

2023 Fall Gathering: October 2, 2023



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- NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPRHP)





- Avon
- Caneadea
- Cuba
- Geneseo
- Hume
- Mount Morris
- Nunda
- Perry
- Wheatland
- York





Let's explore Avon!

- Eagle's Nest
- Historic Truss Bridge
- Take a rest at the new picnic table at the Erie-Attica trailhead parking lot
- Stroll downtown Avon
- Drop a line or take a paddle from the DEC Genesee River Access Point

Annual Avon Holiday Spectacular on Saturday, December 2nd!

AVON



Crossroads of railways and waterways.

Above: Waterways and roadways join in Avon—the Conesus Lake outlet arrives under historic railroad bridges to join the Genesee River and Routes 5 & 20 also converge here.

Shaped by the winding path of the Genesee River and its tributaries, Avon is an agricultural community crisscrossed by historic railroads and waterways.

Avon is historically celebrated as a wellness resort destination with healing spring-fed spas, and continues to draw travelers looking for refreshing recreation opportunities.

Today, visitors can still catch the scent of the fragrant mineral springs as they explore Avon's trails, parks, and homey downtown streets.

Destination Highlights

Easily accessible from nearby cities, Avon's crossroads are a perfect place to launch Genesee Valley adventures!



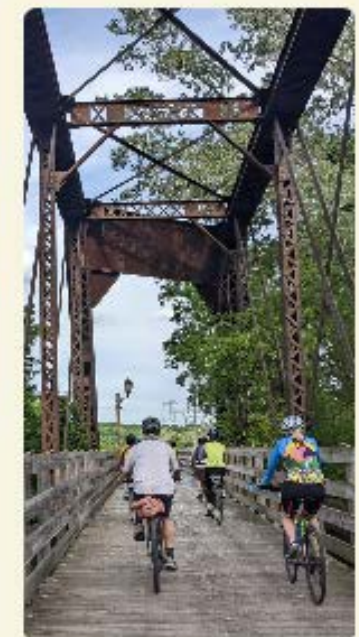
Top: Avon Corn Festival held annually in August

Bottom: The Erie-Attica Trail

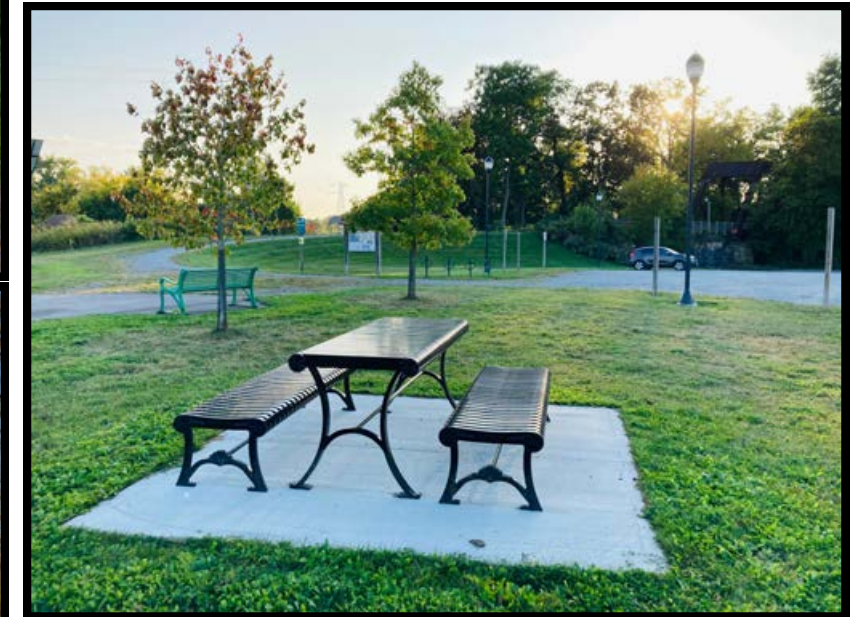
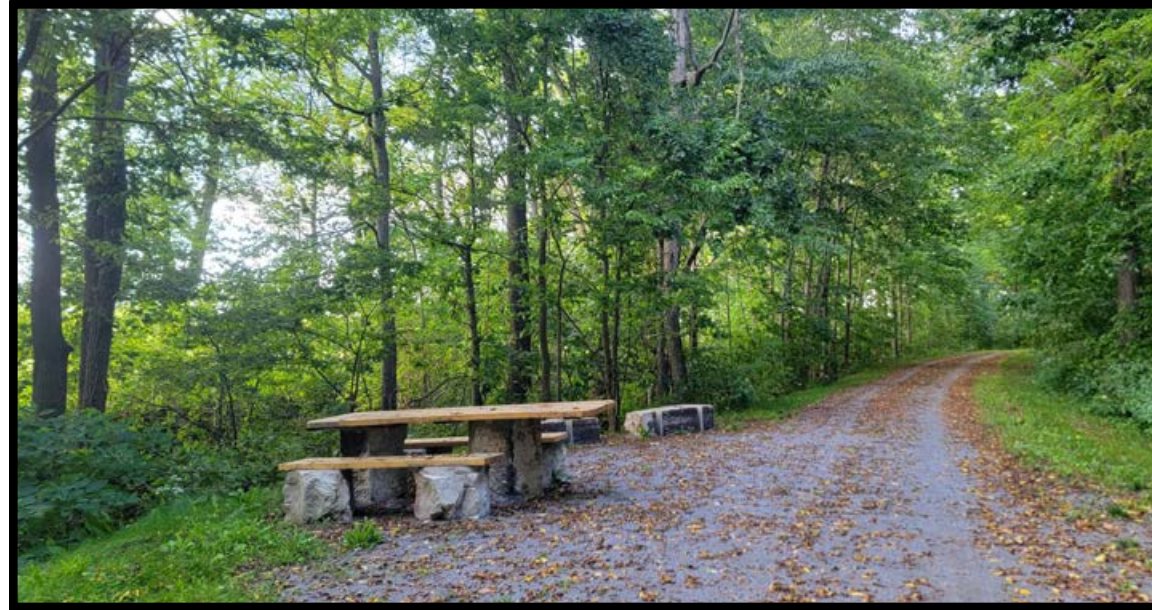


Top: Genesee Valley Greenway State Park

Bottom: Avon Driving Park



Avon





History Comes Alive!

- We have a plan!
- Friendship renewal with the Seneca Nation
- 197 Years Later - Celebrating our River and Trails
- We found our niche
- New wayfinding signage promotes our outdoor recreation assets

Annual Caneadea Seneca Field Day event on Saturday, June 22, 2024!

CANEADEA



Our Paths, Your Journey

Above: Find great conversation and much more in store at River Dog Fly Shop in Houghton. Then maybe get in the Genesee River via Transit Bridge Access site.

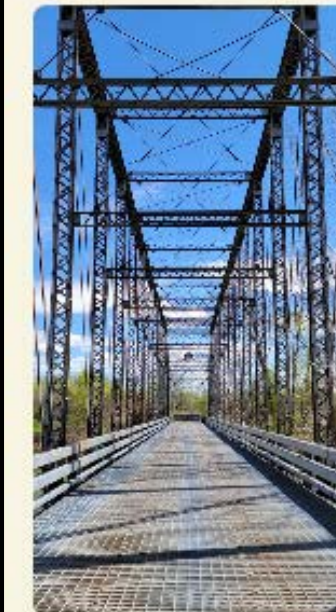
Overlooking the lush green hills of the scenic Genesee River Valley, Caneadea is truly—as the Seneca called it—*Ga-o-ya-de-o*, “where the heavens rest upon the earth.”

Home to nationally ranked Houghton University, Moss Lake Nature Conservancy, and Genesee Rapids Baseball, Caneadea offers music and arts events, athletic competitions, and Amish produced goods.

No matter what journey you’re on—whether you’re looking for an easy stroll on a rails-to-trails greenway, endurance trails for exciting adventures, or nature trails for spiritual contemplation—Caneadea has paths for you!

Destination Highlights

Rich with history of the Seneca people, 19th century canal towns & railroads, the area offers an escape from the ordinary hum of daily life!



Top:
Boating on Rushford Lake

Bottom:
Caneadea Town Park

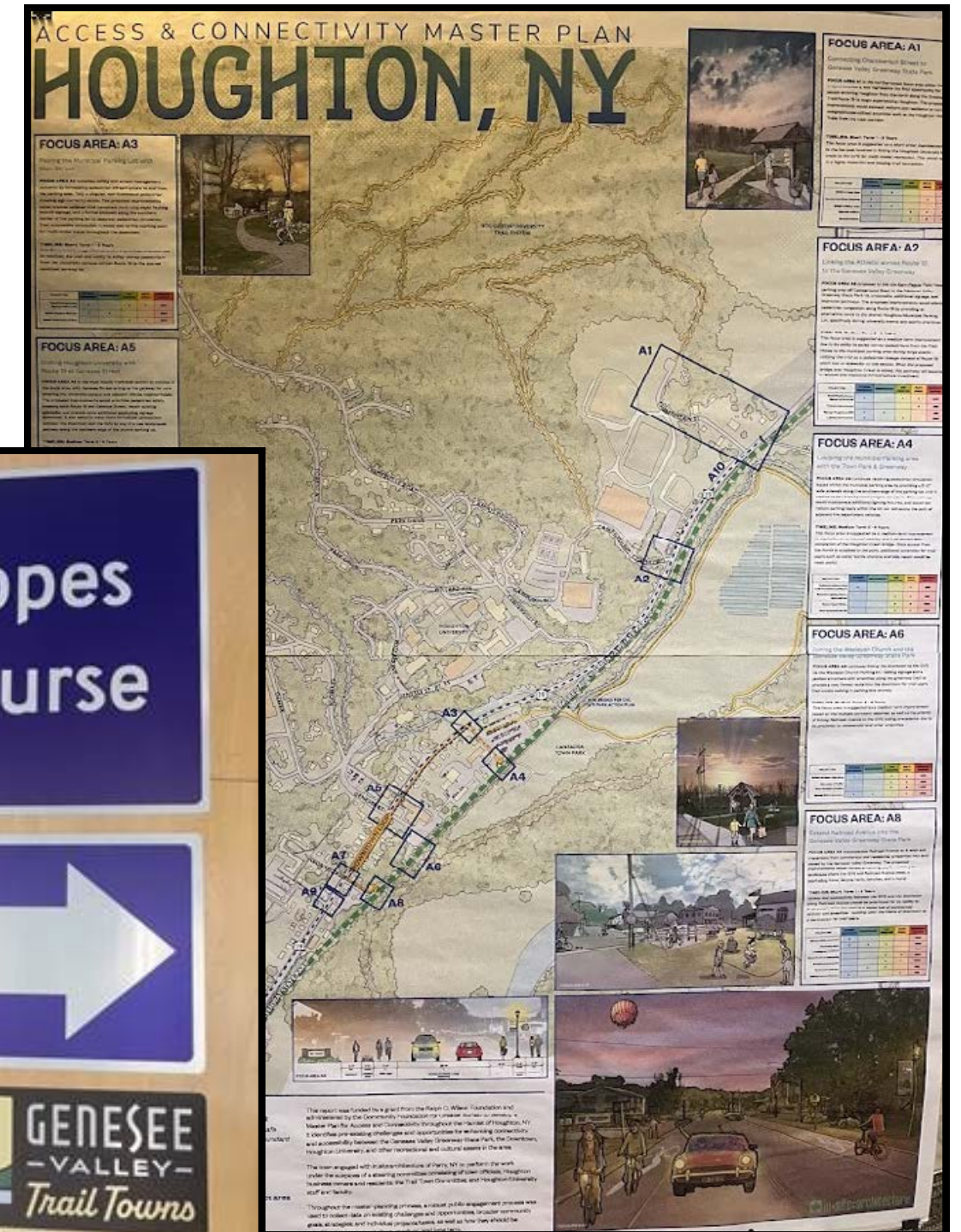


Top:
Historic Camelback Bridge

Bottom:
Jockey Street, Houghton



Caneadea





Creating our future by linking to our historic past

- Variety of loop trails linked to the Greenway
- More than 20 interpretative signs
- Audio QR codes for each sign
- Solar lighted picnic area at the trailhead
- Greenway Trail map to 1882 Genesee Valley Canal RR Station
- Cuba Cheese Shoppe

*Each summer closes with the Cuba Garlic Festival-
happening on September 21-22, 2024!*

CUBA

Where the Southern Tier & Genesee Valley Collide

Above: Stop by downtown Cuba to shop for locally made dairy products, jams, baked goods and antiques.

Step away from the village center to experience Cuba Lake's six miles of scenic shoreline.

The Cuba Lake reservoir, once fed the Genesee River Canal.

Today that reservoir, created in 1858, forms an unofficial natural border between the regions known as the Genesee Valley and the Southern Tier. Here, visitors and locals celebrate a strong farming tradition and annual events like the Cuba Garlic Festival and Dairy Days.

Just off the lake's spillway, a small Seneca reservation reminds travelers of the region's rich native history and culture.

Destination Highlights

Best known today for its gourmet cheeses, Cuba has a long history of dairy farming and cheese production.

Top: Visit many history-rich points of interest in Cuba.

Bottom: Cuba Cheese Shoppe is a destination itself.

Top: The Genesee Valley Greenway State Park in Cuba.

Bottom: The Perfect Blend at Palmer Opera House is a fantastic place to recharge.

Cuba






Welcome to Geneseo!

- Explore the variety of shops and eateries on Main Street!
- Spend an afternoon paddling on Conesus Lake or the Genesee River
- Watch a sunset from Nations Rd.
- Weekly Farmers Market hosted Thursdays on Center St, 3:30-6:30 (June-Oct.)
- Kids can take the Bike Bus to school!

Save the dates for these fun upcoming events in Geneseo:

- October 13: Scarecrow Stroll & Bash on Main Street, 4:30-8:30
- October 14: The Genesee Valley Hunt Races
- October 20-21 - the first annual Hoochenanny Whiskey Festival!

GENESEO



Become a part of our tradition

Above: The Emmeline Bear Fountain on Main Street Geneseo


The Historic Village of Geneseo is home to a vibrant community and the nationally recognized State University of New York at Geneseo.

Named a National Historic Landmark destination in 1991, Geneseo is known for its Victorian architecture and distinctive charm. During your stay take a stroll down Main Street and peruse the local shops, galleries and distinctive restaurants.


On nearby Conesus Lake, you'll find picturesque wineries, thrilling water sports and the perfect backdrop for a rejuvenating escape.

Destination Highlights


Geneseo is full of life in all four seasons. It is always a great time to explore our rich history and find new favorite destinations!




Top: Sunset over the Genesee Valley from the SUNY Geneseo Gazebo



Bottom: Conesus Lake



Top: Genesee River Access at Indian Fort Nature Preserve



Bottom: Geneseo Farmer's Market - held Thursdays on Center Street during the summer

Geneseo





Hume: Feels Like Home!

- Stomp in Cold Creek
- Stop in for lunch at 71 West or Shannon's Riverside Restaurant
- Stroll along the Greenway
- Spot one of our resident Bald Eagles
- Snack on sweets at the bakery or ice cream truck
- All of the above right off Main Street!

Come for Fillmore Fun Fest every Memorial Day weekend and the Community Garage Sale August 24, 2024!

HUME



**Country spaces,
quiet places**

Above: The Genesee River winds north through Hume. Nearby creeks and tributaries offer premier class trout fishing.

Rustic adventure and a taste of country living await in this pastoral oasis.

Whether it is trout fishing at Wiscoy Falls, tubing down the Genesee River, kayaking on Allen Lake or old-fashioned creek stomping, Hume is a water enthusiasts paradise.

If you're happier on land, hike or bike the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park which follows along the Genesee River for beautiful views of farmland and wildlife alike. No visit to Hume is complete without a stop at a farm stand or Amish general store to taste the locally grown produce!

Destination Highlights

Bring your kayak, canoe, bike or hiking boots to explore the creeks, lakes, rivers and trails winding through Hume.



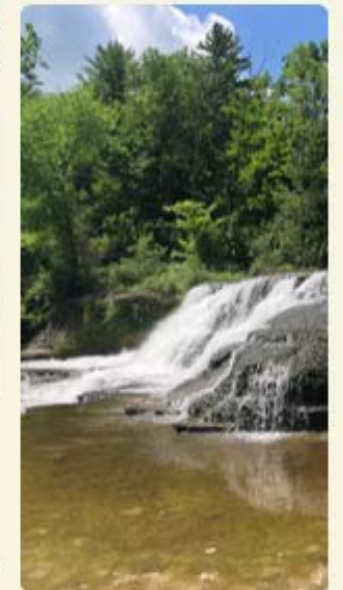
Top:
Kayakers on the Genesee River

Bottom:
Wiscoy Falls



Top:
The Genesee Valley Greenway State Park

Bottom:
Hume's creeks offer premier fly fishing!



Hume



ENCOURAGING PUBLIC USE OF THE GREENWAY WITH ADDITIONAL PARKING AND SIGNAGE

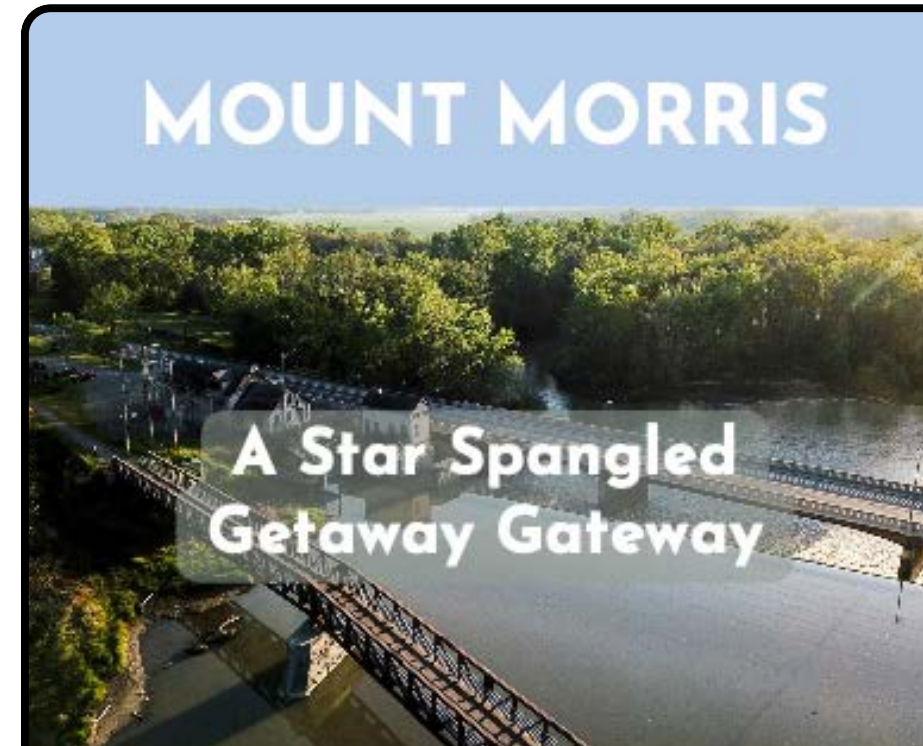




Mount Morris Welcomes All

- Gateway to the Genesee Valley Greenway!
- Gateway to Letchworth State Park!
- Take a break for homemade ice cream, fresh pasta, pizza and more
- Browse the finds at our antique shops
- Overnight guests can choose from unique historic bed & breakfast inns or hotels

Summer festivals and events at the parks are always a great time to visit!



Above: The Genesee Valley Greenway State Park crosses the Genesee River at the edge of Mount Morris.

Mount Morris is the birthplace of Francis Bellamy, author of the pledge of allegiance & is named for Robert Morris—financier of the American Revolution.

Home to the north entrance of Letchworth State Park, Mount Morris is an active village with historic roots. Stroll the quaint main street dotted with antique shops and enjoy a stay at one of its lovely Bed & Breakfast inns or hotels.

Main Street's diverse restaurant scene ranges from classic diner fare to gourmet cuisine. Mount Morris invites you to visit and enjoy a retreat of your own design.

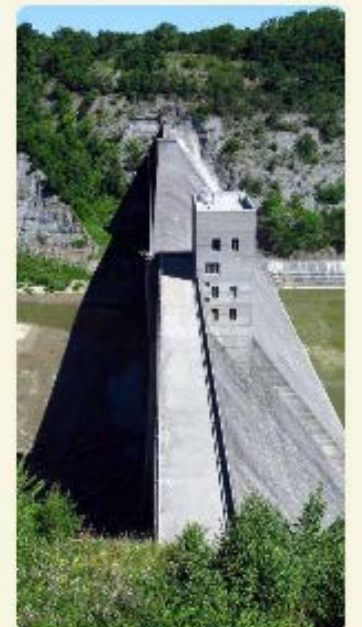
Destination Highlights

Don't miss the chance to tour the awe-inspiring Mount Morris Dam or an opportunity to peek into the past on a historic walking tour.



Top:
Main St, Mount Morris

Bottom:
Explore exhibits at the Genesee Valley Council of the Arts.



Top:
Mount Morris mural by artist Shawn Dunwoody

Bottom:
Tour the Mount Morris Dam & Recreation Area

Mount Morris





Discover Nunda's Rich History

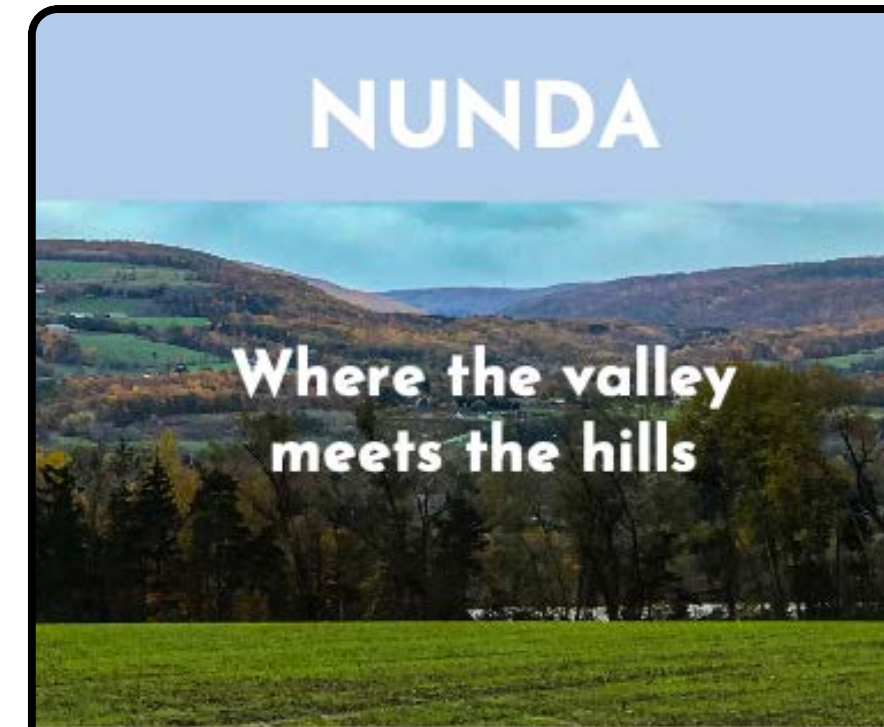
Native American Trails, Genesee Valley Canal, & Railroad

- Tour Nunda's 1830s Village Square
- Take Nunda's Self-Guided Village Walking Tour
- Fascinating Architecture awaits you
- Visit the Nunda Historical Society & Rose Shave Art Gallery
- Kish-a-wa Creamery is a Must Stop for Delicious Ice Cream
- Take Home Once Again Nut Butter's Healthy Organic Products

Save these dates for our Annual Events:

Americana Days - 2nd weekend in July

Christmas in Nunda, 2nd Sat. in Dec. - Dec. 14, 2024



Above: Just one view from the beautiful hills that surround Nunda

In the Seneca language, Nunda translates as "Where the valley meets the hills."

Today, as ever, people thrill at views of these pastoral landscapes from the surrounding hills.

Our unique and inviting 1830s village square, fascinating architecture, historic murals, trails, State Forests, golfing, Swain Ski Resort, and the famous Letchworth State Park all allow visitors to experience the history, culture, and nearby outdoor recreation opportunities that make Nunda extraordinary.

Destination Highlights

The Genesee River, Native American trails, Genesee Valley Canal, and railroads all left a rich history to be explored in Nunda.



Top:
One of many Nunda murals

Bottom:
Snacking spots include the Whistling Farmer Pub

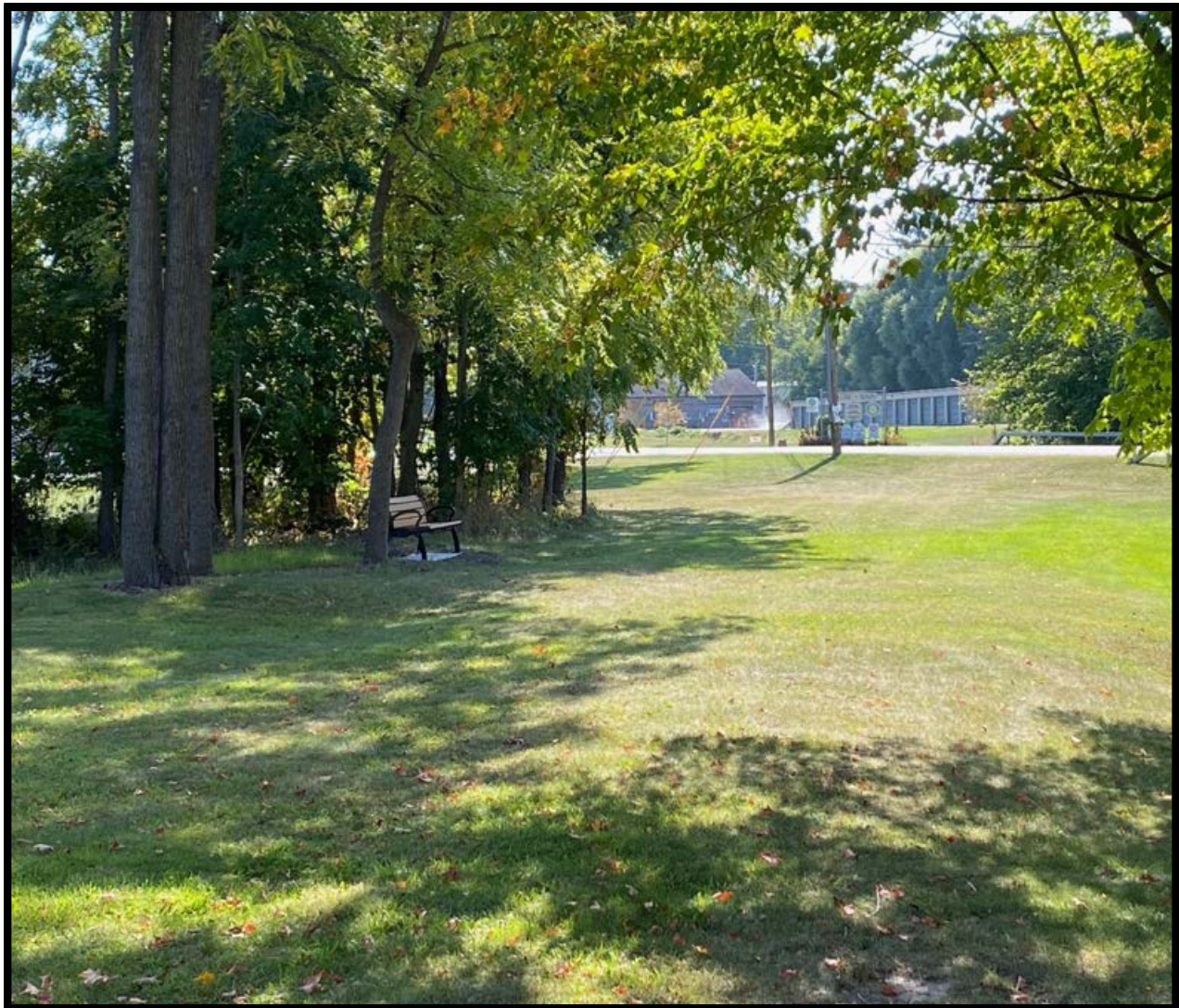


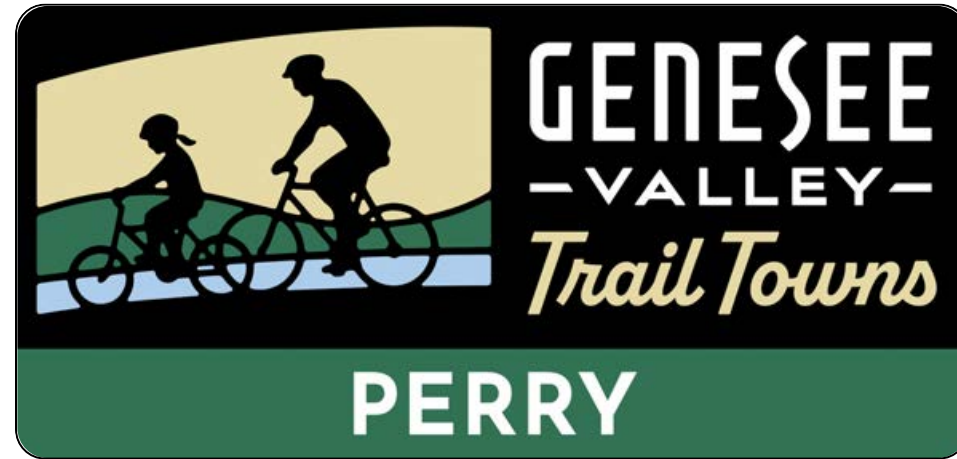
Top:
Downtown Nunda

Bottom:
Explore the 90+ mile Genesee Valley Greenway



Nunda





Visitors Welcome!

- Explore downtown, Main St has momentum!
- Seasonal Saturday Farmers Market
- Silver Lake Trail phase 1 - complete!
- Memorial park is the Main Street Silver Lake Trailhead - with new vibrant mural work
- Craft food and beverage options downtown
- Silver Lake
- Letchworth State Park
- Annual Chalk Art Festival - 2nd Sat of July
- ACWC Letchworth Arts & Crafts Show & Sale is now at the Perry Village Park

PERRY



Above: Festival Plaza hosts the annual Chalk Art Festival on the second Saturday of July and the seasonal Saturday morning Farmers' Market.

Nestled between Silver Lake & Letchworth State Park, Perry offers small-town community charm and destination-making arts & cultural attractions.

Unique craft beverage and culinary hot spots make this historic mill village, surrounded by an active farming community, a one-of-a-kind destination.

A tree-lined trail connects downtown Perry to Silver Lake where boating, fishing, and paddling opportunities await! Don't miss the chance to see a live performance, watch a drive-in movie, or explore local produce and much more at the seasonal Perry Farmers' Market on Saturdays, from June into September.

Destination Highlights

The Perry Entrance to Letchworth State Park is just three miles from Main Street in Downtown Perry.



Top:
Village of Perry Public Beach Park at Silver Lake
Bottom:
A scene from Shake on the Lake's live theater festival



Top:
Splash Pad at the Village Park, Lake Street



Bottom:
Main Street, in Downtown Perry

Perry






Northern Gateway to the Genesee Valley Enjoy our past and present

- Work continues to wrap up our 2022 and 2023 PTNY grants by the end of October
- Super collaboration among volunteers and municipalities
- Kiosk in Mumford completed as Eagle Scout project
- Excellent use of GVTT design guidelines for our info panels
- Canawaugus Park will be a true GVTT showpiece

Save the date for the ribbon cutting at Canawaugus Park on Thursday, October 19th @ 1pm.

WHEATLAND



Gateway to the Genesee Valley

Above: A Wells barn sits amongst rolling farm fields - a common sight while exploring Wheatland!


At the northern edge of the Genesee Valley, Wheatland offers the chance to explore the charming communities of Scottsville & Mumford surrounded by picturesque countryside.

Wheatland has an abundance of historic residences and barns, a Blue Ribbon trout stream, parks, farm stands, Genesee Country Village & Museum, rolling country roads and easy access to the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park - a 90-mile multi-use corridor tracing the route of the Genesee Valley Canal.

Experience our many agricultural, historical and recreational attractions that are easily accessible from Buffalo, Rochester and beyond.



Destination Highlights

Experience the Genesee Country!
Come for the charming rural atmosphere and leave with lifelong memories.



Top:
Downtown Scottsville

Bottom:
Oatka Creek Park

Top:
Main St, Mumford

Bottom:
Genesee Country Village & Museum

Wheatland

@ Mumford & Scottsville sites





Welcome to York!

- Visit the Abbey of the Genesee
- Take a hike through historic Little Italy, the Phoebe Snow Trail, or the Greenway
- Enjoy a beer at Dublin Corners Farm Brewery or sip a cocktail at Woodlawn Distilling
- Unwind at True North Farm and Yoga
- Appreciate the beauty of Linwood Gardens
- Stay at the historic Hillcrest Estate
- Drop by the Yard of Ale, the Barn Restaurant and the Wadsworth Grill

Stop by the annual York Firework Display!

YORK



Rural character with a sustainable future

Above: The Genesee Valley Greenway State Park at York landing

Come experience York, where reverence for the land is woven into every facet of life—from work to rest to play.

Productivity and sustainability go hand in hand. Beneath the sprawling farmlands, rich salt mines play an equally major role in the region's economy. Above ground, York's commitment to sustainable agriculture is front and center.

Craft breweries turn hops from local crops into award-winning beer, a small batch distillery crafts spirits from farm grown grain, while farm-to-table restaurants showcase seasonal ingredients.

Destination Highlights

Unique experiences and rural charm await in York, from outdoor recreation to fine dining and one-of-a-kind accommodations.



Top:
The Hillcrest Estate

Bottom:
Craft spirits at Woodlawn Distilling



Top:
The Genesee Valley Greenway State Park



Bottom:
The Yard of Ale Restaurant

York

