

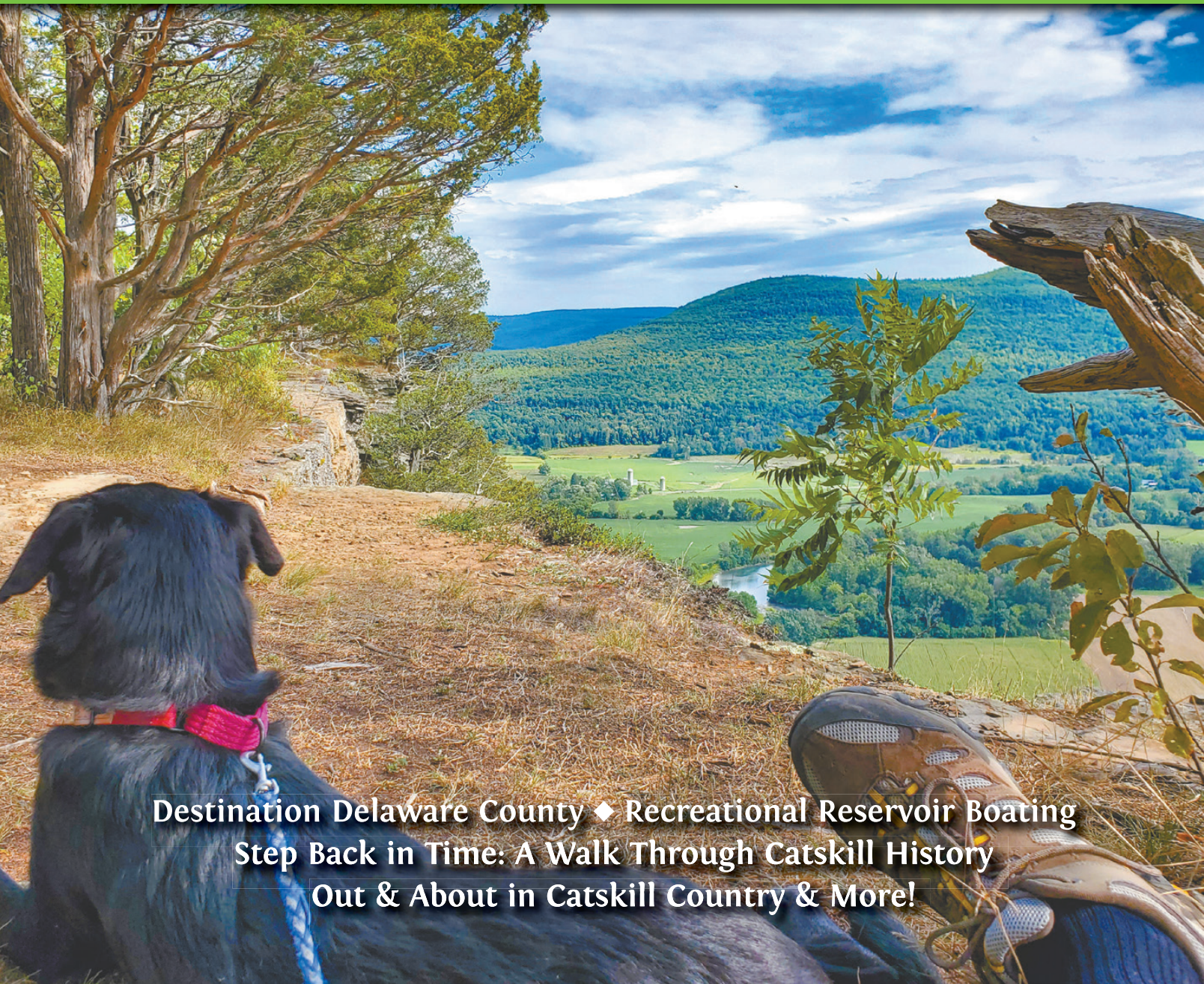
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# Step Back in Time: A Walk Through Catskill History

**By Leigh Infield**

There is something special about taking a walk back in time. Uncovering the Catskills' abundant history will take you on foot through the streets of the state's first capital, it will land you on the doorstep of gracious homes that harbor accounts of events within their walls, or find you cycling or walking along a trail that honors, at every sign, the memory of small towns, once bustling, now gone. Immersing yourself in the history of this region is an experience that will make your visit or permanent stay even richer.

Along the way, you'll follow in the footsteps of the region's first settlers – the Iroquois, Delaware and Mohican Indians. Many towns, streets and creeks in the Catskill area carry American Indian names. You'll also take in the beauty that inspired both painters and novelists in the 1800s, including Washington Irving, who set his famous folktale, "Rip

Contributed photo; Ashokan Trail.

Van Winkle" in the Catskills.

To get started, don your "comfy" walking shoes and visit these sites where history unfolds on foot. You'll embark on a journey that has left its imprint on today.

## **Ulster County**

### **Historical Huguenot Street**

88 Huguenot Street,  
New Paltz; 845.255.1660  
[www.huguenotstreet.org](http://www.huguenotstreet.org)

Recognized as the oldest authentic street in America, the seven stone houses on Huguenot Street - part of New Paltz's 10-acre National Historic Landmark District - span over 300 years of history. They were the homes of the Huguenots-- Calvinist Protestants who fled religious persecution in France and what is now southern Belgium, during the 17th century. At first, they built small wood houses, which were replaced in the 1700s with sturdier stone dwellings.

Today, you can visit all seven stone houses in their original village set-

ting. Start at the DuBois Visitor Center, housed in a historic home that once served as a fort. You can purchase tour tickets at the center, browse special exhibitions and visit the museum shop.

Your walking tour of historic Huguenot Street will take you to the oldest surviving stone house, the original burial ground of the Huguenots, a reconstructed 1717 French church, and a house that is considered one of the best examples of Dutch stone architecture in the United States. Children will enjoy the replica of a wigwam that honors the area's Esopus and Munsee Indian cultures.

Historic Huguenot Street is open through October. Check the website for information on guided and private tours. The website lists events, special programming and gives updated Covid 19 guidelines. Download the Historic Huguenot Street walking tour app – a must if you are visiting the street on your own. It provides a wealth of historical narrative on each site.



**The Stockade  
National Historic District  
of Kingston**

*Friends of Historic Kingston*  
Corner of Wall and Main Streets  
Kingston; 845.339.0720  
[www.friendsofhistorickingston.org](http://www.friendsofhistorickingston.org)

**The Senate House  
State Historic Site**

296 Fair Street  
Kingston  
*Friends of the Senate House*  
[www.senatehousekingston.org](http://www.senatehousekingston.org)

The stockade walls are long gone, but the streets, as planned by Peter Stuyvesant, are just as they were in 1658. The historic Stockade section of Kingston was once home to a group of Dutch settlers who built its walls as protection from the Esopus Indians during a time of discord. Over 100 years later, the colony of New Netherland would become the first capital of New York state.

A walking tour of Kingston's Stockade area will take you to some 22 sites, of which 15 are historic stone houses that replaced the early settlers' wooden houses. At John and Crown streets, you will come to the only intersection in the U.S. where 18th century stone houses stand on all four corners.

To become oriented, visit the Friends of Historic Kingston's headquarters in the Federal style - Fred J. Johnston House, 63 Main Street. Open May through October, the house has eight

rooms of 18th and 19th century furnishings and decorative arts. Johnston was a collector of antiques and many are on display. Adjacent is a gallery presenting exhibits, lectures and programs related to local history.

Your walking tour of the Stockade will lead you to the Wessel Broeck House on Fair Street, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Stand in the room where the first elected Senate met. History was made here as colonists shaped a newly created government. Originally owned by Broeck, who emigrated from Westphalia, Germany in the 1600s, the house features colonial-era articles, furniture and portraits. Friends of the Historic Senate House maintain a website that lists hours, admission prices, tours and special events.

Continue on to Wall Street and the Ulster County Courthouse where the New York State Constitution was adopted in 1777. In the present courthouse, rebuilt in 1818, Chief Justice John Jay administered the oath of office to New York state's first elected governor, George Clinton, whose gravesite you can visit just a few steps away in the Old Dutch Church's cemetery.

Visit Friends of Historic Kingston's website for information on tours of its Johnston House and gallery. Print out a must-have brochure from the website, listing all of the Stockade's stone houses and historic buildings you will want to see.

**Greene County**

**Thomas Cole National History Site  
and The Hudson River School Art Trail**

From the moment artist Thomas Cole sailed up the Hudson River in 1828 and saw the village of Catskill with its unspoiled Catskill Mountains landscape, he fell in love. Cole, then living in New York City, returned again and again to create paintings that would become the foundation for a whole new, uniquely American art movement – the Hudson River School of Art.

Today, you can enjoy the very same views that inspired Cole and his fellow landscape artists on a walk along the Hudson River Art Trail – a not-to-be-missed experience. You'll discover the places in nature that are in paintings hanging today in major museums. The trail starts at Cole's Cedar Grove house in the town of Catskill, where he lived with his wife from 1801-to 1848.

The main house and studio, now a national historic site, are open to the public with guided and self-guided tours offered Tuesday through Sunday from May through October. The minute you take in the breathtaking mountain views from the porch, you'll understand why Cole devoted his career to landscape painting. The historic grounds and visitor center are open and free to the public every day from dawn to dusk. Year round, you can experience outdoor public artwork designed by two internationally renowned artists.

From Cedar Grove, one can explore over a dozen sites that connect you with the places in nature that Cole and Hudson River artists, among them Cole's accomplished pupil, Frederic Church, made famous in their paintings. Be prepared to be inspired. Special markers are located at key sites so that visitors know which artist stopped to immortalize the view.

Before you visit, be sure you visit [www.hudsonriverschool.org](http://www.hudsonriverschool.org), where you will find a wealth of information, including suggested itineraries from which you can select a walk that will be just right for you. The website's opening images will give you a taste of the experience to come, inviting you to step into a landscape.



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The Senate House State Historic Site.



## Bronck Museum

90 County Route 42, Coxsackie;  
518.731.6490  
gchistory.org

Greene County is also home to the oldest house in Upstate New York. The 358-year-old house in Coxsackie was built in 1663 as a one-room stone structure by Swedish immigrant Pieter Bronck for his family. It was expanded by Bronck's grandson in 1738 who built a brick house, connected to the original stone cottage by a hallway.

Eight generations of the Bronck family worked the land, until the last family owners gifted the house and farm with its outbuildings to the Greene County Historical Society, who have since maintained it as a museum. Both the original house and its 1738 addition are National Historic Landmark structures filled with 18th and 19th century art and furniture.

A walking tour of the museum's buildings includes a visit to the Bronck barns, which are filled with Greene County and Catskill Mountain memorabilia. The barns, representing 276 years of changing agricultural practices, include a typical New World Dutch barn and the oldest multi-sided barn in New York. The visitor center gallery and a museum gift shop are located in one of the farm's smaller agricultural buildings.

For additional information and to arrange a tour, visit the museum's website: [www.gchistory.org](http://www.gchistory.org). Reservations and admission payment are made online.

From the moment you set foot along the Ashokan Rail Trail or cycle its 11.5 mile length through a corridor of tall trees, you have entered a different world – one that is surrounded by history. You can imagine hearing the echo of Native American footsteps as they hunted along the trail, or the click - clacking of train wheels as the Ulster & Delaware Railroad headed from Kingston's Roundout, carrying passengers and goods to Oneonta.

Then, picture the small towns and villages with their railroad stations, churches and stores that were removed in the early 1900s to make way for the construction of a reservoir that would bring much-needed, clean drinking water to the population of a growing New York City, and the men, many of them immigrants, who labored to complete this massive engineering feat.

The Ashokan Rail Trail which opened in the Fall of 2019 is an experience like none other. The trail runs from West Hurley to Boiceville, along what was once the railroad right-of-way, providing spectacular views of the Ashokan Reservoir, against a background of the Catskills Mountains. You'll be cycling or walking on a crushed-stone path, wider than most trails, that abounds with red maples, birch and eastern white pine trees on both sides.

You will travel through protected wetlands and onto a 525-foot boardwalk. The route crosses the historic 2,850-foot long, 60-foot tall Glenford Dike that enabled the passage of trains. Enter on the west end at the Woodstock Dike Trailhead in West Hurley. The trail runs all the way to Boiceville, where you can exit or access it at the Boiceville Bridge Trailhead. A third trailhead - the Ashokan Station Trailhead - is located in the center of the trail at Shokan. Those walking can opt to take in all or just one of the stretches between trailheads. There is ample parking at all three trailheads, and portable toilets.

The Ashokan Rail Trail is open all year long from dawn to dusk. For more information visit [www.ashokanrailtrail.com](http://www.ashokanrailtrail.com).

For another glorious view of the reservoir and the surrounding Catskill Mountains, don't miss taking in the nearby Ashokan Promenade. There is no direct connection from the trail, so take route 28 to the Reservoir Bridge Road, which will lead you to the parking lot. Walk or cycle the two and a half mile stretch of promenade over the southern edge of the reservoir. Enjoy this impressive, peaceful setting and the absolutely breathtaking scenery.

## Sullivan County

### The Delaware & Honesdale (D & L) Linear Park and Interpretive Center

It was America's first million-dollar business. The War of 1812 created a shortage of soft coal due to the blockade of shipments from England. The project of building a canal to bring coal from Pennsylvania to New York's Hudson River ports fell to Maurice and William Wurts (Wurtsboro is named in their honor) and financed by the then mayor



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### D & H Canal historical marker.

Along the way, history unfolds. Historic plaques along the trail open windows to both train and reservoir history. As you take in the breathtaking views of the reservoir, you'll learn about the communities lost to the building of the reservoir. Stone walls and foundations are still visible along the reservoir - reminders of the towns and villages that were displaced.

of New York City, Philip Hone, (Honesdale, Pa. is named after him).

The Delaware & Honesdale Canal, which opened in 1828, was 108 miles long, stretching from Honesdale to Kingston, with 108 locks, 22 aqueducts, 136 bridges and 22 reservoirs. It closed in 1898, but didn't entirely disappear. Sullivan County acquired 45 acres of land for a linear park and





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### Burroughs Woodchuck Lodge.

preserved a stretch of the old canal in the 1960s, filling it with water. Today, you can walk or cycle along the canal's three-and-a-half-mile towpath and see the remains of the original locks, dry-dock and waste weirs; fish and canoe the waters of the canal.

Access to the park is from two points – the Hornbeck Basin and from Bova Road - both accessible off Route 209. Picnic tables, grills and portable toilets are available at both access points. The park is open all year from 8 a.m. until dusk. The interpretative center opens Memorial Day weekend. For more information visit: [www.sullivan.us/Departments/ParkRecreation/DelawareHudson](http://www.sullivan.us/Departments/ParkRecreation/DelawareHudson).

### *and more ...*

There is so much history to explore in the Catskills...a historic district that you can walk to exists in almost every village and town.

For those looking for a way to experience the region's beautiful rail trails, Rail Explorers offer unique pedal powered tours. The Catskills tour embarks four times daily, Thursdays through Mondays from the historic Phoenicia Railway Station, and travels eight miles along the Esopus Creek through the beautiful Catskill woods. An additional tour, called "The Milford Track," em-

barks from Cooperstown. Visit [www.railexplorers.net](http://www.railexplorers.net) for more information.

With so many changes brought about by the pandemic over the past two years, be sure to check the websites listed to confirm days and hours of operation and information on current Covid 19 regulations.

### **Delaware County**

#### **John Burroughs, Woodchuck Lodge**

1633 Burroughs Memorial Road  
Roxbury;  
[www.jbwoodchucklodge.org](http://www.jbwoodchucklodge.org)

John Burroughs, celebrated naturalist, loved the Catskills. "These hills comfort me as no other place in the world," he once wrote. An avid traveler, he would return time and again to his summer home in Roxbury - Woodchuck Lodge - a house built by his older brother Curtis in 1866 on the east end of the family farm. The Burroughs' homestead, where both boys grew up, was just a mile up the road from the lodge. It was here that Burroughs learned the rhythms of nature that were to inspire the more than 27 books and philosophical nature essays he wrote. In retirement, Burroughs made Woodchuck Lodge his permanent home. "These hills fathered and mothered me, why should I not go back to them in my last years?" Today, free guid-

ed tours of the lodge are offered the first weekend of the month. You can also explore the grounds around the house on foot, along the Trout Lily Trail just behind Woodchuck Lodge. A second trail, known as the Boyhood Rock, named for the boulder where young John would sit and daydream, is a pleasant walk from the house. It will take you to the John Burroughs Memorial Field State Historic Site, where you will find an outdoor exhibit that recounts highlights of Burroughs' life and work. A marked path leads you to his burial site – a place to sit and rest while enjoying the view and savoring the silence.

Since 2017, John Burroughs' Woodchuck Lodge has been holding a series of free events called Wild Saturdays, featuring lectures by guest speakers, as well as musical events. This season's events, held outdoors at 1 p.m. (bring a lawn chair), starts with a talk by Justin Wexler on the Hidden Native History of the Catskills and ends in October with "rock-solid" information on the region's geological history by Robert and Johanna Titus. On Aug. 6, locally known Story Laurie will appear on the lodge's front porch with Catskill Mountain stories and folk music.

For the full schedule of Wild Saturday events and information on touring Woodchuck Lodge, visit [www.jbwoodchucklodge.org](http://www.jbwoodchucklodge.org).





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## Delaware County

**June 2 Bovina Farmers' Market** every Thursday from 4-7 p.m. until (and weather permitting, beyond) Sept. 1, Creamery Road, behind the creamery, in Bovina. Contact [bovinafarmmarket@gmail.com](mailto:bovinafarmmarket@gmail.com).

**June 3 1053 Main Street Gallery in Fleischmanns** - "In the Same World," an exhibition of work by artists Mark LaRiviere and Catherine Ramey, through June 12 from 3 to 6 p.m. [1053maingallery.com](http://1053maingallery.com).

**June 5 Luminous Layers: An Introduction to Painting with Beeswax**, Headwaters Arts Center, 66 Main Street, Stamford; Sunday 12 - 4 p.m.; [roxburyartsgroup.org](http://roxburyartsgroup.org)

**June 11, 12 Meredith Dairy Festival**. A festival showcasing the dairy industry and history in upstate New York. 10am-5pm. 3575 Honest Brook Rd., Meredith, NY.

**June 13 5 p.m. Several Species: Mycology and Herbalism Meet-Up**. Bushel Collec-

tive, 106 Main St, Delhi. Several Species is a chance for herbalists, mycologists, foragers, growers, medicine makers, and those curious about any of the above to gather and talk about their projects and goals, share resources, educational walks for the public, guest lectures and anything else that arises, <https://www.bushelcollective.org/events/monthly-herbalism-club-online-2022-03-14/>

**June 15 noon - 4 p.m. Luminous Layers: An Introduction to Painting with Beeswax**. Join us at the Headwaters Arts Center for an exciting introduction to working in encaustic mixed media painting with Regina Quinn! To register: <https://roxburyartsgroup.org/event/luminous-layers-an-introduction-to-painting-with-beeswax/>

**June 17 Happy Hour Bingo Night at the Wine Bar**, Friday, 6 - 8 p.m.; Catskill Regional Harvest, 27905 NY-28, Andes. For more information, visit [www.catskills-harvest.com](http://www.catskills-harvest.com)

**June 18 9th Living History Cemetery Tour**. Saturday: Meet 8 people from the past on a 1-hour guided walk through Margaretville Cemetery. 4pm first tour, 6pm last tour. For more info: [www.mt-townhistory.org](http://www.mt-townhistory.org)

**June 19 1 p.m. Amy Silberkleit UNDER PRESSURE Stone Lithography Demonstrations**. Longyear Gallery, 785 Main St, Margaretville.

**June 19 3 p.m. Tesla Quartet & David Kaplan, piano: The Kreutzer Affair**. The Kreutzer Affair is an immersive theatrical concert program created by the Tesla Quartet with pianist David Kaplan, exploring how music was captured into words and then re-bottled into music again. Stamford United Methodist Church, 88 Main Street, Stamford. <https://friendsmusic.org/event/tesla-quartet-david-kaplan-piano-the-kreutzer-affair/>

**June 25 1 p.m. INTERMEDIA LAB POETICS** with Sam Truitt. This class will explore the practicalities of an intermedia poetics and what is possible in the interstices between word, sound and vision. While we will look into how mixed media is used as a poetic vehicle and its philosophical underpinnings, most of our time together will be dedicated to free-writing, exercises and short assignments directed toward making intermedia works. Fee \$120. <https://www.writersinthemountains.org/registration-details>

**June 25 10 a.m. Stonewall building workshop**. Two-day off-site workshop in Treadwell, NY. Learn the basics of building free-standing dry-laid stone walls under the instruction of a stone wall professional with over 20 years experience. Students will learn how to sort and choose stones, use gravity to create a stable structure, and carve their initials in the new wall. \$200 per person. <https://westkc.org/eventbrite-event/stone-wall-building-workshop-2/>

**June 26 1 p.m. Petals and Pigments Bundle Dying with Maggie Pate**. West Kortright Centre, 49 W Kortright Church Rd, East Meredith. Students will create a silk scarf that is bright and unique using dried petals from seasonal flowers, food waste scraps, and pigments from natural dye extracts. Pre-registration required. <https://westkc.org/eventbrite-event/petals-and-pigments-bundle-dying-with-maggie-pate/>

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### **Dragonfly55**

#### **Epicurean Coffee Bistro**

Little did this former California surfer girl dream that she would one day become the proprietress of one of the hottest spots in the Catskills. Robyn Ciccone's Dragonfly55 Epicurean Coffee Bistro, 55 Main Street, Andes, has attracted a steady stream of customers since it opened two and a half years ago. The bistro has been a labor of love for both Robyn and her husband John. Together, they have created a space with European touches – from classic tin ceiling tiles, hand painted by Robyn, to wrought iron porch railings installed by John a la Parisian apartment balconies and New Orleans' creole houses.

Inside, the café is light and airy with inviting tables that beckon one to sit and relax over a cappuccino or a steaming cup of her special medium roast coffee called Zombie Desert Haitian Blue by Café Kreyol. Significantly, each sale of coffee aids workers in Haiti "one cup at a time."

During the summer months, customers can enjoy outdoor dining at tables

on the front lawn and porch or on the backyard deck, overlooking a babbling brook. Robyn's genuine Italian espresso machine, plus a Bunn coffee grinder and drip maker, assures a perfect grind every time. The café's motto, "Change Your Grind" not only refers to her rich aromatic coffee, but can be taken as wise advice for life itself. The bistro is open: Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### **Wilson's Bread**

The heavenly aroma of fresh-baked bread emanates from the small storefront at 143 Main Street in Andes. It's 8 a.m. Saturday morning and a line of eager customers is already waiting in front of Wilson's Bread at an hour when many of us are still in our warm, cozy beds. Wilson Keenan, a San Francisco and New York City "expat" has, since opening his Main Street, Andes bread store in 2020, earned a well-deserved reputation as a master baker.

His hearty loaves of peasant, sourdough and semolina bread are crusty on the outside; warm and moist on the inside. Many a customer is heard to remark, "How does he do it?" His croissants are made in the French tradition – flaky and buttery. One bite and it is easy to imagine that you are enjoying a "petit déjeuner" at a sidewalk Parisian café. In good weather, you can have your own petit déjeuner by ordering a cup of coffee at Wilson's and taking your purchase outside to one of the two wrought-iron

tables, comfortably seating six.

Better get there early. Customers order in advance at Wilson's online store every Wednesday, starting at 11 a.m., for pick up Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon. It is not unusual to spot more than two dozen shopping bags of pre-purchased orders lined up inside the store. Baked-that-day loaves of bread and pastries are also available for store walk-ins. And, they go fast.

To meet demand, Wilson's Bread is open on Fridays as well. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Wilson's Bread can also be purchased on Fridays at Good Cheap Food in Delhi, Home Goods in Margaretville, and Pepacton Natural Foods in Roscoe. His celebrated croissants and pastries can be purchased at Hollow in Delhi on Wednesday and Saturday.

### **Café Marguerite**

Café Marguerite at 746 Main Street in Margaretville is an amazing little gem of a discovery. And, like a beautiful gem, its pastries and desserts will take your breath away. They are *that* good. Owners Dina Melendez and Jean Francois Bonnet describe their café as French and Brooklyn style meets Catskill Mountains. The description is quite fitting. Melendez is originally from Brooklyn, and her husband, Jean Francois, is from the south of France.

Together they bring years of culinary experience to their cozy café.

Melendez grew up cooking alongside her mother, who worked as a professional chef in fine New York City restaurants and hotels. Melendez learned how to bake from her Italian grandmother. After graduation from culinary school, her first job was at Felicia, a three-star Italian restaurant in Manhattan.

Bonnet worked as a chef at Michelin restaurants in France, before meeting an



American chef who brought him to the states. In New York City, Bonnet served as pastry chef for two of the city's most famous restaurants - Chef Laurent Tourondel's Laurent and Daniel Boulud's, Daniel. The couple met while Bonnet was still at Daniel and Mendez on her way to becoming executive pastry chef at Manhattan's Mandarin Oriental Hotel.

Melendez always dreamt of owning a small café – a dream that came true when the couple moved to Margaretville, swapping the hectic pace of the city for the beauty and quietude of the country. They opened Café Marguerite on the Fourth of July at the height of the pandemic. Today, customers can be seen waiting in line to take a seat inside at the window counter and small tables, or ordering to go. In warm weather, they can sit at one of the café's outdoor wrought iron tables.

Café Marguerite is known for its pastry and desserts made in the French tradition – financier (a small almond cake), croissant, Madeleine, pain au chocolat, tarts and custom-made cakes. Customers also enjoy the café's light lunch fare such as quiche with salad, salmon on an everything croissant, BLT (bacon, lettuce and tomato) on a pretzel croissant, and chocolate from Bonnet's own chocolate company. The coffee menu features both hot and iced Americano coffee, lattes, espresso, and cappuccino.

The Bonnets source ingredients locally. Their coffee is roasted in Albany, the milk is from Delhi, teas from Millerton, and kimchi from Roxbury. Union Grove Distillery in Arkville provided one of their whiskey barrels to produce the café's whiskey-barrel aged coffee. All of the café's syrups are made in-house, as is their almond milk.

A typical day at the café starts long before opening hour with Bonnet making his famous donuts and staff prepping and baking the pastries. Melendez begins the production for custom orders and works the coffee station until her husband takes over. What does Melendez love most about her job? "The guests," she is quick to respond. "Cooking is an art of gratification. Making people happy by feeding them, also feeds our soul." Hours are Friday through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Blue Bee Café

Blue Bee Café, 114 Main Street in Delhi, is as busy as a bee, seven days a week. The popular cafe started as a bookstore that morphed into a full-fledged café, thanks to the vision of its owners Stephanie Carter and husband John Halberian, who moved full-time to the Delhi area over a decade ago. The Steinway Book Company, as Carter called it, was a cozy space with floor to ceiling bookshelves and a few tables where customers could relax while skimming the pages of a book.

To the delight of her devoted customers, Carter began offering coffee and sandwiches. The idea was so well-liked that the business outgrew the space, with Carter taking the leap from bookstore to full-service café. Inside, the Blue Bee Café is light and airy, with vintage-style booths, stained glass on one wall and a long counter where customers can order "to go."

It now serves up large steaming cups of coffee, with scones made just that morning, along with build-your-own omelets and quiche. Daily homemade soups, meal-size salads, plus old-fashioned sandwiches such as the café's meatloaf sandwich and paninis are on the menu. Ingredients are sourced locally – a fact that earned the café the prestigious New York State Empire Award in 2019 for its support of the local economy, with Senator Jen Metzger making a personal visit.

Stop in and take out a coffee, espresso, cappuccino, latte, or macchiato, along with a sweet treat. You'll love those large-size oatmeal and chocolate chip cookies. Or, opt to sit at one of the vintage-style booths. Window tables in each front corner provide cozy seclusion and a view of foot traffic on Main Street. The cafe is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Mountain Dog Café

Mountain Dog Café, just off Main Street at 5 Harper Street in downtown Stamford, is all about the pour - coffee that is, and yes, dogs! The café is aptly named as it is dog-friendly with plenty of outdoor seating and window service where your four-legged friend is welcome to accompany you. And, if your pooch needs extra special treatment, Marilyn's Mountain Dog Grooming Salon has recently opened right next door to the café. You can watch your dog being

washed and "fluffed" through a shared glass window while you sip your coffee.

Inside, the café has a cozy country feeling with wooden tables made by Mike Porter, president of the Catskill Forest Association, who made the outdoor tables as well. Mountain Dog takes its commitment to great coffee seriously. The baristas who man the coffee counter are graduates of the Seattle Barista Academy. The café works with local bakers and providers, offering great pastries and cakes, breakfast wraps, bagels and afternoon soups, along with a full coffee menu.


Owner Karen Saminski, a lawyer by profession, had little idea that a coffee café was in her future, when she and her family moved from New Jersey to Stamford a few years ago. The couple fell in love with the village and felt that it had everything they needed – beautiful surroundings, peace and quiet, yet with a liveliness about it. They decided that the town could use a coffee shop, so they bought one that had closed and after renovation, opened Mountain Dog Café in July of 2021. They named it Mountain Dog in honor of the three rescue dogs that joined their family; the youngest, Ranger, the café's mascot.

Running the café is a family affair. Son Jonathan, 22, who also went to coffee school in Seattle, manages the café while Saminski's husband, Henry, a retired math teacher, cooks on weekends. The Café has recently added soft seating, a fireplace and additional tables, creating capacity for around 25 people. The café is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; 8-6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

## Stamford Coffee

Think 1980s Cheers ("(where everybody knows your name)") and you have the kind of camaraderie that describes Stamford Coffee, where locals and visitors go not only for a great cup of coffee and good eats, but to soak up the "vibe" and have fun. Located in a beautifully renovated older building at 79 Main Street, Stamford Coffee is airy and spacious indoors with tables and a window counter that looks out onto Main Street. A multi-level wooden deck with umbrella picnic tables makes for enjoyable outdoor dining in the spring and summer months. The café has a full espresso bar serving up what customers describe as an "incredible" cup of coffee, as well as coffee specialties and teas. Owner





Julian Fleisher, a transplanted Manhattanite, takes pride in the fact that everything served in the café is sourced locally. Nothing is imported further than 20 miles away.

Special weekend events at the café are not to be missed. This is when local chefs come in with their specialties, serving delicious fare Friday through Sunday. Albatross Farms, a “regular,” has been known to cater a full meal, everything from corn chowder, chicken pozola (a traditional Mexican stew) to handmade sandwiches with local pork or veggies. Lucky Sparrow, a Margaretville-based caterer, demonstrated during her weekend at this favorite café that the beloved grilled cheese sandwich could have many interesting gourmet variations.

And for fun, Stamford Coffee hosts Music Mondays and Tarot Tuesdays, where your fortune can be read in the cards. Stamford Coffee also has a “give and take” program called Pay It Forward. Customers can purchase a card so someone needing a “boost” can it in for a coffee, tea or snack. The program has been very successful and the Pay It Forward station is filled with cards to make others happy.

Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### **Molto Espresso**

When local residents Jenny and Ray Bartlett took ownership of the café that had closed at 151 Delaware Street, Walton’s main thoroughfare, they envisioned creating a place where young people and friends in the neighborhood could meet and kick back over a cup of good coffee. Molto Espresso is that place.

Jenny, a teacher originally from the Schenectady area, had always loved going into coffee shops and imagined what she would do if she actually owned one. What she has done with Molto Espresso is provide a warm, friendly environment for customers where they such can chose to sit at one of the tables or relax in a corner with comfortable soft seating.

The café has a coffee bar offering coffee specialties, along with original recipes of their own, such as a strawberry cupcake mocha and brown butter vanil-

la coffee. In the warm weather months, customers come in to cool off with a smoothie or an iced coffee, or take part in the café’s sip and paint program.

Molto Espresso is known for its popular paninis, named by husband Ray, a native of Walton and long-time band director at the Walton Central School. His love of music inspired not only the name of the café (Molto Espresso means very expressive in the music world), but such gilled paninis on French bread as The Debussy (in-house cooked chicken breast with sliced ham and Swiss cheese) and the Sousa (roast beef, onion and cheese with horseradish or chipotle sauce). You can also order a Vivaldi, Puccini O’Rourke or Copeland. On the menu are eight different gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches, as well as salads and other cold sandwiches.

Daughter-in-law Caitlin Jones-Bartlett makes the delicious pastries and sweet treats. Her sinfully delicious blondie brownies topped with mini chocolate chips and pecans are customer favorites, as are the puffed pastries filled with cream cheese and sweet cherries. Eggs and other ingredients are sourced from local farms.

Hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sundays. The café has an adjacent room that can be booked for meetings and small parties.

### **Watershed Café**

Watershed Café, 53470 State Highway 30, Roxbury, has everything going for it - inviting atmosphere, friendly servers, excellent breakfast and lunch menu plus great coffee. It is the only coffee-driven café in the area that has liquor among its offerings. Plus, the café has a popular market, where you can buy everything you need to fill your pantry from dairy, dry goods, personal care items to mixers, ciders and six-packs of beer.

Housed in an historic building in the heart of the village, its inviting front porch has been a gathering place for the community since the house was built in 1845. A black and white image on Watershed’s website shows an earlier rendition of the building, housing The Palms Ice Cream Parlor. The building was actually a couple of structures that, at some point in its history, were merged into one.

The front porch is as popular now as it was back then. Customers linger over a cup of richly brewed coffee or a glass of wine, while viewing the comings and goings in Roxbury. Inside, the café has a cozy dining space with tables that can accommodate up to 30 customers. The café’s inviting atmosphere makes it the perfect place to relax with your laptop or book, while perusing and ordering from its extensive breakfast and lunch menu.

The café also has a popular bar seating area. Customers report that the music selection is the best outside of New York City. From the dining area, you can walk through to the market, which has its own separate street entrance for the times when it is open beyond the café’s closing hour of 4 p.m.

Owners Andrew Williams and Peter Ginger, from New York and Australia, purchased the building May 15, 2021, and opened two weeks later on Memorial Day weekend. They named the café Watershed, after the collection of water sources that become the rivers and reservoirs that are so important to the region. Like a watershed, they foresaw their business as becoming important to the ongoing renaissance of Roxbury, one of 843 areas throughout the country designated as a Preserve American Community.

Watershed’s core business is great coffee. “That’s what got us started. It’s what powers us,” says Williams. The café, liquor sales, market and inn all build from that business. Watershed partners with Abbottsford Road Coffee, out of Brooklyn - coffee specialists for over two decades. Watershed’s baristas are all skilled at working the Faema to create a beautifully crafted, generous pour. The market, which opened the first week in January, was an instant hit. Customers can order from both the market and café online. This spring, Watershed will introduce a renovated three-bedroom, three-bathroom short term rental apartment. Reservations can be made online.

The key to the café’s success? Quite simply, the owners love what they do. Watershed is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The kitchen closes at 3 p.m. The market stays open until 6 p.m. on Thursday through Saturday.



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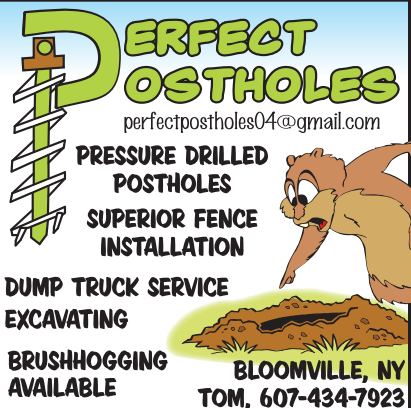
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Roman Roaster Coffee, a small batch roasting company in Delhi operated by Andrea Gheresi creates coffee by relying on his sense of smell, sight and taste.



Lillian Browne/Catskill Country  
Gheresi times a coffee bean roast.

He also relies on a vast wealth of knowledge and experience in coffee bean roasting.

To Gheresi, coffee is experienced like wine and to enhance the quality and characteristics of the coffee bean region, he emphasizes single original roasting.

His passion for coffee started at a young age, he said. "My grandfather, Nonno Aldo, and I would go buy freshly roasted coffee every Sunday at the Torrefazione in Monteverde Vecchio, an old Roman neighborhood. As an Italian, coffee has been part of my daily routine and one of life's daily pleasures. Today, I love to share my coffee knowledge and experience by creating artisan roasts to be enjoyed by all."

His palate and menu are diverse. He offers a medium dark roast breakfast blend with dark chocolate and brown sugar notes; an imperial dark roast that retains its aroma and freshness for an extended period of time with a smooth, balanced and complex finish on the palate, and he offers an imperial espresso which he defines as rich, smooth, and creamy, full-bodied with notes of stone fruit.

Gheresi relocated to Delaware County from Louisiana when his children became school-aged. The public school



Lillian Browne/Catskill Country  
Sacks of coffee beans await roasting.

system in Louisiana was not up to his standards and a search for the county's best school systems led him to the Catskills. The rest is history, he said. A visit to Delhi's Delaware Academy Central School in 2012 was all he and his wife needed to clinch the move.

Gheresi is a chef by trade, working for high-end hotels for 25 years. He took a position as a manager for a food distribution company in Delaware County which led to a position at SUNY Delhi 10 years ago.

He began his coffee roasting business in 2019, he said, after recognizing





ing that there was an opportunity to fill an unmet need in the industry. He purchased a small roasting machine and customer reception was great. "I enjoy tremendously, the whole process," he said. "From making coffee to meeting customers."

He operates Roman Roster Coffee from Delhi's eCenter, now a business center for start-ups and businesses transitioning and expanding.

His best selling product depends on customers. Most diners and coffee shops, he said, purchase a dark roast or a breakfast roast. His espresso also sells well.

All of Gheri's specialty coffees in his online shop sell well, he said. He purchases coffee beans from Costa Rica, Ethiopia and Bali from three importers. Coffee beans are not grown (successfully) in the United States, he said.

When shopping for beans, he is meticulous and demanding. His taste - elevated.

Addressing supply chain issues, he said, he has not had difficulty acquiring product.



Lillian Browne/Catskill Country

Color and scent are two ways Gheri checks for the perfect roasted coffee bean.

However, prices have increased in the past six months. When he makes a purchase, he said, he is locked in for a six month supply, and expects that his next shipment will reflect a cost increase to the customer because he must maintain a set profit margin to sustain the business.

There's a lot of good coffee on the market, Gheri said, but he believes in offering a great product, not just a good product. Fresh coffee is essential, he said. What customers buy on the shelves of grocery stores often sits in a warehouse for a year, then stored on shelves for six additional months, and it loses its "good"

factor.

Roman Roster Coffee is a member of the specialty coffee association which reflects his value in fair-trade and possible organic coffee that has "a high regard, flavor and taste and has been made, harvested and purchased," he said.

The coffee beans are just one part of the puzzle, he said. He roasting skills are another. The key to roasting beans is to find the right methods and right temperature for every kind of bean he is roasting. Beans can be roasted at a particular level, he said, and once you find the right level, that coffee bean becomes the best that it can be.

As far as freshness is concerned, his coffee is shipped within five days of roasting.

The perfect cup of coffee depends wholly on preference, he said. For him, Bali coffee beans are key. It is smooth,



Lillian Browne/Catskill Country  
Coffee beans are light in color prior to roasting.





Lillian Browne/Catskill Country

Finished dark roast coffee awaits packaging.

he said. "It is a long-finish, long-tasting coffee that has complexity." He drinks his coffee black and typically, hot.

In the summer, he said, a cold-brew iced coffee hits the spot.

The flavor fumbles the tongue in a swirl of surprise and familiarity. There is no bitterness, which Gheri ensures with his finely timed roasting, resting, grinding and delivery.

Gheri prides himself on offering a local product that is affordable.

Roman Roasters offers both caffeinated and decaffeinated coffee. Decaf, he said, makes up approximately 5% of his overall sales. If you are looking for a highly caffeinated coffee, he said, choose a lighter roast. "The longer you roast it, the darker it becomes and the less caffeine it has," he revealed.

Gheri offers consumers tips and tricks to assess freshness, because coffee beans are as fragile as the industry

it supports. If they sit too long, they fall victim to time.

Time can be a thief. If a freshly brewed cup does not have a micro-bubble layer, it's a sign of aged beans. Another way to determine freshness is to put beans in a plastic zip-lock bag over night. If the bag has "puffed up" with air overnight - the beans are fresh. No air = old beans.

For more information on Roman Roaster Coffee visit [romanroastercoffee.com](http://romanroastercoffee.com).

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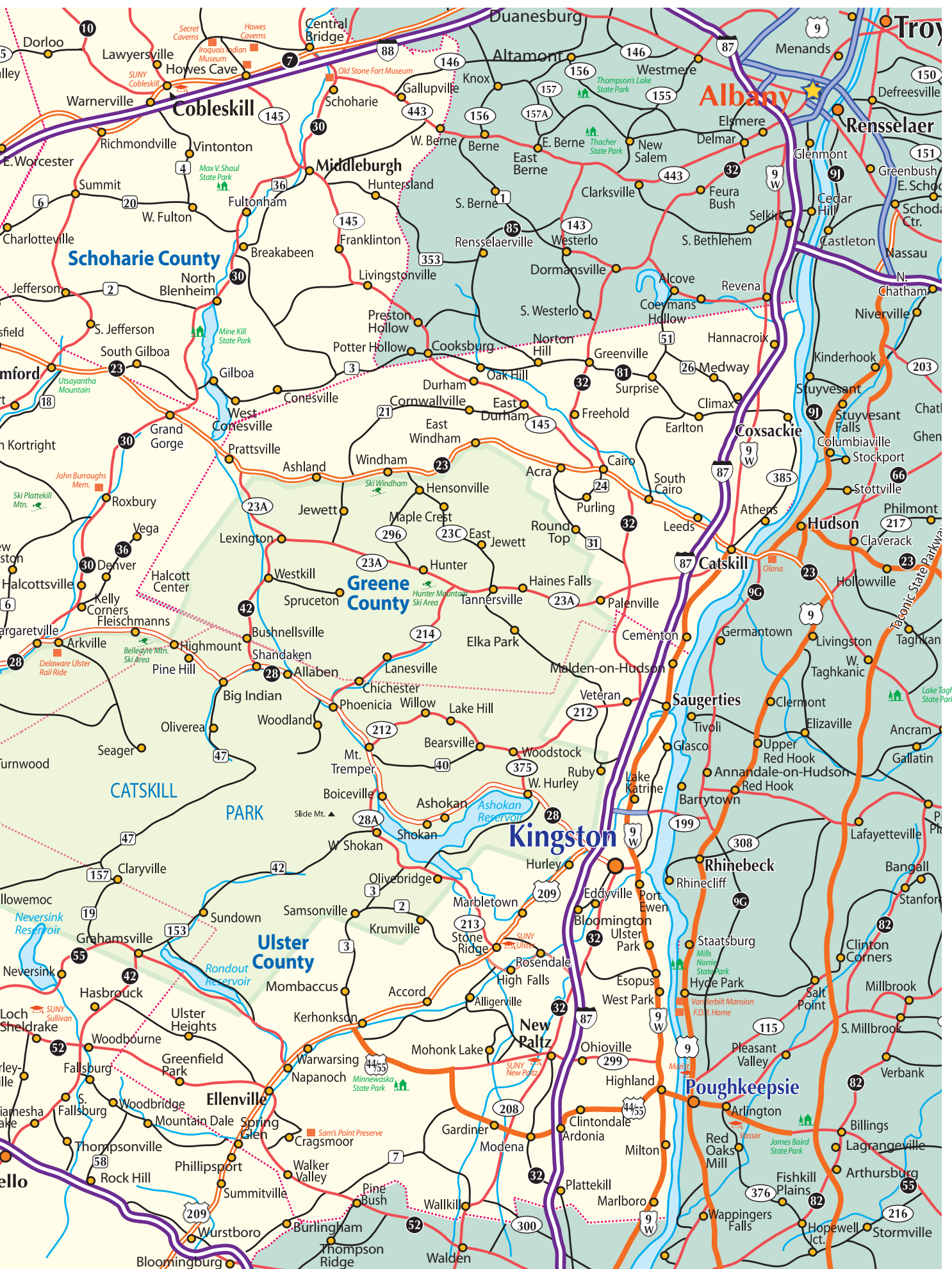
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We are proud of our history and culture and several museums, galleries, performance centers, and theaters are dedicated to exploring many traditions, unique characteristics, and heritage.

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**July 1 Delhi's Annual Fair on the Square.** Main St, Delhi, 5 p.m. The fair will be held Fridays; July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29th during the month of July from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm on the Village Square. Fun-filled evenings for the entire family with games, food, arts & crafts, activities, music and vendors selling locally grown or homemade items.

**July 1 7:30 p.m., July 17 5 p.m. Two Gentlemen of Verona.** Franklin Stage Company, 25 Institute St, Franklin. In this 6-person adaptation by Fiasco Theater, William Shakespeare's comedy is the story of best friends, Proteus and Valentine, who travel far from home and then happen to fall in love with the same woman, although one of them is already sworn to a girl back home. <https://franklinstagecompany.org/events/two-gentlemen-of-verona/>

**July 8,9 Downsville Fire Dept. Field Days.** Fireworks, vendors, kids games, clams, chicken, funnel cakes, music, and entertainment. Demo Derby 4pm Sat. Friday: 4-10pm, Saturday: 10am-midnight. Downsville Firemen's Field St. Hwy 30 Downsville NY.

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**July 15 - 17 Deposit Lumberjack Festival.** A three-day event this year with lots of fun, excitement, lumberjack competitions, carnival rides, food vendors, parade, live music, fireworks, and other events.

**July 23. Catskill Mountain Yoga Festival.** Plattekill Mountain, 469 Plattekill Rd, Roxbury, NY. The festival incorporates yoga & meditation for anyone and everyone! Classes will be indoors outdoors and even on the mountaintop!

**July 23 4 p.m. Porchfest. Main Street, Stamford.** This year's Porchfest is a free celebration of music and community by and for residents, visitors, local performers and bands. A dozen bands and performers are staged on residential and business front porches, filling the air with music and drawing townspeople and visitors to stroll from front yard to front yard.

**July 28 - 31. Sewing Camp in the Catskills.** Come spend a long weekend with Megan Avery, longtime sewing instructor and your personal camp counselor for the weekend. She'll help you with your challenging sewing projects and take you to all her secret Catskills hikes and swimming holes when you're not sewing. Workshops will take place in our peaceful sewing studio set on 5 acres of natural beauty in the heart of the Catskills. For more info: [https://hipstitch.co/catskills\\_sewing\\_camp/](https://hipstitch.co/catskills_sewing_camp/)

**July 30 - 31 Bovina Bicentennial.** Saturday parade at 10 a.m. (floats, antique cars and other entries will be on display throughout the afternoon), food/vendors under the tent - starting at noon, children's games - afternoon, blacksmith demonstration, Bovina Dairymen Vintage baseball game 2 p.m., evening music program at 7 p.m. On Sunday there will be a potluck community picnic under the tent to wrap up the weekend.

**August 15-20 Delaware County Fair.** Animal exhibits, midway rides, truck and tractor pulls, food and other vendors. Demo derby Monday and Friday nights. Hero's parade and Children's day Tues-

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**August 20 Family Day at the Old Stone School House.** Saturday, 10am-3pm: Games, activities, lessons with a school-marm at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm, nature and art walks. Historic 1820 one-room schoolhouse and exhibits are open. Bring a lunch. Rain date August 21. For more info: [mtownhistory.org](http://mtownhistory.org)

**August 27 Schoharie-Otsego-Delaware Family Farm Day.** Farms in Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie will be open for tours and selling their products. For a list of farms participating, visit: [facebook.com/FamilyFarmDay](https://facebook.com/FamilyFarmDay)

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Each reservoir offers excellent recreational opportunities whether fishing, paddling or rowing.

Vessels must be properly permitted and steam cleaned and all boaters must comply with state flotation device requirements.





Photo from DEP website

### Steam Cleaning and Recreational Boat Tags

If you own a vessel, you must have it and all oars and/or paddles steam cleaned by a DEP-approved steam cleaning vendor before placing it on a reservoir. You will be asked to show your DEP access permit when you have your boat steam cleaned. You must also complete and submit a DEP recreational boat tag application to the steam cleaning vendor at the time of your visit.

After your boat is steam cleaned, you will receive your choice of a temporary or seasonal recreational boat tag. A temporary boat tag is valid for one to seven days from issuance, while the seasonal recreational boat tag is valid from the day of issuance until sunset on Oct. 31, which is the end of the recreational boating season.

The tag must remain on your boat while on the reservoir. If your boat leaves the reservoir property, it must be steam cleaned again before returning.

### Boat Rental

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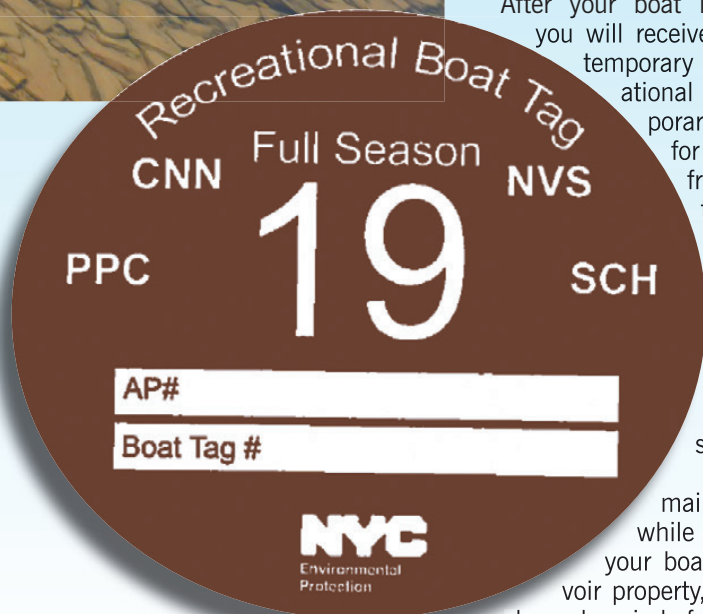
The boat rental program allows recreational boaters to rent pre-cleaned and registered kayaks and canoes from 10 launch sites on Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton, and Schoharie reservoirs. Rental boats are stored on 30 racks alongside the reservoirs to promote easier access for visitors to the region and those who don't own a boat.

### Allowed Boats

Non-motorized kayaks, canoes, rowboats, and sculls with the appropriate recreational boat tags may be used. All recreational boats, except kayaks, must be at least 11' 5". Kayaks must be at least nine feet in length.

### Personal Flotation Devices

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Here are our top tips for enjoying a family staycation in Catskill County without spending a lot:

## Stay Mid-Week

Getting away for a night or a few nights can do wonders for your well-being and perspective. But with the great popularity of the Catskills with visitors, our area lodging places are often full for weekend stays, so why not use a few days of vacation time and sneak away mid-week for a night or two? You may even find that some inns and resorts offer discounted rates for weekday stays. On top of a great deal, you'll likely see fewer guests during the week, which means you could feel like you have the whole pool, hot tub, or other amenities to yourselves!

## Day Trips Are In

If getting away for the night isn't in the cards for you, plan a day trip to the next

town over or to a drivable destination you've been wanting to check out for a while. From Main Streets to mountain trails, just getting out on your own town can be invigorating.

## Hike, Bike, or Paddle That Place on Your Bucket List

Somehow, our busy lives keep us from doing the very things that make Catskill Country so popular with visitors: fishing, hiking, biking, and paddling. Nothing is more restorative than a day spent outdoors doing something you love. So cast a line for the first time in a while, go for a hike on uncrowded trails, or dip your paddle in familiar waters and begin your discovery in Catskill Country.

## Look at Catskill Country through the eyes of your (grand)kids

We live in a place filled with natural marvels. While we can all enjoy a spectacular view or a dramatic waterfall, it often takes a child to see the beauty and wonderment of watching a newt scurry across your path on a woodland walk or the imaginative play of riding an antique trolley or train. Exploring the region with children allows us a new (and refreshing) perspective on the places and experiences that we sometimes take for granted.

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**June 12, Schoharie Turnpike-Kaaterskill Clove Road Rally**, A noncompetitive tour open to all cars that travels the historic Schoharie Turnpike to the Old Stone Fort Museum in Schoharie. We then follow the Schoharie Creek visiting museums in Gilboa and Prattsville, stopping at the Mountaintop Arboretum and Tannersville and then descend the Kaaterskill Clove. 10 Main Street, Catskill. 845-657-6982. <https://www.1903autorun.com/>

**June 18, Bridge Street Belly Dance 2022** - in its fifth year of celebrating the human experience through movement and fusion belly dance, share their journey through adversity to find hope in creativity and connection. 44 West Bridge Street, Catskill, NY 12414. For information and tickets, visit [bridgest.org/bsbd-2022/](http://bridgest.org/bsbd-2022/)

**June 24 - 26, Over Yondr Festival, Music and camping.** 5143 Route 81, Greenville, NY 12083. Outdoor weekend getaway for adults. [overyondrfestival.com](http://overyondrfestival.com)

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**July 8 - 10, 16, 23-24 Arts Around Greenville Studio Tour.** Talented local artists open their studios to the public. See artists work at the Prevost Hall art show and at the Greenville Library Community Room Sat and Sun. 11 am to 5 pm. Opening Reception-Prevost Hall July 8 6-8pm. Artists' studio tour with maps available July 23 and July 24 11 am-5 pm. [cpog.org](http://cpog.org)

**July 10-16, Taste of the Catskills Irish Arts Week.** 2267 Route 145, East Durham, NY 12423. Featuring world-class traditional Irish artists. The Irish Catskills "East Durham" becomes a living Irish village with non-stop traditional music, dance, art, and more. 518-634-2286.

**July 14- 17 Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival 4 day** outdoor music festival presenting the best in bluegrass & acoustic music, dancing, workshops, family activities, camping, jam sessions, festive foods, crafts and thousands of fans. 1 Poultney Road, Oak Hill, NY 12460

**July 28 - 31. The Greene County Youth Fair.** Mountain Avenue, Cairo, NY 12413. One of very few fairs around the country that offers free admission and entertainment for all ages. A celebration of the talents of Greene County's youth, <https://www.thegreencountyyouthfair.com/>

**July 29, 30 Rodtober'Fest at Riedlbauer's Resorts** Nussy's Bier Garten. A gathering of old Hotrods, Customs, Cycles and pre 1963 Stock Vehicles. Riedlbauers resort, a traditional German themed family resort. 57 Ravine Drive, Round Top, NY.

**Aug. 6. Catskill Mountain Feis.** 348 Sunside Road, East Durham, NY 12423. Come enjoy the annual Irish Step Dancing competition providing entertainment and fun for the entire family. [facebook.com/CatskillMountainFeis](http://facebook.com/CatskillMountainFeis).

**Aug. 12 - 14. Catskill Mountain Jubilee 2022.** 348 Sunside Road, East Durham, NY 12423. A weekend packed full of entertainment including funk, rock & roll, reggae, the blues, the Grateful Dead and more! Food and merchandise vendors.

**Aug. 13. 15th Annual "Tour of the Catskills"** Pro-Am Bicycle Road Race. America's toughest and largest Pro-Am Stage Race. The Devils Awaits! Main Street, Tannersville, NY 12485. For amateurs and professionals alike. [bikereg.com/catskills](http://bikereg.com/catskills).

**Aug. 19 - 22 Rat's Nest Run-In** Known as the Northeast's Kooliest Car Show. Pre 65' rat rods and custom creations. 348 Sunside Road, East Durham, NY. A weekend packed full of entertainment including funk, rock & roll, reggae, the blues, the Grateful Dead and more! Food and merchandise vendors.

## Schoharie County

**June 12 - 1st Annual Schoharie Turnpike Kaaterskill Clove Road Rally.** 135 miles long. 10 am start Dutchman's Landing Park, Catskill NY. [1903autorun@gmail.com](mailto:1903autorun@gmail.com). 845-657-6982. [1903autorun.com](http://1903autorun.com)

**June 18 - Summer Solstice Party - Welcome in summer and say goodbye to the last few days of Spring.** Family friendly games, petting zoo, pony rides, and -picnic style seating. Empty Pockets Ranch, 5172 St. Rte. 145, Cobleskill, NY

**June 18 - Carpool Cinema Featuring "Encanto"** Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 18th, 8:30 pm, Timothy Murphy Park in Middleburgh. June's movie is sponsored by Middleburgh Library.

**July 3 - Pond Exploration - romp in the Meeting House pond** in search of life and vegetation within. 2 - 3 pm. 518-875-6935 <https://landisarboretum.org/events/pond-exploration>

**August 9 - Cobleskill Sunshine Fair** Aug 9-14. Since 1876, this event features fun for the entire family including children's entertainment, country stars and bands, tractor pulls, demolition derbys, horse shows daily, harness races. 113 Sunshine Dr., Cobleskill, NY. [Sunshinefair.org](http://Sunshinefair.org)

**August 27 - Schoharie-Otsego-Delaware Family Farm Day** Farms in Delaware, Otsego and Schoharie will be open for tours and selling their products. For a list of farms participating, visit [facebook.com/FamilyFarmDay](http://facebook.com/FamilyFarmDay)

## Sullivan County

**June 4, 10 a.m. - noon Apple Pond Farm,** presents "Babies at the Barn." Meet our newborn lambs and kids - \$10 per person (ages 3+). No reservations required. Rain or shine! For information about future farm events - [applepondfarm.com](http://applepondfarm.com).

**July 12 at 2 p.m. Pirates of Penzance** by Gilbert and Sullivan. Old misunderstandings cause difficulties for a pirate wanting to go straight and love interests cause problems for all in what promises to be a rollicking, colorful, journey into the quirky minds of Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Gilbert, Don't miss the boat! [delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](http://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org).

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# Arts ENTERTAINMENT in the Catskills

Artists of all disciplines, from painters and sculptors to musicians, dancers, writers and actors, have long been attracted to the creative energy of the Catskills. Inspired by the beauty and welcoming culture, artists enrich our communities with their imagination and passion.

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[www.catskillmntn.org/about-us/projects/doctorow-center-for-the-arts.html](http://www.catskillmntn.org/about-us/projects/doctorow-center-for-the-arts.html)

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### Delaware Valley Arts Alliance

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**June 19 8 p.m. \$55 and up. Cabarety:** Comedy night. Nearly 15 years after the final curtain at The Bradstan Country Hotel; Inn Cabaret Series fell, the famous Bradstan Cabaret is back. 845-557-8316 or email [dining@theeldredpreserve.com](mailto:dining@theeldredpreserve.com) to secure your dinner reservation. <http://theeldredpreserve.com>.

**June 23 9 a.m. Guided weekday walk** at the Van Scott Nature Preserve. Walk the trails with Delaware Highlands Conservancy education staff and volunteers to learn more about the lands, waters, and wildlife at the Van Scott Nature Reserve. Registration is limited to 30 participants.

**Suggested program fees are members \$5;** Non-members \$10; and children under 12 with paid adult are free. Children must be accompanied by an adult to attend the program. Call 570-226-3164 ext. 8, or email [sara@delawarehighlands.org](mailto:sara@delawarehighlands.org).

**July 2 10 a.m. FREE. Summer Fun Fair Festival.** A perfect outing event for the whole family. Live music, Kids activities, Temple Tours, Nature Trails, Rummage sale/antiques, Vendor & Exhibitor booths and tasty vegetarian cuisine. Everyone is welcome to attend the Fun Fair at Kadampa Meditation Center New York. Pets on a leash welcome. Tour groups welcome! 845-856-9000. [www.kadampanewyork.org](http://www.kadampanewyork.org)

**July 2 9 a.m. \$30 Flower Workshop** at Willow Wisp Organic Farm. Join flower growers Tannis Kowalchuk, Jess Beveridge, and local guest grower designers for an in-depth tour around the Willow Wisp Organic Farm flower field. Learn about the best varieties for cut flower

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**July 7 6 p.m. Dream on the Farm Tour, "The Scientists"** at Seminary Hill Orchard & Cider \$20. Farm Arts Collective is touring Dream on the Farm in 2022. The project is part of a decalogue of climate change themed performances that the ensemble is making from 2020-2030. The touring performance is subtitled "The Scientists" and follows the journey of two scientists, Carl Sagan and Lynn Margulis who compete in a sport that challenges them to "help save life on the planet." [farmartscollective.org](http://farmartscollective.org).

**July 16 at 7 p.m. July 17 at 2 p.m. Rigoletto** by Giuseppe Verdi. Karma's a b\*#\*h and the jester Rigoletto finds out the hard way! Gorgeous singing, intrigue, assassins, politically (and morally) incorrect treatment of women, fate, true love, missed redemption and a curse all play their parts in this dramatic story. [delawarevalleyopera.com/index.php/tickets-for-2022](http://delawarevalleyopera.com/index.php/tickets-for-2022)

**Aug. 13 at 7 p.m. Aug. 14 at 2 p.m. The Opera Cowgirls. "Dolly meets Divas"** in this outrageous, unique, entertaining show! If you saw it last August you know I'm not exaggerating – and if you didn't, you won't want to miss it twice! Come and witness operatic talent gone country! [/delawarevalleyopera.com/index.php/tickets-for-2022](http://delawarevalleyopera.com/index.php/tickets-for-2022)

**Aug. 14 9 a.m. The Bagel Festival. FREE.** There is only one place in North America where you could walk down a street named Bagel Boulevard, view the original prototype of a 1968 U.S. patent-holding bagel-making machine, and win a prize for rolling, throwing, and stacking bagels better than anyone else. That place is the Bagel Festival in Monticello, NY. [thebagelfestival.org](http://thebagelfestival.org). 845-791-4200.

**Sept. 9 - 11 \$35 and up. In the works - In The Woods Theatre Festival.** ITW is a new, annual theatre festival dedicated to nurturing playwrights, composers, lyricists and emerging, innovative theatrical works and cabaret. The Festival will feature staged readings, talkbacks, celebrity Q&As, special VIP events, parties and more! [www.fbplayhouse.org/in-the-works-in-the-woods](http://www.fbplayhouse.org/in-the-works-in-the-woods)

## Otsego County

**June 4 - Oneonta Outlaws v Watertown Rapids.** Watch collegiate level baseball players compete. 7 p.m. Damaschke Field, Neahwa Park, Oneonta. [oneontaoutlaws.com](http://oneontaoutlaws.com).



Photo submitted by Ann Marie Dolphin  
A walk along the Ashokan Reservoir, near Kingston in the Catskills; one of many reservoirs where NYC water flows from.

**June 6 July 16 - Oneonta Outlaws v Adirondack Trailblazers.** Watch collegiate level baseball players compete. 7 p.m. Damaschke Field, Neahwa Park, Oneonta. [oneontaoutlaws.com](http://oneontaoutlaws.com).

**June 11- 2nd Annual Pickleball Tournament!** Men/Women/Mixed/Open. Otsego County Chamber of commerce in partnership with the Oneonta YMCA is hosting a Pickleball Tournament for adults of all ages. Pickleball courts in Neahwa Park, Oneonta. 7am-5pm. Rain date: June 12. For more info and registration: [kathryn@otsegocc.com](mailto:kathryn@otsegocc.com)

**June 11- Oneonta Outlaws v Mohawk Valley Diamond Dawgs** Watch collegiate level baseball players compete. 7 p.m. Damaschke Field, Neahwa Park, Oneonta. [oneontaoutlaws.com](http://oneontaoutlaws.com).

**June 11- Duo Extempore- Hidden stories** by Nicole Brancato and Evan Jagels. An evening concert probes the intricacies of Hyde Hall with Brancato on forte-piano/harpsichord and Jagels on the double bass. 7:30pm Hyde Hall, 267 Glimmerglass State Park, Cooperstown. More info: 607-547-5098, [www.hydehall.org](http://www.hydehall.org)

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**June 15, July 11, 21 - Oneonta Outlaws v Glens Falls Dragons.** Watch collegiate level baseball players compete. 7 p.m. Damaschke Field, Neahwa Park, Oneonta. [oneontaoutlaws.com](http://oneontaoutlaws.com).

**June 17, 21, July 5, 15, 28 - Oneonta Outlaws v Albany Dutchmen.** Watch collegiate level baseball players compete. 7 p.m. Damaschke Field, Neahwa Park, Oneonta.

**June 24, 27, July 2, 9 - Oneonta Outlaws v Saugerties Stallions.** Watch collegiate level baseball players compete. 7 p.m. Damaschke Field, Neahwa Park, Oneonta.

**June 25- Buxtehude's Daughter, an Opera** with the Musicians of Ma'alwyck. Paired with music from PDQ Bach, the performance features soprano Yvonne Trobe, and baritones Charles Schwartz and Byron Nilsson. 7:30pm Hyde Hall, 267 Glimmerglass State Park, Cooperstown. More info: [www.hydehall.org](http://www.hydehall.org)

**June 29, July 23 - Oneonta Outlaws v Amsterdam Mohawks.** Watch collegiate level baseball players compete. 7 p.m. Damaschke Field, Neahwa Park, Oneonta. [oneontaoutlaws.com](http://oneontaoutlaws.com)

**July 4 - Oneonta Outlaws v Glens Falls Dragons.** Watch collegiate level baseball players compete. 6 p.m. Damaschke Field, Neahwa Park, Oneonta.

**July 7 - Oneonta Outlaws v Batavia Muckdogs - DH.** Watch collegiate level baseball players compete. 5 p.m. Damaschke Field, Neahwa Park, Oneonta.

**July 20 - Oneonta Outlaws v Auburn Doubledays.** Watch collegiate level baseball players compete. 7 p.m. Damaschke Field, Neahwa Park, Oneonta.

**July 23 - Get Lit! 21+ Event—Sample** delicious bygone cocktails and travel through the evolution of various light-

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**July 24 - Oneonta Outlaws v Elmira Pioneers.** Watch collegiate level baseball players compete. 7 p.m. Damaschke Field, Neahwa Park, Oneonta. [oneontaoutlaws.com](http://oneontaoutlaws.com).

**July 26 - Oneonta Outlaws v Capital City Reds - exb.** Watch collegiate level baseball players compete. 7 p.m. CCR is a Canadian Collegiate Team. Damaschke Field, Neahwa Park, Oneonta.

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**June 4 - HURLEY YARD SALE - Hurley Reformed Church** on Main Street in Hurley will host its annual yard sale 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 845-687-4006.

**June 4 - D-Day Presentation with Hank Yost,** World War II Reenactor, discusses various aspects of the troops, tactics and weapons as well as what was happening on the home front and the changes in US society in regards to D-Day, June 6, 1944. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Matthew Persen House Museum, Kingston. [clerk.ulster-countyny.gov/archives/persen-house](http://clerk.ulster-countyny.gov/archives/persen-house).

**June 5 - Tea Dance - Hudson Valley Pride Weekend.** Music will be provided by Hudson Valley native, DJ Bill Coleman. Sound & Lighting provided by Superior Sounds. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Visit [thehudsonhouseny.com](http://thehudsonhouseny.com). The Hudson House & Distillery, West Park.

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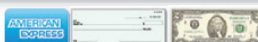
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**June 8 - "The 1904 General Slocum Disaster: New York's Deadliest Day before 9/11".** Virtual Via Zoom. \$7/person and HRMM Members are FREE. This talk details the extraordinary story of the burning of the steamboat General Slocum. 7-8 p.m. Visit [hrmm.org](http://hrmm.org).

**June 9 - Photography Now! Youth Photo Exhibit** 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Matthewis Persen House Museum, 74 John Street, Kingston. Visit [clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house](http://clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house).

**June 11 - Family Carolina Skiff Build.** Two-day course designed for families and/or friends to work as a team-building a Carolina Skiff from start to finish. 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Hudson River Maritime Museum, Kingston. Visit [www.hrmm.org](http://www.hrmm.org).

**June 11 - Songs of The Irish Brigade** Presented by Veterans in a New Field and the Ulster County Civil War Roundtable. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Matthewis Persen House Museum, 74 John Street, Kingston. Visit [clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house](http://clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house).

**June 12 - Covered Bridge Rally -Sponsored** by the 1903 Automobile Endurance Run. Start at 10 a.m. at the Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Visitor Center, 5069 State Route 28, Mount Tremper. 845-657-6982; [1903autorun.com](http://1903autorun.com).

**June 18 - JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION** - The Resistance Revival Chorus (RRC) is a collective of more than 60 womxn, and non-binary singers, who join together to breathe joy and song into the resistance, and to uplift and center womxn's voices. Tickets start at \$30. The Bardavon and UPAC box offices are open - Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Bardavon 845-473-5288, UPAC 845-339-6088 or email [boxoffice@bardavon.org](mailto:boxoffice@bardavon.org). To purchase tickets online [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Old Dutch Church, Kingston.

**June 25 - The British Brigade 24th Regiment** of Infantry Reenactors. Portraying soldiers of the Major's Company of the 24th

as they would have appeared on the 1777 Northern (Saratoga) Campaign during the American Rebellion. Join them for a day in the life of a British foot soldier. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Matthewis Persen House Museum, Kingston. Visit [clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house](http://clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house).

**June 30 until July 2 - Colonial Game Days.** Visitors to the Persen House are invited to try their hand at many entertaining and historic games including Game of Graces, Jacob's Ladder, Hoop Rolling and Whirligigs just to name a few. Thursday & Friday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Matthewis Persen House Museum, Kingston. Visit [clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house](http://clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house).

**July 16 - Theatre on the Road at Persen House.** Theatre on the Road offers entertaining and educational programs at local schools, libraries and historic sites. 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. [clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house](http://clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house).

**July 22 to July 24 - UPSTATE ART WEEKEND** - Incorporating sculpture parks, museums, galleries, residencies, creative projects, and open studios in the Hudson Valley and Catskills. Visit [upstateart-weekend.org](http://upstateart-weekend.org).

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