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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 makers and 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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### 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, explore responsibly and remember to Leave No Trace.

LivCo has an abundance of natural resources, with much of the land remaining unchanged for centuries. The Genesee Valley Conservancy is a local organization with over 26,000 acres of land in the Genesee Valley Watershed under protection. Visit their website to learn how to get involved with their efforts.

### **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 and 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.



# Let Spring Begin!

## WELCOME TO SPRINGTIME IN LIVCO

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**Spring is a time of renewal and rebirth, and there's no greater place to experience this refreshing change for yourself than in LivCo.**

As the snow melts and spring arrives in the region, the landscape transforms, coming alive in vibrant shades of green and floral blooms. New life awaits just about everywhere you look, and LivCo offers plenty of opportunities to enjoy it all alongside friends, family, and community.

Some of our favorite ways to kick off spring in LivCo? Try strapping on your hiking boots and pay a visit to some of LivCo's many waterfalls, welcoming spring with their mighty roars. Or, spend a day at the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park, where history and nature converge across 16 towns and adjacent counties to form a one-of-a-kind outdoor recreation opportunity for the entire family.

Make sure to mark your calendar for some of LivCo's premiere spring events, too. The Tree Peony Festival at Linwood Gardens, taking place the last two weekends of May and the first weekend of June, is your exclusive chance to see this private garden that's only open on select dates — and springtime is the perfect opportunity to see the Japanese and American tree peonies. Plan to celebrate the Summer Solstice at Hillcrest Estate, an expansive historic property built in 1899 that has since hosted famous figures like Mark Twain and Theodore Roosevelt. Find your inner calm at the New York State Yoga Festival at Letchworth State Park on June 3rd, or, find some excitement on June 3rd and 4th at the National Warplane Museum Airshow in Geneseo, New York.

However you enjoy it, springtime in LivCo is a can't-miss occasion, with unique experiences for everyone. Whether you're a returning visitor or brand-new to the region, we're sure you'll leave with a springtime story that you'll remember for seasons to come.









# *spring into the* OUTDOORS

Add fragrant splashes of color to your spring adventures by touring postcard-ready parks and wildflower-rich natural areas.



## LEAVE BEHIND THE FAST PACE OF DAILY LIFE AND EXPLORE MILES OF TRAILS IN ONE OF OUR ADVENTUROUS STATE PARKS OR FORESTS.

### LETCHWORTH STATE PARK

No visit to LivCo is complete without a stop at Letchworth State Park. Named the top state park in the country by USA Today's Reader's Choice Awards, Letchworth is one of the most majestic natural wonders in the eastern United States. The Park stretches for 17 miles, covering over 14,000 acres of land in Livingston County and neighboring Wyoming County. Discover a hidden natural world along 66 miles of hiking trails, or explore the park on horseback or bike. If you're looking for adventure, you can drop down into the canyon for whitewater rafting or get up and away in a hot air balloon. Plus the Recreation Center at Lower Falls in Letchworth has fun for all ages, including table games, badminton, and pickleball.

While you're visiting, the Humphrey Nature Center is a must-stop for families traveling through the park, open year-round with interactive exhibits that highlight the plants, animals, geology, and ecology of the park. The Nature Center has an outdoor classroom, butterfly garden, bird observation station, solar panels, and a rainwater cistern. Park visitors can explore one of the several trailheads leading away from the center, including Trout Pond, Inspiration Point Overlook, and the new Autism Nature Trail.





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### GRAVE OF MARY JEMISON

Mary Jemison, the White Woman of the Genesee, is buried in Letchworth State Park, just a short walk or drive from the Glen Iris Inn.

## GENESEE VALLEY GREENWAY STATE PARK

The Genesee Valley Greenway runs north to south from Rochester through the Genesee River Valley and into Allegany County along old canals, abandoned rail beds, and riverbanks. This 90-mile trail passes through scenic woodlands, river and stream valleys, farmlands, steep gorges, and historic villages. During the springtime, enjoy hiking and biking (and bring your pup along!). While exploring, discover other popular trails connected to the Greenway including the Genesee River Trail, Finger Lakes Trail, Erie Canal Recreation Way, and the Erie Attica Trail.

## STONY BROOK STATE PARK

A hidden gem of the Genesee River Valley, Stony Brook State Park comprises of hilly woodlands, a deep gorge with rugged cliffs overlooking three waterfalls, and fascinating rock formations. Visitors can enjoy camping, swimming in the gorge pool (when the temperature is right!), and hiking. Bring some goodies to the picnic area, where you'll find plenty of tables and charcoal grills.

Looking for some light recreation? Bring your glove and ball to toss around the baseball diamond or your racket to swing on the tennis court. You'll also find comfort stations and a concession stand, both open seasonally. And if one day at Stony Brook just isn't enough the campground offers 125 tent and trailer sites plus eight cabins available for rent.



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## EXPLORE FORESTS AND GARDENS ALIKE SHOWCASING MOOD-LIFTING FLORA AND WILDLIFE, TAKE A WALK AND BREATHE IN THE BEAUTY.

### HEMLOCK-CANADICE STATE FOREST

Explore 6,684 acres of state forest featuring the two beautiful Finger Lakes of Hemlock and Canadice as well as 14 miles of hiking trails. Explore one of the many hiking trails including Bur Oak Trail, located north of Hemlock Lake, Willow Oak Trail, which loops near Reynolds Gully waterfall, or Walnut Trail, where you'll find the ruins of former homes that once were on Hemlock Lake. Love biking? Try out Northern Hemlock Lake Trail, a popular biking option that follows an old road about three miles on the eastern shore of Hemlock Lake.

### OSSIAN STATE FOREST

The 1,303-acre Ossian State Forest offers a rustic experience with a limited amount of development. This forest shares a long common boundary with Rattlesnake Hill State Wildlife Management Area and also has a common boundary with a parcel of Allegany County forest lands. If you're looking for specialty recreation, explore this state forest for mountain biking and horseback riding. Outdoorsmen and women from across New York State also flock to Ossian year-round for its exquisite wildlife watching and unbeatable hunting.



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## LINWOOD GARDENS

Located in Linwood, New York, Linwood Gardens is a privately-owned garden in the farmlands of the Genesee River Valley. Open to the public for special festivals and events, the original garden landscape was designed in the early 1900s, with an Arts and Crafts style summerhouse, walled gardens with pools and fountains, ornamental trees, and a view of the valley beyond. The gardens include a distinguished collection of Japanese and American tree peonies featured each spring at the Tree Peony Festival.





# Crafted to Perfection

MEET THE CRAFT BEVERAGE PRODUCERS BRINGING DISTILLING  
BACK TO LIVCO FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE PROHIBITION

**Alcohol has always been artisanal in New York, where the spirit of inventive brewers and distillers dates back to the colonial era. Sip on innovative local libations for a true taste of Upstate New York at LivCo's first distillery since prohibition.**

Woodlawn Distilling, in Linwood, New York, is the first distillery in the region since the 1800s. The history of distilling dates back to 1802 when the whiskey tax was repealed and the Golden Age of New York distilling began. Farm distilleries were established across the state, including in the Genesee River Valley. However, by the 1880s, large business interests forced the closure of most of New York's legal distilleries. Fast forward to the present day and you'll find Matthew and Jaclyn Morgan at Woodlawn Distilling, the first distillery in LivCo in almost 200 years.

Woodlawn Distilling is serving up a variety of high-quality, distilled libations using local ingredients and flavors. Stop into their red barn distillery and tasting room to enjoy a flight of spirits, seasonal cocktails, kid-friendly drinks, and food trucks (on certain days). Woodlawn Distilling offers a variety of spirits including whiskey, vodka, moonshine, and gin, sourcing their grain right from the land of their fourth-generation farm. While visiting, you can shop their spirits to-go as well as their signature merchandise or online at [www.woodlawn-distilling.com](http://www.woodlawn-distilling.com).



## MEET MATTHEW + JACLYN MORGAN

📷 woodlawndistilling



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### Tell us a little bit about Woodlawn Distilling and why you decided to start a distillery.

Woodlawn Distilling is a first-generation distillery, supported by a fourth-generation farm. The Morgan Family began our venture into distilling in the summer of 2020. What started out as a curiosity quickly turned into a peaked interest. Different members of the family had interests in different liquors, from bourbon and whiskey to vodka and gin. After some exploration, we found that there hasn't been a distillery in LivCo since prohibition, and this inspired us to take the leap and see what would happen. Almost 3 years later, we are proud to open our doors to the public. As a farm distillery, our ingredients come from New York State grains and products, and our aim is to source as much as possible from the family farm, Woodlawn Farms.

### Why did you open your business in LivCo?

As life-long residents of LivCo, we knew that we wanted the distillery to take up residency in the place we call home. Our great-grandparents moved to Linwood in 1943 and began building a legacy that we are proud to carry on.



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### What's the best thing about being in LivCo?

Livingston County and all of its residents feel like home. Every day at the distillery feels like some kind of reunion. We love to see old friends run into each other and strangers become new friends. Our tasting room has become a gathering place for all of LivCo and its visitors.

### What sets Woodlawn Distilling apart from other distilleries?

Woodlawn Distilling is very proud to be producing our spirits from grain grown on our own farm, while also finding ways to support local businesses and reinforce the strong community ties that are already established. The support from other local businesses has built the foundation for the growth of LivCo businesses. The distilling community in New York State has been so supportive and we have been lucky to have guidance and support from some of the best distilleries in the state. We have miles between and yet still feel connected.



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

Oooh this is such a hard question and if you asked any of us, we would all have a different answer! Our menu aims to meet the preferences of anyone who walks into our tasting room. We have a wide range of cocktails that go from sweet, to tart, and even a little spicy. Our spirits aim to do the same! Jaclyn's favorite is anything made with Junie's Lemon Lavender Gin (and not just because Junie is her dog!); the Bramble is a delicious combination of sweet and tart, combining lemon and blackberry for a refreshing drink. If you were to walk in and ask Matt what to order, you will undoubtedly hear the Vodka Sour, which combines the tartness of citrus and the smoothness of Vi's Vodka, a triple-distilled, wheat vodka.

## Where can people buy your liquors?

We always have our liquors for sale by the bottle in our tasting room, open Friday through Sunday. We also have an order ahead for pick-up option on our social media and website. Sam has taken the lead in getting our products into liquor stores and restaurants near you. Currently, we are in TJ's Liquors and Wine in Retsof.

## What's coming up for Woodlawn this Spring/Summer?

Our wheels haven't stopped turning since we opened our doors in October! We are very excited about the release of our Amaretto, coming this Spring. We are also hopeful that we will have an aged whiskey ready in late Summer. We also have Bourbon, Rye Whiskey, Malted Whiskey, and Dry Gin in the recipe process. As the weather warms up, we plan to have food trucks and a wide variety of events such as live music, bingo, and trivia nights.

## What's the most important lesson you've learned as an entrepreneur?

The most important thing to opening our business was finding good mentors within and outside of the business that were willing to guide us. A piece of advice that we would give is to not be afraid to just "jump in feet first" and go for it.

## Anything else you'd like to add?

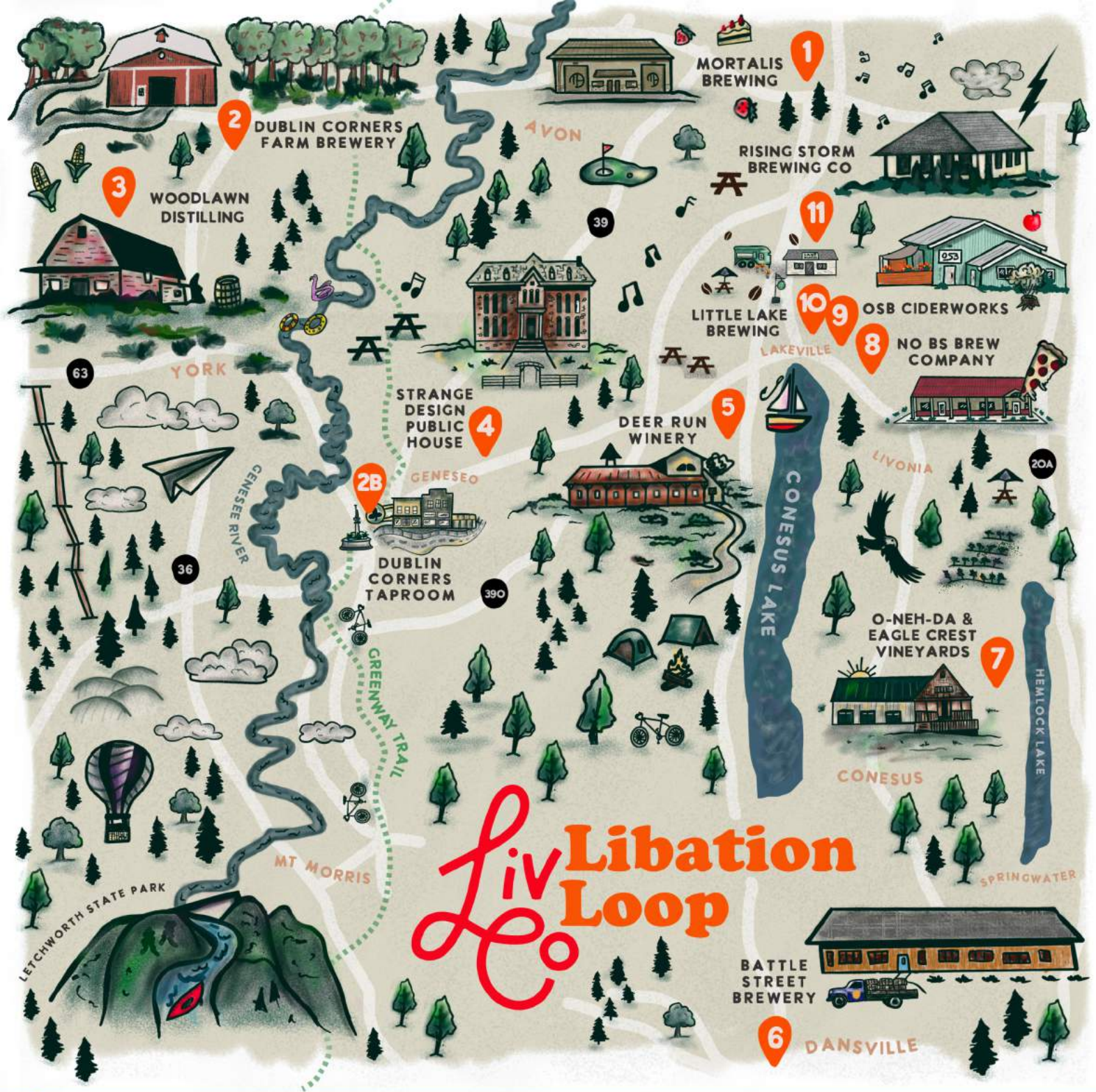
We are so thankful for the outpouring of support we have received from LivCo residents in visits, recommendations, and word of mouth! We hope to be able to serve the community in many ways and hope to see familiar and new faces in our tasting room and at events!



### DISCOVER MORE

Scan for learn the story of distilling in New York State, find local producers, and plan your next tasting tour of the flavors of New York.





## 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!



SCAN TO EXPLORE





# SPRINGTIME GETAWAYS

## CONNECT WITH NATURE

**PLAN A COZY  
FARM STAY AND  
CONNECT WITH  
SPRINGTIME  
NATURE.**



LivCo is filled with opportunities for outdoor adventure. From kayaking to hiking, biking to waterfall chasing, however you like to play in Mother Nature, you can find your favorite activities here — and they're extra-enjoyable during the springtime, when the landscape overflows with flora and fauna coming to life after a long winter.

However, you don't have to limit your outdoor fun to your daytime explorations around the region. You can immerse yourself in LivCo's best outdoor spots even further, thanks to cozy farm stays that put you right in the middle of it all, night and day.



A unique accommodation option, farm stays allow you to see the inner workings of a farm during your visit, and, in the spring, LivCo's farms are busier than ever, welcoming the cutest new residents to the barnyard, from adorable calves to lambs, friendly chicks to ducklings. If this sounds exactly like the quaint and relaxing retreat you've been dreaming of, keep reading to learn more about three farm stays in LivCo.

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## TAKE A RUSTIC RIDE AT LETCHWORTH FARM

 NUNDA, NEW YORK

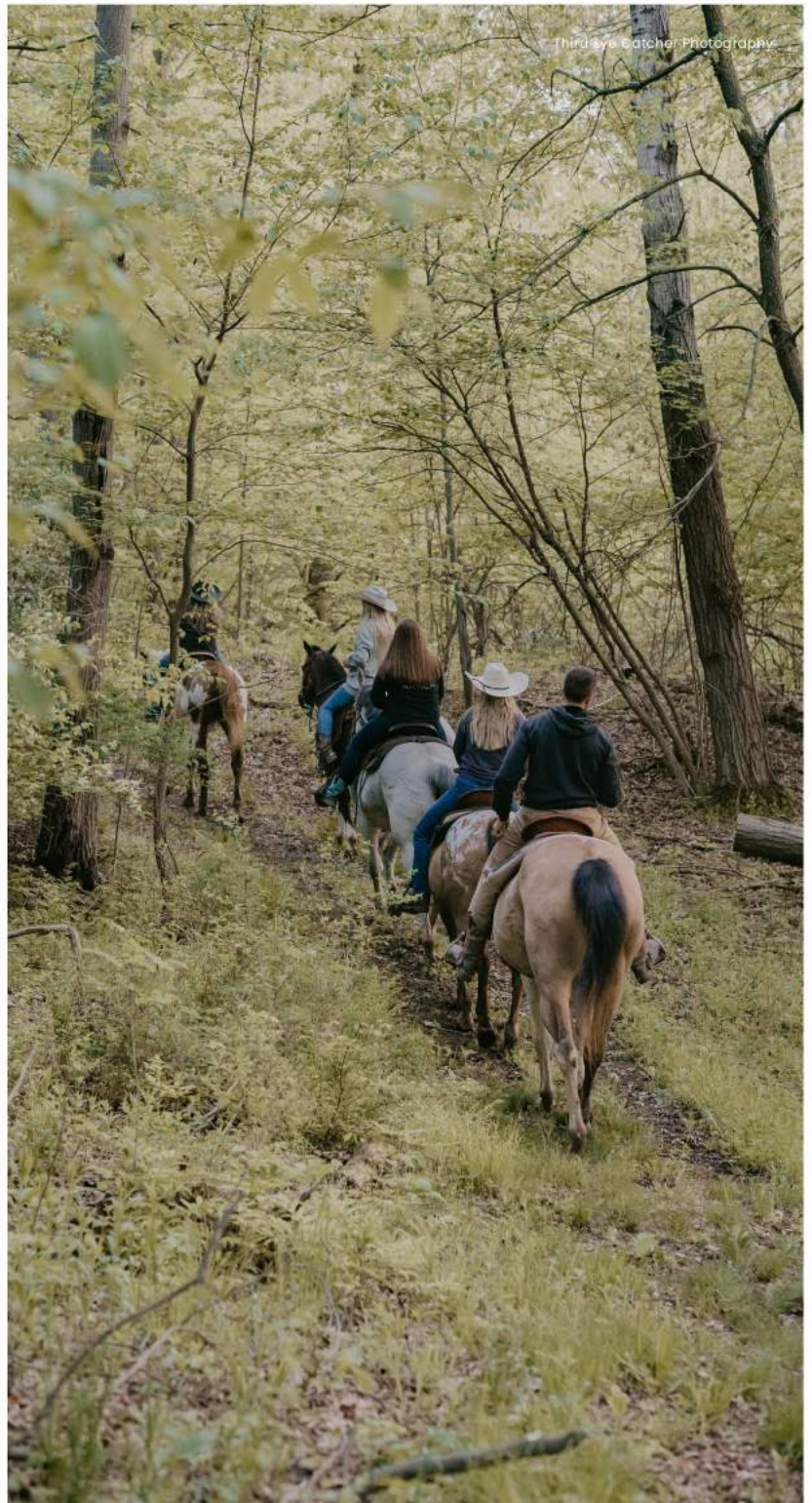
On nearly 90 acres and adjacent to the beautiful Letchworth State Park, Letchworth Farm is a working horse farm with two spacious guesthouses overlooking the fields. Both guesthouses can fit four travelers, so they're perfect for a small group of friends or a family and each is outfitted with everything you need for a comfortable stay in this rural retreat. Both offer WiFi (so you can get a little remote work done, if you really can't unplug at the moment), lots of space to spread out and relax (both indoors and out), kitchens and dining areas and other desirable features. They're even equipped with wood-burning stoves, so you can cozy up on a chilly evening.

Of course, since this is a farm stay, you're not expected to hide away in your guesthouse all day. The farm offers guided trail rides throughout the property to its guests, allowing you to explore the fields and forests on horseback (no experience necessary!).



### STAY A WHILE

Scan to explore more places to stay including glamping, hotels, and boutique bed and breakfasts.







## SPEND A DAY EXPLORING A CHARMING WORKING FARM

### 📍 AVON, NEW YORK

Built in 1894, the Charlton Farm is a pastoral hideaway with historic appeal. Sitting on 30 acres in Avon, and within close reach of wineries, breweries and other LivCo attractions, the property was once owned by a stagecoach manufacturer. While the days of stagecoaches are long gone, a stay on this farm still provides plenty of 19th-century charm and elegance that really does make you feel as if you were spending the night at a rich stagecoach baron's country estate.

There are seven guest rooms available on the farm, outfitted with antique furnishings but upgraded to ensure all your modern-day needs are met. When you're ready to explore beyond your guest room, you'll find the working farm is just that — hard at work producing a range of fresh fruits and veggies, as well as providing a home for barnyard animals including chickens, sheep, bunnies, alpacas and a few farm dogs. So, start your day with a wholesome farmhouse breakfast, give the alpacas a pet, feed the chickens, explore the surrounding area by bike or canoe, and then top off the day on the farm with a drink by the fire pit.

## BOOK A STAY AT AN HISTORIC FARMHOUSE

### 📍 AVON, NEW YORK

Another historic farm property awaits in Avon. Built in 1852, The Farmhouse at Kindred Ground Farm is a great fit if you're looking for a spot to stay with a group and enjoy some privacy, but also potentially access the nearby historic barn, which is used for events. All of the above is why The Farmhouse and broader property are a popular option for weddings and wedding parties. Not seeking a private stay or no upcoming event to book? No worries! There's no need to rent the entire farmhouse; you can book a singular room, too.

Regardless of your reason for scheduling a stay at The Farmhouse, though, you'll enjoy the expansive space, with its six bedrooms, modern kitchen, lots of living space and big front porch facing the Genesee River Valley. If there's no event occurring at The Barn, be sure to request a tour and check out the former working dairy farm's silos and corn crib.



## ALREADY BOOKED YOUR STAY? YOU CAN STILL EXPERIENCE LIVCO'S AGRITOURISM SCENE.

Even if you've already booked a stay at one of LivCo's many accommodation options, you can still experience agritourism and local farms in many other ways. One of the best parts about spring's arrival is the colors and creatures returning to the rolling hills and woodlands of the region. If you're looking to immerse yourself in the flora and fauna of springtime, here's where to take your camera and connect with nature.

### FARMER'S DAUGHTERS MARKET

📍 NUNDA, NEW YORK

Located near the Finger Lakes Trail, Genesee Valley Greenway, and Letchworth State Park, stop by this roadside stand for locally sourced goods, produce and fresh baked treats! Oh, and there are baby goats.

### TALULAH'S FANCY WILDFLOWER FARM

📍 LIMA, NEW YORK

Along the banks of Spring Brook on Route 15A in Lima, New York, Talulah's Fancy Wildflower Farm opens the first weekend in May this year. Visit their unique outdoor art studio and gallery where you can expect to see wildflower meadows, an array of potted backyard perennials, fresh-cut floral bouquets, and pottery pairings, as well as a large selection of one-of-a-kind nature-inspired jewelry designs!

### FIRE CREEK FARMS

📍 LIVONIA, NEW YORK

Owned by husband and wife, Kylie and Jake Stevens, Fire Creek Farms raises pigs, cows, chickens, turkeys, and honeybees. Stop by their on-site farm store to pick up locally sourced products, fresh eggs, meats, and their custom-made kitchen items including cutting boards and coffee mugs.





### BLUEBELL HIKE

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Once a year, on a private piece of land near Geneseo, you can embark on a 3.5-mile journey into the woods that transform into vibrant fields of bluebells. The Genesee Valley Conservancy leads these guided tours to the fields every May. Reservations are required in advance.





### PROMETHUS FARMS

LIVONIA, NEW YORK

Close to Conesus Lake, this farm market features fruits and veggies, locally grown produce, dairy products, and flowers. Explore their small on-site café where you can enjoy craft coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and homemade treats. Plus, there are goats you can hang out and interact with (and goat products you'll want to take home).



### VALLEY VIEW FARMSTEAD

DANSVILLE, NEW YORK

Visit the Valley View Farmstead from spring to fall to pick up beautiful bouquets, flower jars or single stems. They offer farm-to-table arrangements and bouquet subscriptions as well as a traveling bouquet bar and U-cut events for hire. Whether it be a wedding, baby shower or just a fun night with the girls, you can make any event memorable by renting the flower trailer for any occasion from late June to October.

### PARKER'S OLD TIME FARM

SPRINGWATER, NEW YORK

A family homestead style farm located in Springwater, Parker's is just up the hill from Hemlock Lake. Everything here is done consciously and sustainably to provide a source for all-natural, high-quality local foods and products. Supporting small farms is a great way to get close to where your food comes from.



#### ONE WITH NATURE

Scan to explore all your options for farm visits, animal experiences, farmers markets and farm stores.



# *Estate Weddings*

*Romance in the Valley*





## IF BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPES, STATELY MANSIONS, AND REGAL SETTINGS ARE ALL OVER YOUR WEDDING VISION BOARD, YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE THESE ESTATE HOMES FOR YOUR ROMANTIC DAY.

**Looking for a dream venue for your upcoming nuptials? If wedding bells are in your future, LivCo is home to beautiful venues that serve up rural romance in spades.**

The Genesee River Valley's estate homes provide a picturesque backdrop to your big day, particularly if you're planning a spring or summer wedding, when the estate grounds are in full, lush bloom. It's not just beauty that these venues provide, though; it's also convenience. These are places that know how to utilize both indoor and outdoor spaces to create a wedding that's elegant, timeless and memorable.

These estates offer options to stay overnight, on-site, with your bridal party, and they frequently partner with local vendors like photographers, bakeries, florists, and food trucks, to make your wedding planning all the easier — and what bride or groom wouldn't want that?

See what awaits you at these two LivCo estate homes and venues, should you choose to celebrate your wedding day with friends and family in either of these charming settings.



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Tara Raftovich Photography



## THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS AT HILLCREST ESTATE

📍 PAVILION, NEW YORK

Can't decide between a mansion setting or a rural retreat for your wedding venue? The Hillcrest Estate offers the best of both worlds as "the mansion in the woods."

The 1899 mansion set on 120 wooded acres in Pavilion, New York boasts an array of potential settings for your wedding ceremony, reception, and other related events, across its 32 rooms in the main house (including a ballroom!) and beyond, on the estate grounds. Throughout the property, you'll find picture-perfect accents and touches that will make your wedding (and your wedding photography!) truly enchanting, from the winding driveway to the reflecting pool, to the covered veranda and the tiered terrace. Before and after your ceremony, you'll appreciate the on-site accommodations for up to 14 guests, the bridal suite for day-of prep, and the in-house catering and bar service provided by The Hillcrest Estate in partnership with the Yard of Ale Restaurant.

Not yet sure if the Hillcrest Estate is right for you and your sweetheart? Visit the estate for one of its spring or summertime events, like the annual Summer Solstice Soiree or wintertime Mystery Murder Dinners, to see just what makes this historic property so special.





## HISTORY AND ELEGANCE CONVERGE AT THE WADSWORTH HOMESTEAD

 GENESEO, NEW YORK

A rich heritage and ample history await at The Wadsworth Homestead, a unique property passed down through seven generations since its construction in 1804. With its spot overlooking the Genesee River Valley and its 300 acres of expansive space, the Homestead feels like a private, posh oasis — but comes with the oh-so-desirable convenience of being located just a half-hour drive from Rochester and within walking distance of Geneseo shopping, dining, and other attractions.

The spacious manor home features a range of settings that a couple can use for a dream wedding backdrop, from the scenic porch and lawns to the delightful library. From boutique affairs to parties of up to 250 guests, there's a spot for every wedding.

Beyond the ceremony, couples enjoy access to upstairs suites that can hold up to 12 guests before or after the wedding. There are also several spaces suitable for the bridal party as they prepare for the main event. To further this convenience, the Homestead offers the help of an on-site coordinator for planning sessions and to manage the "day of" schedule and vendors as well as a dedicated catering team in partnership with the Caledonia Village Inn.







Lauren Page Wadsworth Photography

When you say 'I do' in LivCo, marriage seems all the more magical. From engagement photos in the forest and rehearsal dinners on the water to breathtaking views for your walk down the aisle, having your wedding in the Genesee River Valley sets the scene for a truly unforgettable day.

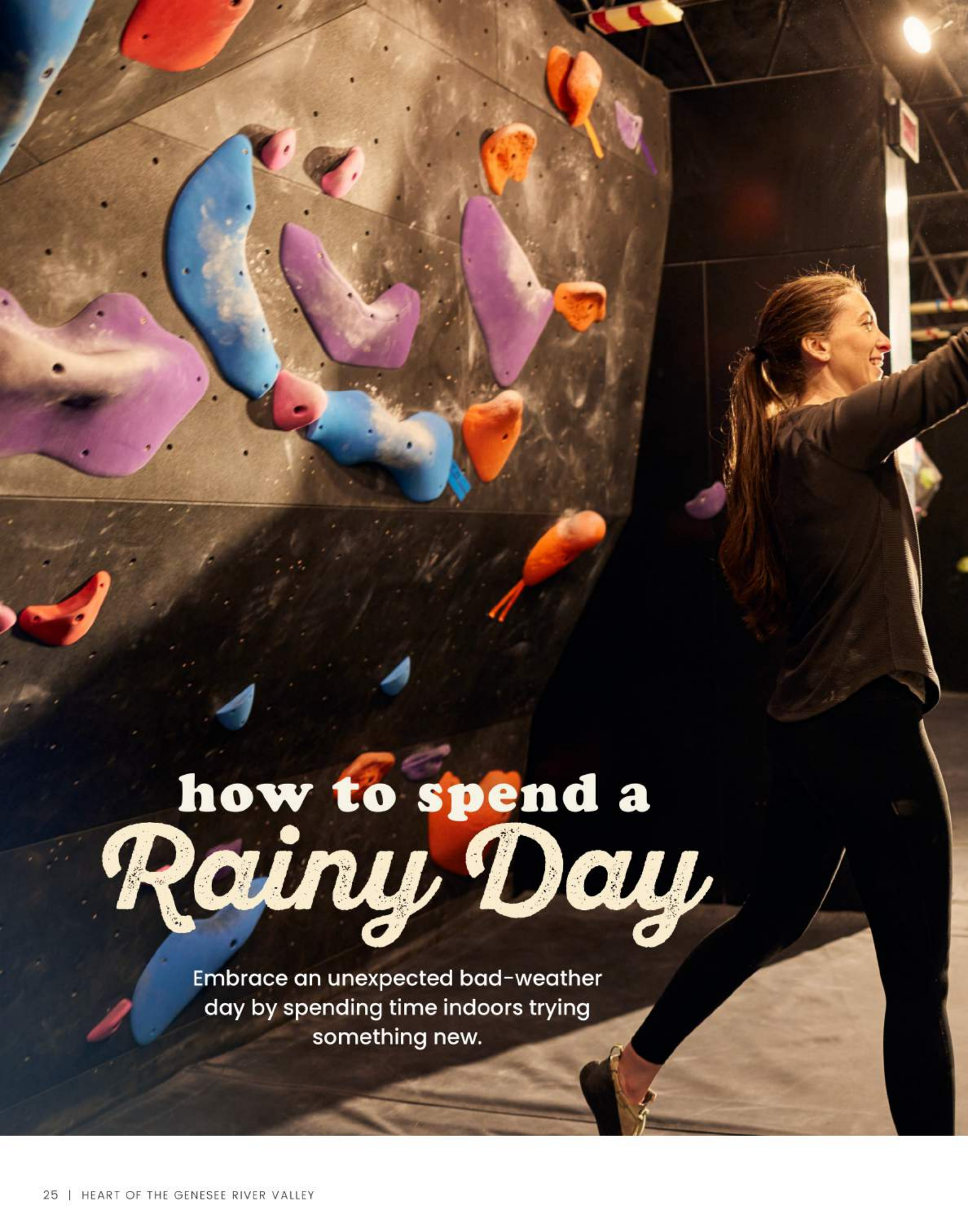
See what other romance awaits during your visit, when you peruse all the romantic dining suggestions and fun date night ideas at [visitlivco.com](http://visitlivco.com).



**MORE ROMANCE AWAITS...**

Scan to start planning your unforgettable day in LivCo and learn more about our wedding venues, vendors, and places to stay.





**how to spend a**  
*Rainy Day*

Embrace an unexpected bad-weather day by spending time indoors trying something new.





## **Rainy days don't have to be boring days in LivCo.**

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**When spring begins often too do spring showers. But on those rainy days when it feels like there's nothing to do, the Genesee River Valley is home to lots of kid-friendly, indoor options.**

The in-between of winter and summer, springtime can be a rather wet season in this part of the country. Although the rain is important for the plants and animals (and even people) who call this area home, it is, admittedly, not exactly "adventure weather."

Rainy days are perfect for snuggling up inside under a big blanket with a good book and a mug of something warm – but a day of quiet isn't always in the cards. So if you're looking for something fun to do for kids and adults when the weather turns grey, we've got you covered.





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## Sunrise Bouldering

📍 GENESEO, NEW YORK

The only bouldering gym in LivCo is a welcome reprieve on a rainy day. Unlike traditional rock climbing, bouldering has shorter walls and no harness, so it's all about your own strength. Sunrise has walls for all levels and heights of climbers, so whether you're a boulder pro or a total newbie, there's fun in store here. And best of all, nurses, police officers, firefighters, and postal service workers receive 10% off all day passes and gear rentals.

2

## Studio Sales Pottery

📍 AVON, NEW YORK

This historic one-room schoolhouse turned art gallery is a warm retreat from the cold gales of rainy days. You can browse the stunning handmade creations, chat with the artists who created them or even take a pottery class to get your hands dirty and learn the basics.

3

## Minnehan's Fun Center

📍 LAKEVILLE, NEW YORK

Minnehan's is a staple of family fun in LivCo, rain or shine. The fun center is packed with activities that'll keep the kids busy for hours. While the go-kart track and batting cages aren't much fun in the rain, the gaming arcade, discovery zone, and soft play area are! When everyone gets hungry, you can enjoy classics of char-grilled Zwiegles, burgers, and delicious soft custard. It's the perfect place to spend a rainy afternoon.

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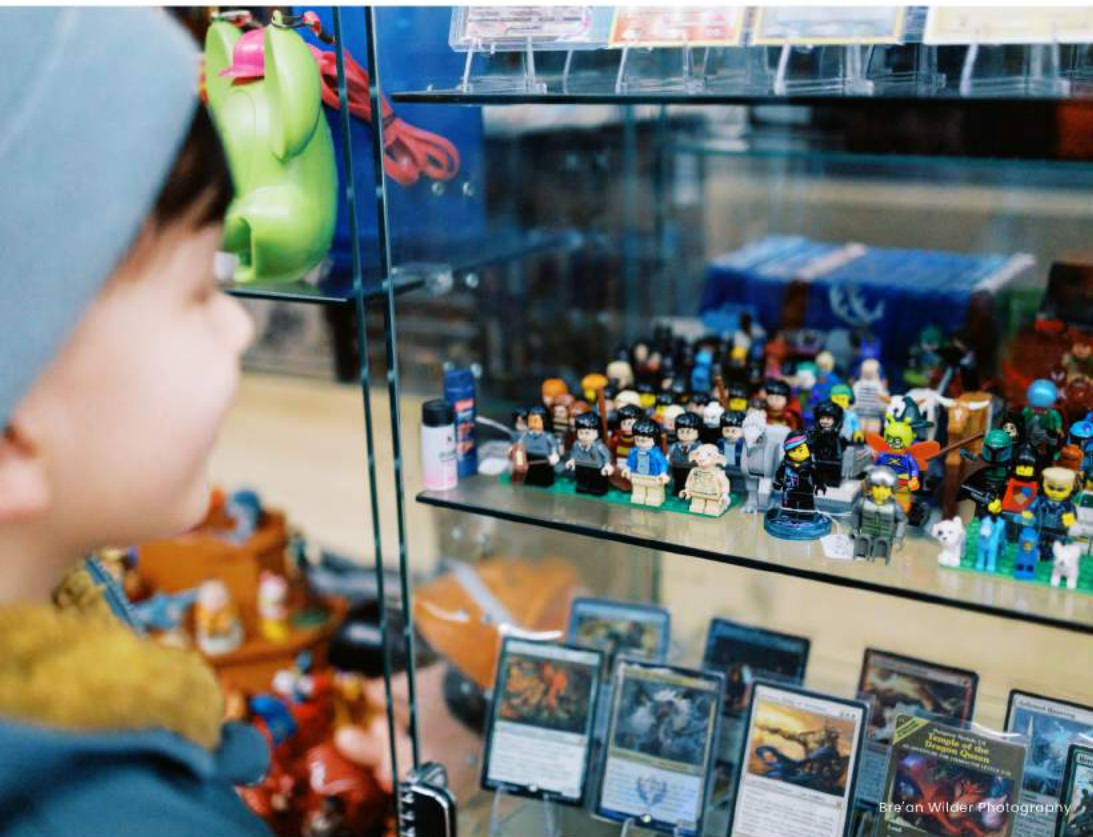
## Adventures & Art

📍 CALEDONIA, NEW YORK

Adventures & Art is the center for creativity for kids of all ages. A&A hosts year-round workshops and creative events to help kids uncover their sense of wonder and find a love for art. The studio runs programs that include pottery, drama, mixed media, dance, Spanish, and even STEM programs.







Brian Wilder Photography



Third Eye Catcher Photography

## 5 National Warplane Museum

📍 GENESEO, NEW YORK

The National Warplane Museum is best known for its annual airshow in June, but its museum is well worth a trip, especially on a rainy day. Wander through the halls of American history, and explore planes used in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Whether you're a history buff, a plane enthusiast, or looking for something different, this museum is sure to captivate.

## 6 Humphrey Nature Center

📍 LETCHWORTH STATE PARK

When it's too chilly or rainy to explore the outdoor wonders of Letchworth State Park, head into the Humphrey Nature Center to explore year-round educational programs for people of all ages and abilities instead. Home to interactive exhibits that highlight the botany, wildlife, geology, and river ecology of the park, there's always something new to discover.

## 7 Lamplighter Ministries

📍 MOUNT MORRIS, NEW YORK

A publishing company specializing in stories from the 1600s to 1800s, at Lamplighter Ministries in Mount Morris, you'll get to visit a historic New England village, explore a Classic Gothic church, see how their books are hand-crafted in the bindery, discover the secret recording studio, and relax in the Guild House Café during your trip.

## 8 2nd Time Around

📍 LEICESTER, NEW YORK

On a rainy day, shopping is the perfect way to spend the day. Located in downtown Leicester, you never know what you'll find while shopping at 2nd Time Around Consignment. With one of the largest selections of comic books, action figures, legos, and games in the region, you'll be busy for hours exploring this store.





Did someone say  
**brunch?**

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# From Instagram-vibes to family-friendly spots and everything in between, LivCo has options for every type of brunch-lover.

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**These days, brunching is a way of life for people on the weekends, it's easy to become overwhelmed by the multitude of choices. We've compiled several brunch spots in the area so you'll always know the most delicious places to dine, whether the kids are in tow or you're looking to celebrate a special occasion.**

If you ever asked, "What is brunch?" today's the day you'll learn all about it. Brunch is the ideal mix of breakfast and lunch foods (with a couple of mimosas mixed in) including anything from pancakes to pasta, from cocktails to coffee. And that's really just scratching the surface. When brunch season hits, all bets are off. As one of the best ways to spend a sunny weekend, catch up with friends, and make new friends, brunch just makes life better. Depending on where you live, who you're with, where you're headed afterward, what you did the night before, and the season of life you're in, you might be looking for certain particulars in your brunch experience.

## STRANGE DESIGN PUBLIC HOUSE

 GENESEO, NEW YORK

Brunch at Strange Design Public House is a Sunday staple you won't want to miss. You'll enjoy a menu of comfort food and breakfast bites including avocado toast, a piping hot plate of chicken wings, corned beef hash with eggs, and their signature Fruity Pebbles French Toast.

## GLEN IRIS INN

 LETCHWORTH STATE PARK

Dig into a plate of pancakes overlooking the falls in Letchworth State Park. At the Glen Iris Inn, stop into Caroline's Dining Room for daily breakfast that includes staple favorites, classic mimosas, and locally roasted coffee from Evening Star Coffee in Avon, New York.



### HUNGRY FOR MORE?

Scan to explore our eclectic mix of diners, restaurants, and coffee shops serving up farm-fresh food, local beverages, and yummy desserts.



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## CRICKET'S COFFEE

📍 GENESEO, NEW YORK

Head to downtown Geneseo to dine out with friends at the newly re-opened Cricket's Coffee, now located on Center Street. This all-day brunch destination serves up options ranging from smoothies and decadent toasts to breakfast scrambles and specialty pancakes. Best of all, you'll find vegan, gluten-free, and dairy-free options.



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## DEER RUN WINERY

📍 GENESEO, NEW YORK

You've probably stopped at Deer Run for wine tastings before, and now you can enjoy brunch in their Tankroom Café on Sundays too! With an à la carte menu featuring breakfast favorites like frittatas and quiche as well as baked goods and bloody marys, there's always something new and delicious to try.

## SCOVILL'S GRILL

📍 DANSVILLE, NEW YORK

Spend Sunday on the links for brunch and maybe a round of golf. Scovill's Grill on the Brae Burn Golf Course offers up fan favorites for brunch, including egg sandwiches, breakfast burgers, and French toast. Craving a slice of breakfast pizza? They've got that too!



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## GALENE

📍 LAKEVILLE, NEW YORK

Who doesn't love brunch on the water? On Conesus Lake, spend the day at Galene, a classically designed New American restaurant with local and coastal touches. Enjoy their elevated brunch menu including the tahini Caesar salad, smoked salmon benedict, and cocktail specials, all with stunning lake views.



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## RUNNING WILD

Created by world-renowned muralist, Arlin Graff, who focuses on portraying the beauty of nature, *Wild Mustang* tells the story of equestrianism in LivCo as an ode to the connection between civilization and nature.



Spend a day in...

# DANSVILLE

HIKING, HISTORY AND HOPS AWAIT!





## Historic and charming, Dansville is a delightful slice of small-town Americana in southern LivCo.

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Dansville was founded in 1795 and is one of the oldest towns in the region. As such, it's packed with history, from the Clara Barton Museum (fun fact: Dansville is home to the first American Red Cross chapter!) to the historic architectural works of Claude Bragdon. Beyond the history, though, Dansville also offers close proximity to lots of natural attractions and adventures, as well as a fabulous local dining scene. Ready to see what awaits when you visit? Here's how to spend a perfect day in Dansville.

### 1. FUEL UP FOR YOUR DAY OF FUN

Start the morning with breakfast at **The Coffee Cup**, right on Main Street, serving up all your breakfast favorites, from omelets to pancake breakfasts with all the fixin's on the side. This is a popular spot, though, so you might find a line when you arrive. If that's the case and you're just too hungry to wait, head across the street for breakfast at **Sunrise Family Restaurant**, where the all-day breakfast menu includes options like eggs benedict and fajita omelets.

### 2. EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS

Spend your morning soaking up the spring air during a visit to **Stony Brook State Park**. With its rugged gorge and multiple waterfalls, this hidden gem is a fantastic spot for a scenic hike and photo op. There are three hiking trails to choose from and all are about a mile long, with stairs. The **Gorge Trail** is the most scenic, with three waterfalls and a trailhead conveniently located near the park's North Entrance.

Not keen on hiking? You can simply stop by for a picnic and the playgrounds, or check out the sports fields and courts, including a tennis court, volleyball court, basketball court, and baseball field.







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This banner was displayed at the 50th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Red Cross in Stony Brook State Park which Franklin Roosevelt attended!



### 3. GRAB A LIGHT BITE IN TOWN

After all that hiking and waterfall chasing, you've likely worked up an appetite again, so head back to Dansville's Main Street for a visit to **Homegrown Coffee Bar**. This locally owned and operated, brewery-style coffee bar is as hip as it comes, with its range of specialty coffees and focus on local ingredients. Not sure what to order? Try a coffee flight (Saturdays only), for a little bit of everything. With your caffeine fix, be sure to treat your sweet tooth, too, with one of their fresh-baked pastries.

### 4. BRUSH UP ON LOCAL HISTORY

We've already given you a glimpse into Dansville's robust history, but you can learn more about the town and the broader region's past with an afternoon visit to the **Dansville Area Historical Museum**. There, exhibits focus on significant historic spots and people, including the Castle on the Hill (a once-famous health resort) and one of its owners, Bernarr MacFadden.

After a stop by the Dansville Area Historical Museum, swing by for a selfie in front of the **Clara Barton Museum**. Clara Barton founded the first local chapter of the American Red Cross while living in Dansville. Does any of this sound familiar? You may have spotted references to this famous moment in the HBO Max series, *The Gilded Age*.

### 5. COMBINE HISTORY WITH HOPS

After a day of exploring and sightseeing, sit back with a frosty brew in Dansville's only brewery, **Battle Street Brewery**, which sits in the renovated Dansville Mt. Morris train depot, originally built in the 1870s. Now, you can see the depot's past — and its historic importance to the town of Dansville and

the surrounding region — in the repurposed artifacts that you'll find throughout the space, like the steel rails and vintage suitcases used around the bar. Beyond the history, though, this brewery serves up 12 brews on tap, along with pub fare.

### 6. DINE UNDER THE STARS

Save your appetite because next up on your perfect day in Dansville is a stop by **Caffe Tazza** for dinner. If you're visiting in the spring, be sure to snag an outdoor table and settle in for a delicious dining experience, with tapas, wood-fired pizza, and Italian cuisine served alongside a selection of wine.

Whatever you order, just make sure that you finish up in time for the nightly show at the more-than-100-year-old **Star Theatre**. Originally opened in 1921, the Star Theatre welcomes patrons every single night for 7 pm showings of the latest flicks (afternoon showings also take place Wednesday at 1 pm and Saturday and Sunday at 3 pm).

### 7. SWEET FINISH TO THE NIGHT

Once the movie lets out, top off your night with ice cream at **Ice Cream Island**. This seasonal ice cream stand serves up classic favorites and soft-serve custard. The only downside? You might have a difficult time ordering, with so many delicious options to choose from (though that gives you all the more reason to stop in a second time!).

They've got your fan-favorite flavors as well as signature items including sundaes and shakes with all the toppings you'll ever want. With so many different flavors to choose from, you might want to try one of their ice cream flights of any four flavors topped with a cone to sample.





### MAKE IT A WEEKEND!

Want to explore Dansville at a more leisurely pace, or love Dansville so much that you want to stay a little longer? We don't blame you. Turn your one ideal day in Dansville into a full weekend getaway, with a stay right on Main Street. Scan above for the perfect downtown Airbnb for the entire family with five bedrooms and large living spaces, all with a rustic industrial feel, and all within walking distance of favorite spots around Dansville.



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**ERIN HANAFIN  
SWEENEY**

📍 Geneseo, NY





# meet our makers, creators, & shakers

**Vibrant colors and  
wildlife mixed with  
art and amusement.**

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**Inspired and delighted by the  
landscape of Western New York,  
artist Erin Hanafin Sweeney is  
creating pieces that celebrate  
the colors, spirit, and absurd  
kitsch of springtime.**

Geneseo, New York-based painter and mixed media artist, Erin Hanafin Sweeney is known for her mixed media collage, expressive animals, and abstract landscapes. Her work is grounded in acrylic paint, but she often uses other media, like collage and oil stick, to tell stories and add dimension. Erin believes life is too short to not have amusing art.





**Tell us about yourself and why you decided to become an artist.**

I'm a mixed media artist and painter from Geneseo, New York. I've always been a maker and interested in art, but being a working artist wasn't something I thought was a possibility for me. The covid lockdown gave me all of this time to make art and when I tried acrylic paint, it really clicked. I've painted virtually everyday since and my work started to resonate with people. That's when I realized I could turn it into a job.

**How did you get into art?**

I've loved art my whole life, but I definitely wasn't one of the star art students in grade school. I took several printmaking classes in college and I had the most amazing professor who really encouraged me. That's when I realized that you don't have to be the most naturally gifted person to make good work, you just have to make a lot of work to improve your skills and develop your taste over time.

**Describe your style of work. Why mixed media collage, expressive animals, and abstract landscapes?**

My work is probably best categorized as pop art. I use big brushes to create shapes that are simultaneously graphic and loose. I paint subjects that bring me joy and that I find amusing. When I'm working on a painting, I spend a lot of time with it, so I usually want it to be a happy experience.

**Who/what are your inspirations?**

I like the juxtaposition between things that feel comfortable and nostalgic but are still a little bit unsettling, or at least unexpected. My favorite artists are Fairfield Porter and Wayne Thiebaud. I'm really inspired by my kids and the way they draw and paint just for the fun of it. They couldn't care less how their final piece looks and that authenticity is something that adults tend to lose. Ultimately, most of my paintings are of things that I find amusing and I think will make my kids giggle.



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## What is your creative process?

After I have an idea for a painting, I mock it up using my iPad. Once I'm happy with that plan, I move on to the bigger piece. I like painting large work because I can use big, expressive movements to put paint down. I use large brushes to help me avoid being a perfectionist and overworking a piece.

## Why LivCo? What draws you to live here and be an artist in LivCo?

I grew up on Conesus Lake and Livingston County has always been home. After bouncing around the country for several years with my partner, Raff, we landed back here to raise our three boys. The pace of life and the beauty of the area is really inspiring.

## Where can people find your pieces for purchase?

I have a selection of work at the Gallery in the Valley in Geneseo, Eleven Covington in Perry, Acme Gallery in Canandaigua and I sell work on my website, [www.erinhanafinsweeney.com](http://www.erinhanafinsweeney.com)

## Any upcoming projects or commissions you're excited about?

I am preparing for art festival season right now, so I'm making a ton of original pieces to sell at my shows this summer. Locally I'll be at the Corn Hill Art Festival, Canandaigua Lakefront Art Show, and the Clothesline Art Festival.

## Anything else you'd like to add?

The community has been so incredibly supportive of me. Lauren Wadsworth and Joanna and Keith Walters were the first ones to encourage me to show my work at the Gallery in the Valley in May of 2021. I still would have found my footing as an artist, but their encouragement meant so much to me and really helped me get started. We've really got a great little community of artists here and it's a really wonderful place to be.



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# THE NEW NORMAL

**THE NORMAL IS  
A NEW TIPLESS  
RESTAURANT -  
THE FIRST OF ITS  
KIND IN LIVCO.**



One of the best parts of travel? Hands down, it's trying out new restaurants, cuisines, and types of dining that you might not be able to find wherever you call home. In LivCo, you'll discover restaurants where you can enjoy new takes on classic favorites, farm-to-table dining that shows off regional produce and products, and even eateries that push the bounds of what we might think of as a "typical" dining experience — as is the case with the new Lima restaurant, The Normal.

Located in downtown Lima, the Normal is rethinking how you think about barbeque food, how you can support sustainability, and even how you pay your dining bill.



## A TIPLESS TRANSACTION? HERE'S WHAT TO EXPECT AT THIS MOUTHWATERING EATERY.

The Normal serves rave-worthy barbecue and all the fixin's on the side, but it's more than just the cuisine that makes this restaurant stand out. This restaurant in downtown Lima, which opened in late February 2023, is LivCo's very first completely tipless restaurant.

So what exactly is a tipless restaurant? What does it mean for you as a visitor? Well, when you head out for lunch or dinner with friends and family, you'll enter The Normal and seat yourself. You'll order your food via a QR code that you scan with your phone, and then a server brings your order to your table. Everything's simple, easy, and delicious. Open for lunch service, as well as dinner service starting in April, the Normal is a must-stop for anyone looking to try out unique takes on classic flavors.



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Check out other cool spots in Lima, like Milk & Honey Café, with its scrumptious specialty coffees, or Fanatics Pub for casual eats with a side of live music!

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With the use of nordic ingredients and sustainable practices, the Normal is an ode to Scandinavian-style, farm-to-table cuisine. And although the menu items include many takes on barbecue classics, those looking for vegan, vegetarian, or seafood options will also find lots to love. Sure, you've got your beef brisket sandwiches piled high with toppings like caramelized onions and lingonberry barbecue sauce, but there are also cauliflower-inspired takes on the barbecue classic burnt ends, and veggie-focused, collard green-loaded griddled sandwiches. You can also buy barbecued meats by the pound.

Plus starting in April, the Normal will be serving up a variety of cocktails and a bar menu of beer, wine, bourbon, and more as well as dinner service for foodies of every kind.



## INGREDIENT SPOTLIGHT

### A NORDIC STAPLE IS TAKING OVER AMERICAN CUISINE

A signature ingredient on the Normal menu, lingonberries are small, red berries native to Scandinavia. Often served as a condiment, in both sweet and savory applications, these lesser-known berries grow in North America, too.

Lingonberries are intrinsic to the Nordic diet, which emphasizes native, wild, and foraged foods. Today, modern chefs and mixologists have embraced this unusual fruit, thanks in part, to the rising interest in all things Scandinavian (especially design and food) and a dose of good old-fashioned culinary curiosity.

At the Normal, Chef Adam Peterson, sources his lingonberries from the Vancouver area of Canada and uses them in many of dishes. Be sure to try them out the next time you visit!







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## CRAVING MORE BARBECUE DURING YOUR TRIP TO LIVCO? WE'VE GOT MORE SPOTS FOR YOU TO DISCOVER!

**If you don't find yourself in Lima during your trip, you can find other barbecue hotspots around LivCo.**

### 1. Lake BBQ

A newer addition to the LivCo barbecue scene is Lake BBQ in downtown Livonia, where the crowd pleasers include the walking tacos, beef on weck (a western New York specialty that you have to try before you leave the area), pulled pork, and pulled chicken. The desserts here are also a must-try, with a rotating selection of cakes and other sweet treats, from New York-style cheesecake to fresh-baked cookies. One super-cool feature that sets Lake BBQ apart? This restaurant also serves hungry lake-goers from a boat on Conesus Lake in the summer months!

### 2. 3 Legged Pig

A LivCo local opened 3 Legged Pig more than a decade ago and, since, it's become a tried and true favorite in the region. Located in Lakeville, this restaurant offers a range of barbecue favorites, like pulled pork, ribs, smoked sausage, and brisket, plus tantalizing, comfort sides like mac and cheese, potato salad, and Frito pie. If you're traveling with someone who's not keen on the barbecue scene, they'll find options here, too, thanks to the menu's selection of plant-based entrees, quesadillas, and grilled classics like burgers and dogs. Whatever you order, make sure to save room for dessert, like the fan-favorite bourbon pecan pie.





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These three LivCo favorites just scratch the surface of all the amazing eats waiting for you throughout the county. From bakeries and coffee shops to waterfront dining, romantic date night-worthy restaurants to international fare, you can find it all, when you eat your way around LivCo. See what good eats await during your trip at [visitlivco.com](http://visitlivco.com).



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# Spring Weekend ITINERARY

From outdoor festivities to blooming gardens, spring is all about new beginnings! Get inspired and plan a fun-filled weekend trip to LivCo.

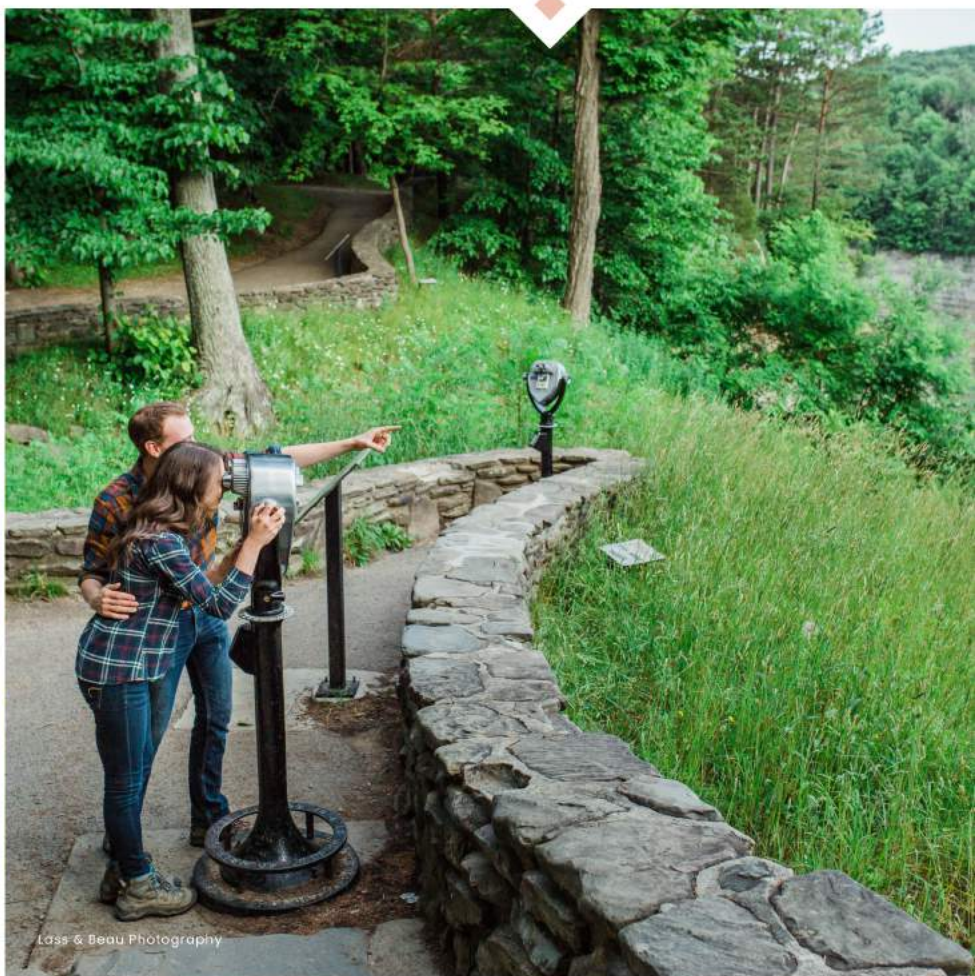




## THURSDAY

Make Mt Morris, New York, birthplace of Francis Bellamy, the author of the Pledge of Allegiance, your basecamp for the weekend. Check into the **Brick Inn**, a beautifully curated bed and breakfast with a touch of vintage flair honoring the home's original 1915 Colonial architectural detail. Once you're settled in, hop in the car and head over to **Letchworth State Park** for an afternoon of exploring.

At Letchworth State Park, the Genesee River flows through a deep gorge that has been carved over thousands of years, over several large waterfalls, and through a dam that winds through the end of the park. Discover the park's hidden natural world of 66 miles of hiking trails, or explore on horseback or bike. Bring a picnic basket and enjoy a light snack next to waterfalls, hike one of the trails, or stop at scenic overlooks along the way for breathtaking views of the park. If you're feeling extra adventurous, book a hot air balloon ride with **Balloons Over Letchworth**, flying season starts May 1st.



Before leaving Letchworth, sit down for dinner at Caroline's Dining Room in the **Glen Iris Inn**, formerly the country estate of William Pryor Letchworth. The Glen Iris Inn has welcomed guests since 1914 and overlooks the Middle Falls on the Genesee River. Enjoy classic dishes created with unique flair including smoked trout, prime rib poutine, and rosemary cavatappi.



## FRIDAY

Wake up early for a full day of adventuring, good food, and live music. Head north to Lima for morning coffee and breakfast at **Milk & Honey**, a local favorite serving up seasonal lattes, homemade baked goods, and much more. If you can't get enough of their tasty treats, purchase a few extras for the road!

Afterward, go back in time for the day at the **Genesee Country Village & Museum**, the largest living history museum in New York State. You'll get to explore tons of spots including the Historic Village, home to 68 buildings from the 19th century ranging from a pioneer farm to a Victorian mansion. Interact with costumed interpreters who will share knowledge and stories of daily life, trades, and culture, including the blacksmith, potter, tinsmith, and farmers.

Be sure to stop by the on-site **John L. Wehle Gallery**, which features extraordinary collections of 19th-century clothing, wildlife, and sporting art. Check out "Duck, Duck, Shoot! The Story of American Waterbirds," a sprawling exhibition exploring waterfowling in the 19th century and its ties to conservation movements in the 20th century. Plus on a beautiful spring day, head over to the Nature Center which offers five miles of marked trails perfect for outdoor adventuring.

You're sure to have an appetite after all that exploring (!) so swing back towards Lima for a late lunch at **The Normal**. Serving up unique takes on classic BBQ cuisine, the Normal is the first tipless restaurant of its kind in LivCo.

Just around the corner, close out the night dancing away to live music at **Fanatics Pub**. This hidden gem is a must-see destination for any blues and acoustic rock music lovers. With performances by Grammy Award-Winning Artists to Blues Music Award Winners, you might find your next favorite artist performing the night you visit. And if you get hungry again, check out their class bar menu featuring pizza, wings, and mac 'n' cheese.





## SATURDAY

Head to Geneseo for the start of the day! Fuel up with breakfast burritos and coffee at **Cosmic Charlie Cafe** just steps from Main Street. Of course, you can't come to LivCo in the springtime without seeing some flowers in bloom so drive over to **Linwood Gardens** to explore one of LivCo's signature spring events, the **Tree Peony Festival** featuring a distinguished collection of Japanese and American tree peonies.

The Gratwick Family, who owns Linwood Gardens, opens their private gardens every spring welcoming the public to explore the garden landscape that was designed in the early 1900s, with pools and fountains, ornamental trees, and an open view of the valley below. Plus the Geneseo-based bakery, **Sweet Arts Bakery** will be on-site selling light lunch options and treats. Advanced reservations for the festival are required at [linwoodgardens.org](http://linwoodgardens.org).



Keep your day of fun going with stops at nearby craft beverage destinations, **Woodlawn Distilling** and **Dublin Corners Farm Brewery**. Both stops on the LivCo Libation Loop, Woodlawn Distilling is LivCo's first farm-based, family-run distillery since prohibition times and Dublin Corners is a small, family-owned craft brewery serving up fresh craft brews made with hops grown right on the farm. And if you find yourself back in Geneseo, Dublin Corners also has a taproom on Main Street you'll want to check out!

Once you're ready for dinner, head to Piffard, New York for an elegant night out at the **Yard of Ale**. Chef Brian Simmons prepares a diverse dinner menu, as well as a "featured menu" each week,





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showcasing specialty and seasonal ingredients including one of their most popular menu items, the slow-roasted Angus beef prime rib. This restaurant is a popular spot for locals so making a reservation ahead of time isn't a bad idea.

Don't forget to save room for dessert! On your way back through Mt Morris, stop on Main Street for late-night ice cream at **Zeppo's Creekside Creamery**. With unique flavors and seasonal recipes, you'll find something for everyone!

## SUNDAY

On your final day in town, beat the cabin fever of winter's past at the **Genesee Valley Greenway State Park** which runs through Mount Morris. This 90-mile outdoor recreation corridor is ideal for hiking, running, and cycling along the old transportation routes of the Genesee Valley Canal and the Rochester Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Be sure to leave time to explore downtown Mount Morris as well, where you'll find tons of antique shops and murals along Main Street. Go treasure hunting at **Carvings & More**, featuring finds from more than 35 local artisans and 12 antique dealers as well as handmade wood carvings specially created by the owner's son. Shop for local products and candy at **Wendy's Pantry**, a country store with an extensive selection of old-fashioned candies plus a refrigerated confectionary case for fancy truffles and other chocolate treats. Their pantry is stocked with natural and local New York State items including mustards, nut butter, hot sauces, dried fruits and beans, and exotic grain blends.

Finish off the weekend with a late lunch and brews at **Strange Design Public House**. This brewery and restaurant offers rotating taps of their latest brews and a menu that emulates the mantra "something similar but different", you'll recognize many traditional items with unique twists. The menu changes seasonally to incorporate local ingredients and offers vegetarian and kid's options, making it an inclusive dining space for everyone.



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# A Fest for All

Toe tapping, yoga posing, and planes soaring are all part of the fun at LivCo festivals. They're a way to tap into local culture while getting a jump on trends in art, music, and history. See what's happening during your visit!

MAY  
05

## Sip & Stroll

GENESEO, NEW YORK

A spring tradition in LivCo, head to downtown Geneseo for an evening of sampling libations from local wineries, cideries, breweries, and distilleries. Be sure to stop and shop at businesses along the way, tickets required.

MAY  
06

## Opening Day

GENESEE COUNTRY VILLAGE & MUSEUM

Kick off the season at the Genesee Country Village and Museum with a day of exploring the 19th-century Historic Village, learning about art, fashion, and culture in the John L. Wehle Gallery, tasting historic craft beer in the Freight House Pub, and hiking their nature trails.

MAY  
27-29

## Red, White, & Blue Balloon Festival

LETCWORTH STATE PARK

Fly high! Held annually on Memorial Day weekend, 20 hot air balloons will take flight over the Letchworth gorge. Flights take place on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night as well as Saturday and Sunday morning.

JUNE  
03

## Trout Festival

CALEDONIA, NEW YORK

Did you know Caledonia is the birthplace of American trout fishing? Attend this festival to celebrate trout fishing, tour the NYS Fish Hatchery, explore the Vintage and Classic Fishing Market, and dance to live music. Plus snap a selfie with Caledonia's mural *Trout Culture* created by Indiana-based artist Tim Parsley.

JUNE  
03

## NYS Yoga Festival

LETCWORTH STATE PARK

Get your tickets for the largest yoga festival in the state. Throughout the day, Hikyoga instructors will lead you in a variety of yoga classes from upbeat to slow flow, beginner to advanced, there's something for everyone looking to unwind.

JUNE  
03-04

## National Warplane Museum Airshow

GENESEO, NEW YORK

Known as "The Greatest Show on Turf", visitors can enjoy an exciting airshow and plane displays from the comfort of the ground. Taste dishes and drinks from local vendors and explore museum displays right on the grass strip airfield.

JUNE  
10

## Glory Day

MT MORRIS, NEW YORK

As the birthplace of Francis Bellamy who wrote the Pledge of Allegiance, Mt Morris celebrates Glory Day every year. Spend the day enjoying kids' activities, live music, food trucks, a parade down Main Street, and close out the night with a patriotic fireworks display.

JUNE  
11

## Blossom Festival

LIMA, NEW YORK

Check out the 88th annual German Blossom (Baumblüten) Festival, a traditional spring festival with authentic German food, beer, homemade desserts, and music. Bring a lawn chair to relax in the shade and your favorite beer stein!

JUNE  
17-18

## WNY Pottery Festival

AVON, NEW YORK

Hosted by Studio Sales Pottery, the 12th Annual WNY Pottery Festival is an all-clay event featuring more than 20 professional artists. Visitors can watch demonstrations, glaze and raku fire their own pots, and watch 200 pots be unloaded from a wood kiln.

## FIND MORE EVENTS, ALL SEASON

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 seasonal celebrations, we hope you'll discover something new on your journey. Be sure to check them all out and tag #VisitLivCo and @visitlivco to share your adventures!





# GETTING HERE AND AROUND LIVCO



### TRAVEL TUNES

We've got a curated playlist for your journey! Scan the code to listen.



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. Rochester is less than 30 minutes north of Geneseo (the seat of Livingston County), 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.

## Walking

Our villages are easily walkable! If you're staying in a village, you're within walking distance of shopping, dining, breweries, and much more.

## Parking

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

## 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 1/2 Hours
Hartford, CT	6 Hours
Montpelier, VT	6 1/2 Hours
New York City, NY	5 Hours
Niagara Falls, NY	1 1/2 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  
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