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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 34,000 acres of protected land in the Genesee River Valley. Visit geneseevalleyconservancy.org to learn more about getting involved.



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Search Visit LivCo in your Apple or Android app store to download the app and start exploring Livingston County today!







VISIT THE NEW LIVCO TOURISM INFO CENTER

LivCo Basecamp is located at 4 O'Connell Avenue in Mount Morris, stop by to get information, advice, or tips you might need to make the most out of your time in LivCo.

THE GENESEE RIVER VALLEY OFFERS THE PERFECT BLEND OF OUTDOOR ADVENTURE AND COZY CHARM IN WINTERTIME

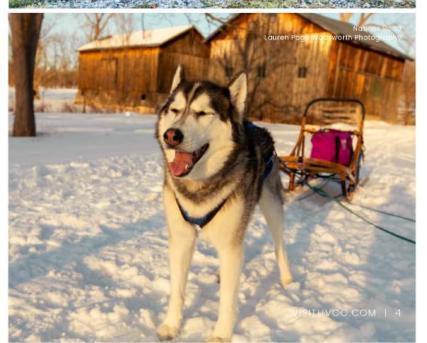
Nestled in the Finger Lakes, Livingston County provides a picturesque winter wonderland with rolling hills, snow-covered forests, and frozen lakes. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and hiking at Letchworth State Park. Whether you're looking to explore the great outdoors or simply want to take in the quiet beauty of the region, LivCo offers an idyllic winter escape.

In addition to the natural splendor, Livingston County boasts a vibrant craft beer and dining scene to warm up after a day of outdoor exploration. From hearty pub fare to cozy dining, the region's restaurants showcase the farm-to-table movement, serving fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Wintertime also brings lively events to the area, like holiday markets and winter festivals celebrating the season with live music, local artisans, and family-friendly fun.

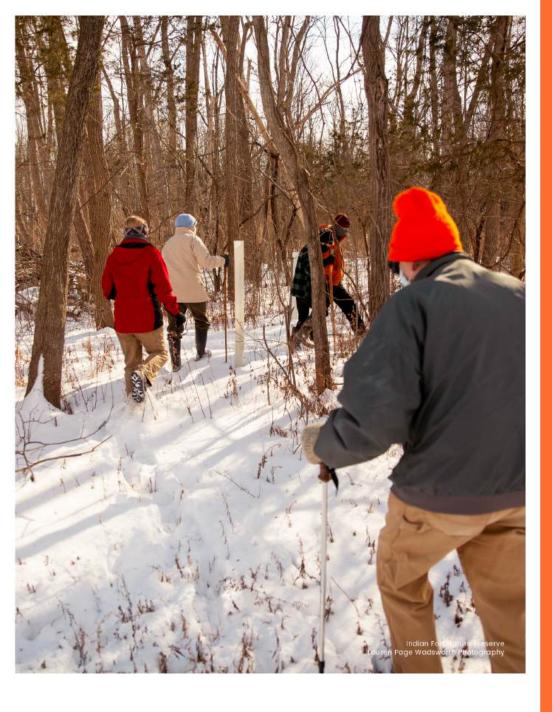
So — what are you waiting for? Let's start planning your LivCo winter getaway now. The only thing you'll regret is not making the trip sooner.











LIVCO GETS the winter months. A far cry from the ITS FAIR SHARE green landscapes of summer, winter OF SNOW IN in LivCo is filled with snow-laden fields sparkling frozen lakes and white-capped forests. It's a stark contrast that's beautiful — but also tons of fun, as all that snow and ice brings ample opportunities for activities you simply can't enjoy any other time of year. Skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling, ice skating, ice fishing and sledding are all on tap. However, to get your fill, you'll need to prepare properly. Be sure to pack a full winter adventure-ready outfit ahead of your trip

STAY WARM

WHEN THE DAYLIGHT SHORTENS AND THE TEMPERATURE DROPS. the Genesee River Valley transforms into a winter wonderland. Yes, it's cold. But with pristine woodlands and rolling hills, even the warmest blooded among us turns into a winter lover. Here, you'll find an outdoor playground where adventurers can head off on skis, snowshoes, and sleds alike, just make sure to stay warm.

Keeping warm on your outdoor winter adventures requires layering, proper gear, and planning to protect against the cold. Make sure to layer clothing (like fleece or down) to hold body heat, and wear a waterproof outer layer to shield from the elements.

Spending time in the snow and the great outdoors is something you can look forward to this season each year. So hunker down – but don't become a hermit. There's plenty to do outside during the snowier months.

to LivCo, including a base layer and mid-layer to retain heat, a top layer to keep cold and wet out, and accessories that protect your face, hands and feet. Thick socks, mittens and a hat are a must, and snow pants and a jacket are recommended if you plan to be outdoors for long, such as when spending the day skiing. Think you're ready to explore LivCo's winter wonderland? Here are the top outdoor activities that you can't miss during any winter trip to LivCo.

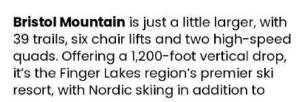
HIT THE **SLOPES AT** THE REGION'S RESORTS

Similar to other regions of New York State like the Catskills or Adirondacks, the Finger Lakes region offers plenty of skiing fun for the entire family, with slopes suitable for all skill levels.

At Swain Ski Resort, you can explore 36 trails perfect for the whole family, including beginner and intermediate trails, accessible via five lifts. Book a lesson if you're not quite comfortable on your skis just yet. And need a break during the day? Stop into the on-site Shawmut Grille in the ski lodge for a burger or pizza, or a warm drink by the fireplace.











alpine skiing, plus a snowsports school and tuning center (in case you packed your own skis), but if you didn't, don't worry — rentals are available.

For a more exclusive environment, try **Hunt Hollow Ski Club**. While it is technically a private ski and snowboard resort, the mountains are open to the public during the week, so you can check out the trails that range from green runs to double black diamonds.

EXPERIENCE HIGH-SPEED SNOWY ADVENTURES

If you crave adrenaline-pumping activities, plan a snowmobile ride during your trip. Head out onto some of the snowmobile-friendly trails in the area including Genesee Valley Greenway State Park, Stony Brook State Park, MacKay Wildlife Preserve, or Harriet Hollister Spencer State Recreation Area.

Throughout all the fun, though, don't forget to follow safety precautions. Go slow in mixed-use areas and watch out for other recreators, such as those that might be snowshoeing or cross-country skiing. Stick to the trails, wear a helmet and wear glasses or goggles.

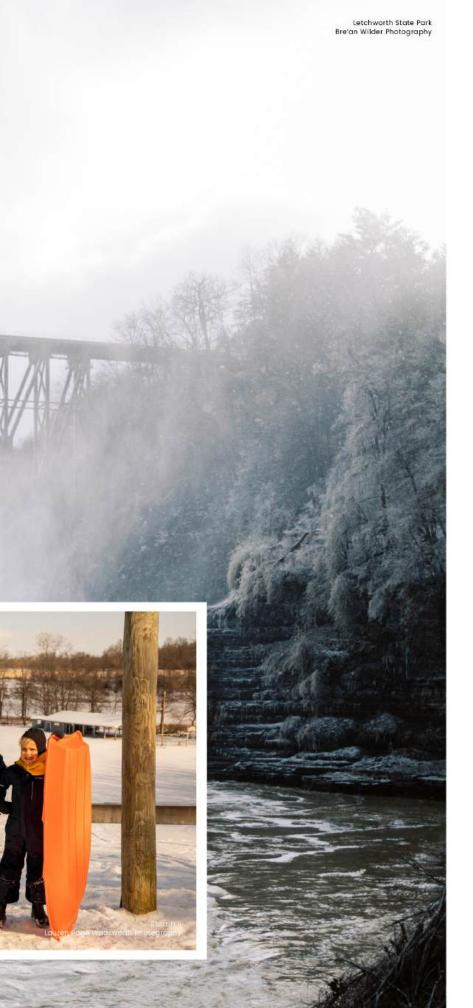
STRAP ON YOUR SKATES — INDOORS AND OUT!

You can find multiple options for ice skating throughout LivCo, whether you enjoy the amenities of an indoor rink or you like the feel of the crisp breeze on your face as you skate outside. Sulpher Springs Skating Rink is located at the Avon Driving Park and is open dawn until 10pm starting in early December. The lit, synthetic ice rink has free skates available.

At **Al Lorenz County Park** in Mount Morris, the basketball court transforms into a rink once the temperatures dip low enough. The free rink is open every day, 6am to 10pm. For the skaters who'd prefer to head indoors, there's no better spot than the **SUNY Geneseo Ira S. Wilson Ice Arena**. General admission is only a few dollars, but you will need to bring your own skates.







SEE WHAT'S BITIN' **BENEATH THE ICE**

Skating isn't the only icebased activity in LivCo during the winter. You can also head out onto our frozen waterways Conesus Lake is a local favorite — to try your luck at catching the trout, pike, bass and other fish that await beneath the icy surface. If you've never ice fished before, find a local outfitter to guide you through the process.

ZIP DOWN THE LOCAL SLEDDING HILL

One of the easiest, simplest and most enjoyable wintertime activities in LivCo, is to just grab a sled and head out to a local sledding hill. There's no learning curve and no expensive gear required, and everyone in the family is sure to love it. Some of our favorite hills to hit up after a big snowstorm?

Try the hills on the south side of Letchworth State Park, near the Perry Entrance. Bonus: The Trailside Lodge offers hot chocolate and snacks perfect for when you're finished. The Avon Driving Park boasts one of the biggest sledding hills in the area. If you're in Leicester, stop at the corner of Main Street and York Road, and slide down Starr Hill.



CURL UP WITH A COLD BREW AT THESE WARM, INVITING BREWERIES AROUND LIVCO

If you're a craft beer aficionado, you're going to love LivCo. We take our craft beer seriously around here, with an array of brewers who craft a wide variety of beer styles using locally grown and sourced ingredients. Every sip is like a little taste of LivCo - and. after that first taste, you'll be quickly calculating just how many six packs you can take home with you.

Even if you're not a craft beer fanatic, though, you'll still enjoy the brewery scene throughout the county. Our breweries offer fun, inviting atmospheres and calendars filled with engaging activities, from game nights to holiday parties, where you can gather with friends, away from the winter chill outside, and have a great evening. (Most also offer libations other than beer, too, in case you're not up for a pilsner or pale ale.)

So, where should you head to experience LivCo's best brews? Here are the spots you won't want to miss.



BATTLE STREET BREWERY

O DANSVILLE, NEW YORK

This craft brewery has found a home inside the restored Dansville Mount Morris Railroad Depot, giving this historic building an exciting new life and honoring LivCo's ties to the railroad industry through unique design touches such as tables crafted from the original depot doors and bar area footrests that were once old steel rails. The brewery has 12 craft beers on tap, from the Battle Street Blonde to the Hoppy Conductor NEIPA, and a scrumptious dining menu will sate your cravings for all your favorite bar foods, like pizza, wings and quesadillas.

LITTLE LAKE BREWING

O LAKEVILLE, NEW YORK

Near Conesus Lake, little Lake Brewing is a micro beverage center offering small-batch, artisan beverages brewed onsite. It's not just beer that's on tap here, though. You can also find hard seltzers, housemade sodas and freshly brewed coffee, as well as options from other local breweries. Plus, little Lake Brewing is a favorite for a quick breakfast, with fresh-baked pastries available every morning.

MORTALIS BREWING

O AVON, NEW YORK

If you've been to Buffalo or Rochester recently, you may be familiar with this growing craft brewery. The OG location, though, is in Avon, where you can sit amongst the tanks and sip beers that were made just steps away. There's an inside taproom for the winter months and, in addition to local beer, there's also a rotating food menu. Brews range from sours (which Mortalis is especially known for) to IPAs, but we like a good stout in the winter months. It's just the thing to ward off that Western New York cold.

NO BS BREW COMPANY

LIVONIA, NEW YORK

This award-winning brewery offers craft beer in two locations. Visit the original location which includes a tasting room, manufacturing facility, and beer garden near the north end of Conesus Lake or stop by their new tasting room in the Village of Victor. Whichever you choose, you're sure to find highquality, delicious brews in an array of styles, whether you prefer an ale, sour, IPA, lager, porter or anything in between.

STRANGE DESIGN PUBLIC HOUSE

GENESEO, NEW YORK

Strange Design Public House has the honor of being Geneseo's first brewery. However, while this brewery may be relatively new, the space it's in is not. History buffs will love this brewery's surroundings, as the current building was once the Livingston County Poor House. Check out Strange Design's calendar before you head over, there's always something fun going on, from live music to Drag Shows to open mics to crafty workshops.

RISING STORM **BREWING COMPANY**

O AVON, NEW YORK

Just a short drive from Rochester, Rising Storm Brewing Company sits on a picturesque 12 acres. Founded by two home brewers and SUNY Geneseo alumni, the microbrewery offers a blend of stouts, seltzers, sours and IPAs. Don't miss the brewery's annual Ugly Sweater Christmas Party!

DUBLIN CORNERS FARM BREWERY

O YORK, NEW YORK

This brewery is what's known as a nanobrewery, serving small batches of local beers made with home-grown hops. Only open on the weekends, swing by for a flight when you're in town. If you're lucky, you'll be able to catch the brewery's pop-up holiday market, where local vendors offer their wares, local foods keep you fed as you shop and free activities - like photos with Santa and crafts and cocoa — keep the kiddos entertained. The live holiday music just further helps set the stage for a lovely winter afternoon.





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SOLITUDE BREWING COMPANY

AVON, NEW YORK

The newest addition to the LivCo Libation Loop, Solitude Brewing Company mixes the influences of nature with craft beer just steps from Conesus Lake. The only brewery in Livingston County with rooftop seating, this spot serves up exceptional craft beverages and a refined fast-casual menu in an unparalleled setting.



CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS AT THE WADSWORTH **HOMESTEAD'S CHRISTMAS TAVERN**

While this might not be a brewery, if you love to visit unique watering holes during your holiday adventures, you won't want to miss this. The Wadsworth Homestead is the only country manor estate in New York continually owned by the original family since 1804. The homestead is a beloved historic landmark in LivCo and, over the holidays, the Homestead operates an oldfashioned tavern. Cozy up to the fire, order a drink and claim your table – there're no reservations and they go quick! Check out their full calendar of holiday events at the wadsworthhomestead.com.

TEST YOUR METTLE AT TRIVIA NIGHT!

What goes better with beer than a bit of trivia? Grab a beer and tap into your wealth of fun facts at one of these can't-miss brewery and bar trivia nights:

THE IDLE HOUR

GENESEO, NEW YORK

Stop by this casual dive bar popular with the college crowd in Geneseo for trivia night every Tuesday at 9pm.

NO BS BREW COMPANY

O LIVONIA, NEW YORK

What could be a better brewery trivia prize than a gift card to buy even more beer? Snag a \$30 gift card when you win first place at No BS Brew Company's trivia night, every Thursday at 6:30pm.

TURTLE STONE BAR & GRILL

OCONESUS, NEW YORK

Turtle Stone Bar & Grill, located at the Conesus Golf Club, serves up all your pub favorites, from loaded nachos to pub pretzels to burgers and wings (plus breakfast on the weekends). Stop in for trivia on Tuesdays at 6pm for food with a side of fun.

DUBLIN CORNERS TAPROOM

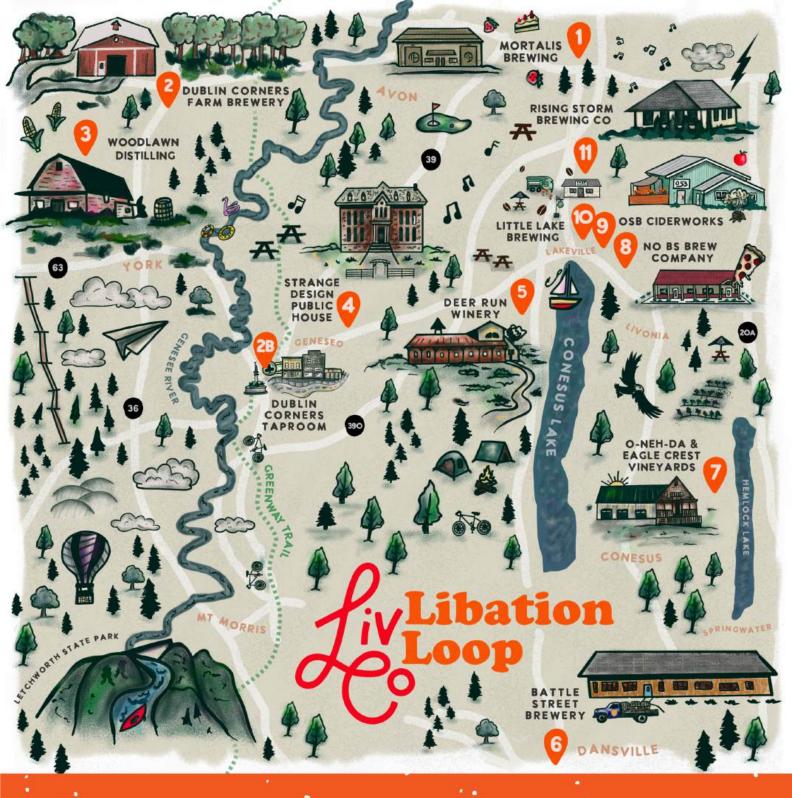
GENESEO, NEW YORK

Dublin Corners Farm Brewery's Geneseo taproom hosts trivia nights every Thursday at 7pm. Beyond beer, they're also serving up hard cider and local wines, so pick your preferred sip and settle in for a night of showing off your trivia know-how

FANATICS PUB

Q LIMA, NEW YORK

This favorite local music venue is great for both dinner and drinks. Team trivia night takes place every Wednesday at 6:30pm. Make a reservation, because things get busy and the cash prizes are tantalizing (and, even if you don't play along, the drink specials and food should be enough to tempt you).



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

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!







WHO DOESN'T of winter? Peppermint and LOVE TASTING pumpkin spice, cinnamon and THE FLAVORS chocolate. There's no better time to indulge in a sweet treat (or two, or three!), whether you prefer a minty hot chocolate piled high with whipped cream and a smattering of crushed candy cane on top, a piping hot pastry dusted with cinnamon and nutmeg, or a flaky pie crust hiding a decadent array of local produce, from apples to pumpkins. If your mouth is watering right now, but you're the last to claim you have any prowess as a baker, pastry chef or even just a barista, you can still find the sweet treats and steamy drinks you crave, from Thanksgiving all the way to Valentine's Day, and all in LivCo.

FIND PIES, PASTRIES & PARTY DESSERTS AT THESE SPOTS

In East Avon, pick up local ingredients for your holiday feast at Six Sprouts Farm Market, but also pick up a treat for yourself while you're at it. A mug of hot chocolate or vanilla latte is just the thing to boost your mood, or, if you're the type to never turn down a scoop of ice cream, regardless of the weather outside, check out the seasonal ice cream flavors like peppermint and gingersnap. Pick up some sweet stocking stuffers including Once Again Nut **Butter**, maple syrup bites made at nearby farms, and **Empty Nesters** flavored popcorn, made locally in Avon.

In Lima, at Milk & Honey Café will check out their wide array of cookies perfect for a holiday cookie swap or leaving near the tree for Santa. At Two Sisters Bake Shoppe in Nunda, connected to the boutique store The Valley Shop, grab some maple icing-topped cinnamon rolls for your holiday breakfast or sourdough to go alongside your turkey or ham. Be sure to peruse the array of colorfully decorated holiday cookies as well.

If you prefer chocolate over any other delightful dessert, there's one place you have to go: Sweet Arts Bakery. Not only can you get your hot chocolate fix, but you'll also find an array of fudge (peppermint, maple walnut and red velvet are just a few of the flavors) and truffles in varieties like coffee n' toffee and dark champagne. Either make excellent gifts for a special someone - if you don't eat them yourself, first! No matter what sweets you prefer, you'll find it all at Sweet Arts Bakery's two locations - the OG spot on Main Street in Geneseo and the new spot inside LivCo Basecamp in





SIP ON WINTER FLAVORS AT THESE COZY CAFES AND COFFEE COUNTERS

Whether you want a quick hit of caffeine or a hot beverage that simply warms you to the core, you can find flavorful options at LivCo's many cafes.

At Cosmic Charlie Café, try the Sundance Hot Chocolate. homemade with steamed milk, or, for something a little out of the box, try the Valley Fog, made with white tea, rose petals, herbs, vanilla and steamed milk. Blend your love for hot cocoa with your love for coffee at MacFadden Coffee Company in Dansville, where they're serving up a Cocoa Cappuccino. Sweets like cake pops and sugar cookies are the perfect complement to your coffee.

Prefer your drink on the cooler side? A Christmas tree cake milkshake or eggnog malt is just the thing for you at Zeppo's Creekside Creamery. You can find both warm and cold drinks at Homegrown Coffee Bar in Dansville, including the coffee bar's chocolate crinkle frozen coffee and white chocolate pistachio iced latte. Grab a pastry and settle in for a few tasty sips before you head back out into the cold. In Lima, Milk & Honey Café is a favorited breakfast and lunch spot, but don't overlook the drinks menu. Peppermint mochas, hot chocolates and more seasonal beverages await.



Similarly, at Cricket's Coffee, the food and cocktail menus are can't-misses, but you'd be remiss if you didn't grab your morning coffee here as well. Start the day on a sweet note with options like a sugar cookie espresso latte or a spiced brown sugar cold brew. For both sweet treats and sweet drinks, try the Sugar Bowl in Dansville. All your favorite holiday flavors are an option, from gingerbread to candy cane, and you can order your coffee iced or hot. Grab a scone, cookie or other baked good and keep an eye out for gluten-free options, too.

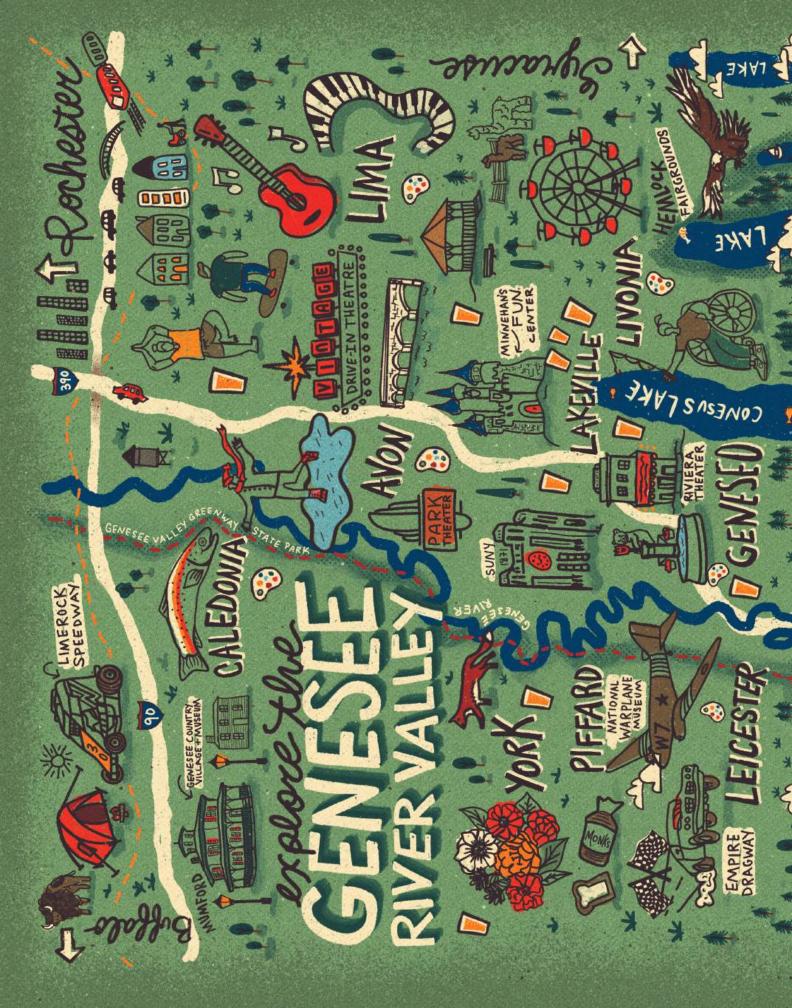
Consider a stop into Nunda's Anchor's Coffee, where cinnamon rolls and pastries will have you licking your lips, as you wash every scrumptious bite down with hot chocolates and cappuccinos with hints of peppermint.



DON'T MISS THE **DESSERT EVENT** OF THE SEASON!

Wherever you go in LivCo to sample winter's baked bounty, don't miss the dessert event of the season: the Geneseo Cookie Stroll, held every year in early December.

Local shops and bakeries display their best bites, welcoming visitors who've bundled up to bounce from storefront to storefront, sampling as they go. It's the perfect start to the holiday season, whether you love soaking up the festive atmosphere, browsing Main Street's local businesses or just simply and truly all the amazing cookies.









local on Small Business Saturday each year? Perhaps you're on the hunt for a truly one-ofa-kind and memorable souvenir. Whatever the case may be, whether you're shopping for

yourself or a loved one, LivCo's wide variety of local storefronts offer all sorts of goodies to explore. Regional entrepreneurs, makers and artisans fill the county's downtowns with unique finds that range from art to attire, décor to decadent desserts.





SPINDLE & KNOTS

DANSVILLE, NEW YORK

In the heart of Dansville, Spindle & Knots welcomes you into its charming Main Street boutique that's stacked to the brim with colorful yarn, art supplies and gifts, all with a whimsical, almost fairytaleesque appeal. No matter how you prefer to get crafty and creative, you're sure to find something inspiring in this space. Be sure to check out the store's calendar of classes, and see if you can catch an in-store tutorial on knitting, watercolor, embroidery, painting, or spinning while you're in town.

TOUCH OF GRAYCE

GENESEO, NEW YORK

This long-standing staple on the Geneseo shopping scene has delighted customers for nearly three decades. The gift shop specializes in handmade and ethically sourced products, whether those items come from right here in LivCo or were lovingly crafted across the world. Books, body care, accessories, toys and housewares all await, so you're sure to find something extra-special for everyone on your list.

BELLISSIMO BOUTIQUE

O CALEDONIA, NEW YORK

Looking for that next great addition to your wardrobe? Or know someone who's a big fan of all things Rufflebutts and RuggedButts? If so, you'll need to stop into Bellissimo Boutique in Caledonia. The only authorized Rufflebutts and RuggedButts retailer in Upstate New York, the boutique also provides floral designs, home décor, jewelry and premium clothing and accessories.

GEEK CHIC FLORAL BOUTIQUE

O AVON, NEW YORK

Make tracks to the Village of Avon so you can check out this gift shop that proudly carries items from more than 50 other small businesses. Discover tasty treats, funky houseware, adorable accessories and lovingly designed décor all on offer, as are craft classes that will channel your inner artisan.

MARKET ON MAIN

GENESEO, NEW YORK

If you're looking for a gift that shows that you (and your recipient!) have great taste, look no further than Geneseo's Market on Main, where each gift option is just as stylish and sophisticated as the last. Items range from bath and body products to jewelry, décor to handbags, plus seasonal items and décor that are sure to become a part of your holiday traditions.

PASTIQUE

O CALEDONIA, NEW YORK

On Caledonia's Main Street, Pastique is a delightful home décor and boutique gift shop where you can find the perfect present for another or yourself, and always at the perfect price. Here, you'll discover a treasure trove of interesting finds and never know what you'll stumble upon, but you'll be glad that you did.









WE SHOP

UIMA, NEW YORK

Don't just support local this season — support local women entrepreneurs. At Lima's WE Shop, it's easy, as this boutique particularly highlights LivCo women makers and founders, by not only offering their wares, but also giving them space to host community events, furthering each business's success.

DOGWOOD TRADING COMPANY

O DANSVILLE, NEW YORK

Dogwood Trading Company delivers an old-fashioned gift store shopping experience. Step through the door and take your time browsing at a relaxed pace, discovering all the fun gifts just waiting to be uncovered. There's local culinary treats, cookbooks and kitchenware for the foodie in your life, jewelry and handbags for the fashionista, the right décor to deck out a mancave for your favorite guy, and plenty of toys, books and plushies for the kiddos.

THE VALLEY SHOP

O NUNDA, NEW YORK

All that retail therapy is bound to make you hungry, so stop into this shop that blends gift hunting with a delicious bite of LivCo baked goods. The Valley Shop in Nunda is situated in an adorable historic home, where you can peruse the multiple rooms stuffed with amazing gift options that'll have you browsing for hours. **Two**Sisters Bake Shoppe, offering cakes, cookies, muffins, sweet breads and coffee, is right on-site.





Years ago, immigrants made their way toward this corner of New York State following the jobs that came along with both the Erie Canal and Genesee Valley Canal's constructions. By the mid-1800s, census records show that more than 3,500 Irish-born residents were residing in Livingston County.

You can still see the traces of these first Irish residents today, through historic churches, a bounty of Irish eats at restaurants throughout the region and St. Patrick's Day events sure to please anyone looking for a touch of the Irish.

EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY AT THESE IRISH-INSPIRED SPOTS

St. Patrick's Day is nothing without a few pints of Irish beer and classic Irish eats like corned beef and cabbage or Irish stew.

One popular pub where you'll be all set to celebrate? **Duffy's Tavern**, which sits in an old train depot in Avon. There, grab some casual bites and settle in for some fun. This eatery knows how to do St. Patrick's Day, with plenty of outdoor games and live entertainment. Make sure to wear your finest green attire, too!

If you never pass up a chance to visit a great dive bar while traveling, stop into the iconic **Kelly's Saloon** in Geneseo, a favorite with the college crowd

and recognizable by its leprechaunemblazoned sign out front. Inside, make sure to sign one of the walls and leave your mark at this popular local dive. The bar's world-famous Tom Collins is a must-try, but make sure to get the quintessential St. Patrick's Day Guinness as well.

Prefer a brewery atmosphere? **Dublin Corners Farm Brewery** was the first brewery in LivCo, and is your place to go to try award-winning, ultra-fresh and local brews crafted using hops grown right on site.

Puppy's Bar and Grill offers smalltown vibes, football (the Bills,



bar food. Again, find this Irish pub by keeping an eye out for its green and shamrockemblazoned sign out front, alongside the Irish flag. Then, for the perfect bite to soak up all those brews, try T's on Genesee, a sandwich shop and deli in Avon that blends Irish and Italian flavors for a menu that offers delicious options ranging from T's Famous Reuben to T's Famous Meatball Subs.



THE BEST SPOTS TO CELEBRATE IN GREEN

In addition to indulging in the bites and brews of the holiday, be

sure to catch some of LivCo's favorite St. Patrick's Day events.

THE BEACHCOMBER'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

OCONESUS, NEW YORK

For a party that goes (nearly) all night long, celebrate in green at the Beachcomber's Annual St. Patrick's Day Party. The venue on the shores of Conesus Lake offers live music, food and drinks, with no cover charge to get in.

AVON ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

O AVON, NEW YORK

The Annual St. Patrick's Day parade features marchers and floaters representing a variety of LivCo businesses and organizations. Taking place on Genesee Street, the parade concludes with live music and family-friendly activities are on tap.

DUBLIN CORNERS ST. PADDY'S DAY BASH

O YORK, NEW YORK

No one goes harder for the holiday than Dublin Corners Farm Brewery, where their annual St. Paddy's Day Bash stretches out over multiple days featuring live music, lots of great food and, of course, awesome brews.



🖍 IT'S PARENTS VS. KIDS AT THESE SPORTY SPOTS

Get a little competitive at one of LivCo's indoor fun or sports centers. While Minnehan's Fun Center, in Lakeville, is a favorite during the summer months, it's just as beloved by locals in the winter as well, when you can head inside and enjoy classic arcade games like Skee-Ball and air hockey, as well as video games, a bounce house, and giant ball pit. Your elementary-age kiddos will love the variety and you may just find that the colorful, lively environment helps you channel your inner kiddo, too.

If you have children that are a little bit older, consider upping the ante with a trip to HD Sports Zone, in Dansville, where you can hang out and enjoy the ultimate indoor golf experience in a VIP lounge.

CHEER ON YOUR TEAM FROM THE BLEACHERS

You don't have to get out on the ice yourself to appreciate those who can. Take the entire family, regardless of age, to an Ice Knights hockey game at the Ira S. Wilson Ice Arena at SUNY Geneseo. You'll quickly see why nearly everyone you meet in LivCo is a hockey fan, as the excitement fills the stands and cheers fill the air. This is an incredibly budgetfriendly activity, too, with tickets going for under \$10. That's something any parent can be happy about!





3. WORK OFF SOME ENERGY

Was your little tumbler inspired by the recent Olympics to pursue a future as a gymnast? Take them to an open gym session at **Dansville Gymnastics**. These hour-long sessions are open to everyone ages 5 and up, and are led by a qualified instructor.

For slightly older children, **Sunrise Bouldering** in Geneseo is a good pick for trying something new. This is not your average rock-climbing gym. Bouldering doesn't use ropes or

harnesses, and usually features shorter, trickier climbing walls that will challenge you both mentally and physically. It's a fun exercise that offers an excellent bonding opportunity! (Pro tip: After you and your preteen or teen have conquered bouldering, conquer a burrito next door at Cosmic Charlie Café!)



4. MAKE MEMORIES AND ART!

Looking for a unique souvenir to take home? Why not make one? Hands-on arts experiences throughout LivCo give you and your family a fun activity, plus a meaningful memento that your child can keep for themselves or give to a loved one back home. At the Adventures & Art: Center for Creativity in Caledonia all ages can join in on the fun, with arts and crafts workshops that range from creative play sessions for children as young as 2, to more advanced workshops for those up to 12 years of age.

Plan a visit to **Studio Sales Pottery** in Avon where you can book one of the studio's classes during which you'll learn 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 classes are available with a focus on clay.



For the older creatives in your crew, sign up for a class at **Ironwood Studios** where hands-on welding workshops for women are the name of the game. Workshops are open to everyone who identifies as a woman, trans, queer or non-binary, with other classes for families and couples.

5. EMBRACE NEW CULTURES ON CAMPUS

SUNY Genese hosts tons of events open to the public that make for a fun evening outing. Check out the college's calendar for their annual Cultural Club Dinners hosted by the college's many diverse clubs and organizations including the Black Student Union, Caribbean Student Association, Chinese Culture Club, Latinx Student Association, Pride Alliance, and Shakti. The clubs come together to host dinners featuring dances, skits, presentations, and unique dishes. Bring the whole family and enjoy an evening on campus.

6. BUNDLE EDUCATION WITH ENTERTAINMENT

LivCo is home to a plethora of family-friendly museums where you can while away the day with hands-on learning opportunities for all ages. In Geneseo, the Livingston County Historical Society & Museum hosts a free museum that's suitable for school-age children. You'll learn about 200 years of Livingston County history as you explore the museum's multiple buildings, including an 1838 cobblestone schoolhouse and a former fire cart building, circa 1890s. Exhibits touch on the region's historic communities, salt mining heritage and farm-to-table focus.

Similarly, the **Big Springs Museum** in Caledonia will teach visitors about the region's agricultural history and historically important populations, such as the region's African American and Native American communities. The museum also takes a look at the local **New York State**









Fish Hatchery, founded by Seth Green and known as the oldest in the Western Hemisphere. If your kids don't have the attention span for historical artifacts pertaining to husbandry and industry, you may want to introduce them to some high-flying artifacts. At the National Warplane Museum, in Geneseo, you can check out fleets of aircraft, dating back to the earliest days of air travel.

FIND OUT WHO'S THE BEST BOWLER IN THE FAMILY

No matter your age, bowling is a game that everyone can love. Luckily, you have plenty of lanes to pick from in LivCo. Livingston Lanes in Geneseo is a classic family bowling alley with per-hour pricing and shoe rentals. If you're traveling on a budget, go on a Tuesday, when you can get games for as little as \$3. Stick around for lunch or dinner, when you'll find classic pub fare like pizza and quesadillas that are sure to appeal to your picky eaters.

Similarly, Mt. Morris Lanes offers affordable bowling and affordable dining, with kids meals going for \$4.99. Have older kids who like to stay up a little later? Late-night bowling is a can'tmiss. Finally, take your bowling with a little side of history. Raider Lanes in Caledonia sits in an 1893 structure, but the bowling experience is hardly outdated. Enjoy a delicious menu with homemade pizza, glow-in-thedark bowling and live music.









Even with the cold, winter is one of the most romantic seasons of all. There are so many opportunities to cuddle up, whether you're curling up next to a roaring fire, snuggled under a blanket during a horse-drawn carriage ride, or just smooshed together on a ski lift. The chilly weather makes it all too easy to find an excuse to cozy up with your favorite person. This winter, celebrate your love with a romantic weekend getaway to LivCo.

Whether you stop by for Valentine's Day, New Year's Eve, a special occasion or no occasion at all, we'll pull out all the stops so you can show your sweetie to a spectacular time. Not sure where to start planning? Here's what we recommend you do, for a three-day stay that's sure to sweep your sweetheart off their feet.



DAY ONE

CHECK INTO A ROMANTIC STAY

First things first, check into a room at The BrickInn, a gorgeous bed and breakfast situated inside a 1915 brick Colonial home, with all the charm of a historic property, but all the modern amenities and touches you need for a relaxing stay. Guestrooms feature ensuite bathrooms outfitted with rainfall showers, warmed towels and heated floors, and each day starts with a three-course breakfast featuring local products and produce. You'll easily see why this property has become a favorite for anniversary celebrations and similar romantic escapes.

FUEL UP FOR YOUR WEEKEND

Stop into the new LivCo Basecamp, a visitor center in Mount Morris, where you can pick up any travel guides or gear you might need for your threeday stay, as well as ask the staff for any recommendations or tips. While you're there, grab a light snack at the on-site Sweet Arts Bakery, where you'll find fresh cinnamon rolls and bagels, desserts and hot drinks.

EMBRACE THE CHILL OF WINTER

Next, it's time to get your heart pumping with a little outdoor excursion to Letchworth State Park. Strap on a pair of snowshoes and take in the pristine and simply magical snow and icecovered forests and waterfalls. If you're lucky, you may even get to see the ice volcano, in front of the Glen Iris Inn. Fed by a fountain, the icy structure can grow up to 50 feet, under the right conditions. (Never snowshoed before? Trail Otter offers guided snowshoeing services that can help you get a feel for the activity.)

Bre'an Wilder Photography

ENJOY SHARED BITES & SEASONAL SCOOPS

Once you've worked up an appetite, it's time for a romantic dinner at Caffe Tazza. Order a bottle of wine and sample the favorited woodfired pizzas or split some tapas. Then, for dessert, indulge in a sweet treat at Zeppo's Creekside Creamery, where they're scooping and serving ice cream, milkshakes and more, all year-long.

Looking for other accommodations? Scan the QR code below for tons of hotels, inns, and bed and breakfasts options.



GRAB A "SPACEY" BREAKFAST

Get up and ready for a day filled with fun activities perfect for couples seeking new experiences. Fuel up at one of the coolest breakfast spots in town, Cosmic Charlie Café, where you can find espresso-based beverages and breakfast burritos aplenty.

SEND OUT NOTES OF LOVE

If you're visiting in February, take part in a local tradition, when you stop into the Gallery in the Valley.

The gallery hosts a "Love from Geneseo" invited to visit the gallery, pick out a postcard, write a sweet note to a loved one and then send it off in the mail. It's a cute and creative activity that will be sure to bring a smile to your recipients' faces. (Want to make the experience even sweeter? Write notes to one another, mail the postcards and read your honey's missive after you get home!)

WANDER YOUR **WAY THROUGH SHOPS & ART**

Throughout the rest of the day, try out the viral "Couples

LivCo Inspirations

Trail. The first encourages you to scour the abundance of local shops found throughout the county's downtowns. As you go, look for gifts for your partner that meet three key criteria: you're looking for something that's your partner's favorite color, something that reminds you of them





and an everyday-use item. Try to keep your purchases secret from your partner, so you can exchange them at the end of the day.

As you bounce from small town to small town, though, you won't just be shopping. You'll also be snapping tons of fun selfies together, in front of LivCo's many murals. The LivCo Inspirations Trail will take you to some of the best, such as the newest, in Dansville, celebrating Clara Barton.

END THE DAY WITH LIVE BLUES MUSIC

Make sure your explorations bring you back to Lima, for dinner and live music at Fanatics Pub. Grab a burger, pizza or wings and settle in for some of the highly rated acts. Ask your partner to dance!



SHARE A ROMANTIC DINNER

Grab an early dinner at Yard of Ale, a fine-diningyet-casual restaurant where you'll find plenty of seasonal eats and classic favorites like Angus beef prime rib.

SURROUND YOURSELF WITH HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Top off the day with a movie at Avon Park Theater, Star Theatre or the Geneseo Riviera, and then, on your way out of town, take your time driving around some of our beautiful villages and admiring the holiday lights and décor. While the holiday lights are aglow, twinkling in small towns from Avon to Leicester to Mount Morris, there are a few can't-

miss displays, such as the Fantasy of Lights Walk in Dansville, and the picturesque Village Park display in Geneseo. And as you depart, hand-inhand with your honey, you'll be leaving with a renewed appreciation for one another, fond memories and an eagerness to return and see what LivCo has to offer couples throughout the rest of the year!

ChristmaSing Third Eye Catcher Photography

DAY THREE

BRUNCH THE MORNING AWAY

On the last day of your romantic LivCo getaway, don't rush off right away. Instead, start the day with a leisurely brunch at the Tankroom Café at Deer Run Winery, where you'll find all your favorite brunch classics, including the requisite mimosas and bloody mary's.

MAKE SOMETHING **NEW TOGETHER**

Channel your inner artist via a medium you've probably never gotten your hands on before. Book a couple's welding class at Ironwood Studios in Springwater, a fun opportunity to learn something new, and leave class with a finished work of welded art.





Hundreds of years ago, Indigenous Americans in the region harvested maple sap annually and taught the craft of production to European settlers. Nowadays, you'll find various venues throughout the county hosting maple-related events. At Letchworth State Park, you can enjoy the scenery and ample outdoor fun, while learning about the maple sugaring process at the Humphrey Nature Center. The Maple Sugar Festival at the Genesee Country Village & Museum is a can't-miss, with a similar focus on history and how early settlers produced syrup.

Treat yourself to a spa day, the ultimate form of rest and relaxation during a chilly winter. Bask in a soothing atmosphere in downtown Geneseo at Body & Face by Kristin where they specialize in professional skin care both basic and advanced as well as healing massage therapy techniques. In Avon, Pure Body Day Spa is dedicated to making every spa experience unique. They offer a number of services from healing massage therapy (including one for mommas-to-be), skincare and waxing services, natural manicures, pedicures, and heated Vinyasa Yoga classes.

Warm up to live music at venues across LivCo featuring live music, catchy bands, unique songwriters, and cozy drinks. Visit live music venues including the newly restored Avon Park Theater, with comfortable seats and upscale concessions, the Geneseo Riviera, hosting shows and concerts in partnership with Geneseo Jam Kitchen, Fanatics Pub in Lima bringing in Grammy award-winning artists, and Drumroll Sushi & Stage, the newest venue on the scene in Geneseo that combines handcrafted sushi bites with entertaining musical guests.















A Fest for All

Holiday markets, wine tastings, and small-town parades are all part of the fun at LivCo events and festivals. They're a way to tap into local culture while getting a jump on trends in art, music, and culture. See what's happening in LivCo!

NOV 16

Holiday Market & Preparing for Winter

GENESEE COUNTRY VILLAGE & MUSEUM

Stroll through the country village in anticipation of snowy season. Explore historic homes, enjoy roasted chestnuts, and shop hand-crafted goods at the Holiday Market. Swing by the Freight House Pub to enjoy craft beers, hard cider, mulled red wine, and snacks!



Small Business Saturday

OLIVINGSTON COUNTY, NEW

Celebrate and support small businesses throughout the Genesee River Valley. Shop local at businesses in LivCo, from boutiques and artisan gift shops to holiday markets and quaint restaurants.



ChristmaSing

OGENESEO, NEW YORK

Become part of the tradition this holiday season – head to Geneseo for ChristmaSing with the whole family! Shop for gifts at local stores, enjoy a sleigh ride down Main Street, and end the night caroling at the Village Park then walking to the Bear Fountain to walt for Santa.



Artful Holidays

ON THE ARTS

A winter holiday event where you can shop local artisan goods and gifts at the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts. Enjoy this community-made boutique shop featuring arts and crafts, books, gifts, and artisan food products.



Avon Holiday Spectacular

OAVON, NEW YORK

Kick off the holiday season in the downtown business district in Avon. The streets come alive with holiday lights, music, family friendly activities and sightings of Santa and his Elves! Sample treats and enjoy discounts from businesses and organizations for one spectacular evening.



Winter in the Village & Wine Walk

ODANSVILLE, NEW YORK

Attend this day-long holiday festival in Dansville's historic downtown district with activities including arts and crafts, an evening Wine and Spirits Walk, ice sculptures and a live ice carving demo, the Santa Parade, and a costume contest at the library.



Christmas in Nunda

ONUNDA, NEW YORK

Celebrate the holidays in Nunda during the second weekend of December featuring over 55 vendors throughout the village. Enjoy a lights parade down State Street, family friendly activities all weekend, and find Santa at various spots in town.



St. Patrick's Day Parade

OAVON, NEW YORK

Wear your best green outfit to the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Clinton and Genesee Streets in Avon featuring floats from local businesses, organizations, and teams. Enjoy ice skating, hot chocolate, popcorn, s'mores, and music at the Avon Driving Park just down the street.



Maple Weekends

OLETCHWORTH STATE PARK

Visit the Humphrey Nature
Center in the "Grand Canyon of
the East" for a variety of maple
themed family-friendly
activities, learn about maple
production techniques, tree
identification, how to tap maple
trees, and enjoy a pancake
breakfast cooked by the
Friends of Letchworth State
Park

FIND MORE EVENTS ALL SEASON

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





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.

ideshare & 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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