgating that is legendary throughout the National Football League. With the team gaining traction in recent years led by quarterback, Josh Allen, you're sure to see some passionate fans celebrating on game day. To some, Bills Mafia traditions are bizarre. To this fan base, they are the ties that bind.



The Bills Mafia has come to define the team's entire fan base. Whether you descend upon the parking lot of Highmark Stadium in Orchard Park, New York, or watch from the comfort of your favorite LivCo bar on game day, you'll feel a bond with every fan sporting the team colors. From chanting with foam fingers to seeing everyone decked out in blue and red jerseys to eating plates of chicken wings, game days are a big deal in Western New York.

Football season brings the locals of Western New York together more than anything else. We are counting down the days to the home opener... and we know you are too.

JUST WING IT

No tailgate is complete without another Buffalo tradition, the chicken wing. The origin story of the chicken wing revolves around Teresa Bellissimo, co-owner of the original Anchor Bar in Buffalo, New York.

According to Teresa's husband Frank, on an undetermined date in the 1960s, the culinary innovation happened when the restaurant received an incorrect shipment. Instead of getting the typical chicken backs and necks for Teresa's famous spaghetti sauce, they got a shipment of wings. Not wanting to waste perfectly good chicken, Frank asked Teresa to try to make something new with the unwanted ingredient. She cut them in half, deep-fried them, and dunked them in hot sauce. And thus, the famed appetizer was born.

Buffalo wings have been so ingrained in our national food culture that it is hard to remember life before wings. Wings are a prime example of a food that incorporates so many of the traits that Western New York culture is



known for. Thrift — wings come from the part of the chicken most people threw away or used for soups and stocks. Ingenuity — the combination of simple, at-hand materials to make a new item. And eating with your hands — there is simplicity in eating with your fingers. If you've never snacked on wings during a football tailgate, we recommend you try it out.

Wings are now consumed differently all across the country. But in Western New York, they are consumed the way they were invented by Teresa: served in either hot, medium, or mild buffalo sauce, with blue cheese and celery. No ranch allowed.

FIND YOUR SPOT

While in Western New York, anyone in a Bills jersey is greeted with a nod and a raise of a drink in sportsmanly solidarity. Ask anyone in Western New York about their plans on a Thursday, Sunday or Monday in the fall, and the answer is most likely football related. It's a community builder that spans ages, whether you're rooting for the Buffalo Bills ... or the wrong team. For nights when watching the game from home isn't on the docket, we've rounded up a few of the best sports bars and pubs in LivCo for wings, cold beers, and channels set to your favorite game.

AVONDALE PUB

Avon, New York

The Avondale is the longest-running continual business on Genesee Street in Avon — established more than 100 years ago and known for their decadent burgers, Reuben sammies, fish fry, and homemade wing sauces.

JACK'S PLACE GASLIGHT GRILL

Dansville, New York

Open since 1906, Jack's Place - Gaslight Grill is your stop for a classic game day of wings and beer. Sit at the bar with locals to watch football, check out their menu of comfort foods, and enjoy a century of Dansville stories.

NO BS BREW COMPANY

Livonia, New York

With locations in both Livonia and Victor, No BS is growing in popularity and size. Their Livonia tasting room and beer garden will be packed with craft brew aficionados on game day, stop by for good sips and bites.





CALLING ALL WING LOVERS

CONTINUE THE FUN AT THE GENESEO CHICKEN WING FESTIVAL

Hosted every September on Center Street in Geneseo, enjoy all types of wings at the Annual Geneseo Chicken Wing Festival. At this event, you'll get the chance to sample chicken wings from local restaurants, try chicken wing pizza, and taste locally-made desserts.

Want to prove your love of chicken wings? Outside the Geneseo Riviera, you can participate in contests like the volcano wings eating contest, bobbing for wings, and speed-eating contests.

SCAN TO EXPLORE MORE FALL EVENTS



HIGH BANKS TAVERN

Mount Morris, New York

Boasting the NFL Sunday Ticket and TVs surrounding the dining room and bar, High Banks Tavern has a hearty lineup of specials and happy hours daily. Locals also gather to host life milestones and take in weekend entertainment at this neighborhood spot.

RISING STORM BREWING COMPANY

Avon, New York

Another stop on the LivCo Libation Loop, Rising Storm Brewing Company is a microbrewery, music venue, and bistro that started as a home brewing hobby in 2011. Owned and operated by SUNY Geneseo alumni, Rising Storm is serving up locally inspired brews on their 12.5-acre picturesque property.

VILLAGE TAVERN

Geneseo, New York

Welcoming and unassuming, the Village Tavern serves up Buffalo wing sauce, burgers, and a rotating craft beer selection that you'll want to come back for again and again. Warmer fall nights can be enjoyed on the expansive patio, and cooler nights will find guests gathered around the warm wood bar.

OSB CIDERWORKS

Lakeville, New York

With locations in Lakeville and Buffalo, you'll find fun fans and crisp cider at OSB on any game day in the fall. Check out their unique cider flavors and stock up on merch for the season, including their Buffalo Bills-themed corduroy hats.

DUBLIN CORNERS FARM BREWERY

Linwood, New York

Game day is a big deal at Dublin Corners Farm Brewery where they are serving up Bills-themed beer and offering free pizza for fans. You can also cheer on the Bills at their taproom in Geneseo (Thursdays are trivia night!), the official Bills Backer Bar of the village.

STRANGE DESIGN PUBLIC HOUSE

Geneseo, New York

Wednesday is wing night at Strange Design, Geneseo's first brewery, and public house. Located inside a recently renovated building, you'll find rotating beers on tap, a full Sunday brunch menu, and special events at Strange Design all season long.

TYSON'S UPPER DECK

Lima, New York

Tyson's Upper Deck is the hometown tavern you're looking for on the game day. Spend the day cheering on the Bills while enjoying games of pool, darts, and drinks over some appetizers.

INTERMISSIONS PUB

Geneseo, New York

In the college town of Geneseo, you can grab bites and sips with friends at the laid-back bar, Intermissions, and then head next door to the sister property, the Geneseo Riviera, for live music or classic movies. Plus, on game days, the Bills games stream in the theater!

FANATICS PUB

Lima, New York

Another favorite in Lima, Fanatics Pub is known for live music and bar food. Cheer on the Bills team in front of one of their many televisions while enjoying their menu of pizza, wings, and sports bar favorites. Come for the game and then stay for live entertainment especially their blues and acoustic rock acts.



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TWIST AND TROUT

Cast out a line and enjoy fly fishing around LivCo.

Few things are as graceful as a line floating through the air and resting on the surface of the water — for just a moment — before returning to its airborne dance. Fly fishing is not an easy sport, but once you learn to tie a fly, master the cast, and hook your first fish, it's hard to stop.

When you're out on the water, the chatter of daily life is replaced by the whirr of the reel and the rumble of the river — solitude at its best. If the promise of a remote escape isn't enough to get you packing up your tackle box, then the beautiful places it takes you to will. And we've got options for you.



GOOD TO KNOW IN LIVCO

Please never fish without a license, and reference the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) website for up-to-date information on public fishing access, licenses, seasonal changes and more.

OATKA CREEK

Oatka Creek is the third longest tributary of the Genesee River. Considered a freestone stream, it is inhabited primarily by brown trout, but don't be surprised if you catch a warm water game fish such as black bass or northern pike. This creek is unique in that it actually has three major sections, including Spring Creek, home to the Caledonia Fish Hatchery (the oldest in America).

Oatka Creek offers plenty of warm and cool spots, variations in water quality, and sections that are regulated as catch-and-release or approved for the use of artificial bait only. Select areas of Oatka Creek are only open during select seasons, so be sure to check before you plan your trip.

GENESEE RIVER

Beginning in Pennsylvania, the Genesee River flows north into New York through Livingston County and into the City of Rochester. A popular trout destination, you'll find nearly 18 miles of easements where catch and release fishing is permitted.

Each spring the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) stocks thousands of brown trout and rainbow trout in the Genesee. You might find other species such as coho salmon and chinook salmon too, just make sure to check out the Public Fishing Access signs along the shores before fishing.

SPRINGWATER CREEK

Springwater Creek originates in northern Steuben County and flows in a northerly direction until it empties into Hemlock Lake in Livingston County. A popular spot among anglers, the migration of rainbow trout and brown trout will typically enter Springwater Creek in the fall.

Other popular species caught here are smallmouth and largemouth bass. Whether you're spinning, baitcasting, or fly fishing your chances of getting a bite are good. Grab your favorite fly fishing rod and reel, and head out to Springwater Creek.



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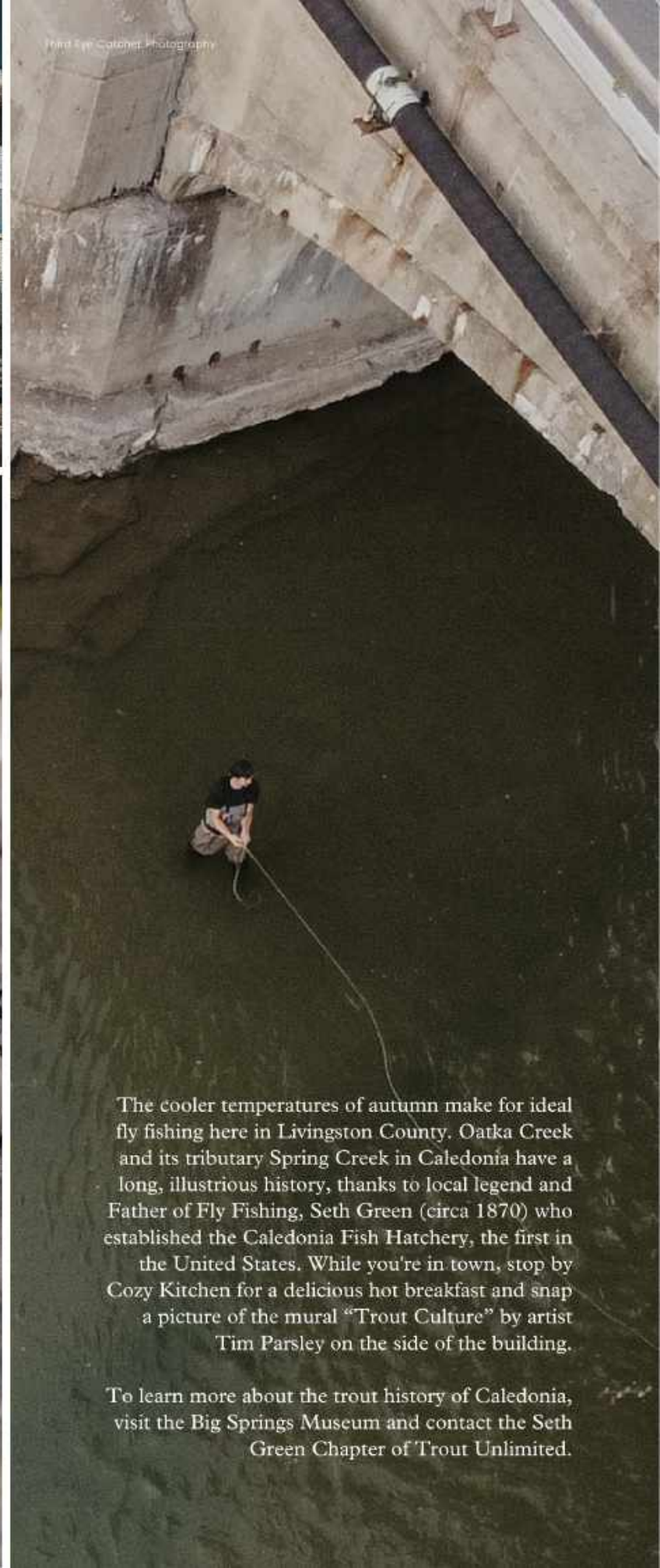


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The cooler temperatures of autumn make for ideal fly fishing here in Livingston County. Oatka Creek and its tributary Spring Creek in Caledonia have a long, illustrious history, thanks to local legend and Father of Fly Fishing, Seth Green (circa 1870) who established the Caledonia Fish Hatchery, the first in the United States. While you're in town, stop by Cozy Kitchen for a delicious hot breakfast and snap a picture of the mural "Trout Culture" by artist Tim Parsley on the side of the building.

To learn more about the trout history of Caledonia, visit the Big Springs Museum and contact the Seth Green Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

LET'S GETAWAY

Stay awhile...

ELEGANT AUTUMNAL ACCOMMODATIONS



Hillcrest Estate
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Photography

After exploring trails and taking in autumn colors, cozy up at an elegant country estate.

If you're looking for a quiet, relaxing getaway, Livingston County offers an abundance of unique accommodations. From farm stays to historic estates, there is no shortage of places to post up, whether it's a staycation, workcation or vacation.

When you visit the Genesee River Valley, you can escape the hustle and bustle of city life with a relaxing stay on an estate-style farm or homestead. Here the days are calmer and more serene. Modern amenities and comforts like heated floors and rainfall showerheads are balanced with classic decorations, creating an atmosphere that invites you to linger a little longer in bed, snuggle down in a chair with a good book, or kick your feet up over a fire. We've rounded out some recommendations for you to visit during the autumn months.



Hillcrest Estate
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Photography



Hillcrest Estate

Pavilion, New York

The Hillcrest Estate, built in 1899, is an elegant 120-acre property that has hosted a variety of guests including Theodore Roosevelt, Mark Twain, and Ethel Barrymore. Book your stay at this "mansion in the woods" and relax in spacious bedrooms that accommodate up to 10 guests. Hillcrest offers boutique experiences such as mystery dinner parties, wine dinners, and bachelorette parties. Owners Kate Wilcox Rodwell and Matthew Rodwell also offer accommodations in an on-site carriage house perfect for your next weekend getaway.



Hartford House
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Hartford House

Geneseo, New York

The Hartford House Bed & Breakfast is a National Landmark Historic Home that was built by Civil War General James S. Wadsworth in 1835 and has been continually occupied by members of the family ever since. Conveniently located on a 70-acre farm in the Village of Geneseo, you'll find a getaway fit for the whole family at Hartford House. For anyone with a hobby or interest in getting outdoors, this spot is home to the Genesee Volley Tennis and Croquet Club, an outdoor pool, and a free soil vegetable farm. You are welcome to explore the park-like grounds teeming with wildlife. It is not unusual to see deer, wild turkeys, foxes, red-tail hawks, and a multitude of other species!



Hartford House
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Charlton Farm

📍 Avon, New York

If history and architecture are a priority on your trip, then it's worth checking out Charlton Farm in Avon. Located on the edge of the town, this home was built in 1894 by J. Foster Warner, the same architect for George Eastman's mansion in Rochester, as a gift to Emmett Jennings and Emma Durand. Jennings is known for starting the stagecoach route that ran between Avon and Rochester. The massive house sits on 30 acres of land and will transport you back in time with its historic architecture. Fresh amenities and modern appliances create a comfortable and cool atmosphere for guests.



Charlton Farm
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Harford House
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Fox Creek Farm

📍 Caledonia, New York

Fall fun should always include a seasonal trip to an orchard or a farm, so why not make a vacation out of it? At Fox Creek Farm in the Genesee River Valley, guests can learn about the farm, interact with animals and cook their meals out of ingredients from the farm and surrounding area. The home itself is an 1800s farmhouse that has been updated with modern appliances and technology, and can accommodate up to six guests. There are also trails all around the property for walks.



HIDDEN *Horse Country*



BOOK YOUR NEXT EQUESTRIAN GETAWAY

Step into a region that feels like visiting the English countryside. Equestrian culture is special in LivCo. Whether you want to ride horses or watch them from afar, you'll find a unique lifestyle in the Genesee River Valley, rooted in hundreds of years of history.



Don your tall boots and Barbour jackets, it's time to embrace horse culture this autumn.

The equestrian-obsessed are said to have one thing in common: they love every single minute of the lifestyle. In the Genesee River Valley, famous for its rich landscape and rolling fields, you'll find the ideal equestrian paradise.

In ways no other animal could, horses have been our constant and irreplaceable companions for hundreds of years. For those who are ready to harness horsepower, you'll find extensive trail systems, comfortable riding weather, and vibrant horse culture in the heart of the Genesee River Valley. And, of course, horse racing.

HORSEBACK RIDING

Saddle up! Traveling on horseback has long been the best way to explore the Genesee River Valley, and today's riders will see much of the same sights and scenery as early settlers. Let the lush forests captivate you with the steady rhythm of hoofbeats. Beginners can opt for a short ride through the woods, while experienced equestrians can create the forest ride of their dreams.

Horseback riding can be a very exciting adventure for lovers of nature. Enjoy a day to yourself surrounded by the beautiful valley landscape while horseback riding in the Genesee River Valley. With tons of farms, stables, and ranches to choose from, beginners and avid riders alike can participate in a unique outdoor experience. Horseback riding provides a combination of working out with a rewarding mental challenge. It improves hand-eye coordination and stimulates positive psychological feelings. So find your next adventure on horseback at these ranches and farms.

OVERLAND MORGAN HORSE FARM

Dansville, New York

Overland Morgan Horse Farm, owned by Bob and Michelle Vanderboschs, is situated on a hilltop in the township of Ossian, New York overlooking the valley. Trained by Michelle and her daughter Beth, their horses are a close nit clan of registered American Morgans of old-style lineage, which means they are built thicker and heavier muscled, ideal for riding hills and trails.

Head to Overland and hit the trail with a comfortable and easy-going horse ride through several hundred acres of wooded trails leading to beautiful hilltop scenic views! You'll enjoy riding at a horse-walking pace with an occasional trot which means no experience is necessary to participate. Plus your guide will provide a tutorial before leaving. Riders will be fitted with riding boots and helmets, or you can bring your own. Get ready for all the likes on your next Instagram post because each horse saddle has a horn bag for your phone so you can snap photos while you ride (safely!).

NUNDA RANCH

Nunda, New York

From trail rides by moonlight to English and Western riding lessons for all skill levels, you'll find incredible experiences and views at Nunda Ranch. With 50 acres of land, the ranch offers a network of trails ranging from easy to intense terrain. No matter your experience level you are sure to enjoy the scenery and beauty of the surrounding valley. Riding with a guide is available through reservation.

And if you're looking to enhance your riding skills, their trainers will provide the tools you need to feel challenged and empowered. They offer lessons for horse jumping, roping, and barrel racing. It's a fun way to get outdoors and no prior horse riding experience is required!



Nunda Ranch
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LETCHWORTH FARM

Nunda, New York

Visit Letchworth Farm, a working horse farm, owned by Daisy Trayford and her husband Richard who have more than 20 years of experience working with horses. Their trail horses are kept specifically for their guided trail rides and are suitable for riders of all levels of experience.

All rides are accompanied by an expert guide who will be there to assist you along the trail. Plus, they offer specialty rides including their two-hour ice cream ride for more experienced riders (ice cream included of course!).

PARADE OF HORSES & HOUNDS

The Genesee River Valley has a rich history of horse culture, with the Genesee Valley Hunt Club celebrating its 146th consecutive year this September. On Saturday, September 24th at sunrise, visitors can line up along Main Street in Geneseo to watch the Parade of Horses and Hounds, which begins at the Wadsworth Homestead, then makes its way down Main Street to Hartford House for the opening weekend of the hunt season. This spectacle of riders on horseback in their formal frock coats, with the long-legged foxhounds trotting obediently at the horses' sides, is a rare glimpse into the formality of many years ago.



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GENESEE VALLEY HUNT RACES

An event that has taken place in Geneseo for more than 120 years, the Genesee Valley Hunt Races is a family-friendly, daylong horse racing event happening on Saturday, October 8th this year. With over \$30,000 in prize money, the Genesee Valley Hunt Races attract steeplechasers from across the eastern seaboard to compete. The day includes a petting zoo and stick-horse races for the kids, craft beverages and foods, shopping, and live music. You will get to enjoy dog jumping and agility competitions, sled-dog demos, and “weiner dog” and Jack Russell Terrier races, in addition to equine events, horse racing, and tailgating picnics!

The Hunt Races take place in a large rolling field converted into a grass race course. In the feature races, Thoroughbreds race three miles in a true test of stamina and athleticism, jumping 18 timber

fences, all within view of the spectators. In other races, the contenders are ponies, stock horses, draft horses, and polo ponies — shorter races but still lots of fun.

One of the best ways to celebrate a fall day at the races is with a tailgate picnic. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors and lay out a picnic spread in the back of your SUV, mini-cooper, or pick-up — any type of vehicle works. Whether your style is grand with champagne, silver chafing dishes, and crystal goblets, or rustic with checkered tablecloths, chips and dip, and craft beer, create a personalized tailgate experience that you and your guests will love! At the tailgate, you'll be right on the front lines to watch the horses race by as well.

Have a competitive side? There is an annual Tailgate Competition that you can enter with award categories including “Best Culinary Experience,” “Best Hunt/Equestrian Theme,” and “Best New York State Farm to Tailgate.” The sky is the limit for the competition - we encourage you to go “full method” - come in costume, and bring your best ice sculpture, elaborate grazing board, or beverage fountain to wow the judges.



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Guest chefs and celebrities judge the tailgates on presentation and taste with first, second, and third place awards in each category. Our team will be hosting a tailgate as well, so be sure to stop by the Visit LivCo picnic for a treat!

The Hunt Races are a dog-lovers paradise! Enjoy the great outdoors with your friendly, leashed dog. Vendors will be set up on the grounds offering food, drinks, and shopping throughout the day. Make sure to check out the New York Food and Wine Farmers' Market where you can enjoy samples of local cheeses, wines, craft beer, and spirits. The Hunt Races is like an old-fashioned country fair with a race track instead of a midway. You won't want to miss it!

Celebrating Craft Cider

MEET OUR CRAFT
BEVERAGE PRODUCERS



**ELISE
SMITH**

📍 OSB Ciderworks

Do you have any business partners?

No other partners, but I have a rad team which is why OSB is exactly what it is: my rad brother Eric, Prof, Lunch Pal, Anthoné, Ben, Livingston (Keg-O), Hary, Roy Wells, Andy, Leanna, Justin, Brando, Becca, Annie, and Dave. My brother Elijah makes all the mugs for our amazing Cider Crew members. I might own it, but at the end of the day it can't function without all of its organs. I'm lucky to have these people in my life and even more fortunate to have them on this wild ride with me.

Tell us a little bit about OSB Lakeville:

Started in 2016, the OG spot! It's a community of amazing customers that have become our family and has been doing its thing for six years.

Why did you open your business in Livingston County?

Livingston County is home. It's family. It's our roots forever. My brother, Eric, and dad, Smitty, asked me to come do this cider thing with them. Lucky for us, mom and dad had the perfect place.

What's the best thing about being in Livingston County?

The small community that is so willing to help each other. It's like no other. Our neighbor Harry welds stuff for us. Our buddy Dobber fixes things at a moment's notice! We have the most amazing community of family and friends.

Is this what you thought you'd be doing as a career?

I always knew I would be designing for my own thing, but I never thought that thing would be cider. I thought I would have an ice cream company in San Diego. I was in pastry school right before I came back (to New York) for this.

What sets OSB cider apart from other ciders?

Our unique flavors and our rotating taps. Our willingness to make something so weird we might (end up) dumping it out. We're always dreaming up new things for our cider family to try.

What's your favorite thing on your menu right now?

Fuzzy Basil – it's refreshing to have (peach) back and tasting as amazing as I remember it.

What is your go-to food pairing for cider?

It truly depends on the cider. I have been sipping the Fuzzy Basil while eating ricotta on sourdough with a cherry tomato "chutney," and it's epic. My buddy Ryan Staples made a killer chicken wing sauce with our Cherry Cherry cider (find it on his Instagram: @dad_chef_ontherocks). I made it in the air fryer and was amazed at how tasty it was alongside a pint of the Cherry Cherry.



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Tell us a little bit about the OSB Buffalo:

It's definitely a wild vibe. We embraced a lot that the space had to offer. We didn't tear it out and start blank, (just) took its funk and totally went with it. It's got flowers on the ceiling and grass on the walls. Tons of graffiti, a surf wave wall and cloud lights. It's a SoCal feel I genuinely love to be in, and it's so awesome that we have been able to create a similar family vibe in the city of Buffalo. Our customers there are so amazing! Some Cider Crew member's dad is now my handyman, and I've had my dog watched by some crew members who've become amazing friends. People wanna have wedding afterparties, going away parties and graduation celebrations. How did we get so lucky that people want us involved in such monumental moments?! We don't deserve such badass people and we are beyond grateful!

Is OSB available by the bottle or can?

Not yet, but we hope to have this in the future. It will be a fun new challenge to design a package. We do crowler and growler fills to-go so you can enjoy it at home or take it to friends.

What's coming up for OSB this fall/winter?

The annual Fall Fling on October 15, where we'll have Elijah's glass pumpkin patch and a few new vendors for your enjoyment. We can't wait to put that Hold the Crust Apple Pie Cider back in your hands, and we might have a new flavor or two hitting the taps... We are also putting an addition onto the back at Lakeville, and Eric and the team will brew there so the front area can be just for guests. We can't wait to give it a fun facelift and creative vibe for you all to enjoy this winter.

What's the most important lesson you've learned as a young entrepreneur / what advice would you give to someone else?

You can have an idea and a plan for what you're doing and that's cool. But you need to adapt and evolve as things come. Don't be so set on 'it's going to be this' – because what you didn't expect it to be could be so much more epic than you ever imagined.


Anything else you'd like to add?

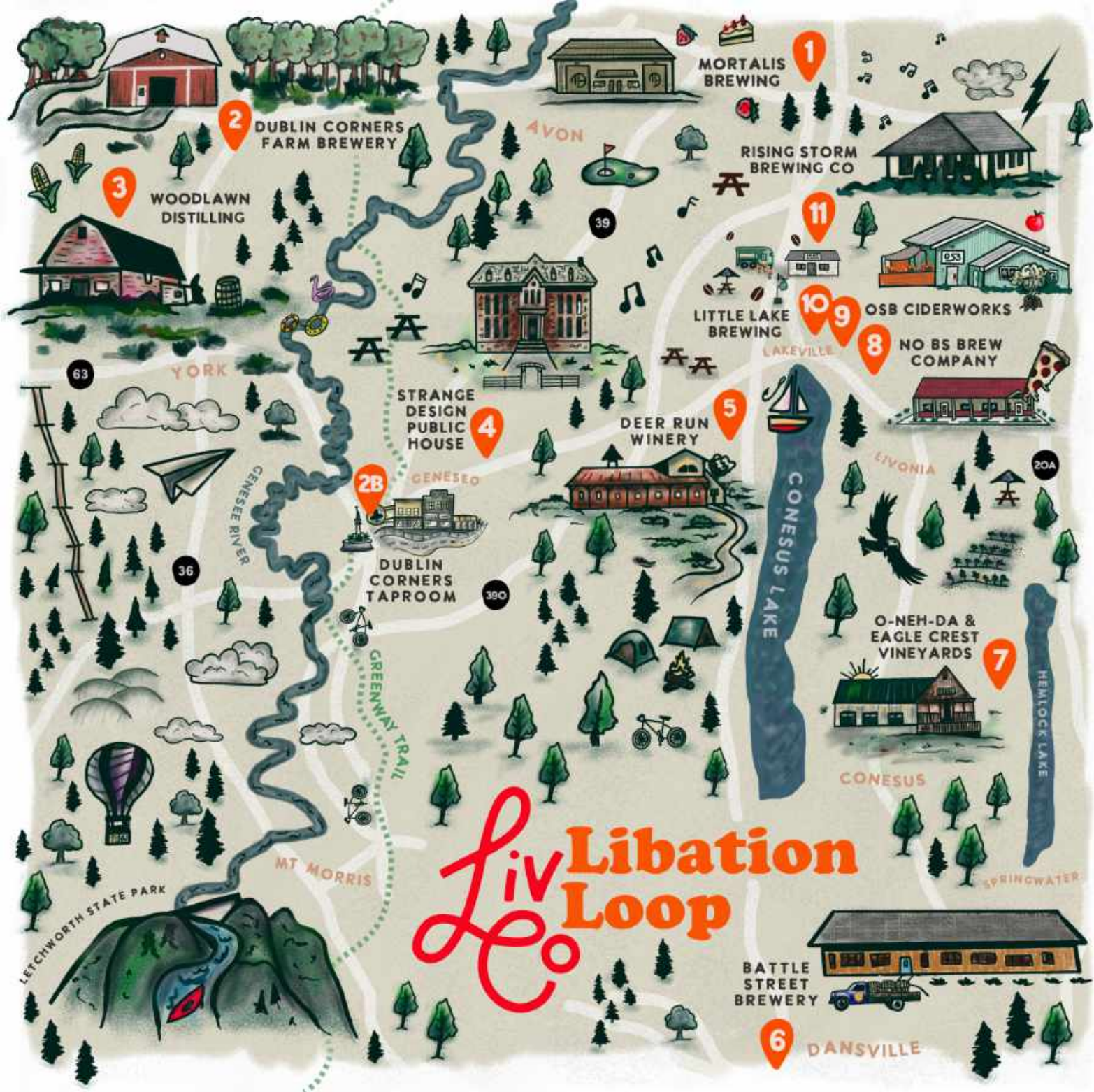
Thank you so much to everyone who believed in us. Thanks to everyone who supports us. Thank you for every bit of help and encouragement along the way. Thank you for allowing us to love you and love us in return. OSB is what it is truly because of everyone who drinks it, reps it, and loves it like it's theirs!



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Liv Libation Loop

YOUR GUIDE TO CRAFT BEER, WINE, CIDER & SPIRITS IN LIVCO

Livingston County is home to more than a few renowned craft beverage makers, sourcing local ingredients and offering the perfect opportunity to stop, sip and savor time with friends and family. Be sure to check them all out and tag #LivCoLibationLoop and @visitlivco to share your adventures!



FALL FUN

Harvest season is an abundance of fun in Western New York.

There's no question harvest season is a fun few months in Western New York, as the abundant farmland in LivCo provides family friendly activities from apple picking and pumpkin patches to hayrides and corn mazes.

Local produce peaks, with farm stands unloading a bounty of gourds and baked goods. So pack up the car and take a full weekend to 'fall in love' with the best of what Livingston County has to offer this season.



PUMPKIN PICKING

Before it becomes a hotspot for Christmas trees and wreaths, the family-owned and operated Baughman's is a pumpkin patch every year until late November. Wheel through the acres to pick your perfect orange orb, then take it home to carve up into scary porch decor for trick-or-treaters. Swing through J & A Farm Market in Avon, a family-owned and operated greenhouse and farm market where you can stock up on mums, gourds, baked goods and pumpkins during the fall season.

GENESEE COUNTRY VILLAGE & MUSEUM

Spend a day exploring the largest living history museum in New York State, with a working, historic nineteenth-century village of 68 buildings including the John L. Wehle Gallery, home to one of the finest collections of sporting and wildlife art in America. Check out the Nature Center for hundreds of acres of woodlands, meadows, old fields, geologic formations, ponds, and streams. The five miles of themed nature trails and 175 acres of wildlife habitat are open to the public year-round.

Harvest season is a particularly lively one at GCV&M. Sip brews at the Hop Harvest Festival on September 10th, attend one of the multi-course, period-appropriate Hosmer's Inn Dinners, and experience old-country living at the Agricultural Fair with vendors, live animals, and more. And celebrate spooky season at their candlelit ghost tour during Spirits of the Past.



LETCWORTH STATE PARK

Head to Letchworth State Park for 66 miles of hiking trails and picturesque roads that provide breathtaking views of the three main waterfalls — the largest of which flows over a 600-foot cliff. Visit during autumn for immaculate leaf peeping (we recommend packing a charcuterie picnic and enjoying the view). While in Letchworth, be sure to check out the Autism Nature Trail (ANT), the first-of-its-kind interactive nature trail for everyone - especially visitors on the autism spectrum and those with different levels of abilities.

As one of the largest outdoor spaces, it makes sense Letchworth would play host to several fall events, notably the 4th Annual Fall New York State Yoga Festival, a daylong yoga, hiking, and shopping event on Sunday, October 2nd. Head back into town for the annual Letchworth Arts & Crafts Show, from October 8th to 10th, to check out over 200 arts and crafts vendors.



EXPLORE TEN STATIONS ON THE AUTISM NATURE TRAIL

- 1 Sensory Station: A collection of leaves, moss, fossils, and animal fur to touch, handle, and smell
- 2 Sunshine Slope: A gentle maze that includes a viewing platform, three cocoons, and "Alone Zone"
- 3 Music Circle: A variety of nature-inspired musical instruments encouraging creativity
- 4 Curiosity Corner: A gliding seat, ant-shaped boulders, and access to a cut-through back to the beginning of the trail
- 5 Reflection Knoll: A quiet halfway point under a canopy of trees, with etchings of woodland creatures hidden in the boulders
- 6 Meadow Run and Climb: A place to run, jump and balance along beams and an obstacle course
- 7 Design Zone: A space where visitors can manipulate materials into patterns and structures
- 8 Playful Path: A place of twisting paths with surfaces including coarse gravel, log rounds, and sand
- 9 Caroline's Nook: An area of carefully spaced seating set under a natural canopy
- 10 Celebration Station: A final stop for visitors to express themselves through writing and drawing



But first,
Coffee

Find a cozy coffee shop in LivCo on a chilly autumn day for your caffeine fix.

Whether you're just passing through, or you're looking for a place to make your daily visit for all your caffeine cravings, LivCo has an abundance of unique and delicious coffee shops for you. From bar-like ambiance and classic cafes great for remote work to a rainbow-hued trailer that travels around, find your favorite vibe.

There are plenty of faceless chain coffee shops, but small-town cafes offer much more. Coffee shops build community and take on the character of their owners, patrons, and locations. Our locally-owned coffee shops serve roasted blends and freshly baked treats with a vibe that you won't find anywhere else. Whether you enjoy a daily matcha or an iced latte with extra whip, you'll find a blend to satisfy. Check out these must-stop coffee shops in LivCo:

Cricket's Coffee Company

Geneseo, New York

For a solid brunch and work spot in downtown Geneseo, Cricket's is the go-to. Twinkling lights lead to chalkboard menus, where you have an abundance of sandwiches and pastries to choose from. Try the pesto egg and ricotta toast, strawberry Nutella croissants, or 'The Hangover' sandwich. Pop open your laptop, order some coffee and settle in for a tasty work sesh.

little Lake Brewing

Lakeville, New York

It's easy to "get hooked" on little Lake Brewing. Established in 2017, the company has been roasting its own beans and serving up tasty breakfast sandwiches for years in Lakeville. There is a lot of meaning packed into its name, too: 'little' references the owner's mother's maiden name, the little Finger Lake it is located by, and to emphasize it is a micro beverage center with small-batch, artisan beverages brewed on site. The 'Lake,' of course, references Conesus Lake. With 14 different roasts of coffee and four small batch beers made onsite along with seltzers and wine from around the region, there is a 'little' something for everyone.

Anchor's Coffee

Nunda, New York

Located in downtown Nunda, Anchor's Coffee offers espresso, specialty coffee, and daily brews for every coffee lover. While you're there, pick up their homemade cinnamon rolls, pastries, cookies, and fresh green salads. Enjoy warmer fall days on their outdoor patio or spend a chilly day perusing the attached art gallery behind the shop.

Cosmic Charlie Cafe

Geneseo, New York

An astronaut with coffee floats across the rainbow galaxy painted on the outside of Geneseo's roving coffee shop. Cosmic Charlie serves up coffee, burritos, and 'space junk' to those looking for an out-of-this-world pick-me-up. The coffee menu consists of cold brew, iced chai, iced tea, Vietnamese coffee, iced matcha, and chocolate milk. Try a breakfast burrito or chilaquiles with your drink, and don't forget the 'space junk,' which ranges from ice cream sammies to seltzer, depending on the day's vibes.

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Homegrown Coffee Bar
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Homegrown Coffee Bar

Dansville, New York

Homegrown Coffee Bar brings the brewery experience to coffee with a laidback environment and plenty of seating. Homegrown specializes in custom coffee flavors, locally sourced ingredients, and Instagram-worthy seating spots. Check out this shop for pour-over coffee, Italian sodas, and freshly baked pastries and ask about the kids' menu for your tiny tag-alongs. Get to Homegrown early on Saturday mornings for their weekly coffee flights, featuring a different mix of flavors every week!

Milk & Honey Cafe

Lima, New York

In the little town of Lima, a new coffee shop has arrived. Its black façade and rich wood door welcome visitors into a warm and comforting shop filled with classic coffee drinks and delectable baked goods. Living up to its motto "Life is sweeter here" Milk & Honey has daily baked goods (including gluten-free options!) from peach turnovers to red velvet cake to cinnamon rolls. You can also find healthy options including fancy toasts, specialty sandwiches, and seasonal salads.

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The Sugar Bowl

Dansville, New York

Visit the Sugar Bowl to enjoy an array of drinks and sweets in a charming venue inspired by the café culture of Europe. Try an energizing cup of coffee or espresso drink made from locally roasted beans by Evening Star.



MacFadden Coffee Co.

Dansville, New York

Spot by this cozy coffee shop in the heart of Dansville. Bubble tea lovers will be in luck here or find something classic like their green or black tea options. MacFadden's serves up baked goods, lunch options, and be sure to try their signature egg sandwich.



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Lake Bum Co. Makes Waves



Conesus Lake
Kara Ayres/Canter Photography

As warm weather slips away, Lake Bum Co. keeps the summer vibes going all year long.

Follow Lake Bum Co. on Instagram, and you'll find countless pictures of #lakelife: rippling blue waves, brightly colored wake-surfing boards, and spectacular sunsets fill the screen. But what does each picture have in common? Sweatshirts, t-shirts, and trucker hats featuring Lake Bum Co.'s eye-catching logo.

Founders Alexis Merle and Mary Ellen Merle Calabrese launched Lake Bum Co. with the goal of creating a product that embodied their summer lifestyle on Conesus Lake – the sisters-in-law from Dansville visit a shared family lake house each weekend.

Calabrese, who described the brand as 'trendy and cool,' was inspired by beach brands you might find in the Caribbean or Florida. "There's nothing like that in our area," she said. "We spend the summers here, and we wanted to find something that we want to wear. So, why not just create it?"



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The sisters-in-law work together, with Calabrese spending more time on the business side, and Merle tackling social media and the designs themselves.

Each collection will be a limited release, with new designs launching each summer. The pair markets the brand to locals and vacationers alike who return to the lake and LivCo each summer. Merle said she hopes to make launches an ongoing tradition for the community.

“You don’t have to travel to have a getaway,” said Calabrese. Both women stressed the importance of Livingston County’s community to their new business. By showcasing the lake lifestyle, they believe they can work together with other local businesses to increase tourism and appreciation for Conesus Lake.

One such moment was a recent pop-up shop at little Lake Brewing. Not only did locals come to support the shop, but shoppers made the drive from Rochester after seeing advertisements on social media. The sale went better than expected and more stock has already been re-ordered for another launch.

“The goal with (pop-up) partnerships is we can recreate a day at the lake by showing people buying the clothing where they can get a good craft beer or iced coffee,” said Calabrese. “We can be mutually beneficial.”

During the off-season, the sisters-in-law plan to keep growing Lake Bum Co. They recently launched a website, will be creating fresh designs for next summer’s launch, and may even sneak in a launch just before Christmas (keep your eye out!). They plan to dabble in children’s and baby clothes, and may even expand to include other lakes in the area – but LivCo will always come first.

“We spend a lot of time in this county, and we have no intentions of moving,” said Calabrese. When someone wears the Lake Bum Co. brand, the duo hopes to spread pride for Livingston County and wants customers to feel like they are on vacation.

“You’re a local when you’re wearing it,” said Merle.

YOU'RE A LOCAL
WHEN YOU'RE
WEARING IT.

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GET OUTDOORS

PET FRIENDLY SPOTS
Explore LivCo with your furry companion

There's no need to leave your best friend behind when you embark on a LivCo getaway!

The dog days of summer may be over, but your pup is welcome during all seasons in LivCo! With miles of open spaces, public parks, waterways, and pet-friendly businesses, you never have to leave your favorite furry friend at home again.

Luckily for us, the Genesee River Valley is home to a bunch of dog-friendly hiking trails, shops, restaurants, breweries, and patios to choose from on those days that make you excited to hang out with your canine companion (and maybe even your friends and family). When bringing your pooch out in public, please keep your dog's personality in mind, be respectful of the place you're in, and the people around you.

PLACES TO HIKE

It's the perfect time of year to get outdoors and who better to spend it with than your favorite furry friend. Yes, we are talking about that little doggo of yours. The Genesee River Valley is full of hiking trails for you and your dog to enjoy together. Whether you are looking for a challenging hike or a laid-back stroll, opportunities to take in the beautiful nature of the area are just steps away. If this sounds like the workout experience you and your dog have been looking for, then check out these dog-friendly hiking trails around the region.

INDIAN FORT NATURE PRESERVE

Geneseo, New York

If you want to escape into nature on a dog-friendly trail, Indian Fort Nature Preserve is the perfect place to go. This 60-acre forest has several miles of beginner-friendly trails, shoreline views of the Genesee River, and the remnants of structures built by the Onon:dowa'ga tribe, a member of the Haudenosaunee League of Nations. Pack a snack for you and your pup along with plenty of water to explore all day. Don't forget a towel in case the water looks too good for your dog to resist!

AL LORENZ STATE PARK

Mount Morris, New York

If you want to stay close to the action without braving the crowds at Letchworth, nearby Al Lorenz State Park is a great option to get into the woods and tire your dog out. This park has 80 acres of forest with a 4-mile loop that's easy to follow and takes you past the shores of the Genesee River. Make sure to keep your dog or cat on a leash, under control at all times, and clean up and dispose of any pet waste while visiting.



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STONY BROOK STATE PARK

Dansville, New York

Take your pet on a hike chock-full of waterfalls, cliffs, and forest-covered woodlands at Stony Brook State Park. You can choose from three different hiking trails, we recommend the Gorge Trail which is the easiest and most scenic. Spend your day exploring with your pet, just make sure they are supervised and leashed at all times.

PARKS TO EXPLORE

HIGHLAND PARK

23 Highland Road, Geneseo, New York
Off-leash? Yes, in the fenced dog park.

MARK TUBBS MEMORIAL PARK

7384 Ziegler Drive, Lima, New York
Off-leash? No, please keep your pup leashed.

AVON DRIVING PARK

350 Spring Street, Avon, New York
Off-leash? No, please keep your pup leashed.

BABCOCK PARK

Rotary Park, Dansville, New York
Off-leash? No, please keep your pup leashed.

FARMERS MARKETS

Grab your tote bag and a leash because your furry friends are welcome at all of our farmer's markets! Shop local produce, home goods, artwork, ethically-raised meats and more as you and Fido explore the best of what LivCo has to offer. You'll find something delicious to eat and tire your pup out at the same time.

PUP-FRIENDLY PATIOS

The world is becoming more and more dog-friendly. And many of us want to bring our pups everywhere! They are so stinkin' adorable and make the perfect excursion buddies. Don't want to leave your furry friend at home while you grab a bite? LivCo is home to several eateries that welcome your furry friends to grab a seat (under the table) at their pet-friendly patios.

BAR-EAT-O

Geneseo, New York

Offering a wide selection of craft beers plus tacos, burritos, salads, and rice bowls.

VILLAGE TAVERN

Geneseo, New York

Classic tavern fare with tons of craft beer on tap in the heart of Geneseo.

MORTALIS BREWING

Avon, New York

Well-known brewery with a wide range of delicious and unconventional beers.

CAFFE TAZZA

Dansville, New York

Intimate wine bar serving wood-fired pizzas and tapas style bites.

DUBLIN CORNERS FARM BREWERY & TAPROOM

Linwood and Geneseo, New York

Serving up brews with homegrown hops and local New York State ingredients.

TOM WAHL'S

Avon, New York

Old-fashioned burger shop known for the Wahlburger™ and handcrafted root beer.

MAMA MIA'S

Geneseo, New York

New York Style pizza, fountain drinks, and grab-and-go style dining.

RISING STORM BREWING

Avon, New York

Small-scale microbrewery with plenty of outdoor seating.

SHORELESS ACRES

Livonia, New York

Stop in for homemade cider donuts and breakfast sandwiches.

STRANGE DESIGN PUBLIC HOUSE

Geneseo, New York

Indulge in comfort food, rotating beer menu, and plenty of space for your furry friends.

O-NEH-DA VINEYARD

Conesus, New York

The oldest sacramental winery in the country serving up small-batch table wines.

NO BS BREW COMPANY

Livonia, New York

Enjoy 15 beers on tap plus mixed drinks, local wine, and alcoholic slushies.

LITTLE LAKE BREWING

Lakeville, New York

Micro beverage center with small batch, artisan coffee and craft beer brewed on site.

OSB CIDERWORKS

Lakeville, New York

Tasty libations for cider enthusiasts plus live music on the weekends.

BATTLE STREET BREWERY

Dansville, New York

Craft beer, live music, and outdoor seating close to downtown.

WANT TO KEEP YOUR PUP
HYDRATED? SCAN BELOW TO
SHOP OUR LIVCO WATER BOWLS.



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LIVCO
— NEW YORK —

**NATSUKI
TAKATA**
📍 TSUNAGU Box Project

MEET OUR MAKERS, CREATORS, & SHAKERS



Fall harvest season is the time to connect with sustainable food and practices.

Meet Natsuki Takata, the SUNY Geneseo student whose transforming leftover food from farmers' markets into sustainable and affordable meals.

Natsuki Takata is a Business Administration and Sustainability Studies Major at SUNY Geneseo. Born in Japan, Natsuki came to Geneseo as a first-year student in 2020 and became highly integrated into the community as a Residence Assistant for International Student Engagement, member of the Business Excellence Program, Food Security Advocate, and intern with the Office of Sustainability.

With a passion for sustainability and a goal to reduce food waste in Livingston County, Natsuki began a community-based enterprise called TSUNAGU Box Project to promote food justice and climate action in the region. This project takes leftover produce generated by local farms and repurposes it as healthy meal-prep boxes sold at the Geneseo Farmers' Market to make produce more accessible to and affordable for students.

The leftover produce from local farms may not look like what you'd find in the grocery store, but the fruits and vegetables in TSUNAGU boxes are nutritionally rich, adding vitamins and nutrients to everyday meals. The boxes also come with recipes, developed by another SUNY Geneseo student who has experience as a restaurant chef, which helps make cooking easier.



Tell us a little bit about you and what brought you to Geneseo:

I am majoring in Business Administration and Sustainability Studies at SUNY Geneseo. I decided to come to the college from Japan to learn advanced business while improving my language skills. I found the impressive activities at the Office of Sustainability on social media and wanted to be involved.

Describe your involvement off-campus and the concept behind TSUNAGU Boxes:

To reduce food loss in the local area and help students afford healthy food, I launched the TSUNAGU Box Project. Based on research, I found that small family farms tend to have labor shortages and go to farmers' markets to sell produce, but excess food goes to waste or stays on the ground. Thus, I decided to rescue these fruits and vegetables and package them with a recipe so students can afford local fresh food. "TSUNAGU" means "to connect" in Japanese just as this project connects people with food.

What do you like about Livingston County?

I like the nature and scenery of Livingston County. Letchworth State Park is spectacular and Conesus Lake is gorgeous, but I also like how people in this county enjoy nature each season with hiking, camping, swimming, winter sports, and potlucks of seasonal dishes. My favorite time, especially when I'm exhausted from school work, is relaxing with the view of the Genesee River Valley from the gazebo at SUNY Geneseo.





What do you hope to accomplish during your time in Geneseo?

I want to contribute to building a sustainable environment in Geneseo and want to leave proof of my accomplishment. I am glad to continue what previous Geneseo students have achieved, such as the on-campus garden, composting program, and thrift shop, but I wanted to start something new. Since my project starts in August and ends in October, it is a good time to work on plans to ensure the project can continue after I graduate.

What are some ways locals and students can be more sustainable?

Everyone can be more sustainable in their own ways. A great resource is the Sustainability Map on the SUNY Geneseo website which uses an interactive storytelling map to show leading sustainability efforts on campus and throughout the world. You can find easy ways for you to engage with sustainability.

Visiting local stores, restaurants, or farmers' markets is an easy way to start being sustainable. These stores usually sell local products, which help you invest in your community and minimize your carbon footprint. And you can make a connection with your neighbors. I like to converse with locals because I can always learn something new from them.

Where can people learn more?

Follow the project on Instagram @tsunagu_sustainability.



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Did you know a lot of food waste comes from within our homes where we tend to desire healthier meals? Food scraps produce methane, a potent greenhouse gas found in landfills. Using more sustainable practices and eating locally can reduce waste and contribute to a green society.

On campus, the SUNY Geneseo Office of Sustainability leads Sustainability Month in October every year, Natskui's project will support the efforts of this initiative allowing students to try meals made from local ingredients, learn from local farmers, and enhance their nutrition. The word "TSUNAGU" is the Japanese word for "connect", something Natsuki does every day. Making connections with local farmers and connecting students to affordable, healthy meals. Her work is creating a place where people can be inspired to cook and live more sustainably.

FIND YOUR MARKET

What's in season at the farmers' markets in the fall? Cooler weather brings the peak of fall harvest and the chance to start making autumn stews and soup with new types of fruits and vegetables. Green beans are back at the farmers' market, bell peppers and shishito peppers continue strong. Enjoy local mushrooms, including young shiitakes, and buy beautiful pumpkins and winter squash for eating and decorating. As the colder weather arrives, look for greens, squash, and roots at the farmers' market. Not sure what to try? Don't be afraid to ask for local recommendations!

Fall produce provides inspiration for packing healthy lunches and celebrating fall holidays. Whether you stop at weekly farmers' markets, farm stands, or U-pick farms, you'll find it all in LivCo. Check out some spots you need to experience during the autumn months.



TRUE NORTH FARM

York, New York

Driving through York, you'll find a farm that looks a bit different. Most farms in the area are growing food for large dairy herds, True North is growing food for people. Their philosophy centers on using organic seeds and thriving transplants, starting with the health of the soil.

They sell fruits, vegetables, and flowers at their on-site farm stand and donate to food pantries. Plus every year, True North hosts Field to Fork, a dish to pass community dinner to benefit Foodlink NY. This fundraiser will be hosted on October 15th this year in their barn (which doubles as a yoga studio) featuring tasty food and live music.



FIRE CREEK FARMS

Livonia, New York

Fire Creek Farms is a family-owned farm raising all-natural beef, pork, chicken, and turkeys along with free-range eggs. With an on-site farm store, stop by for freshly grown vegetables, wildflower honey, and seasonal produce.

Owners of Fire Creek, Kylie and Jake Stevens, focus on using green, environmentally sustainable growing methods such as natural fertilizers, beneficial insects, and honeybees. When it comes to livestock, they recycle scratched or bruised produce as added supplements for their pasture-raised pork as well as work with local breweries to reuse spent grain for cattle and pig feed.



PROMETHEUS FARMS

Livonia, New York

Stop by Prometheus Farms for seasonal local produce and fresh baked goods. Find everything from vegetables and plants to roasted red peppers and brewed coffee. The small on-site cafe features baked goods with ingredients from the farm as well as craft roasted coffee from Glen Edith and Joe Bean based in Rochester, New York.

Bonus! They have friendly goats you can interact with and goat products that you'll want to bring home with you.



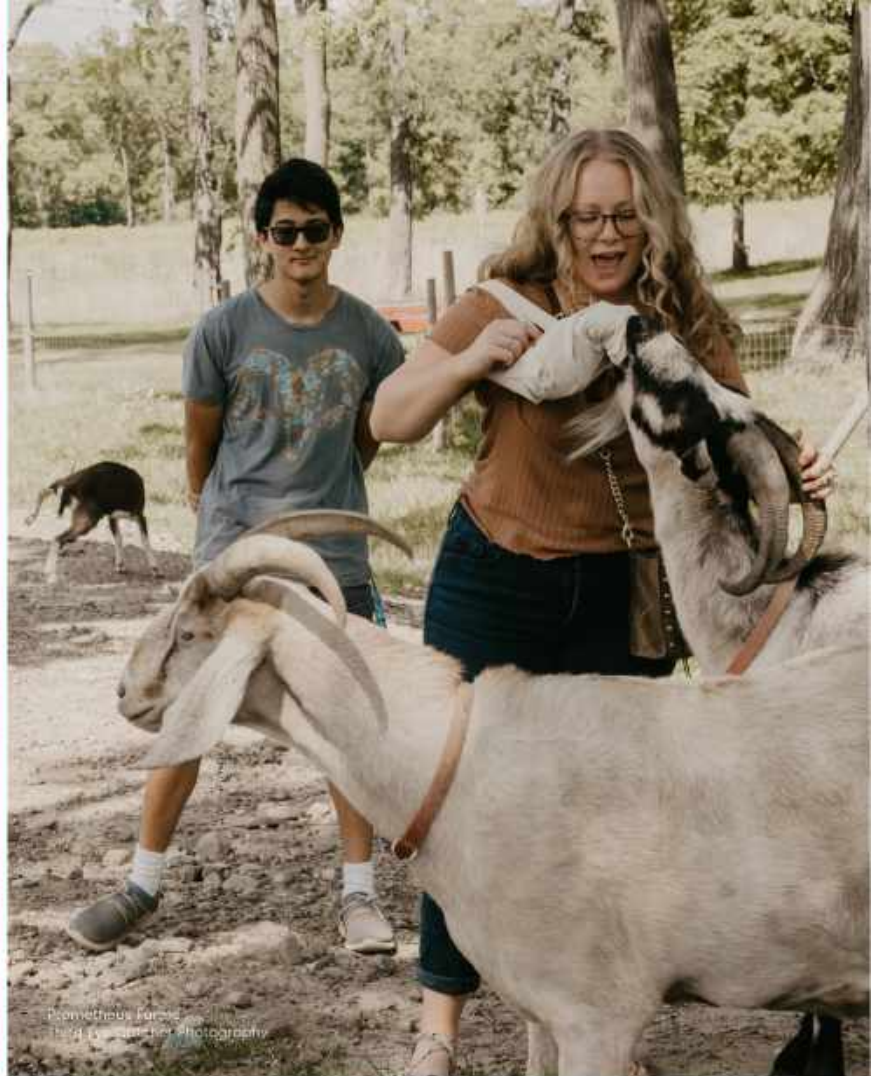
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NATUKI'S TIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING IN THE GENESEE RIVER VALLEY

- 1 Visit Letchworth State Park and take a deep breath.
- 2 Enjoy local food and drinks such as crisp apples, homemade ice cream, and regional wine.
- 3 Talk with farmers at farmers' market to learn more about produce.
- 4 Try hiking on the trails and look out for wild animals and plants. You might find local deer, squirrels, and native plant and mushroom species.



Prometheus Farms
Tina Eyre-Catcher Photography



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Autumn WEEKEND ITINERARY

Take in changing leaves and crisp fall weather on a weekend getaway to Western New York.

It's hard to imagine a more beautiful place to visit in autumn than the Genesee River Valley. The air turns crisp, the skies deepen to a dazzling shade of blue, and the trees fairly explode with fall color.

Fall is a season of comfort — the crisp air smells of adventure, the world around us glows with fiery colors, and the warmth of a fireplace invites family and friends to gather together. Looking for a weekend getaway to enjoy these autumnal feelings? We've rounded up some of your best bets:

WHAT TO PACK

From museums and hiking to antiquing and walkable streets, be prepared for any terrain with high-quality hiking boots, Blunnies or sneakers. Did someone say Sweater Weather? When it comes to clothing, layering is key at this time of year: think zip-up hoodies, chunky knits, and oversized cardigans for a relaxed-yet-refined look. Lastly, rain gear is never a bad idea — throw an umbrella or poncho in your luggage just in case.

Palette

Red Maple
Golden Bronze
Evergreen Pine
Pumpkin Spice
Warm Taupe

Patterns

Plaid Flannel
Dark Florals
Buffalo Check
Warm Gingham
Patchwork

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Brick Inn
Roads Two Travel Photography



Cuesta Lasagna
Third Eye Catcher Photography



Strange Design Public House
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FRIDAY

Settle into your home base for the weekend! If you're a history buff, the Allegiance Bed & Breakfast in Mount Morris will be right up your alley. The hotel-style mansion was established in 1838 and still retains period features inside. Or, if brightly colored bedrooms and floral gardens are your style, check into Blue Rose Bed and Breakfast. You'll want to snap a picture in front of this bright blue house before you even step inside. Located steps from Mount Morris Main Street, the opulence of the Blue Rose's rooms will make you never want to leave.

For a modern bed & breakfast stay, enjoy Brick Inn's luxury rooms, mouth-watering meals, and a large outdoor porch! Each building is filled with history, and the owners are often onsite and willing to share their tips for your weekend adventure.

Start your weekend off with a journey on the LivCo Libation Loop. First up: Strange Design Public House, LivCo's newest brewery. From there, make stops for award-winning brews at Mortalis Brewing Company, drinks at Battle Street Brewery at the former railroad depot, gluten-free options at OSB Ciderworks, and drinks with live music at little Lake Brewing just steps away from Conesus Lake.

Finish off the night with hearty Puerto Rican food at Borikén, a dressier night of authentic Italian cuisine (fresh pasta!) at Questa Lasagna, or classic American tavern bites at High Banks Tavern.

SATURDAY

Start your morning adventures sunny side up at Brian's USA Diner in Mount Morris or The Barn in Piffard. Digest your meal with a walk around the tranquil grounds of the Abbey of the Genesee, attend a monastic talk about their way of life, and shop for the famous homemade Monk's Bread.

Afterward, head to Letchworth State Park, "The Grand Canyon of the East", for miles of hiking trails, countless waterfalls, and beautiful views. Visiting during the autumn season is perfect for stunning leaf-peeping. Stop by the Humphrey Nature Center for interactive exhibits that highlight the plants, animals, geology, and ecology of the park. You can explore one of the several trailheads leading away from the center, including Trout Pond, Inspiration Point Overlook, and the Autism Nature Trail.



Humphrey Nature Center
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Letchworth State Park
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Autism Nature Trail
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Check out the first Artisan Alley in LivCo next to Mount Morris' newest mural!

📍 Mount Morris, NY



SCAN FOR MURALS

Flowers of LivCo by Louise Jones
Keith Walters Photography



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Not up for a huge hike? Check out the Genesee Valley Greenway trail via walk or bike for a scenic route past rivers, and farmlands, and under foliage — you'll have a whole new appreciation for the beauty of Western New York. Plus you can pack up a charcuterie picnic of snacks and enjoy the view.

While you're in the Mount Morris area, be sure to check out all the antique stores with timeless stories to uncover. If you love a unique find or reviving once-loved objects, you'll want to spend time on Main Street wandering through Allegiance Antiques, Trailside Treasures, Carvings & More, Country Gentleman Antiques, and T. Maimone Antiques.



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SCAN TO EXPLORE
ANTIQUE SHOPS

After antiquing, head out of town for wine time. New York State is famous for wineries throughout the region. Visit one of America's oldest wineries, O-Neh-Da Vineyards, on the shores of Hemlock Lake or Deer Run Winery on Conesus Lake. Sweet-smelling fall air, a view of the lake, and a glass of wine are sure to guarantee a delightful afternoon. Come see for yourself why the FLX is the wine region of the east!

End the evening with a casual dinner of tasty dishes served family-style at Ember Woodfire Grill in Livonia or dig into a plate of pasta at Fratelli's in Avon. Then finish the night with a round of mini golf at Minnehan's Fun Center. During a warm fall evening, you can try go-karting with the whole family and enjoy giant cones of ice cream. And on chillier nights, head inside to play arcade games and win lots of prizes. You can also try out the batting cages, a soft play area for the littlest ones, and an arcade area for the gamer in your family.



Minnehan's Fun Center
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SUNDAY

No trip is complete without an amazing meal to think about long after. Wake up in the Village of Mount Morris and head downtown for to Wendy's Pantry & Country Mouse Tea House for a morning brew or edible souvenirs from the in-house gift shop.

Spend your last day in town discovering the rich historical heritage that Western New York has to offer. Explore the past while enjoying the present with a full day at the Genesee Country Village & Museum in Mumfordsville, a living nineteenth-century town covering more than 600 acres. Or book a tour of the seventh generation-operated, historically preserved Wadsworth Homestead in Geneseo.

Finish off the day outdoors at one of the many hot spots to leaf peep in the Genesee River Valley. At the northern end of LivCo, named for a former railroad that runs along the same route, the 2.3-mile Erie Attica Trail is the perfect leaf-peeping spot. Find this trail on the truss bridge that spans the Genesee River. The Erie Attica Trail connects to the Genesee Valley Greenway and is a favorite with birders since it's known for its open fields.

After this summer's heat, foliage across the state is poised to be vivid as ever. Take in the changing colors of the season as you make plans to return again next autumn. I Love NY's Fall Foliage Report starts tracking weekly, starting on September 14th, to see where the region measures up. Anywhere from 'midpoint' to 'peak' on the scale is going to make for stunning visuals, and usually lasts through most of October in Livingston County.



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AUTUMN CALENDAR

of events

Festivals and events are our favorite way for locals and visitors to celebrate together. From fall festivals and outdoor excursions to plays and brunches, see what's happening during your visit!

- Sept 8 **Alan Lutkus International Film Series** Geneseo Riviera | geneseo.edu
- Sept 9 **First Friday** Dansville, New York | dansvillechamber.com
- Sept 10 **Livingston County Farm Fest** Coyne Farms
- Sept 10 **Autumn in the Village** Livonia, New York | livoniany.org
- Sept 10 **Hop Harvest Festival** Genesee Country Village & Museum | gvc.org
- Sept 10 **Outdoor Rec Fest** Letchworth State Park
- Sept 18 **Drag Me to Brunch** Avon Inn | avoninnny.com
- Sept 24 **Chicken Wing Festival** Geneseo, New York
- Sept 29-
Oct 1 **Bombs & Blooms** National Warplane Museum | nationalwarplanemuseum.com
- Oct 1-2 **Agricultural Fair** Genesee Country Village & Museum | gvc.org
- Oct 2 **4th Annual Fall NYS Yoga Festival** Letchworth State Park
- Oct 5 **Sustainability Lecture** SUNY Geneseo Campus | geneseo.edu
- Oct 8 **Letchworth Arts & Crafts Show** Perry Village Park, New York | artswyco.org
- Oct 8 **Genesee Valley Hunt Races** Geneseo, New York | gvhraces.com
- Oct 16 **Drag Me to Brunch** Avon Inn | avoninnny.com
- Oct 21-30 **Spirits of the Past Walk** Genesee Country Village & Museum | gvc.org
- Oct 29 **Murder Mystery Dinner** Avon Inn | avoninnny.com

SCAN TO EXPLORE



Trying to figure out how you want to spend your day can be hard, so we're making it easier. Scan the QR code for even more events happening in the Genesee River Valley. From live music to fall festivals, we hope you'll discover something brand new on your journey through LivCo. Be sure to check them all out and tag #VisitLivCo and @visitlivco to share your adventures!



GETTING HERE AND AROUND LIVCO

Driving to the Genesee River Valley is the preferred transportation method for most visitors to Livingston County. Our roads are calm, and scenic vistas draw you from one destination to the next. In LivCo, traffic jams are practically non-existent (although you might end up behind a tractor or two), but there are no long lines of cars in sight. Parking is easy throughout all nine downtown villages. But if you choose to travel by another means, we have tips on that too.

On the Western Edge of the Finger Lakes Region, Livingston County is only a short drive from three major upstate New York cities, which are accessible by bus, train, and air travel. Rochester is less than 30 minutes north of Geneseo (the seat of Livingston County), while Buffalo is about 70 minutes west, and Syracuse is about 90 minutes to the east. Rochester, Syracuse, and Buffalo each have an airport, bus, and train station.

Biking

Biking is a popular mode of transportation in the Genesee River Valley, thanks to our extended trail systems and smooth country roads.

Parking

Public parking is located throughout our nine villages and is usually free. Look for Department of Transportation signs for more information.

Walking

Our villages are easily walkable! If you're staying in one of our nine villages, you're within walking distance of shopping, restaurants, breweries, and much more.

Rideshare & Taxis

Need a ride home from dinner? We have Uber and Lyft drivers available, as well as standard taxi services.



Driving to Livingston County

Albany, NY	4 Hours
Boston, MA	7 Hours
Cleveland, OH	4 Hours
Erie, PA	2 ½ Hours
Hartford, CT	6 Hours
Montpelier, VT	6 ½ Hours
New York City, NY	5 Hours
Niagara Falls, NY	1 ½ Hours
Pittsburgh, PA	5 Hours
Toronto, Canada	3 Hours

Airports Near By

- ROC - Rochester, NY (30 Minutes)
- BUF - Buffalo, NY (70 Minutes)
- SYR - Syracuse, NY (90 Minutes)
- KDSV - Dansville Municipal Airport



SCAN FOR TIPS & RESOURCES
FOR PLANNING YOUR VISIT

While every effort is made to provide accurate and up-to-date information, specific details are subject to change. Travelers are advised to confirm specifics before making plans.

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