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ON THIS PAGE: TOP RIGHT, HOLIDAY VALLEY IN
ELLCOTTVILLE; LEFT SIDE, WOODSTOCK IN THE
CATSKILLS.

A Season Full of Family Fun Across New York State!

Discover a magical world of frosted mountains, glistening ice castles, secret caverns, wonderful wildlife and fantastic festivals. From dazzling hot-glass shows, to balmy indoor waterparks and cool mountain coasters at family-friendly ski resorts, there's fun inside, outside, underground and all around!

NYC is F-U-N

Favorite traditions in New York City range from Radio City's Christmas Spectacular to the Holiday Train Show at the NY Botanical Garden in the Bronx. Transport yourself to the tropics at the



Bronx Zoo: the Asian Jungle's warm air suits otters, gibbons and 800 other critters living in mangroves and beaches, just as they would in the wild. The Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum features interactives, flight simulators and tours of the

Growler submarine and the Concorde's first-class cabin. For more cool fun, ice-skate beside Rockefeller Center's giant Christmas tree! nycgo.com

Warm up in the 80-degree tropical Butterfly Conservatory at the American Museum of Natural History, the world's largest nature museum (the dinosaurs are another kid-favorite). And don't miss the spectacular space shows at the Hayden Planetarium! 212/769-5100; amnh.org

Hop Aboard for Seal Watching!

Who knew? Seal families head to Long Island during the cooler months, November to May. Naturalists from the Riverhead Foundation (riverheadfoundation.org), based at Long Island Aquarium, lead seal cruises and hikes to watch seals and other wildlife splash in the waves or bask in the sun at low tide. Get a hot chocolate or snack in the cozy cabin and see how many seals you can spot. It's way more fun than video games! PS: The Aquarium's open year-round. A world of adventure awaits! longislandaquarium.com



BASKING SEALS CAN BE SEEN ON A RIVERHEAD FOUNDATION SEAL CRUISE



Colorful Carousels

Enclosed in glass at Brooklyn Bridge Park, the beautifully restored Jane's Carousel offers some of New York City's finest views! Built in 1922, it's open for rides from Thursday to Sunday in winter, 11am to 6pm. janescarousel.com

The Merry-Go-Round at Bear Mountain State Park features hand-painted scenes of the park and 42 hand-carved native animals from black bears to raccoons, foxes and swans. Set beside the cozy Bear Mountain Inn, it's open weekends and holidays in winter. Families also enjoy snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, ice-skating and a zoo. 845/786-2701; nysparks.com/parks/13

Take a free ride on the colorful, full-size 1912 carousel at the New York State Museum in Albany. Exhibits highlight natural and cultural history, from the Adirondacks to an Iroquois longhouse, gemstones, 170 bird species, antique fire engines and World Trade Center artifacts. 518/474-5353; www.nysm.nysed.gov/carousel

Llama Garden

In Hudson, Blackberry Hill Farm's hands-on programs teach children about llamas and other fiber-producing animals. The fun includes story-telling, llama history, refreshments and a woolly craft project to take home. 518/851-7661; BlackberryHillFarm.org



Visit Santa's Workshop!

During November and December, you can spend a merry weekend with Santa at his North Pole, NY home, nestled on Whiteface Mountain in the Adirondacks. With cheery elves, live reindeer, storybook characters, and great entertainment, there's holiday fun for everyone at Santa's Workshop. 518/946-2211; NorthPoleNY.com

More Mountaintop Adventures!

New York's family-friendly mountains have plenty of trails for beginner and intermediate skiers and boarders, plus challenging terrain parks to thrill older, more adventurous kids. See listings on pages 10 and 11. Check out iskiny.com for information on budget-friendly packages, ski areas, and the 3rd and 4th Graders Ski & Ride Free Passport, good at 25 participating ski areas.

Slopeside accommodations range from cozy inns to full-service resorts with activities for children and spas to rejuvenate the parents. Cross-country trails, sleighrides, tubing parks and zigzagging mountain coasters extend the fun.

In the Finger Lakes, Greek Peak Resort's new Adventure Center boasts the mighty Nor'Easter Mountain Coaster (greekpeak.net). Holiday Valley Resort's Sky High Adventure Park, in Ellicottville, has a Mountain Coaster that dips and twists through the woods. holidayvalley.com

Families love Colden Tubing Company's giant downhill tubing park, at Kissing Bridge ski area in the Greater Niagara region. A new covered magic-carpet lift speeds you up the hill, reducing the time between runs. Sail up to the summit and slide down to the valley 10 stories below, again and again. All you have to do is sit down and hang on!

kbski.com/colden-tubing-company

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CORNING MUSEUM OF GLASS, CORNING

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family holiday picture! Exhibits show the art and science of glass over 35 centuries, from ancient art to space-age wonders. Bonus: It's free for kids up to age 19! 607/937-5371; cmog.org

New Heights for Indoor Adventures

Destiny USA takes family fun to new heights! Along with top retailers, premium outlets and over 25 restaurants, indoor adventures abound at this Syracuse super-center. WonderWorks, the world's largest suspended indoor ropes course, has three stories of challenging activities, from swinging steps to lily pads and a tremor bridge. Check out the fast go-carts, glow-in-the-dark mini-golf, Lazer Tag and Amazing Mirror Maze! 315/466-6000; destinyusa.com

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In the Catskills, Windham Mountain Adventure Park has eight snowtubing lanes, ziplines, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, a huge skating rink and a comfy lodge. Imagine how cool your children will feel driving the new fleet of 120cc Arctic Cat snowmobiles around an oval track at the Kids Snowmobile Park! For riders age 6 and older (up to 120 pounds). Helmets are provided. 518/734-4300; windhammountain.com

The New York Zipline at nearby Hunter Mountain, the longest and highest in North America, thrills the whole family with zips and canopy tours from tame to wild. 518/263-5580; HunterMtn.com

Wonders Underground

In Central New York, an elevator takes you down to a geological wonder where the temperature is a moderate 52° year-round. Howe Caverns, voted a Top 5 Northeast Family Attraction by Disney's *Family Fun* readers, features marvelous rock formations and boat rides on the underground river that carved them. 518/296-8900; howecaverns.com

Celebrate Baseball!

The National Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum's three floors of amazing exhibits include the Sandlot Kids Clubhouse—with Curious George and Garfield fun, photo ops with Hall of Famers, and hunting for artifacts hidden in knotholes and drawers. 888/425-5633; baseballhall.org

The Joy of Play

Step into a brand-new Berenstain Bear Country at the Strong National Museum of Play, in Rochester. Explore Reading Adventureland's life-size pop-up book, Sesame Street, superheroes, and a lush tropical indoor garden with 800 free-flying butterflies! Parents re-live happy childhood memories at the Toy Hall of Fame. You're never too big for fun! 585/263-2700; museumofplay.org

Kid-Friendly Glass Art

The Corning Museum of Glass, another Finger Lakes gem, heats up the season with dazzling Hot Glass shows, glass-blowing workshops for all ages, and holiday trees aglow with thousands of glass decorations—the perfect backdrop for a



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BERENSTAIN BEAR COUNTRY AT THE STRONG NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PLAY, ROCHESTER



WONDERWORKS AT DESTINY USA, SYRACUSE

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Splashdown for Fun!

Six Flags Great Escape Lodge at Lake George welcomes families with 200 comfortable suites and a giant indoor waterpark with slides, lazy rivers, simulated waves, and a special sun roof. Cozy up beside the crackling fireplace in the grand two-story lobby. 518-792-3404; sixflagsgreatescapelodge.com

Greek Peak Mountain Resort in the Finger Lakes features perfect 84° weather year round inside Cascades Waterpark, with over 500 feet of water slides, a wave pool, and lots of other splashy fun. 800/955-2754; greekpeak.net

It's always summertime at Palm Island Indoor Water Park, at the Clarion Hotel in Batavia—featuring twisty slides, sprays, a pool with a basketball hoop and waterfalls, & children's play areas. 585/344-2100; palmislandindoorwaterpark.com

Fun Festivals & Events

From Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in NYC, to almost-spring maple syrup festivals upstate, our calendar's full of jolly good fun. Celebrate the season across New York—from Port Jefferson's Charles Dickens Festival on Long Island, to Troy's Victorian Stroll, to frosty winter carnivals at Lake George and Saranac Lake. Experience Twelfth Night, colonial-style, at Albany's Fort Crailo and Schuyler Mansion, or take an 18th-century Castle by Candlelight tour at Old Fort Niagara in Youngstown. In March, farms across New York host Maple Weekends. Sweet! ❤️



PALM ISLAND INDOOR WATER PARK, BATAVIA

©COURTESY PALM ISLAND INDOOR WATER PARK

Skiing and snowboarding are fast and easy in New York. With over 50 downhill ski areas, more than any other state, there's great skiing within an hour of every one of our major cities. Whether you go by car, bus, train or plane, less travel time means more time for fun on the slopes!

Our ski mountains and terrain parks suit every style and level of ability, from beginners' bunny trails and family-friendly resorts to black diamonds that challenge world-class skiers. And the scenery's as breathtaking as the action!

In the majestic Adirondacks, Whiteface Lake Placid—two-time host of the Winter Olympics—boasts 86 trails, 11 lifts including the *Cloudsplitter* Gondola, and the greatest vertical drop in the East. The scenic Hudson Valley's smaller ski areas include Thunder Ridge, within an hour's drive of Manhattan.

Big resorts include Hunter, Windham and Belleayre in the Catskills, Greek Peak and Bristol Mountain in the Finger Lakes, Swain, south of Rochester, and Gore in the Adirondack town of North Creek.

I ♥ NY® Amtrak service connects with the Saratoga/North Creek Railway's new Gore Mountain Snow Train. Holiday Valley, in the Chautauqua-Allegheny region, was just rated fifth of the best winter resorts in eastern North America by readers of *SKI* magazine.

Across the state, the powder's fresh and lifts are running faster and smoother than ever. To extend the ski season, New York's abundant natural snow gets a boost from state-of-the-art snowmaking. Hunter Mountain, known for epic conditions, earns its reputation as the "Snowmaking Capital of the World." With so many fantastic ski destinations so easy to reach, New York has everything you need for your perfect ski getaway!

See Downhill Ski Area listings on pages 10-11 for details. For more information, check out I SKI NY: iskiny.com. ♥





Downhill Ski & Ride: New York's Peaks of Perfection!

Big News on New York's Mountains

Better All the Time!

Ride the rails to the Hudson Valley trails! Take the new Metro-North Ski Train from New York City and the Metropolitan area and get a FREE shuttle to Thunder Ridge Ski Area (thunderridgeski.com) from the Patterson train station. Get details and tickets from Metro-North on-line or go to a ticket seller at Grand Central Station and ask for the Thunder Ski package, with combo train and lift ticket discounts. Ski & Stay Overnight packages are available too! mta.info/mnr/html/getaways/outbound_thunderski.htm

Upgrades at Hunter Mountain in the Catskills include a high-speed quad chairlift. The six-passenger Kaatskill Flyer lift now gets you to top even faster. huntermtn.com

Nearby, Windham Mountain has a new Adventure Park, new trails and glades, expanded beginner terrain for skiers and riders, enhanced snowmaking, a hotel and several restaurants. Plan to stay a while! windhammountain.com



Greek Peak's new Adventure Center tops the headlines at this popular Finger Lakes resort. Ride the wild Nor'easter Mountain Coaster for an exciting descent through the forest. Other new adventures include Zip Line Tours and nine Snowtubing lanes with night-lighting. theoutdooradventurecenter.com



Mighty Gore Mountain in the Adirondacks has new trails, new glades, new restaurants and enhanced snowmaking. North Creek's venerable ski resort now has over 100 trails and 2,537 vertical feet. Extensive renovations include new glades and a new 150-foot conveyor lift for the children's Mountain Adventure center. goremountain.com

With its Olympic venues and lively nightlife, Lake Placid was recently rated #1 of *Budget Travel's* Top 11 Coolest Winter Places in America. Whiteface Lake Placid's Off-Hill Activities have

again been ranked #1 by *SKI* magazine readers—that's 21 years in a row! whiteface.com/activities

New terrain parks add to the magic at Kissing Bridge in the Greater Niagara region: a scaled-down Beginner Park to help newbies learn to ride the rails and hit the jumps; a Progression Park where features and jumps gradually get larger; and the larger-scale Main Park, where hits and jibs are bigger, better and badder! kbski.com

Holiday Valley resort, in Chautauqua-Allegheny, has enhanced snowmaking and a new quad chairlift that doubles lift capacity. The new Sky High Adventure Park's thrilling Mountain Coaster takes you on a wild zigzagging ride. *SKI* magazine ranked Holiday the 5th best resort in eastern US and Canada! And now all kids age 6 and under ski free. Another great reason to bring the entire family! holidayvalley.com

For information on ski areas across New York, and budget-friendly packages, visit iskiny.com or call 315/696-6550. ❤️



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DOWNHILL SKI AREAS

Hudson Valley | HV

TRAILS: Beginner | Intermediate | Expert
LONGEST RUN | miles
SNOWMAKING *
VERTICAL DROP / feet

RETAIL SHOP \$ | EQUIPMENT RENTALS \$
FEES* | SENIOR DISCOUNT \$
Chairlifts | Highspeed | Gondolas
LIFTS: Tows | Conveyors

SNOWTUBING Expert

DAYS OF OPERATION | CHILD-CARE \$

LODGING \$ | SKI IN/SKI OUT | RV \$

FOOD \$ | LOUNGE \$

Catamount Ski Area Hillsdale 12529 518/325-3200 catamountski.com	1,000 *	2	12 Beg 13 Int 9 Exp	2 C 4 Ch	\$20-62 \$ \$ R	Daily; Nights C	☺ ☺ ☺
Mount Peter Warwick 10990 845/986-4940 mtpeter.com	450 *	.5	5 Beg 4 Int 5 Exp	1 T 3 Ch 1 Cn	\$18-45 \$ \$ R	Daily; Nights C	☺ ☺ ☺
Rocking Horse Ranch Highland 12528 800/647-2624; 914/691-2927 rhranch.com	150 *	.2	●	2 T	Guests	Daily	☺ ☺
Sawkill Family Ski Center Kingston 12401 845/336-6977 sawkillski.com	70 *	.18	1 Beg 1 Int ●	1 T 1 Cn	\$25-55 \$ R	Sat-Sun; Holidays; Nights	☺ ☺ ☺
Thunder Ridge Ski Area Patterson 12563 845/878-4100 thunderidgeski.com	500 *	1	12 Beg 6 Int 14 Exp	1 T 4 Cn 3 Ch	\$20-50 \$ \$ R	Mon-Sat; Nights C	☺ ☺ ☺
Tuxedo Ridge Tuxedo Park 10987 845/351-1122 tuxedoridge.com	400 *	1	1 Beg 4 Int 3 Exp ●	3 Ch	\$13-60 R	Daily; Nights	☺ ☺ ☺

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Belleayre Mountain Highmount 12441 800/942-6904; 845/254-5600 belleayre.com	1,404 *	2.28	11 Beg 24 Int 15 Exp	2 T 1 Cn 4 Ch 1 H	\$40-57 \$ \$ R	Daily C	☺ ☺ ☺
Holiday Mountain Monticello 12701 845/796-3161 holidaymtn.com	400 *	.8	2 Beg 3 Int 2 Exp ●	2 T 2 Ch	\$27-42 \$ R	Tue-Sun; Nights	☺ ☺ ☺
Hunter Mountain Hunter 12442 800/HUNTERMtn; 518/263-4223 huntermtn.com	1,600 *	2	16 Beg 14 Int 25 Exp ●	1 T 9 Ch 2 H 1 Cn	\$35-68 \$ \$ R	Daily	☺ ☺ ☺
Plattekill Mountain Roxbury 12474 800/NEED2SKI; 607/326-3500 plattekill.com	1,100 *	2	7 Beg 17 Int 14 Exp ●	1 T 2 Ch	\$20-58 \$ \$ R	Fri-Sun; Holidays C	☺ ☺ ☺

The Catskills region continues on next column.

The Catskills | CT

TRAILS: Beginner | Intermediate | Expert
LONGEST RUN | miles
SNOWMAKING *
VERTICAL DROP / feet

RETAIL SHOP \$ | EQUIPMENT RENTALS \$
FEES* | SENIOR DISCOUNT \$
Chairlifts | Highspeed | Gondolas
LIFTS: Tows | Conveyors

SNOWTUBING Expert

DAYS OF OPERATION | CHILD-CARE \$

LODGING \$ | SKI IN/SKI OUT | RV \$

FOOD \$ | LOUNGE \$

Villa Roma Resort Callicoon 800/533-6767; 914/887-4880 villaroma.com	500	.5	3	1 Ch	\$18-28 \$	Mon, Fri, Sat C	☺ ☺ ☺
Windham Mountain Windham 12496 800/754-9463; 518/734-4300 windhammountain.com	1,600 *	2.5	10 Beg 22 Int 18 Exp ●	1 T 4 Cn 5 Ch 2 H	\$10-72 \$ \$ R	Daily; Nights C	☺ ☺ ☺

Capital-Saratoga | CS

Maple Ski Ridge Schenectady 12306 518/381-4700 mapleskiridge.com	400 *	.5	2 Beg 3 Int	2 T 2 Ch	\$25-35 \$ R	Tue-Sun; Nights	☺ ☺
Royal Mountain Caroga Lake 12032 518/835-6445 royalmountain.com	550 *	.66	5 Beg 3 Int 5 Exp	3 Ch	\$25-34 \$ R	Sat-Sun; Holidays	☺ ☺ ☺
Willard Mountain Greenwich 12834 518/692-7337 willardmountain.com	508 *	1	2 Beg 8 Int 4 Exp ●	3 Ch	\$20-39 \$ R	Tue-Sun Nights	☺ ☺ ☺

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Beartown Ski Area West Chazy 12992 518/561-3938	*			1 T	\$13-18 R	Thu-Sun	☺	
Big Tupper Ski Area Tupper Lake 12986 518/359-3730 skibigtupper.org			Call ahead or visit website for current ski conditions.					
Gore Mountain North Creek 12853 518/251-2411 goremountain.com	2,537 *	4.7	11 Beg 52 Int 40 Exp ●	3 T 2 Cn 7 Ch 2 H 1 G	\$29-80 \$ \$ R	Daily C	☺ ☺ ☺	
Hickory Ski Center Warrensburg 12885 518/623-5754 hickoryskicenter.com	1,230	1	5 Beg 6 Int 7 Exp ●	4 T	\$0-45 \$ R	Sat-Sun; Holidays	☺ ☺ ☺	
McCauley Mountain Old Forge 13420 315/369-3225 oldforogeny.com	633 *	1	9 Beg 6 Int 6 Exp ●	3 T 1 Ch	\$15-30 \$ \$ R	Wed-Mon	☺ ☺ ☺	
Mt Pisgah Saranac Lake 12983 518/891-0970 saranaclakeny.gov	300 *		1 Beg 3 Int ●	2 T	\$20-25 \$ R	Daily	☺ ☺ ☺	
Oak Mountain Speculator 12164 518/548-3606 oakmountainski.com	650 *	1.2	5 Beg 6 Int 3 Exp	2 T 1 H	\$0-36 \$ R	Fri-Sun; Nights	☺ ☺ ☺	

The Adirondacks region continues on page 11.

*Fees are based on previous year's rates.

DOWNHILL SKI AREAS

The Adirondacks | AD

TRAILS: Beginner | Intermediate | Expert
 SNOWMAKING: Vertical Drop / Feet
 LONGEST RUN | Miles
 SNOWTUBING
 RETAIL SHOP \$ | EQUIPMENT RENTALS \$
 FEES: Highspeed | Gondolas
 CHAIRS | Lifts: Tow | Conveyors
 DAYS OF OPERATION | SENIOR DISCOUNT \$
 LODGING \$ | SKI/IN SKI OUT | RV \$
 FOOD | LOUNGE

Snow Ridge Ski Area Turin 13473 315/348-8456 snowridge.com	500 *	.75	3 Beg 6 Int 13 Exp	2 T 4 Ch	\$22-38 \$ R	Wed-Sun Nights	☎	☎
Titus Mountain Malone 12953 800/848-8766; 518/483-3740 titusmountain.com	1,200 *	2	16 Beg 12 Int 16 Exp	2 T 8 Ch	\$18-45 \$ R	Daily; Nights	☎	☎
West Mountain Queensbury 12804 518/793-6606 skiwestmountain.com	1,010 *	1.5	8 Beg 13 Int 2 Exp	5 T 3 Ch	\$0-52 \$ R	Daily; Nights	☎	☎
Whiteface Lake Placid Wilmington 12997 518/946-2223 whitefacelakeplacid.com	3,430 *	2.1	18 Beg 36 Int 33 Exp	1 Cn 8 Ch 1 H 1 G	\$0-85 \$ R	Daily G	☎	☎
Thousand Islands-Seaway TI								
Dry Hill Ski Area Watertown 13601 800/379-8584; 315/782-8584 skidryhill.com	300 *	.4	3 Beg 4 Int	2 T 1 Ch	\$10-30 \$ R	Wed-Sun; Nights	☎	☎
Central New York CNY								
Val Bialas Utica 13502 315/738-0172 cityofutica.com	400 *	.38	3 Beg 4 Int 1 Exp	1 T 1 Ch	\$13-23 \$ R	Daily; Nights	☎	☎
Woods Valley Ski Area Westernville 13486 315/827-4721 woodsvalleyskiarea.com	500 *	.75	5 Beg 3 Int 5 Exp	1 T 2 Ch	\$15-37 \$ R	Wed-Sun; Nights	☎	☎
Finger Lakes FL								
Brantling Ski Slopes Sodus 14551 315/331-2365 brantling.com	240 *	.3	6 Beg 4 Int	6 T	\$0-30 \$ R	Daily; Nights	☎	☎
Bristol Mountain Resort Candaigua 14424 585/374-6000 bristolmountain.com	1,200 *	2	12 Beg 16 Int 6 Exp	1 Cn 3 Ch 2 H	\$38-65 \$ R	Daily; Nights G	☎	☎
Four Seasons Golf & Ski Fayetteville 13066 315/637-9023 fourseasonsgolfandski.com	100 *	.25	2 Beg 2 Int 2 Exp	1 Cn 1 Ch	\$15-20 \$ R	Fri-Sun; Holidays	☎	☎
Greek Peak Mountain Resort Cortland 13045 800/955-2SKI; 607/835-6111 greekpeakmtnresort.com	952 *	1.5	13 Beg 9 Int 10 Exp	3 Cn 6 Ch	\$0-64 \$ R	Daily; Nights G	☎	☎

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Finger Lakes | FL

TRAILS: Beginner | Intermediate | Expert
 SNOWMAKING: Vertical Drop / Feet
 LONGEST RUN | Miles
 SNOWTUBING
 RETAIL SHOP \$ | EQUIPMENT RENTALS \$
 FEES: Highspeed | Gondolas
 CHAIRS | Lifts: Tow | Conveyors
 DAYS OF OPERATION | SENIOR DISCOUNT \$
 LODGING \$ | SKI/IN SKI OUT | RV \$
 FOOD | LOUNGE

Hunt Hollow Ski Club Naples 14512 585/374-5428 hunthollow.com	825 *	1	6 Beg 4 Int 9 Exp	2 T 2 Ch	\$40-55 \$ R	Wed-Sun	☎	☎
Labrador Mountain Truxton 13158 800/446-9559; 607/842-6204 labradormtn.com	700 *	1	5 Beg 8 Int 9 Exp	3 T 3 Ch	\$25-45 \$ R	Daily; Nights G	☎	☎
Powder Mills Park Pittsford 14534 607/545-6511 www.monroecounty.gov/ parks-powdermill.php	80 *	.15	1 Beg	1 T	\$ R	Mon, Tues-Sun		
Song Mountain Resort Tully 13159 315/696-5711 songmountain.com	700 *	1	8 Beg 10 Int 5 Exp	3 T 2 Ch	\$10-43 \$ R	Daily; Nights G	☎	☎
Toggenburg Mountain Fabius 13063 800/720-8644; 315/683-5842 skitog.com	700 *	1	6 Beg 5 Int 10 Exp	3 T 2 Ch	\$25-50 \$ R	Daily Nights G	☎	☎
Greater Niagara GN								
Buffalo Ski Club Orchard Park 14127 716/941-5654 bscskiarea.com	550 *		14 Beg 16 Int 13 Exp	5 T 2 Ch	\$30-45 \$ R	Wed-Sun; Holidays Nights: G	☎	☎
Kissing Bridge Glenwood 14069 877/867-5452; 716/592-4963 kissing-bridge.com	550 *	.65	9 Beg 14 Int 14 Exp	2 T 6 Ch	\$16-57 \$ R	Daily; Nights	☎	☎
Chautauqua-Allegheny CA								
Holiday Valley Ellicottville 14731 800/323-0020; 716/699-2345 holidayvalley.com	750 *	1	20 Beg 16 Int 22 Exp	1 T 1 Cn 8 Ch 3 H	\$33-67 \$ R	Daily; Nights G	☎	☎
HoliMont Ski Area Ellicottville 14731 877/754-4654; 716/699-2320 holimont.com	700 *	.8	14 Beg 14 Int 21 Exp	1 Cn 6 Ch 1 H	\$40-61 \$ R	Mon-Fri Guests: Daily	☎	☎
Peek'n Peak Resort Findley Lake 14736 716/355-4141 pknpk.com	400 *	.7	5 Beg 16 Int 6 Exp	2 T 2 Cn 8 Ch	\$24-54 \$ R	Daily G	☎	☎
Swain Resort Swain 14884 607/545-6511 swain.com	650 *	1	8 Beg 10 Int 12 Exp	1 T 1 Cn 4 Ch	\$25-50 \$ R	Daily; Nights	☎	☎

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Adaptive Winter Sports Programs

Adaptive ski programs, which teach skiing to children and adults with cognitive and physical disabilities, are so appealing because everyone is together on the same hill, under the same sunny sky. The athletes can feel successful in a totally integrated setting, with equipment adapted for their specific needs.

Skiing and snowboarding, which can both be adapted for people with disabilities, are good social sports that foster camaraderie among participants and their friends and families.

For more information, visit adaptivesportsfoundation.org or stride.org.



Cross-Country Skiing

Glide Across New York!

ALLEGANY STATE PARK,
SALAMANCA

Snap on some skis and glide into a beautiful winter landscape. Exhilarating yet relaxing, this sport's easy to learn, inexpensive and a great aerobic work-out!

Cross-country trails in New York are as varied as the people who ski them, from seaside parks on Long Island to Adirondack mountain peaks. You can glide through scenic landscapes at ski resorts, state parks, forest preserves and former railroad beds. Trails suit every style and skill level, from beginner to back-country explorer. Some are fully groomed, others untouched. Many ski centers offer equipment rental and lessons. Places to stay range from rustic cabins to country inns and posh resorts.

In the Hudson Valley, just north of New York City, enchanting forest trails crisscross Fahnestock Winter Park. Nearby, ski and stay at the magnificent Mohonk Mountain House.

Plattekill Mountain Resort in the Catskills has fun for the whole family, with a tubing park as well as skiing. Groomed trails run through snow-laden evergreens at Tree Haven Trails and Pineridge XC Ski Area in the Capital-Saratoga region.

Glide through towering pines in the tranquil Adirondack woods. Lake Placid's Olympic Sports Complex, one of the premier Nordic venues of North America, has 30 miles of groomed trails. Enjoy legendary hospitality and first-rate trails at Lapland Lake Nordic Center and Garnet Hill Lodge—near Gore Mountain and the vast Siamese Ponds Wilderness Area, a backcountry ski mecca.

The Tug Hill Plateau, in the Snowbelt east of Lake Ontario, gets over 200 inches of snow annually. Cross-country skiers find easy sliding at Central New York's Osceola Tug Hill. Delightful options in the Finger Lakes include Bristol Mountain, where trails to the summit are lit with nightlights.


Wellesley Island State Park, in the Thousand Islands-Seaway, has shoreline trails as well as cozy cabins and a year-round nature center.

Byrnclyff Resort, in the Greater Niagara region, features on-site lodging and varied trails to entertain novices and advanced skiers. Miles of ungroomed powder beckon trailblazers to the hills of Darien Lakes State Park.

Out west, lake-effect snow blankets top-rated ski areas like Peek'n Peak Resort in Findley Lake and Holiday Valley in Ellicottville. Allegheny State Park boasts some of the finest cross-country ski trails in the Northeast—and more than 150 winterized cabins.

Some of NY's many cross-country ski areas are listed on pages 14 to 17. For more information see Cross Country Ski Areas of NY (crosscountryskinewyork.com) and New York State Parks: nysparks.com ♥

CROSS COUNTRY SKI AREAS



	MARKED/MAPPED TRAILS (km) / SET TRACK (km)	INSTRUCTION	GUIDED TOURS	RENTALS	WARMING HUT	TRAIL FEES*	DAYS OF OPERATION	RESTAURANT	LODGING	RV	SNACKS
Hudson Valley HV											
Fahnestock Winter Park Cold Spring 10516 845/225-3938 roberts-1.com/fwpp	20 Tr 15 S 18 M					\$9	Daily				
Minnewaska State Park Preserve New Paltz 12561 845/255-0752 nysparks.com	56 Tr 20 S 42 M					\$5-6	Daily				
Mohonk Mountain House New Paltz 12561 845/256-2101 mohonk.com	55 Tr 30 S					\$20-25	Daily				
Orange County/Thomas Bull Park Montgomery 12549 845/615-3830 orangecountynyparks.com						Free	Daily				
The Catskills CT											
Belleayre Mountain Highmount 12441 800/942-6904; 845/254-5600 belleayre.com	9 Tr 9 M					Free	Daily				
Catskill Scenic Trail Stamford 12167 607/652-2821 catskillscenictrail.org	41 Tr					Free	Daily				
Frost Valley YMCA Claryville 12725 845/985-2291 frostvalley.org	25 Tr					\$10-20	Daily				
Mountain Trails XC Ski Center Tannersville 12485 518/589-5361 mntntrails.com	35 Tr 35 S 35 M					\$0-20	Weekends & Holidays				
Plattekill Mountain Resort Roxbury 12474 800/NEED2SKI; 607/326-3500 plattekill.com	21 Tr 21 M					\$10	Fri-Sun Holidays				
Capital-Saratoga CS											
Moreau Lake State Park Gansevoort 12831 518/793-0511 nysparks.com; friendsofmoreaulake.org	32 Tr					Free	Daily				
Pineridge XC Ski Area Poestenkill 12140 518/283-3652 pineridgeexc.com	35 Tr 35 S 15 M					\$0-17	Daily				
Saratoga Spa State Park Saratoga Springs 12866 518/283-3652 pineridgeexc.com	13 Tr					Free	Daily				
Tree Haven Trails Hagaman 12086 518/882-9455 bobstrees.com	42 Tr 42 S					\$5-8	Thu-Sun				

* Fees are based on previous year's rates



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The Adirondacks AD											
Adirondak Loj and Wilderness Campground Lake Placid 12946 518/523-3441 adk.org/ad_loj	20 Tr 20 M					\$10	Daily				
Cascade Cross Country Center Lake Placid 12946 518/523-9605 cascadeski.com	20 Tr 20 S 20 M					\$6-12	Daily; Nights				
Crowne Plaza lake Placid XC Ski Lake Placid 12946 877/570-5891; 518/523-2556 lakeplacidcp.com	20 Tr 20 S 20 M					\$5	Sat, Sun, Holidays				
Cunningham's Ski Barn North Creek 12853 800/888-RAFT; 518/251-3215 cunninghamsskibarn.com	5 Tr 5 S 5 M					\$15	Daily				
Dewey Mountain Saranac Lake 12983 800/491-0414; 518/891-2697 deweyskicenter.com	20 Tr 10 S 7 M					\$5	Daily Nights: Tue-Fri				
Fern Park Inlet 13360 866/GO-INLET; 315/357-5501 inletny.com	20 S 20 M					Free	Daily; Nights				
Friends Lake Inn Chestertown 12817 518/494-4751 friendslake.com	32 Tr 32 S 32 M					\$12	Daily				
Garnet Hill Lodge XC Ski Center North River 12856 800/497-4207; 518/251-2444 garnet-hill.com	55 Tr 55 S 34 M					\$8-17	Daily				
Gore Mountain North Creek 12853 800/342-1234; 518/251-2411 goremountain.com	10 Tr 10 M					\$11	Daily				
Lapland Lake Nordic Center Northville 12134 800/453-SNOW; 518/863-4974 laplandlake.com	38 Tr 38 S 50 M					\$0-20	Daily				
McCauley Mountain Old Forge 13420 315/369-3225 mccauleyny.com	20 Tr 20 S 20 M					\$0-5	Wed-Mon				
Olympic Sports Complex Lake Placid 12946 518/523-2811; orda.org	50 Tr 50 S 50 M					\$14-20	Daily				
Paul Smith's College Visitor Interpretive Center Paul Smiths 12970 518/327-3000 adirondackvic.org	40 Tr 40 S 40 M					\$5-10	Daily				
Whiteface Club and Resort/ Nordoc Ski and Snowshoe Center Lake Placid 12946 518/523-2551; 800/422-6757 whitefaceclubresort.com	18 Tr 18 M 18 S					\$8-12	Wed-Sun				

CROSS COUNTRY SKI AREAS



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Thousand Islands-Seaway TI							
Robert Moses State Park Massena 13662 315/705-5022 nynaturecenter.org	25 Tr 12 S	R		Free	Daily		
Wellesley Island State Park Wellesley Island 13640 315/482-2722; 800/456-2267 nysparks.com	10 Tr 10 S	R	🏠	Free	Daily	☕ 🍷	
Central New York CNY							
Alder Creek Country Inn Alder Creek 13301 315/831-5222	24 Tr 12 S 12 M	R	🏠	Free	Fri-Sun	☕ 🍷	
Gilbert Lake State Park Laurens 13796 800/456-CAMP; 607/432-2114 nysparks.com	19 Tr 19 S			Free	Fri-Sun		
Glimmerglass State Park Cooperstown 13326 800/345-CAMP; 607/547-8662 nysparks.com	5 Tr 5 M		🏠	Free	Fri-Sun	☕	
Greenwood Park Lisle 13797 800/456-CAMP; 607/862-9933 gobroomecounty.com	20 Tr 10 S 10 M	R	🏠	\$4+	Daily	☕	
Oak Hill Farm Esperance 12066 518/875-6700 oakhillxc.com	30 Tr 30 S 30 M	i R	🏠	\$0-14	Daily Sat-Sun Holidays	☕	
Oseola Tug Hill XC Ski Center Camden 133616 315/599-7377 uxski.com	40 Tr 40 S 40 M	R	🏠	\$0-15	Daily	☕	
Val Bialas Recreation Ski Center Utica 13502 315/266-0454 cityofutica.com	8 Tr 8 M	R	🏠	Free	Daily; Nights	☕	

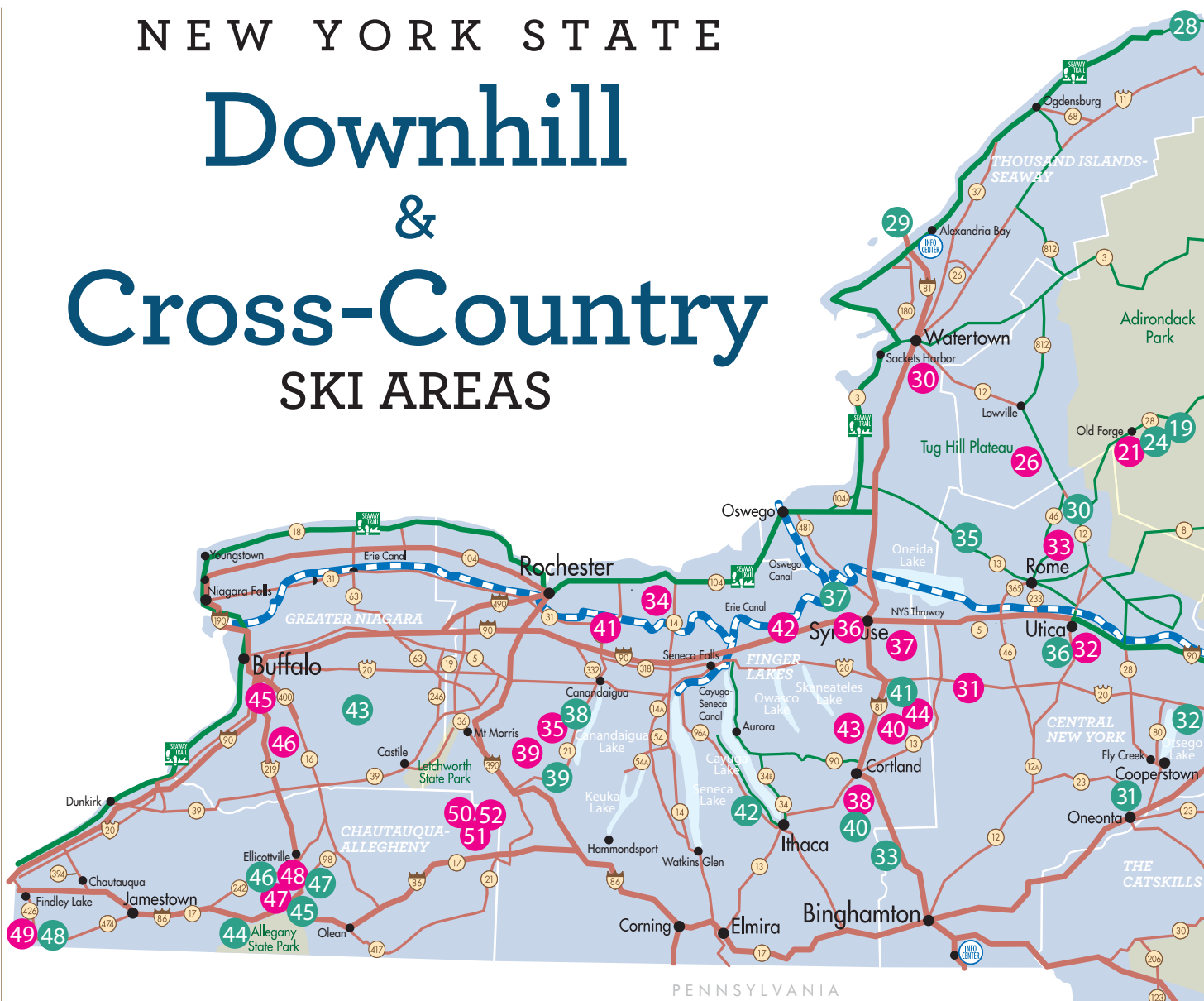
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Finger Lakes FL							
Beaver Lake Nature Center Baldwinsville 13027 315/638-2519 onodagacountyparks.com/parks	15 Tr 15 M	i	🏠	\$2-5	Daily	☕	
Bristol Harbour Candaigua 14424 800/288-8248; 585/396-2200 bristolharbour.com	8 Tr 8 S 8 M	R i	🏠		Daily	☕ 🍷	
Cumming Nature Center Naples 14512 585/374-6160	25 Tr 25 S 25 M	R	🏠	\$3-10	Wed-Sun	☕	
Greek Peak Mountain Resort Cortland 14850 800/955-2754; 607/835-6111 greekpeak.net	32 Tr 17 S	i R	🏠	\$6-14	Daily	☕ 🍷	
Highland Forest County Park Fabius 13063 315/683-5550 onodagacountyparks.com/highland	33 Tr 33 S 5 M	i R	🏠	\$2-5	Daily	☕	
Podunk XC Ski Center Interlaken 14847 607/387-6716; 607/387-3093	5 Tr 5 S	i R		Free	Daily		
Greater Niagara GN							
Byrncliff Resort Varysburg 14167 585/535-7300 byrncliff.com	20 Tr 8 S 20 M	i R	🏠	\$7-12	Daily; Nights	☕ 🍷	
Chautauqua-Allegeny CA							
Allegany State Park Salamanca 14779 716/354-9121; 800/456-2267 nysparks.com	50 Tr 30 S 30 M	R	🏠	Free	Daily	☕ 🍷	
Art Roscoe XC Ski and Mountain Bike Area Salamanca 14779 716/354-9121	38 Tr 9 M	R	🏠	\$6	Daily	☕ 🍷	
Holiday Valley Resort Ellicottville 14731 800/323-0020; 716/699-2345 holidayvalley.com	15 Tr 15 M	i R	🏠	\$0-12	Daily	☕ 🍷	
HoliMont Ellicottville 14731 877/754-4654; 716/699-2320 holimont.com	6 Tr 6 M	i R		Free	Daily	☕	
Peek'n Peak Resort Findley Lake 14736 800/772-6906; 716/355-4141	10 Tr 10 S 10 M	i R	🏠	\$8	Daily	☕ 🍷	

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CROSS-COUNTRY SKI AREAS | ●

HUDSON VALLEY

- 1 Fahnestock Winter Park / S-24
- 2 Minnewaska State Park Preserve / R-23
- 3 Mohonk Mountain House / R-23
- 4 Orange County/Thomas Bull Park / S-22

THE CATSKILLS

- 5 Belleayre Mountain / P-21
- 6 Catskill Scenic Trail / O-21
- 7 Frost Valley YMCA / Q-21
- 8 Mountain Trails XC Ski Center / P-23
- 9 Plattekill Mountain Resort / O-21

CAPITAL-SARATOGA

- 10 Moreau Lake State Park / K-24
- 11 Pineridge XC Ski Area / M-25
- 12 Saratoga Spa State Park / K-24
- 13 Tree Haven Trails / L-23

THE ADIRONDACKS

- 14 Adirondack Loj / E-23
- 15 Cascade Cross Country Center / E-23
- 16 Crowne Plaza Lake Placid XC Ski / E-23
- 17 Cunningham's Ski Barn / H-23
- 18 Dewey Mountain / E-22
- 19 Fern Park / H-20
- 20 Friends Lake Inn / H-24
- 21 Garnet Hill Lodge XC Ski Center / H-23
- 22 Gore Mountain / H-23
- 23 Lapland Lake Nordic Center / J-22
- 24 McCauley Mountain / H-19
- 25 Olympic Sports Complex / F-23
- 26 Paul Smith's College (VIC) / C-22
- 27 Whiteface Club and Resort / E-23

THOUSAND ISLANDS-SEAWAY

- 28 Robert Moses State Park / B-20
- 29 Wellesley Island State Park / E-16

CENTRAL NEW YORK

- 30 Alder Creek Country Inn / J-18
- 31 Gilbert Lake State Park / N-19
- 32 Glimmerglass State Park / M-20
- 33 Greenwood Park / O-16
- 34 Oak Hill Farm / M-22
- 35 Oseola Tug Hill XC Ski Center / J-17
- 36 Val Bialas / K-18, 19

FINGER LAKES

- 37 Beaver Lake Nature Center / K-14
- 38 Bristol Harbour / M-10
- 39 Cumming Nature Center / N-10
- 40 Greek Peak Mountain Resort / N-15
- 41 Highland Forest County Park / M-16
- 42 Podunk XC Ski Center / N-13

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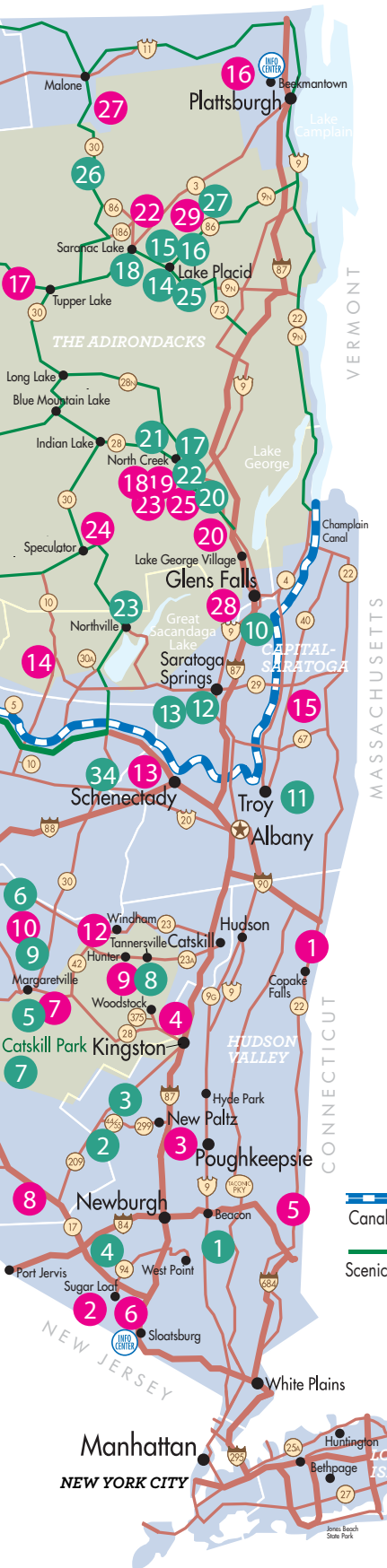
- 43 Byrncliff Resort / M-7

CHAUTAUQUA-ALLEGHENY

- 44 Allegany State Park / P-5
- 45 Art Roscoe XC Ski & Mtn Bike Area / P-5
- 46 Holiday Valley Resort / O-6
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- 48 Peek'n Peak Resort / P-2

DOWNHILL SKI AREAS | ●

Travel Information



HUDSON VALLEY

- 1 Catamount Ski Area / P-25
- 2 Mount Peter / T-22
- 3 Rocking Horse Ranch / R-23
- 4 Sawkill Family Ski Center / Q-23
- 5 Thunder Ridge Ski Area / S-25
- 6 Tuxedo Ridge / U-23

THE CATSKILLS

- 7 Belleayre Mountain / P-21
- 8 Holiday Mountain / R-21
- 9 Hunter Mountain / P-22
- 10 Plattekill Mountain / O-21
- 11 Villa Roma Resort / R-19
- 12 Windham Mountain / O-22

CAPITAL-SARATOGA

- 13 Maple Ski Ridge / L, M-23
- 14 Royal Mountain / K-21
- 15 Willard Mountain / K-25

THE ADIRONDACKS

- 16 Beartown Ski Area / B-25
- 17 Big Tupper Ski Area / E-21
- 18 Dynamite Hill Recreation / H-23
- 19 Gore Mountain / H-23
- 20 Hickory Ski Center / I-24
- 21 McCauley Mountain / H-19
- 22 Mt Pisgah / E-22
- 23 North Creek / H-23
- 24 Oak Mountain / I-22
- 25 Ridin-Hy Ranch Resort / H-24
- 26 Snow Ridge Ski Area / I-18
- 27 Titus Mountain / B-22
- 28 West Mountain / J-24
- 29 Whiteface Lake Placid / E-23

THOUSAND ISLANDS-SEAWAY

- 30 Dry Hill Ski Area / G-16

CENTRAL NEW YORK

- 31 Caz Ski Club / L-17
- 32 Val Bialas / K-18, 19
- 33 Woods Valley Ski Area / J-18

FINGER LAKES

- 34 Brantling Ski Slopes / J-12
- 35 Bristol Mountain Resort / M-10
- 36 Camillus Ski Association / K-15
- 37 Four Seasons Golf & Ski / L-16
- 38 Greek Peak Mountain Resort / N-15
- 39 Hunt Hollow Ski Club / N-10
- 40 Labrador Mountain / M-15
- 41 Powder Mills Park / K-11
- 42 Skaneateles Ski Club / L-14
- 43 Song Mountain Resort / M-15
- 44 Toggenburg Mountain / M-16

GREATER NIAGARA

- 45 Buffalo Ski Club / M-5
- 46 Kissing Bridge / N-6

CHAUTAUQUA-ALLEGHENY

- 47 Holiday Valley / O-6
- 48 HoliMont Ski Area / O-6
- 49 Peek'n Peak Resort / P-2
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- 51 Swain - Northampton / N-9
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Accurate at time of printing. Call to verify using web and phone numbers on ski grids.

GATEWAY INFORMATION CENTERS

Adirondack/Beekmantown. I-87 southbound between exits 41 and 40, West Chazy, 800/487-6887, 518/846-8016. Memorial Day-Labor Day, 8am-8pm; other dates, 8am-5pm.

Binghamton/Kirkwood. I-81 northbound, Kirkwood. Summer, 8am-8:30pm; spring/fall 8am-8pm; winter, 8am-6pm.

Thousand Islands International Council. I-81 southbound, Exit 50S. 800/8ISLAND, 315/482-2520. Mid-May- Columbus Day, daily 8am-6pm; mid Oct-mid May, Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm.

ROAD CONDITIONS AND RULES OF THE ROAD

- **For travel and traffic information, go to 511ny.org or call 511.**
- For roadside assistance call **911** or look for instructions posted on some highways.
- **Seat belts are required** in NYS for all front seat passengers regardless of age and rear seat passengers under 16 years of age.
- **An appropriate child safety restraint system is required for all children until their 8th birthday.** It must meet the size and weight requirements for the child based on the Federal requirements and the recommendations of the manufacturer. This can be a child safety seat, a harness, a vest or a booster seat attached with the vehicle seat belt or latch system. It should not be used in the front seat of the vehicle. If the child is eight years old or more and is under 4'9" tall or weighs less than 100 lbs, it is recommended that you continue to use a child restraint system.
- **Only passenger vehicles are permitted on NYS parkways.** Trucks, utility vans and other commercial vehicles are prohibited.
- **Use of handheld cellphones is prohibited** while operating a motor vehicle in NYS.
- **New York State Thruway E-Z Pass** information: e-zpassny.com or call 800/333-8655.
- **Pedestrians have the right of way in crosswalks.** When traffic controls are not in place, or inoperative, drivers of motor vehicles must yield to pedestrians entering or crossing within a crosswalk.

Step into a Snowshoeing Adventure!



A white carpet awaits you! Discover the tranquil beauty of New York's winter wonderland—one step at a time.

A simple means of transportation for thousands of years, snowshoeing's now a popular winter sport across New York. It's a fantastic way to enjoy our great outdoors, get a great workout—and burn 600 calories an hour! This friendly sport's easy to learn, inexpensive, and fun for the whole family. Sunny meadows, pine-scented forests and lofty mountains have trails ideal for every age and ability—from steep to smooth. And as the saying goes: If you can walk, you can snowshoe.

Some of the best places for snowshoeing are cross-country ski centers, usually at or near a ski resort (see pages 6 to 15). And from Long Island to Chautauqua-Allegheny, our state parks provide a variety of splendid settings. Take a slow-paced wildlife hike on a nature trail in the Thousand Islands or along Manhattan's waterfront on the Hudson Valley Greenway. Follow a restored towpath in Old Erie Canal State Park that crosses through the Finger Lakes and Central New York.

For a vigorous adventure with breathtaking lake views, trek the mountain trails of Minnewaska State Park Preserve in the Hudson Valley. Hearty and experienced snowshoe enthusiasts



head out for backpack trips and alpine climbs in the Catskills and Adirondacks. Near Lake Champlain, Macomb Reservation State Park offers great wilderness snowshoeing.

Check out special events at nature centers or hire a licensed guide, who can show you great places to explore and provide valuable pointers to enhance your experience. See NYS Outdoor Guides Association: nysoga.org/snowshoeing.html

Whatever path or pace you prefer, it's time to get started! Dress for the weather in comfortable layers. Bring water, snacks and maybe a GPS and camera. Step into New York's frosted wonderland, and let your adventures begin!

For ideas and information on wonderful places to snowshoe, see New York State Parks at nysparks.com, Ski Areas of NY at iskiny.com, and NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation: www.dec.ny.gov ♥



COOL CATCHES: Winter Fishing in NY!

From the Atlantic Ocean to Great Lake Erie, New York's world-class winter fishing lures anglers from near and far!

Winter anglers catch a variety of fish—perch, pickerel, northern pike and walleye—in waters across New York. The lower Niagara River, one of the best winter trout fisheries on the continent, has brown trout; rainbow trout (including steelhead); lake trout; and Atlantic, Chinook, Coho and pink salmon. Trophy-sized steelhead winter in the warmer rapids of Great Lakes tributaries.

In the Thousand Islands-Seaway region, the Salmon and Oswego rivers boast spectacular fishing, as do large streams like the Genesee, Oak Orchard and Black River. The deepest Finger Lakes seldom freeze. Shore fishers are drawn to Watkins Glen Pier on Seneca Lake and Taughannock Falls State Park on Cayuga, great for catching landlocked salmon, brown trout, bass and panfish.

Long Island hosts the Sportfishing Expo, at Nassau Coliseum in January, and the I FISH NY Spring Fishing Festival, in Belmont Lake State Park each April. Tidal sections of some Long Island rivers are open year-round for fly fishing, offering trophy-size trout. For extreme action and adventure, join a charter for winter cod fishing off Montauk!



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Ice-fishing opportunities abound—from smaller venues like Central New York's Glimmerglass State Park to Lake Ontario's Sodus Bay, a 3,000-acre smörgåsbord of pike, perch and walleye. You'll need an ice chisel, skimmer, line, hooks, sinkers and bait—plus layers of warm clothing! The weather ranges from blustery cold to spring-like March days, offering some of the season's most productive fishing. Be sure to check the ice for safety.



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The eastern end of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River gateway offer some of the nation's best panfish ice jigging. Near Pulaski in the Thousand Islands, the Sandy Pond Sportsman's Association (sandypondsportsmans.com) and Salmon River Sport Fishing Museum (salmonriverfishingmuseum.com) sponsor ice-fishing derbies each February.

Black Lake, the largest of the Indian River Lakes, promises good North Country ice angling for walleyes, northern pike and yellow perch. Oneida Lake is renowned for walleye and perch "ice-bites." Jig for lake trout and salmon on Lake George with spectacular Adirondack Mountain views.

Find fishing guides at NYS Outdoor Guides Association: nysoga.com.

NYS's Dept. of Environmental Conservation posts Fishing Hotlines, tips and information on licenses, safety and regulations: www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/fishing.html

Bundle up and drop a line. Your catch is already iced! ♥



SNOWMOBILING is Cool in New York State!

Why do snowmobilers love New York? For starters, there's abundant snow, 10,000 miles of trails, and breathtaking scenery. From the Adirondacks to the shores of Lake Erie, you'll find great adventures, cool events and warm welcomes!

Many routes connect towns where rider-friendly restaurants and inns cater to snowmobilers. The Adirondack village of Old Forge, with over 500 miles of groomed trails and events like the annual Snodeo, is called the Snowmobile Capital of the East.

In the Thousand Islands-Seaway region, the vast Tug Hill Plateau boasts an average of 250 inches of lake-effect snow every year. Winona State Forest, about an hour north of Syracuse, has endless miles of forested trails ideal for snowmobiling.

Groomed and marked trails wind around frozen lakes and waterfalls in the Finger Lakes, along the Grand Canyon of the East in Greater Niagara, into the pristine Adirondacks, and over waves of rolling hills in Chautauqua-Allegany.

Discover snowmobile trails and cozy accommodations at more than 40 state parks throughout New York. Allegany State Park has 90 miles of groomed trails—along with 150 winterized cabins and cottages. Letchworth offers spectacular snowmobile trails, comfy cabins and a lodge. The park's campground connects to the NYS snowmobile trail system.

Plan your adventure before heading out. Check out the New York State Snowmobile Association at www.nysnowmobiler.com for information on snowmobile clubs, events, rider-friendly inns, trail maps and helpful tips.

New DMV websites can help you get a NY registration and pay trail fees quickly (see More Information). For a quick and easy start, join a club or try a snowmobile tour with outfitters such as Snow Tours Inc.

On the trails, you'll see everything from a bold fresh perspective. Dress up warm and start your engines! ❤️





Rules of the Ride:

- Never drink alcohol before or during a drive.
- Respect landowners' property; obey posted signs and stay on the marked trail.
- Ride within your ability at a safe and prudent speed.
- Keep right, share the trail and yield to groomers.
- Be prepared for changing trail and weather conditions.
- Obey NYS snowmobiling laws.
- Wear appropriate attire and a helmet.
- Always check your brakes, fuel and belt drive before going out.
- Avoid frozen or seemingly frozen waterways.
- Always ride with another snowmobiler.

More Information:

DMV Snowmobile Registration/ NYS Residents: dmv.ny.gov

DMV Snowmobile Registration/ Out of State: dmv.ny.gov

NYS Snowmobile Trail System:
www.dec.ny.gov

NYS Rider Training Programs:
nysparks.com/recreation/snowmobiles/education.aspx

NYS Parks: nysparks.com

SNOWMOBILE GEAR, TOURS & EQUIPMENT RENTALS

Here are some places to get you started. For more, go to iloveny.com or nyssnowassoc.org.

Adirondack Mountain Sports

Indian Lake (rentals)
518/648-0215
adirondackmountainsports.com

Clark's Marina

Inlet (rentals)
315/357-3231
clarksmarina.com

Flat Rock Inn

Lowville (rentals)
315/376-2332
flatrockinn.net

Highmarket Sports

Constableville (rentals)
315/397-2216
highmarketsports.com

Kovach Rentals

Brantingham
315/348-4060
kovachrentals.com

Lake Placid Snowmobiling Inc.

Lake Placid (tours)
518/523-3596
lakeplacidsnowmobiling.com

Old Forge Sports Tours

Thendara
315/369-3796
ofsporttours.com

Timberview Lodge

Turin (rentals)
315/348-8400
timberview.com

Village Rentals and Sales

Speculator (rentals and tours)
518/548-RENT
villagerentalsny.com

Wolcott Farms

Trailside Lodge at Letchworth State Park
Warsaw (rentals)
585/786-3504
wolcottfarms.com



IN SALAMANCA, ALLEGANY STATE PARK'S UPDATED "GROUP CAMP 5" CAN HOLD UP TO 72 PEOPLE IN 18 CABINS AND BOASTS NEW RESTROOM AND BATHING FACILITIES PLUS AN UPDATED MESS HALL. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 800/456-2267 OR VISIT ENCHANTEDMOUNTAINS.COM/PLACE/ALLEGANY-STATE-PARKS-GROUP-CAMP-5

Glide, Slide and Twirl!

Skating across New York

In ancient times, skates were made of bone or wood. Today, ice-skating's still a favorite winter sport for fun, fitness, challenge or just cool relaxation. From Rockefeller Center in New York City, to Lake Placid's Olympic Speed Skating Oval, to Allegany State Park out west, New York presents some of the world's greatest places to get your glide on!

Ice-skate at resorts, ski mountains, city rinks, state parks, lakes and ponds across New York State. Many sites have rentals, refreshments, lessons and lockers available. For more information call 800/CALL-NYS or visit iloveny.com. Here's a sample to get you started:

NEW YORK CITY

Prospect Park, *Brooklyn*. Two brand-new ice-skating rinks; 585-acres. Events, food trucks. prospectpark.org/visit/activities/ice-skating

The Rink at Bryant Park Winter Village, *Manhattan*. Free ice-skating, skate rentals, lockers, lessons, shows and special events. Behind the New York Public Library in midtown, the 170' x 100' rink is perfect for a daytime glide or a spin under the stars! bryantpark.org/things-to-do/wintervillage.html

The Rink at Rockefeller Center, *Manhattan*. One of the city's most celebrated traditions. Swirl and twirl with bustling crowds and sparkling lights as backdrop. With room for only 150 skaters at a time, it's an intimate experience. rockefellercenter.com/tour-and-explore/the-rink-at-rockefeller-center

Trump-Wollman Rink in Central Park, *Manhattan*. Gliding across the ice is magical in Central Park, with the city skyline in the background. wollmanskatingrink.com



LONG ISLAND

Harborfront Park, *Port Jefferson*. Waterfront ice-skating rink in a village of charming shops and cozy cafes. portjeff.com/featured-events/ice-skating

HUDSON VALLEY

Bear Mountain Ice Rink, *Bear Mountain*. Ice skating at the state park, beside the Bear Mountain Inn and Carousel. bearmountainicerink.com

Mohonk Mountain House, *New Paltz*. Lakeside Victorian castle has a covered ice-skating rink. Named America's #1 Resort Spa by *Condé Nast Traveler!* mohonk.com/activities/dayguests/winter

THE CATSKILLS

Villa Roma Resort, *Callicoon*. Outdoor fun on-site includes ice-skating and skiing. Named a Top 10 Family Resort by *ResortsandLodges.com*. villaroma.com

Windham Mountain Adventure Park, *Windham*. Family fun, day and night. Grab a hot cocoa in Sliders Café before lacing up your ice skates at the 120' by 60' skating rink! windhammountain.com/events-activities/adventure-park

CAPITAL-SARATOGA

Empire State Plaza Ice Rink, *Albany*. Free ice-skating in a reflecting pool that's transformed into an ice-skating rink in winter! Bring your skates or rent some on-site. winter.empirestateplaza.org/empire-skate-plaza-ice-rink

Pineridge Cross Country Ski Area, *East Postenkill*. Miles of groomed wooded trails include unique skating trails, lighted for moonlight glides. pineridgexc.com

Saratoga Spa State Park, *Saratoga Springs*. Winter activities in the historic park include ice-skating and ice-hockey. nysparks.com/parks/saratogaspaspa

THE ADIRONDACKS

Lake George Winter Carnival, *Lake George*. Winter fun every weekend in February includes ice-skating, ice-fishing and ice-sculpting. lakegeorgewintercarnival.com

Olympic Speed Skating Oval, *Lake Placid*. Skate with High Peaks views at the Olympic Center Sports Complex, site of the 1932 and 1980 Olympic Winter Games. International competitions, USA Hockey and Smuckers' Stars on Ice. whiteface.com/facilities/olympic-center

THOUSAND ISLANDS-SEAWAY

Thompson Park, *Watertown*. Historic Olmsted-designed gem with ice skating, sledding and cross-country ski trails. watertown-ny.gov/index.asp?NID=140

CENTRAL NEW YORK

Glimmerglass State Park, *Cooperstown*. Ideal for winter sports including ice-skating and ice-fishing. nysparks.com/parks/28

FINGER LAKES

Clinton Square Ice Rink, *Syracuse*. One of the city's most popular spots; open-air skating in the heart of downtown. www.syracuse.ny.us/parks/clintonSquareRink.html

GREATER NIAGARA

Rotary Rink at Fountain Plaza, *Buffalo*. Free ice-skating; beautiful skyline views. buffaloplacem.com/rotaryrink

CHAUTAUQUA-ALLEGHENY

Allegany State Park, *Salamanca*. Ice-skating, ice-fishing and other winter sports. nysparks.com/parks/1/details.aspx ♥





TASTE  NY
 Celebrate
 the
 Season!

Peint O Gwrw, an authentic Welsh pub in Chatham, with fireside dining and seasonal beers from Chatham Brewing, just down Main Street.

Ski Whiteface, the greatest vertical in the East, and then follow the intoxicating aroma to Oscar's Adirondack Smoke House in Warrensburg, famous for smoked meats and cheeses. The legendary Noonmark Diner in Keene serves home-made soups and fresh-baked pies. Owned by the founders of Cold River Coffee Company, Blue Moon Café in Saranac Lake features fresh-roasted brews and locally sourced foods like High Peaks Herdmaster, a regional organic cheese.



It's the prime season to taste some of the world's best ice wines along the Niagara Wine Trail. A half-hour's drive from Buffalo's acclaimed art museums, theaters and chicken wings, it was just rated New York's most cutting-edge wine region by the New York Times. Nearby, you can visit Niagara Falls State Park; open year-round, it's a frosted wonderland in winter!

Beside Great Lake Ontario in the Thousand Islands—a haven for ice fishing and cross-country skiing—Sackets Harbor Brewing Company pairs upscale pub fare with original craft beers brewed on-site.

See page 56 of the Summer section and visit iloveny.com for more information on great New York culinary adventures. ♥



Winter's a tasteful celebration—from celebrity-owned restaurants and markets in New York City, to the Hudson Valley's artisan cheeses and International Pickle Festival, to award-winning ice wines along the Niagara Wine Trail.



Food & Drink

cheesecake at a New York City landmark after a Broadway show. Sample Lunar New Year specialties in Chinatown or latkes at Katz's, New York City's oldest deli. With Carnegie Hall next door and Lincoln Center down the street, the historic Russian Tea Room attracts actors, dancers and musicians with classic cuisine and posh Old World ambiance.



Dine elegantly in the Hudson Valley at the Mohonk Mountain House, voted America's #1 Resort Spa, and the Culinary Institute, offering classes on international specialties, from Christmas cookies to Valentine treats and Irish soda bread. Hidden gems include

For starters, there's endless variety: fine dining in restaurants with world-famous chefs, original New York Pizza, New Skete Monastery's heavenly cheesecakes, Saratoga Chips, Utica Greens, Genesee Monks' Bread, Buffalo Wings at the Anchor Bar (where they were invented), and fresh-tapped maple syrup at farms across New York. Award-winning wineries and breweries offer seasonal specialties, from Long Island to Lake Erie.



Seaside to mountaintop, the settings are just as diverse. Enjoy seafood with an ocean view on Long Island, dinner après ski at an Adirondacks resort, or



Shopping's in Season! Cool Places, Hot Deals

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Along with happy memories, there's plenty more to bring back from a New York getaway. From forward fashions in New York City to Amish Country crafts in Chautauqua, fabulous finds make great souvenirs and holiday gifts!

New York City's amazing variety runs from superstores like Barneys and Bergdorf Goodman to pop-up holiday markets and the indoor Brooklyn Flea, where over 100 vendors sell everything

from artisan cheeses to vintage jewelry. Take a stroll along fashionable Fifth Avenue to see museum-quality window displays and try out all the latest gadgets at the flagship Apple Store.

Kids of all ages love the iconic toy stores, F.A.O. Schwarz, the Lego Store and Toys "R" Us Times Square—a fun wonderland with a 60-foot Ferris wheel, life-size Barbie Dollhouse and 20-foot animatronic T-Rex. Be fabulous at bargain prices with the landmark Loehmann's and Century 21 Department Stores' designer fashions

and housewares. Find more on NYC Shopping at nycgo.com

Great Outlets

Inspired by New York City, upscale malls and outlet centers upstate are always in fashion. A stunning three-story glass atrium provides perfect weather year-round at Destiny USA. The hot new megacenter in Syracuse combines luxury retailers and premium outlets—from Armani to Zumiez—with diverse restaurants and unique entertainment including the world's largest indoor ropes course! ♥

The 100+ stores of Waterloo Premium Outlets, also in the Finger Lakes, and the Adirondacks' Factory Outlets of Lake George put savings within easy reach of ski resorts. Woodbury Common in the Hudson Valley boasts one of the world's largest collections of designer outlets. Find stylish clothes and gifts amid 165 shops at Long Island's Tanger Outlets. Five minutes from the spectacular waterfalls, Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls include 150 brand-name stores.

Town and Country

Hudson Valley's historic river towns such as Nyack, Rhinebeck and Hudson are known for some of the nation's best antique hunting. Just outside Hudson, shop for hand-crafted woolly gifts, herbs, fresh eggs and maple syrup at Blackberry Hill Farm (blackberryhillfarm.org). Artists of Sugar Loaf Art & Craft Village present their work in dozens of studios. Country roads in the Catskills lead to unique shops and art galleries in friendly villages like Woodstock.

Near Saratoga Springs visit the Alpacas of Breezy Hill Ranch amid the picturesque farmland of Hebron to find soft, non-itchy woolies, from scarves to Teddy bears. For hours, events and tours, call 518/854-3680 or see alpacasofbreezyhillranch.com.

Find unique Adirondack regional crafts, from baskets to rustic-style furniture, in Bolton Landing, Saranac Lake and other mountain villages. Hotspots for local specialties and fine craftsmanship also include Corning's Gaffer District, Buffalo's historic Allentown neighborhood and Broadway Market, Troy's Gristmill Antique Center, and East Aurora's restored Roycroft Campus.

Find shopping information at iloveny.com ♥



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ELMWOOD AVENUE,
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EMERSON PLACE,
MOUNT TREMPER
IN THE CATSKILLS



PROCTOR'S THEATER, SCHENECTADY

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In Utica, the Stanley Theatre's Mexican terra cotta and tiled mosaic exterior holds a lavish gold-leaf Baroque interior, with Hapsburg lions and a multitude of angels and cherubs. Concerts and shows feature acclaimed musicians, dance and theater. 315/724-1113; thestanley.org

Rochester's celebrated Geva Theatre Center tickles your funny bone with unique improv, comedians like Jerry Seinfeld, and lively comedies. Other highlights: musicals, dramas and holiday classics. 585/232-4382; gevatheatre.org

A wonderful world of puppets entertains and touches the hearts of both children and adults, at the Open Hand Theater in Syracuse. Bonus: Nearby, Syracuse's Little Italy has amazing cafes and bakeries! 315/476-0466; openhandtheater.org

The Mulroy Civic Center Theaters, in Syracuse's stunning three-block Oncenter, present the renowned Syracuse Opera's fully-staged productions, top musical acts like the Goo Goo Dolls, and a series of touring Broadway shows. 315/435-8000; oncenter.org

Broadway comes to Buffalo's theater district to spice up the season! Great shows at Shea's Performing Arts Center are highlighted by their popular Broadway Series, featuring six fully-staged productions. 716/847-1410; sheas.org

All this and we've barely brushed the footlights! Visit iloveny.com for information on over 100 regional theaters and performing arts centers across the state. Let New York's northern stars light up your winter! ❤️

Upstate Theater

Bright Lights, Big Entertainment!

Inspired by New York City, the world's entertainment capital, Upstate theaters shine bright! From Long Island to Buffalo, historic theaters and cutting-edge art centers light up winter nights with world-class music, dance, comedy and theater—from opera to top Broadway shows.

Long Island sets the stage for great entertainment. Stony Brook's Staller Center features artists such as the Grammy-winning Emerson String Quartet, Bill Cosby, traveling Broadway musicals and Jim Henson's *Sid the Science Kid!* 631/632-2787; stallercenter.com

Nearby, the Tilles Center presents renowned artists like Kristin Chenoweth, Ben Vereen, Zubin Mehta & the Israel Philharmonic, the Duke Ellington Orchestra, and fully-staged operas, ballet, Broadway and children's theater. Holiday shows include Handel's *Messiah* and the Long Island Philharmonic's traditional New Year's Eve Concert, concluding with a ball



OPEN HAND THEATER, SYRACUSE

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drop as the audience sings *Auld Lang Syne*. 516/299-3100; tillescenter.org

Frank Gehry's architecturally bold design of the Fisher Center at Bard College almost steals the show! Fortunately, the music, theater, dance and opera are stunning too! 845/758-7900; fishercenter.bard.edu

Majestic theaters in Capital-Saratoga include Proctor's in Schenectady (proctors.org) and Albany's Palace (palacealbany.com), presenting an annual holiday favorite, the Moscow Ballet's *Great Russian Nutcracker*. World-class musicians love to play in the acoustically perfect 1875 Troy Music Hall (troymusicall.org) and innovative EMPAC Center. empac.rpi.edu

As the Snow Melts Spring Action Begins!

Don't fret when the snow melts. New York offers great adventures in every season! Springtime brings fresh-blooming fun—from wild whitewater rafting and fast mountain biking, to world-class fishing, fragrant flower shows and the sweetest maple festivals!

As ski season winds down, it's time for spring action! There's mountain biking on ski trails (lifts take you and your bike up), wild whitewater rafting and rock-climbing. Shoot down world-class rapids of the Hudson River Gorge, rated a Top 10 US whitewater trip, or Moose River, called the most intense whitewater tour in the East! The gentler Sacandaga's even popular with younger groups. Expert guides in the Adirondacks include Beaverbrook Outfitters (beaverbrook.net). Outfitters rafting the dramatic Black River Canyon, near Watertown, include B.O.B. Rafting. bobrafting.com

Just 90 miles north of Manhattan, expert guides like Mountain Skills show rock climbers the ropes in the famous Gunks—the East Coast's greatest climbing area a/k/a the Shawangunk Mountains. They also lead waterfall rappelling and mountaineering in the legendary Catskills and hiking amid the breathtaking Adirondack High Peaks! mountainskills.biz



MAPLE SUGARING
IN BAINBRIDGE



MOUNTAIN BIKING
AT SKI PLATTEKILL

When trout season opens on April 1, anglers flock to legendary streams in the Catskills and Adirondacks for some of the nation's best fishing. Get tips at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center (cffcm.net). Catch super-size chinook salmon in Lake Ontario from late April through May. The Finger Lakes, Thousand Islands-Seaway and Montauk's surf are also fishing hot spots. Local tackle shops can hook you up with a license and guide. See DEC's website for information: www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/fishing.html

On Maple Weekends, in March, over 100 maple farms from the Hudson Valley to Chautauqua offer syrup-making demonstrations, tours, tasting and family fun. Sweet! mapleweekend.com

Spring events are in full bloom! In April, New York City's Tribeca Film Festival screens over 200 movies, including world premieres. Thousands of exotic orchids perfume the air at New York Botanical Garden's Orchid Show, March to April. From April to mid-May, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's cherry blossom festival is another NYC rite of spring. nycgo.com

In May, stroll amid thousands of colorful blooms during Albany's Tulip Festival and Rochester's fragrant Lilac Festival. It's also a perfect season for golf and tennis at full-service resorts across New York. Batter-up as baseball season opens, or catch the excitement of NASCAR races starting in April at Watkins Glen International. theglen.com

Find more information at iloveny.com ♥

EVENTS

WINTER



New York City

11/27 | 88th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade | Manhattan (W-24) | Giant balloons, floats, marching bands and celebrities kick off the holiday season; world-famous extravaganza. macys.com/parade

12/3 | Rockefeller Center Tree Lighting | Manhattan (W-24) | Decorated with more than 30,000 multi-colored, energy-efficient LED lights, and crowned by a Swarovski star. Live entertainment. rockefellercenter.com

12/31 | Times Square New Year's Eve Celebration & Ball Drop | Manhattan (W-24) | Celebrities, music, dazzling pyrotechnics and about a million people. timesquarenyc.org

3/17 | St. Patrick's Day Parade | Manhattan (W-24) | 250,000 marchers; bagpipers, marching bands from around the world; NYC tradition since 1762. nycstpatriksparade.org

Long Island

Early Dec | Dickens Festival | Port Jefferson (V-27) | Victorian holiday marketplace, food, music, carriage & trolley rides, historic house tours, parade. portjeff.com

Mid Feb-Mid Mar | Jazz on the Vine, Winterfest | Huntington (V-31, 32) | Six weekends of jazz, activities and wine tasting on Long Island's East End. liwinterfest.com

Hudson Valley

End of Nov | 17th Annual International Pickle Festival | Rosendale (Q-23) | Food, music, dancing, pickle contests, prizes. picklefest.com

Early Dec | Christmas in the Village | Monroe T-23) 19th-century music and holiday festivities. Museum Village. museumvillage.org

The Catskills

Nov 28-Dec 24 | Jeffersonville Holiday Festivities | Jeffersonville (R-20) | Season-long celebration: sleigh rides on Main St, breakfast with Santa, food, shopping, special events. jeffersonvilleny.com

Capital-Saratoga

Early Dec | NYS Holiday Tree Lighting & Fireworks | Albany (M-24) | Festival marketplace, music, family fun, train show, chocolate fest. Empire State Plaza. empirestateplaza.org

12/7 | Troy Victorian Stroll | Troy (M-24) | Annual holiday tradition in historic downtown; music, entertainment, trolley tours, vendors, shopping. victorianstroll.com

Mid-Feb | Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show and Sale | Albany (M-24) | Vendors display and sell gems, jewelry, minerals and fossils. Food. www.nysm.nysed.gov/programs/minerals

The Adirondacks

12/12-14 | Lake Placid Holiday Village Stroll | Lake Placid (E-23) | Children's activities, special events, nightlife, shopping, dining specials and entertainment options. lakeplacid.com/holidays

Early Feb | Saranac Lake Winter Carnival | Saranac Lake (E-22) | Ice palace, concerts, food, chocolate fest, parade, fireworks. saranaclake.com

Feb | Lake George Winter Carnival | Lake George Village (I-24) | Winter fun festivities every weekend: races, rides, cook-off, parade. lakegeorgewintercarnival.com

Thousand Islands-Seaway

Mid-Nov-Dec | 20th Annual Festival of Trees | Clayton (E-15) Thousand Islands Museum. timuseum.org

12/3 | Christmas in Cape Vincent | Cape Vincent (F-14) | Christmas parade (1pm), caroling, tree lighting, dance, breakfast with Santa at Aubrey's Inn. 315/654-3774; capevincent.org

Late Jan-Early Feb | Massena Winter Carnival | Massena (B-20) | Dog sled races, 5-K run, hockey tournaments, family fun, fireworks, parade. massenachamber.com

Central New York

11/28-29 | Thanksgiving at The Farmers' Museum | Cooperstown (M-20) | 1845-style holiday music, fun, decorations, food and shopping. farmersmuseum.org

2/TBA | Cooperstown Winter Carnival | Cooperstown (M-20) | Family fun, parade and fireworks. cooperstowncarnival.org

Finger Lakes

11/14-1/4 | Lights on the Lake | Liverpool (K-15) | Two mile long drive-through show. Music accompaniment on local radio station. lightsonthelake.com

Mid Feb | Syracuse Winterfest | Syracuse (L-15) | Indoor and outdoor events, cook-offs, competitions. syracusewinterfest.com

Greater Niagara

11/6-9 | Christmas in the Country | Hamburg (M-5) | Holiday international artisan marketplace, ranked in America's Top 5; draws more than 55,000. Fairgrounds. yuletideinthecountry.com

11/27-Dec | Festival of Lights | Hamburg (M-5) | Drive through light displays. the-fairgrounds.com

12/5-7, 12-14 | Holiday Happening | Appleton (J-6) | Celebrates the season; Tickets include tasting and an ornament at each winery on the trail. Niagara Wine Trail. niagarawinetrail.org

3/17 | St. Patrick's Day Parade | Buffalo (L,M-5) | buffalostpatricksdaysparade.com

Chautauque-Allegheny

11/7-9, 14-16 | Harvest Wine Weekends | Forestville (N-4) | Sample autumn fare paired with wine at wineries along Lake Erie Wine Trail. 877/326-6561; lakeeriewinecountry.org

12/6 | Christmas Stroll | Ellicottville (O-6) | Arrival of Santa. Living Nativity. Camel and the Reindog parade! ellicottvilleny.com

3/TBA | Ellicottville Winter Carnival | Ellicottville (O-6) | Torchlight parade, fireworks, music, dancing, contests, food. Holiday Valley Resort. holidayvalley.com