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### **EXPLORE RESPONSIBLY**

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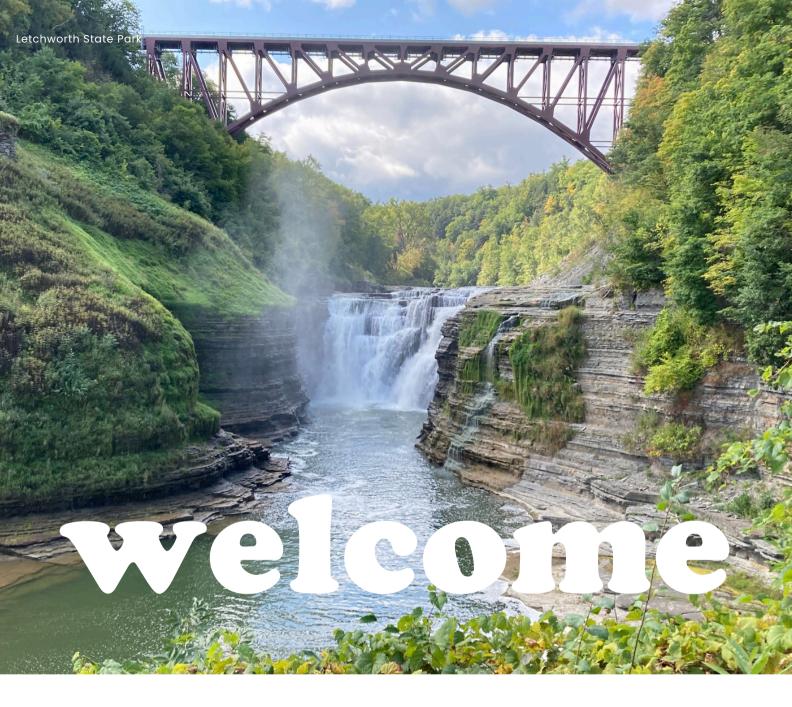


### VISIT THE NEW LIVCO TOURISM INFO CENTER

LivCo Basecamp is located at 4 O'Connell Avenue in Mount Morris. Stop by for information, advice, and maps to make the most out of your time in LivCo. Don't forget to fill up with treats from Sweet Arts Bakery!

### 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.



ANY TIME OF THE YEAR IS A GOOD TIME IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY



Welcome to the Genesee River Valley and its beautiful and historic villages. Rushing through the region, the Genesee River has forged stunning gorges nearly 600 feet deep, hidden valleys, and is home to some of the most scenic and productive farm country found anywhere. It tumbles over six waterfalls — three in Rochester and three in the breathtaking Letchworth State Park. And Livingston County is at the heart of it all!

Home to Letchworth State Park as well as numerous other parks and nature trails, LivCo is the outdoor adventurer's dream. Looking for something different? We have no shortage of wineries, breweries, museums, and farmers' markets. Find boutique shops, quiet parks, a burgeoning food and drink scene, and an exciting craft beverage libation loop waiting for you here. We're ready to show you what we've got.

# A PLACE FOR ALL SEASONS

Find detailed itineraries for every season or every season, there's a reason to visit Livingston County. This part of the country experiences four distinct seasons, each with its own appeal and character. The changing of seasons keeps the bountiful outdoors accessible year-round, while indoor delights beckon rain or shine. Our humble suggestion? Make your LivCo encounter a repeat performance to connect with the season that best speaks to you. One quick trip simply won't do.



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**FROM THE ROAR OF WATERFALLS** to the kaleidoscopic blooms of native wildflowers, springtime in LivCo is a rush.

Spring gives us a world revived, where flowers bloom on every corner, breweries put their patio furniture back outside, and friends reconnect on a hike in the long hours of afternoon sunlight. As the buds begin to bloom, plan an early jaunt to one of the many beautiful parks or gardens in the area, and don't forget the annual Genesee Valley Conservancy Bluebell Walk off Nations Road in Geneseo (reservations required). Waterfalls are roaring once again, and birds all around are heralding in the impending turn of the seasons.

Kick off the festival season with a trip to the Tree Peony Festival at Linwood Gardens or head south to Dansville for their annual **Dogwood** Festival. The blooming dogwoods have been celebrated since the 1960s and nothing says spring like this week-long event with a parade, craft show, carnival, live music, and lots of beautiful blooms. You won't want to miss the many village farmers' markets that start to reopen for the season and then make a stop on Main Street for dinner outside on a warm spring evening.

Keeping fit and staying zen? Keep an eye out for the **New York State Yoga Festival** hosted by HikYoga at **Letchworth State Park**. Then spend the day exploring **Stony Brook State Park** where you can hike, explore deep and shallow pools, and check out one of the many waterfalls. It's a world reborn in LivCo when spring comes, and you won't want to miss it!









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memories that bring people together and keep on laughing for years to come.

IN THE HEART OF THE GENESEE River Valley, slow down in summertime spending time creating the experiences and

It isn't summertime without spending time on the lake. Lake life is the best of what summer has to offer, embarking on unplanned adventures with your best friends, and diving into the water headfirst. You may also end up axe throwing at Backyard Barnyard, cheering on speedy race cars at the Empire Dragway, indulging in a plate of BBQ from The Normal, dancing to live music at the Sunset Concert Series at the Wadsworth Homestead, spending happy hour by the lake at Galene, or enjoying the biggest hot fudge sundae you've ever seen at Kish-a-wa Creamery

LivCo is a hub for outdoor recreation at any time of the year, but it really comes alive when the weather is sunny and warm. Enjoy outdoor farmers' markets with peak produce, kayaking, paddle boardina, and boating on Conesus Lake, swimming in local streams, floating down the Genesee River, the annual Hemlock "Little World's" Fair, drive-in movies at the **Avon Vintage** Drive-In, and plenty of campfire chats after late sunsets. For a non-traditional option, plan a brewery tour through the villages of Livingston County. So call your best friends, book a place on the water, and get ready for a truly unforgettable summer.

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### CHANGING LEAVES AND

**COOLER NIGHTS** signal the start of fall and harvest time at nearby family farms. There are apples in all their sugar and spice iterations, pumpkins to carve, corn mazes to navigate, bonfires and s'mores to enjoy and – of course – leaf peeping.

Hike through **Letchworth State Park** (don't miss the **Autism Nature Trail**) or check out the **Genesee Valley Greenway State Park** via foot or bike for a scenic route past rivers, farmlands, and under foliage — you'll have a whole new appreciation for the beauty of Western New York.

Cast out a line and enjoy fly fishing around LivCo. The **Genesee River** flows north through Livingston County and is a popular trout destination. Or head out to **Oatka Creek** or **Springwater Creek**.

Dabble in Livingston County's rich equestrian culture by riding for the afternoon at the **Nunda Ranch** or cheering on your pick at the **Genesee Valley Hunt Races**. And if your favorite thing about the season is pumpkins, you won't want to miss the annual **Lima Pumpkin Festival**.

Spend time discovering the rich historical heritage of Western New York at the **Genesee Country Village & Museum** in Mumford, a living nineteenthcentury town covering more than 600 acres.

Try your hand at a round of golf, with no experience, good weather, or clubs necessary. At **HD Sports Zone** in Dansville, simulator technology makes a quick round possible. Rent out a VIP lounge and take some swings with up to six other players. Fore!







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### **FALLING TEMPERATURES** BRING AMPLE snowfall, calling to avid skiers, skaters, and snowshoers, who can't wait to grab their gear and head outside for a day of invigorating fun.

Whether you're visiting from out of town or planning a cozy stavcation close by, you'll find something out of a storybook, with snow-covered trails, trees, and historic homes in Livingston County this winter. Take in the fresh air by sledding down Starr Hill, ice skating at Sulpher Springs Ice Rink, downhill skiing at Swain Ski Resort, or winter hiking with Trail Otter, depending on how adventurous you want to get!

For those who don't love the cold but want to stay active, plenty of indoor activities abound – rock climbing at Sunrise Bouldering and bowling top the list, but brewery hopping along the LivCo Libation Loop sounds fun, too. Restaurants become warm gathering spots for socializing and enjoying authentic cuisine from local chefs. Cozy up at coffee shops including Milk & Honey Cafe in Lima, or dine out on a snowy evening at a local favorite like Questa Lasagna or Ember Woodfire Grill.

The holiday season is a cozy time in Livingston County, with twinkly light-lined streets, comfort food-laden menus, and plenty of holiday events in each town. Shop local for those on your nice list and explore all the boutique, vintage, and antique shops throughout LivCo's nine, historic villages.

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# Letchworth State Park

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Known as the Grand Canyon of the East, Letchworth State Park is a favorite scenic spot in LivCo throughout the entire year. Surround yourself with the beauty of cascading waterfalls and deep gorges as you stroll, drive, hike, or partake in offerings such as hiking, whitewater rafting with Adventure Calls Outfitters, horseback riding, swimming at the Harvey Swimming Pool, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snow tubing, and more.

Letchworth State Park Third Eye Catcher Photography

### **AUTISM NATURE TRAIL**

The Autism Nature Trail, commonly known as The ANT, at Letchworth State Park is a first-ofits-kind experience in nature designed for visitors on the autism spectrum and with a range of abilities — enjoyable for all abilities and ages. The ANT is a one-mile looped trail featuring stations at various intervals that offer a range of experiences from quiet engagement to active exploration.

### **STONY BROOK STATE PARK**

A "hidden gem" in the region, explore hilly woodlands, a deep gorge with rugged cliffs overlooking three waterfalls, and fascinating rock formations. The Gorge Trail is the easiest and most scenic while the Rim Trail climbs up towering cliffs through the woods. Spend time swimming, picnicking, hiking, and bird watching. The campground offers tent/trailer sites as well as eight cabins available for rent.

# MOUNT MORRIS DAM & RECREATION AREA

Located at the base of Letchworth State Park's Grand Canyon of the East, the Mount Morris Dam is the largest concrete dam east of the Mississippi. The regionally important and historic structure offers exhibits and scenic vistas, and you can visit for a self-guided or guided tour, April through October (reserve your tickets in advance online). Explore the Visitor Center to learn more about the dam and spend time outside on the park grounds to enjoy captivating overlooks, picnic shelters, and a playground. This is a great place to hike, bike, or view wildlife. During the winter, explore the trails on snowshoes or cross-country skis.

### 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. The Greenway is 90 miles long, so, depending on where you enter, you may also find gorges, farmlands, wetlands, and other natural features along the way.

### HARRIET HOLLISTER SPENCER STATE RECREATION AREA

Six miles south of Honeoye Lake, this area offers panoramic views of the countryside along hiking and biking trails. The area was created after 680 acres of land were given to New York State from the estate of Harriet Hollister Spencer, a horticulturist, rose expert, and civic leader, after her death in 1962.







# PRISTINE FINGER LAKES

### CHOOSE YOUR OWN WATER-FUL ADVENTURE

As the westernmost gateway to the Finger Lakes Region, the lakes and rivers of LivCo are calling your name. 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!

Visit lively Conesus Lake for year-round fun, from the Ring of Fire on July 3rd to ice fishing in the winter. Spend a day playing and dining on the lake, or extend your stay at one of the many vacation rentals. Or enjoy a more peaceful atmosphere at remote Hemlock Lake with beautifully wooded shorelines that offer an atmosphere experienced only in remote areas like the Adirondacks and Canadian provinces.

### **CHASE 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.

### MAKE THE BIG CATCH

Try your hand at fishing with **Upstate Anglers Guide Service**, offering fishing charters on Conesus Lake. Specializing in Bass, Walleye, Pike, and panfish, Upstate Anglers caters to all types angler experience, from first-timers to experts. Your four or six-hour charter will be hosted by two guides with years of experience.

### **PADDLE WITH NATURE**

From kayaks to stand-up paddle boards, canoes to paddle boats, 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 waters of **Hemlock Lake** where you might spot a bald eagle flying overhead.

### FLOAT THE DAY AWAY

**Conesus Lake** is well-known for "floatillas" and pontooning all summer long. Take your vessel onto the water, drop an anchor, and enjoy the summer sun!

Hemlock Lake

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.

### **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.

### **RAFT THROUGH LETCHWORTH**

Experience exhilarating whitewater rafting through Letchworth State Park with Adventure Calls Outfitters, which offers rafting trips across miles of spectacular scenery. On warm days, paddlers 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.







# Nurturing Nature

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The Genesee River Valley feeds a spirit of creativity and ingenuity.

IT'S NO ACCIDENT that here in Livingston County, you'll see people making, designing, and inventing just about everywhere you look. Our landscape is ideal for growing crops and playing outside. And our breathtaking valleys, rippling rivers, and emerald forests inspire locals and visitors to paint, sculpt, write, and make music.



# LOVE THE LAND

### LIVINGSTON COUNTY MIGHT BE KNOWN FOR ITS OUTDOOR RECREATION,

but if there's a takeaway for our visitors - it's our dedication to conserving the natural lands of the Genesee River Valley. Surrounded by the beauty of the region, it's easy to see why locals love the land.

And as a not-for-profit land trust, the Genesee Valley Conservancy strives to conserve our natural resources and strengthen connections between people and the land in the Genesee River watershed. By protecting the habitat, open space, region, the Genesee Valley Conservancy provides beautiful places to hike and farm, as well as active classrooms for schools and universities.

With over 34,000 acres of land and seven miles of hiking trails protected, the rich soils of the region support people of all generations including the farmers who depend on the land to grow food for our communities. On your visit to LivCo, explore the preserves of the Conservancy including the Railroad Bed Trail in Avon, Indian Fort Nature Preserve in Geneseo, and the Mill Creek Nature Preserve in Wayland.

Visit their website to learn how to get involved with their efforts and news on their latest projects.

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A VIBRANT MIX OF CULTURES and creatives produces a lively roster of signature and small-town events in LivCo. No matter your preference you'll get to explore festivals, intimate live music shows, holiday celebrations, oneof-a-kind equestrian events, and much more.



Dates, times, and venues are subject to change, be sure to check **visitlivco.com/events** for the most up-to-date information.

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# SPRING

Kick off spring with some of LivCo's premiere events including the **Tree Peony Festival** at Linwood Gardens, the **Lima German Festival**, and the **Red**, **White & Blue Balloon Rally** at Letchworth State Park. Find your inner calm at the **NYS Yoga Festival** or stop in Caledonia for the annual **Trout Festival** celebrating the history of fishing in the region. However you enjoy it, springtime in LivCo is a can't-miss occasion.

# SUMMER

Summer-favorite events are on tap 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, or excitement in the sky at the **National Warplane Museum Airshow**. Spend July 3rd on Conesus Lake for the **Ring of Fire**. The **Lima Crossroads Festival** combines food, family fun, and live music, including lots of blues and jazz music. And don't miss the Annual Bed Races, a yearly tradition of the festival.

# **AUTUMN**

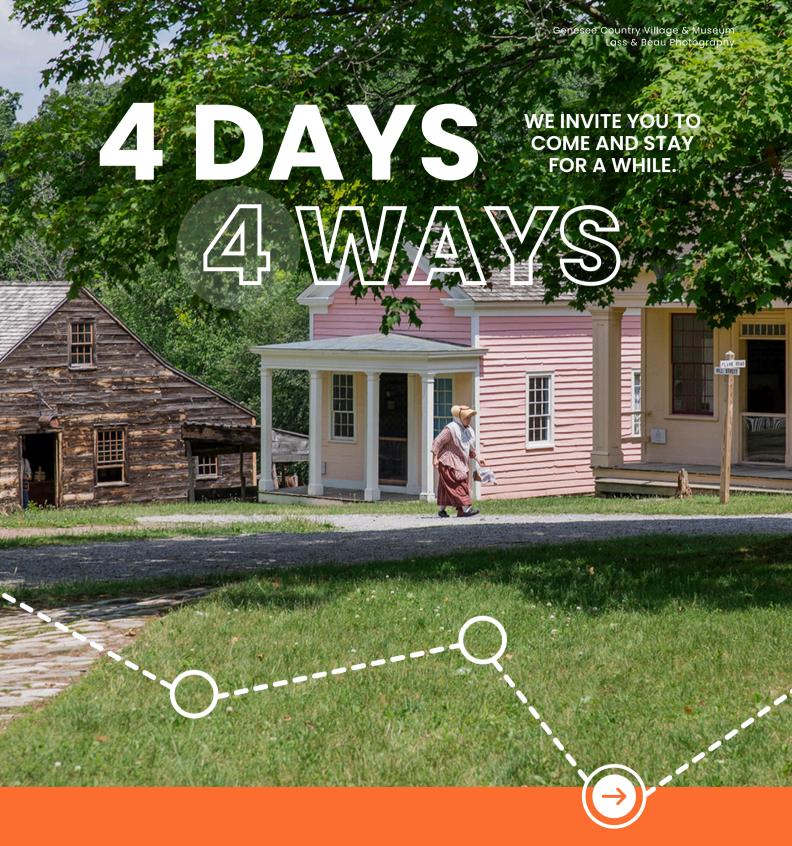
Embrace the colors of fall and cheer on your favorite racehorse at the **Genesee Valley Hunt Races** or spend the day leaf-peeping along winding country roads. Pick up a pumpkin at the **Lima Pumpkin and Agricultural Festival**, and then get a little spooky with a ghost tour. Attend a local favorite fall event - you'll have several to choose from including the **Agricultural Fair** at the **Genesee Country Village & Museum** in late September, and **Oktoberfest** at **No BS Brew Company**.

# WINTER

Kick off the holiday season with ice skating at the **Avon Holiday Spectacular**, yummy treats at the **Geneseo Cookie Stroll**, or sampling wine at Dansville's **Winter in the Village**. If you're a live music lover, the Genesee River Valley boasts an abundance of live music at venues like Avon Park Theatre and Geneseo Riviera. After the holidays, the festivities continue with the **St. Patrick's Day Parade** in Avon and **Maple Weekends** at Letchworth State Park.







There's no one way to spend your time in Livingston County, and with so much to see and do here, a jam-packed getaway is the way to go — no matter what type of traveler you are! Finding your path and plotting your stops can help you make the most of your time, whether you visit for the day or a long weekend. Here are four of our favorite itineraries — tailored to everyone from fun-seeking families to gastronomy guests. Pick your favorite way to enjoy the Genesee River Valley and customize your trip — no matter the length. Ready to explore? **LET'S GO!** 

# FOR THE FREE-SPIRITED FAMILY

Whether your group includes tots, tweens, or teens, you'll find plenty of fun things to see, do, and eat throughout LivCo.

### DAY 1

Start your trip at an oldfashioned diner. Reminisce Soda Fountain. Afterward, experience some hands-on history at the first fish hatchery in the Western Hemisphere. Established in 1864, the **Caledonia Fish Hatchery** offers trout feeding, a small picnic area and nature trail. Then, travel back in time to the 19th century, when you explore the largest living history museum in the state, the Genesee Country Village & Museum. You could easily spend all day here, exploring the vast array of exhibits. Be sure to check the museum's calendar, too! There's nearly always something fun going on. Wrap up your day with dinner at High Banks Tavern, where you can enjoy classic American bites at affordable prices in a family-friendly atmosphere.

# DAY 2

Stop into the new LivCo Basecamp for the latest travel info and tips, as well as a light breakfast provided by the on-site Sweet Arts Bakery. Then, let the kiddos work off some energy at the well-equipped playaround at Al Lorenz Park. In the afternoon, make friends with the curious farm animals at Backyard Barnyard and enjoy a range of activities from axe throwing to bounce houses. Need something a little more low-key? The Autism Nature Trail in Letchworth State Park provides a peaceful place for everyone to enjoy the park's beautiful scenery. For dinner, what



kid can pass up a plate of pasta? **Questa Lasagna** is serving up all the classics.

# DAY 3

Grab breakfast at little Lake Brewing, where the options range from savory sandwiches to tantalizing pastries. Parents will also appreciate the house-roasted coffee. Then, it's time to channel vour competitive side, with kids and parents going head-to-head at Minnehan's Fun Center. Gokarts, mini golf and a video arcade provide hours of fun. Grab a kidpleasing lunch lakeside at the Beachcomber where you can dine overlooking Conesus Lake. Spend the evening catching a movie at the Avon Vintage Drive-In Theater an experience the kids will remember for a lifetime.



### DAY 4

Devote the last day of your trip to unique explorations. Hunt for fairies in Dansville, via the village's walkable **Fairy Door Trail**, featuring 31 whimsical doors. Then, hunt for your next craft project at **Spindle & Knots**. For outdoor explorations, hike to the waterfalls of **Stony Brook State Park**, or go horseback riding at **Nunda Ranch**. End your trip to LivCo with yummy bites and ice cream at **Kish-a-wa Creamery**.





# FOR ADVENTURER

Livingston County offers an engaging mix of both invigorating and relaxing pursuits that showcase the region's breathtaking natural beauty.

# DAY 1

On your first day in LivCo, see the sights via cycle, when you take to the 90-mile Genesee Valley Greenway State Park. The greenway follows an old canal and railroad route, and is not only a areat spot for cycling, but also horseback riding, hiking and, in the winter months, snowshoeing, crosscountry skiing and snowmobiling. Then, when it's time to wind down, do so with a gentle yoga session at the woman-owned Magic Held Here yoga studio in Caledonia. Cap off your day with a delicious dinner at local institution The Yard of Ale, a restaurant that combines casual vibes with fine-dining quality, and that's known for its prime rib dinners.

# DAY 2

Fuel up at **Cosmic Charlie Café**, where you can find out-of-thisworld beverages and breakfast burritos — just what you need before heading next door for indoor bouldering at **Sunrise Bouldering**. See other spots around downtown Geneseo when you stop into the



adjacent **FLX Revival**, offering cool vintage finds. For the afternoon, get your adrenaline pumping with a whitewater rafting trip down the Genesee River, courtesy of **Adventure Calls Outfitters**. Then kick up your feet for the evening at one of LivCo's newest breweries, **Solitude Brewing Company**.

# DAY 3

Enjoy an all-American breakfast at the **Barn Restaurant**, before taking a tour of the **Mount Morris Dam and Recreation Area**. Then, it's time to see **Letchworth State Park**'s gorgeous waterfalls from an unanticipated angle — from the skies! **Balloons Over Letchworth** offers hot air balloon rides that will easily be the highlight of your trip. When you're hungry, you don't need to stray far from the falls for a bite; try the scenic dining area at **The Glen Iris Inn**, for dinner with a view.

# DAY 4

As you wrap up your adventurefilled trip to LivCo, take a guided hike or excursion with Trail Otter. The outfitter offers tours and trips that can be customized to your needs and interests. Then, go for a leisurely paddle on Conesus Lake, when you rent your choice of a kayak or standup paddle board. Then grab a Rochester classic known as a garbage plate (a tasty concoction that combines burgers or hot dogs, fries and sides like baked beans and macaroni salad into one dish) at Shoreless Acres General Store and a thirst-quenching beer at LivCo's first brewery, Dublin Corners Farm Brewery, will sate your appetite at the end of the day.



# FOR **FOODIE**

Spend your time sampling the endless flavors of Livingston County's diverse dining scene without running out of delicious options.

### DAY 1

LivCo's local food scene is vibrant and ever-growing – something you'll witness on the very first day of your trip, when you stop into one of the coziest coffee shops in the region, **Milk and Honey Café**. Agritourism goes hand-in-

hand with culinary tourism and, luckily, LivCo boasts lots of local farms as well, see one for yourself with a visit to a woman-owned and operated medicinal herb and mushroom farm in Geneseo, Fallbrook Farms. For dinner, make sure to snag a reservation at Galene, a lakeside restaurant serving up daily raw bar specials, seafood and coastal cuisine. Then, arab drinks and listen to live music at one of LivCo's favorite live music venues, Fanatics Pub.

# DAY 2

It's time to see just why the Finger Lakes have become known as a renowned wine destination. Sample vino at the westernmost Finger Lakes winery, Deer Run Winery, and get a bite in the on-site Tankroom Café. Spend the afternoon hopping between area wineries and breweries, safely with **RocTours**, which offers small-group and private local drinks-focused tours that include door-todoor pickup and drop off. For dinner, Ember Woodfire Grill specializes in local flavors, served family-style.

### DAY 3

Indulge in a little shopping on the third day of your trip, perusing local food items as you munch on various breakfast options offered at Six Sprouts Farm Market. Continue the day at the Geneseo Farmers Market. Then spend your day sampling whatever craft beverages you've yet to try in the area, when you journey the LivCo Libation Loop (see page 27). When it's time for dinner, don't pass up a Western New York classic – beef on weck. One of the best spots to get one? Scovill's Grill.



Six Sprouts Farm Market Third Eye Catcher Photograph



# DAY 4

Visit the **Abbey of the Genesee**, where Trappist monks sell specialty food items like **Monks' Bread**. Other top spots to visit for artisan and local goods include the **1812 Store**, **Wendy's Pantry & Country Mouse Tea House**, and **2nd Time Around Consignment**. As you work up an appetite, enjoy a final bite of LivCo at either the original **Tom Wahl's** location in Avon, with its classic American burgers and fries, or **The Normal**, with its barbecue with a tasty Scandinavian twist.



# FOR CULTURE AND CRAFT



# DAY 3

Drive along the LivCo Inspirations Trail to see more than nine murals scattered across LivCo's villages. If you're feeling inspired, get your hands dirty as you get creative, with a class at Studio Sales Pottery. When you're hungry, feed your inner artist with quick bites at T's on Genesee and live music and brews at Rising Storm Brewing.

# DAY 4

As you sign off on a great trip to LivCo, fuel up with breakfast and caffeine at the charming Cricket's Coffee, then spend your morning shopping for local gifts and artisan items in Geneseo's Historic District. Stop by Market on Main, the Not Dot Shop, Touch of Grayce, and the Gallery in the Valley. Embark on a creative endeavor in the afternoon, with a metalworking class at Ironwood Studios. Lastly, partake in an evening of live music and sushi at Drumroll Sushi & Staae.

Take in the region's penchant for all things creative through everything from tours to meals to hands-on experiences.

### DAY 1

Stay at one of our historic properties and book a room at **Hillcrest Estate**, where you'll find luxurious suites and whole home rentals in a setting that dates back to the 1800s. For your first evening, get drinks at LivCo's only distillery, **Woodlawn Distilling**, then have a bite at the historic but newly revived **Rose's Bar and Grill**.

# DAY 2

Who said history was boring? It's the furthest thing from it when you visit the **National Warplane Museum** and take to the skies in a real World War II aircraft. While you're out and about, swing by **Clara Barton House Chapter #1** and snap a photo of the founding chapter of the American Red Cross. Then end your day with a glass of wine and wood-fired pizza at **Caffe Tazza**.



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# THREE EXTRA ACTIVITIES

### **Even after spending a full four days** here, you may feel like you've just scratched the surface. And it's true. The natural beauty we've grown accustomed to in the Genesee River Valley expands throughout the region, and Livingston County serves as the ideal base camp for seeing it all.

There's no better place to find a treasure than at Livingston County's ample antique and vintage shops, where the aisles and shelves are stacked with unique finds. Whether you're a keen collector, window shopper, or on the prowl for the perfect gift, plan a visit to these shops throughout the county including The 1812 Store in Livonia, **Florence's Perpetual Estate** Sale, the Not Dot Shop and FLX Revival in Geneseo, Allegiance Antiques, Reflections from the Past, and Carvings & More in Mount Morris, and 2nd Time Around Consignment in Leicester.

No matter where in LivCo you're exploring and no matter your favorite music genres, you can find live music to enjoy just about any day of the week. Spots around the county hosting live music include Fanatics Pub in Lima, Avon Park Theater, and Geneseo Riviera. Be sure to check out the Sunset Concert Series at the Wadsworth Homestead held every first and third Thursday throughout the summer, or visit Vitale Park in Livonia, the Village of Leicester, or the Town of West Sparta for weekly summer concerts in the park.

When the sun goes down, look up. Escape the bright lights of the city and enjoy the magic of stargazing in Livingston County. Constellations shine brightest in dark skies above Hemlock Lake, sit at the gazebo at the edge of the lake, at Harriet Hollister **Spencer State Recreation Area**, with Honeoye Lake and the Rochester skyline in the distance, and at Letchworth State Park, the Genesee Arch Bridge, Inspiration Point, or Archery Field Overlook. Make it a weekend when you book a campsite at one of LivCo's family-friendly campgrounds or stay in style at FLX Glamping.

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# STAY for a while...

The Loft at 170 Main Street Third Eye Catcher Photography









PLACES TO STAY IN LIVCO

**AFTER A BUSY DAY** exploring, you're going to need a spot to rest your head. Relax - we've got just the place to stay, no matter your travel style. Wake up to a stunning valley view in one of LivCo's hotels, enjoy the delights of a bed and breakfast tucked into a historic neighborhood, or stay steps away from it all at a huge vacation rental on Conesus Lake in the heart of the region. Or if the outdoors are calling your name, nature lovers can enjoy fresh air, glorious forests, and clear lakes while getting cozy in a secluded cabin hideaway or campground. No matter your restful need, LivCo is ready to tuck you in.

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Nine villages make up LivCo, each with its own distinct vibe and voice. Magic spirals out in all directions, from the pull of our mesmerizing downtowns to the allure of points off the beaten track. Every one of the nine villages exudes LivCo's friendly charm, offering up restaurants, shops, museums and adventures that make every visit unforgettable. Harness the power of our one-of-a-kind villages and surrounding area with this quick guide to what's there.

### **AVON** HISTORY WITH FUN

Named for the River Avon in England, this village boasts deep community roots. Originally a stagecoach crossing community, Avon became known as a spa destination (thanks to the nearby mineral springs) and a popular destination for harness horse racing. Today, you can explore Avon's history at the Five Arch Bridge, built for the railroad in the 1850s, or the Avon Inn. built in 1840. Beyond the history, though, Avon also offers a whole lot of fun, with popular attractions like the East Avon Flea Market, Vintage Drive-In Theater, and Genesee Valley Kart Club, one of the longest-running gokart asphalt tracks in the state.

### **GENESEO**

WHERE TOWN MEETS GOWN

As the county seat and home to SUNY Geneseo, this village is bustling with activity. While the campus is worth a visit for its scenery (the sunsets from the campus aazebo are particularly noteworthy, as is the replica of David Thoreau's Walden Pond cabin), there's so much more to do and see in Geneseo. Head to Main Street for favorites including Aunt Cookie's Sub Shop and the historic Big Tree Inn. You'll also find The 3 Brick Collective, a restored block of three historical buildings, once known as the County Poorhouse. Don't miss a photo op in front of the largest LivCo mural: Wisdom, located at 125 Main Street.

# LIVONIA

### LAKEFRONT AND LIBATIONS

For travelers who want to hit the water, there's no better village to visit than Livonia, which sits between Conesus and Hemlock Lakes. However, it's not just water recreation that you'll enjoy here. The village also features guite a few stops on the LivCo Libation Loop, with breweries and cideries including No BS Brew Company, little Lake Brewing, OSB Ciderworks, and the newest brewery in Livingston County, Solitude Brewing Company. For families, Minnehan's Fun Center is a great place to spend the day, with its mini golf, go-karts and arcade. When you're hungry, make tracks for Ember Woodfire Grill

### CALEDONIA

#### **KNOWN FOR FAMOUS FISH**

Caledonia's claim to fame? Home of the oldest fish hatchery in the Western Hemisphere. Established by Seth Green in 1864, the hatchery is still in operation today where you can stop by to feed the fish. The village offers shopping and dining, and is minutes from the highly popular Genesee Country Village & Museum, the largest living history museum in the state. Be sure to stop by the Caledonia Village Inn, serving French-inspired farm-to-table cuisine, Pastique, a home décor and aift boutique, and the MacKay Wildlife Preserve, offering 26 acres of nature and a mile-long loop trail

### **LEICESTER**

#### QUINTESSENTIAL SMALL TOWN CHARM

It doesn't get more charming than Leicester. In the mid-1900s, the village drew visitors with the Leicester Casino. which attracted big-name acts like Chubby Checkers and Buddie Rich. Today, the village might be a little quieter, but it's still no-less worth your time. Highlights include the Village Park and Gazebo, where you can catch live music in the summer, as well as Starr Park, with its superb sledding hill. You can find entrances to the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park, and can't-miss businesses like 2nd Time Around Consignment and Gatherings at the Depot.

# **MOUNT MORRIS**

#### SPECTACULAR SIGHTS AROUND EVERY CORNER

The LivCo Inspirations Trail draws your attention to the county's wealth of public art, but one village has more murals than any of the rest: Mount Morris. Letchworth State Park is also just minutes away. Known as the Grand Canyon of the East, it offers gorgeous gorges and wondrous waterfalls. Mount Morris provides plenty of shopping and dining options. Antique shops are aplenty, and dining options including Wendy's Pantry & Country Mouse Tea Room, Suzea's Gluten Free Café, and Questa Lasagna. While you're exploring, be sure to stop by our new visitor information center, LivCo Basecamp and on-site Sweet Arts Bakery.

# DANSVILLE

### **FAIRIES AND SCENIC PARKS**

Dansville was one of the first towns established in Livingston County, in 1795. One of its historical highlights? Dansville is home to the **first Chapter** of the American Red Cross established by Clara Barton (don't miss the mural in her honor!). Other historic sites include the century-old Star Theater. For the young and young at heart. Dansville features a Fairy Trail, with more than 30 whimsical fairy doors scattered around the village, waiting to be discovered. After perusing the historic downtown district, head to nearby Stony Brook State Park, where the scenery includes rugged cliffs and waterfalls.

### LIMA A HUB FOR FOODIES

As the Crossroads of Western New York, Lima has heavily influenced the region's agriculture, education and commerce over the centuries (fun fact: It was home to one of the first coed schools in the country, with Genesee Wesleyan Seminary opening in 1822!). Now, Lima is a great spot for traveling foodies, with notable cafes and restaurants including **Milk & Honey Café**, **The Normal BBQ**, **Fanatics Pub**, known for its amazing live music lineup, and the **American** 

Hotel, which offers more than a hundred different soup options.

### NUNDA

### **SEASONS OF OUTDOOR FUN**

Pronounced "none-day", what can you expect in this off-the-beaten-path village? The expansive Letchworth State Park is just a short drive away and that's hardly the only place you can enjoy outdoor fun in Nunda. There's also the Swain Ski Resort, for all your wintertime rec needs, as well as the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park, and the Nunda Ranch, where you can book a horseback riding tour. When you're hungry, it's time for the beloved Kish-a-wa Creamery, where you'll find a range of ice cream and non-dairy treats, as well as casual bites like burgers and sandwiches. Visit this quaint village where you'll find several boutique shops, a pharmacy, and restaurants.



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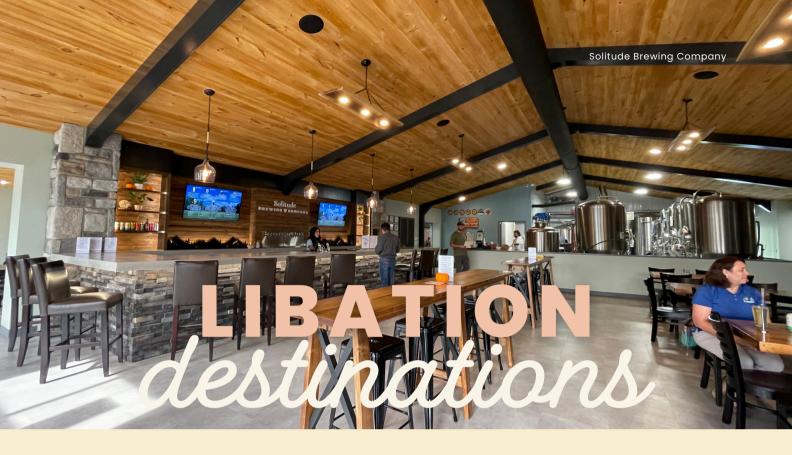




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### TAG US ON YOUR VILLAGE ADVENTURES

While you're exploring the nine downtowns of Livingston County, visiting local eateries, historic sites, and locallyowned shops, be sure to snap a few selfies and tag #VisitLivCo for a chance to be featured on our social media.



here's never a bad season for enjoying a drink with friends. Here in Livingston County, our craft breweries, wineries, cideries, and distillery have indoor and outdoor spaces for you to enjoy. On a rainy spring day, come order a flight of beer and find a table inside for a friendly game of cards. On a day when the sun decides to show its face, find a seat outside and enjoy the scenic Genesee River Valley. Explore all our craft beverage destinations on the LivCo Libation Loop!

From craft beer and cider to artisan spirits and wine, Livingston County is producing a host of interesting libation contenders. Book a charming bed and breakfast in LivCo and then hit a few wineries on the Finger Lakes or hop around to craft beer producers – it's all within a few miles, which means the best of both worlds for beverage connoisseurs.

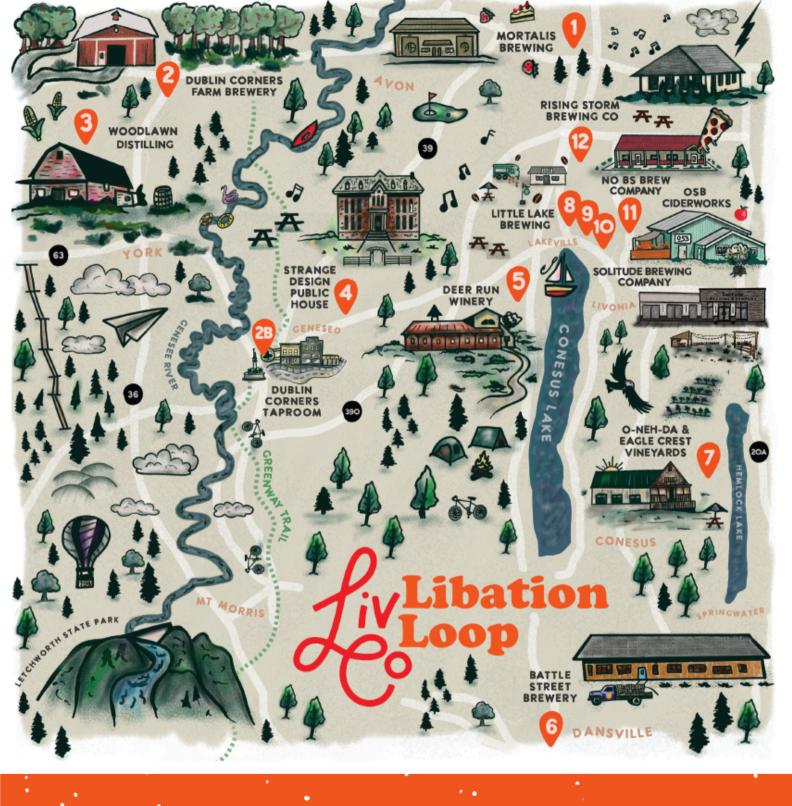
The warmer months bring live outdoor concerts and festivals, while fall brings a connection to agricultural roots for the LivCo Libation Loop. No matter the time of year, you can enjoy the sips and flavors of the Genesee River Valley in LivCo.

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# 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!





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

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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.



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

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