THE CATSKILLS

2027 DEVELOPMENTS

The **Catskills** will celebrate several milestone anniversaries in 2027, highlighting the region's natural beauty, cultural traditions and signature events. Mountain Top Arboretum in Tannersville will mark 50 years since its original seven-acre public garden was established. Today, the 200-acre arboretum sits 2,400 feet above sea level and offers visitors the chance to explore its varied landscapes and plant life, with anniversary programming planned throughout 2027. For cultural celebrations, the 50th annual East Durham Irish Festival will return over Memorial Day weekend with Irish music, dance and family-friendly festivities.

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 the six-passenger scenic skyride at Hunter Mountain glides over the treetops for panoramic shots. 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 YO1 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 village 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. There, 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 2027. 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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