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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 33,000 acres of land in the Genesee Valley under protection. Visit geneseevalleyconservancy.org to learn how to get involved.

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.

SPRINGTIME *Wanderlust*

A man and a woman are walking through a field of tall grass and yellow flowers. The woman is wearing a white dress and the man is wearing a white polo shirt and khaki pants. They are both smiling and looking at each other. The background shows a hazy landscape with rolling hills and a cloudy sky.

SPRING HAS ARRIVED IN LIVCO, bringing along with it all the sights and sounds of the season, from rushing, powerful waterfalls to lush fields of green, from budding and blooming forests to lapping lake waves newly freed from the ice. The landscape has thrown off its wintery mantle and is looking ahead to sunnier days.





IF YOU'RE READY TO CAST OFF THE GLOOM OF WINTER AND SOAK UP THE SPRINGTIME SUN, WE HAVE PLENTY OF IDEAS FOR YOU.

Now is the time for seasonal outdoor exploration, before the weather gets too warm while you can still watch the woods and farmlands spring to new life right before your eyes. Whether you choose to explore by car, foot, bicycle, horseback, or even kayak, it's an experience you won't forget.

Prefer to explore a more urban setting? The land isn't the only thing coming alive in LivCo. Our charming downtowns and villages take on a new vibrancy as the temperatures warm, making it easy to stroll from historic sites to boutique shops, farm-to-table restaurants to artsy galleries.

Of course, if you can make it to LivCo for some of our premier, annual springtime events, there's nothing better to put you in a sunny mood. Through the end of May and early June, the **Tree Peony Festival at Linwood Gardens** draws in visitors to see corners of the estate that are rarely open to the public. Also in early June, the **New York State Yoga Festival at Letchworth State Park** will bring some peace and tranquility to your life, and the **Camp Lima German Festival** gives you a taste of German culture and cuisine, without ever leaving town.

The **Summer Solstice at Hillcrest Estate** is certainly a can't-miss event in an historic setting. Meanwhile, the **Dansville Dogwood Festival** brings small-town fair fun to visitors in early May, as does Caledonia's **Trout Festival** in early June. For a dose of whimsy, make tracks for the **Fairy Festival** in Dansville. Or if you're lucky enough to spend Memorial Day weekend in LivCo, the **Red, White & Blue Balloon Festival at Letchworth State Park** is a must, as hot air balloons take to the skies over the park's gorgeous gorges and waterfalls.

Of course, this spring, LivCo will also welcome visitors for the once-in-a-lifetime **Great North American Eclipse**, a total solar eclipse happening on Monday, April 8th. Sitting in the path of totality, LivCo is one of the few locations in the country where guests are assured a spectacular view of this astronomical phenomenon.

Whatever your reason for visiting, we're so glad you're here. As you, your family, and your friends soak up all the seasonal fun LivCo has to offer, we hope you leave with a spring in your step — and already planning to come back for more.



CURE CABIN FEVER

IF YOU'RE ITCHING TO GET OUTSIDE, don't worry, we suggest enjoying the great outdoors with the latest trend in recreation: soft hiking.





**AS A HUB FOR
EXCITING
OUTDOOR
RECREATION,**

even the least adventurous people won't be stuck with nothing fun to do in LivCo. Embrace nature and beat cabin fever by soft hiking along one of the many gardens, parks, and trails throughout the region. Soft hiking makes outdoor recreation more accessible for travelers of all skill levels and abilities, making the outdoors more welcoming, inclusive, and diverse. The entire point is to turn hiking into something that's uniquely suited to your wants and needs, something for every type of nature-seeker and outdoor enthusiast. Here's where to try soft hiking in Livingston County.

WHAT IS SOFT HIKING?

No, it's not just going for a walk. It's a little more like forest bathing, which is a mindfulness practice that takes place outdoors. Soft hiking keeps all the most enjoyable parts of hiking — being out in nature, seeing amazing natural sights, getting your steps in — and removes all tougher aspects of hiking, like trying to get to the top of a peak as quickly as you can, or pushing yourself to the limit as your aching, sweating limbs protest.

When soft hiking, you take it easy. You go slow. You don't push yourself harder than you feel you need or want to. You allow yourself to be present and to truly enjoy your surroundings. Don't want to go to the end of the trail? You don't have to. Want to just go half-way? That's totally fine.

There's no need to buy fancy or special equipment for soft hiking. So long as you have clothing that's comfortable and safe for the trail you've chosen, anything will work. You'll want to bring plenty of water and some nourishing food on your hike, if it's on the longer side, but don't feel like you need to buy special equipment or fancy hiking foods to enjoy your day. Focus on picking the items that will make your body and soul feel good.

There's likewise no need to pick a trail of a certain difficulty, or a trail that's deemed more "worthwhile" or "best." Pick the trail or hiking experience that's right for you, your skill level and your interests. Maybe you're not keen on hiking to a lookout, for example, and would instead rather take a leisurely hike to a point of historic interest.

1. TENNENT PARK

Very conveniently located, Tennent Park in Caledonia provides access to Matthews Trail, which offers a short and easy soft hiking experience that's just a half-mile long. The trail follows Spring Creek and provides a nice opportunity to immerse yourself in nature, while never being too far from civilization.

2. HIGHLAND PARK

Highland Park, in Geneseo, offers a range of amenities, including a dog park, fitness loop, playground, and sports courts. If you'd like to incorporate a little historic intrigue into your soft hike, stop by the park's former Erie Railroad Depot, which was built in the late 1800s.

At state parks, like **Letchworth State Park**, rangers are knowledgeable sources of information if you're looking for new trails or have questions about wildlife. Explore all the state parks and recreation areas in the region at parks.ny.gov.



3. VITALE PARK

This waterfront park on the shores of Conesus Lake is a can't-miss, with its memorial garden, playground, and fishing access. Take in the views and enjoy an easy lap around the park.

4. PAPERMILL PARK

If you'd like to visit one of our many rushing waterfalls in the spring, consider a quick stop at Papermill Park in Avon. A 30-foot-wide waterfall awaits, easily viewable after just a short hike from the parking lot.



5. LINWOOD GARDENS

Since it's not open year-round, it's worth making the trip to Linwood Gardens for the Tree Peony Festival. Make your reservation in advance and wander the grounds to take in the property's original landscape, designed in the early 1900s, with pools, fountains, and ornamental trees. It's the perfect place to soft hike if you prefer a more cultivated space.



6. AL LORENZ PARK

Minutes from downtown Mount Morris, this 80-acre park is a hidden gem, with trails, ponds, bridges and pavilions that are secluded and peaceful. There's a playground for the kiddos too, so you can stop by if you're on a family trip to enjoy the peace and quiet at this underrated spot.

7. HEMLOCK LAKE PARK

LivCo is filled with shorefront and waterscapes, so don't miss the chance to soft hike near one of our many lakefronts at Hemlock Lake Park. Bring your fishing poles and throw out a line, if that's your thing. Otherwise, just enjoy the water views.

8. AVON DRIVING PARK

This park in Avon offers all of the amenities you need to work up a sweat while enjoying your favorite sporting activity, whether that be baseball, basketball, pickleball, or volleyball. If you want to soft hike, you'll find that you can easily do so while enjoying the park's historic appeal, as the grounds were previously a sulfur spring health spa.

9. BELLAMY PARK

This park offers historic appeal, as it's named after past Mount Morris resident Francis Bellamy, who penned the Pledge of Allegiance. This community park is right in town, so it's an easy stop if you're busy exploring the rest of the village and want to get your steps in.



PACK A PICNIC FOR YOUR PERFECT HIKE

No matter which of our favorite soft hiking spots you head to during your LivCo excursion, consider bringing along a scrumptious picnic. Our region boasts a variety of delis, country stores, sandwich shops, and specialty grocery stores to outfit your picnic basket with everything you'll need for a yummy meal out in the open. Try **Six Sprouts Farm Market** in Avon, **The Valley Shop** in Nunda, **Honeygirl Gourmet** in Geneseo, **Wendy's Pantry & Country Mouse Tea House** in Mount Morris, or **Shoreless Acres General Store** in Livonia.

If you'd prefer not to plan your own picnic, though, **Letchworth Valley Picnics** can help. The pop-up picnic providers offer picnic experiences in the region, where all you have to do is show up, and they craft the most magical picnic for you to enjoy without lifting a finger.

However you pull together your picnic for your hiking adventure, remember to bring the necessities you'll need like utensils, condiments, and something to sit on, whether that be a beach blanket or any quilt you don't mind spreading out on the ground. Be sure to pack some fun activities as well, such as lawn games, and be sure that you leave no trace of your experience. Whatever you pack in, be sure to pack it right back out.



Six Sprouts Farm Market
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ENCHANTING BLOOMS

**DURING YOUR SPRINGTIME
GETAWAY to Livingston County,
consider stopping by our bountiful
greenhouses, gardens, farm
stands, and nature centers.**



AS FLOWERS COME INTO FULL BLOOM, YOU'LL FIND

an array of colorful photo ops as you peruse the peaceful rows of native and specialty flowers, trees and more. You may even stumble upon a plant you just have to have in your home, or another garden-suitable souvenir for yourself or a loved one. You'll certainly not be left wanting for options — these are some of our favorite garden centers, greenhouses, and nature centers in LivCo, all guaranteed to put a smile on your face and a spring in your step.

PALMITER'S GARDEN NURSERY

📍 AVON, NEW YORK

Palmiter's Garden Nursery carries a wide range of annuals, perennials, and trees. Some are on the common side, while others are a little more unexpected. The nursery uniquely offers more than 50 varieties of peonies. Cacti and succulents are likewise favorites here, and a good gift for a loved one (or yourself!). You'll also find glazed pottery for sale. Want to learn more about the nursery? Just ask one of the staff for a guided tour of the grounds.

LIGHTHOUSE GARDENS

📍 LIMA, NEW YORK

This organic garden in Lima stands out in the region as the only one to narrow in on a fun and important niche: organically grown edibles and ornamentals. The family-owned business grows more than 500 varieties of herbs, vegetables, berries and more, across more than 12,000 square feet of greenhouses and a market garden. Not in the market for plants, but will never say no to farm-fresh produce? You can buy Lighthouse Gardens' fresh produce at the Brighton Farmers Market.



Seed Mural
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During your visit to LivCo, you'll find lots of floral-inspired murals including **Seed**, painted by muralist Matthew Mederer, located in the village of Nunda.



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Nothing beats the flavors of freshly picked and locally grown produce. Farmer's markets and farm stands across Livingston County will be opening back up for the season, be sure to stop by for fresh flowers and bouquets.

INTO THE MYSTIC BLOOMS

📍 CALEDONIA, NEW YORK

Into the Mystic Blooms is a sustainable field-to-vase flower farm. Here, you can stop by on select days throughout the season, and purchase some simply magical floral arrangements. If you're lucky enough to be in town on May 25th, you can see the farm's work at the **4th Annual Plant Sale & Vendor Show**, which takes place in Geneseo at the **Strange Design Public House**. The event highlights not just the farm's flowers and other area plants, but other local small businesses, crafters, and artisans. (Hint: If you're planning a LivCo wedding, keep Into the Mystic Blooms in mind for your floral arrangements!)

AMANDA'S NATIVE GARDEN

📍 SPARTA, NEW YORK

This plant nursery specializes in woodland native perennials, with local plants perfect for creating a lush landscape that's as good for the environment as it is pretty to look at. The best part? If you visit Amanda's Native Garden and find a plant that you can't live without, the helpful team will ship your plant anywhere in the northeastern United States. If you're in town from May 3rd to 5th, visit for the nursery's **Annual Wildflower Celebration**, which includes demonstrations, guided tours, and family-friendly activities like scavenger hunts and planting stations.

J&A FARM MARKET

📍 AVON, NEW YORK

At J&A, you'll find a mix of local products, produce, and plants. Pick up a freshly harvested snack or two and some flowers, if you visit during the right season. Even if you're in LivCo in the wintertime, though, you'll find gorgeous poinsettias, holiday wreaths, and Christmas trees. Stopping by couldn't be easier, thanks to the market's roadside self-serve wagon.



Geneseo Farmers Market
Keith Walters Photography

DAYLILY GARDENS

📍 CALEDONIA, NEW YORK

Daylily Gardens boasts a niche — as the name suggests, this display garden is all about daylilies. The gardens grow 2,500 different daylily varieties and while you can certainly buy varieties for your own use, visitors are also encouraged to simply stop by and tour the grounds. The gardens are organized in such a way that they're accessible for most travelers, including wheelchair and mobility aid users. Daylily Gardens opens for the season on June 28th.

HILLSIDE GARDENS

📍 SPRINGWATER, NEW YORK

In Springwater, this garden center and country store is home to the Springwater Farmers Market (who doesn't love a stop by a farmers market during travels — it's a great way to meet the locals and try a bit of regionally grown and produced fare!). Pick up some flowers when the season's right, but also peruse the many local products and gifts available in the country store.

PIKE'S GREENHOUSE

📍 AVON, NEW YORK

Pike's Greenhouse offers a variety of plants, as well as local goods, like apple cider, dairy products and beef products. Stop in and grab a few items for your house or rental, if you prefer to stay in and cook for your family during your travels. Of course, be sure to peruse all the plants as well, including hanging baskets and displays for the springtime holidays, like Mother's Day.

NORTHVIEW GREENHOUSES

📍 DANSVILLE, NEW YORK

You'll find a little bit of everything at NorthView Greenhouses in Dansville. This is a good spot to stop no matter what season you're visiting LivCo. In the spring, flowers, hanging baskets, and veggies are the main attraction, with available plants changing with the season, and ending with mums in the fall. Then, come winter, this is the place to pick up your fresh holiday wreath. Be sure to follow NorthView on Facebook; the greenhouse gives away a hanging basket every week.



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VALLEY VIEW FARMSTEAD


 DANSVILLE, NEW YORK

Valley View Farmstead boasts a pop-up flower truck in the spring, summer, and early fall, where you can purchase a fresh bouquet, flower jar, or even just a single bloom that catches your eye. Make sure to check the farmstead's event calendar ahead of your arrival in LivCo. The farmstead hosts fun, floral-themed events, such as a **Mother's Day Bouquet Bar**, where you can craft your own bouquet for Mom.

DON'T FORGET AMISH STANDS AND MARKETS THROUGHOUT LIVCO

While you can find many of these farmstands, greenhouses, and nature centers online, be sure to keep your eyes peeled as you drive around Livingston County (and ask a few locals for recommendations) to discover our many Amish stands and markets that don't have a listing online. Many of the county's Amish open up their homes and farms to the public, every day of the week except Sunday, selling an array of items, from flowers and produce to quilts and furniture.

Visit **Miller's Greenhouse** at 7724 Reeds Corners Road in Dansville for quilts, jams, jellies, and florals. Or try **Samuel and Sarah Yoder** at 6215 Strong Hill Road in North Dansville for Amish-made lawn furniture and clocks. For a bite of Amish goodness, try **Cedar Lane Bulk Foods** at 6081 Church Road in Dansville.



CLAY

CULTURE



GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY AS YOU CHANNEL YOUR INNER ARTIST AT ONE OF LIVCO'S MOST POPULAR GALLERIES

If you don't already know, LivCo has quite the arts scene. Theater, dance, film, and live music — all be found throughout our towns and villages. Galleries likewise are scattered throughout the county, showing off the breadth of our residents' ample talent.

During your visit, there's no better activity to include in your itinerary than a bit of gallery hopping. Visiting our galleries is an easy, accessible, free activity that you can enjoy no matter the season. There's no better way to get to know a local area than by soaking in its art. And exploring new-to-you artists and artworks is a great way to get to know your own tastes, as well as those of your fellow travelers. You may just find a piece that you can't live without and that you simply have to take home!



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Taken by TetraMore Photographic

**Get to know
Mike Carroll**
Owner of Studio
Sales Pottery

There's one gallery in particular that you should visit, if you don't want to just look at the art, but also want to make your own.

Studio Sales Pottery has been in business since 1980... or, at least, the first iteration of it has been. With renowned artist Michael "Mike" Carroll at the helm, the business is split into three focuses. There's a pottery supply shop where you can buy anything you might need for your own pottery outfit. There's a community studio where locals and visitors alike can try their hands at one of ten electric pottery wheels. Then, there's the Schoolhouse Gallery, which displays local artwork and pottery in a historic space once used as the area's schoolhouse in the mid-1800s.

Visit and see the local artwork, but consider booking one of the studio's classes. While more intensive classes are offered weekly, one-off, private classes can likewise be scheduled for the weekends, during which you'll learn more about the ceramics process and how it relates to LivCo's history, as well as get a chance to use the potter's wheel. Similar private, individual classes are available with a focus on clay work.

Tell us a little bit about Studio Sales Pottery, how it got started, and your story as a maker and creator.

I started playing with clay at age 14 in junior high school at Rush Henrietta. In high school I was able to take 2 years of college elective ceramics courses at R.I.T. Then I graduated RH and joined the US Army. Upon leaving the US Army I went to Nazareth College for Studio Art. After graduation my wife Roxanne and I set up a pottery classroom and supply business on South Avenue in Rochester. In 1988 we moved that business, Studio Sales Pottery to Avon on Route 5 and 20. Between 2006 and 2007 we purchased and renovated the now 170 year old one room schoolhouse next to the original property to function as a gallery and supply showroom.

For 52 years I have had clay under my hands and the plasticity, movement, forms, and compositions give me a peaceful joy; to make an inanimate clay lump come alive and fire it to a permanence. Oh, and I like fire...

Why Livingston County? Why did you choose to set up your business here?

In 1987, I saw the East Avon property on my way to Geneseo one morning and my wife and I were ready to leave the city. From the beginning, this has been a very welcoming and supportive community for my business and our family. From neighbors to local governments, schools to culture, it's a great place to be.

We heard you found an arrowhead on your property, can you talk a little bit about that experience?

The arrowhead or javelin point was found by Tom Kuch of Avon next to the schoolhouse while cleaning up old vegetation to prepare for last year's WNY Pottery Festival. The piece needs to be examined firsthand, but from sharing pictures with an anthropologist I was told it is either 1600 years old or possibly 3000 to 5000 years old. Obviously much older than the Hartford/Avon settlement, but the Niagara Road which ran from Fort Niagara to the Hudson Valley had traffic much earlier than the European settlements. The arrowhead or javelin point is in incredible condition and still very sharp. There is a feature that photos don't show, so it needs to be examined to identify the time period and culture.

Can you talk about your partnership with Howlett Farms in Avon? How you've been sourcing clay with them?

Parts of Howlett Farms working fields are on the "flats" in Avon. A potter friend had provided me with an early 1900s geologic study from SUNY Geneseo about the makeup of the Genesee River Valley and showed me how there were pretty clean deposits of sedimentary red clays, earthenware, capable of fairly high temperatures, 2000° to 2100° F in this region.

One day several months ago I noticed a drainage ditch had been dredged and the piles on each side of the ditch were much lighter in color than the surrounding soil and consistent from one end of the ditch to the other. Bruce Howlett met me at this field and let me take some 5-gallon barrels as samples of what has turned out to be VERY clean clay deposits. Not far from the ditch are ponds which Bruce indicated were formed from old brickyard excavations.



Photo provided by Studio Sales Pottery



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Taken by Tetamore Photographic

DON'T MISS THE LARGEST ALL-CLAY FESTIVAL IN WNY!

Held June 15th & 16th, the WNY Pottery Festival at Studio Sales brings together artists, families, locals and travelers for live demonstrations, hands-on children's activities and shopping from more than 20 artisans and potters.

From some of my own “research” I believe the brickyard in question produced a lot of the bricks used on properties in the village of Hartford/Avon as the community grew. For my purposes I crushed the clay, wet it down and screened it, then dried out some small batches on plaster and turned some small pieces on my wheel. I made some very tight, durable pots and look forward to working with some more of the samples I have to make pots and glazes over the next two months.

**What can people expect at this year’s WNY Pottery Festival?
What’s your favorite thing about the event?**

More artists! We have had a very robust response to the show from ceramists this year and there will be more displays and booths. It will be clay-focused, pottery, sculpture, and tile work, all handmade. The venue is a park-like setting and my wife and I, with some help, put in a lot of prep work to have it looking good. (OK, mostly my wife.) I enjoy the way the properties look when the show is opened. Each year a glaze kiln of wood-fired pottery is unloaded on the Saturday and that is like opening presents for a potter.

ITCHING FOR MORE POTTERY?

If you’ve already explored the aisles of Studio Sales and loved what you saw, we have great news — you can find even more amazing works of ceramic art in other LivCo galleries.

Gallery in the Valley

GENESEO, NEW YORK

The Gallery in the Valley is a locally-owned gallery that features new artists every month. In addition to their rotation of visiting artists, resident artist Stephanie Krist of Fired Figments Ceramics creates handcrafted pieces at her home studio near Ithaca, New York. Inspired by a lifelong love of dragons and fantasy, Stephanie’s mugs, spoon rests, plant pots, and sponge holders are all available at the Gallery.

Talulah’s Fancy Wildflower Farm Studio & Gallery

LIMA, NEW YORK

Turn off Rochester Street in Lima and you’ll find Talulah’s Fancy Wildflower Farm Studio & Gallery, an indoor-outdoor studio that beautifully blends nature with art. During your visit, shop nature-inspired pottery, jewelry, and more created by local artist Tamara Stopinski. While you’re there, you can view fields of wildflowers and create your own colorful bouquet.



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BITES ON THE GO

EXPLORE DELIS & DINING
DESTINATIONS SERVING UP
SCRUMPTIOUS EATS IN
MERE MINUTES



SPRING IS THE PERFECT TIME FOR QUICK FARM-FRESH MEALS.

LivCo boasts an amazing food and dining scene, with its array of farm-to-table restaurants, fine-dining options, international eateries and more. However, we get it — sometimes, when you're running to and fro, exploring all the adventures that the county has to offer, you just don't want to stop and sit down for a meal. You want to grab something convenient and be on your way.

Luckily, in LivCo, prioritizing convenience doesn't mean sacrificing amazing flavors and superb quality. When you stop by one of these delis, sub shops or casual cafés, you'll find that a delicious meal awaits, ready in mere minutes, so you can get back to exploring, fast.

MILK & HONEY CAFÉ

📍 LIMA, NEW YORK

For healthful lunchtime favorites and a menu that can cater to both vegan and vegetarian diets, look no further than Milk & Honey in Lima. The cute and cozy café offers grown-up versions of nostalgic classics, like peanut butter and jelly and grilled cheese sandwiches. If you stop in early enough, breakfast sandwiches are also an option.



CRICKET'S COFFEE

📍 GENESEO, NEW YORK

Cricket's Coffee has your coffee, cocktails and all-day brunch cravings sorted. When you're in a hurry, the melts, wraps, and other handheld items on the menu are just the thing for a meal on the go. From a chicken pesto melt served on garlic sourdough, to a three-cheese melt filled with gooey mozzarella, cheddar, swiss and chipotle mayo goodness, there's not a bad choice on the menu.

Had maybe a little too much fun in LivCo last night? The Hangover sandwich, available until 3 p.m., is here to help, served up with avocado, hash browns, cream cheese, over-easy egg, and your choice of breakfast meat.

AUNT COOKIE'S SUB SHOP

📍 GENESEO, NEW YORK

A SUNY Geneseo alumni-favorite, Aunt Cookie's has been around for decades and claims the best toasted roll subs in town. Find all your sub classics, including the crowd-favorite toasted Italian sub. Make sure to save room for a chocolate chip cookie, too!

T'S ON GENESEE

📍 AVON, NEW YORK

One of the newest spots in town and already becoming a local favorite, T's on Genesee in the Village of Avon combines Italian and Irish flavors for a one-of-a-kind sandwich shop known for a variety of lunch and dinner options including their Italian sub dip (yes, it's a dip, but it tastes like an Italian sub; just try it and you'll see why we love it!) and meatball subs.

As you peruse the expansive menu of hot and cold sandwiches and appetizers, be sure to ask about the soup of the day, too, the perfect accompaniment on a blustery LivCo spring day.

GATHERINGS AT THE DEPOT

📍 LEICESTER, NEW YORK

Combine a quick pitstop for lunch with a peek into the past at Gatherings at the Depot, located within the village's historic train depot. The café offers a full espresso bar, in case you need a caffeine fix, and a range of sandwiches, salads, soups, and paninis. Try the house special sub, The Steam Engine, piled high with steak, chicken fingers, bacon, sautéed peppers and onions, and cheese. It's exactly the thing you need to fuel the rest of your day.

TONY'S PIZZERIA

📍 DANSVILLE, NEW YORK

Tony's Pizzeria serves up much more than just pizza (though the pizza, with its house-made dough and red sauce, is certainly nothing to overlook). The menu's list of subs and wraps is long and includes unique options that you won't find elsewhere, such as a fried bologna sub topped with American cheese and yellow mustard, a chicken cordon bleu with chicken fingers, ham, swiss and lettuce, or a chicken parm sub, with chicken fingers, red sauce, parmesan and mozzarella.



T's on Genesee
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A meal isn't quite complete without a sweet treat. Many of our delis and sub shops serve up fresh-made cookies and desserts to grab on the go.

SHORELESS ACRES & SERIOUS FOOD

📍 LIVONIA, NEW YORK

Stop into Shoreless Acres & Serious Food to buy a few grocery items for your day of hiking or boating, or to keep on hand in your home or cabin rental — and grab lunch, too. The quick, convenient stop offers subs and specialty sandwiches, as well as breakfast and apple cider donuts on the weekends.

SUZEA'S GLUTEN FREE BAKERY

📍 MT MORRIS, NEW YORK

Whether you're gluten-free or not, Suzea's Gluten Free Bakery is worth the visit. This bakery and coffee shop prides itself on sweet pastries, unique flavors, and healthy sandwiches while always offering great-tasting gluten-free cuisine. The menu includes options like grilled artisan cheese sandwiches served on homemade gluten-free bread, and savory gluten-free waffle sandwiches with delicious bites of roasted pork or everything needed for a classic BLT.

ANGRY ROOSTER DELI

📍 CALEDONIA, NEW YORK

You're certainly not going to leave this lunch spot angry. In Caledonia's downtown shopping district, Angry Rooster Deli is a convenient spot while you're checking out the rest of the village's charm.

The affordable deli offers build-your-own sandwiches that start with homemade bread, or specialties to consider, like The Chip, which piles pastrami, Swiss cheese, and sauerkraut on rye bread. Or, there's the slightly messy, but oh-so-worth-it Shane's Hot Mess, which is meatloaf, potatoes, cheese, and veggies on grilled bread, covered in gravy.

LITTLE LAKE BREWING

📍 LAKEVILLE, NEW YORK

Commonly known for coffee, breakfast sandwiches, and pastries in the morning, little Lake Brewing also serves up a grill menu of fresh meat, seafood, and vegetarian options available for dine-in or take-out. With classic handhelds like veggie burgers and prime rib as well as seafood-centric options like seared sesame tuna wrap, lobster tails, or fish tacos, there's something for every type of palette.





spend a day in...
Caledonia
NEW YORK



**ENJOY 24
HOURS OF
FAMILY FUN,
FARM FRESH**

food and (maybe surprisingly!) fish in Caledonia, New York. This charming village boasts a long history as an important spot for fish culture. Yes, fish culture. And, although, it's a little unexpected, once you start exploring this side of Caledonia, you'll learn to appreciate it just like us. The first European American settlers arrived in Caledonia in the early 1800s. Not long after, Seth Green, the "Father of American Fish Culture", established the oldest fish hatchery in the Western Hemisphere, right here. You can still see this fish culture at play today, but, as of the 21st century, Caledonia has grown into so much more. With a quaint main street, shopping, dining, and plenty of family-friendly fun, here's how you can get to know the area in a single day.

1. START THE DAY WITH A HEARTY BREAKFAST AT COZY KITCHEN

A long-standing restaurant on Main Street, the **Cozy Kitchen**, is the perfect place to fuel up for a day of adventuring around Caledonia. The menu features all your breakfast favorites, like omelets, pancakes and French toast, plus breakfast platters, frittata and benedicts. (If you're craving something boozy, you'll also find mimosas on the menu!)

2. SPRING INTO THE OUTDOORS

Burn off breakfast with a hike through the wetlands of **MacKay Wildlife Nature Preserve**. This 26-acre preserve offers a short and easy, one-mile loop trail. While hiking is convenient and within easy reach, the environment will make you feel as if you've escaped to your own wilderness retreat, thanks to the thick hardwoods, large boulders and dirt paths that crisscross through it all.



3. BRUSH UP ON THE LOCAL HISTORY

After your outdoor adventure, head to the **Big Springs Museum**, where you can learn about the region's unique history. Be sure to check out the third-floor exhibit on Black History in Caledonia. After the Civil War, more than 20 Black families moved to the region to resettle, and their stories are some of the many that you'll learn about during your visit.

3. GRAB LUNCH AT A RETRO SODA FOUNTAIN

Who doesn't love a little blast from the past? At **Reminisce Soda Fountain**, you'll find yourself transported back in time to a 1950s diner where you can find all your favorite comfort food classics (sloppy joes, mac 'n cheese, meatloaf), but also plenty of oh-so-perfect diner fare, like patty melts, hot dogs and more. The menu is extensive, so you're sure to find something you'll love.

As you wander through the village, you'll find colorful and charming homes with tons of history. Explore more history online at bigspringsmuseumcaledonia.org.



4. SNAP A SELFIE WITH A "FISHY" MURAL

If there's one photo op you're going to want to take advantage of when you're spending a day in Caledonia, it's got to be the photo op with **Trout Culture**, created by Indiana-based muralist, Tim Parsley. One of LivCo's many outdoor murals, this one celebrates Caledonia's heritage and is a true can't-miss, located at 3103 Main Street.



5. SHOP YOUR WAY DOWN MAIN STREET

Afterwards, enjoy a leisurely stroll down Main Street and pop in and out of some of the local shops. **Reflections from the Past** offers antiques and collectibles ranging from housewares to jewelry to ephemera. You'll find similar antique wares at **McKay's Antiques**, where even the surroundings are historic; the storefront dates back to 1891. For something on the newer side, visit **Pastique**, offering stylish and unique home décor. If you're in the mood for some retail therapy that focuses on all things fashion, try **Bellissimo Boutique**, which specializes in premium clothing for women and children.

6. FEED FISH AT THE OLDEST HATCHERY IN NORTH AMERICA

You didn't think you could visit a village with such a historical focus on fish and not actually see some fish, did you? Head to the **Caledonia Fish Hatchery**, the very same one that was the first one established in the country, in the 1800s. Learn about its founding and its current purpose, and, if you're in the area in June, be sure to stop in town for the annual **Trout Festival**.

7. SAVOR FRENCH FLAVORS

For dinner, savor the French flavors served at the **Caledonia Village Inn**. The historic setting provides the perfect environment in which to enjoy the restaurant's fine dining offerings, such as baked French onion gratin to start, then Coquille St. Jacques or chicken French as your entrée, followed by scrumptious desserts like crème brûlée and New York-style cheesecake.

8. CAP THE NIGHT OFF WITH A FEW ROUNDS OF BOWLING

And the perfect way to cap off your night? Challenge your fellow travelers to a few rounds of bowling at the **Raider Lanes**.



WANT TO STAY THE NIGHT OR MAKE IT A WEEKEND GETAWAY?

You don't have to limit your explorations of Caledonia to one day. Stay the night at **Fox Creek Farm** or the **Genesee Country Inn**. Fox Creek Farm offers a unique experience, wherein you actually stay on a working farm, getting to know the resident animals and dine on meals that incorporate ingredients sourced right from the land, all while you sleep in an 1800s farmhouse renovated to offer modern creature comfort. The Genesee Country Inn offers a similarly historic setting, as it was built in 1833, and provides a tranquil spot to stay among the property's eight acres, mill pond, waterfall and trout-filled Spring Creek.

MAKE A VISIT TO CALEDONIA FOR THE LONGEST TOTALITY IN LIVCO DURING THE GREAT NORTH AMERICAN ECLIPSE.

If you're visiting Caledonia specifically for the total solar eclipse on April 8th 2024, be sure to make tracks to the celebrations occurring at the Livingston County Fairgrounds, minutes from Main Street. As the official LivCo viewing location, the Fairgrounds are offering campsites, parking spots, music, food, and vendors. All leading up to 3 minutes and 33 seconds of totality. Be sure to grab your tickets (and eclipse glasses) before they sell out!

Check out more happenings in Livingston County during the weekend leading up to the eclipse at livcosol.com, your guide to everything you need to know about navigating the county during this once-in-a-lifetime event.



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**WHERE TO TAKE THE
BEST ENGAGEMENT &
WEDDING PHOTOS IN
LIVINGSTON COUNTY**



FROM PHOTOS ON THE WATER TO STUNNING VIEWS FOR

your walk down the aisle, choosing Livingston County for your celebrations of love makes for a truly unforgettable day. There are many reasons why couples choose to hold destination weddings in LivCo. We're close enough to Rochester and Buffalo to be convenient and easily accessible for most. We offer a blend of venues and settings, whether you'd prefer to hold your wedding in a historic estate, picturesque park, or whimsical vineyard. Livingston County enjoys all four seasons in a distinct style, so whether you're picturing a spring meadow in bloom, a summer lakeside setting, a wintery wonderland wedding, or fall foliage-backed nuptials, we can deliver.

On top of this, we're an affordable destination for couples planning their wedding. And we can't overlook the fact that there are many, many picture-perfect spots throughout the county where you can easily snap engagement and wedding party photos, regardless of your chosen event venue. One of the most fun aspects of being engaged is planning your engagement photo shoot, and Livingston County is the perfect destination for those coveted pre-nuptial pics. When it comes to capturing your love story on camera, we have a few suggestions. These are some of the top picture-perfect engagement and wedding photo shoot spots that you'll find in LivCo.

1. LETCHWORTH STATE PARK

As far as gorgeous outdoor scenery goes, Letchworth State Park easily takes the crown in LivCo. With waterfalls and gorges, rolling hillsides, and scenic bridges, there's a little bit of everything here. Engagement photos taken at Letchworth are sure to provide visual drama, no matter what the season. Looking for a particularly unique photo idea? **Balloons Over Letchworth** offers hot air balloon rides into the skies above Letchworth State Park, floating above the river and waterfalls. Arrange for your photos to be taken from the basket of one of these beautiful balloons.

3. THE MURALS OF LIVCO

If you'd prefer your engagement or wedding photos to have more of an artistic feel, consider taking a trip around the county to snap some photos in front of the murals scattered throughout our towns and villages. There are multiple to choose from, so pick your favorites and get ready for photos with a unique-to-LivCo twist. Explore all the murals at livcowalls.com.

2. HEMLOCK LAKE

Hate the thought of a random stranger wandering through the background of your engagement photos? Go to a more secluded spot, like Hemlock Lake. The waterside trails offer breathtaking views of the valley, and the lake's mirror-like surface makes for a jaw-dropping background, reflecting the ridges around it, whether they're the deep green of summer, the fiery colors of fall or the stark white of winter.

4. SUNY GENESEO CAMPUS

You might not think about getting photos taken on a college campus, especially if you don't have personal ties or aren't an alumnus. However, consider arranging your photo shoot at SUNY Geneseo because the campus is known for being particularly picturesque. The architecture is exquisite. The landscape is filled with centuries-old trees and bright flower beds. Plus, the on-campus gazebo steps from Sturges Quad is known as a scenic, sweet spot perfect for watching the sunset or snapping a few photos with your beau.



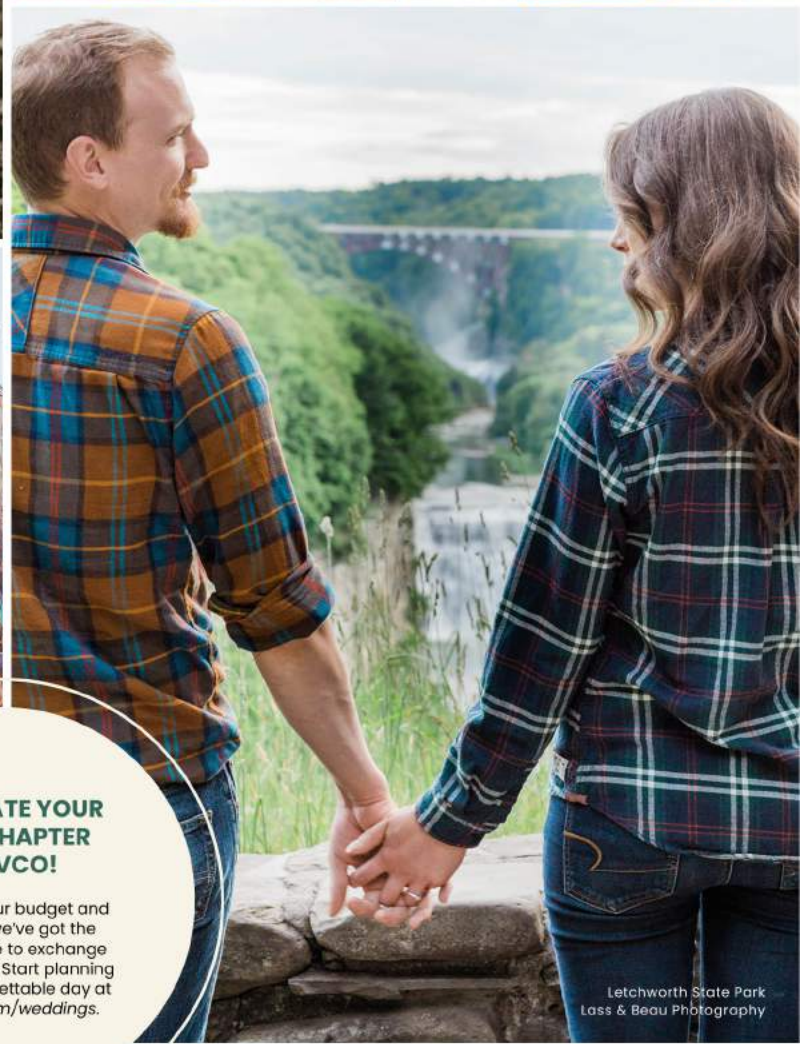
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Whatever your budget and aesthetic, we've got the perfect place to exchange vows in LivCo. Start planning a truly unforgettable day at visitlivco.com/weddings.



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5. LIVCO LIBATION LOOP

For the couple who never turns down a drink, LivCo's charming breweries deliver perfect spots to snap casual photos. Ask your photographer to grab "candid" shots of you sharing a brew at a patio or bar.

6. CONESUS LAKE

LivCo is absolutely a lake destination, with multiple options to choose from while you're here if you want to get out on the water. However, when it comes to taking photos, we think Conesus Lake is pretty photogenic. The westernmost Finger Lake, Conesus Lake boasts a varied and beautiful shoreline, with sandy beaches, grassy fields and rocky outcroppings all making an appearance. Scope out the lake before your scheduled photo shoot to find the perfect setting for your pics (or, ask your photographer for recommendations). Whatever spot you choose on this eight-mile-long lake, any choice is a good one.

READY TO WALK DOWN THE AISLE? EXPLORE LIVCO'S MOST PHOTOGENIC VENUES.

Of course, if you're trying to decide where to get your wedding photos taken, you'll probably want to choose a picture-perfect wedding venue right from the start, so there's little need to travel off-site between your ceremony and reception for photos. Luckily, LivCo's wedding venues are just as photogenic as they are varied.

For historic appeal, lots of character, and timeless charm, choose one of LivCo's historic estates. Options include the **Wadsworth Homestead**, **Hillcrest Estate**, the **Avon Inn**, **Willow Creek Venue**, and the **Hartford House**.

For those who want something a little more rustic-chic, with a barn vibe, check out one of the many wedding venues scattered across our rural landscape, such as **Twin Silos Barn**, **West Winds Barn**, **Avon Century Barn**, **The Barns at Conesus Golf Club**, **Double M. Shuster Barn**, **Jerris Wadsworth Wedding Barn**, or **Oak Knolls Manor**.

Couples who want a nature-centric venue have options, too. **Nunda Ranch**, **Kindred Ground Farm**, and **Camp Stella Maris** all offer pristine backdrops that show off some of the region's best views. And if your wedding hardly fits into a standard box, you can find something unique in the Genesee River Valley, too. From **Deer Run Winery** to **Whistling Farmer Pub** and beyond, we have a space for you.



SIPPING *Spring*

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN SPRINGTIME AT THE WESTERNMOST WINERY OF THE FINGER LAKES.

Spring is one of the best times of the year to visit wineries. The first blush of spring brings an array of vibrant, diverse flavors to the wines of the Finger Lakes region. With over 100 wineries spanning the area, you have the opportunity to taste an incredible variety of wines – from crisp, fruity whites to bold, full-bodied reds.

From wine flights that tease your palate to the breathtaking vistas of vineyards in bloom, there's something magical about a winery visit during springtime. And there's no better place to experience this magic than at Deer Run Winery nestled on Conesus Lake.





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Get to know **Scott & Marie Kuyon**

**Owners of Deer
Run Winery**

Tell us about your story and what motivated you to start a winery in Livingston County.

Established in 2003 on the northern shores of Conesus Lake, Deer Run Winery was a lifelong dream for owner George Kuyon. In 1975, George attended an amateur winemaking class; he became hooked and enjoyed his newfound hobby of making wine for his friends and family. He and his wife, Joan, traveled to wineries in the Finger Lakes and George always had a strong feeling that one day he would own his own winery.

Upon his retirement from Kodak in 1998, George purchased a twenty-acre plot of farmland located on West Lake Road on the northern end of Conesus Lake. He began working with the local town government to begin to establish a winery on the westernmost Finger Lake. He worked with representatives from Cornell to test the land's soil and decided on varietals to plant, some of which were new hybrids that were in the final stages of being tested. The vineyard was planted in 2001. The varietals initially planted that were unnamed at the time would become known as Corot Noir and Noiret, along with plantings of Traminette, Valvin Muscat, Vidal, Frontenac, Marechal Foch, and Riesling.

The modest 5-acre vineyard today contributes to twenty percent of the overall wine production. The remaining grapes and juice are purchased solely from vineyards within the Finger Lakes appellation.

Can you talk about your offerings and happenings at the winery?

Events are integral to our business and we enjoy offering unique in-person experiences. We have hosted a myriad of events over the years including Wineerie nights (an escape room and haunted hayride), Murder Mystery dinners, summer concerts, weddings, Paint & Sips, Yoga/Spa events, cooking demonstration classes, food and wine pairing events indoors and in our vineyard, upscale wine pairing dinners and so much more! We enjoy brainstorming and coming up with new ideas for events and will continue to do so in the future.

The Tankroom Café was added and opened in 2022. We added a full-service restaurant to our winery to allow our customers



to savor and enjoy great food paired with our award-winning Finger Lakes wines! Since we opened the cafe, we added brunch on Sundays which has been well-received by the local crowd. In addition to weekly specials and menu changes, one of the most-loved items on our menu continues to be the Cheesy New Yorker, a grilled cheese sandwich made with New York white cheddar, apple slices, and Riesling hot pepper jelly! This simple sandwich includes three main ingredients that represent what New York does very well: Apples, Cheese, and Riesling!

Another top selling menu item is the Calabria made with chicken, pesto mayonnaise, roasted red peppers and mozzarella served hot & toasty on a hoagie roll. The name was derived from owner Joan Kuyon's side of the family and pays tribute to her Italian heritage.



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Plan your nuptials at Deer Run Winery, the oldest operating winery on beautiful Conesus Lake. Start planning today deerrunwinery.com.

TODAY, DEER RUN WINERY'S PORTFOLIO INCLUDES OVER 15 DIFFERENT WINES RANGING FROM WHITE TO RED AND DRY TO SWEET. THEIR BEST SELLING WINES INCLUDE:

MAX BLACK

A sweet red Niagara grape based blend. The go-to wine pairing with Max Black are peanut butter cups and brownies! Pro-tip: when making a box mix of brownies, swap the water with Max Black for an added depth of flavor!

CONESUS WHITE

Named for the Finger Lake they are built on, a semi-dry grape-forward white blend. Conesus White is a delicious white wine that compliments spicy foods such as jalapeno poppers, Thai dishes or tacos!

RUNWAY RED

Their most awarded wine overall! An off-dry blend of two red grapes that they grow in the vineyard, Corot Noir & Noiret. Folks love Runway Red paired with red sauce pasta dishes with the wine incorporated into the sauce!

PEBBLE BEACH BLUSH

Named for the section of lake across the street from the winery, a sweet blush with fruity notes of peach. Pebble Beach Blush goes great with fresh fruit salads in the summertime and creamy cheesecake!

You recently celebrated your 20-year anniversary, congratulations! What has changed over the years?

In the last 20 years, much has changed from the original business plan. Deer Run Winery has grown tremendously and expanded to include a new 5,300 square foot production space and 4,000 square foot pavilion under which we host showers, weddings and other events. As a family owned business, we have faced and overcome many trials which have helped us build resiliency and have contributed to Deer Run Winery's staying power over the years.



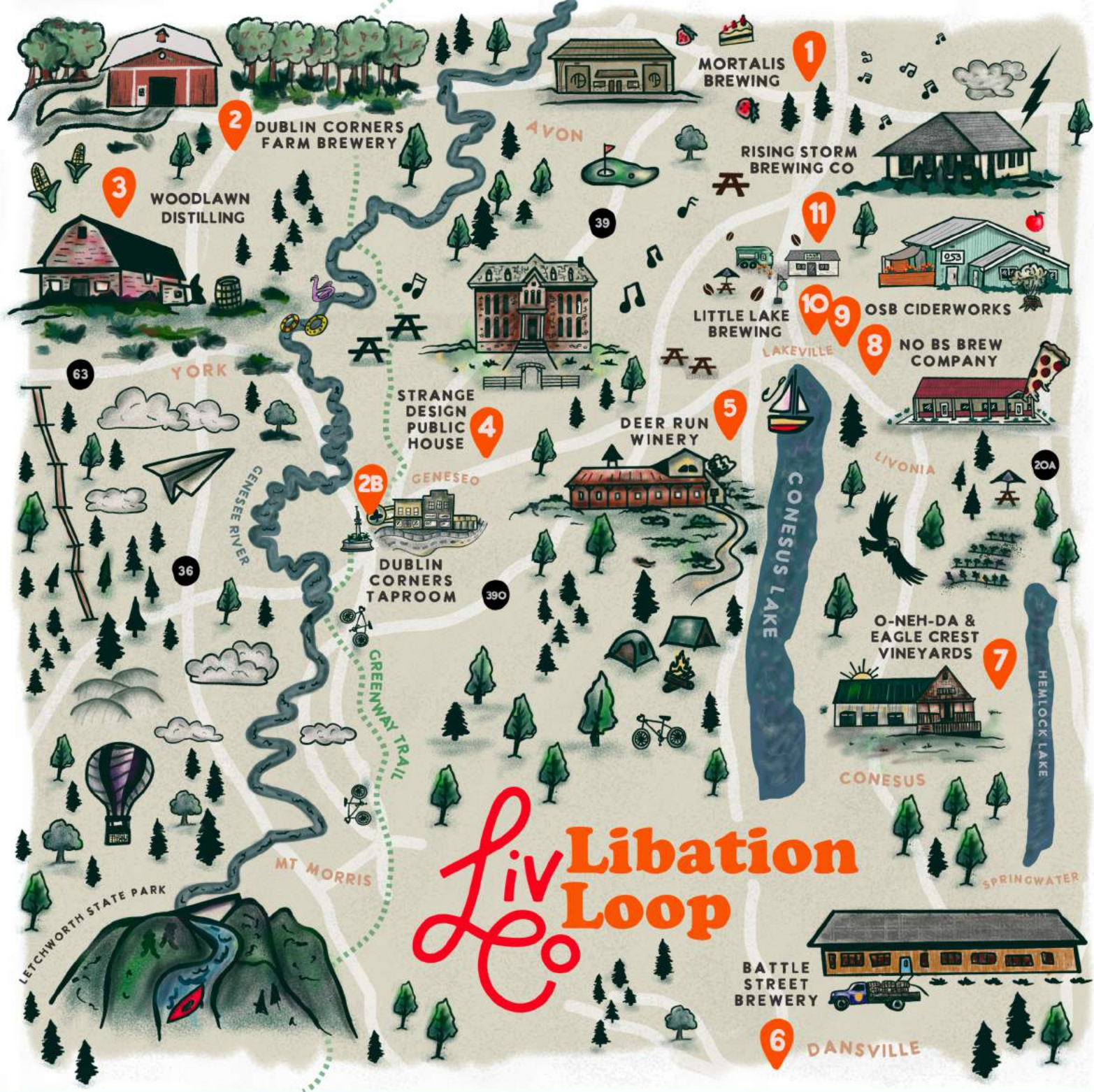
What's the best thing about being in Livingston County?

The very best thing about being in Livingston County is the small town feeling while having the convenience of all the necessary amenities close by. Livingston County is a nature lover's playground with Letchworth State Park, Stony Brook State Park, Conesus Lake, Hemlock and Canadice Lakes along with all the forestland and hiking trails that accompanies these unblemished landscapes. Livingston County is a destination where visitors can safely enjoy nature, dining, craft beverage sampling, water sports, cycling, hot air ballooning, shopping, and the list goes on! We live in a beautiful corner of the world; that knowledge is never lost on me. I (Marie) grew up in a largely industrial neighborhood, and here in Livingston County, the greenery and expansive blue skies with its stunning sunrises and sunsets are a daily refreshment for the soul. We are very fortunate to be here and thank God for the blessings that have allowed us to remain in business and grow over the last 20 years.

What's coming up for Deer Run this spring/summer?

As we move forward into warmer weather, we will prepare the vines for the growing season by pruning, shoot positioning, and leaf thinning as needed to ensure a strong crop. Our farm staff work very hard to maintain the grounds and gardens to keep them looking beautiful for our guests and visitors. On the tasting room and event side of things, we will get ourselves ready for another busy summer season filled with tourists, locals who love their wine, wedding guests and friendly new faces!





Liv Libation Loop

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

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



unveiling the **CHARM**

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF A
SPRING WEEKEND GETAWAY
TO THE RURAL COUNTRYSIDE
IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY



IT IS TIME TO ESCAPE THE CITY AND EMBARK ON A SPRING GETAWAY TO THE COUNTRYSIDE, AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE OF NATURE AND FARM-FRESH FOOD.

Spring is nature's way of saying, 'let's party' and the countryside is the quintessential venue for it. This is the season when Mother Nature adorns her most vibrant outfit, and the rural backdrop provides a picturesque canvas for her festival of colors.

In spring, the Livingston County rural landscape offers a haven for those looking to unwind and rejuvenate. It is an immersive experience that brings you closer to nature and simplicity of life. So, if you are planning a spring getaway, consider the LivCo countryside, where you can enjoy the beauty of nature and the freshness of farm food.

Not sure where to get started? We have a few ideas. Here's how we recommend you spend a perfect, three-day getaway in LivCo this spring.



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Drumroll Stage + Sushi
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DAY ONE

CHECK INTO A DOG-FRIENDLY RENTAL NESTLED ON A WORKING LAVENDER FARM

When it comes to a weekend getaway, we recommend jumping right into nature. The spacious, three-bedroom **Purple Haze Farm**, sleeps up to eight people. Extra bonus? It's pet-friendly! Available via Airbnb, this favorite accommodation option is conveniently located near Conesus Lake, and includes a large deck where you can sit around the fire pit and enjoy s'mores, a fenced-in yard for your pup(s) to roam free, and a public boat launch minutes away.

Looking for different accommodations? You can find plenty of hotels, inns, and bed and breakfasts at [visitlivco.com/places-to-stay](https://www.visitlivco.com/places-to-stay) if rentals aren't your style.

SPEND THE AFTERNOON FLY FISHING

After you've checked in, try out your hand at a popular LivCo sport, fly fishing. Once you learn to tie a fly, master the cast, and hook your first fish, it's hard to stop. Multiple locations in the region are perfect for fly fishing including **Oatka Creek**, **Genesee River**, and **Springwater Creek**. Looking for another type of fishing? **Upstate Anglers Guide Service** offers charter fishing on Conesus Lake.

DIG INTO A BIG PLATE OF SUSHI

A new restaurant on the dining scene, **Drumroll Stage + Sushi Pub**, in Geneseo, serves a variety of sushi options alongside a nonstop lineup of live music. Spend the evening digging into a plate of fresh, healthy food and refreshments while enjoying a diverse selection of live performances.



HERE ARE MORE SCENIC PLACES TO STAY IN LIVCO.

Visit the gardens of Blue Rose Bed & Breakfast

📍 MT MORRIS, NEW YORK

Book a stay at **Blue Rose Bed & Breakfast** and spend time meandering through their Victorian gardens enclosed in the original wrought iron fleur-de-lis design fence, all within walking distance of the historic downtown.

Feed farm animals at Charlton Farm

📍 AVON, NEW YORK

A mix of country elegance and hospitality, **Charlton Farm** offers six diverse guest rooms featuring antique decor with modern touches. Guests are encouraged to explore the grounds, feed the chickens, and pet the farm animals. Bikes and a canoe are available upon request.

Stargazing and hiking at FLX Glamping

📍 SPRINGWATER, NEW YORK

Located steps from **O-Neh-Da Vineyards**, **FLX Glamping** offers down-to-earth accommodations with modern amenities. Equipped with a private heated shower, a queen-size bed, an outdoor deck, a fire ring with camp wood, and lots of glamping extras, spend the day exploring walking trails and the evening stargazing underneath the night skies.

Stay a while



DAY TWO

FUEL UP FOR A DAY OF ADVENTURE

Start your morning at **Six Sprouts Farm Market** in Avon for your caffeine (and pastry) fix. A newer spot in town, Six Sprouts serves up espresso, smoothies, and local products in addition to fresh cinnamon rolls.

WALK THROUGH FIELDS OF BLUEBELLS

Hosted yearly by Genesee Valley Conservancy, the **Bluebell Walk** is a 3.5-mile hike that takes you through fields of bluebells along country roads in Geneseo. Be sure to wear hiking footwear (rubber boots are advisable for the mud), dress for the weather, and bring your water bottle.

CREATE A PIECE OF NATURE

Conjure spring in Springwater at **Ironwood Studios**. A place to get creative, this cozy vintage barn studio offers one-of-a-kind Women's Welding Workshops where you can play with metal, watch sparks fly, and make a striking tulip centerpiece that screams spring. You're not just welding, you're celebrating female empowerment, nature's beauty, and the joy of artistic expression.

COZY UP WITH DINNER & DRINKS

Once you're feeling refreshed, head to a newer restaurant in Geneseo for dinner and drinks in a cozy setting. **The Bronze** offers seasonal, field-to-fork menus and handcrafted cocktails that are sure to please even the most discerning foodies.



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Six Sprouts Farm Market
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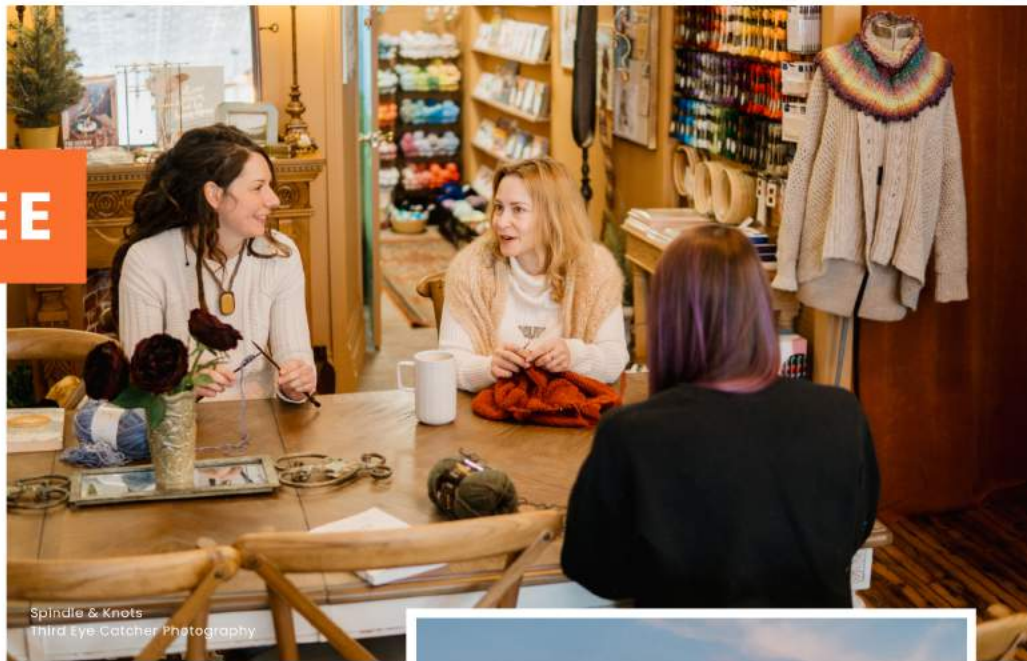
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DAY THREE

START THE MORNING WITH BRUNCH

What's better than Sunday brunch? At **Scovill's Grill** in Dansville, you can enjoy a selection of breakfast classics like Belgian waffles or something unique like flatbread breakfast pizza or breakfast burger.



TAKE IN THE SPRING SCENERY ON HORSEBACK

Take in the scenic vistas of the Genesee River Valley on horseback at **Nunda Ranch**. Situated just five miles from Letchworth State Park, the ranch offers beautiful scenery and generous gorges.



No matter your experience level, enjoy horseback riding through fields of spring blooms. And if you're looking to enhance your riding skills, their trainers will provide the tools you need to feel challenged and empowered.



SHOP FOR MYSTICAL GIFTS

One of the newest boutique stores in Livingston County, **Spindle & Knots**, in Dansville, is a magical must-visit during your trip. Explore the aisles of yarn, art supplies, coloring books, and gifts. And if you're looking to pick up a new hobby, they offer classes in calligraphy, watercolor, knitting, spinning, and more.

END YOUR GETAWAY WITH HUNDREDS OF FARM-FRESH ICE CREAM FLAVORS

A cult favorite, **Kish-a-wa Creamery**, in Nunda, partners with local producers for their dairy and ingredients, so you're always getting the freshest ice cream. Enjoy an old-fashioned custard, large milkshake, dole whip, or one of their specialty flavors like Rush Hour, a blend of coffee ice cream with caramel and chocolate-covered coffee bits.

+ ONE MORE DAY

THREE EXTRA SPRING ACTIVITIES IN OUR REGION

Even after spending a full three 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.



Chasing waterfalls in LivCo is an adventure with twists and turns along the way. Check out a number of "hidden gems" including **Papermill Falls** in Avon, **Keshequa Creek** in **Sonyea State Forest**, **Fall Brook Falls** on private land in Geneseo (guided tour with **Trail Otter** required), or **Reynolds Gully** in **Hemlock-Canadice State Forest**. And you can't visit LivCo without seeing the three iconic waterfalls of **Letchworth State Park** - Upper, Middle, and Lower Falls.



Head to **Backyard Barnyard** in Mount Morris for a full day of fun with the kids. This petting zoo and family fun center features a variety of animals including goats, llamas, pigs, and donkeys. Everyone in the family will also enjoy lots of room to run and play, kid-friendly axe-throwing (yes, really!), a playground, climbing walls, special activities and more. The best part? Everything but concessions is included in the price of your ticket.



On a rainy spring day, visit the **National Warplane Museum** in Geneseo. Best known for their **Annual Airshow**, happening July 13th and 14th this year, the museum is well worth a trip anytime of the year. Wander through the halls of American history, exploring planes used in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Whether you're a history buff, a plane enthusiast, or just looking for something different, this museum is sure to captivate.



NYS Yoga Festival
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WNY Pottery Festival
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Trout Festival
Keith Walters Photography



Geneseo Sip & Stroll
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Linwood Gardens
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Livonia Bloom's Mural
Lauren Page Wadsworth Photography

A Fest for All

Wine strolls, hot air balloon 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 in LivCo!

APRIL
08

Total Solar Eclipse

LIVINGSTON COUNTY,
NEW YORK

In the heart of the Genesee River Valley, Livingston County will be in the path of totality for the Great North American Eclipse - a total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, 2024. If you want to prep in advance, grab your official eclipse glasses and merch at visitlivco.shop.

MAY
03

May Day Sip & Stroll

GENESEO, NEW YORK

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

STARTING
MAY
18

Tree Peony Festival

LINWOOD GARDENS

Take in an extensive collection of Japanese and American tree peonies at the Tree Peony Festival. With a landscape designed in the early 1900s, you'll discover walled gardens, pools, fountains, ornamental trees, and a view of the valley beyond. Note: advance reservations are required.

MAY
27

Red, White & Blue Balloon Festival

LETCORTH STATE PARK

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

JUNE
01

Trout Festival

CALEDONIA, NEW YORK

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

JUNE
08

Fairy Fest

DANSVILLE, NEW YORK

A whimsical event in Dansville, Fairy Fest celebrates fairies, elves, and gnomes, hosted by the Fairy Doors of Dansville. In addition to the walking trail of fairy door creations (open year-round), you'll enjoy live music, games, 'grab and go' crafts, and other surprises!

JUNE
08

NYS Yoga Festival

LETCORTH STATE PARK

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

JUNE
09

Camp Lima German Festival

LIMA, NEW YORK

Visit Lima for the 89th annual German Blossom (Baumblüten) Festival, a traditional spring festival with authentic German food, beer, homemade desserts, and music. Bring a lawn chair to relax in the shade and your favorite beer stein!

JUNE
15-16

WNY Pottery Festival

STUDIO SALES POTTERY

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

FIND MORE EVENTS ALL SEASON

Trying to figure out how you want to spend your day can be hard, so we're making it easier. Scan the QR code for even more events happening in the Genesee River Valley. From live music to seasonal celebrations, we hope you'll discover something new on your journey. Be sure to check them all out and tag [#VisitLivCo](https://twitter.com/VisitLivCo) and [@visitlivco](https://www.instagram.com/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



TIPS & RESOURCES FOR
 PLANNING YOUR VISIT

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