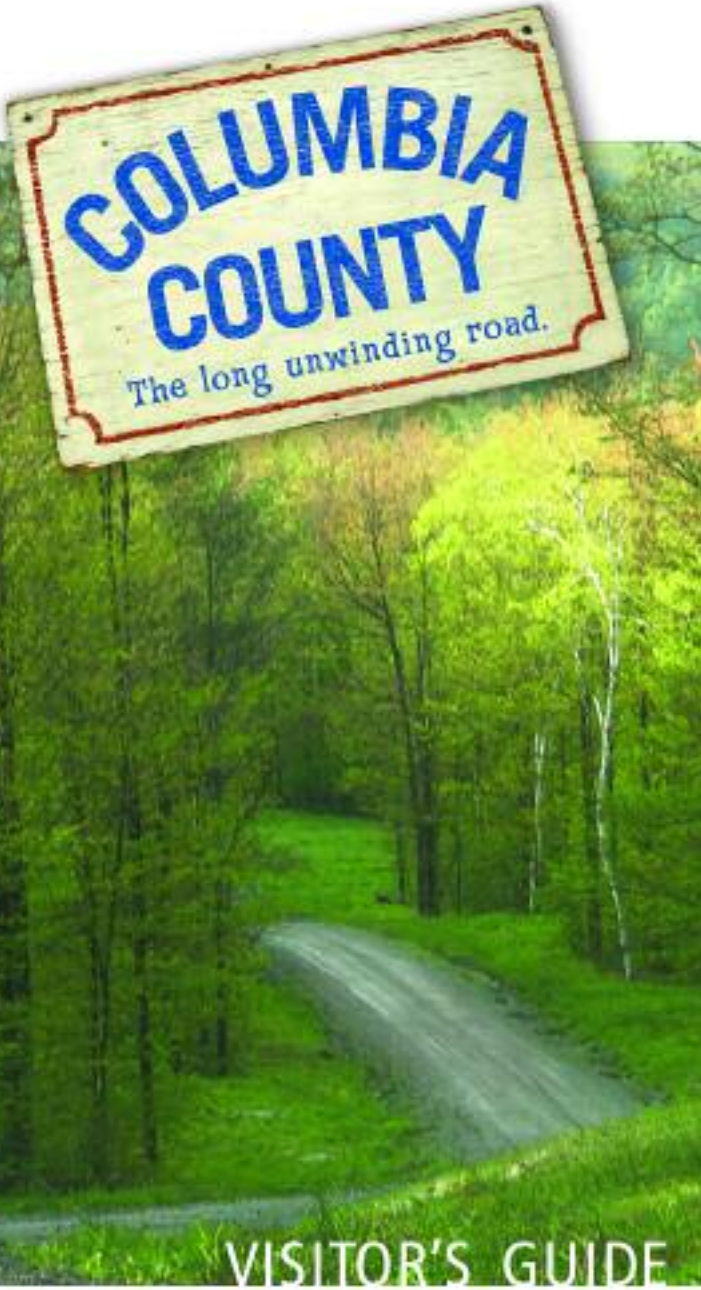


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VISITOR'S GUIDE



Columbia County. The long unwinding road.

Take a drive along our country roads and you'll step back in time to another era. Where the livin' is easy. Where you can enjoy the best of cultural and historical sites and attractions. Or not, your choice. Where a country store offers fresh produce and baked goods, and a you-can-pay-me-tomorrow attitude. Where "laid back" isn't just a label, but a lifestyle. Best of all, wherever you wander in our fair county—to shop, hear music, dine, or just explore—you'll meander along some of best country roads in America.



Seeing & Doing

The Arts

More and more, Columbia County is the cultural gem of the Hudson Valley. Here in a bucolic setting you can view provocative works from international and regional artists. Avant-garde painting and sculpture. Exhilarating musicals. And classical concerts of every size and shape.

Here, renowned artists, inspired by tranquility, make their home, following in the footsteps of Frederic Church, Thomas Cole, Sanford Gifford and other painters of the Hudson River school. Today, galleries dot the country and grace our towns and villages.

Our renowned film festival, Film Columbia offers world-premieres in a small-town, main street movie theatre that dates back to Chaplin's era. You can take in a play, a poetry reading, or be charmed by an old-time band. You'll encounter a hotbed of folk and bluegrass music. Opera, chamber music, dance, it's all here, year-round, for your pleasure.



Seeing & Doing

Living History

Columbia County offers life's simple gifts in a place that's simply historic.

Start with a jewel of Columbia County architecture: Olana—the masterpiece of Frederic Church, one of America's premier landscape painters. His Persian-style mansion offers sweeping views of the Hudson that will take your breath away. Head down to Clermont, the 18th century manor home, and celebrate Clermont's Fulton-Livingston steamboat bicentennial in 2007. Wander through the Federal mansion of James Vanderpoel, whose period furnishings take you back to a gentler age. Enjoy the Georgian and Italianate home of our eighth president, Martin Van Buren. Or, journey into classic simplicity with the Shaker way of life and the foremost collection of its culture. Visit the humble schoolhouse whose master was the model for Ichabod Crane. And save room in your historic journey for one of the world's most unusual museums: the American Museum of Firefighting.





Shopping

Antiques, Art & More

If shopping is your favorite sport, you'll love Columbia County.

That's because the hunting here is an absolute delight, with treasures at every turn. Antiques, fine art, gifts, home furnishings, jewelry—the county's bounty is overflowing.

Amid the mansions of sea captains and merchants lies one of the premier antiques centers in the country—Hudson, New York. More than 65 antiques shops line Warren Street and its side streets. Lose track of time, stroll from shop to shop, but prepare to be amazed at what you find in one leisurely walk.



Throughout Columbia County, from the meandering Hudson River to the rugged Berkshire foothills, you'll find charming shops with wonderful surprises and the kind of laid-back service that is a hallmark of our wonderful county.



Shopping

Country Markets, Festivals & Fairs

What's the secret to great food? Buy fresh and buy local. And for gourmets, gourmands and foodies, Columbia County is the place to shop. From our fresh orchards come crisp Macintosh and Empire apples, cider, oven-hot donuts and apple pies.

You can sample luscious raspberries, buttery sweet corn, peaches, or tomatoes right off the vine. Country markets dot the meandering backroads with just-picked produce, home-made jellies and jams, maple syrup, and tempting bakery delights.



In season, there are countless fairs and festivals celebrating music, antiques, the arts and seasons. Visitors come from the world over to the Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival, Hudson ArtsWalk, or the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival. And of course, the granddaddy of them all, the Columbia County Fair!



Seeing & Doing

Outdoors

Every traveler, in every season, delights in Columbia County's outdoors.

Deep within our rolling hills and quiet landscapes, you'll discover the time of your life. An invigorating hike in our forests. A round of golf in a countryside setting. Trout in our crystal streams. A ski trail just waiting to be conquered.

Nature lovers soak up the untamed beauty of Bash Bish Falls. Cyclists glide down quiet country lanes. Families swim in our state parks. Leaf peepers

gasp at hillsides of stunning reds and golds. Skiers glide down fresh snow at Catamount. Race fans thrill to lightning-quick action at one of New York State's best DIRT & NHRA tracks: Lebanon Valley Speedway & Dragway



No matter what your outdoor passion, from every corner the views of Columbia County's landscape are unforgettable. The towering Catskills and rolling Taconics take your breath away. Stand in awe at the wonder of the silent woods or let your senses overflow with the rush of a pristine stream. Fresh, crisp air. Boundless serenity. Or exhilarating sports.

The great outdoors is simply the best part of being in Columbia County.



Take a tour through American history and experience our unique American heritage: A Dutch colonial homestead, mansions of prominent early American families, the home of our 8th president, and the Moorish villa of a major Hudson River School painter.

■ **Clermont State Historic Site**
off Rt 9G, Clermont; 537-4240,
www.friendsofclermont.org. Livingston family estate. Tours April 1 - Oct 31, Tues - Sun and Mon holidays 11am-5pm; Nov 1 - March 31 weekends 11am-4pm. Grounds and historic gardens open all year for picnicking, hiking, cross country skiing, and fabulous views. Vehicle Fee April 1 - Oct 31 (refunded with the purchase of a tour ticket)

■ **Columbia County Museum***
5 Albany Ave, Kinderhook Village;
758-9265, www.cchsny.org. Exhibits and research library; Mon, Wed, Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-4pm Sun 12-4pm

■ **FASNY Museum of Firefighting**
117 Harry Howard Ave, Hudson;
822-1875 or 877-347-3687,
www.fasnyfiremuseum.com. More than 50,000 square feet of fire engines, equipment and gear depict the history of firefighting over 300 years. Children's activities include creative play on select fire engines and interactive activities. Daily 9-4:30 closed Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Free admission and wheelchair accessible.

■ **Hudson Athens Lighthouse**
Fantastic view of lighthouse from the Hudson Waterfront Park, Front St, Hudson; 828-5294,
www.hudsonathenslighthouse.org. The northern-most lighthouse on the Hudson River rises from the river like a tiny gem. Tours offered the second Saturday from July - Oct.

■ **Luykas Van Alen House***
Rt 9H, Kinderhook; 758-9265,
www.cchsny.org. 1737 Dutch farmhouse, used in Scorsese's *The Age of Innocence*; includes circa 1920 Ichabod Crane Schoolhouse, open Memorial Day - Labor Day weekend, Thurs-Sat 10-4pm & Sun 12-4pm

■ **Martin Van Buren National Historic Site**
1013 Old Post Rd (off Rt 9H), Kinderhook; 758-9689,

www.nps.gov/mava. The home and farm of the eighth president of the United States.; open May - Oct 9-4:30pm daily

■ **Millay Poetry Trail at Steepletop**
East Hill Rd - 2 miles from Rt 22, Austerlitz; www.millay.org. Half-mile country road for walking is marked with favorite nature poems by Edna St. Vincent Millay, ending at her family's final resting ground. Open all year.

■ **Olana State Historic Site**
5720 Rt 9G, south of Hudson;
828-0135, www.olana.org. Home of Hudson River School painter Frederic Church. The 250 acre grounds are open year around from 8am - sunset for hiking, picnicking, cross country skiing as well as concerts and special events. Please call for current house tour schedule.

■ **Parker-O'Malley Air Museum**
435 County Rt 20 (off Rt 9H) Ghent;
392-7200, www.parkeromalley.org
1920s - 1940s flying vintage aircraft, war memorabilia, wind tunnel, flight simulator. By appointment only

■ **Robert Jenkins House & Museum**
113 Warren St, Hudson; 828-9764
1811 Federal style home housing the city of Hudson's whaling lore, military artifacts and the Hendrick Hudson Chapter of the DAR; July-Aug, Sun - Mon 1-3pm or by appointment

■ **Samuel Tilden Gravesite**
Cemetery of the Evergreens, Cemetery Rd, off Rt 22, New Lebanon. 1876 presidential candidate who won by 250,000 popular votes but lost the election by one electoral vote.

■ **Shaker Museum and Library**
88 Shaker Museum Rd (off Cty Rt 13), Old Chatham; 794-9100,
www.shakermuseumandlibrary.org. Shaker artifacts, orientation and interpretive gallery, picnic area, activity center for parent and child to create crafts together, various events held at the Mt. Lebanon Shaker Village in nearby New Lebanon, self guided tours late May - Oct, daily 10-5pm, closed Tues

* Owned and operated by the Columbia County Historical Society.



Something old. *Columbia County draws antique lovers from everywhere, seeking furniture, lamps, glassware, dishes, silverware, jewelry, books, vintage toys and more for their homes, gifts or private collections. In addition to the many shops and auctions throughout the county, the city of Hudson is one of the major antique centers in the Northeast.*

Something new. *Exciting discoveries can also be found in the many diverse and charming stores in and around the towns and villages. From unique handcrafts to designer clothes, home furnishings to custom jewelry, local foodstuffs to original art, you'll find special items for your home or yourself that you won't find at the mall.*

Austerlitz

■ **William A. Gustafson Antiques**
Rts 22 & 203; 392-2845, hours by appt.

Canaan

■ **Iris Cottage**
2068 Rt 295; 781-4379, hours by appt.
Early American (pre-1890) pattern glass

■ **Sandy Klempner Antiques & Interiors**
2188 Rt 295; 781-4141 or www.sandyklempnerantiques.com,
Fri-Sun 10am-5pm or by chance or appt. Expect the unexpected in Decorative, Architectural, Folk Art and Country Antiques, as well as one-of-a-kind home furnishings. Interior Design services also offered

Chatham Center

■ **The White Goose**
317 Reed Rd (off Rt 66 between Malden Bridge and Chatham Center); 766-3909, daily March-Nov, 9am-4pm, Dec-Feb by chance or call ahead.
A variety of antiques and collectibles

Chatham Village

■ **Mark Feder & Son**
161 Hudson Ave (Rt 66); 392-3738, hours by appt. Antique sterling silver flatware (discontinued & obsolete patterns), small furniture and decorative accessories

■ Pitkin Co. Refinishers & Antiques

14 River St – On Central Square; 392-3162, Mon-Fri 8am-5pm & Sat 8am-12pm. Specializes in Antique furniture – all periods & types

■ Route 66 Antiques

14 Main St; 392-6878, April 15-Jan, Wed-Sun, 11am-5pm. Vintage fine bakelite jewelry & objects, vintage designer costume jewelry, vintage designer silver & copper jewelry, vintage purses, 20th C. modern occasional furniture, lighting, & accessories

■ **Welcome Home Antique Center**
34 Main St; 392-5848, Sun 11am-3pm, Mon 10am-5pm, Wed 12-5pm, Thurs-Sat 10am-5pm. Five dealers featuring an eclectic mix of owners' favorites; jewelry, accessories, furniture, linens, and lots of fun. "Feel free to snoop – just like at Grandma's"

Claverack

■ **Bryant Farms AGA Sales**
Rt 9H & 23; 851-9061, Fri 10am-5pm, Sat & Sun 8am-5pm. Antiques, used furniture, collectibles and auctions scheduled first Friday of the month

■ **The Dutch House**
179 Rt 23; 851-2011, call for hours

■ **Michael Dunn Antiques/ Works of Art**
Rt 23B, 851-7052, by appt only.
Chinese & Asian antiques

■ Signed Correctly Antiques & Collectibles

19 State Rt 23; 851-7257 or signedco@mhcable.com, Thurs-Mon 9-4pm, Variety of furniture, glass, and collectibles at reasonable prices

Copake

■ **Copake Auction, Inc**
266 Cty Rt 7A; 329-1142, www.copakeauction.com, hours vary, please call. Specializing in Americana sales and annual specialty auctions including the antique bicycle auction, which is the largest of its kind.

East Chatham

■ **Antiques at Peaceable Farm**
983 Rt 295; 392-5157, seasonal afternoon hours. Country furniture, general line of antique and collectible items, including antique dolls; offer chair seating services – cane, splint, rush, and Shaker tape

Hillsdale

■ **Hillsdale Barn Antiques**
10394 State Rt 22; 325-1357, www.hillsdalebarnantiques.com, April-Nov Fri, Sat, Sun 11-5 and by chance; July-Oct – open most days 10-5 and by chance; a call ahead is always welcome and suggested. American country furniture including painted pieces, country accessories, folk art, hooked rugs, quilts, stoneware and baskets from the 18th to early 20th centuries;

Hudson

■ Hudson Antique Dealers Association

70 antique shops fill five historic walking blocks on Warren Street, 822-6522, www.hudsonantiques.net. An amazing array and range of merchandise, spanning all continents and centuries, can be found in Hudson's antique shops. Formal, country, art modern, European and American furniture, clocks, architectural items, garden furniture, rugs, paintings, porcelains, lighting, ephemera, and decorative accessories abound in Hudson. Generally, most shops are open Thursday through Tuesday, closed on Wednesday.

■ **Stair Galleries – Auctioneer and Appraisers**
549 Warren Street; 751-1000, www.stairgalleries.com, Hours by appt. Small auction house specializing in estate merchandise, including antiques, fine and decorative art, furnishings and decorations. Twenty auctions a year at the Gallery

Kinderhook

■ **Kinderhook Antiques Center**
Rt 9H; 758-7939, Fri-Sun 10am-5pm. Early glass, textiles, books, furniture/ ironware & tools, kitchen collectibles, china & accessories at reasonable prices

■ **Pavilion Gallery/RH Blackburn & Associates, INC**
17 Broad St; 758-1788, www.RHBantiques.com, call for hours. American period paintings, prints, furniture, decorative accessories, books, oriental rugs

New Lebanon

■ **The Corner Store**
Rt 20 (corner of West Street) 794-9191, Wed-Mon 10am-5pm
Antique furniture and collectible glass and china; specialize in furniture refinishing and repair

■ **Meissner's Auctions House**
Rts 20 & 22; 766-5002, www.meissnersauction.com, Sat & Sun, 10am-5pm, Tues-Fri 8am-4pm. 60-70 antique auctions per year. Antique shop open year round

■ **Meissner's Victorian House Antiques**
Rts 20 & 22; 766-5002, www.meissnersauction.com, Wed-Sun, 8am-4pm. A large selection of fine antiques, collectibles and paintings

Spencertown

■ **Spencertown Art & Antiques**
Rt 203; 392-4442, by appt only. Reasonably priced fine paintings, prints, art, Americana, antique firearms, furniture



Stuyvesant

■ **Scratch Your Head Antiques and Collectibles**
1484 Rt 9; 799-6801, Call for an appt. Browse our shop full of yesterday's treasures! Furniture, glassware, country collectibles

Valatie

■ **JGA Antique & Collectibles**
3025 Main Street; 758-6393, Wed-Mon 10:30am-5:30pm
A general line of antiques featuring furniture, estate jewelry, costume jewelry, glassware, Fine Art, decorative art, linens



Columbia County is alive with cultural activities.

A wide choice of venues beckons you to enjoy the performing, visual, literary, and architectural arts, many of them linked to the stunning natural beauty of the county. Theaters and stages offer classic and new dramas, comedies, musicals, performance art or multimedia presentations. Visit indoor galleries and outdoor exhibits where you can view and purchase the work of established and up-and-coming artists. For more information contact the Columbia County Council on the Arts; 518-671-6213 or www.artscolumbia.org.

PERFORMING ARTS

- **Amble Dance** – 710 Rt 217, Mellenville (outside of Philmont); 672-0034
- **Clarion Concerts in Columbia County** – PO Box 43, Copake; 329-5613
- **Columbia Arts Team “CAT”** – Copake Memorial Park Building, Copake; 329-5484, www.columbiaartsteam.org
- **Copake Theatre Company** – Empire Rd (off the Circle), Copake; 325-1234, www.copaketheatrecompany.com
- **Diamond Opera Theater** – Hudson; 828-7042, www.diamondoperatheater.org
- **Four Nations Ensemble** – www.fournations.org
- **Ghent Band** – Ghent & Kinderhook, July & August; 828-3375
- **The Ghent Playhouse** – Ghent; 392-6264, www.ghentplayhouse.org
- **Hudson River Classic Play Readings** – Hudson; 851-7244
- **Hudson Opera House** – 327 Warren St, Hudson; 822-1438, www.hudsonoperahouse.org
- **Hudson Valley Choral Society** – Hudson; 672-4475
- **Mac-Haydn Theatre** – 1925 Rt 203, outside Chatham Village; 392-9292, www.machaydntheatre.org
- **PS/21** – Rt 66, Chatham; 392-6121, www.ps21chatham.org

- **Spencertown Academy Arts Center** – Rt 203, Spencertown; 392-3693, www.spencertownacademy.org
- **Stageworks/Hudson** – 41 Cross St (opposite Amtrak), Hudson; 828-7843, www.stageworkshudson.org
- **Tannery Pond Concerts at the Mt. Lebanon Shaker Village** – off Rt 20, New Lebanon; 888-820-1696
- **The Theater Barn** – Rt 20, New Lebanon; 794-8989, www.theaterbarn.com
- **Time & Space Limited, TSL Warehouse** – 434 Columbia St, Hudson; 822-8448, www.timeandspace.org
- **Upstate Productions, INC** – PO Box 1177, Hudson, www.upstageproductionsinc.org
- **Walking the Dog Theater** – Ghent; 392-0131, www.wtdtheater.org

FILM

- **Film Columbia** – Crandell Theatre, Chatham Village; 392-1162, www.filmcolumbia.com
- **Spencertown Academy Arts Center** – Rt 203, Spencertown; 392-3693, www.spencertownacademy.org
- **Time & Space Limited, TSL Warehouse** – 434 Columbia St, Hudson; 822-8448, www.timeandspace.org
- **The Chatham Film Club** – P.O. Box 181, East Chatham; Films shown at the Crandell Theatre, Chatham Village; 392-3445, www.thechathamfilmclub.com

VISUAL ARTS

- **American Pie – Hall Space Gallery** – 41 Main St, Chatham; 392-6632
- **Columbia Berkshire Craft Guild** – An artist-run organization dedicated to providing networking opportunities for artists, access to the arts for the general public and education and mentoring of young artists. www.cbcraftguild.org
- **The Fields Sculpture Park ART/OMI, Inc** – 59 Letter S Rd (off Cty Rt 22 & Rt 9H), Ghent; 392-2181, www.artomi.org
- **Knapp Hollow Gallery** – 119 Rodman Rd, Hillsdale; 325-5125
- **Masterpiece Arts & Framing** – 1 Chatham St, Kinderhook; 758-6900
- **Millay Colony for the Arts** – 454 East Hill Rd, Austerlitz; 392-3103, www.millaycolony.org
- **Park Row Gallery** – 2 Park Row, Chatham; 392-4800
- **Sculpture in Nature** – a contemporary tour – Columbia County Council on the Arts, 209 Warren St, Hudson; 671-6213, www.sculptureandnature.org
- **Spencertown Academy Arts Center** – Rt 203, Spencertown; 392-3693, www.spencertownacademy.org
- **Sun Farm** – Land art/solar alignments; Claverack; 851-7225, www.sky-spirals.org
- **Taconic Sculpture Park & Gallery** – Stever Hill Rd, Spencertown; www.taconic.net/kanwit
- **Thinking Out Loud** – 3001 Main St, Valatie; 758-8633; arts education space offering ceramics classes and children’s arts & crafts classes; mmicah@bestweb.net

City of Hudson

- **Art Design Digression** – 22 Park Place; 822-9763
- **BCB Art** – 116 Warren St; 828-4539, www.BCBART.com
- **Carrie Haddad Gallery** – 622 Warren St; 828-1915, www.carriehaddadgallery.com
- **Columbia County Council on the Arts** – 209 Warren St; 671-6213, www.artscolumbia.org
- **Deborah Davis Fine Art** – 345 Warren St; 822-1890, www.ddfagallery.com
- **The Gallery at Stageworks/Hudson** – 41 Cross St (opposite Amtrak), Hudson; 828-7843, www.stageworkshudson.org
- **Hitchcock & Eve** – 624 Warren St; 822-0106, www.hitchcockandeve.com

- **CCA ArtsWalk** – The annual ArtsWalk, slated for the first week in October, showcases the work of Columbia County’s visual artists. ArtsWalk attracts over 6000 visitors to see over 120 art exhibits and demonstrations, as well as concerts, dance performances, poetry readings, lectures, and related happenings. Contact the Columbia County Council on the Arts at 671-6213 or www.artscolumbia.org
- **Hudson Opera House** (Exhibits, Performances, Lectures, Workshops) – 327 Warren St; 822-1438, www.hudsonoperahouse.org
- **Hudson Valley Art Center** – 337 Warren St; 828-2661, www.hvcraft.com
- **Imari Arts** – 430 Union St, 828-2661, www.ImariArts.com
- **J. Damiani Gallery** – 437 Warren St; 828-5490; fine paintings and photographs by Joan Damiani
- **John Davis Gallery** – 362 ½ Warren St; 828-5907, www.johndavisgallery.com
- **Limner Gallery** – 123 Warren St; 828-2343, www.slowart.com/limner
- **Marianne Courville Gallery** – 341 Warren St, Third Floor; 755-4208, mc@mariannecourville.com
- **Museum of the Imagination** – 217 Warren St (2nd Floor); 671-6711
- **Nicole Fiacco Gallery** – 506 Warren St; 828-5090
- **Ornamentum** – 506 ½ Warren St; 671-6770
- **Peter Jung Fine Arts** – 512 Warren St; 828-2698
- **Richard Sena Gallery** – 238 Warren St; 828-1996, www.rsena-gallery.com
- **Rose Gallery** – 444 Warren St, 671-6128, nfineart@aol.com
- **Sharada Gallery** – 433 Warren St, 828-9750, www.sharadagallery.com
- **Time & Space Limited, TSL Warehouse** – 434 Columbia St; 822-8448, www.timeandspace.org
- **Winter Walk on Warren Street** – Holiday revelers ride in carriages, drawn by teams of horses, up and down Warren Street, Hudson’s main thoroughfare. Carolers dressed in Victorian costumes sing songs of the season. Musical ensembles and dancers perform in the many shops that fill the street. It’s a scene evocative of days gone by. The Hudson Opera House presents Winter Walk on Warren Street. This free event on the first Saturday of Dec., 5pm-8pm is a holiday tradition. Contact Hudson Opera House at 822-1438 or visit www.hudsonoperahouse.org





■ Celebration of Celts

The sights, sounds, taste, and music of the eight Celtic Nations. Meadowgreens Restaurant and Golf Course, 1238 Rt 9H, Ghent www.celebrationofcelts.com First weekend in May

■ Family Fest

Fireworks, music, rides, food and fun. Columbia County Fairgrounds, Rt 66, Chatham Village, 392-2121, www.columbiafair.com/otherevents.html July 4, 3-10pm

■ Independence Day Celebration

18th century music, entertainment, food and fireworks. Clermont State Historic Site, Off Rt 9G, Clermont, 537-4240, www.friendsofclermont.org July 4, 12-10pm

■ Strawberry Shortcake Festival

Celebrate Independence Day with Strawberry Shortcake and the reading of the Declaration of Independence. Shaker Museum and Library, 88 Shaker Museum Rd, Old Chatham, 794-9100 www.shakermuseumandlibrary.org July 4, 9am-noon



■ Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival

A wide range of bluegrass, acoustic and dance music. Rothvoss Farm, Rothvoss Rd, off Cty Rt 3, Ancramdale, 888-946-8495 www.grefoxbluegrass.com Early July (after Independence Day)

■ Falcon Ridge Folk Festival

a four-day community of folk music and dance. Dodds Farm, 44 County Rt 7D, Hillsdale, 866-325-2744 www.falconridgefolk.com Mid-July

■ Open Studio Tour at Art Omi

View works of thirty artists-in-residence at the Art Omi International Artist Residency. Letter S Rd, Ghent, (212) 206-5684, www.artomi.org Late July

■ Blueberry Festival

19th C. craft demonstrations, music, Blueberry pancake breakfast and more. Old Austerlitz site, Rt 22, Austerlitz, Austerlitz Historical Society, 392-0062, www.oldausterlitz.org Last Saturday in July

■ Steamboat Days at Clermont

Celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the maiden voyage of Robert Fulton's North River Steamboat. Clermont State Historic Site, One Clermont Ave, (off Rt 9G), Clermont 537-4240, www.friendsofclermont.org August 18 & 19

■ Columbia County Fair

Nightly entertainment, daily livestock shows, petting zoo, midway rides, food vendors. Columbia County Fairgrounds, Rt 66, Chatham Village, 392-2121 www.columbiafair.com Labor Day weekend, 10am-11pm daily

■ Art at Steepletop

Annual Festival at Millay Colony featuring former residents' work. 454 East Hill Rd, Austerlitz, Millay Colony for the Arts, 392-4144, www.millaycolony.org Late September

■ CCCA Arts Walk

Cutting edge art, sculpture, dance, and music over two weekends in early October. Warren St, Hudson, Columbia County Council on the Arts, 671-5213, www.artscolumbia.org Early October

■ Film Columbia

An exciting weekend of film premieres and meet-the-filmmaker events. Crandell Theater, Main St, Chatham, 392-1162 – Calliope Nicholas, www.filmcolumbia.com October

■ A Winter Walk on Warren Street

A Winter Wonderland featuring traditional and contemporary entertainment, shops, food and more. Warren St, Hudson, 822-1438, www.hudsonoperahouse.org First Saturday in December, 5-8pm



The Great Outdoors are really great all year round in Columbia County. With its rolling hills, pristine lakes, rushing streams, dense forests, wide fields and meadows, mountain trails, and winding roads, Columbia County is a giant outdoor playground. So whatever outdoor fun means to you — swimming, boating, hiking, camping, hunting, fishing, running, cycling, skiing, snowmobiling, golfing, tennis, bird watching or a game of lawn croquet — Columbia County is the place to enjoy doing it.

ATTRACTIONS

■ Catamount Ski & Snowboarding Area

3290 Rt 23, Hillsdale; 325-3200, www.catamountski.com. 32 Trails, 3 terrain parks, 6 lifts — including triple chair & all new quad, lessons, rentals, night skiing, children's lessons & child care. 98% snow-making. For conditions call 800-342-1840

■ Columbia County Fairgrounds

Rt 66 & 203, Chatham Village; 392-2121, www.columbiafair.com. Home of one of the oldest continuously held fairs in the country featuring midway, entertainment, firefighter's parade, fireworks; always over Labor Day weekend 10am-11pm daily

■ Harlem Valley Rail Trail

Access — Undermountain Rd, off Rt 22, Ancram — Valley View Rd, Copake — Taconic State Park Entrance (near Depot Deli), Copake Falls, HVRT Assoc; 789-9591, www.hvrt.org. A paved bicycle/pedestrian path built on the old railroad bed that connected New York City, the Harlem Valley, and Chatham

■ Hudson Cruises, Inc

Office: 234 Warren St, Hudson; boat located: Waterfront Park, Front St, Hudson; 822-1014, www.hudson-cruises.com. Paddle-wheeled 150-passenger vessel, sightseeing, dinner and Sunday brunch cruises. Also available for charter cruises for all occasions. April — Oct; please call for weekly schedule

■ Lake Taghkanic State Park

One mile south of the Rt 82 interchange with the Taconic State Parkway or 1528 Rt 82; 851-3631, www.nysparks.com/parks. Camping (tent, trailer, cottages, and cabins), swimming, boat rentals, trails, ice fishing,

skating, cross country skiing & snowmobile trails; deer & turkey hunting (bow only) in designated areas in season. Camping season: May-October; park open YR — fee to enter Memorial Day — Labor Day

■ Lebanon Valley Speedway

Rt 20, West Lebanon; 794-9606, www.lebanonvalley.com. DIRT sanctioned stock car racing; Saturdays mid-April — Sept, call for mid-week special events during July and Aug

■ Lebanon Valley Dragway

Rt 20, West Lebanon; 794-7130, www.dragway.com. NHRA sanctioned drag racing; April — Oct

■ Taconic State Park

Rt 344, off Rt 22, Copake Falls; 329-3993, www.nysparks.com/parks. Camping (tent, trailer, cabins & cottages), swimming; fishing; extensive trail system offering biking and nature trails, nature center, cross country skiing and snowmobile trails; Bash Bish Falls; deer hunting in season. Camping season: mid-May — Nov (cabin rentals extended for hunters); park open year round — fee to enter Memorial Day — Labor Day

AVIATION — SCENIC RIDES

■ Columbia County Balloon Flights

Valatie, 758-2721, ccbf@nycap.rr.com

■ Richmor Aviation, Inc

Columbia County Airport, Ghent 828-9461, www.richmor.com.

■ Russ Barber Hot Air Balloon Rides

Stockport, 828-3735, www.balloonbedandbreakfast.com

Call 800-724-1846 and ask for the Columbia County Calendar of Events. Please call the various venues to confirm dates.

BIKE SALES, RENTALS

- **Bash Bish Bicycle**
Copake Falls; 329-4962,
www.bashbishbicycle.com
- **Charlie's Bike Shop**
North Hillsdale; 325-3986
- **G Pulver's Glass Inc**
Hudson; 828-0217
- **Steiner's Sports**
Valatie, 784-3663; Hudson,
828-5063, www.steinerssports.com



BICYCLING

- **Harlem Valley Rail Trail**
Access – Undermountain Rd, off
Rt 22, Ancram – Valley View Rd,
Copake – Taconic State Park
Entrance (near Depot Deli), Copake
Falls, HVRT Assoc; 789-9591

BOAT LAUNCH SITES

- **Copake Lake**
- **Hudson River**
Front Street, Hudson; off Ct Rt 35A,
Germantown
- **Kinderhook Lake**
Cty Rt 28, Kinderhook; car top boats
with electric motors only
- **Lake Taghkanic State Park**
Rt 82, Taghkanic; permit required
- **Queechy Lake**
Cty Rt 30, Canaan; car top only

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

- **Beebe Hill State Forest**
Cty Rt 5, Austerlitz; 828-0236*
- **Borden's Pond Conservation Area**
Off Rt 203, outside Chatham Village,
Columbia Land Conservancy
392-5252, www.clctrust.org
- **Clermont State Historic Site**
Off Rt 9G, Clermont; 537-4240
- **Crellin Community Park**
Rt 66, outside of Chatham Village
- **Drowned Land Swamp
Conservation Area**
Cty Rt 3, Ancram; Columbia Land
Conservancy, 392-5252
- **The Fields Sculpture Park
ART/OMI, Inc**
Letter S Rd, Ghent; 392-7656
- **Greenport Conservation Area**
Daisy Hill Rd, off Joslen Blvd,
Greenport; Columbia Land
Conservancy, 392-5252,
www.clctrust.org
- **Hand Hollow Conservation Area**
Cty Rt 9, New Lebanon, Columbia
Land Conservancy, 392-5252,
www.clctrust.org
- **Harlem Valley Rail Trail**
HVRT Assoc, 789-9591, see page 13
for more details
- **Harvey Mountain State Forest**
East Hill Rd (off Rt 22, near the I-90
B-3 Exit), Austerlitz; 828-0236*
- **High Falls Conservation Area**
Roxbury Road (off Rt 217), Philmont
Columbia Land Conservancy,
392-5252, www.clctrust.org
- **Lake Taghkanic State Park**
Taghkanic; 851-3631
- **Martin Van Buren Park**
Rt 9H, Kinderhook; 758-9689
- **New Forge State Forest**
Rt 82, Taghkanic; 828-0236*
- **Olana State Historic Site**
Rt 9G, 828-0135
- **Pachaquack Preserve**
Elm Street, Valatie; 758-9806
- **River Street Park**
River Street, Valatie; 758-9806
- **Taconic State Park**
Rt 344, Copake Falls; 329-3993

GOLFING

- **Campbell's Hillside
Driving Range**
Bloody Hill Rd, Craryville; 325-6651
- **Copake Country Club**
Copake; 325-4338
www.copakecountryclub.com
- **Farmer's Range**
Rt 203, Valatie
- **Ghent Driving Range**
County Rt 9 & Hugo Dr, Ghent;
672-7996 or 672-7922
- **Meadowgreens Golf Course
& Restaurant**
Rt 9H, Ghent; 828-0663
- **Triple Nickel Golf Center**
New Lebanon; 794-7270
www.thetriplenickel.com
- **Undermountain Golf Course, Inc**
Undermountain Rd, Ancram;
329-4444, www.undermountaingolf.com
- **Winding Brook Country Club**
Rt 203, Valatie; 758-7054
www.windingbrookcountryclub.com
- **Beebe Hill State Forest**
Cty Rt 5, Austerlitz; 828-0236*
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Columbia Land Conservancy
392-5252, www.clctrust.org
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Taghkanic; 851-3631
- **Martin Van Buren Park**
Rt 9H, Kinderhook; 758-9689
- **New Forge State Forest**
New Forge Rd, Taghkanic; 828-0236*
- **Olana State Historic Site**
Rt 9G, Hudson; 828-0135
- **Ooms Conservation Area at
Sutherland Pond**
Hartigan Rd, Chatham; Columbia
Land Conservancy, 392-5252,
www.clctrust.org
- **Pachaquack Preserve**
Elm St, Valatie; 758-9806



HIKING TRAILS

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Elm St, Valatie; 758-9806
- **River Street Park**
River St, Valatie; 758-9806
- **Taconic State Park**
Rt 344, Copake Falls; 329-3993
- **Wilson M Powell Wildlife
Sanctuary**
Hunt Club Rd, Old Chatham,
www.alandevoebirdclub.org

HUNTING

- **Beebe Hill State Forest**
Cty Rt 5, Austerlitz; 828-0236*
- **Harvey Mountain State Forest**
East Hill Rd, Austerlitz; 828-0236*
- **Houtalings Island** – Boat access only
- **Lake Taghkanic State Park**
851-3631; Bow season only
- **Lido's Game Farm/Hunt Club**
Berkshire Rd, Taghkanic; 329-1551
Private
- **New Forge State Forest**
New Forge Rd, Taghkanic; 828-0236*
- **Quality Adventures INC
Guide Service**
Stottville; 822-9353;
licensed hunting and fishing guide
- **Rogers Island State Wildlife
Management Area**
Greenport, Boat access only
- **Taconic State Park**
Rt 344, Copake Falls; 329-3993;
bow and rifle hunting – deer only

KYACKING

- **Outdoor Pursuits Adventure
Guide Services, LLC**
North Fourth St, Hudson; 671-6270;
www.outdoorpursuits.us

*For more information—
NY State Forest Ranger
Chris Dicitio 828-0236

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Columbia County is a
welcoming haven for
more than 260 species of
birds and the people who love
them. For a free copy of our **Columbia
County Bird Guide**, call (800) 724-1846,
or visit www.bestcountryroads.com/birding.





SANCTUARIES/ PRESERVES

- **Freund Wildlife Sanctuary**
Pitt Rd, Old Chatham
- **Hudson River Islands State Park**
on the River, access by boat only
- **Lewis A Swyer Preserve**
Mill Creek Boardwalk, Rt 9J,
Stuyvesant
- **Mud Creek Environmental
Learning Center**
Rt 66, Ghent; 828-4386
- **Nutton Hook State
Unique Area**
Rt 9J, Stuyvesant
- **Pachaquack Preserve**
Elm Street, Valatie; 758-9806
- **Rheinstrom Hill
Audubon Center**
Cambridge Rd., Hillsdale

- **Rogers Island State Wildlife
Management Area**
Hallenbeck Rd, Greenport
- **Stockport Creek State
Wetland Preservation Area**
Cty Rt 25, Stockport
- **Wilson M Powell Wildlife
Sanctuary**
Hunt Club Rd, Old Chatham,
www.alandevoebirdclub.org

SWIMMING

- **Knickerbocker Lake**
Rt 9 outside Valatie
- **Lake Taghkanic State Park**
Taconic State Parkway or Rt 82,
Taghkanic; 851-3631
- **Taconic State Park**
Rt 344, Copake Falls; 329-3993



“What do we do with the kids?” *Swimming, fishing, a special rollerblade center, visits to working farms, pick-your-own orchards, walks through nature preserves and the full range of winter sports are among the many ways children of all ages can have fun, excitement and even a learning experience. And don't miss the annual Columbia County Fair, one of the oldest county fairs in America.*

- **Catamount Ski &
Snowboarding Area**
3290 Rt 23, Hillsdale; 325-3200,
www.catamountski.com
For snow conditions call 800-342-1840
32 Trails, 3 terrain parks, 6 lifts - including
triple chair & all new quad, lessons,
rentals, night skiing, children's lessons and
child care. 98% snowmaking

- **Chatham Bowl &
Side Door Grille**
248 Rt 295, Chatham, 392-5050.
Family Fun

- **Hudson Cruises, INC**
Waterfront Park, Front St, Hudson,
822-1014, www.hudsoncruises.com.
Offers Dinning, Dancing and Scenic
Cruises, Sunday Brunch Cruises

- **Lake Taghkanic State Park**
One mile south of the Rt 82 inter-
change with the Taconic State
Parkway or 1528 Rt 82; 851-3631,
www.nysparks.com/parks
Camping season: May – October; park
open YR – fee to enter Memorial Day –
Labor Day, see page 13 for more details

- **Lebanon Valley Dragway**
1746 Rt 20, West Lebanon; 794-7130,
www.dragway.com. NHRA sanctioned
drag racing. April – October

- **Lebanon Valley Speedway**
1746 Rt 20, West Lebanon; 794-9606,
www.lebanonvalley.com
DIRT sanctioned stock car racing; Saturdays
mid-April – September, call for mid-week
special events during July and August

- **Petting Zoo at Love Apple Farm**
1421 Rt 9H, Ghent; 828-5048
www.loveapplefarm.com
Visit the petting zoo, featuring a calf, llama,

pigs, ducks, goat, lambs, chickens, prairie
dogs, peacock and other baby animals that
children may feed. Entrance fee varies.
Open June – November

- **Mud Creek Environmental
Learning Center**
Rt 66, Ghent; CC Soil & Water,
828-4386

- **Mill Creek Boardwalk**
Lewis A Swyer Preserve, Rt 9J,
Stuyvesant

- **Nutton Hook State
Unique Area**
Rt 9J, Stuyvesant

- **Old Chatham
Shepherding Co Farm**
99 Shaker Museum Rd, Old
Chatham; 794-7733. Visit this farm
and watch milking and cheese making.
Watch for their Farm Day the last Saturday
in April

- **Skate Factory/SFX Skatepark**
1131 Rt 9H, Ghent 822-8453,
www.skatefactory.net
www.sfxxtreme.com
Roller skating, roller hockey, skate boarding,
special events, parties, disc jockey

- **Taconic State Park**
Rt 344, off Rt 22, Copake Falls
329-3993, www.nysparks.com/parks
Camping season: mid-May – November
(cabin rentals extended for hunters); park
open YR – fee to enter Memorial Day –
Labor Day, see page 13 for more details

- **Wilson M Powell
Wildlife Sanctuary**
Hunt Club Rd, off Cty Rt 13,
Old Chatham



When you work up an appetite, *Columbia County has lots of delicious ways to satisfy it. You can start the day with a hearty country breakfast, stop at a charming eatery for lunch and end the day with a candlelight dinner. With so many choices – classic American diners, old fashioned family-friendly restaurants, coffee shops, vegetarian cafes, taverns, country inns, ethnic and gourmet dining spots – you're never far from a place to go when you hunger for something good to eat.*

For a complete listing of restaurants
and dining options, visit
www.bestcountryroads.com/eating





Numerous farm markets, roadside stands and orchards bring Columbia County's rural nature to life. One of the special highlights for visitors is savoring the harvest of fresh local fruits and vegetables. Strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, watermelons, cherries, peaches, apples, pears, lettuces, broccoli, runner beans, squashes, eggplant, cabbages, potatoes, tomatoes, pumpkins, and corn are some of the things you can buy, or even pick your own. What's more, delicious honeys, preserves, jellies, relishes, cakes, pies, cheeses, cider and other prepared foods let you take the memories home.



Ancram

- **Millerhurst Gardens**
3201 Rt 82, Ancramdale
- **Thompson Finch Farm***
720 Wiltzie Bridge Rd, off Rt 82;
329-7578; www.thompsonfinch.com

Austerlitz

- **Braley's Farm**
1280 Rt 203

Chatham

- **The Berry Farm***
2309 Rt 203; 392-4609
- **Chatham Farmer's Market**
15 Church Street @ Route 203,
392-3353, May - Oct, Fri 4-7pm
- **Harry's Fresh Veggies**
1268 Rt 295, East Chatham



Claverack

- **Bryant Farms**
Rts 9H & 23; 851-2777
- **Holmquest Farm**
516 Spook Rock Rd (Cty Rt 29);
851-9629
- **Meisner's Farm Stand**
Rts 9 & 23; 851-3714
- **Philip Orchard***
270 Rt 9H; 851-6351
- **Scarecrow Farm**
Rt 23
- **Shortcake Farms**
Rt 23
- **Triple H Ranch – Goat Dairy and Farm Store**
28 Fish and Game Road; 828-0651

Clermont

- **Ronald & Harriet Miller**
Rt 9
- **Larch Hill Farm**
Cty Rt 33

Copake

- **Langdonhurst Market**
Cty Rt 7A; 329-7171
- **Link's Farmstand**
3124 Cty Rt 7
- **North Mountain Nursery & Farm Stand**
8586 Rt 22; 325-1685

- **Sir William Farm Market**
4160 Cty Rt 7, Craryville (1/4 mile
south of Rt 23); 325-3105,
325-5099 (fax)

Ghent

- **Hawthorne Valley Farm**
Cty Rt 21C, Harlemville; 672-7500;
www.hawthornevalleyfarm.com
- **Love Apple Farm***
1421 Rt 9H; 828-5048,
www.loveapplefarm.com

Greenport

- **Don Baker Farm**
183 Cty Rt 14; 828-9542;
www.donbakerfarm.com
- **Cherry Ridge Farm**
4150 Rt 23; 828-7018
- **Eger Brothers**
Intersection of Rts 9, 23, & 31
Buckley's Corners

Hillsdale

- **Hillsdale Farmer's Market**
Town Hall, off Anthony Street,
July - Oct, Sat 9am-noon, 325-4165
- **Markristo Farms**
2891 Rt 23
- **White Oak Farms**
65 Whippoorwill Rd, off Rt 22;
325-3384

Hudson

- **Hudson Farmers Market**
North 6th & Columbia Street;
828-7217, June - Oct, Sat 9-1pm

Kinderhook

- **Crazy Arts Plant Farm**
2197 Rt 9H; 758-7254
- **Golden Harvest***
3074 Rt 9, outside Valatie; 758-7683;
www.goldenharvestfarms.com
- **Kinderhook Farmers Market**
Village Square, Rt 9,
late Spring - Oct, Sat 8am-noon
- **Samascott's Farm Stand**
Rt 9; 758-9292; www.samascotts.com

- **Samascott's Orchards***
5 Sunset Ave; 758-7224;
www.samascott.com
- **Staron Farm Market**
Rt 203 & Merwin Rd; 392-2920
- **Yonder's Fruit Farms***
Rt 9, outside Valatie; 758-7011

Livingston

- **Fix Brothers Orchards***
215 Birch Rd, off Cty Rt 10; 828-7560;
www.fixbrofruitfarm.com
- **Green Acres Farm***
Rt 82
- **Smith Farms***
200 White Birch Rd (off Cty Rt 10),
frederic@mhccable.com, 828-1228
- **V&R Saulpaugh & Sons**
2329 Rt 9; 537-6494 (call first)

New Lebanon

- **Gagen Farm**
Rt 22,
Lebanon Springs
- **Hands to Work Farm**
Off Rt 20
- **Windswept Farm**
Old Rt 20
(between Rt 20
& Rt 22)



Stuyvesant

- **Stuyvesant Farmer's Market**
Historic Stuyvesant Railroad Station
in Stuyvesant Landing, Riverview St
(off County Rt 26A and Rt 9J),
June - Oct, Fri 4-8pm, 758-6474

Taghkanic

- **Taconic Orchards**
591 Rt 82; 851-7477

* Note: "Pick Your Own"

For a complete list of seasonal produce, please visit www.bestcountryroads.com/markets



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Inn and Bed & Breakfast Descriptions

■ Spencertown Extended Stays – Austerlitz ●

Two-bedroom cottage. Three-bedroom carriage barn. Each unit with full kitchen and comfortable living spaces. Convenient location in rural environment. mail@spencertowncountryhouse.com or 392-7449 www.spencertowncountryhouse.com

■ Stephanie's Guest House – Austerlitz

Beautifully restored 1840 farmhouse located on Green River. Furnished with antiques and surrounded by lovely gardens. A delectable breakfast awaits the visitor in the morning. Open May 1 – October 31. 392-8933, adstwa@aol.com

■ The Grant House – Canaan ●

Come enjoy comfortable accommodations for leisure and business travelers in a spacious two room suite. 392-4433

■ 1805 House B&B – Claverack

B&B offers a quiet pastoral getaway conveniently situated minutes from historic attractions, antique shops and plenty of outdoor activities. 851-3327 or 929-5923, www.1805house.com

■ Thyme in the Country Bed & Breakfast – Claverack ●

Eco-friendly B&B with warm peaceful elegance. Antique beds with new natural fiber bedding. Organic breakfasts. Salt filtered pool in summer, log fires in the winter. 672-5623, www.thymeinthecountrybandb.com

■ Wagon Way B&B – Claverack ●

Five minutes from Hudson's art and antique shops in historic Claverack, total privacy and comfort await. Enjoy home baked breakfasts in the sunroom or by the pool. 851-7524, www.wagonwaybb.com

■ Mountain View Inn – Copake

This 150-year-old country inn is located on five wooded acres in the quaint hamlet of Copake. 329-1175



■ Sunset/Sunrise – Copake ●

Contemporary architect's home; guestrooms have private decks to enjoy the views of the Taconic Mountains. 329-2915

■ The Inn at Silver Maple Farm – E. Chatham ●

Lovely accommodations, a number with fireplaces, in a beautifully converted barn with all the touches of home, just minutes to museums and antique shops. 781-3600, www.silvermaplefarm.com

■ Milk & Honey B&B – E. Chatham ●

1790s farmstead surrounded by the Berkshire Hills, nestled on eight acres with a pond, trout stream and a meadow strewn with wildflowers. 392-7994

■ Bittersweet Guest House – Gallatin

A lovely country setting equally distanced to sightseeing activities in the Hudson Valley. 537-5260

■ Gingerbread Haus – Germantown

Enjoy the views of the Hudson River and Catskill Mountains from this charming 1890s two-story guest apartment. 537-3756

■ The Bell House B&B – Hillsdale ●

Gracious country inn built in 1830 with antique appointed rooms. Five romantic bedrooms with private baths and gourmet breakfast. Set amidst trees, beautiful gardens and a swimming pool. Close to all Columbia and Berkshire attractions. 325-3841, www.bellhousebb.com

■ Flickers Stage & Screen B&B – Hillsdale ●

"Close to Everything & Far From the Ordinary." Stay with the Stars. Original memorabilia autographs. Cozy accommodations with fireplaces available. 325-6467, www.FlickersBandB.com

■ The Honored Guest B&B – Hillsdale

Relax and enjoy the lovingly decorated guestrooms, gourmet breakfast, tea at 4:30 and a nightly turn-down service. 325-9100, www.honoredguest.com

■ Inn at Green River – Hillsdale ●

Pastoral setting surrounding elegant 1830 country inn with romantic guestrooms, featuring fireplaces & Jacuzzis. Elaborate gourmet breakfasts described as a "feast" by *The New York Times*. 325-7248, www.iagr.com

■ Linden Valley Inn – Hillsdale ●

Overlooking Catamount ski area, all rooms offer guests a commanding view off a private terrace. 325-7100, lindenvalley.tripod.com

■ Swiss Hutte Restaurant and Lodging – Hillsdale ●

Charming country inn with a European flair overlooking Catamount ski area. 325-3333, www.swisshutte.com

■ 446 Warren Street – Hudson

Elegantly furnished self-catering 1.5 bedroom apartment with full kitchen and bath in a c. 1790 red brick Federal Town House. 828-0520, www.466warrenst.com

■ The Country Squire B&B – Hudson ●

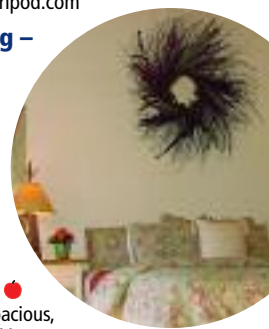
Located in Historic Downtown Hudson. Interior is spacious, room palettes relaxing, furnishings are sophisticated but comfortable. Recently restored Victorian rich in detail. Convenient to Amtrak. 822-9229, www.countysquireny.com

■ Hudson City B&B – Hudson

A 19th Century Historic Victorian located in the city of Hudson just blocks from over 70 antique shops. Eight antique appointed guest rooms await your arrival. 822-8044, www.hudsoncitybnb.com

■ Inn at Ca'Mea – Hudson

Four newly renovated rooms with Queen sized beds connected through the garden to Ca'Mea restaurant offering 20% discount at the restaurant to our guest. 822-0005, www.camearestaurant.com



● Columbia County Lodging Assoc.

■ The Inn at Hudson – Hudson ●

Architect Marcus Reynolds (Style Follows Function) designed this Dutch and Jacobean house in 1903, and it is known as Reynolds's richest and most successful home. The Inn features two rooms with fireplaces and is a short walk to the fine dining and antique shops in Hudson. 822-9322, www.theinnathudson.com

■ Mount Merino Manor – Hudson ●

Beautiful views on 100-acre estate just minutes to Hudson. Elegant, comfortable guest rooms offer whirlpool tubs, spa-showers and luxury amenities. A wonderful setting for weddings, seminars and parties. 828-5583, www.mountmerinomanor.com

■ Sweet Suites – Hudson

Feel at home in our 2 bedroom suites with private kitchen, bath and laundry. Wireless internet, cable TV & phone included. Pet friendly unit or allergy free unit available. 917/923-9772, www.sweetwuitesny.com

■ Union Street Guest House – Hudson ●

Spacious and beautifully appointed Guest Suites, each with a private entrance. The USGH is just one block from the best of Hudson dining and shopping and five blocks from the Amtrak station, where a rental car can be arranged to take you to the region's many and varied attractions. 828-0958, www.unionstreetguesthouse.com

■ Vintage East – A Country Cottage Retreat – Hudson ●

A 1790 extended stay, self catering cottage near the City of Hudson featuring two bedrooms plus sleeping alcove, antiques, enclosed porch overlooking the countryside of Frederic Edwin Church's Olana. 828-3825, www.vintageeast.com

■ Kinderhook B&B – Kinderhook

Surrounded by beautiful perennial gardens, this 1900 center hall colonial is tastefully comfortable, relaxing and joyful. 758-1850, www.kinderhookbandb.com

■ The Van Schaack House – Kinderhook ●

Built in 1785, refurbished to the original Dutch architecture with a Victorian style décor, providing elegant accommodations in the historic village of Kinderhook. 758-6118, www.vanschaackhouse.com

■ Inn at Blue Stores – Livingston ●

1908 arts and crafts mission style structure located on a 100-acre working farm. 537-4277, www.innatbluestores.com

■ Churchill House B&B – New Lebanon ●

Picturesque Greek revival home, set amid 18 acres of manicured grounds, hills, fields and streams. 766-5852, www.churchillhousebb.com

■ Harmony Acres – New Lebanon ●

1815 restored & complete farmhouse with barn on 35 wooded acres with stream and open view of area. This house has many amenities – a modern kitchen, wood stove in common room and 1½ baths. This rental property offers weekly and monthly rates. 794-7321, jbaum@localnet.com

■ Hitchcock House – New Lebanon ●

Restored 1797 Shaker built house on 123 acres with ponds, meadows, mountain trails and gardens. 794-8826, www.hitchcockhousebb.com

■ Hitchcock House Cottage – New Lebanon ●

Lovingly restored barn (pictured on our website): 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, full kitchen, living room w/TV & VCR, porch, sun room overlooking pond w/ small waterfall & gazebo. 794-8826, www.hitchcockhousebb.com

■ The Inn at the Shaker Mill Farm – New Lebanon ●

An 1824 Shaker stone mill converted into a country inn. Dedicated to the joys of gentle leisure; built alongside a stream and a waterfall. A retreat destination for people and groups of all types. 794-9345, www.shakermillfarminn.com



■ Shaker Meadows – New Lebanon ●

This 1821 farmhouse offers guests a full kitchen, living room and six bedrooms. Historical and recreational attractions are just minutes away. 794-9385, www.shakermeadows.com

■ The Spencer House B&B – New Lebanon ●

A beautifully restored historic building located in the heart of Shaker country. 794-6500, www.TheSpencerHouse.com

■ Angel Wing Hollow B&B – Niverville ●

Guests will enjoy two large rooms with queen size beds and private baths. Just minutes from historic attractions and country farm markets. 784-2989, angwngfrm1@aol.com

■ Old Chatham Bed and Breakfast – Old Chatham

Two-room suite with private bath in 1870 Victorian farmhouse in village of Old Chatham next to pond. Walking distance to Old Chatham Country Store and Jackson's Old Chatham House both offer fine dining. 794-9841, glassoldchatham@aol.com

■ The Balloon Bed and Breakfast – Stockport ●

Newly renovated 1869 Victorian, three guest rooms, each with private baths; located in the quaint town of Stockport just two miles north of the city of Hudson. Hot air balloon rides are available – must be booked in advance. 828-3735, www.balloonbedandbreakfast.com

■ Rowdy Garden House Bed & Breakfast – Stuyvesant ●

A country B&B surrounded by varied gardens with informal seating. Overnight stabling is available with prior arrangements. Short distance from Kinderhook Village, Hudson River, and bicycling routes. 758-6855, www.rowdygardenhouse.com

■ Baby Joey's Guest House – Taghkanic

Picture-perfect log house on 6 acres with magnificent Catskill views. Fully furnished and sleeps 6 – on the prettiest road in Columbia County. Children and friendly dogs welcome. 851-3291, www.hudsondoodles.com/loghouse

■ Nathan Wild House – Valatie

Built in 1826, the Nathan Wild House is a grand residence on the National Register of Historic Places. B&B guests are served breakfast in the elegant Greek revival dining room. The North Wing of the house has been turned into an elegant two-story guest house that can be rented by guests who wish to prepare their own meals. It is ideal for one or two adult couples. 758-9684, www.nathanwildhouse.com

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Conference / Retreat

■ The Retreat at Art Omi Meeting and Conference Center ●

Dorothy Randall

59 Letter S Road, Ghent, NY 12075

212-249-7406, www.retreatartomi.com

Seasonal: Nov 1st – Mar 31st.

The Retreat is available exclusively for business meetings, retreats, photo shoots, and group getaways.

Specialty

■ Guests Garden Cottage ●

Beth Rinzler

PO Box 18 (West Hill Rd – off Rt 22), Austerlitz, NY 12017

392-2340, www.taconic.net/guestgarden

Private and romantic!

One room cottage with fireplace, swimming pond and gardens.

■ Gina's K-9 Bed & Breakfast Boarding For Dogs

Gina Hosier

349 Farm Rd, Copake, NY 12516

329-4675

This unique B&B is for the canine in your family. No cages or kennels for your pooch. Dogs stay in rooms, participate with family and have fun in a 1/2 acre fenced-in yard. Fully insured and member of NAPPS – National Association of Professional Pet Sitters



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The Columbia County Lodging Association has a broad range of accommodations including Bed & Breakfasts, county inns, vacation homes, cottages and motels. All properties share a commitment to quality, cleanliness, comfort and safety; the vision is designed to ensure an enjoyable stay to those who visit the area. For a reservations consultant, please call **800-558-8218** or view the website at www.columbiacountylodging.com ●

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Hotel / Motel Descriptions

■ Berkshire Spur Motel – Canaan

Close proximity to many recreational and historic sites. Situated just off Exit B3 of the New York State Thruway. 781-4432

■ Chatham Travel Lodge – Chatham

Located halfway between Chatham and East Chatham on Route 295 with fantastic views and conveniently close to many attractions. 392-4066, www.chathamtravellodge.com

■ Elm Tree Motel – Claverack

Situated on Route 23, this motel has excellent views of the rolling farmland of Columbia County. Close proximity to many recreational and historic sites. 851-9192, www.elmtreeemotel.com

■ Yorkshire Motel – Claverack

Guests will enjoy spacious restful rooms and sun porches to delight in the great outdoors. Close proximity to many recreational and historic sites. 851-7050

■ Johanna's Motel – Copake

Large comfortable rooms and a scenic location await guests at this conveniently located motel. 329-3000

■ Holiday House Motel – Hillsdale

Conveniently located near wonderful antique shops, golf courses, skiing, and hiking trails. 325-3030, www.holidayhousemotel.com

■ Silvanus Lodge – Hillsdale ●

Cool, clean, comfortable...and FUN, describe what guests can look forward to. Great location for the outdoor enthusiast! 325-3000, www.silvanuslodge.com

■ Joslen Motor Lodge – Hudson

Just minutes to antique shops and museums, guests will enjoy warm hospitality in clean and comfortable rooms. 828-7046

■ St. Charles Hotel – Hudson

Located in the historic city of Hudson, guests will enjoy an array of antique shops, galleries and restaurants. 822-9900, www.stcharleshotel.com

■ Blue Spruce Inn & Suites – Kinderhook ●

Family operated establishment for over 40 years. Located in the historic town of Kinderhook. 758-9711, www.bluespruceinnsuites.com

■ Blue Stores Hotel & Restaurant – Livingston

Great country setting! All rooms furnished with antique furniture. 537-6518

■ Valley Rest Motel – New Lebanon

Relax and enjoy the swimming pool and picnic area. Great proximity to Lebanon Valley Raceway, minutes to historic and recreational areas. 794-7551

■ Taghkanic Motel – Taghkanic

Opposite Lake Taghkanic State Park. Best Hunting Location! 851-9006, www.taghkanicmotel.com



Campgrounds	ADDRESS	PHONE	SEASON	MAJOR CREDIT CARDS	NUMBER OF SITES	ELECTRIC SITES	WATER SITES	SEWAGE SITES	FLUSHING TOILETS / SHOWERS	HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE	PROPANE STATION	SWIMMING	PLAYGROUND	CAMP STORE	LAUNDRY FACILITIES	RECREATION AREAS	RV SITES	CABIN / TRAILER RENTALS	TENT SITES	
AUSTERLITZ FOX HILL CAMPING AREA	603 Rt 203 Spencertown, NY 12165	518-392-3714	May - Oct	●	121	121	121	121	●	●	●	PD	●	●	●	●	●	●	CT	●
WOODLAND HILLS CAMPGROUND www.whcg.net	386 Fog Hill Road Austerlitz, NY 12017	518-392-3557	May - Oct	●	200	188	186	149	●	●	●	PD	●	●	●	●	●	●	C	●
COPAKE CAMP WAUBEKA FAMILY CAMPGROUND www.campwaubeeka.com	133 Farm Road Copake, NY 12516	518-329-4681 Hiking Trail	May 1 - Oct 15	●	450	400	400	400	●	●	●	PD	●	●	●	●	●	●	C	●
CAMP OLEANA FAMILY CAMPGROUND www.oleanacampground.com	2236 County Rt 7 Copake, NY 12516	518-329-2811	May - Dec 31	●	250	250	250	250	●	●	●	P	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
TACONIC STATE PARK www.nysparks.com	State Rt 344 Copake Falls, NY 12517	518-329-3993	May - Nov	●	106				●	●	●	PD	●	●	●	●	●	●	C	●
GALLATIN LAKE TAGHKANIC STATE PARK www.nysparks.com	1528 State Rt 82 Ancram, NY 12502	518-851-3631	May - Oct	●	60				●	●	●	L	●	●	●	●	●	●	C	●
KINDERHOOK STONE'S RV PARK	3483 State Rt 9 Valatie, NY 12184	518-784-4805	May - Oct		10	10	10	10	●	●	●					●	●			●
LIVINGSTON BROOK-N-WOOD FAMILY CAMPGROUND www.brooknwood.com	1947 County Rt 8 Elizaville, NY 12523	518-537-6896 Free Wi Fi	April - Oct	●	129	129	129	129	●	●	●	P	●	●	●	●	●	●	CT	●



Gone Fishin'! *The two words that say you've left the worries and cares of the world behind – and this is the place to do it. With deep lakes, cold clear streams, and stocked ponds and creeks, it's no wonder fishermen and women of every stripe are hooked on Columbia County.*

DEC STOCKED CREEKS

- **KINDERHOOK CREEK**
 - From county line in New Lebanon at Adams Crossing Rd to county line in New Lebanon at Rt. 20 behind the Lebanon Valley Speedway and Dragway
 - Access from county line Town of Chatham at Rt 66 to Bachus Road
 - Access at Rt 66 across from Pitt Road (small area in corn field)
 - Access at bridge in Malden Bridge – both sides
- **VILLAGE OF VALATIE**
 - Access in the Pachaquack Preserve on Elm Street (off Rt 203)
 - River Street Park at River Street (off Rt 9)
 - Beaver Cotton Mill Overlook at the Falls – Main Street at the bridge

■ CLAVERACK CREEK – Town of Claverack

- At Roxbury Road (off Rt 217) bridge crosses creek at Hess farm – access at bridge only
- Route 23 at Red Mills – access off south side of bridge only (not north side with the falls)
- At bridge on Webb Road (off County Rt 29)
- County Rt 29 – a pull-off halfway between Webb Rd & Hiscox Rd

■ FEEDER TO THE CLAVERACK CREEK

- Stone Mill Road – at bridge only

■ ROELIFF JANSEN CREEK

- County Rt 2 between Elizaville and Taconic State Parkway – look for posted properties
- County Rt 2 & County Rt 19 at Turkey Hill Road
- Buckwheat Rd (off Rt 9 between County Rt 8 & County Rt 6) – at bridge known as Oars Bridge
- Wiltsie Bridge Road (off County Rt 3) – access at bridge only

Other Points for Fishing

- **HIGH FALLS CONSERVATION AREA – AGAWAMUCK CREEK**, Roxbury Rd (off Rt 217), Philmont; Columbia Land Conservancy, 392-5252, www.clctrust.org
- **LAKE TAGHKANIC STATE PARK**, Town of Taghkanic. Access off Rt 82
- **TACONIC STATE PARK**, Rt 344 (off Rt 22) Copake Falls, Ore Pond
- **OAKDALE POND**, Clinton Street and Glenwood Blvd, Hudson
- **OOMS CONSERVATION AREA AT SUTHERLAND POND**, Hartigan Rd, Chatham; Columbia Land Conservancy, 392-5252, www.clctrust.org
- **QUEECHY LAKE**, Town of Canaan*
- **KINDERHOOK LAKE**, Hamlet of Niverville, Town of Kinderhook*
* please check our website for boat and fishing location restrictions for these lakes

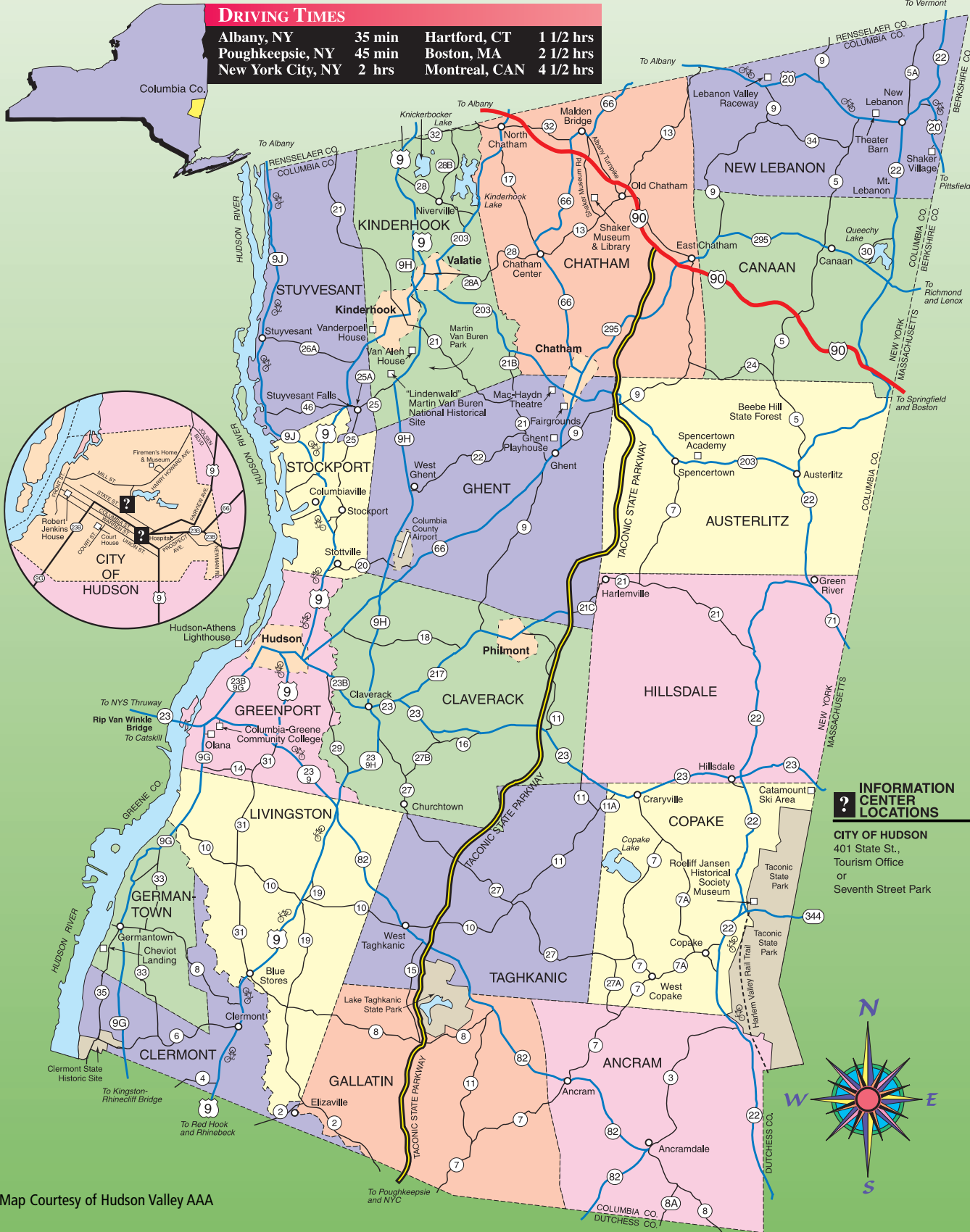
Access to Boating on the Hudson River

- **City of Hudson, Boat launch** – Front St at the bottom of Warren St
- **Town of Germantown, Boat launch** – County Rt 35A (Northern Blvd) off Rt 9G

A NYS fishing license is required for people over age 16 and are available from the Town Clerks and sport stores.

DRIVING TIMES

Albany, NY	35 min	Hartford, CT	1 1/2 hrs
Poughkeepsie, NY	45 min	Boston, MA	2 1/2 hrs
New York City, NY	2 hrs	Montreal, CAN	4 1/2 hrs



INFORMATION CENTER LOCATIONS

CITY OF HUDSON
 401 State St.,
 Tourism Office
 or
 Seventh Street Park

Postcard Perfect!

Taconic State Park & Hillsdale *30-Minute Tour*

Start by taking the Taconic State Parkway to the Route 23 exit. Head east toward Hillsdale, about three-and-a-half miles on Rte 23 until you see a "National Beauty Award Highway 1969" sign and make a right on to County Rte 11A, which will soon become County Rte 11. At County Rte 27, turn left and continue until you reach County Rte 7. Make a right on to Rte 7 and drive about a mile to County Rte 7A, then turn left and continue into Copake. Bear left at the village circle and stay on Rt 7A until you reach Rt 22.* A left on to Rte 22 will take you to Rte 23 in Hillsdale, and another left on to Rte 23 will point you west back toward the Parkway.

*If you're looking for a nice picnic area and/or campgrounds, turn right off Rte 22 on to Rte 344 and enter the Taconic State Park. For a scenic stroll, follow signs leading to parking for Bash Bish Falls. The mile-long hike to the towering falls runs along a trail bordering Bash Bish Brook.



Panoramic Delights!

Kinderhook and Chatham *45-Minute Tour*

President Van Buren's home and the History of the Shakers

Follow Route 9 south to Route 9H south to the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site, the retirement home of the eighth President of the United States. After your tour continue south on Route 9H to the intersection of County Route 22 and West Ghent – Stockport Rd. Turn left onto County Route 22 and follow to "The Fields" Sculpture Park at Art Omi on Letter S Road. After enjoying your self-guided walking tour of the park continue on County Route 22 and turn left onto County Route 21 and straight on County Route 21B to Route 203. Turn right onto Route 203 and continue into the Village of Chatham. Follow Route 66 north to Main Street where you will find a wide variety of shops and eateries for a leisurely stop. To learn about the Shakers in Columbia County – a visit to the Shaker Museum and Library is a must. Continue on Route 66 North to County Route 13 (a hard right before the red bridge over the Kinderhook Creek). Follow County Route 13 to Shaker Museum Road on your left and follow for 1/4 mile – the Museum is on your right. After your tour of the Museum, continue on Shaker Museum Road to Route 66 south to Route 32 west. Follow Route 32 through North Chatham to Route 9 in Kinderhook.

Imagining History.

Hudson, Olana, Clermont

This driving or biking journey on Rte 9G is highlighted by orchards, horse farms and fantastic vistas of the Catskill Mountains.

Hudson is known for its unique and varied architecture and antique dealers. The "Main Street USA" ambiance of this city harkens a simpler time and way of life. (Note: In Hudson, Rte 9G connects with 3rd Street.) Farther south, you'll encounter the crown jewel of the Hudson Valley: Frederic Church's Olana. With the look of a Persian palace, this magnificent mansion overflows with Victorian elegance, fabulous furnishings, and breathtaking paintings by the most famous landscapist of the Hudson River School.

Olana is situated four miles south of Hudson atop a huge hill affording some of the Hudson River Valley's most spectacular scenery. Treat yourself to a guided tour of the villa, or a leisurely picnic, or a stroll down Olana's lovely trails, yielding unforgettable views up and down the Hudson Valley.

Drink in the elegance of a golden age and the history of a courageous few. At the Clermont State Historic Site (off Rt. 9G in Clermont), you'll tour the grand 500-acre Hudson River estate, former home to seven generations of the distinguished Livingston family—including its patriarch, Robert Livingston. Take in the stately beauty of family heirlooms...and admire the formal gardens and the lush views of the Hudson as you enjoy a picnic on the grounds along the river.



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