

Located in Western New York's scenic uplands, Cattaraugus County is a panorama of thriving communities, rolling farmlands, forests and picturesque waterways. Its wooded hilltops overlook valleys sculptured by glaciers of the Ice Age.

Cattaraugus County has many things to enjoy!

Griffis Sculpture Park is located in Ashford Hollow off Route 219. The 400 acre Ashford Hollow park, located eight miles outside of Ellicottville, is not only a tremendous regional attraction, but holds the distinction of being America's largest and oldest sculpture park.

The park features over 250 large-scale sculptures dispersed through miles of hiking trails. Each sculpture was placed with the natural setting in mind, creating a truly unique experience between art and nature. Visitors are encouraged to touch and climb on the sculptures!

The park is actually split into two sections: Rohr Hill Road Site and Mill Valley Road Site. The Rohr Hill area is characterized by towering sculptures set in fields and woods just off the road. The Mill Valley Road Site features both a smooth walk area, as well miles of trails through a variety of terrain. Whether you have five minutes or five hours, one can always get a flavor of the park.

The Griffis Sculpture Park is open from May 1 to October 31, each year.

Rock City Park, in Olean, off Route 16 South, is sometimes called one of the Eighth Wonders of the World. This prehistoric ocean floor is the World's largest exposure of quartz conglomerate (also called

ocean spar or pudding-stone). Visitors are astounded by gigantic boulders several stories high with huge crevices sometimes referred to as "streets." From "Signal Rock," once used as a signaling point by Indians, visitors enjoy the 1,000 square mile panoramic view of the Enchanted Mountains.

Rock City Park features a three quarter mile natural trail consisting of various steps and paths necessitating comfortable clothing and good walking shoes. During spring and summer you will see a variety of wildflowers, ferns, moss, Mountain Laurel (which blooms late in June) and of course enjoy the quiet serenity of the forest nestled among this geological wonder. Leaf peepers enjoy Rock City Park's spectacular fall foliage.

A brand new 4,200 square foot building features an expanded museum, souvenir and rock shop, virtual video room, and florescent rock room. Guests can also utilize Rock City Park's picnic area and grills. Modern public restrooms are also available and parking is free. Visitors are furnished with a self-guided map and should allow one hour to complete the trail.

Amish Trail: For an intimate look at life in the Enchanted Mountains, travel to another era along New York's Amish Trail where you

will find an Old Order Amish population that honors community, family and Christian Faith, and shuns electricity, phones, cars and other modern conveniences. The Amish intentionally choose to live a simpler life separate from the "English." Take in stunning views as you look for hand-painted signs in front of homes indicating the type of business they operate. The Amish are expert artisans known for

personal property, and do not photograph them as it is against their beliefs.

Allegany State Park: Located just south of Salamanca, Allegany State Park has treated millions of visitors to nature's four-season playground since 1921. Away from the bustling crowds, over 70 miles of hiking trails, three lakes, two sandy beaches and 55 miles of summer equestrian trails entice you to explore the



Photo courtesy Cattaraugus County Tourism
Old-world charm in "Amish Country."



Photo courtesy Cattaraugus County Tourism
Enjoy a unique family experience at Griffith Sculpture park.

their handmade quilts, rugs, furniture, and toys as well as baked goods, candies and jams. They don't accept credit cards. Shops are closed on Sundays, certain holidays, and for barn raisings, funerals and weddings. As you tour, drive cautiously and watch for Amish horse-drawn buggies. Please respect their privacy and

great outdoors.

Pack a picnic and enjoy a relaxing, sunny day on the sandy beaches of Red House Lake or Quaker Lake. Fish off the dock or rent a paddleboat. Take advantage of the many sports fields and courts. Gather the troops for a rousing game of volleyball or fly a kite high over the treetops. Live concerts and a

summer children's program round out family-friendly entertainment.

Hike miles of trails, or put on your helmet and lap the park on rollerblades, mountain bikes, snowmobiles or snowshoes. Glide through snowy woods on the groomed trails of the Art Roscoe Ski Touring Area.

Mountain Coaster at Holiday Valley Mountain Resort: For an effortless adrenaline rush, ride Holiday Valley's Mountain Coaster. Built into the hill-

side, rail "cars" pull two riders up the track only to zigzag down 2,940 hair-raising feet while maneuvering 15 curves, 12 waves, a jump and corkscrew spiral. Handbrakes let you choose the speed of your thrill.

Sky High Adventure Park: Who said Tarzan should have all the fun? Holiday Valley Resort's Sky High Adventure Park, located on four acres of wooded, slope-side terrain, will challenge and thrill visitors ages seven and up. Eight courses dare you to try five challenge levels including platforms, connecting cables, bridges, zip lines and obstacles constructed at various heights to create a heart-pounding outdoor experience. Body harnesses ensure you always have a safe experience.

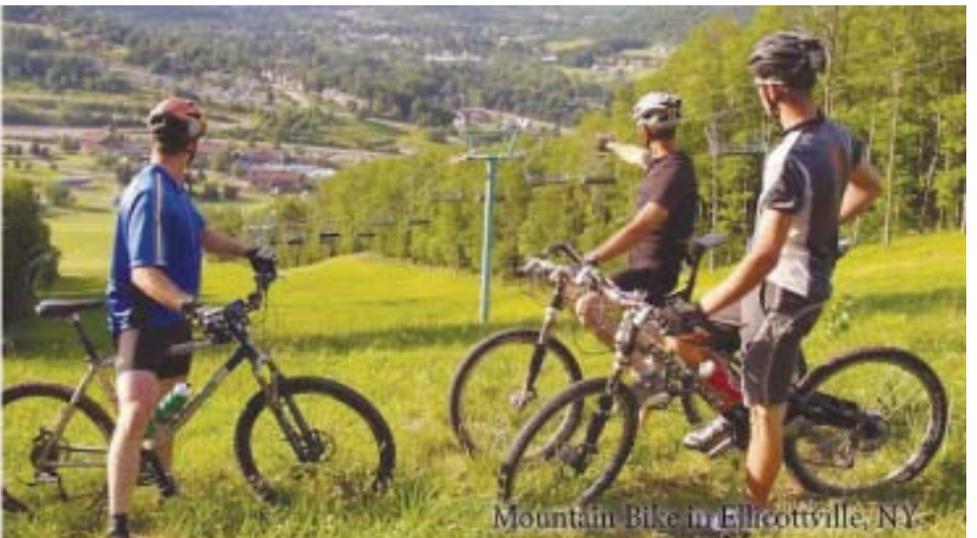


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- * Maple Glen Sugar House in Gowanda
- * Moore's Maple Shack & Pancake House in Freedom
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- * Wright Farms in Farmersville

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Mountain Bike in Ellicottville, NY

A simpler way of life along NY's Amish Trail



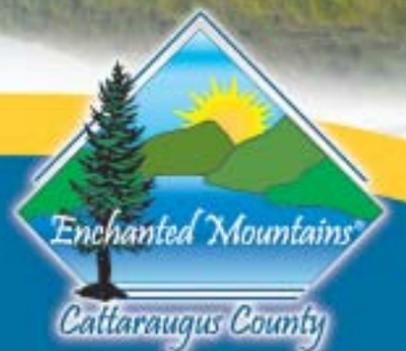
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Four seasons to explore in Wyoming County

Community Sports Report

Explore the "Hidden Gems" of Wyoming County!

Spend an afternoon, or the entire day, getting lost in the wonder that is Wyoming County, your four-season destination for outdoor adventure and family fun. Every season offers something unique to explore, see and do. Take in the tranquility of the woods in winter, whether it's on skis, snowshoes, snowmobiles or horseback. Tap into spring while enjoying the sweetness of maple sugaring, the exhilaration of whitewater rafting, or one of many unique agricultural tours. Camping, hiking, fishing, boating and sight-seeing highlight summer offerings. Did you know that nearly 800,000 tourists from around the nation and the world visit Letchworth State Park, the "Grand Canyon of the East," each year? Fall affords the perfect time to cruise a country road or hike one of many trails and enjoy the season's changing palette.

However, there is much more to discover than just Letchworth State Park. Wyoming County has excitement and adventure for the entire family, many unique items that you may not even know about. Come explore!

Just A "Plane" Bed & Breakfast

Located at the southern tip of Letchworth State Park on Rt. 19A, Just A "Plane" B & B is a unique place to stay, which offers more than a chance to rest your head. Guests to this quaint lodging have the opportunity to take a plane ride unlike any other on earth; through the gorge and over the waterfalls at Letchworth State Park! Capture that once in a lifetime photo from the biplane as it goes where very few others are able to go. For more information, or to schedule your getaway, visit www.just-a-plane.com.

Letchworth Pines

Looking for a fun activity for the entire family? Letchworth Pines is your one-stop shop for bowling, pizza, arcade games and live entertainment. Located in Portageville on Fillmore

Road, the Pines is the place to go for family fun and great food. In the summer, the Pines is home to the "Wyoming County Idol" competition, a singing

more information, visit www.letchworthpines.com. **The Stage of WNY**

Located in the heart of downtown Warsaw, The Stage of WNY is a theater

and spend an afternoon the entire family will enjoy. For more information, including current show schedule, please visit www.thestage-ofwnypc.org.

Hidden Valley Animal Adventure

Have you ever spent the day feeding wild animals? Getting up close and personal with zebras, water buffalo, elk, and ostrich? You and your family can do all that and more right here in Wyoming County! Located off of Rt. 20A in Varysburg, Hidden Valley Animal Adventure is an animal safari featuring over 30 different exotic species of animals. Children of all ages will enjoy a trolley ride through the park, and afterwards choose from two unique dining experiences: The Trailside Grill features all your fast-food favorites while The Lodge is an upscale dining experience. For more information, and tickets, visit www.hiddenvalleyadventure.com.

Balloons Over Letchworth

While the view offered from the side of the gorge at Letchworth State Park is remarkable, the view offered by Balloons Over Letchworth is truly unforgettable. Taking off from inside the park itself, enjoy a hot-air balloon ride right down the middle of the gorge, at either sunrise or sunset. View the sides of the gorge from the middle of it, and feel the rush of the three waterfalls below you. Balloon rides are available every day, May-September, weather permitting. For more information, or to schedule your own adventure, visit www.balloonsoverletchworth.com.

Wyoming County is conveniently located halfway between Rochester and Buffalo, south of the NYS thruway. The county is easily accessible via Rt. 20A from either the east or the west, and is about a 45 minute drive from both Rochester and Buffalo.

For more information on these, and other attractions, in and around Wyoming County, visit www.gowyomingcountyny.com. A full year-long events calendar is online and you can also request a free 2013 Wyoming County Travel Guide by contacting the Chamber & Tourism office at 585.237.0230.



Photo courtesy Wyoming County Chamber & Tourism
Adventure-seekers will surely enjoy Whitewater rafting in Wyoming County.

competition similar to the one made famous by the hit television show. Contestants from around Western New York compete over the course of six weeks to win a grand prize of more than \$2,000. For

showing both live performances and current box office movies. Prices for movies are only \$5 per person, and most of the live theater shows are free! Explore the centuries old building, take in a show,

Wyoming County

all within reach



Explore the "Hidden Gems" of Wyoming County! Take in an animal safari at Hidden Valley Animal Adventure, spend the day in the theater at The Stage of WNY, spend a day at Letchworth Pines, and explore our very own "Grand Canyon of the East" Letchworth State Park from the sky with a plane ride or a hot-air balloon ride!



For more information on spring activities, or for a free Wyoming County Travel Guide, call 1-800-839-3919 or visit www.gowyomingcountyny.com

Discover Allegany County

Allegany County is nestled in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains and offers a wide variety of activities appealing to all visitors.

You will discover a mostly rural countryside interspersed with individually unique villages and hamlets set amidst a stunning landscape of rolling hills, deep valleys, and picturesque streams all connected to the historic Genesee River. Dense state and county forest lands and open fields beckon those who wish to experience the outdoors which showcases spectacular scenery and abundant wildlife.

You'll find an unhurried way of life with a full menu of seasonal activities including hunting and fishing, fairs, holiday celebrations, outdoor sports, and special interest events such as a Trout Derby, an Artisans Tour, a Hot Air Balloon Rally, Heritage Days, and a Garlic Festival to name a few. Accommodations for visitors include a wide range of choices including motels, bed and breakfasts, campgrounds, and rental cabins.

Allegany County offers something for everyone. They boast a variety of "hidden gems."

Alton Saylor Bridge:

Allegany county is known for its bridges. Cross the unique Alton A. Saylor Memorial Bridge, the longest clear span timber

arch bridge in America, on your way in to the historic town of Angelica, NY. For more information on their bridges, The Allegany County Historical Society (in Wellsville) provides a wealth of information on the regions bridges and its history. Check out <http://www.alleganyhistory.org>

Pink House:

Situated on the corner of W. State St. and S. Brooklyn Ave. in Wellsville, NY this private Victorian home stands as a beautiful, historic, and haunted landmark.

Cuba Cheese Shop and Museum:

Acquaint yourself with the long history of the cheese and milk industry in and around Cuba. See how it started and adapted to change as technology and agriculture grew and morphed into what we know it as today. See artifacts and graphics from history and visit the neighboring cheese shop to get a taste of local history.

McKinney Stables:

Added to the national historic register of buildings in 1999 (#99001000), this historic block barn was built in 1905 by New York City businessman, William B. Simpson, to protect the bloodline of his famous stallion "McKinney" whose trotting record was known worldwide.

Wiscoy Falls, (Rossburg):

An impressive five-waterfall cascade below a dam with rough hiking trails and numerous fishing spots along the sides, as well as the old power plant and old mill. Located minutes from Letchworth State Park, this waterfall system beckons photographers, hikers, swimmers, and fishermen alike. This interesting location is noted for its fly fishing.

Hanging Bog:

Over 4,500 acres, including uplands and wetlands, boast miles of trails for hiking, bird watching, camping, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hunting, fishing (rainbow trout and panfish), and trapping.

Moss Lake (Caneadea/Houghton):

As you hike the trail around this nature preserve and lake formed from a glacier melt, you will not only get to see the 15 acre bog lake being covered by a unique sphagnum moss mat, you will also see turtles, frogs, wood ducks, canvasbacks, pied-billed grebes, osprey, deer, woodchucks, and an unbelievable amount of catfish. Moss Lake is a National Natural Landmark. You can get to Moss Lake via route 19 or route 243.

Steinheim Castle:

Currently the Career Development Center for Alfred University, this castle, built in 1875, was originally

built as a home for an AU professor and made to mirror the German architecture that she had grown up around. The original structure was built completely with local rock and wood.

Davis Memorial Carillon:

Originally constructed in 1937 as a memorial to an Alfred University president, 47 bells (largest: 3850 lbs.) still are played from a keyboard of oak batons atop a steel & glass tower. The Wingate Memorial Summer Carillon Series offers recitals from outside carillonists every Tuesday in July at 7pm. This is a historic treasure for the eyes and ears.

Terra Cotta Building and Museum:

See one of the beautiful outcomes of the discovery and history of terra cotta clay in Allegany County at this national historic site added to the register in 1972 (#72000820).

Bare-Knuckle Boxing Hall of Fame (Belfast):

Featured on ESPN, the Bare Knuckle Boxing Hall of Fame offers a glimpse into the history of bare knuckle boxing in Allegany County. Housed in the training barns of champion boxer John L. Sullivan



Photo courtesy Allegany County Office of Tourism

There are no shortage of scenic views in Allegany County!

(where he prepared for the last Bare Knuckle Boxing Championship of the World against Jake Kilrain, a 75-round brawl that took place in 1889 in Richburg, Mississippi) and trainer William Muldoon.

For more information and to see artifacts, documents, and pictures that serve to preserve sports his-

tory go to www.bareknuckleboxinghalloffame.com.

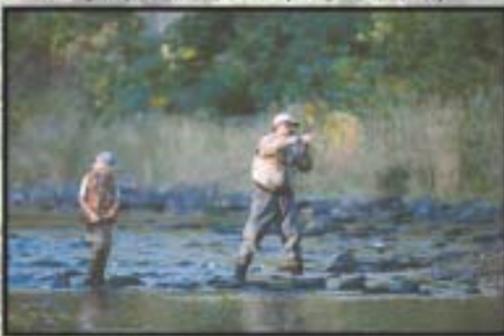
Lavender Festival:

Featuring all things lavender, artists, growers, and crafters gather on this one day to feature their homemade lavender products at the Angelica Farmers' Market. Go to www.projectlavender.com.

Discover Allegany



Allegany County Fair (Angelica, NY)



Wiscoy Creek Fly Fishing (Rossburg, NY)



Tall Pines ATV Park (Andover, NY)



Pink House (Wellsville, NY)



Sportsman Festival (Swain)



Farmers Market (Belmont, NY)



Bare-Knuckle Boxing Hall of Fame (Belfast, NY)

www.discoveralleganycounty.com



Directions:
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Spring means it's time for Trout

Spring has sprung, and that means it is time to trek to one of the many area trout streams and enjoy a day or two of plying the fast waters for one of WNY's most popular pursuits. With this year's winter leaving many ice fishermen frustrated, April 1 and the statewide inland trout opener cannot come soon enough. Light ice throughout much of winter also means boats will hit the water early, but remember to wear your PFD when out for trout or perch on one of the many lakes or navigable rivers.

Lake Erie Perch

Boaters watch the weather closely this time of year in hopes that area launch ramps will be clear enough of ice to put the boat back in the water and head out to the perch grounds off Sunset Bay and Sturgeon Point to get in on the early spring perch runs. Perch packs run near depths between 50 and 60 feet this time of year, and vertically presenting an emerald shiner just off bottom puts big ring-backs in the boat in short order when you anchor over a hungry school. Perch fishing on Lake Erie has improved tremendously over the past few seasons, and all indications point to another stellar year is in the offing. Remember that all anglers must wear a personal flotation device until May 1 when boating on the cold, early



Photo by Rich Davenport

This lucky angler shows off a nice brace of Wiscoy Creek wild brown trout.

spring waters. Best areas for early perch show from Sunset Bay to Dunkirk Harbor throughout much of April.

Allegany County Trout

April 1 marks the statewide inland trout opener, and Allegany County holds one of WNY's premier trout streams – the Genesee River. Winding through the hills of Allegany County, the Genesee holds large brown trout waiting for that spring-time meal. A small red worm worked along bottom, or salted minnow, will draw bites from hungry trout

when water conditions are right. Areas around Wellsville get main mention, and plenty of public access to this waterway exists across much of the upper stretches of this prime trout water. Fly anglers concentrate on nymphing, using gold-ribbed hare's ear presentations. As April wears on, emerging insect patterns and wet flies start to take top honors.

If fishing a lake is more your speed, try Allen Lake, located in north central Allegany County. Shoreline is predominantly accessible by

foot, and a floating dock allows for easy handicapped access. Anglers should cast panther martin spinners, or work minnows or worms under a float. This lake sees its fair share of stocking in the spring, and offers year-round ice fishing as well.

Cattaraugus County Trout

Trout and Cattaraugus County go hand-in-hand, and with one of the best steelhead streams in Cattaraugus Creek running along the northern county border, many anglers flock to "the Catt", plying the waters near Zoar Valley upstream to the Scoby Dam, throughout winter

and spring. The Scoby Dam at roughly 34 miles upstream from Lake Erie divides this 74-mile stream, and talks are well underway to determine whether a fish passage or fish ladder should be installed to allow running Great Lakes rainbows access to the better spawning habitat upstream from the dam. With this former hydro-electric power dam in a state of disrepair, repair work must be done so structurally this dam will meet NYS legal requirements. Steelhead seekers typically work egg-pattern flies, or

wooly buggers to tempt trout holding along edges and near riffles. Spinners and even the simple night crawler also work well. Upstream of the dam sees in-line spinners as the choice to cover water, and salted minnows bounced through deeper pools to trick these wary game fish.

If lakes are more your thing, Allegany State Park's Red House Lake and Quaker Lake offer some spectacular trout fishing at times, for rainbows, brown trout and brookies. Both lakes receive ample stocking of trout by NYS DEC, usually in spring, but again in fall when excess breeders are released from Randolph fish hatchery to Quaker Lake. All standard trout gear works well, with Cleo spoons and 1/4 oz Panther Martins working best.

Wyoming County Trout

Arguably, the most productive inland trout county in WNY, Wyoming County is home to three of our top inland trout streams – the Wiscoy, East Koy and the Oatka.

The Wiscoy Creek offers perhaps the best opportunity for WNY trout anglers to fish for wild browns. Stretches below the waterworks dam in Pike, NY have seen extensive erosion control and aerating work done by US Army Corps of Engineers, and WNY Trout Unlimited, making for high oxygen waters and cool temperatures – perfect for trout to survive year-round. Anglers should expect to do much hiking along the

Wiscoy to find the perfect ambush spots, and waders or hip boots are a must. Bottom-bouncing a red worm or salted minnow in April is tough to beat, as is working gold-ribbed hare's ear nymphs when water conditions permit. Do not fear the stain, as oftentimes a slight stain on this creek makes the fishing easier, and the fish less spooky.

The East Koy, near Gainesville, also proves a popular and productive stream, and with stocking efforts supplementing the populations each year, many large fish can be caught when persistence is employed.

The Oatka, near Warsaw, supports good numbers of browns and brook trout, and is a bit larger in size than the East Koy or Wiscoy. The width of this stream is a fly angler's dream, allowing for long casts in many spots, perfect for presenting a dry fly to rising trout.

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Allegany County's Genesee River Wilds plans new and unique opportunities on the river

Community Sports Report

Genesee River Wilds, a not-for-profit based out of Allegany County in the Southern Tier, has the mission to "restore, protect and enjoy the upper Genesee River." Through the creation of a series of river access parks, the group is creating designated parking and easy access to the river for fishing, kayaking and general enjoyment of the river. These sites, in different stages of development are slated to be open by late spring.

Genesee River Wilds is also working to develop an environmentally sustainable system of nature parks and trail systems, named the Triple Divide Trail System, along the Genesee River watershed from the river's sources in Potter County, Pennsylvania, to the south-

ern boundary of Letchworth State Park in New York. One goal is to develop the use of the Genesee River for multi-use, year round outdoor recreation and enjoyment of the natural environment. The far-reaching strategic plan will eventually link the Genesee Valley Greenway with the Pine Creek Trail in Pennsylvania, as well as three of the most important parks in the region: Letchworth State Park, Allegany State Park, and the state parks and forests that form the "Pennsylvania Grand Canyon."

The plan will also connect to the Western New York Greenway and the Pine Creek Trail, with a larger connection to the East Coast Greenway. The East Coast Greenway runs the entire length of the eastern seaboard. There is great



Photo courtesy Genesee River Wilds, Inc.

Genesee River Fourth Annual River Float, June 2012.

potential for the region through all of these connections in the areas of recreation, tourism, business and hospitality.

Another aspect of their work is conservation and restoration. These efforts would assist in the restoration of the riparian barrier, the buffer along the riverbank that acts as a natural

filter to help minimize toxic runoff from farmlands and decrease the sediment that is harmful to wildlife both in the river and into Lake Ontario.

Genesee River Wilds has many events planned for 2013, including its annual River Float, a full day adventure appropriate for intermediate paddlers who would

like to experience a lazy day on the water. They expect approximately 100 paddlers to attend this year. If you would like to register for the event, please email geneseeiverwilds@gmail.com. The group is currently seeking funding for planning of the trail to connect the Genesee Valley Greenway to WAG Trail in Allegany

County and you are encouraged to find out more about their efforts, events and plans. If you would like to explore the Genesee River "Wilds" please visit www.geneseeiverwilds.com and become a member or contact them directly at 585-268-7472 for more information.