



## CHAUTAUQUA-ALLEGHENY

### NEW DEVELOPMENTS

This summer, the Chautauqua-Allegheny region of New York is poised to offer visitors an array of exciting new developments. The Chautauqua Institution, nestled along the shores of Chautauqua Lake, is commemorating its [150th anniversary](#) with a special summer season. Visitors can immerse themselves in a diverse range of fine and performing arts, engaging lectures and recreational activities for all ages. The anniversary celebration will feature a lineup of iconic bands such as The Beach Boys and performances by renowned artists like Renée Fleming, adding to the region's cultural vibrancy.

Additionally, this summer marks the 40th anniversary of the [Roger Tory Peterson Institute](#), a significant milestone celebrated with an extensive lineup of indoor and outdoor events and activities. Visitors can join in the festivities commemorating the institute's four decades of contributions to conservation and education. The year marks the 90th anniversary of the Peterson Field Guide, one of the inaugural works of famed ornithologist and wildlife artist Roger Tory Peterson. This commemoration pays homage to Peterson's legacy and his enduring impact on the study and appreciation of nature.

### DESCRIPTION

A vacation destination for more than a century, the charms of Chautauqua-Allegheny in the southwest corner of New York State are as varied as the region they call home.

Enjoy easygoing pleasures such as hiking “enchanted” mountains, biking country roads, fishing and swimming in pristine lakes and waterways such as the [Genesee River](#) and [Lake Erie](#). Thrill seekers will love the [Mountain Coaster at Holiday Valley's Sky High Adventure Park](#) and whitewater rafting from local outfitters like [Zoar Valley Canoe & Rafting Company](#) in the [Zoar Valley](#).

Have a good laugh at [The National Comedy Center](#), the congressionally designated U.S. cultural institution dedicated to the art form of comedy in Jamestown. It is also the birthplace of Lucille Ball, where the [Lucy-Desi Museum](#) honors the legacy of the “First Couple of Comedy.” Stroll tree-lined lanes in a Victorian village at the [Chautauqua Institution](#), featuring a summer season of world-class performances and a renowned lecture platform that hosts nationally and globally recognized thought leaders.

Take a sip from the [Lake Erie Concord Grape Belt](#) with roots dating from the 1870s. It is now the country's second largest grape farming region with over 30,000 vineyard acres and more than 20 local wineries known collectively as [Lake Erie Wine Country](#). Late summer harvest is a popular time to visit Chautauqua-Allegheny, with the air heavy with the sweet aroma of grapes, juicy apples, sweet corn, local peaches and more available at farm stands dotting the

countryside or pick-your-own farms. Visitors also can get acquainted with [The Cuba Cheese Shoppe](#) for a taste of history.

The charming and historic towns of Angelica, Bemus Point, Ellicottville, Lakewood, Olean, Wellsville and Westfield are known for their eclectic, one-of-a-kind shops with everything from antiques and birding books to maple syrup and wine on the shelves. [The Angelica Country Store](#) sells antiques, vintage jewelry, home furnishings, local honey and unique gifts, while [Salamanca Mall Antiques](#), one of the largest antique centers in the country, boasts more than 1,000 vendors offering antiques and collectibles at discount and competitive prices.

Whatever you end up enjoying, expect to be well accommodated. Amid its 65,000 acres of lush forests and lakes, [Allegany State Park](#) in Salamanca offers hundreds of campsites, cabins and year-round vacation cottages near wildlife walks, plus some of the nation's finest groomed trails for hiking and mountain biking, along with snowmobiling and cross-country skiing in the winter. Book a stay at a [Peek'n Peak Resort](#) for a downhill skiing and a relaxing spa in an Old English castle like setting. Other unique lodging options include [The Athenaeum Hotel](#) or [Chautauqua Harbor Hotel](#) on Chautauqua Lake, and [The Inn at 28](#) in Cuba.

## GETTING THERE

- 7 hours from NYC
- 2 hours from Niagara Falls
- 9 hours from Montreal
- Accessible from [Buffalo Niagara International](#) and [Niagara Falls International](#) airports

## COUNTIES

Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua

## MAJOR CITIES & TOWNS

Alfred, Allegany, Angelica, Bemus Point, Chautauqua, Cuba, Dunkirk, Ellicottville, Fredonia, Jamestown, Olean, Salamanca, Wellsville, Westfield

## CLIMATE

The diverse climate of New York State has four distinct seasons. Summers in the Chautauqua-Allegheny region are comfortable and warm, with daytime temperatures averaging in the mid-70s to mid-80s (degrees F.) and cooler evenings. The weather is moderately cool and sunny in springtime and autumn, when spectacular fall foliage attracts thousands of visitors. Cold, snowy winters create a wonderland of magnificent scenery in villages, resorts and ski centers. Each year, lake effect storms drop an average of 200+ inches of snow in the higher elevations along Lake Erie.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

For more travel ideas and information, visit [iloveny.com](#) or the Chautauqua-Allegheny Region website: [visitwesternny.com](#)

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