

## A GUIDE TO HISTORY AND CULTURE IN SENECA COUNTY FOR THE 2024 ECLIPSE

Not only does Seneca County have relaxing, wide-open spaces for viewing the Eclipse on April 8, 2024, it is also a hub of history and heritage. From museums and historic hotels to places that pay homage to the birthplace of women's rights, you'll find lots to discover in Seneca County. Check out this itinerary to start planning your trip to see the eclipse and explore the history and culture of the area.

### Saturday, April 6, 2024

Welcome to Seneca County! Start your visit with a trip to the [Seneca County Women's Rights Trail](#). Learn about the Seneca Falls Convention at the Women's Rights National Park, and honor the women who made the 19th Amendment possible. You'll also see the Declaration Park and Waterwall which holds the founding document of the women's rights movement, the Declaration of Sentiments.



Stop by the [home of Elizabeth Cady Stanton](#), the main organizer of the Seneca Falls' Woman's Right Convention and primary author of the Declaration of Sentiments. "The Seneca Falls Convention," as it became known, brought together men and women to launch a national movement for equal rights – most notably women's right to vote. Stanton called her home the "Center of the Rebellion" during her family's 15 years in Seneca Falls.

Grab a drink and snack at [Fall Street Brewing / Finger Lakes Kombucha Co.](#) This New York state Farm Brewery offers craft beer, cider, kombucha and espresso, as well as light fare and even loaded Bavarian pretzels!

In the afternoon, head over to the [It's a Wonderful Life Museum](#), dedicated to preserving the legacy of the classic film. The movie "It's a Wonderful Life" premiered at the Globe Theatre in New York City on Dec. 20, 1946. Fans from around the world seek out Seneca Falls for a real-life movie experience each winter, but the similarities are apparent year-round.



For dinner, enjoy a nice meal at the restaurant at [The Gould Hotel](#). This is also a great place to book your stay. This boutique four-star hotel is the perfect mix of historic charm and modern elegance.

After dinner, stay right where you are for some live music! The Gould Hotel has live music every Saturday night. [Keep an eye on their Facebook page](#) to see who will be performing.

When you're ready to unwind, head to your room to prepare for another great day tomorrow!

## Sunday, April 7, 2024

Good morning! The eclipse is tomorrow! Begin your day with breakfast or brunch at one of our [cafes](#), [diners](#), or other [casual restaurants](#) in Seneca Falls or the surrounding areas.

After brunch, take a relaxing walk on the [Cayuga-Seneca Canal Trail](#). This scenic corridor is lined with trees and the broad, level stone-dust trail is easy to ride, walk or run on. The trail follows an old railroad bed beside the canal and provides scenic views everywhere you look.



In the afternoon, visit the [Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge](#), where you can see a variety of animals, from migratory birds to native species, in their natural habitat. This is their first weekend open for the season, so you'll be sure to see some cool wildlife! Or, if you'd back to add in a museum today, you can step back in time at the [Geneva History Museum](#), where you can view rooms with furniture and decorative arts ranging from early American to the Colonial Revival style of the late 19th century.

For dinner, enjoy a fine dining experience at [Bella's Seneca Lake Steakhouse](#). Their extensive menu is filled with a fine selection for all age groups and appetites. Bella's Seneca Lake Steakhouse only serves the best cuts of meat and seafood, which is why they are considered the "Steakhouse of the Finger Lakes." [Make a reservation right on their website](#) before you visit.

If you're looking for something to do after dinner, head to the [2nd Annual Geneva Jazz Festival](#) for some live music. Happening over four days (April 4-7), this festival is hosting 20 different concerts. You don't want to miss it!

After your busy day, head to your accommodation to get ready for the big day.

## Monday, April 8, 2024

It's Eclipse Day! Start your day off right with breakfast or brunch at [Cafe XIX](#). The legacy of the Seneca Falls Convention lives on at this location, as the café honors the Women's Rights Movement through its products and service. Enjoy breakfast or lunch amid modern portraits of women's suffrage activists.

Spend some time today at the [Seneca Falls Historical Society](#). Like any historical society, they have a variety of maps, photos, artifacts, and more on display, but that's not all. The Seneca Falls Historical Society is home to a number of ghosts that you can learn about when you visit, too.



To witness the eclipse, consider heading to the [Total Eclipse in the Park event at Elizabeth Cady Stanton House](#) for a variety of activities. Don't forget to check out [this list of other eclipse-related events](#) happening today.

Wherever you choose to be to see the eclipse, give yourself plenty of time there. We recommend being in place and ready by 3 pm, as the event will begin shortly after at approximately 3:20 pm. Sit back and get ready, you'll remember this day forever!