



HUDSON VALLEY

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

For family-friendly fun, [The Castle Fun Center](#) in Chester is expanding with a new roller skating rink and bowling alley, joining its already impressive lineup of go-karts, mini-golf, laser tag, and more. Meanwhile, recently opened [Bella's Brewery](#), within the picturesque Oceane Vineyards, serves craft beers made from locally sourced ingredients. Plus, the vineyard's historic barn is being transformed into a unique event space for gatherings and weddings. [Mount Peter Ski Area](#) offers visitors exciting new enhancements like a brand-new, 1,500-square-foot lodge to the tubing area and the installation of a state-of-the-art snowmaking system.

DESCRIPTION

Following the majestic Hudson River from just north of New York City to Columbia County, the Hudson Valley has inspired artists, writers and statesmen for generations with its magnificent landscapes, history and culture. Charming river towns welcome travelers with dining both fine and relaxed, main streets dotted with local shops and galleries, and convenience to cultural settings and family-friendly attractions. Explore the [Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site and Presidential Library and Museum](#) in Hyde Park; [Kykuit, the Rockefeller Estate](#), home to four generations of the Rockefeller family in Sleepy Hollow; or [LEGOLAND® New York Resort](#) in Goshen, featuring a year-round themed hotel with daily activities and entertainment for children.

With its proximity to NYC, the visual and performing arts are readily celebrated in the Hudson Valley with the historic [Bardavon 1869 Opera House](#) in Poughkeepsie standing out as the oldest continuously operated theater in the state. [Dia Beacon](#) art museum, occupying a former Nabisco box-printing factory overlooking the Hudson River, not only helped transform the city of Beacon into an art destination but gets rave reviews for its collection of works from the 1960s to present day.

At [Catamount Mountain](#), lessons designed to help new skiers feel at ease on the slopes are offered. After a day on the trails, there's ample opportunities to unwind, enjoy recreational activities, savor delicious meals at upscale spas, inviting lodges, and excellent restaurants located both at the resorts and in nearby towns. Visitors can embrace the winter wonderland at [Art Omi](#) in Ghent, where cross-country skiing is offered through the Sculpture and Architecture Park, a serene landscape adorned with over 60 captivating artworks. The groomed trails are open to the public free of charge, offering a unique opportunity to appreciate art and nature in harmony.

Shoppers can ease into their favorite sport at [Sugar Loaf Arts & Craft Village](#) where artists present their work in dozens of shops and galleries within strolling distance of friendly cafés,

and [Woodbury Common Premium Outlets](#) in Central Valley with more than 220 stores and the world's largest collection of designer outlets.

Foodies can sate their appetites at abundant farm markets, artisanal cheesemakers and award-winning vineyards along the Dutchess and Shawangunk wine trails. The [Culinary Institute of America](#) is a world recognized culinary school with well-known alumnae and restaurants on its campus open to the public for dining. New to the region is a Japanese sake brewery's first U.S. location, [Dassai Blue. Hudson Valley Distillers](#), situated in a historic 150-year-old barn in Germantown, offers visitors the chance to see small-batch spirit production firsthand. Tours, tastings, and cocktails are available Friday through Sunday from 12 to 6 p.m., with weekday appointments possible. In Beacon, [Hudson Valley Brewery](#) invites visitors to savor its acclaimed sour beers and New England-style IPAs in a vibrant atmosphere.

WHERE TO STAY

And visitors should plan to stay awhile with unique lodging options such as the classic [Mohonk Mountain House](#) surrounded by forests in New Paltz and [The Maker Hotel](#) in Hudson, where each room celebrates the artisans, artists, craftsmen and builders who "make" the world. In addition, [The Inn at Silver Maple Farm](#) in East Chatham is a charming countryside retreat nestled in the Hudson Valley's winter wonderland. The newly remodeled inn features a rustic Euro pastoral decor, offering eleven well-appointed guest rooms, each with private bathrooms, ideal for a cozy escape. At [Troutbeck](#), a historic 250-acre estate in the Hudson Valley, guests can experience individually designed rooms across three distinct houses, each featuring elegant touches like Frette linens, fireplaces, and soaking tubs. Along the Shawangunk Ridge, the 140-acre [Wildflower Farms](#), an Auberge resort, features three miles of hiking trails, a working vegetable farm, and the farm-to-table restaurant, [Clay](#), where guests can savor locally sourced produce and meats.

GETTING THERE

The Hudson Valley is convenient to New York City and less than a day by car or rail from the northern reaches of New York State and parts of Canada.

- 30 minutes-2 hours from NYC
- 7 hours from Niagara Falls
- 4-5 hours from Montreal
- [Amtrak](#) to Yonkers, Croton-Harmon, Poughkeepsie, Rhinecliff, Hudson
- [Metro-North Railroad](#)
- [Stewart International Airport](#) in New Windsor
- [Westchester County Airport](#) in White Plains
- Also accessible from NYC airports [JFK International](#) and [LaGuardia Airport](#) in Queens

COUNTIES

Columbia, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Ulster (Southeast), Westchester

MAJOR CITIES & TOWNS

Beacon, Cold Spring, Hudson, Kingston, Middletown, New Paltz, Newburgh, Nyack, Poughkeepsie, Rhinebeck, Tarrytown

CLIMATE

The diverse climate of New York State has four distinct seasons. Summers in the Hudson Valley 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 along the riverside and in quaint villages and towns.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more travel ideas and information, visit iloveny.com or the Hudson Valley's regional website: travelhudsonvalley.com.

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