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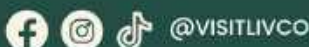
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What better way to showcase Livingston County than through the eyes of our locals? Follow our social media accounts to meet local makers and artists, business owners, students, photographers, yogis, and many more locals who make our region a unique 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.





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 #VisitLivCo, 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.

Summer days

**ENJOY SUNNY TIMES
AND MAKE LASTING
MEMORIES THIS
SEASON IN LIVCO**

Imagine a perfect summer day. You wake up late, refreshed, and ready for a day of summer fun, but you're in no rush. You sip a cup of coffee in the warm sunshine, with some of your favorite people. Then, it's off to the lake with ample opportunities to enjoy the water however you like best, whether you're the type to spend your day swimming, paddling, or cruising. In the evening, wash off the sunscreen but keep the sun-kissed glow, before you head off to dinner, local brews, and farm-to-table fare. As the day comes to a close, you find yourself dancing to live music under the stars or surrounded by your family's laughter intermingled with the sounds of a summer fair.

Perfect summer days just like these are exactly what you'll experience this season in LivCo — no matter what kind of traveler you are. The kiddos will love days near Conesus Lake, battling it out on a miniature golf course, and endless ice cream. Foodies can fill their itineraries with wine tastings, patio dining, and neighborhood barbecue joints. Adventurers, meanwhile, can expect lots of fun both on and off the water, with near-endless ways to soak up the sun.

Summer-favorite events are on tap, too, such as the classic Hemlock "Little World's" Fair, with carnival rides, concessions, and grandstand events; the Avon Corn Festival, with live music, local artisan vendors, and, of course, all things corn; and the Sunset Concert Series at the Wadsworth Homestead, for live music in a gorgeous setting.

Don't let a perfect
summer slip through
your fingers. Keep
reading to start
planning your
summer escape
to LivCo.



SPLASH *into Summer*

Revel in the sound of rushing waterfalls, the cooling sensations of splashing river water, and the scenic lakeside views on aquatic excursions. LivCo is your destination for your next waterfront escape.



ON THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE FINGER LAKES, CONESUS AND HEMLOCK LAKES OFFER ENDLESS WAYS TO GET OUT ON THE WATER DURING THE SUMMERTIME.

Life is better at the lake, right? A summer getaway to one of LivCo's Finger Lakes can be as relaxing or thrilling as you'd like. Whether you prefer lounging with a book on the dock, bouncing over tranquil waters on a jet ski, or catching the largest fish in the water, there are tons of ways to get out on the water on a warm summer's day.

The Finger Lakes Region is known for wineries, small towns, and, of course, lakes. But contrary to what some may believe, the Finger Lakes are not just five lakes like fingers on a hand. There are, in fact, eleven of them, including Conesus and Hemlock in LivCo, on the western edge of the Finger Lakes.

During the summertime, Conesus and Hemlock Lake offer distinct ways to get out on the water. After spending time on the water, you can explore the surrounding towns and villages which are home to restaurants, shopping, and plenty of non-water-based activities.

RIDE THE WAVES

Whether it's jetskiing, wakeboarding, or tubing, tie up your gear to a boat and ride the waves of Conesus Lake – you'll feel like you're flying across the water. Or hop on a jet ski and sail across the water at high speed. Save these activities for Conesus Lake, activities at Hemlock Lake are slower paced, and large motorized water vessels are not allowed to keep the lake tranquil.

CONESUS LAKE

Conesus Lake takes its name from the Native American word "Gah-Ne-A-Sos" meaning the berry place. Here, you might find the beautifully mysterious turtle-like stones, or Conesus stones as they are known around the world. These stones were formed in the ice age when glacial debris 10,000 feet thick created dams that built the Finger Lakes, and they've been found as far away as Siberia and Iceland.

Visit Conesus Lake on July 3rd when annually after nightfall, locals and visitors participate in the old Seneca tradition of setting flares all around the shoreline, known as the "Ring of Fire". The Seneca would do this to celebrate the beauty and abundance of the lake.

HEMLOCK LAKE

As the only Finger Lake that did not keep its Native American name ("Onehda Tecarneodi"), Hemlock Lake was named for the hemlock trees that grow around it, which prefer cool, moist locations and grow under taller trees. Hemlock is smaller than Conesus, with one big difference – it's virtually undeveloped.

Hemlock has been noted as an important bird conservation area. In the 1970s, the last wild bald eagle in New York was found nesting at the south end of the lake. Since then, diligent work to restore bald eagles has resulted in over 300 bald eagle nests – with dozens in the area. They are no longer endangered and are now a common sight. While visiting LivCo, check out the mural *First Flight* in downtown Livonia. Painted by Rochester native Justin Suarez, the mural depicts two eagles flying over Hemlock Lake.



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2. RENT A PONTOON BOAT

Conesus Lake is well-known for "floatillas" and pontooning all summer long. With many boat rental options close to the lake, you'll find the perfect fit for you and your party. Take your vessel onto the water, drop an anchor, and enjoy the summer sun! Want the boat experience without having to steer? Tropical Creations Boat Rental offers charter cruises on their pontoon boat with their skipper ready to entertain.

If you don't need to rent, you might prefer the slower pace of Hemlock Lake. Keep in mind, boats can be no longer than 16 feet and outboard motors no larger than 10 horsepower. If you want to take the boat for a spin, you'll be back in no time - it only takes 30 minutes to circle the lake!

3. CATCH A BIG FISH

Try your hand at fishing with the help of Upstate Anglers Guide Service, which offers fishing charters on Conesus Lake. Specializing in Bass, Walleye, Pike, and panfish, Upstate Anglers caters to all types of anglers, from experienced to first-timers to everyone in between. Your four or six-hour charter will be hosted by two expert guides who have years of experience fishing. You'll get to fish in a fully rigged tournament bass boat equipped with the latest technology.

4. PADDLE THROUGH NATURE

From kayaks to stand-up paddleboards, canoes to paddleboats, no matter which you prefer, the lakes of LivCo are ideal for paddling. Explore Conesus Lake Inlet Wildlife Area where you'll see wildlife including geese, herons, woodpeckers, and turtles or paddle along the water of Hemlock Lake where you might spot a bald eagle flying overhead.



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Shop Lake Bum Co. for custom Conesus Lake apparel. Find them on Instagram for their limited release collection, which launches with new designs each summer.

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**LOOKING FOR
MORE AQUATIC
ADVENTURES?
DISCOVER OUR
ABUNDANCE OF
RIVERS,
WATERFALLS,
AND POOLS.**

**Make a splash at
Letchworth State
Park**

Longing for some relaxation in the heart of nature? Head to the Harvey Pool at Letchworth State Park. Set in the backdrop of natural surroundings, this pool is the perfect spot for cannonballs, swimming laps, or sunbathing by the water. Drive into the park through the Mount Morris entrance and the pool is just minutes down the road.

**Cool down at Stony
Brook State Park**

Covering hundreds of acres of breathtaking natural land, Stony Brook State Park is known for its gorge and waterfalls which flow down into a spring-fed natural pool that keeps cool throughout the summer. Not only is the water cool and refreshing, it's incredibly clear and vibrant with turquoise hues that make this spot a true hidden gem. Stony Brook is also filled with campsites, cabins, picnic tables, restrooms, hiking trails, and a playground for everyone to enjoy.

**Raft along the Grand
Canyon of the East**

Experience one-of-a-kind whitewater rafting through Letchworth State Park. Adventure Calls Outfitters offers rafting trips across more than five miles of spectacular scenery and fun rapids for you and fellow paddlers. On warm days, you can cool off by body surfing the "New Wave Rapids" or get soaking wet at the "The Leap of Faith." With a little luck, you may even see some wildlife in the park.

**Experience the rush
of waterfalls**

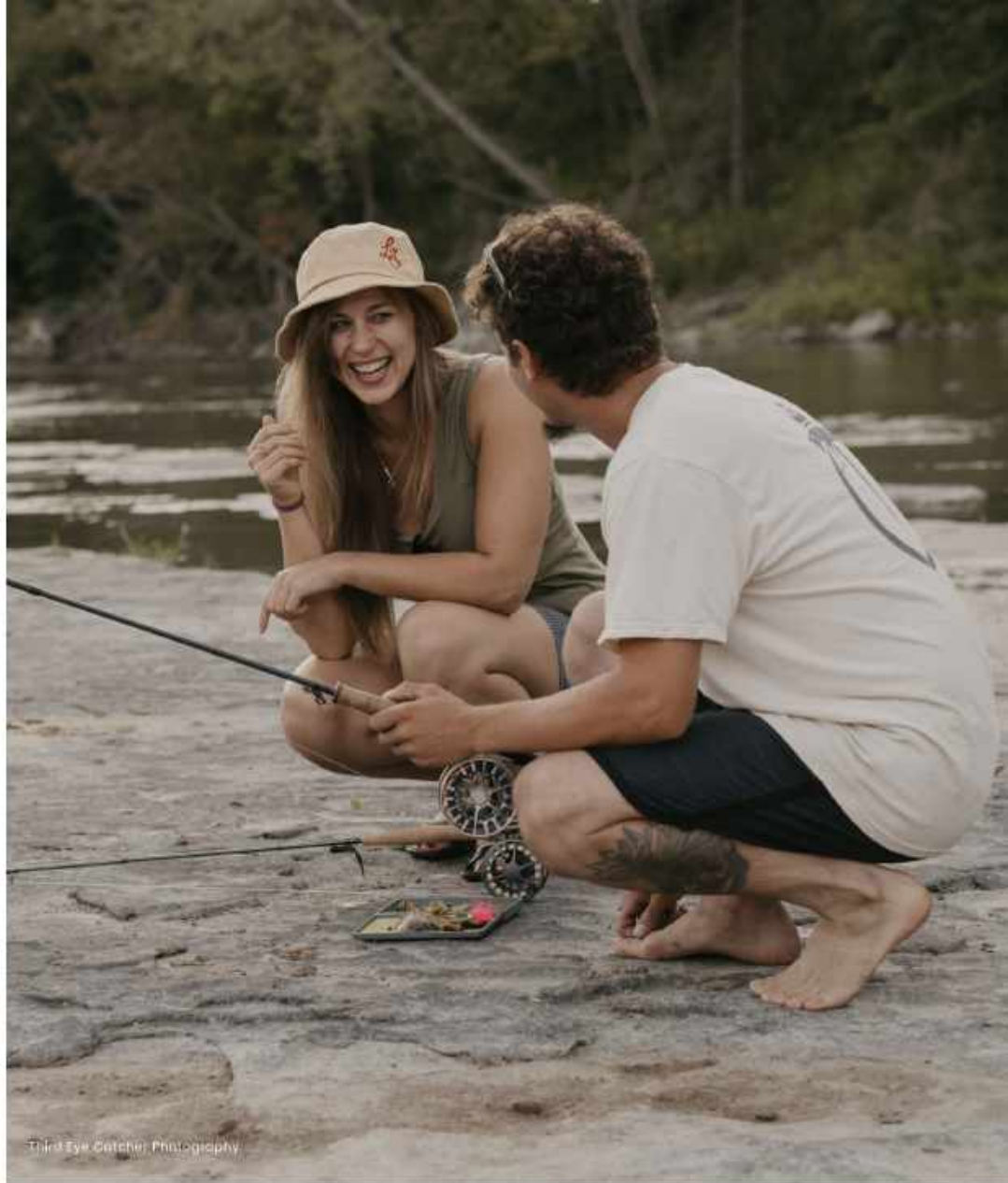
The Genesee River Valley offers a bounty of cascading waterfalls, trickling down rocks or plunging 60 feet into the mist below. Explore the falls of Letchworth State Park or take a guided tour of Fall Brook Falls with Trail Otter, whatever you prefer there are all kinds of ways to experience waterfalls in LivCo.

**Paddle the Genesee
River Blueway**

The Genesee River Blueway is the perfect way to enjoy kayaking or canoeing in a peaceful setting. Wind down the Genesee River on a warm summer's day with a group of friends or family, just be sure to check river conditions prior to starting your trip, know your route, and paddle within your abilities.

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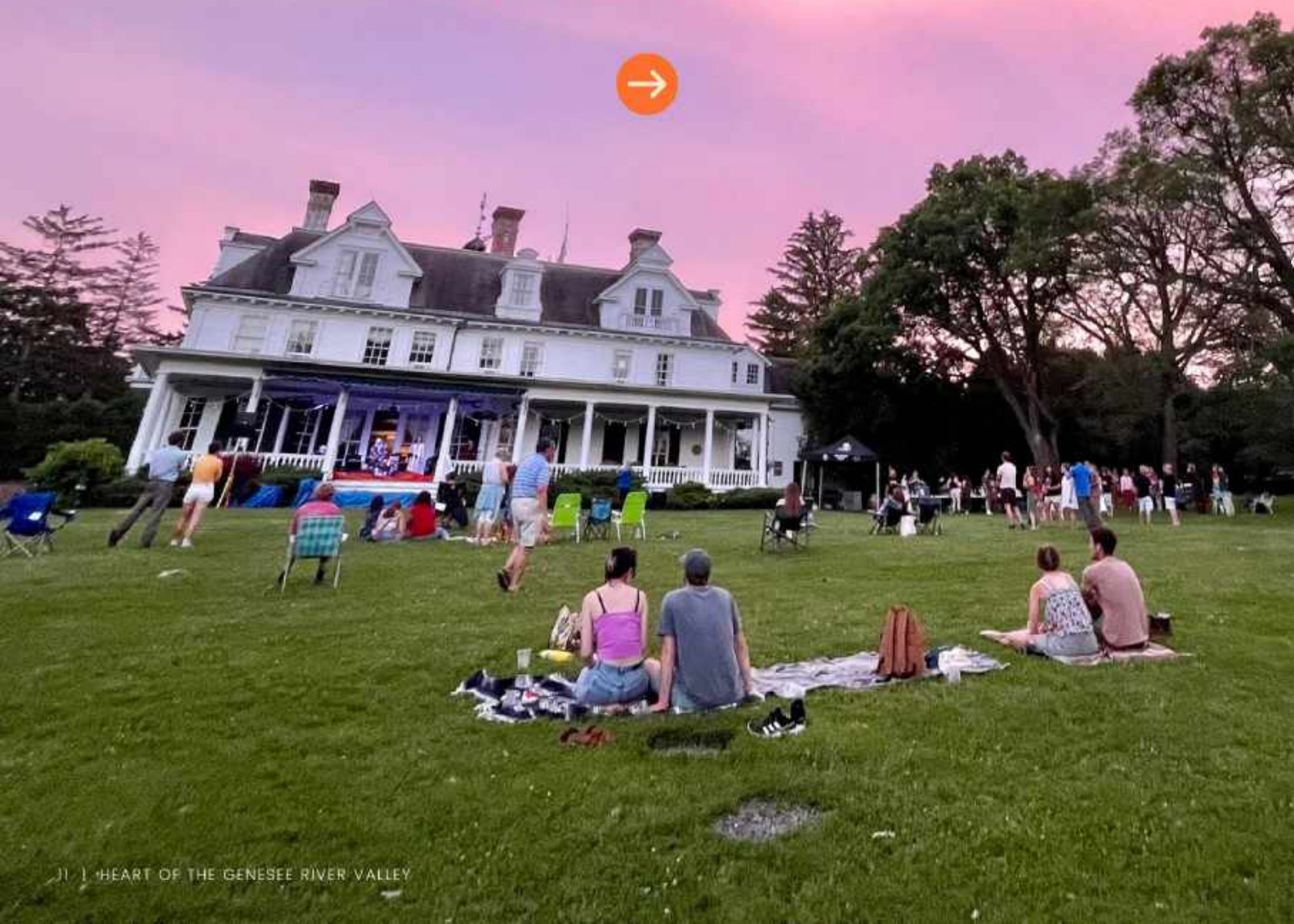


BEAT THE HEAT

When the sun is high in the sky and the summer heat is beating down, there's no better way to cool off than on the water! Scan the code above to discover even more ways to enjoy time out on the water in LivCo.

Sounds of SUMMER

FROM CONCERTS BY THE WATER AND
INTIMATE ACOUSTIC SETS IN THE PARK
to local, regional, and national acts,
LivCo's live music scene brings
something new to the stage (or street)
every day of the summer months.



Dance the night away to live music at local venues and in villages playing the sounds of summer.

As the sun starts to set a little later each day and the temperatures rise, it's the perfect time to indulge in some summertime fun. One of the best ways to do so is by heading out to local venues, villages, breweries, and businesses for live music.

Summer concerts are more than just an opportunity to listen to live music. They're a chance to create memories with loved ones and support the local community. Whether you're listening to familiar favorites or discovering new musicians, summer concerts provide an excellent opportunity to expand your musical horizons. And with so many venues to choose from, you're sure to find a concert series that suits your tastes.

Whether you're into rock, pop, country, or jazz, there is something for everyone to enjoy while basking in the warmth of the summer sun. And there are tons of places in LivCo to enjoy concerts as the sun sets over the Genesee River Valley. It's a chance to enjoy the warm weather and spend time with family and friends. Most concert series are free or have a minimal cover charge, making them an affordable option for entertainment.

So gather your friends and family, grab a lawn chair or a picnic blanket, and get ready to groove to the sounds of summer! Not only will you have a great time, but you'll also be supporting the local businesses and musicians who make these events possible. And who knows? You may even discover your next favorite band! To help you find where you should be and when you should be there, we've compiled the ultimate summer concert guide.



**WITH SUCH A LIVELY
ATMOSPHERE AND
COMMUNITY SPIRIT,
IT'S NO WONDER THAT
LOCAL SUMMER
CONCERT SERIES'
HAVE BECOME A
BELOVED TRADITION
FOR SO MANY PEOPLE.**

Wander downtown to the parks, gazebos, and Main Streets of our villages and towns that come alive with music. Whether it's a signature event or weekly concert series, you can dance the night away while surrounded by the charm and character of our villages.

VILLAGE OF DANSVILLE

In the Village of Dansville, you can enjoy a series of Monday night concerts at Williams Park, at the corner of Washington and Red Jacket. The concerts begin on June 12th at 7pm with the group Broad Band.

VILLAGE OF LEICESTER

In the Little Village with a Big Heart, Leicester's Gazebo Concert Series starts June 28th. Concerts happen every Wednesday evening with food vendors available.

TOWN OF WEST SPARTA

Spend Friday evening at "Music In The Park" in West Sparta. Performances kick off at 6:30pm, there will be five concerts during the summer. Bring a lawn chair, a friend, and a picnic supper (picnic tables are available).

RIISING STORM SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

 **AVON, NEW YORK**

Rising Storm hosts an annual lineup of summer concerts every Friday at their outdoor stage (weather permitting). Pick up your favorite brew, enjoy the summer breeze, and performances by local favorites like the Travis Prinzi Band and Bob's Brother's Band.

SUMMER SERIES AT WOODLAWN DISTILLING

 **LINWOOD, NEW YORK**

Stop by LivCo's only distillery every Saturday night during the summer for live music from 6pm to 9pm plus food trucks serving up yummy bites. Grab a cocktail (or two) and sing along.





WADSWORTH HOMESTEAD SUNSET CONCERT SERIES

GENESEO, NEW YORK

Take in the sunset over the Genesee River Valley at the Wadsworth Homestead Sunset Concert Series, hosted every other Thursday from June 1st to September 21st. Tickets are \$10 per adult and kids under 12 are free! Enjoy food from the Homestead Grill and Cosmic Charlie Cafe, pop-up shops from local artists and craftspeople, and lawn games.

GENESEE COUNTRY VILLAGE & MUSEUM SUMMER SUNSET CONCERT SERIES

MUMFORD, NEW YORK

On Friday evenings head to the Great Meadow at the Genesee Country Village & Museum for live music and beautiful sunsets. It's a rare opportunity to enjoy the Museum after hours! Concerts are picnic-friendly, but food and drinks are also available in the Depot Restaurant and The Freight House Pub. You can bring your pup along, all concerts are dog friendly!

PARK & STROLL

Many of our concert venues, arts spaces, and nightspots are easily reached by foot or bike. Help reduce transit and pollution by leaving your car behind whenever possible.

Plus, near these venues you'll likely find a variety of food and drink options in walking distance, making it the perfect night out with friends and family.

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SUMMER MUSIC UNDER THE TENT AT LITTLE LAKE BREWING

LAKEVILLE, NEW YORK

Just steps from Conesus Lake, Little Lake Brewing is hosting a line-up of local musicians under their outdoor tent every Saturday at 5pm. Enjoy their classic summertime bites like burgers and fries and beers brewed on-site.

VITALE PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

LAKEVILLE, NEW YORK

Dance along to live music by the shores of Conesus Lake. On Sunday evenings from June 25 to August 27, the Vitale Park concert series will feature a variety of performances including Public Water Supply and the Rochester Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra.

FILL UP YOUR SUMMER CALENDARS WITH A LINEUP OF MUST-SEE MUSICAL EVENTS

JULY
8-9

Weekend of Blues

📍 HEMLOCK FAIRGROUNDS

Settle in for a weekend of non-stop live music entertainment at the Hemlock Fairgrounds. Enjoy two days of performances by Gabe Stillman, Bywater Call, Sugar Ray and the Blue Tones, and many more.

AUG
3-6

Crossroads Festival

📍 LIMA, NEW YORK

An annual event in downtown Lima, the Crossroads Festival features four days of live music including a Zac Brown Tribute Band, The Pete Griffith Group, North of Forty, and more must-see performers. Don't miss the famous Lima Bed Races on Saturday as well as family activities and BBQ Rib Cook-Off.

AUG
05

Little Lakes Music & Art Festival

📍 HEMLOCK FAIRGROUNDS

Dance along to three days of regional and local live bands and vendors from the Finger Lakes and beyond. Shop gifts and wares from artisans and craftspeople. Tent camping is available close by or camp in your vehicle for all-in-one convenience.

AUG
19

Fiddlers' Fair & Making Music Weekend

📍 GENESEE COUNTRY VILLAGE & MUSEUM

Explore the influence of Irish musical stylings brought to New York State by laborers on the Erie Canal. Settle in to hear a variety of performers, enjoy food and drinks, wander the Historic Village, and spend the day immersed in live musical performances.

SEPT
09

Western New York Blues Society Festival

📍 HEMLOCK FAIRGROUNDS

Spend the day at the Hemlock Fairgrounds to support music and blues in the region. Enjoy a day of performances from artists including Luca Foresta, Steve Grills & The Road Masters, and Carolyn Wonderland. Don't forget to bring lawn chairs!



EXPLORE *Country Stores*

NO ONE DOES LOCAL SHOPPING LIKE COUNTRY AND GENERAL STORES IN THE GENESEE RIVER VALLEY.

Stepping into one of LivCo's country stores is like stepping back in time, back to a day when the store clerk knew your name, when you could buy your favorite candies for just a few cents, and a locally made snack was always in easy reach.

These unique shopping options are a far cry from a tourist-trap souvenir shop, thanks to their lovingly curated selections of items. Some embrace their vintage flair, while others have pushed the idea of a country or general store into the modern era. However, whatever you're shopping for — artisanal foods, handicrafts, vintage items or some Conesus Lake merch — you're sure to find it at one of the shopping hotspots on our list.

We've rounded up some of the best country, general, and vintage stores to visit throughout LivCo. Stop by one or two, or plan a trip to see them all over a day; you're sure to enjoy the small-town hospitality, local flair and ample opportunities for a little retail therapy.



WENDY'S PANTRY & COUNTRY MOUSE TEA HOUSE

📍 MT MORRIS, NEW YORK

Foodies will definitely want to make tracks for Wendy's Pantry & Country Mouse Tea House. Located in Mount Morris, this charming spot is, as the name suggests, both a tea and coffee shop as well as a country store. Stop in for a relaxing formal tea experience, with warm beverages served alongside traditional sweet treats, or just drop by to browse the large selection of confectionaries and other local products on display.

2ND TIME AROUND CONSIGNMENT

📍 LEICESTER, NEW YORK

If your idea of a fun day of shopping includes hunting for your next best vintage find, make sure to visit 2nd Time Around Consignment in Leicester. This leading consignment store offers a little bit of it all — clothes, antiques, furniture, décor, comic books, vintage video games, and more.



WESTERS COUNTRY STORE

📍 CONESUS, NEW YORK

This neighborhood store in Conesus is your place to go for a hot slice of pizza, fresh coffee, or some brews from local microbreweries. Serving families and travelers for the last two decades, this country store will save you a trip to the big-box store for any grocery or snack must-haves that you forgot to pack for your camping trip, day on the lake, or cabin getaway.



SHOP THE DAY AWAY

Bring something home to remember your trip to LivCo. Scan the code to explore tons of local artisans and independent retailers in the Genesee River Valley.

THE 1812 STORE

📍 LIVONIA, NEW YORK

Situated just a few miles from downtown Livonia, The 1812 Store has been lovingly restored by the owners to its former glory with unique touches. Here, you'll find nostalgic candy favorites piled high in glass jars, artisan wares from the region's local makers, antiques, and more. Make sure to visit on the weekend for their old-fashioned doughnuts.

SHORELESS ACRES GENERAL STORE

📍 LIVONIA, NEW YORK

Back in Livonia, this local favorite general store is unmatched for a quick bite to eat from the deli or a few necessities to stock up the kitchen in your vacation rental or RV. On the weekend, the general store stocks fresh-made apple cider doughnuts, alongside other tantalizing breakfast options.

GLEIXNER'S GOODIES

📍 NUNDA, NEW YORK

In Nunda, Gleixner's Goodies likewise comes to the rescue during a hungry afternoon, with its all-day breakfast sandwiches, soups and other fan-favorite menu items. Already grabbed lunch but craving something sweet? Peruse the penny candy selection. You may just find a childhood favorite or two (or three!).

HILLSIDE GARDENS

📍 SPRINGWATER, NEW YORK

A newer edition to the region, at Hillside Gardens you can find fresh vegetables, colorful plants, and homemade gifts perfect for curating a farmhouse vibe. This country store also serves as the home of the Springwater Farmers Market every Thursday from 3pm to 7pm in the summertime.

UPSTATE STAPLE

The "Garbage Plate" is trademarked by Nick Tahou Hots of Rochester, home of the original Garbage Plate.

While exploring local country stores, you might come across versions of this iconic dish. Order up your own and mix and match toppings to your liking for the perfect plate!

Shoreless Acres General Store
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A photograph taken from inside an orange tent, looking out through the open entrance. The tent's interior is visible on the left and top. Outside, a dense forest of tall evergreen trees fills the middle ground. In the background, snow-capped mountains are visible under a clear blue sky. A pile of logs and a stone fire pit are on the right side of the tent's view. The foreground shows the tent's floor and a sleeping bag.

happy CAMPING

Dive into the great outdoors on your next camping or glamping trip in the Genesee River Valley.



NATURE LOVERS CAN ENJOY FRESH AIR, GLORIOUS FORESTS, AND CLEAR LAKES ON A WEEKEND (OR LONGER) CAMPING TRIP.

There's nothing that quite allows you to connect with the great outdoors like a camping trip. Living, eating, playing, and sleeping in the fresh air, surrounded by nature, beneath the sun and stars — it's an experience unlike any other.

Whether you're a long-time camping pro or a parent with a family camping trip on your summer bucket list, LivCo has you covered with multiple places to pitch your tent or park your RV, and so many of them are within easy reach of your favorite outdoor activities like kayaking, hiking, swimming, and biking. Plus, LivCo is a region known for dark skies, the area's lack of light pollution provides excellent views of the night sky. You've never seen a night sky like this, awash in the glittering glow of thousands of stars. Keep reading for a round-up of local camping and glamping spots across the county.

LIVCO CAMPGROUNDS OFFER FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN AROUND EVERY CORNER

One of the top places to set up camp in LivCo, Letchworth State Park offers a range of lodging options, from traditional campsites to cabins to accessible lodging. You'll never run out of summer fun here, thanks to the wealth of on-site activities. Take a stroll down the nature trail, channel your inner equestrian on the bridle path, or take a dip in the refreshing pool. You can even pick up ice cream at their in-park stands on extra hot days.

Stony Brook State Park similarly boasts lots of activity and amenities, with its own nature trail, plus playing fields and tennis courts. The Ridge Campground likewise keeps you entertained with a pool, fishing ponds, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, a café, and even an outdoor movie theater.



Prefer to stick closer to the water?
Try Conesus Lake Campground,
where you can rent a kayak,
rowboat, or pontoon for the day.

Of course, some travelers prefer a
more secluded escape. Rustic
retreats and tent camping only are
what you'll find at Sonyea State
Forest and Ossian State Forest.

Need even more options? We've got
'em. Tamarack Campground, Hope
Valley Campground, and Holiday Hill
Campground are likewise popular
camping options with plenty of
amenities and spots to set up the
tent or motorhome for a week filled
with outdoor, family-friendly fun.

SOMETHING FOR EVERY STYLE AND BUDGET

If you still have yet to find your
perfect camping fit in LivCo, you do
have more options. For RVers looking
for an ultra-unique spot to stay,
HarvestHosts.com is your place to
go for booking RV spots in unusual
(but entirely fun!) locales, like
wineries and museums. Similarly,
HipCamp.com allows you to book
camping spots that are privately
owned rather than formal
campgrounds.

And, if these don't offer enough
amenities, consider browsing LivCo's
many vacation rentals on AirBnB or
VRBO, which include charming
homes, cabins, inns, and more.



STAY AWHILE

Unpack your bags and stay
awhile! The Genesee River
Valley offers all kinds of
places to stay, scan the code
to start planning your trip.



WHERE LUXURY MEETS THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Not interested in old-fashioned camping, you say? Don't care for the bugs, sleeping bags or lack of amenities? What if we told you that you can have the best of both worlds — all the peace, quiet, and beautiful natural surroundings of camping, but without giving up any of the creature comforts you crave? Glamping offers the best parts of camping — a roaring fire, s'mores, star gazing — but paired with upgraded accommodations (no tent pitching for you!), real beds, WiFi, and other necessities.

FLX GLAMPING

📍 HEMLOCK, NEW YORK

Don't care for the idea of roughing it? Say no more. FLX Glamping offers a one-of-a-kind glamping experience near both vineyards and water. Just steps away from the secluded Hemlock Lake, each glamping site is outfitted with a queen-size bed, deck, seating and a heated shower. However, you also get classic camping amenities like a fire pit for s'mores-making and fireside chats.

Thirsty? O-Neh-Da Vineyards is just a short walk away where you can enjoy the flavors of the Finger Lakes as well as a lineup of live music all summer.



Once you've settled into your campsite, you'll have nothing but beautiful scenery, fresh air and lots of bonding time ahead of you. But how do you fill those hours? It's time to think back to your days at sleepaway camp.

1. GO BIRD WATCHING

Like knitting before it, bird-watching is one of those grandma-and-grandpa hobbies that is experiencing a resurgence in coolness. Grab some binoculars and see how many different species you can spot.

2. SKETCH WHAT YOU SEE

There's a long, artistic tradition of creating masterpieces en plein air, out in the open of nature. Pack sketchbooks and art supplies, find a picturesque spot, settle down, and let the inspiration strike.

3. TELL CAMPFIRE STORIES

Gather around the blaze and spin out your best yarns. Telling campfire stories is a fun activity that brings friends and family together. Regardless of age or gender, everyone enjoys listening to a good (maybe scary) story.

4. MAKE S'MORES

If you go camping and don't make s'mores, does it even count as camping? Finish off the evening with a couple of roasted marshmallows sandwiched between melting chocolate and crunchy graham crackers.

LivCo will be in the path of totality for the Great North American Eclipse on Monday, April 8th 2024. LivCo is your dark sky destination for the Total Solar Eclipse. Visit LivCoSol.com to start planning your trip today.

STARGAZING SITES

Escape the bright lights of the city and enjoy the magic of our dark skies. Let the Milky Way galaxy wash over you, see stars, planets, shooting stars, and more - here in the Heart of the Genesee River Valley.

When the sun goes down, look up. The constellations shine brightest in these dark sky destinations.

Hemlock Lake

Hemlock Lake is the perfect location for those seeking tranquility in nature. The land is quiet and undeveloped - meaning there's nothing between you and its gorgeous

view. At night, the calm, clear lake acts as a glass mirror to the dancing lights above it.

Lay on a blanket on the picturesque spaces along the shore or sit at a charming white gazebo at the edge of the lake for a romantic stargazing experience. This is where many photographers head to capture the Milky Way, looking south.

Harriet Hollister Spencer State Recreation Area

During the day, Harriet Hollister Spencer State Recreation Area serves as a destination for all-season outdoor activities, including hiking and biking, cross-country skiing and more.

As soon as the sun sets, this recreational haven turns into one of the best views of the sky in the Finger Lakes Region. Climb as high as your heart desires and you'll be saying "oh my stars" at the night sky spectacle, with Honeoye Lake and the Rochester skyline in the distance.

Letchworth State Park

Dubbed the "Grand Canyon of the East," Letchworth State Park is a top destination for stargazing in New York. The park is lucky to have some of the darkest skies above its 14,427 acres. It's a stunning place to spend at least a day as the park is home to jaw-dropping scenery, with waterfalls, lush forests, and towering cliffs.

Some of the best spots to stargaze are on the south end of the park, and include the Upper Falls/Genesee Arch Bridge, Inspiration Point and Archery Field Overlook. The dark evening sky is spectacular all year long, so put it on your must see list!

Vitale Park

Conesus Lake, NY

A DAY IN...

Livonia

LAKE LIFE, LOCAL EATS,
AND FRESH BREWS. ➔

Just minutes from Conesus Lake, Livonia is a charming village worth soaking in this summer.

Livonia has been an important spot on the LivCo map since the village's establishment approximately 200 years ago. In years past, the lakeside village stood as a trade destination along the railroad, and now it welcomes travelers with its historic appeal, quiet charm, unique accommodations and dining options, and lively music scene. Will your travels bring you to Livonia this summer? If so, here's how to spend the day in the village and surrounding area.

1. GRAB BREAKFAST IN AN UNEXPECTED SPOT

A brewery might not be the first place you think to go for breakfast, but you'd be remiss if you didn't try the amazing breakfast options at little Lake Brewing. This micro beverage center is just as cozy and welcoming as a favorite café or bakery, and the morning menu offers fresh pastries and savory breakfast sandwiches. Stop in and fall in love with the egg and aged cheese sandwich, served alongside a freshly brewed cup of coffee, then stop back in later in the day for artisanal brews and live music regularly scheduled throughout the summer months.

2. EMBRACE THE LAKE LIFE WITH LOCAL RENTAL GEAR

You don't have to enjoy Conesus Lake just from the shoreline. You can get out on the water, too. You can rent a boat from Mark's Leisure Time Marine to take out or launch your own kayak or paddleboard. Didn't bring your own? No worries, Tropical Creations Boat Rentals offers pontoon rentals as well as kayaks, paddleboards, and canoes. You'll quickly see why this lake is known as the jewel of LivCo and one of the best spots in New York to fish, paddle and play.





No BS Brew Company
Third Eye Catcher Photography

3. ENJOY A LITTLE RETAIL THERAPY

You can't visit LivCo without checking out the amazing local shopping options. While in Livonia, stop by Simply Positive, a gift shop that offers something for every traveler and everyone on your gift list. Whether you're searching for a souvenir for yourself or a special item to bring to someone back home, you're sure to discover something you love among the shop's artisan and handcrafted items, chocolates, coffees and more. Have a little extra time in your day? Check out the shop's lineup of events and classes!

4. COOL OFF WITH A SWEET TREAT

Feeling a bit peckish? Cool off from your time on the water with an ice cream from Twisters Ice Cream Shop. You definitely won't be left wanting for options here. This local favorite business offers homemade ice cream and custards in nearly 50 different flavors.

5. SIP ON LOCAL BREWS

If you're working your way around the LivCo Libation Loop (or even if you're not), a visit to No BS Brew Company and OSB Ciderworks is a must. Pre-dinner drinks at No BS Brew Company, situated on the north end of Conesus Lake, will include more than a dozen on-tap options, as well as mixed drinks and local wines. Afterward, head on over to OSB Ciderworks to discover the family-run cideries' local-inspired libations.

6. DINE OUT FAMILY STYLE AT A LOCAL FAVORITE EATERY

Once you're ready for dinner, it's time to see why locals and visitors alike love Ember Woodfire Grill. A welcoming patio and live music are just the icing atop a menu filled with tantalizing, tempting options like the Neapolitan-style wood-oven pizza, the 18-day dry-aged steak burger, and the chicken wings served with one-of-a-kind sauces like raspberry jalapeno and Guinness beer sauce.



Ember Woodfire Grill
The Wilder Photography



7. WATCH THE SUNSET BY THE WATER

After you've indulged in a tasty, filling dinner, you might feel the need for a leisurely walk (and a couple of sunset selfies). If so, there's no better place than Vitale Park, a popular spot on Conesus Lake. The park boasts ample amenities, such as gardens, walking trails, restrooms, and a nature center.

8. END THE DAY WITH A FUN ROUND OF MINI GOLF AND GO-KARTS

What better way to end the day than with a little friendly competition? At Minnehaha's Fun Center, you can battle it out with friends and family on the mini golf course, go-kart track, or inside at the arcade. This spot is perfect for the whole family! And if you're craving another round of ice cream, you can top off the evening with a towering cone of ice cream, drenched in hot fudge and rainbow sprinkles.

Visit Conesus Lake on July 3rd for the Annual Ring of Fire. After the sun sets, folks place flares around the lake, giving it an otherworldly glow, and capping off the night with an epic firework show.





Sippin' on Summer

Fresh hops, cool brews, and hot music - that's exactly what you'll get at Dublin Corners Farm Brewery. Enter this charming farm brewery, where you can kick back and relax with friends, take in some live music, and enjoy local beverages both indoors and outdoors. It's the perfect spot for summertime fun!

The best breweries are farm fresh. And when you visit LivCo breweries, you'll notice something different - something fresh. It's not just hops and grains. It's local ingredients, grown and harvested with care by the brewers themselves. It's beer that comes from the earth, as natural as the streams and hills of the Genesee River Valley itself. If that's not enough to convince you, this particular brewery also offers live music and events all summer long, making it the perfect spot for an afternoon or evening out with friends. So sit back, relax, and enjoy a pint of brew in the sun at Dublin Corners Farm Brewery.

GET TO KNOW THE CRAFT BEVERAGE PRODUCERS BREWING ON THEIR FARM



Tell us a little bit about Dublin Corners Farm Brewery.

Our brewery location is located on our 5th generation family farm, set in rolling farm fields in Linwood, NY. The barn that now houses our brewery was actually built for our wedding 20 years ago, but we had no idea what potential it held at that time! We started out growing and selling roadside pumpkins for fun, then expanded into growing hops which of course evolved into beer making. When the product started tasting really good, we decided to share it with others and opened our doors in 2016.

If you've been with us from the start, you know we've grown a lot since then in many ways! In 2019, we opened our Geneseo Taproom and enjoyed expanding to a whole new community. That same year we were honored to bring home Gold and Bronze medals for our flagship Better Red than Dead at the NYS Craft Brewers Competition.

From the start, having live music to go with great craft beer was a priority of ours. Over the years, we've had a blast hosting a variety of incredibly talented local musicians and watching new musicians grow and expand. Most recently, we added a large open-air pavilion to host outdoor music and events and expanded our brewing system which allowed us to independently distribute our brews in the region - keep your eyes out for our brews on tap at other Genesee Valley bars, breweries, and restaurants!

**FOLLOW DUBLIN CORNERS FOR
THEIR LATEST BREWS & EVENTS!**

  **DUBLINCORNERSFARM**





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Why did you open your business in LivCo?

We opened our brewery in our backyard before the brewery boom really started in NYS, but it's been great to be part of the growing craft beverage scene here. Livingston County is our home and we would not want to be anywhere else. We have been lucky to have the support of the community and have loved to see our little brewery become a destination for neighbors and visitors alike.

What is your go-to food pairing for your drinks?

Although we've almost always got a few classics on tap like Better Red than Dead, our award winning amber ale and best seller, we try to match our brews to the flavors of the season. This summer we'll be focusing on light and refreshing flavors to pair with the bold, local produce hitting the farm stands nearby. For an easy weeknight treat, our go-to this month is Aunt Sally's Czech, a light and crisp Czech pilsner, paired with fresh vegetables from Anderson's Farm Market, just 2 miles south of the Farm Brewery on Route 36.

If you're looking to keep it easy, join us on a Food Truck night and ask your bartender for a suggested pairing or grab a flight to accompany your meal!

What's coming up for Dublin Corners location(s) this Summer/Fall?

We host local live music every Friday and Saturday at both locations year-round but the Summer is really when things come alive at Dublin Corners! You can always find out about upcoming music and our summer Food Trucks at DublinCornersFarm.com/Events but we're especially excited for our upcoming select Brunch & Beermosa Sundays, trivia nights at the Farm, and July 7 & 8 Summer Fest Weekend in Geneseo (pro-tip: when the restaurants get busy, order your food to-go and enjoy it with a cold drink in the a/c at our Taproom on Main Street!).

We've got a few other surprises up our sleeves for this summer, follow along on Facebook or Instagram at [@dublincornersfarm!](https://www.instagram.com/dublincornersfarm/)

HEATHER & JUSTIN GRANT

Dublin Corners Farm
Brewery & Taproom

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

Tap into the power of the people and the community around you! When we first opened our doors, we honestly weren't sure if anyone would show up. It was just the two of us with a dream to build a business of our own. What we realized early on is that running a small business truly takes a village. We wouldn't be here seven years later without our incredible staff, community, and other business owners. Don't be afraid to reach out, ask questions, get to know your neighbors - it might lead to some of the best relationships!

What's the best thing about being in LivCo?

It's a hard toss up between the people and the place! We've met so many incredible people at both locations over the years, from fellow businesses who have lent a hand, to friendly travelers sharing stories, local musicians sharing their talent, and all of our regulars who have helped us shape the down to earth, laid back vibe that we could've never crafted ourselves if we tried.

As for the place, we get the best of both worlds with a rural setting at our Farm and the charm of Main Street Geneseo at our Taproom. Plus, we love that no matter which direction you're coming from you're bound to experience gorgeous Genesee Valley views along the way. If you don't, it's worth the detour on the way home!

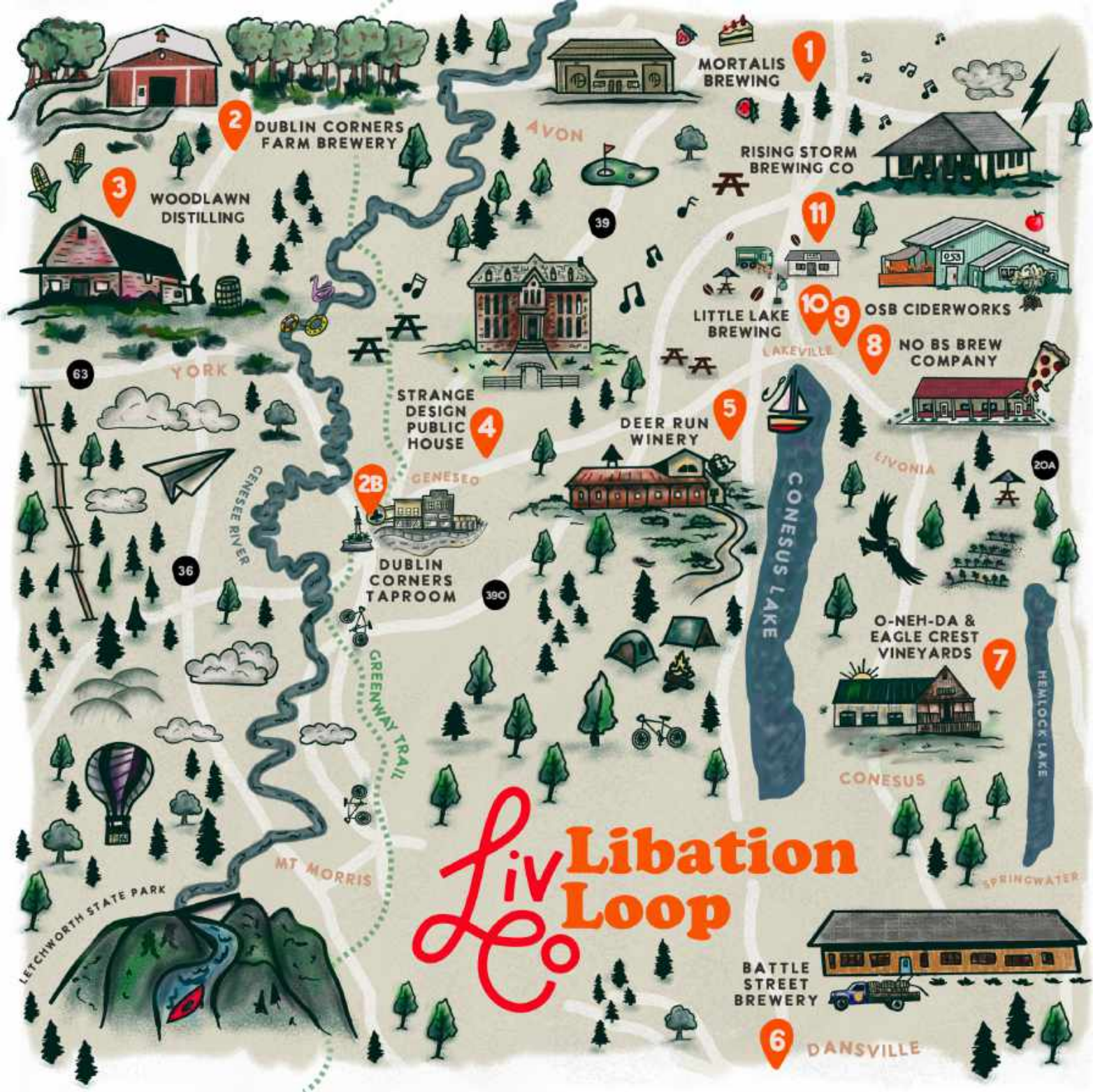
Anything else you'd like to add?

We're a participating Harvest Host site and offer a limited number of RV camping sites on the weekends to members!

Our Geneseo Taproom is just a 10-minute drive north of the Mount Morris entrance to Letchworth State Park and our Linwood location is just minutes from the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park - trail users are always welcome! Dogs are welcome outdoors at both locations!

Our Farm Brewery has lots of outdoor seating and even more space to spread out - feel free to bring the whole family and a few camping chairs!





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

A woman in a black long-sleeved shirt and denim skirt is carrying a young child on her back. The child is wearing a grey t-shirt and dark shorts. They are standing on a rocky, moss-covered path in a forest. In the background, a small waterfall cascades over rocks. The scene is lush and green, suggesting a summer setting.

Soak up NATURE

**EXPERIENCE THE HEALING
POWER OF FOREST BATHING
IN THE SUMMERTIME**



Third Eye Catcher Photography

Often, we think of outdoor activities as somewhat adventurous — rafting down a raging river or working up a sweat on a strenuous hike — but what if you could experience the great outdoors in a serene, relaxing manner that lowers your stress levels and leaves you feeling refreshed and rejuvenated? That’s exactly what forest bathing provides.

A practice growing on the mindful travel scene, forest bathing originated in Japan several decades ago, as a way to inspire individuals to connect with the country’s gorgeous forests while also helping them recoup from work and tech-related stress.

We know that too much time at work or in front of screens can be bad for our mental health and that spending time in the fresh air and around trees and other plants is beneficial for our mental health — so it's no surprise that this new approach to stress relief worked. Forest bathing quickly grew a following that spread internationally.

SO WHAT EXACTLY IS FOREST BATHING?

No, you won't need to strip down to your skivvies for this bath. Instead, forest bathing typically includes simply walking or sitting in a natural environment, in a quiet, mindful, present manner that allows you to really focus on what you're seeing, smelling, hearing, touching, and sometimes even tasting, all around you. Forest bathing is easy and perfect for any age or fitness level — and it's an activity you can enjoy during your trip to LivCo. And we've rounded up a bunch of places you can visit to connect with nature.

HEMLOCK-CANADICE STATE FOREST

The beautiful, near 7,000-acre Hemlock-Canadice State Forest offers ample opportunities to forest bathe in the reclaimed lands around Hemlock and Canadice Lakes. Park your vehicle and then explore the multiple hiking trails that serve up views of the water. Most of the trails here are rated as "easy," though some are on the longer side, so be sure to check the estimated hiking time for the trail of your choice before heading out.



LETCHWORTH STATE PARK

Like the idea of forest bathing but not the idea of giving up creature comforts or amenities? Then Letchworth State Park might just be the perfect place for you to go. The park offers a nature center, playgrounds, a visitors' center, programming, and more. Expect some crowds during the summer, especially around the waterfalls; however, there are also opportunities to find a little seclusion as well, if you take to the hiking trails.

CANASERAGA STATE FOREST

As a relatively undeveloped state forest, you'll find plenty of peace, quiet and solitude at Canaseraga State Forest. Criss-crossed with unpaved roadways, old farm lanes and deer paths, the forest is relatively flat, so it's a great place to forest bathe with pets or children in tow.

SONYEA STATE FOREST

The Genesee Valley Greenway passes through Sonyea State Forest. Here, you can discover the railroad remains as you explore the Keshequa Gorge and its creek. The water's edge is a favorite spot for a peaceful picnic.

GENESEE VALLEY GREENWAY STATE PARK

This pet-friendly park follows the historic remains of the Genesee Valley Canal and Pennsylvania Railroad, mixing nature with historic features like warehouses and canal culverts, resulting in plenty to take in with your senses as you forest bathe. The Greenway is 90 miles long so, depending on where you enter, you may also find gorges, farmlands, wetlands, and other features.

OSSIAN STATE FOREST

Another rustic forestland with little development, Ossian State Forest is filled with quiet, placid marshlands and lakes. Wildlife watching is a favorite activity here and one you can incorporate into your forest bathing experience, as you keep an eye out for wild turkey, beavers, mink and even the occasional black bear.

Trail Otter
Bryan Wilder Photography



While at Trail Otter, be sure to snap a pic with the "world's largest backpack" outside their store.





OR YOU CAN TAKE A GUIDE AND SOME GEAR WITH YOU!

Whether you're heading out to forest bathe in one of LivCo's beautiful forestlands or you're plotting out a hike, paddling trip, or any other outdoor adventure, make sure you're properly (and safely!) outfitted with all the right gear.

Trail Otter is LivCo's only outfitter store, selling everything you need for hiking, backpacking and outdoor fun of all types. And if you prefer a guided outdoor adventure, Trail Otter offers hiking and backpacking tours in Letchworth State Park and other spots in the Genesee River Valley, all year long, in case you want to get out in the woods but maybe don't want to go it alone. Even if you don't need a guided tour, though, the staff is chockfull of useful information and advice to make your trip easier. Stop into the Trail Otter store in Leicester (where you'll also find the world's largest backpack!) before you even step foot into the forest — you'll be glad you did.

MUST-TRY
ICE CREAM
SPOTS TO
VISIT THIS
SEASON



Scoops of *Summer*

Nothing quite says summer like a scoop (or two) of your favorite flavor of ice cream!

With the warm weather comes days spent in the sun, and the best way to cool down is with a cold, creamy treat. What better way to celebrate the season than by taking a trip to one of these farm-fresh ice cream spots and indulging in some delicious scoops? Whether it's a classic cone, a cup of ice cream, or something a little more unique, you can find the perfect combination of sweet and creamy flavors that are sure to make your summer even sweeter.

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. So while you're soaking up the sun on Conesus Lake, shopping, or exploring one of the nine Main Streets, cool off with a delicious frozen treat to beat the summer heat. Here are some of our favorite places to grab a cone (or a dish!).

MOONIE'S TWO SCOOPS

 LEICESTER, NEW YORK

A classic local favorite brought back to life in the last few years, Moonie's is serving up a variety of ice cream flavors and unique creations. Check out their milkshake of the week, from Orange Creamsicle to Cookie Monster. Using fresh ingredients and homemade waffle cones, this is one ice cream stop you won't want to miss.

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 mini-golf, 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.

ZEPPPO'S CREEKSIDE CREAMERY

 MOUNT MORRIS, NEW YORK

Known for being irresistibly creamy, all of the flavors at Zeppo's Creekside Creamery are handmade in the store. Dig into a dish, towering cone, or ice cream float sure to satisfy your sweet tooth. Not in the mood for ice cream? At the same location, Fudgetown serves up an abundance of treats, like chocolate-dipped Oreos, hot cocoa bombs, and, of course, lots of fudge.

KISH-A-WA CREAMERY

 NUNDA, NEW YORK

Expect a line for this cult favorite! Kish-a-wa Creamery is a cash-only ice cream shop that showcases the best of farm-to-table, artisan creations. They partner with local producers for their dairy and other ingredients, so you always know you're getting the freshest and the best. Featuring multiple brands and styles of ice cream and sorbets, along with old-fashioned favorites like sundaes, shakes, smoothies, splits, and more!

TWISTERS ICE CREAM

📍 LIVONIA, NEW YORK

Twisters has been a seasonal favorite of Livonia locals since 2004, serving 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.



Kish-o-wa Creamery
Third Eye Catcher Photography

ICE CREAM ISLAND

📍 DANSVILLE, NEW YORK

Located in Dansville, Ice Cream Island is a seasonal stand offering more than 20 flavors of Super Rich Gifford's and Perry's hard ice cream, sundaes, shakes, soft custard, and Zweigle's hot dogs. Stop by after a trip to Stony Brook State Park.

THE BARN RESTAURANT

📍 PIFFARD, NEW YORK

Enjoy the nostalgic experience of a 1950's diner at The Barn Restaurant where you'll find vintage décor, toys, and more that create the feeling of stepping back in time. Serving up Perry's hard ice cream, you'll have tons of flavors to choose from. If you're looking for something else sweet, The Barn serves up donuts on Saturdays and Sundays.



Kish-o-wa Creamery
Third Eye Catcher Photography

LTF ICE CREAM

📍 GROVELAND, NEW YORK

You might know them for trees, but Letson Tree Farm is home to year-round activities. From May to September, stop by their stand in Groveland to enjoy Perry's ice cream, milkshakes, floats, and hot fudge sundaes.



Kish-o-wa Creamery
Third Eye Catcher Photography



MORE SWEET TREATS

Whether you're looking for the perfect nightcap after a delicious dinner, a cone piled high with soft serve, or a sundae that feeds four, scan the code to find it.



RAYMOND
CHIULLI

@Ratchilli

**meet our makers,
creators, & shakers**



**Meet the artist
bringing characters
to life through the art
of frame-by-frame
animation.**

Inspired by the people in the world around us, local artist Raymond Chiulli is creating hand-drawn and distinctive characters through 2d animation.

Creating digitally hand-drawn and distinctive characters is made even more mesmerizing through the art of frame-by-frame animation, a specialty of local artist Raymond Chiulli. His work is an inspiration for aspiring animators and makers alike, offering incredible insight into the intricate process of creating a character from the ground up. As a 2D animator, Ray's style and creative vision are captivating audiences everywhere with his eye-catching visuals and story-telling.

Get to know how Ray breathes life into his work through the painstaking process of drawing each individual frame. And you can often find Ray behind the counter at The Gallery in the Valley in downtown Geneseo, pen and digital drawing tablet in hand!

Tell us a bit about yourself.

I'm Ray! Also known as Ratchili. I'm a Geneseo native who grew up watching too many cartoons.

Describe your style of work. Why 2d animation, illustrations, and the creation of characters?

My style of work tends to be cartoony and expressive but with plenty of textures that keep things looking fun and organic. I gravitate towards 2D animation because of how it allows me to incorporate elements such as narrative, music, and acting into my art. I also just love the way art looks when it moves!

What is your creative process?

I'll think of a theme I like for shirts or stickers (i.e. caffeine rat) and come up with a script for an animation that ties into it. If I like the idea and script enough, I'll move forward with recording the voice lines and turning it into a full-fledged cartoon that pairs with physical items I've designed for sale. I find it helps to make the animations I make feel more tangible and the items I design feel more thematic and special.

How did you get into animation?

The internet flash animations of the early 2000s is what got me into animating. When watching animated films as a kid, you don't really consider the possibility of being an animator since many of these films are produced by multimillion-dollar studios. However, when I first went on the world wide web as a child and saw that young people were making animations all by themselves in their bedrooms; it BLEW my MIND. Sure, these animations weren't nearly as polished as full-fledged films, but it opened my eyes to what's possible. Suddenly, I realized that I could take all these ideas, stories, and characters trapped in my mind and make them a reality.



While you're exploring Conesus Lake, find this mural painted by Ray at the Beachcomber.

Who/what are your inspirations?

I'm still mostly inspired by many of the talented artists and animators who rose to popularity online during the early-late 2000s; Namely David Firth, Yotam Perel, Zach Hadel, and Edd Gould. But I also find myself frequently inspired by the world around me and the crazy characters that occupy much of it.

Why LivCo? What drew you to the area?

As someone who grew up in Geneseo, I have a soft spot for it. Small communities like it have so much potential and so much good to share. I actually lived in NYC for a few years during college and as fun and as exciting as that was, I found it to be quite isolating. I've come to really appreciate the level of community places like LivCo can offer and it has been amazing seeing all the growth Geneseo has been making as of late. I want to continue to be a part of it and support all the wonderful small business owners that make this place so great!

Where can people find your work for purchase?

You can find all my work for purchase online at ratchilistore.com! I also sell my work at The Gallery in the Valley on Main Street in Geneseo.

Any upcoming projects or commissions you're excited about?

I'm the featured artist at The Gallery in the Valley in September, so anyone who wants to see me and my work in person should attend! I'm also currently working on two new animations to promote new shirts and hats I will be releasing in the near future.

Anything else you'd like to add?

Shop local! Support local! It makes the world a better place!





Summer Weekend ITINERARY

From farm-fresh bites to kid-friendly outings, summer is all about new adventures! Get inspired and plan a fun-filled weekend trip to LivCo.



THURSDAY

Take an easy drive to the Genesee River Valley for a long weekend getaway by the water. Book a lakehouse on **Conesus Lake** that is big enough for the whole family to vacation together. As the westernmost Finger Lake, Conesus Lake is known as a year-round destination for water recreation, fishing, sporting, and family fun. Also home to all kinds of vacation rentals, Conesus Lake offers options with varying amenities and features for whatever your family needs!

Start your weekend on the water with **Upstate Anglers Guide Service** for a morning of fishing, straight from the experts. Offering fishing charters throughout the beautiful Finger Lakes region, Upstate Anglers specializes in Bass, Walleye, Pike, and panfish. They cater to experienced anglers, first-timers, and everyone in between! You'll be accompanied by two experienced guides who are eager to provide you with a memorable adventure guiding you in the sport they love. You will be fishing in one of two, fully-rigged tournament bass boats equipped with the latest technology. Plus Upstate Anglers provides all the equipment so you don't have to lug anything along with you on your travels.

Afterward, head over to **Shoreless Acres General Store**, where they serve up burgers, fries, subs and specialty sandwiches, along with Prime Rib and Fish Fry's on certain days. You'll love this general store's unique finds, tasty food, and Conesus Lake merchandise so much, you'll want to stop back again and again. And if you do, they serve homemade apple cider donuts on the weekends.

While you're out and about, swing by the **1812 Store** nearby in Livonia for a little retail therapy. This store embodies the spirit of a country store with a variety of antiques and artisan wares.



In the afternoon, head back out on to the water by renting a pontoon boat from one of the local spots such as **Tropical Creations Boat Rentals** or **Conesus Lake Boat Rentals**. Take the boat out for a spin and spend time swimming, floating, or just sailing across the water with the lake breeze blowing through your hair. If you're looking for a bit more adventure, Conesus Lake is a popular spot for wakeboarding, tubing, or jet skiing as well.

When you're ready for a break (and some dinner), dock at the Beachcomber for a bite to eat and some on-land fun. **The Cabana and Dockside Grill** features darts, a pool table, beach volleyball, and other games you can enjoy. Hang out at a picnic table or in a beach chair on their sandy beach while munching on beachside classics littleneck clams, seafood chowder, or a basket of fried shrimp with fries. They often host live music performances, too. If you prefer some time indoors, head into their cozy and inviting vintage-style restaurant, the **Crab Shack Restaurant and Pub**. It's the only existing restaurant and bar left from the nearly twenty dining spots that used to be open around Conesus Lake!

Once the sun starts to set, head back to your lakehouse cozied up by a warm fire roasting s'mores while you gaze up at the starry night above the lake.

FRIDAY

Wake up early for a full day of adventuring, good food, and family fun. Start the day at **little Lake Brewing**, just steps away from Conesus Lake, this hidden gem serves up hearty breakfast sandwiches, freshly baked pastries, and hot coffee brewed on-site. If you can't get enough of their tasty treats, purchase a few extras for the road!

When the kids are ready for fun, head south to the **Backyard Barnyard**, a petting zoo and family fun center, in Mount Morris. With a host



of farm animals, kids' activities, and arts and crafts, your little ones won't ever want to leave. But when you're ready for a change of pace, stop by the **Mount Morris Dam and Recreation Area**. Explore the Visitor Center to learn more about the dam or join one of the park rangers for a free guided walking tour of the dam. Spend time outside on the park grounds or playground to enjoy captivating overlooks, hiking trails, and maybe even spot some local wildlife.

After all those adventures, you'll be ready to fuel up for the rest of the day. Make the trip south to **Kish-a-wa Creamery** in Nunda. Known for endless flavors of unique, farm-fresh ice cream along with old-fashioned favorites, Kish-a-wa also serves up a menu of lunch favorites including burgers, hot dogs, and fries made with local and regional farm-sourced ingredients. And it will be nearly impossible to resist ordering ice cream while there, be sure to check out their extensive menu of flavors and creations perfect for cooling down during a warm summer day.



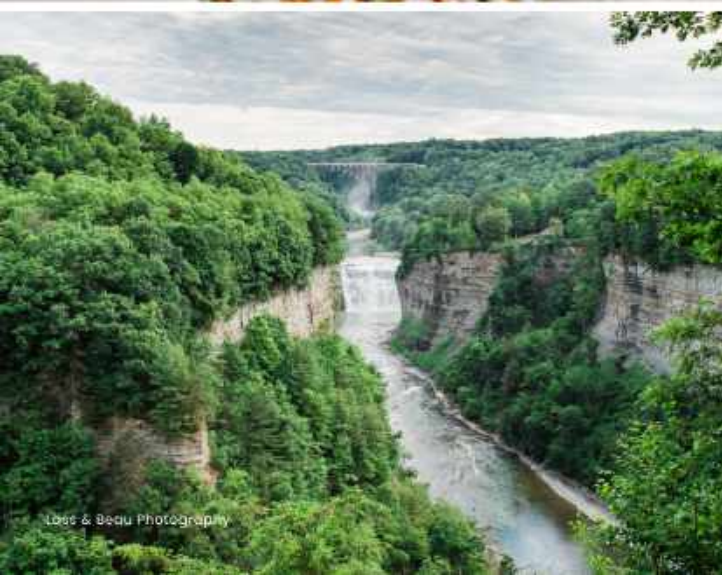
Kish-a-wa Creamery
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On the way back north, take a leisurely drive through **Letchworth State Park** to experience the majesty of the Genesee River flowing over three waterfalls (the tallest is 106 feet) carving out a vast canyon with sheer walls and lush forests.

Close out an exciting day at the **East Avon Vintage Drive-In Theatre** which offers the ideal drive-in experience for movie lovers. Enjoy an outdoor double-feature with your friends and family from the comfort of your own vehicle. Entry for children under the age of four is free. Stop by the snack stand for tasty treats to enjoy during the movie.



Lois & Beau Photography

SATURDAY

The adventures continue on Saturday! Start the day off strong at the **National Warplane Museum** where you and your family can hop in the iconic Whiskey 7 airplane and fly into the sky. Dedicated to the preservation and display of significant historical and military aircraft and artifacts, you'll be sure to learn something new at this museum.

After your time in the sky, grab lunch at **Strange Design Public House**, Geneseo's only brewery. Try their loaded salads, saucy chicken wings, or stacked burgers. As a stop on the **LivCo Libation Loop**, you'll want to sip their craft beer too! And if you're in the mood for more freshly brewed libations, make a pitstop at one of the many craft beverage spots nearby including **No BS Brew Company**, **OSB Ciderworks**, **Deer Run Winery**, and **little Lake Brewing**.



Make your way back toward Conesus Lake and stop at **Vitale Park** where you can sit by the water and bask in the lake breeze. Explore the on-site gazebo, playground, and **Chip Holt Nature Center** which provides interactive educational programs. Keep the waterfront experience going with dinner on the shores of Conesus Lake at **Galene**. Serving up classic coastal and American cuisine, this restaurant is a year-round destination with beautiful views of the water, exemplary hospitality, and a wide range of culinary offerings as well as craft beer, specialty cocktails, and local wines.



Cosmic Charlie Cafe
Bre'en Wilder Photography

Because there is nothing quite like a Genesee River Valley sunset, make sure to enjoy the setting sun over Conesus Lake. Whether you're sitting on a dock, lounging in a lawn chair, or taking the boat out for a sunset sail, there's no better way to close out the night and reconnect with nature.

SUNDAY

It's the last day of your long weekend! Head over to Geneseo for early morning coffee and breakfast tacos at **Cosmic Charlie Cafe**.

Afterward, get out and stretch your legs on the **Erie-Attica Trail** which runs along a beautiful truss bridge that spans 220 feet across the Genesee River. This wooded rail trail begins on the west end of Avon and continues west just over a mile to **Genesee Valley Greenway State Park**.

On Sundays, the Vintage Drive-In Theater in Avon transforms into the local-favorite **East Avon Flea Market**. Explore the market where you'll find antiques, furniture, novelties, produce, food trucks, and more. Be sure to make a stop at another flea market nearby, the **Exit 9 Flea Market**, located in a converted old barn with indoor and outdoor shopping.

Keep the shopping day going at the **Crossroads Antique Mall** in Lima. Located in a former church, this shopping destination offers a wide range of items including rare and hard-to-find collectibles, furniture, books, jewelry, glassware, home decor, and kitchenware.

Close out your weekend of foodie finds and kid-friendly adventures at the **Normal** in downtown Lima. The first completely tipless restaurant in LivCo, using Nordic ingredients and sustainable practices, is an ode to Scandinavian-style, farm-to-table cuisine. And although the menu includes many takes on barbecue classics, those looking for vegan, vegetarian, or seafood options will also find lots to love.



Vitale Park
Lea & Beau Photography



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Third Eye Catcher Photography



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A Fest for All

Outdoor adventures, carnival rides, and live performances 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!

JULY
01

Outdoor Rec Fest

📍 LETCHWORTH STATE PARK

This is your chance to learn from 25 skilled experts. Enjoy interactive stations including skills for backpacking, adaptive biking, birding, outdoor safety, camping, horseback riding, and whitewater rafting, as well as a stop at the Autism Nature Trail.

JULY
22

Many on the Genny

📍 LETCHWORTH STATE PARK

In the style of old-school ultras, this footrace of 44ish miles uses both sides of the famous Letchworth State Park gorge. With 90% of the course off roads, you will traverse single track, fields, foot bridges and bridle paths while experiencing beautiful vistas of the region.

AUG
26-27

Western NY Bowhunting Festival

📍 SWAIN, NEW YORK

Head to Swain Resort for the 13th Annual Bowhunting Festival featuring activities for archers of all types including a variety of experiences, compound and traditional archery, trapping, and tracking.

JULY
7-8

Geneseo Summer Festival

📍 GENESEO, NEW YORK

A tradition since 1982, enjoy entertainment, delicious food, arts and crafts, and music in the Village Park. Kick off Saturday with the Teddy Bear Parade down Main Street and end the night with Skycoasters.

AUG
3-6

Crossroads Festival

📍 LIMA, NEW YORK

An annual event in downtown Lima, the Crossroads Festival features four days of live music including a Zac Brown Tribute Band, The Pete Griffith Group, North of Forty, and more must-see performers. Don't miss the famous Lima Bed Races on Saturday as well as family activities and BBQ Rib Cook-Off.

SEPT
03

Oak Tree Half Marathon & 5K

📍 GENESEO, NEW YORK

Race through the Genesee River Valley past 300-year-old oak Savannah's, sheep pastures, and horse farms. With live music, historic aircraft flyovers, and hand-made finisher medals, enjoy a small town feel with all the amenities you'd expect at a big city race.

JULY
18-22

Hemlock "Little World's" Fair

📍 HEMLOCK FAIRGROUNDS

Since 1857, there has been something for everyone at the largest fair in Livingston County! Get ready for Monster Trucks, Demo Derbys, Truck and Tractor Pulls, animal exhibits, 4H events, and more. Tickets include entry to the fair attractions, midway rides and Grandstand events.

AUG
12

Avon Corn Festival

📍 LIMA, NEW YORK

Calling all corn lovers to the 35th annual Avon Corn Festival. Head to Genesee Street in Avon for a day-long festival of over 100 arts and crafts vendors, live music and entertainment, food vendors, beer garden, corn-eating and corn hole contests.

SEPT
09

Farm Fest

📍 PIFFARD, NEW YORK

Celebrate LivCo's agricultural roots, interact with farm life, and learn about where your food comes from! Families and kids can enjoy a petting zoo, food vendors, educational wagon ride, farm activities, and more at Lawnel Farms.

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!



SCAN TO EXPLORE

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
FOR PLANNING YOUR VISIT

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