



EXPLORE THE REGION

Travel the region with our guide to must-see outdoor destinations and landmarks in Central New York, the Finger Lakes, and Mohawk Valley.



Outdoor Destinations

Members Choice

See how members across the region are enjoying warmer temps, fewer layers, and days filled with more sunlight. **Add your favorites to the list at wcny.org/outdoordestinations.**

Pick Cherries

Varick Winery's Cherry Festival
Cayuga Lake Wine Trail
5102 St. Rt. 89
Romulus, NY 14541
315- 549-8797
varickwinery.com
June 25 and 26 | 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Free admission | \$4 to taste six wines

Visit the shores of Cayuga Lake for the Varick Winery Cherry Festival. The festival features cherry picking, wine, games for the kids, food, and live music!



Explore the Shores

Watkins Glen Waterfront Festival
211 N. Franklin St.
P.O. Box 332
Watkins Glen, NY 14891
607-535-3003
June 17 and 18

Explore the shores of Seneca Lake in downtown Watkins Glen at the Waterfront Festival. On June 17, enjoy musical entertainment along the Seneca Harbor Waterfront along with the Harbor Light Show when the sun sets. On June 18, visitors are invited to stroll through the Concourse de Cardboard.



Visit the Falls

Chittenango Falls State Park
2300 Rathbun Rd.
Cazenovia, NY 13035
315-637-6111
nysparks.com/parks/130/details.aspx

See a 167-foot waterfall, made from 400-million year-old bedrock. View the falls from the very top, or walk the winding trail into the gorge. Other activities include fishing, hiking and picnicking.



Celebrate Wildlife

10th Annual Wildlife Festival
2295 NY-89
Savannah, NY 13146
315-365-3580
May 7 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
\$2/children 2+, \$4/Adults

Celebrate the importance of the Montezuma Wetlands Complex at the 10th Annual Wildlife Festival. The daylong event features live animal presentations, food, live music, children's games and prizes, a bounce house, crafts and activities, guided bird watching hikes and canoe trips, a native plant sale, and more than 40 vendors and exhibitors.



Hike Green Lakes

7900 Green Lakes Rd.
Fayetteville, NY 13066
315-637-6111
Opens May 12

Enjoy the day hiking, biking, boating, fishing, golfing, hiking, picnicking, or camping at this scenic state park. Take a walk around the two glacial lakes surrounded by upland forest. Or, make it a beach day. Look for rowboat rentals, cabins and campsites, pavilions, a golf course, and playground.



Smell the Violets

Dolgeville Violet Festival
23 South Main St.
Dolgeville, NY 13229
Violetfestival-ny.com
June 10-12

The Dolgeville Violet Festival preserves the historical aspects of the Village of Dolgeville through the use of innovative, artistic, and educational displays throughout the year. The festival draws more than 75 vendors, 80 organizations that participate in the parade and more than 10,000 people to the Village.



Cycle the Erie Canal

Various locations
Visit eriecanalway.org/explore for detailed information

Join people, of all ages and from all over the country for the annual, eight-day, 400-mile, Cycling the Erie Canal bike tour across New York State July 10-17. Along the way, learn about the people, places, and events that shaped the Erie Canal and its vital role in American history. For more information about the bike tour, visit ptny.org/events/annual-bike-tour.



Travel Back to Childhood

Peter Paul Recreation Park
5615 Rome-New London Rd.
Rome, NY 13440
315-339-2666
peterpaulrecreation.com

This family fun spot will keep you and your family occupied for hours! Whether it's racing your kids on the action-packed go-karts, practicing your home run swing in the batting cages, polishing up your pool game in the arcade room, or drenching your friends on the wacky water bumper boats, there's something for everyone.



Explore Sand Plains

Rome Sand Plains
Hogsback Rd.
Rome, NY 13440
315-785-2252

Visit Rome Sand Plains, one of only a handful of inland Pine Barrens in the nation. This natural treasure consists of high sand dunes, low peat bogs, Pine Barrens, hardwood forests, meadows and wetlands. Nature lovers will enjoy bird life, butterflies, and plants.



Fly the Region

Airborne Adventures Ballooning
6255 Haslaurer Rd.
Munnsville, NY 13409
315-761-8201
flyairborne.com

Travel the region in a hot air balloon and see the foothills of the Adirondacks and the Catskills, the distant cities of Utica and Syracuse, numerous lakes and ponds, and woodlands and farms.



Explore the Art Park

Stone Quarry Hill Art Park
3883 Stone Quarry Rd.
Cazenovia, NY 13035
315-655-3196
stonequarryhillartpark.org

Take in art and nature at the Stone Quarry Hill Art Park. This art park features 104 acres of conserved land and more than four miles of trails overlooking the rural landscape of Cazenovia and Madison County. Stone Quarry is both a museum and landscape, serving the dual purpose of exposing visitors to art and nature.



Visit the Beach

Southwick Beach State Park
8119 Southwicks Pl.
Henderson, NY 13650
315-846-5338
Open May 13 - Oct. 9, 2016

Southwick Beach State Park, located on Lake Ontario, is a spacious and popular beach known for swimming and sunning. Other activities include picnicking, hiking, and games on the playing fields. For an extended stay, consider renting a camp site on the water.



Sample Wines

Canandaigua Wine Walk
143 South Main St.
Canandaigua, NY 14424
585-396-0300
May 7 | 4 - 8 p.m.
\$8/glass

Sample the finest Finger Lakes wine while walking historic Canandaigua! Start with a commemorative wine glass for \$8 at and enjoy all the tastings at any participating merchant along the way. Local merchants include apparel shops, gift shops and novelty items, art galleries, restaurants and much more!



Cruise Skaneateles Lake

Mid-Lakes Navigation Co.
11 Jordan St.
P.O. Box 61
Skaneateles, NY 13152
315-685-8500
midlakesnav.com/dailycruises

Explore Skaneateles Lake aboard the popular Judge Ben Wiles cruise with the Midlakes Navigation company. Enjoy a lunch, dinner or sightseeing cruise while an entertaining captain shares information about landmarks along the lake. For rates, dates and times visit midlakesnav.com/dailycruises.



Run a 10K

Tortoise & Hare 10K
106 E. Buttermilk Falls Rd.
Ithaca, NY 14850
fingerlakesrunners.org/trail-runs/tortoise-hare-trail-run/
June 5 | 9 a.m. | \$15/pre-registration | \$20/day-of-registration

Welcome the summer with a 10K race in Ithaca. The Tortoise and Hare is set along the beautiful Buttermilk Falls. A one-mile fun run/hike is also available! Make sure to pre-register by May 31.



Paddle Beaver Lake

Beaver Lake Nature Center
8477 East Mud Lake Rd.
Baldwinsville, NY 13027
315-638-2519
May 7–June 2 | \$10/hour for canoe and kayak rentals

Enjoy a trip across Beaver Lake by kayak. Search for beaver lodges, turtles, herons, and osprey. Beaver Lake also invites visitors to its nature programs, picnic areas, hiking trails and a gift shop.



Head to the Market

Ithaca Farmer's Market
Steamboat Landing
545 3rd St.
Ithaca, NY 14850
607-273-7109
ithacamarket.com

There's something for everyone at this owner-operated cooperative market. More than 160 members grow or produce their wares within 30 miles of the pavilion. Find vegetables, fruit, pastured meat, bakeries, crafted artisanal gifts, and hot prepared foods.

See a [full list of farmer's markets in our region at wcnyc.org/guides](http://wcnyc.org/guides).



Watch Professional Golfers

PGA Professional National Championship at Turning Stone
Turning Stone Resort and Casino
5218 Patrick Rd.
Verona, NY 13478
800-771-7711
turningstone.com
June 26-29

Watch 312 professional golfers compete in the 49th PGA Professional National Championship at the Turning Stone Resort in Verona, June 26-29. The venue also features a casino, spa, concerts, nightlife and lounges, and dining.



Visit Armory Square

City Market
Armory Square
South Franklin and Walton Streets
Syracuse, NY 13202

Stop by Armory Square to shop the City Market. You'll find dozens of vendors selling their wares the second Sunday of each month now through October. Look for beautiful antiques and repurposed items including pottery, jewelry, textiles, clothing and more. The event is located in from of the Museum of Science & Technology (MOST) and along West Jefferson Street from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

