



THE CATSKILLS

2026 DEVELOPMENTS

The Catskills region is set to continue inspiring travelers with a blend of natural beauty, historic significance and immersive experiences throughout 2026. [Belleayre Mountain](#) will complete the 28,600-square-foot expansion of its Discovery Lodge, introducing a modern rental center, expanded dining facilities, additional seating and upgraded amenities. The renovation elevates the guest experience and supports future growth, not only for winter offerings but for year-round programming and tourism. The stunning [Henson is unveiling Eloise](#), its soon-to-be next-door wedding venue intentionally designed as an extension of the hotel itself, which will debut in the spring. Art enthusiasts can celebrate the [200th anniversary of Thomas Cole's first journey to Catskill](#), which gave rise to the Hudson River School of American landscape painting. The [Thomas Cole National Historic Site](#) will honor the artist whose works captured the dramatic vistas of the Hudson River Valley and Catskill Mountains, cementing the region's reputation as the cradle of American art.

As history comes alive across the Catskills in commemoration of [America's 250th anniversary](#), visitors can explore Upstate New York's oldest surviving home at the [Bronck Museum](#) - a site that saw 276 years and seven generations of farming, commerce and patriotism. By the onset of the American Revolution, 113 years into the family's residence of the land, Jan and Leendert Bronck actively pledged the family's harvests, wealth and notable stature to the fight for American independence.

The [Sullivan County International Airport](#) just reopened following a renovation that began in May 2023. The renovations include major upgrades to the restrooms, furniture, and parking lot with additions of a new restaurant and bar area, and an adjoining deck that overlooks the runway, lobby and outdoor patio.

DESCRIPTION

The Catskills beckon with the promise of discovery, natural beauty, legendary hospitality and attractions on and off the beaten path. Beloved destinations like [Hunter Mountain](#) and [Windham Mountain Club](#) are well-known hotspots for year-round activities, from winter slopes to spring and summer hikes to breathtaking autumn foliage.

The pedal-powered [Catskill Rail Explorers](#) offers unique views pedaling through lush landscapes, while riding the Catskill Thunder Gondola to the summit of [Belleayre Mountain](#) provides guests breathtaking views of the Catskill Forest Preserve.

The region's many scenic trails and hikes include [The Catskill Scenic Trail](#) – a 26-mile path that once carried rail lines and now invites hiking, biking and horseback riding – and the [Basha Kill Wildlife Management Area](#), where travelers can explore 15 miles of trails for spotting osprey, great blue herons and playful otters.

Beyond outdoor sports and activities, the Catskills are known as a haven for wellness and the arts, with many spas, museums and health centers throughout the region. The [YOI Wellness Center](#) in Monticello represents the human quest of maintaining youth and is one of the only Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy & Acupuncture wellness destinations in the U.S. that offers a truly authentic, comprehensive and completely customized experience. [The Emerson Spa](#) offers a harmonious blend of nature, balance and restoration, inspired by the earth's elements and the tranquility of the Catskills.

The region is also home to the iconic [Bethel Woods Center for the Arts](#), on the grounds of the historic 1969 Woodstock festival. This museum invites visitors to explore music history and stand where Jimi Hendrix once performed before a crowd of half a million.

A booming farm-to-table and craft beverage scene has helped the Catskills earn its reputation as a serious culinary destination worldwide. Many chic restaurants can tout their relationships with local farms and purveyors, but very few can boast of having them in view of the dining room. [The Tavern](#) at [The Arnold House](#) has been a staple in the region for 50+ years, serving a taste of nostalgia with a side of homemade charm. [Silvia](#) uses a wood-fired grill to prepare their meats, hearty vegetables and dishes that put the region's farms to great use. The city of Tannersville is home to a charming main street lined with shops and restaurants. Local favorites include the casual comfort-food emporium [Mama's Boy Burgers](#), using grass-fed, grain-finished, hormone-free Black Angus beef from a family-run farm just six miles away to craft their famous burgers. The rustic and elegant restaurant at [Deer Mountain Inn](#) is a beautiful setting for dinner, blending old mountain charm with on-trend fine dining. Sample from locally sourced, country-inspired fare like trout and hedgehog mushrooms during the chef's seven-course tasting menu, while enjoying handcrafted cocktails by the fireplace. [Union Grove Distillery](#) is a driving force behind Delaware County's ever-expanding craft cocktail scene. Their [Vly Creek Vodka](#) is the delicious result of combining wheat with apples run through a local antique apple press and fermented into cider, giving the vodka a subtle hint of fruit.

WHERE TO STAY

The Catskills' famously luxury lodging continues elevating the guest experience with offerings that go beyond overnight stays in 2026. Beloved accommodations such as [Hotel Lilien](#) and [Wylder Windham](#) continue featuring immersive programs such as retreats, workshops and restorative wellness weekends. [Inn at Lake Joseph](#) provides a nature-driven escape with endless outdoor activities all year long. [The Roxbury](#) features 28 uniquely designed rooms and indulgent spas that put a whimsical, elegant spin on the traditional themed-room experience. Set in the charming historic village of Roxbury, NY, the property offers year-round outdoor adventure with easy access to nearby ski areas. Throughout the region, accommodations are redefining experiential getaways that embody the Catskills lifestyle, providing travelers the chance to unplug, connect with nature and slow down.

GETTING THERE

- 1.5-2.5 hours from NYC
- 6-7 hours from Niagara Falls
- 4-6 hours from Montreal

- Air service via NYC airports and [Sullivan County International Airport](#); accessible from Route I-87 (NYS Thruway) and Route 17 (I-86)

COUNTIES

Delaware, Greene, Sullivan and Ulster

MAJOR CITIES & TOWNS

Bethel, Callicoon, Catskill, East Durham, East Meredith, Ellenville, Hancock, Hunter, Liberty, Livingston Manor, Margaretville, Monticello, Mount Tremper, Narrowsburg, Phoenicia, Roscoe, Tannersville, Windham, Woodstock and Kingston

CLIMATE

The diverse climate of New York State has four distinct seasons. In the Catskills, cold, snowy winters create a wonderland of magnificent scenery in mountain villages, resorts and ski centers. The weather is moderately cool and sunny in springtime and autumn, when spectacular fall foliage attracts thousands of visitors. Summers are comfortable and warm, with daytime temperatures averaging in the mid-70s to mid-80s (degrees F.) and cooler evenings.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more travel ideas and information, visit [iloveny.com](#) or the Catskills' regional website: [visitthecatskills.com](#).

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