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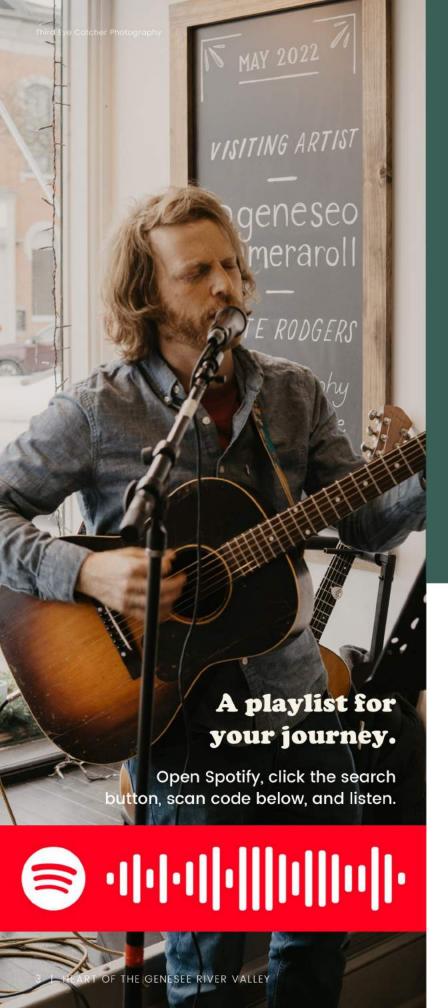
A Word of Welcome

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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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.

Explore Responsibly

For those who harbor the soul of an explorer, Livingston County represents a quest more than a vacation.

We hope you will enjoy an immersive experience in a community where respect for nature rewards you with magnificent outdoor adventures, today and for years to come. As you #WanderLivCo we hope that you will explore responsibly and please 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.

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.

LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

Preserve the past. Observe rocks, plants and historical artifacts.

ENJOY HAPPILY

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

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 sites. Walk in the center of the trail.



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Where the return of warm weather means lazy mornings lingering over a cup of coffee in the sun, long afternoons spent cruising the lake, sipping something cold (and local), and late nights spent dancing with good friends to great music. We call it #lakelife.

Lake life is the best of what summer has to offer; embarking on unplanned adventures with your best friends, and diving into the water headfirst - before you've even had breakfast. It's not about packing your weekends with plans but letting the day take you where it will. You may end up at a mini-golf course, a neighborhood BBQ, a happy hour at a lakeside bar dancing to live music, or enjoying the biggest hot fudge sundae you've ever seen!

It's easy to hop on a bike and ride through local trails during the summertime, or jump in the car and watch the sunset over backroads in the valleys. Walk a charming main street, kayak around one of our lakes or down the Genesee River. Local shops, funky farmers' markets, and people-watching hot spots beckon by midday, as nighttime gives way to farmto-table dinners and drinks from local breweries. However you spend your time here, make it count.

It's time to slow down and spend some time doing what really matters, creating the experiences and memories that bring us together and keep us laughing for years to come. Whether this is your first summer living lake life or your 60th, we're glad to have you here.



A place to taste, toast and treat yourself.

The land of farms, waterfalls, and outdoor beauty. A region of makers, dreamers, and adventurists.





Summer means living lake life, a return to the simplistic pleasures of the season.

Around these parts, summer doesn't mean packing your calendars with plans or running from one place to another. Instead, it's about enjoying pleasures like taking a refreshing morning dip in the lake followed by a cup of coffee in the sun, or lounging around in your pajamas, savoring a plate of pancakes.

Living lake life means taking a half-day on Friday to get the boat in the water and fire up the grill early. It's driving country roads with the windows down and the music up. It's happy hours that turn into group dinners and late-night bonfires. Lake life is where the best of summer meets the perks of small-town living, where there's always a friend to bump into, a new drink to try, and a sunset to savor.

HEMLOCK LAKE

Hemlock Lake is a pristine watershed and wilderness area, looking much the same today as it did 500 years ago. The untouched serenity of the woods makes it an ideal escape from the business of daily life.

Run, hike, bike, and camp the trails around Hemlock Lake or get out onto the pristine water. Only mechanically propelled vessels less than 17 feet and motors with 10 horsepower or less are allowed on the lake to preserve the peace, making it perfect for a day of kayaking, canoeing, or paddleboarding. Pack a picnic lunch and spend hours recharging your batteries in the woods.

If you want to get your steps in, you can stick to the trails that trace the shore or head up into the hills for a view that's worth the climb. There are several trails along Hemlock Lake, the most challenging being Rob's Trail. Rob's Trail is a strenuous 8-mile trail that links Hemlock and Canadice Lakes, taking you through the woods and meadows, over streams and waterfalls, and up and down steep slopes. You'll be rewarded with unforgettable views of the Finger Lakes and the animals who call this area home.





CONESUS LAKE

What can't you do on Conesus? While this Finger Lake may be small in surface area, what it lacks in depth it makes up for in community and heart. Summer brings the shores of Conesus Lake alive with residents and visitors alike, all enjoying the perks of lake life.

Gather up some friends and rent a lakeside home on Airbnb, VRBO, or Finger Lakes Premier Properties. Once you've arrived, hit the water on a warm day to go jet skiing, tubing, waterskiing, kneeboarding, fishing, or just take a pleasure cruise around the lake. There are even paddleboard rentals available right on Conesus Lake.

A cooler summer morning invites you to grab your bike and cycle around the lake. If you don't have bikes to bring, many of the lake rentals include them! While you are out and about, Conesus Lake is a great stop for birdwatching, especially at the Conesus Inlet on the southern end.

Looking for other ways to embrace lake life? Relax on a hammock with a good book, explore a trail that leads to a stunning view showcasing the unique "finger" shape of the lake, or grab a drink or dinner at a lakeside restaurant. Plus don't miss out on community festivals, parades, or fairs in the nearby towns of Livonia, Lakeville, and Geneseo.

THE RING OF FIRE

SURE, YOU **CELEBRATE THE 4TH** OF JULY, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE 3RD?

On Conesus Lake, July 3rd is the celebration. Join in the fun with a day of boating, barbecues, and sunbathing followed by an evening of bonfires.

At 9pm sharp homeowners and visitors around the lake light red flares. creating a ring of fire and giving the lake an otherworldly glow. The night is capped off with an epic amateur firework show.

SCAN TO EXPLORE MORE SUMMER EVENTS



DOCKSIDE BITES

GOOD EATS BY THE WATER



Summer practically begs us to be outside, with long hours of warm sunlight and deliciously cool breezes. Nothing says savoring a summer afternoon like kicking your feet up by the water with a drink and some appetizers.



TEE & GEE

Hang with the locals

Don't miss out on this hidden gem! Tee & Gee is a bar and grill located on the North End of Conesus Lake that definitely requires a visit while you're in the region. Their creative menu has something for everyone from the seared tuna to the crab grilled cheese, you'll be sure to find a tasty meal by the water.

THE BEACHCOMBER

Dock your boat and enjoy

Looking for where the locals hang out right on the water? Then head to the Beachcomber, where locals have been gathering for a good time and a cold drink since 1933. Though the building has changed hands many times, it's never lost the community spirit and relaxed atmosphere that makes it so popular. Order a pint of your favorite and head out to the fire pit to soak up the summer season.

LEISURE'S

Dine out with friends

Stop by Leisure's Restaurant and Event Center overlooking Conesus Lake for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. A perfect stop for groups and families, the relaxed atmosphere of the dining area features a fireplace for cooler summer nights with magnificent views of the lake.







GALENE

Signature seafood on the lake

On the shores of Conesus Lake, Galene is mixing up delicious and creative cocktails to match their upscale American cuisine. Enjoy a glass of something local or try one of their mixed drinks, and don't let the fine dining menu fool you – shorts and flip flops are both welcome here.







Once a popular resort destination, the village of Avon is sure to charm.

Located on the northern end of Livingston County, the village of Avon follows a curve in the Genesee River, creating an idyllic small-town atmosphere. Avon takes its name from the River Avon in England and began as a stagecoach crossing community. Throughout the 19th century, Avon was a popular spa and resort destination, thanks to its natural mineral springs.

The main streets of the Village of Avon exude charm as the walkable sidewalks and eye-catching storefronts invite you to spend a day (or two) exploring everything this quaint destination has to offer. And we've found the best things to do while you're in town this summer in Avon, New York.



Start the morning at Route & Roost

"Hometown chow down" is the motto of Route and Roost, a kitchen and trading post located along highway 5&20. Based on the principle of greattasting, nutritious food at an affordable cost, this is the perfect place to grab breakfast and start your day.

Get your eggs, bacon, or French toast with a side of coffee here, or fill up with a hearty serving of biscuits and gravy. Not in the mood for breakfast food? Order off their lunch menu. You can also grab a snack for later (and even a cooler to keep it fresh on the boat!) at their trading post.





Explore the Genesee Valley Greenway

After breakfast, stretch your legs and explore the Genesee Valley Greenway. There's nothing better than being outside in the summer in LivCo, and there aren't many better places to be outside than the Genesee Valley Greenway. Hike a section of the 90-mile trail and immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of nature.

Enjoy the shining sun, forest fresh air, and singing birds as you wander at your own pace. The greenway crosses over a variety of terrains, home to deer, bunnies, foxes, woodchucks, porcupines, and dozens of birds, so you never know just what you'll see. Access the Greenway off of Route 20.

Snap a photo at the iconic **Five Arch Bridge**

After hiking, grab a group picture at the Avon Five Arch Bridge. Built in 1856, this bridge served as a railway crossing and is notable for the five limestone arches that support the tracks. Though the line was abandoned in 1941, the area around the bridge is now a public park and makes a perfect place to stop, stretch, and grab

a family picture.

Enjoy award-winning brews at Mortalis Brewing

A stop on the Livingston Libation Loop, Mortalis Brewing is known for award-winning, small-batch brews. Their beers follow Latin inspiration and are named after Roman and Greek mythology. Mortalis has an indoor tasting room and outdoor patio, so you can sit, sip, and enjoy no matter the weather. Don't forget to grab a pint or a six-pack to go!



Go classic with burgers and fries from Tom Wahl's

For lunch, head to one of Upstate New York's favorite burger joints, Tom Wahl's. Serving up juicy burgers and crispy fries since 1955, Tom Wahl's knows what they do well, and they've been doing it for a long time.

Inside the restaurant is a step back in time to malted shakes and handcrafted root beers with the same red and white aesthetic they've had for decades. Nothing beats an all-American burger and fries after a morning in the sun, so dig in! Be sure to leave room for a frosty milkshake or towering ice cream cone for dessert.

Celebrate agriculture at the Avon Corn Festival

The 34th Avon Corn Festival is August 13th this year. Produced by the Avon Rotary, the Corn Festival is one part fundraiser, two parts community event, and all-around fun. Corn is a crop that has been a staple in the Genesee River Valley for thousands of years, and this festival celebrates everything it means to the people here.

Enjoy live music, browse local arts and crafts vendors, indulge in some seriously good festival food, and sample local beers (Yes, there's a corneating contest!).





Finish the night with a show at the Avon Park Theater

End your day in Avon with a show at the historic Park Theater. First opened in 1938, the Park Theater has been completely renovated and updated, keeping the vintage charm and history of the theater while bringing in modern amenities and comforts. The theater hosts a wide variety of shows, from independent films to old movie screenings, live music, and more.









Country living in the summer means our farmer's markets are full to bursting with ripe produce, colorful veggies, and juicy fruits, all locally grown. The meats, cheeses, and eggs for sale come from the cows and chickens just up the road, from farmers who care.

Lima Farmers' Market

7295 W Main Street, Lima Tuesdays, 3pm to 6pm

Shop for locally grown produce, baked goods, gifts, spices, sauces, flowers, and more.

Geneseo Farmers' Market

Center Street, Geneseo Thursdays, 3pm to 6:30pm

Shop for local produce, meats, dairy, honey, sauces, crafts, décor, and more.

Dansville Farmers' Market

50 Maple Street, Dansville Fridays, 11am to 4pm

Shop for seasonal produce, flowers, baked goods, and local beef, pork, and chicken.

Nunda Farmers' Market

4 Massachusetts Street, Nunda Saturdays, 9am to 1pm

Shop for locally grown products, pickled goods, jams and preserves, and Amish baked goods.

Little Lakes Farm Market

3837 Center Street, Livonia Saturdays, 10am to 1pm

Shop for local produce, plants and garden items, baked goods, and artisan items as well as fresh eggs and beef.





Our farmers' markets have regular hours so you can always plan a visit, but keep your eyes peeled as you drive the country roads, you never know when you'll happen across a hidden gem of a farm stand with the best honey and the sweetest tomatoes you've ever tasted!



Olde Silo Farm

5486 S Livonia Road, Conesus

A roadside farm market open during the summer where you can pick up homegrown, pesticide-free berries, currants, and rhubarb.

Valley View Farmstead

8071 Groveland Station Road, Dansville

Family flower farm using sustainable practices to grow and produce beautiful farm stand bouquets, heirloom veggies and pasture raised pigs.









Summer fashion calls for bright colors and bold patterns, and no one does that better than Jazz House Designs.

Jazz House Designs sells handcrafted, one-of-a-kind earrings that are as durable as they are eye-catching, perfect for making a statement on all of your summer adventures.

Jazz House Designs is run by Michael Fambro, a Livingston County local, and daughter of world-renowned musician Miché Fambro. Michael's earrings are funky and fun, an eyecatching display of shapes, colors, and patterns. Whether you prefer studs or dangly earrings, you'll find a pair you just can't live without.

Describe your style:

At Jazz House, my motto is "good music & big earrings". My earrings are bold, funky, rhythmic, geometric. I am a child of the 90s, so I'm not afraid of crazy prints, pattern clashing, or color blocking.

Why earrings?

I've always had a passion for big, funky earrings, and finding that perfect unique pair has been a quest I've been on ever since I got my ears pierced. Honestly, I can't believe it took me so long to figure out that I ought to just be making my own! Accessorizing is such a fun way to express yourself. I feel like I can tell a lot about a person by the earrings they're wearing. The human body is a blank canvas and how you've chosen to decorate it says a lot about the person you are.

What is your creative process?

First, the fun part. Getting your design together and creating it. That's a very meditative process. The music is going, you're mixing your own colors, you're finessing this clay, shaping it. Then comes the meticulous part baking them, sanding them, drilling them, the assembly. There's a lot of being hunched over, finger cramping, and trying to get each piece as flawless as possible. I would say that "blood, sweat, and tears" is an applicable phrase.

How did you get into polymer clay?

It was a combination of circumstance and grief. It was a pandemic and all the theaters had shut down - I work in theater, so I suddenly had time on my





hands and creative energy that had no place to go. Also happening at the time, my father had died. My father was world-renowned musician Miché Fambro. We were extremely close, and the grief hit me hard. I had inherited his immense vinyl collection. I couldn't listen to Dad's music, but I found that I could listen to the records, and it was a nice way to bond with Dad from afar. I would listen to an album while playing with clay. He introduced me to the deep tracks of Sonny Rollins, Duke Ellington, Bill Evans, Johnny Guitar Watson, so much Frank Sinatra I can't count, underground punk of the 80s, so much classical.

Listening to these albums, and every time working with clay while I did - I got pretty good by record #43, really good by #67 and by the time | got to #103, | had so many freakin' earrings | had to figure out what the hell to do with them. So, I decided to pick up the ol' family trade and sign up for a festival.

Where does the jazz come in?

I remember talking to a friend about our personal heroes. She is a clever, highly educated person, really knows her stuff. But, I told her that Ella Fitzgerald was one of my heroes and she had never heard of her! This was madness to me, and then I started realizing that hardly anybody knew about jazz musicians - most people think of Frank Sinatra – and I love Frank, but really? There are so many great jazz musicians. That's when I realized that I could try to keep these names alive and help educate people on jazz history. It's musical history, it's Black history, and it's American history. I realize that I'm just one person, I can't do much - but I can try. I think that's all that a meaningful life asks of us, really, is to try. It's been a lot of fun - I've learned a lot along the way.

What's a fun jazz fact?

Gosh, everyone in jazz has had a pretty wild life. Charles Mingus, stand up bassist and composer was a lifelong professional jazz musician, but he also wrote a book. "The Charles Mingus CAT-alog for Toilet Training Your Cat" I wish I could tell you that it's an edgy jazz book, but it's quite literally a book about how to toilet train your cat. I guess we all have side passions? Also, Duke Ellington's first piano teacher was named Marietta Clinkscales. Maybe I'm the only one that thinks it's funny, but honestly what else can you do with your life other than be a piano teacher with the last name Clinkscales?

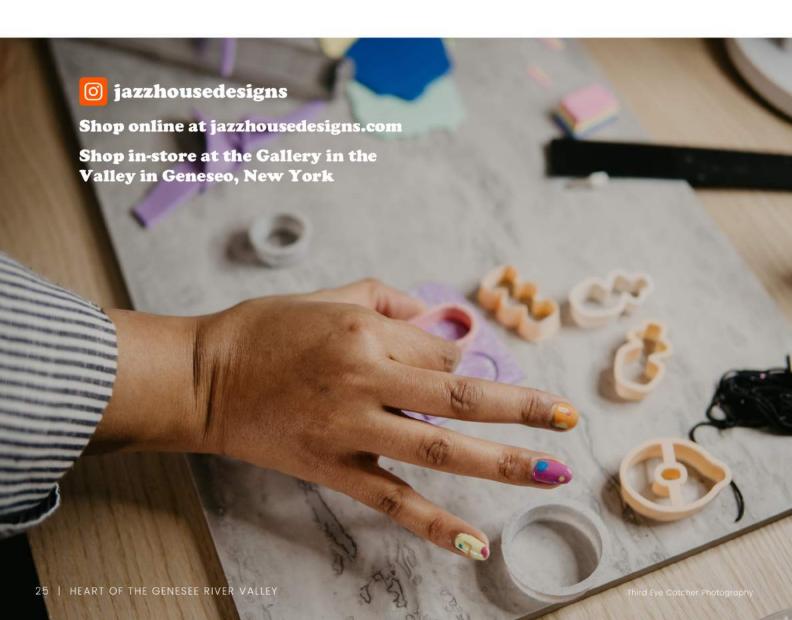
And finally, who is the best jazz artist of all time?

Ella Fitzgerald, no question.

Her earrings are made from polymer clay, a light, durable, sculpting medium. The metal pieces are made from nickel-free stainless steel, so they won't irritate even the most sensitive of ears. With proper care, Michael's earrings can last years, long enough to pass down to your kids or even grandkids (but she can't guarantee they'll appreciate your style!).

Jazz House Designs was created to honor the memory of Michael's father, celebrating his legacy as a jazz musician. When he passed in 2020, Michael found solace in listening to his record collection while she worked with her hands, shaping the clay that would eventually become what Jazz House is today. But her business also celebrates the bond they shared over music and performing, two things Michael loves as much as her father did. The names of her pieces are inspired by jazz history; music and artists, and the influence it has on her pieces is clear.

Michael has deep roots in the Genesee River Valley, where generations of her family have lived, so it was only right to her that this was where she started her business. You can find Jazz House Designs on Instagram, purchase her earrings online, or stop in-store at the Gallery in the Valley on Main Street in Geneseo to browse her earrings, along with other local artists.





Nine festivals in celebration of public art and creativity.

Community murals transform blank building walls into a centerpiece, an easily identifiable meeting spot or a place to grab a picture with a friend.

This summer, nine murals will be created over the course of three weeks in nine villages by worldclass artists. But these artists won't simply paint and leave. The LivCo Walls Mural Festival is a celebration of artistic beauty, community, and the power of coming together.



Saturday JULY 9TH



LIMA Mural Dedication at 1PM

Start the day at the Lima Farmers' Market and continue the festivities with an exciting scavenger hunt, live music, food, and interactive art displays.



CALEDONIA Mural Dedication at 3PM

Interactive art activities are the name of the game at the Caledonia celebration with live music, local food, and beer tent joining in the afternoon.



AVON Mural Dedication at 5PM

Sidewalk chart art accompanies the mural celebration in Avon, along with live music, food from local restaurants, vendor sales, and plenty of fun for the kids.

Hosted in collaboration with Livingston County Economic Development and the consulting services of Alexandra Hall of AH Public Spaces, the LivCo Walls Mural Festival reimagines what our public spaces can be. In addition to the artists creating these pieces, the LivCo Walls Festival will span multiple days of celebration and community togetherness.

Each of the murals will be revealed to the public with a dedication ceremony, a day of art demonstrations, live performances, food, vendors, and family fun.



Saturday JULY 16TH

Saturday JULY 23RD



LIVONIA

Mural Dedication at 1PM

Celebrations kick-off in front of the mural with live music, interactive art demonstrations, local food vendors, and plenty of fun for kids.



LEICESTER

Mural Dedication at 3PM

Continue the celebrations in Leicester with a chicken BBQ, live music, and plenty of family fun. Stop by the local businesses for public art demonstrations.



GENESEO

Mural Dedication at 5PM

Be a part of public art with interactive murals, carvings, paintings, and drawings at the Geneseo celebration. Enjoy live music from local artists, lawn games, chalk art, and food and drink.



MOUNT MORRIS

Mural Dedication at 1PM

Enjoy an afternoon visiting the shops of Mount Morris, as well as food trucks, sidewalk sales, live music, local artist demonstrations, and kids activities all afternoon.



NUNDA

Mural Dedication at 3PM

A farmers' market and art gallery tour kick off the Nunda celebrations along with art demonstrations, live music, the chance to paint a piano, and plenty of food and drink options.



DANSVILLE

Mural Dedication at 5PM

Life-size fairy doors, blocks of sidewalk art, and interactive crafting, enjoy Dansville celebrations all day with local restaurants, live music, vendors, and impromptu poems.













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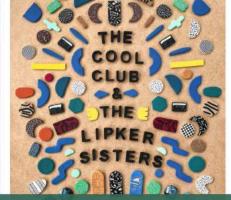
If you want to dance to an irresistible beat, you've come to the right place.

An integral part of lake life is live music. After all, what would the long hours of evening sunlight be without an excuse to gather, dance, and celebrate the pure joy of summer?

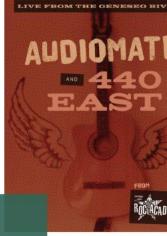
LivCo is fortunate to have an abundance of creative and musical talent throughout the county, so we get to enjoy live music across genres all summer long. A hub for artistic creativity, head to the Genesee River Valley, grab a drink, listen to a performance at a craft brewery, or bring a lawn chair and settle in for a night of music in the park. Our larger venues bring in musical acts of all styles and sizes, so there's always something to jam out to.















GENESEO JAM KITCHEN

If there's live music happening, there's a good chance it's thanks to Geneseo Jam Kitchen. Founded by two Geneseo-based musicians, Jeremy Grace and Chuck Salvaggio, and Geneseo-based art director and gallery owner, Joanna Walters, Geneseo Jam Kitchen knows that live music strengthens community ties and is a vital piece of our wellbeing.

Geneseo Jam Kitchen hosts live music events at venues across LivCo, including the Riviera Theater and Wadsworth Homestead in Geneseo, and features a range of musical acts from local cover bands, to up-and-coming groups, to regional stars. Their shows include a variety of genres and artists to create an inclusive space for all ages to come together.

Creating a sense of community isn't just a saying to Geneseo Jam Kitchen - it's their driving force. Their community roots run deep, with the company taking its name from a 20th-century jam business. Geneseo Jam Kitchen offers its preserves, limited edition concert posters, for sale at the Gallery in the Valley on Main Street in Geneseo. They all feature artwork of local artists!



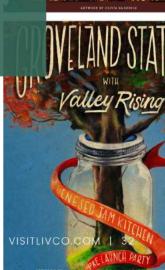
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How did you find yourself in the music world?

I've been playing music since I was a kid. Piano from when I was really little. Around 13, I got my first guitar, and from that point on, it's all I wanted to do.

Why "Temperamental Recordings"?

It started as a running joke. But the bulk of my recording studio is comprised of things I found that were totally destroyed. I have a tendency to repair most things for an intended purpose in the studio. And those pieces have good days and bad days. Some of the recording equipment I use is over 100 years old at this point. Some of the instruments are over 300 years old. The building they're housed in is almost 200 years old! Everything here is a bit temperamental. Including me, I suppose. But those are the sounds I'm looking for.

Why choose to settle in LivCo? What makes it special, for you?

This old building just came along at the right time. I never intended to be back here. I was living in Los Angeles when I found this place. But looking back 13 years at this point, I couldn't have found a better place. I was on American Pickers as a musical instrument appraiser because of this place. I was nominated for a Grammy because of this place. And for a record I made with my childhood friend Zac Decamp that we named Geneseo! It's a good home base for what I do. I can afford to be an artist here. And my biggest professional wins came from seeds that were planted here.

What do visiting recording artists think of your studio space? Any interesting stories you can share?

They love it. It's a good place to hide away and make records where no one will bother you and there are few distractions (unless you're looking for some). I have lots of funny stories. But I think I'm professionally obligated not to tell any of the really good ones. Maybe over a beer at Kelly's sometime.

What do you hope to see come out of the music scene here?

I'd like to see more original artists have an outlet to showcase their talents. Any great music and arts town I've ever spent time in champions its' local creatives. I left this region at 17 because back then there were nothing but cover bands and what amounts to motel room art. It's easy to sit back and rest on what's safe and simple. But every year there's another 17-year-old kid writing songs in their parents' basement and looking for an outlet for their music. I'd like to see musicians building their careers here, not coming back after they've been built.



FANATICS PUB PRESENTS "A WEEKEND OF BLUES"

Hemlock Fairgrounds, New York

Fanatics Pub is a local music venue and sports grill in Lima, New York, offering a summer-long series of live music performances. In addition to live music every week at Fanatics, the pub will be hosting its 2nd Annual Weekend of Blues at the Hemlock Fairgrounds this year.

From June 17th to 19th, buy a weekend pass to enjoy a full roster of blues performances from renowned musicians including Cinnamon Jones, Miller and the Other Sinners, Johnny Rawls, King Solomon Hicks, and the Joe Louis Walker Band. Food and beer trucks will be there all weekend and campsites are available for folks looking for a more immersive experience.

CROSSROADS FESTIVAL

Lima, New York

Mark your calendar for the first weekend of August - the annual Lima Crossroads Festival will return with music, vendors, and food from August 4th to 7th this year! Years ago, there was a raised bandstand used for concerts and town gatherings at the four corners of Lima where the main roads converged in the middle of town. A favorite prank was stealing the ladder while the band was playing!

Since then the Lima Crossroads Festival has been bringing live music to Lima every summer, kicking off with a town-wide parade followed by family activities and performers. Don't miss the iconic bed races (yes, actual beds!) on Saturday afternoon, where teams will speed down the street, competing for the grand prize.



Summer Getaways FOR EVERY TYPE OF TRAVELER



Get the gang together, it's time for a weekend getaway to LivCo!

Summer shines its brightest when you kick back and relax, trading busy mornings and frantic afternoons for lounging in the sun and living life in the slow lane.

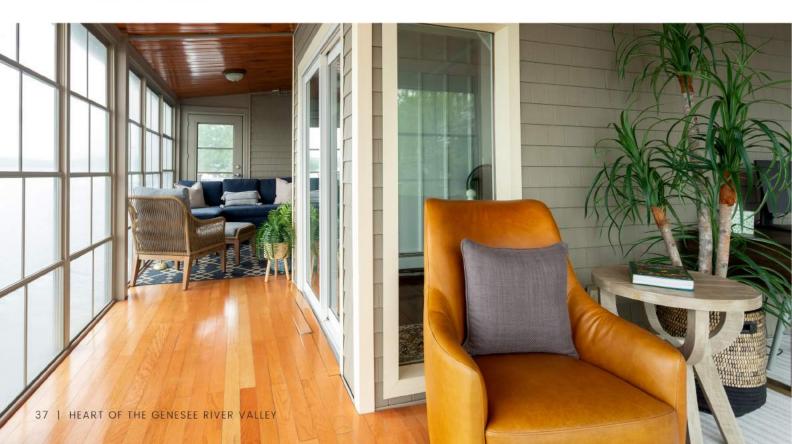
Renting a lake house, glamp site, or ranch house is one of the best ways to enjoy summer, gathering friends or family together for a long weekend under the same roof. Head outside in the morning, read a novel in the shade at noon, and fit in an afternoon nap before firing up the grill for dinner. Leave your emails unread and get together around the table for meals that last hours, games that get everyone laughing, and memories you'll look back on fondly for years to come. Here's our roundup of destinations for every type of traveler this summer:



FOR THE WHOLE CREW

O Unique Lakehouse with Spectacular Views on Airbnb

When was the last time you got all of your friends together under the same roof? With this gorgeous lake house that sleeps 13, there's enough room for everyone to fit comfortably (and enough bathrooms to go around). Picture yourself watching the sunrise with a cup of coffee from the back porch, paddling out onto the lake, and watching the stars come out around a roaring bonfire. Bookmark this house, you'll want to come back again next year!





FOR THE WILD CHILD



Nunda Ranch

Situated just 5 miles from Letchworth State Park, Nunda Ranch is a 50-acre horse ranch overlooking beautiful valleys and scenic gorges. Grab your friends and rent their 4-bedroom, 2.5 bath ranch home which comes fully furnished with an indoor pool, game room, hot tub, and fire pit. For a more primitive experience, travelers can book a ranch hand cabin, that comes with a queen-sized bed, a small table with chairs, and a small stove.

While visiting the Genesee River Valley, embrace the local horse culture and try out one of their trail rides. Enjoy a network of trails ranging from easy to intense terrain. No matter your experience level, you are sure to enjoy the beauty of a trail ride.





FOR THE ADVENTURER

FLX Glamping

Soothing songbirds, whistling pines, and great wines greet travelers who venture out to FLX Glamping at O-Neh-Da Vineyard. Each glampsite offers a curated camping experience close to the wild and a wellstocked winery store just steps away. Your private site will have an outdoor heated shower, premium linens and queen size bed, deck and rocking chairs, a wood stove as well as access to kayaking and bicycling, pontoon boat rides on Hemlock Lake, picnic getaways, and guided nature hikes.



FOR THE FLOWER LOVER

Purple Haze Farm on Airbnb •



When you and the family need to unplug and recharge, there's no better place than a cozy barn on the grounds of a lavender farm. Relaxation is in the air, literally! Let the worries of the world fade away as you settle in, well-manicured grounds stretching outside of your windows for as far as the eye can see. Start your day watching the sunrise over the flowers and head out on a ground tour with your host to explore the farm and breathe in the fresh lavender scent. Best of all, dogs are welcome here!







HAPPY HOUR INTHE SUN

Sit back and enjoy the views at these lakeadajecent bars, breweries, and wineries.

Nothing says savoring a summer afternoon like enjoying drinks at an outdoor patio. Whether you prefer beer, wine, cider, or cocktails, it's the perfect time of year to get outside, pause, and remember how delicious it is to savor the little things in life like a drink and great company.

DEER RUN WINERY

Geneseo, New York

The oldest operating winery on Conesus Lake invites you in for a glass of wine set against a great view. Owned and operated by a local family, Deer Run is known for its award-winning wines in classic Finger Lakes varietals. Their hilltop location gives you panoramic views down to the shores of Conesus.

LITTLE LAKE BREWING

Lakeville, New York

Enjoy the early morning sun at little Lake Brewing, a micro beverage center serving up small-batch, artisan beverages and phenomenal breakfast sandwiches. Enjoy everything from freshly roasted coffee to craft beer complemented by a menu of homemade bites.

NO BS BREW COMPANY

Livonia, New York

Nestled near the north end of Conesus Lake, stop by No BS Brew Company with your pup (dogs are welcome!) to enjoy 15 beers on tap as well as mixed drinks, local wine and alcoholic slushies of all sorts.

RISING STORM BREWERY

Avon, New York

For stunning Genesee River Valley views, head to Rising Storm, where two friends are brewing up innovative and high-quality microbrews. Open Wednesdays through Sundays, Rising Storm has beers you can't get anywhere else, along with lawn games (cornhole, anyone?) and a food truck. Plus their lineup of live music will keep you dancing all summer long.

OSB CIDERWORKS

Lakeville, New York

Just across the road from Conesus Lake is OSB Ciderworks, a locally run cidery. Owned and operated by a brother and sister team, OSB is the continuation of a legacy of cider-making that showcases the best of New York apples and flavorful produce. Grab a flight, snacks, and kick back (dogs are welcome too!).





O-NE-DA VINEYARD

Hemlock, New York

Founded in 1872 by a Bishop,
O-Neh-Da Vineyard is the oldest
authentic producer of sacramental
wine anywhere in the United States.
Named after the Seneca name for
Hemlock Lake, O-Neh-Da is the only
operating business on the shores of
Hemlock, which is otherwise a
pristine watershed. Purchase a glass
or a bottle of wine and head outside
to enjoy the wooded serenity that
inspired over 140 years of
winemaking.











Plan a trip to LivCo with your best friends, adventure awaits!

It's hard to decide on the best part of summer – is it the long hours of sunlight that beckon you outside? The air rushing through your hair as you speed down country roads, the refreshing splash of lake water, or the deliciousness of an ice cream cone?

We love it all, but everything in Livingston County is better with friends. So get the gang together and head out to the Genesee River Valley where adventure awaits! Book your getaway with your buddies to explore all the fun the region has to offer during the summertime.





Bike around Conesus Lake and stop at Shoreless Acres for donuts

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Biking the 19-mile paved loop around Conesus Lake is the perfect way to spend a sunny summer day. Not only will you get amazing lake views, plenty of sun, and some exercise with friends, but you'll also get one of the best donuts in LivCo - as long as you stop at Shoreless Acres, that is.

Shoreless Acres is a local favorite for apple cider donuts and apple cider, and the perfect place to take a well-deserved break. Hungry for more? They also have delicious breakfast sandwiches, drinks, and weekend fish fries.

Whitewater raft at Letchworth State Park

Ready to kick up the excitement of lake life? Head to Letchworth State Park and get ready for a rip-roaring good time in the gorge. Book your whitewater rafting trip with Adventure Calls Outfitters. You and your friends will embark down the Genesee River through the park for 5.5 miles, passing through striking gorge walls, roaring rapids, and exploring the park from a whole new angle. But it's not just a peaceful paddle - the strength of the river will get your heart pounding and your muscles moving!

On warm days, you can cool off by body surfing at the "New Wave Rapids" or get soaking wet at the "Leap of Faith." With a little luck, you may even see some of the animals that inhabit the park. Perfect for adventure fans of all ages.

Trail ride through the Genesee River Valley

Ride from the bottom of the valley to the top! Change your vantage point and head out on a trail ride through the woods with Letchworth Trail Rides or experience the beauty of the Genesee River Valley riding with the experts at Nunda Ranch. No horse experience is needed and all levels are welcome. The expert guides in the region will help you and your friends every step of the way to enjoy your time on the trail. Along the way, you'll pass sunny woodlands filled with bird calls, vast expanses of rolling green hills, and stunning gorge views.

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Stop at a local joint for BBQ and brews

If the smell of smoke and fall-off-the-bone-tender meat is what you love, dig into a big plate of BBQ from one of our local spots. No matter what style you prefer, you'll find options worth rolling up your sleeves and putting a bib on for! But it's not all about the meats - our BBQ joints put together a delicious array of sides to round out your meal. Coleslaw, baked beans, cornbread, or veggies, you'll find it all in LivCo.

3 LEGGED PIG BBQ

Lakeville, New York

3 Legged Pig BBQ has all your BBQ favorites including pulled pork sliders, smoked sausage platters, baby back ribs, beef brisket, and much more. They also offer a huge list of sides to choose from and kid-friendly meal options. Every table has a bottle of 3 Legged Pig's signature BBQ sauce that you can purchase at the register.

JONNY B'S CUSTOM BBQ

Lima, New York

Jonny B's Custom BBQ takes pride in classic southern ingredients while pushing the envelope on traditional barbecue. From their custom cheese sauce, to seasonal favorites like Tex-Mex Corn on the Cob, and Fire Roasted Brussel Sprouts, there is always something new at Jonny B's Custom BBQ! Look out for the food truck at local festivals.

Race go-karts at Minnehan's

Minnehan's is fun for all ages, adults included! Summer is the perfect time to bring out your inner kid with a wild race around the go-kart track. Satisfy your need for speed as you and your friends race around the track, cutting corners and jockeying for first place.

Want more fun? Kick the competition up a notch in the batting cages, where the winner treats everyone to hot dogs or ice cream piled high.

Float the Genesee River

Get into the Genesee River Valley pace of things with an all-day river float or paddling excursion! Spend a day on the water, soaking in the sun and letting the sights and sounds of nature slow you down.

Tie your rafts together or pull out kayaks and add a cooler with snacks and water within reach. Hop in the water in Mount Morris and let the river take you all the way to the shores of Geneseo!



Spend an afternoon shopping in the villages of LivCo

Boutique shops are a LivCo specialty. Our towns and villages are filled with adorable storefronts that offer one-of-a-kind gifts you can't find anywhere else. From hand-painted scenic landscape prints and locallymade pottery to signature apparel and unique jewelry, you'll find it all here.

If you're looking for the sort of adventure that has plenty of amenities, coffee, and air conditioning, then you'll love spending a day on our main streets. Each of our villages has a unique, small-town feel that's evident in the locally owned businesses that line the street. Grab coffee and pastries for the gang before exploring the boutiques and small shops filled with gifts and products you won't find anywhere else.

MARKET ON MAIN

Geneseo, New York

Market on Main offers a curated selection of home decor, jewelry, baby clothes, nursery items, gifts, and skincare products.

DOGWOOD TRADING CO.

Dansville, New York

Stop by this old-fashioned gift store in downtown Dansville for a wide variety of puzzles, games, children's books, crafts, and toys.

THE 1812 STORE

Hemlock, New York

The 1812 Store embodies the spirit of old-town country stores offering curated antiques and artisan wares lovingly sourced.

THE VALLEY SHOP

Nunda, New York

Find your next gift at The Valley Shop in Nunda. Stop by this motherdaughter run store for home decor, baked goods, and gift ideas.

PASTIQUE

Caledonia, New York

Visit this home decor boutique on Main Street in Caledonia for affordable and unique items that make your house feel like home.



GET THE SCOOP

Whether you pick a cone, blend in candy, or prefer dairy-free, here's your guide to ice cream in LivCo.

What is summer without ice cream? No day on the lake is complete without a cone or a dish of your favorite flavor, and when the craving strikes, we've got options for you.

A few scoops of ice cream is the perfect respite from the sweltering heat of a LivCo summer, and the Genesee River Valley has no shortage of ice creameries — and hidden ice cream gems — to satisfy your cravings and cool you down.

Indulge with a chocolate and vanilla soft serve twist, a decadent hot fudge sundae with all the fixings, or a brand new flavor you've never tried before at one of our favorite ice cream shops.

ANGIE'S ICE CREAM

Dansville, New York

Angie's Ice Cream Shoppe is a throwback to summers of yesteryear, when soda shops and ice cream floats were all the rage. All of the ice cream and cones are homemade, but you can also dig into a cookie dough ice cream pie or a towering sundae with everything you want.

Have a special order? No problem. Angie's also offers gluten-free and no-sugar-added flavors, with dairy-free flavors on the way.





ZEPPO'S CREEKSIDE CREAMERY

Mount Morris, New York

Known for being irresistibly creamy, all of the flavors sold at Zeppo's Creekside Creamery are handmade in the store, fresh. Dig into a dish, towering sugar cone, or ice cream float sure to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Not in the mood for ice cream? Zeppo's has an abundance of other treats, like chocolatedipped Oreos and hot cocoa bombs.

KISH-A-WA CREAMERY

Nunda, New York

Expect a line for this cult favorite! Kish-a-wa is a cash-only ice cream shop that showcases the best of farm-to-table creations. They partner with local producers for their dairy and other ingredients, so you always know you're getting the freshest and the best.

Enjoy an old-fashioned custard, large milkshake, dole whip, or one of their specialty flavors like Rush Hour, a delicious blend of coffee ice cream with caramel swift and chocolate-covered coffee bits.





SUNSET SCOOPS

Geneseo, New York

Located in the heart of the Village of Geneseo, Sunset Scoops boasts a wide variety of ice cream flavors, from the classics to the unusual. Sure, you can find chocolate and vanilla here, but you can also try flavors like Blackberry Cheesecake, Graham Canyon, and Sea Salt Caramel Coffee. You'll have to try them all!

TWISTERS ICE CREAM

Livonia, New York

Twisters has been a seasonal favorite of Livonia locals since 2004, serving up over 40 flavors of custard and homemade hard ice cream. Dig into a dish of Cinnamon Churro ice cream, a cookie bottom sundae, or even a classic slush puppy.

ICE CREAM ISLAND

Dansville, New York

Ice Cream Island is a local favorite with a wide menu that will satisfy fans of all frozen treats, from hard ice cream to frozen custard. Ice Cream Island also offers a rotating menu of ice cream sundaes like strawberry shortcake and pumpkin roll, so there's always something new to try.

MINNEHAN'S FUN CENTER

Lakeville, New York

Come for the ice cream, stay for the family fun! At Minnehan's getting ice cream is just the cherry on top of the sundae. Hit the gas pedal on the go-kart track, putt-putt a few rounds in minigolf, rack up points in the arcade, and top it all off with a towering cone of ice cream, drenched in hot fudge and rainbow sprinkles.

ICE CREAM FLOAT

Conesus Lake, New York

You don't even have to leave the water to grab ice cream in LivCo! On a hot summer's day look out for the Ice Cream Float on Conesus Lake, serving ice cream directly from a small fishing boat on the water.

Back again this summer, hail down the Ice Cream Float for ice cream sandwiches, popsicles, cups of Angie's Ice Cream from Dansville, and much more. Enjoy classics like chocolate and vanilla ice cream while lounging on your boat or floating down the lake in a kayak.





Catch up with friends and family, discover hidden gems, and enjoy live music in the valley.

Living lake life is about leaving the stress and worries of daily life behind and reconnecting to what really matters, time spent with people we love doing things that bring us joy.

So call your best friends, book a place, and get ready for a truly unforgettable summer. It's the perfect time to catch up with friends and family, find a new "regular" spot, enjoy the sunshine, and start a new hobby. Your weekend is booked with a summertime getaway to Livingston County.

THURSDAY

Arrive in Lakeville for your much-needed summer getaway! Check into the Historic 1880s Lakeside Cottage (search for it on Airbnb) with enough beds and bathrooms to accommodate the whole family or all of your friends.

The theme of the weekend is keeping it simple, so grab a picnic spread for dinner from nearby Geneseo Farmer's Market. With freshly picked produce, locally-made cheeses and spreads, and farm-fresh meats, there's something for everyone to enjoy, and no dishes to worry about.

Walk or bike over to the Wadsworth Homestead for a night of music and dancing with Geneseo Jam Kitchen. Be sure to bring your own lawn chair.



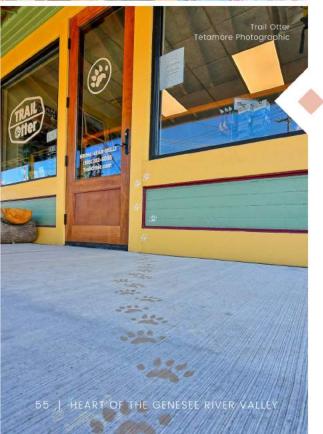












FRIDAY

An early morning paddle on Conesus Lake is the perfect way to start your Friday. The calm waters and rising sun invite you in for a workout that gives you the best views of the Finger Lakes, up close and personal. Keep your eye out for jumping fish and a variety of gorgeous waterfowl that will serenade you while you paddle.

Then head over to little Lake Brewing in Lakeville for freshly roasted coffee and baked goods. Owner Don Carll personally roasts the beans and bakes the muffins himself, and every breakfast sandwich is made to order.

After breakfast, head over to neighboring Leicester to explore the village downtown. Stop by Trail Otter, a local outdoors outfitter that has the gear and expertise to make all of your adventures a blast. Or pop into 2nd Time Around, a country store with nostalgic candies and local products.

When hunger hits, head back the way you came and have lunch at Ember Woodfire Grill.

Located in a historic train strain, Ember creates its meals from scratch with nothing prepackaged or frozen. All of their dishes are meant to be shared family-style, so place a few orders for the table.

After lunch, satiate your sweet tooth with a visit to Twisters Homemade Ice Cream. With over 40 flavors of custard and hard ice cream, there's something for everyone. You can't go wrong with a classic soft serve vanilla or one of their delicious flavors like Maple Nut, Tutti Fruiti, Blue Moon, or Cheesecake.

When you're ready to taste the flavors of the Finger Lakes, head to Deer Run Winery. The oldest operating winery on Conesus Lake has stunning views of the water and the surrounding countryside. Grab a glass of wine or a flight and head outside to sip in the sun. Have a snack or early dinner at their onsite eatery, the Tankroom Café.

End the night dancing with your friends to live music at Rising Storm Brewery. This microbrewery is known for its award-winning beers, but we also love them for the live music series that keeps the fun going all summer. See who's playing while you're in town!

If Mother Nature isn't cooperating with the weather, head to Livingston Lanes in Geneseo for a night of old-fashioned bowling fun. Bumpers or not, everyone will love putting their skills to the test in a fun competition of hitting the pins.







SATURDAY

Start the day with an invigorating bike ride around Conesus Lake. A 19-mile paved road circles the lake, making it easy for you and your friends to hop on and ride around. Don't forget to stop at Shoreless Acres for coffee and a delicious apple cider donut. Enjoy the view from their outdoor seating before heading back to your lake house.

Or skip the bike ride and head out to Cedar Lane Bulk Foods in Dansville, an Amish store with a self-serve food stand that sells freshly baked goods, including delicious homemade donuts and pies.

Cool off with a jump in the lake when you get back. Spend the day soaking in all the sun and fun Conesus has to offer, with sunbathing on the dock or heading out on the water. Tube, waterski, kneeboard, or just cruise around the lake. Bring a cooler with you so everyone stays hydrated while enjoying the sun!









Don't lift a finger in the kitchen today, instead, head to 3 Legged Pig BBQ for the best BBQ in Lakeville. Enjoy a delicious meal of hearty plates of BBQ'd meats and every side you can dream of. Top it off with a cold glass of soda or something locally made.

Spend some time in the afternoon in downtown Livonia, exploring the shops along Main Street. Shopkeeper Dawn Johnston at Simply Positive carries a variety of goods from local makers along with a variety of home décor goods, clothes, and delicious treats.

End your perfect day on the lake with another night of dancing with the Geneseo Jam Kitchen, this time at the Riviera Theater.



SUNDAY

Take it easy Sunday morning. Enjoy your last day on the lake with breakfast and coffee outside, and soak up the morning sun.

After breakfast, stop by Caledonia to visit the New York State Fish Hatchery. Sure, it smells a little fishy, but it's also the oldest operating fish hatchery in the entire Western Hemisphere and a blast for kids to explore. Grab some fish food and watch the kids squeal as the food is eaten right out of their hands.

If you're looking for more Finger Lakes Wine, head to O-Neh-Da Vineyard on Hemlock. Established in 1872, O-Neh-Da is the only operating business on the lake and a leader in sacramental wine production. Order a tasting and enjoy the stunning views of Hemlock Lake and the surrounding forests.

After a weekend of excitement, end the trip with a movie at the Vintage Drive-In in Avon. With 4 screens showing the latest releases, you can kick back and relax for a few hours. Best of all, each ticket price comes with two movie screenings, a better deal than you'll find at most other theaters!



SUMMER CALENDAR of events

Festivals and events are our favorite way for locals and visitors to celebrate together. From public art and pottery festivals to parades and balloon launches, see what's happening during your visit!

June 2-4	Nunda Fun Days Village of Nunda
June 4	New York State Yoga Festival Letchworth State Park nysyogafestival.com
June 4	Hops in Hemlock Hemlock, New York
June 4-5	Geneseo Airshow National Warplane Museum nationalwarplanemuseum.com
June 4-5	Tree Peony Festival Linwood Gardens linwoodgardens.org
June 11	Fare & Ware Festival Mount Morris, New York gvartscouncil.org
June 11-12	Celtic Faire Genesee Country Village & Museum gvc.org
June 12	Lima Blossom Festival Lima, New York
June 17-19	Weekend of Blues Hemlock Fairgrounds fanaticspub.com
June 18	Honoring Juneteenth Genesee Country Village & Museum gvc.org
June 18	Many on the Genny Letchworth State Park manyonthegenny.com
June 18-19	Western New York Pottery Festival Studio Sales Pottery
June 21	Summer Solstice Soiree Linwood Gardens & Hillcrest Estate
July 3	Ring of Fire Conesus Lake
July 4	Independence Day Celebration Genesee Country Village & Museum gvc.org
July 8-9	Geneseo Summer Festival Village of Geneseo geneseosummerfestival.com
July 9-23	LivCo Walls Mural Festival Villages of Livingston County inspirationstrail.com
July 16	Other People's Pints Festival Rising Storm Brewing risingstormbrewing.com
July 19	Hemlock "Little World's" Fair Hemlock Fairgrounds hemlockfair.org
Aug 04	Lima Crossroads Festival Village of Lima limafest.org
Aug 13	Avon Corn Festival Village of Avon avonrotary.org
Sept 02	New York State Festival of Balloons Dansville, New York nysfob.com



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.



Airports Near By

Toronto, Canada

ROC - Rochester, NY (30 Minutes)

3 Hours

BUF - Buffalo, NY (70 Minutes)

SYR - Syracuse, NY (90 Minutes)

KDSV - Dansville Municipal Airport



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.

