



Places to Visit In and Beyond Ithaca

Many of us may have the opportunity to extend our stay in Upstate New York. The communities surrounding Ithaca have changed. For instance, the Corning-Finger Lakes area is now the third most popular tourist destination in the state after NYC and Niagara Falls. Here are some possibilities to explore before or after reunion weekend.

Beer, Wine and Cheese Tours about an hour to three hours' drive west from Ithaca

There are several wineries, craft beer breweries and cheese makers located around the Finger Lakes open for tastings and tours. It has been organized into "trails"

Beer Trail <http://www.fingerlakesbeertrail.com/content/>

Cheese Trail <http://flcheesetrail.com/>

Wine Trails

Cayuga Lake <http://cayugawinetrail.com/>

Keuka Lake <http://www.keukawinetrail.com/>

Seneca Lake <http://www.senecalakewine.com/>

Locals have their favorites so I am suggesting these to visit:

Rasta Ranch Vineyards- just a fun place: Hector

http://www.catchwine.com/wineries/new_york/rasta_ranch_vineyards/

Wagner Vineyards Estate Winery- one of the oldest wineries with 30 different varieties

<http://www.wagnervineyards.com/>

Damiani Wine Cellars- best red <http://www.damianiwinecellars.com/>

Local Produce: Every Saturday and Sunday: Ithaca Farmers Market www.ithacamarket.com/

The Windmill Farm and Craft Market: Penn Yan www.thewindmill.com/

Casino about an hour's drive south from Ithaca

Besides gaming and horse races, this casino brings entertainers for one night concerts: Nichols

<http://www.tiogadowns.com/>

Concerts and Events about an hour to two and a half hours' drive in various directions

Glimmerfest- plays and opera performances starting June 13: Cooperstown

<http://glimmerglass.org/event/calendar/>

GlassFest on Memorial Day Weekend- vendors, walks, parade and fire works: Corning

<http://www.gafferdistrict.com/events/glassfest2.html>

Nascar Races- July 4th week; crowds of people, races. and activities: Watkins Glen

<http://www.theglen.com/Tickets-Events/Event-Calendar.aspx>

At Other Times of the Year about an hour to an hour and a halves' drive west of Ithaca

Dundee Scottish Festival- parade plus more; early September though more Irish, Scottish and Welch events are planned all summer: Dundee http://www.niagaraceltic.com/schedule_areafestivals.html

Grape Festival- late September: Naples <http://www.naplesgrapefest.org/>

Wine Glass Marathon- run or cheer; early October: Finger Lakes to Corning <http://wineglassmarathon.com/>

Cheese Festival- mid October; Monroe <http://www.monroecheesefestival.com/>

Finger Lakes Restaurant Week and more- late October <http://www.marktwaincountry.com/>

Historic Homes most are about an hour from Ithaca in various directions

Although these restored homes are spread throughout the area, it is worthy checking the website for the style, art exhibited and history of most interest.

Marjim Manor- a winery within a restored mansion; Appleton <http://www.marjimmanor.com/>

Great Camp Sagamore - retreat estate of the Vanderbilt family, Raquette Lake, NY

<http://www.greatcampsagamore.org/>

Robertson Museum and Science Center: stately home, digital planetarium, art exhibits: Binghamton

<http://www.roberston.org/>

Genesee Country Village and Museum- 19th century relived: Mumford <https://www.qcv.org/>

Rensselaer County Historical Society: Troy <http://www.rchsonline.org/>

Barnes Hiscock Mansion: Syracuse <http://www.qrbarnes.org/>

Boldt Castle: Heart Island <http://www.boldtcastle.com/visitorinfo/>

Seward House- Secretary of State in Lincoln administration: Auburn <http://sewardhouse.org/>

Harriet Tubman house: Auburn <http://harriethouse.org/>

General website for all the historic homes <http://www.vpa.org/museumsny.html>

Museums about an hour from Ithaca in various directions

Corning Glass Museum- redesigned in the mid 70s, this is a big city museum in a small town: Corning

<http://www.cmoq.org/>

Rockwell Museum- this houses the largest collection of Western art east of the Mississippi: Corning

<http://rockwellmuseum.org/>

Glenn Curtiss Aviation Museum- a hidden treasure of early airplanes and nineteenth century antiques:

Hammondsport <http://www.glennhcurtissmuseum.org/>

Baseball Hall of Fame: Cooperstown <http://www.thisiscooperstown.com/>

National Soaring Museum: known as the gliding capital: Harris Hill, Elmira <http://www.soaringmuseum.org/>

and have an adventure by flying a glider plane: Sailplane Rides <http://www.soaringmuseum.org/>

Museums: very complete list from the Google search https://www.google.com/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&rlz=1C1RNAN_enUS439US481&ion=1&espv=2&es th=1&ie=UTF-8#q=museums+in+finger+lakes+new+york&rflfq=1&tbm=lc

Outlets half an hour up to three hours' drive from Ithaca

Mackenzie Childs- Distinctive designed dinnerware and household items: Aurora

<http://www.mackenzie-childs.com/Content/Aurora/>

Fashion Outlets: Niagara Falls <http://fashionoutletsniagara.com/>

Waterloo Premium Outlets: Waterloo (south of Rochester)

<http://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/outlet.asp?id=9>

Parks and Nature Areas half an hour up to three hours' drive from Ithaca

Visit the various gorges and state parks within a three hour drive. Many of the towns near the parks have interesting shops and eateries.

Every gorge in Ithaca; this site has an extensive list of the gorges and waterfalls in the area

<http://www.visitithaca.com/>

Lechworth State- two waterfalls, trails, Indian buildings, museum, camping sites and Inn: East Aurora

<http://www.lechworthpark.com/>

Greek Peak Mountain Resort- has recently remodeled with fun activities for every season: Cortland

<http://www.greekpeak.net/>

Fillmore Glen State Park is picturesque with its lake inlet, waterfalls, and hiking trails: Moravia

<http://parks.ny.gov/parks/157/details.aspx>

Watkins Glen State Park- most famous of the Finger Lakes parks: Watkins Glen

<http://nysparks.com/parks/142/details.aspx> and nearby Montour Falls- MuraBella's Italian Steakhouse's back wall is part of the falls; excellent food <http://www.murabellasrestaurant.com/>

Mini Grand Canyon- stunningly worth the drive <http://pacanyon.com/> There is even an Ole Covered Wagon Tour <http://olecoveredwagon.com/>

Parks, Golf Courses, Camping: <http://nysparks.com/shpo/>

Towns for Antiques half an hour to two hours' drive from Ithaca

Ithaca: [Found In Ithaca](#); [East Hills Antiques](#); [Pastimes Antiques](#); [Sheldon Hill Vintage & Estate Jewelry](#); [Antiques at City Lights](#); [Ithaca Antique Center](#)

Corning: [94 West Antiques](#); [Mint Velvet Vintage Interiors and Antiques](#); [Twin Tiers Antiques Plaza](#); [Market Street Antiques](#); [Carder Steuben Glass Shop LLC](#)

Hammondsport: [Opera House Antiques](#); [Over the Bridge Antiques](#); [Crooked Lake Antiques](#); [Wild Goose Chase Antiques](#)

Madison has the Madison Bouckville Antique Week, a huge event but there are shops open there all year...www.madison-bouckville.com

Antique Stores <http://www.antiquemalls.com/stores/NY.aspx>

General Information on the Finger Lakes Region <http://www.fingerlakeswinecountry.com/>