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In the story of “Rip Van Winkle” a colonial-era villager happens upon a group of mysterious bearded men playing nine pins and drinking from a keg in the Catskill Mountains. He joins in their drink, falls asleep and wakes 20 years later to a changed world.

The legend may be 200 years old, but the Great Northern Catskills of Greene County, NY, still hold much of the same mystical enchantment. Just two hours north of New York City, you feel as if you’ve arrived in another world—where the air is fresh, open spaces stretch wide and you feel far, far away from the responsibilities you’ve left behind.

Greene County offers some of the best hiking, mountain biking, paddling and breathtaking waterfalls in the Northeast. It’s a winter playground, whether you ski or simply want to build a snowman. And it’s a quintessential destination for family resort vacations, Catskills-style, enjoyed year after year, generation upon generation.

Whether you’re inclined to “chill” or chase after “thrill” (page 18), its three distinct regions—River, Valley and

Mountains—are stacked with things to do winter, spring, summer and fall.

With 287,000 acres designated as “Forever Wild,” the Catskill Forest Preserve maintains the same verdant and pristine beauty that inspired famous American landscape painter Thomas Cole and the Hudson River School art movement (page 28).

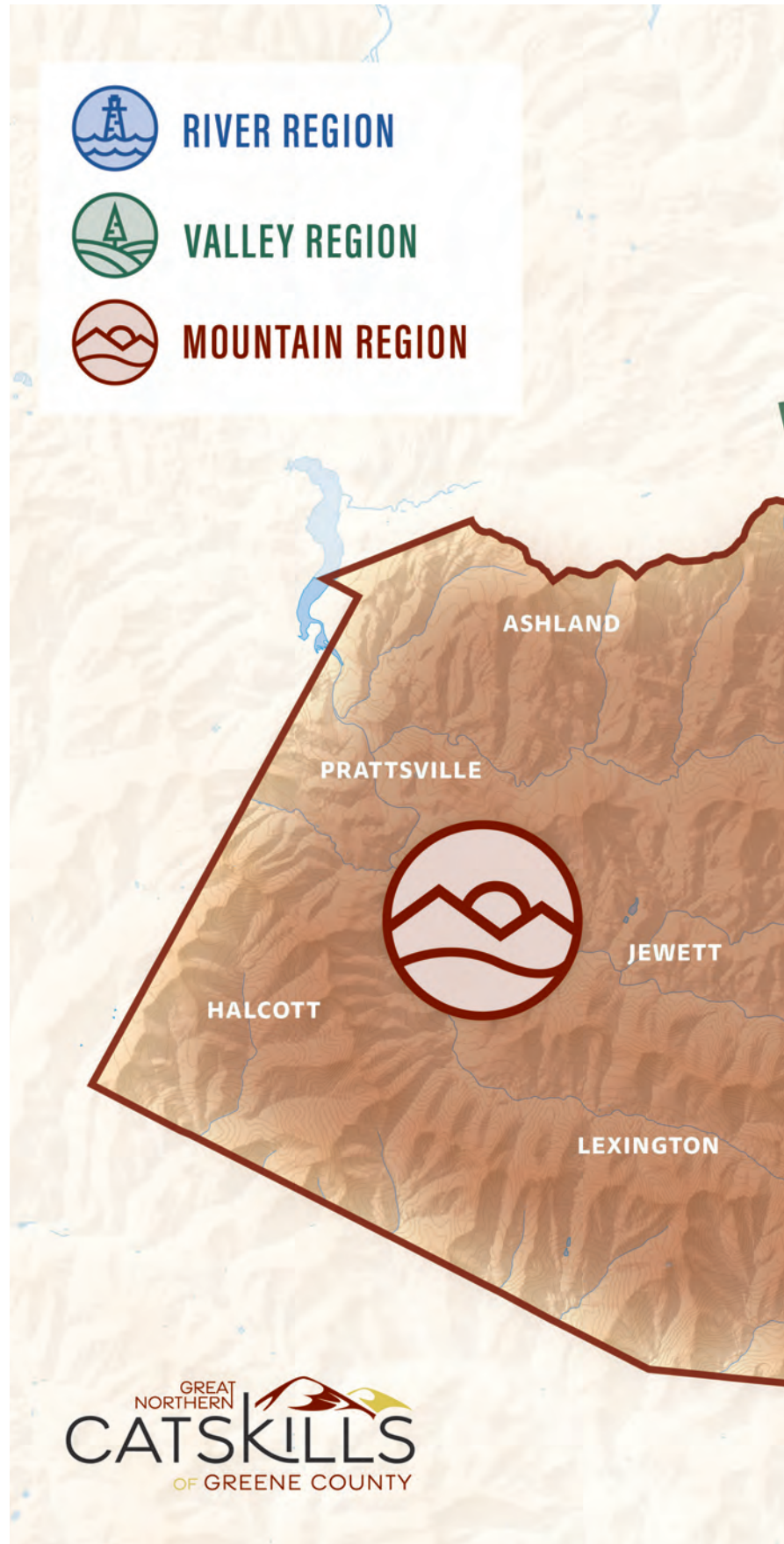
Visit the area’s downtowns, and you’ll find historic buildings buzzing with modern-day innovation. From gift shops, galleries and boutiques to coffee shops, restaurants and craft breweries, our towns are alive with entrepreneurs, artists and makers and, yes, a good percentage of bearded men. But don’t let that scare you off from enjoying local brews on tap!

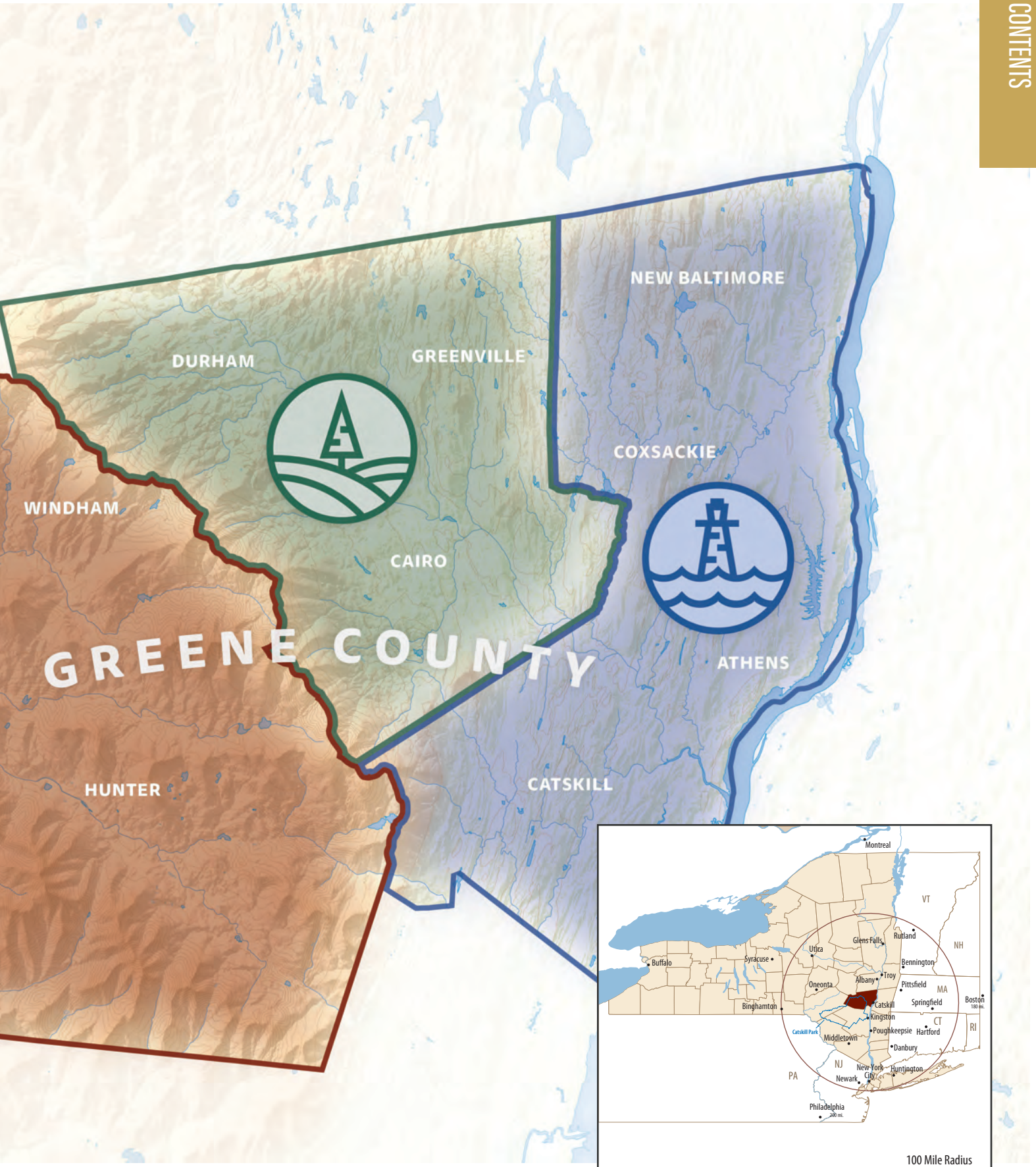
Happy Travels,

**Patty Austin**  
Director of Tourism, Greene County

# ABOUT GREENE COUNTY

**D**iscovered in 1609 by Henry Hudson, the region offers 400 years of marvelous history and is cherished for its rich artistic legacy, diverse cultural heritage and iconic places in literature and folklore. Here you can spend a day skiing or riding, hiking, biking, birding or boating. You can golf on 9 different courses, kayak, fish or swim. There is an outdoor water park, winter adventure parks for tubing and ice skating and fairs and festivals throughout the year. You can go to a zoo, ride a zipline, and visit a museum. Tour the historic Hudson-Athens Lighthouse, follow the Hudson River Art Trail, or explore a number of unique museums. After a day of activities in the Catskill Park, unwind and enjoy a delicious meal in your restaurant of choice and return to a charming bed & breakfast, fun family resort or hotel!





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Upgrades to an iconic resort and ski mountain add new luster to Windham—the "Gem of the Catskills."



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A Brooklyn-based couple map out a stress-free weekend getaway to the Great Northern Catskills of Greene County.



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Whether you'd rather unwind or ramp up for adventure, the Great Northern Catskills offers the escape you've been looking for.

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# Regional Guide

Your guide to outdoor adventure, history & culture, events, and lodging in the Great Northern Catskill's River, Valley and Mountain regions.



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## RIVER REGION

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Prattsville, Tannersville, Windham



MOUNTAIN REGION



# THE WYLDER- WINDHAM EXPERIENCE



YOUR ALL SEASON RESORT

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**T**he town of Windham has long been crowned the “Gem of the Catskills.” Superlative small-town charm and four-season offerings make it a perfect escape from the daily beat. Like the most precious of gems, recent renovations and upgrades to two iconic fixtures in this idyllic mountain town have this Catskills vacation destination looking simply brilliant.

## INTO THE WYLD » THE WYLDER WINDHAM RESORT

**As you roll into Windham** heading west on Route 23, there’s a short jog where the babbling waters of the Batavia Kill hug the road before sharply bending southward, wrapping around a campus-like cluster of seven pristinely preserved buildings. This eclectic collection of historic lodges make up the newly reimagined Wylder Windham resort.

Formerly the Thompson House Resort, this icon of Catskills hospitality first opened its doors in 1880, lovingly owned and operated by six generations of the Thompson family. When it came up for sale in 2021, it was immediately appreciated by hotelier John Flannigan, who owns the Wylder chain of hotels. He described his first visit to the resort and town of Windham as “love at first sight.”

“I look for nostalgic, architecturally interesting, soulful, surprising locations with outdoor amenities that are built into the experience—not just a room and a

restaurant,” said Flannigan, whose other two Wylder properties are located in Hope Valley, CA, in the High Sierras and on Tilghman Island, MD, in the Chesapeake Bay.

“The property was just incredible. Seven lodges with 20 acres and a body of water meandering through it. It had incredible grounds and trees and architecture, and the views of the mountains are great,” he crooned.

In just one year’s time, the 110-room resort, with its architecturally distinct lodges, were renovated. Many of the building’s historic touches were meticulously restored, much to the delight of long-time, returning guests. Every inch has been spruced with an eye for detail, comfort and good taste while effortlessly eschewing the air of pretension or try-hard chic that many of today’s hotels manufacture. The interior and exterior decor have been curated with a nod to authenticity.

Flanigan aspired for Wylder Windham to be a place offering something for everyone. And he has succeeded by diffusing the resort with a laid-back energy and community-friendly vibe where

## THE WYLDER-WINDHAM EXPERIENCE

"FOR ME, VISITING GREENE COUNTY IS A MUST DO AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR SINCE I FIRST VISITED 2 YEARS AGO. I LOVE THAT YOU CAN SET A PACE THAT WORKS FOR YOU. WHETHER YOU WANT TO BE ADVENTUROUS OR TAKE THINGS SLOW, BOTH OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU. AND BEING SURROUNDED BY THE BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPES REALLY JUST DOES IT FOR ME!"

— **Marie Zoumanigui** | @petitemarieny  
New York City based travel influencer



you can kick back on a porch or balcony, warm up by a fireplace while playing a game of backgammon, or wander the grounds that are dotted with “Wylder moment” opportunities. Tree swings, hammocks, two wood-fired saunas, fire pits, bocce, and a streamside pickleball court are just a few of the wonders. Add-ons, such as private pickleball clinics, a personal campfire with a bottle of wine and s’mores kits, and e-bike rentals with to-go picnic breakfasts cater to visitors’ motivations to embrace the outdoor beauty of Windham.

Golfers can enjoy the proximity of Windham Country Club, which is open to non-members and borders Wylder. Skiers and snowboarders can catch a Wylder-owned vintage Range Rover shuttle to Windham Mountain, which is just minutes away.

Not to be overlooked, the resort boasts a centrally located, downright large, in-ground, heated pool with inviting chaise lounges on each side.

Of the 110 amply-sized guest rooms, 84 have oversized balconies with views of the mountain, the stream, the golf green and the adjacent Windham Path—an ADA-compliant, 1.5-mile loop that winds through fields and woodlands.

Only 2.5 hours from New York City and 3 hours from Boston, Wylder Windham is for anyone from anywhere looking for an escape to a place of sublime beauty and four-season fun—be it for families, individuals, business groups or wedding parties.

The menu at the onsite Babblers Restaurant melds Wylder-style whimsy with mouth-watering throwback favorites, like a mac & cheese made with orecchiette and six-cheese bechamel and the option to decadently top with pulled pork, a “Wyldorf salad” with the classic fixings plus candied walnuts and lemon creme fraîche. Cheeky-titled menu items like “This Fish Ain’t Farmed,” “Not Your Mother’s Meatloaf” and “A Legit Cheeseburger” underscore Flannigan’s intention that the Babbler, like Wylder Windham itself, be fun, not fussy, and a place where tourists and locals alike rub shoulders and raise their glasses together.

With so much to offer and timeless panache, Wylder’s charm is sure to draw back guests year after year—winter, spring, summer and fall. You might say Wylder Windham is made of the same magical elements that differentiate a rock from a gemstone: beauty, durability and rarity.



## WINDHAM MOUNTAIN— WHERE FAMILY FUN IS #1

**Rising majestically above the skyline** of the picturesque town of Windham is Windham Mountain Resort, a year-round playground that has provided families with more than 60 years of vertical fun. This year, with more than \$9 million invested in improvements, Windham is looking to go “above and beyond” in providing memorable ski experiences for its patrons.

“It’s a pretty exciting time. We’ve got a lot going on,” said Chip Seamans, President and General Manager of Windham Mountain, which boasts 285 ski-able acres with 54 trails serviced by 11 lifts.

A recent improvement that anyone who has skied the mountain will at once notice is the addition of a third

detachable quad lift that replaces the fixed-grip triple at the mountain base. If you’re new to skiing and don’t know what that means, here’s a quick translation: shorter lines, fewer crowds, and more time to ski.

The lift also provides better access up to and down from the mid-mountain Wheelhouse Mountain Lodge, a central eatery with breathtaking views.

A second new feature is the installation of a canopy over the “magic carpet” lift up the beginner slope. The overhead cover protects skiers from wintery weather and helps keep this uphill moving sidewalk operating reliably when the snowfall is abundant. Ultimately, the canopy is meant to make learning to ski less stressful, more fun and, yes, even magical.

A third facet of Windham Mountain’s commitment to an elevated ski experience is something it takes seriously—crowd control. Having switched over to online ticket

reservations has allowed the ski resort to set limits on the number of people skiing the mountain each day. Windham is particularly known for its learn-to-ski program, and the resort's online reservation system is also making it both easy to reserve lessons as well as line up a time to get equipped.

"Your rentals will be waiting for you, and your instructor will be waiting for you," Seamans notes as an added advantage of the online reservation system. Yet again, it's a change that aligns with Windham Mountain's mission to improve the quality of the skier's experience (and keep the lines moving!).

Like many mountain resorts, Windham is proactively looking at ways it can minimize its environmental footprint and help to save winter. It has added 14 EV charging stations to its resort properties (12 on the mountain and two at Winwood Inn).

It has also invested in all tier-four and above snowmaking machines, which release fewer carbon emissions and have increased fuel efficiency. Newer, more efficient snow gun models also are helping the Mountain to improve upon the quality of snow being made and the efficiency by which it is being made. "We get more done in less time," says Seamans.

Windham Mountain has a longstanding reputation for being a family-friendly resort, and it's proving to be dedicated to preserving that.

"Our mission is to be 'above and beyond' with what we do and provide that quality experience, without crowds," says Seamans.

While best known for its winter thrills, Windham Mountain offers family friendly activities all throughout the year. Plan your next trip today!

## WINDHAM'S "GREEN GROOMER"



Windham Mountain is always looking for ways to reduce its environmental impact. For instance, its lime green PistenBully 600E+ is built and designed with a diesel-electric engine, lessening emissions while ensuring tightly groomed trail conditions for visitors.

# Après Hot Spots

Whether you spend your day dropping vertical feet at Windham or Hunter Mountain, find ultimate family fun in the Great Northern Catskills of Greene County.

While Greene County is home to two of New York State's premier ski resorts, if you don't want to downhill ski or snowboard, but still want to enjoy winter fun, the Catskills have what you're looking for. From cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, or a winter hike, discover winter adventure. Be sure to link back up with family and friends at a cozy après spot. With delicious local brews and dining specialities, relax and unwind after a day outdoors.

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# 48 HOURS IN THE GREAT NORTHERN CATSKILLS

*Looking for a stress-free weekend trip with something for every traveler? Head to the Great Northern Catskills of Greene County. Written and photographed by New York City based travel influencer Christina Lau (@christinalau\_).*

## FRIDAY »

**W**e checked in at newly opened **Hotel Lilien** in Tannersville after an easy 2.5-hour drive from the city. Designed by Field Theory, the hotel is a restored 1890s estate that features 18 unique rooms, a full bar & restaurant, and an outdoor pool for the summertime. Each morning, guests can enjoy a thoughtfully curated complimentary breakfast served by the kindest hotel staff. I loved the various common spaces for lounging in comfort

when we had downtime (or the pool table when we felt a bit more competitive).

After settling into our room and exploring the property, we drove five minutes to downtown Tannersville for dinner at **Tabla**. This family-run spot serves creative small plates, many of which resemble the tapas dishes you would find in Spain. Standouts included the conservas platter and the albondigas.



## SATURDAY »

Our morning started with a 25-minute drive to **Ambrosia Diner** for a classic brunch en route to downtown **Catskill**. Once we reached Catskill's Main Street, we took a stroll through the charming shops and galleries that are unique to the area:

- **Foreland** is a former 1800s mill that now houses contemporary art galleries, a collective workspace, and a coffee shop. It is located along the Catskill Creek for an impressive exterior view, too.
- **Catskill Chocolate Co.** will satisfy all your caffeine or sweets needs with its handmade treats.

- **Kaaterskill Market** offers sustainable and locally-made homewares and gifts. It is hard not to make a purchase here!

- **Magpie Bookshop** is a charming store that specialized in used or "nearly new" books.

After a relaxing morning we decided to take a short nature walk to **Riedlbauer Falls** in Round Top. The trail is a relatively flat 0.8-mile out and back route, so it's a great option for various skill levels.

Following our hike we explored more of the hilltop town of **Round Top** with happy hour at **Glen Falls House**.







## SUNDAY »

It felt fitting to wake up to an endlessly rainy day on Sunday. We were sad to leave so soon! After our last continental breakfast at **Hotel Lilien**, we checked out and drove to downtown Tannersville for some shopping. The town has everything from retro eateries to both antique and modern shops.

- **Shandaken Bake** is a charming bakery serving coffee and decadent pastries. I recommend the chocolate banana bread!
- **Sundry** offers a lovely collection of home goods, apothecary items, and modern lifestyle essentials.

- **Last Chance Antiques & Cheese Café** is such a fun spot for drinks, charcuterie, and bar bites. We sat on the terrace here to enjoy the liveliness of Tannersville!

On your drive home, stop by **Circle W Market** for delicious sandwiches and a final grocery run. We loved discovering all these gems in the Great Northern Catskills of Greene County and already want to return in future seasons.



### Read More

Scan to read travel influencer Christina Lau's story about her trip to the Great Northern Catskills.



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*Whether you're looking to relax or recreate—there's something for everyone in the Great Northern Catskills of Greene County.*

## CHILL OR THRILL?

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### FISH

Whether it's flying a line on mountain streams or casting out into the Hudson River, fishing in the Great Northern Catskills is the perfect way to smooth out a day's ripples.

OR



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### MOTORCYCLE

Feel the roar of the engine as you climb in elevation! Cut through mountain valleys before you feast your eyes on sweeping landscapes and scenic pull-offs.

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### THOMAS COLE HOUSE

Our region's 400-year-old history is rich in artistic legacy and diverse cultural heritage. Take a guided tour through the home and studio of Thomas Cole - the forefather of American landscape painting.

OR



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### HIKE

Embrace your "forever wild" side surrounded by 287,000 acres of protected forests! Greene County is home to four of the five tallest peaks in the Catskill Park, making it the ultimate hiker's playground 24/7/365.

## CHILL OR THRILL?



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### KAYAKING

Before you glide along the shorelines of New York's famous Hudson River, discover the pure bliss of paddling one of Greene County's refreshing lakes or crisp mountain streams.

### ZOOM FLUME

Feeling the need for speed? Run don't walk to New York's #1 family waterpark! Tube down the twists and turns of Zoom Flume's 600-foot Wild River ride or race your friends on the Grand Prix Splashway.



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### SCENIC SKYRIDE

Sit back and enjoy a breathtaking ride to the top of Hunter or Windham Mountain! On a clear day the summits offer panoramic views of the Catskill Mountains and beyond.

### ZIPLINE

Soar through the Catskill Park for 4.6 miles at speeds up to 50 mph! Gliding along one of the highest, fastest and longest zipline canopy tours in North America will leave you feeling as though you've just sprouted wings.

# CHILL OR THRILL?



## APRES SKI/BREWERIES

Not the thrill-seeking type? Not a problem! Raise a glass with your crew for an afternoon brew at the base lodge or hop on a shuttle to explore our walkable downtown areas and mountain-chic shopping scene.

## SKI/SNOWTUBE

Barrel down the highest peak in Greene County or experience the "Northeast's Premier Alpine Lifestyle!" If you listen closely come wintertime, you can almost hear the ski resorts hoot with laughter as riders glide down the snowy terrain.



## SPA RETREAT

If crowded commutes have you daydreaming about wide-open views and fresh mountain air, a wellness retreat might just be the perfect fix to restore your inner balance.

## MOUNTAIN BIKE

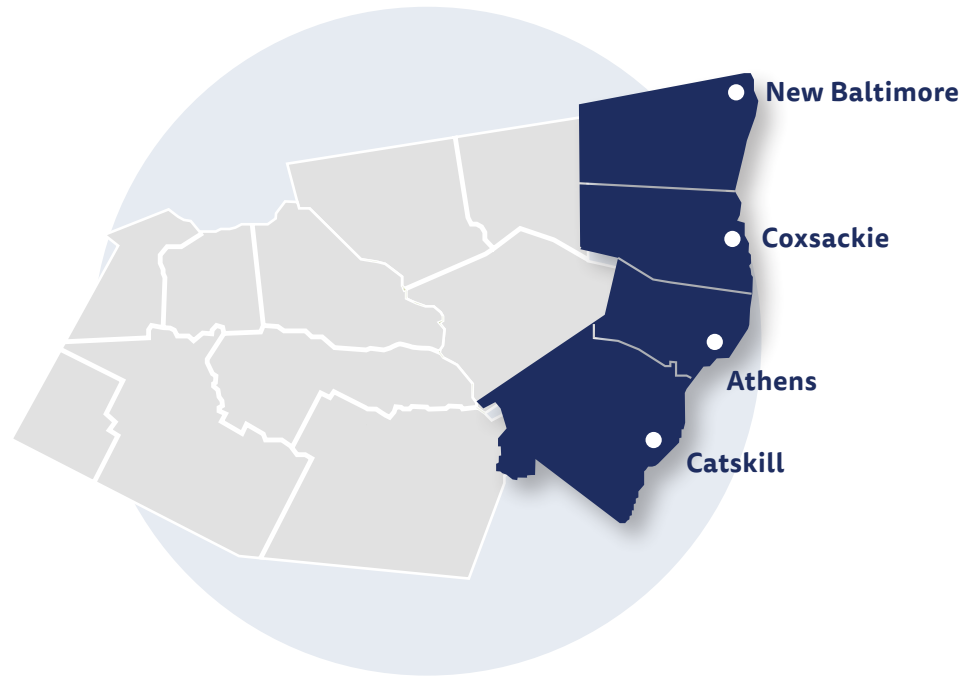
Wind through more than 120 miles of mountain biking trails! Drop in on grassy lowlands, skirt along Catskills creeks and plunge deep into the woods, before cresting mountaintops.



RIVER REGION







# RIVER REGION

*Athens, Catskill, Cocksackie, Earlton, Leeds, New Baltimore, Palenville*

**A** labyrinth of creeks, waterfalls, streams and vleis spills from the Great Northern Catskills mountain and valley regions into the broad, sweeping Hudson River that borders the eastern edge of Greene County. From arts centers in Catskill, to new eateries in Athens, kayaking, glamping and more, discover the charm of the Catskills' River Region, where the Hudson Valley and the Catskill Mountains fluently converge.

Along the water, discovery awaits. The River Region of the Great Northern Catskills offers a wide variety of things to do. Whether you're looking to stroll historic river town's main streets for arts, culture and a bit of one-of-a-kind shopping or to hit upon authentic family adventures.



Coxsackie

# The River Region's Main Streets Are Alive & Well

**C**ommunities along the banks of the river are steeped in history yet abuzz today with reinvention. Among those you'll want to explore are:

## ATHENS »

This small, river town was once a bustling port for shipbuilding, brick making and ice harvesting on the Hudson River. Its eclectic blend of historic architectural styles and easy access to its waterfront, with views of the two-story brick and granite **Hudson-Athens Lighthouse**,

make this small town a charming weekend escape. The annual **Athens Street Festival** in July and **Victorian Stroll** in December exude the creative, communal, down-to-earth, family-friendly core of the town.

## CATSKILL »

A trip to the Great Northern Catskills wouldn't be complete without a visit to the village of Catskill. With three breweries and a cidery, Catskill is the perfect starting point for a journey along the Catskills Beverage Trail. Main Street's



Hudson-Athens Lighthouse | Athens

Victorian storefronts are made up of an eclectic variety of eateries, gift shops, boutiques, an independent bookstore and a record store.

Along the river's edge lies the **Thomas Cole House**, once home to the famous painter and founder of the **Hudson River School of Art**. The **Hudson River Skywalk** provides a six mile out-and-back pedestrian walkway connecting two national historic landmarks, the homes of Cole and artist Frederic Church's estate called **Olana**.

## COXSACKIE »

Pronounced "cook-sock-ee," a name derived from an Algonquin Indian word meaning "Place of Owls" or "Cut Rocks," Coxsackie's village is located on the west bank of the Hudson River. A block in from the river is the Reed Street national historic district, which is worth exploring for both its

architecture and string of independent shops, including a cafe and grocery store that specializes in NY-made foods, a wine and spirits shop, a specialty paper and home goods store and places to catch breakfast, lunch and dinner. Nearby the newly renovated **Coxsackie Riverside Park** provides space to relax, shop the farmer's market or launch motor boats, canoes and kayaks.

Take a walking tour of the **Bronck Museum**, a national historic landmark, which includes the Hudson Valley's oldest home, a thirteen-sided hay barn, several other historic dwellings and barns plus a fascinating glimpse into a wealthy family's life during the Colonial era. Genealogy and history buffs will also want to stop into the on-site **Vedder Research Library**.

Go on to "update" your own home with a one-of-a-kind treasure from the past at the **Coxsackie Antiques Center**, with wares from more than 100 antique dealers.

## TOP RIVER REGION ATTRACTIONS

- Bailiwick Ranch
- Bronck Museum
- Catskill Hoe Bowl
- Hi-Way Drive-In
- Hudson-Athens Lighthouse
- Hudson River Skywalk
- Kirwan's Game Store
- The Old Game Farm
- Thomas Cole National Historic Site



**MORE ONLINE!**  
Scan to see a full list of top attractions!



## Did You Know?

The name "Catskill" is derived from "Kaaterskill" which means "Wildcat Creek" in Dutch. The original plot of land was sold by American Indians to Pieter Bronck in 1661 for 150 guilders in beaver pelts. The lower part of the village was once called "Reeds Landing". In the late 19th century, this area contained several factories and a steamboat landing, now replaced by a waterfront park.



Crossroads Taproom | Catskill

# Award-Winning Craft Breweries

**T**he River Region is home to a growing number of microbreweries. **Crossroads Brewing Co.** serves its award-winning beer at two locations. Its original brewpub is located in the renovated **Brooks Opera House** in Athens, with 10 busy taps and award-winning eats. **Crossroads' Taproom** in Catskill does not serve food, but food trucks are parked by the patio during the warmer months.

**Rip Van Winkle Brewing Company** in Catskill is the 2021 Gold Medal winner at the Great American Beer Festival for its Uncle Tito Mexican Lager. Stop in for award-winning brews and great Italian American cuisine. **Subversive Malting + Brewing**, also in Catskill, is a farmhouse brewery offering a perfectly paired pub menu of burgers and snacks for adults and kids. Subversive is one of the few breweries in the world that produces its own malts using the traditional method of floor malting. **Brewery Lahoff** is a New York State Farm

Brewery offering hazy IPA and Tart Cherry brews, among others at their renovated barn location in the town of Climax. **Left Bank Ciders** makes small-batch hard ciders and meads that reflect the

agricultural and ecological landscapes of the Hudson Valley and the Catskill Mountains. Left Bank hand-picks and forages as much fruit as possible and loves to support local farms, with 100% of ingredients coming from New York State.



Subversive Malting & Brewing | Catskill



## MARINAS, BOAT LAUNCHES & RENTALS

- Athens Boat Launch/New York State Park System
- Bliss Marina
- Catskill Charters
- Catskill Marina
- Catskill Middle School Kayak Launch
- Coxsackie Boat Launch/New York State Park System
- Donovan's Shady Harbor Marina & Boathouse Grille
- Dutchman's Landing Park
- Four-Mile Point Preserve
- Fourth Street Launch
- Hop O'Nose Marina
- Riverview Marine Services, Inc.
- Sail Hope Inc.
- Screaming Eagle Outdoor Adventures

# Flowing With Fun

In summer, the river is a venue for adventure! Experience kayaking, paddleboarding and boating on the Hudson River. Boat launches and marinas provide easy access to the water for motorized boats.

In Athens, **Screaming Eagle Outdoor Adventures** offers kayak rentals (single and tandem) and paddleboard rentals, guided tours and sunrise and sunset paddles in conjunction with **Rip Van Winkle Adventure Guides**.

In Catskill, **Hop O'Nose Marina** and **Catskill Marina**, both full-service stations, offer showers, laundry, restrooms, a pool and a waterfront restaurant for dining. For a guided sailing experience, **Sail Hope Inc.** offers sailing and pontoon excursions.

**Catskill Charters** offers full vessel rental options, from kayaks to pontoons and even yachts!

For a waterfall walk and breathtaking views, head to **Hannacroix Creek Preserve**, where 113 acres comprise four major trails, historic landmarks and the world's first recycled plastic bridge.

A breeding ground and nursery for American shad and bass, **RamsHorn-Livingston Sanctuary's** 480 acres make up the Hudson's largest tidal swamp forest. A haven for birdwatchers, explore its 3 miles of trails or join an Audubon naturalist on a guided paddle. Following a half-mile walk you can canoe or kayak from the tidal marsh out to the Hudson River.



### MORE ONLINE!

Scan the QR Code to see a full list of marinas, boat launches & rentals in Greene County.



Thomas Cole National Historic Site | Catskill

## HISTORY, CULTURE & ARTS ATTRACTIONS

- Bridge Street Theatre
- Bronck Museum
- CREATE
- Historic Catskill Point
- LUMBERYARD Center for Film & Performing Arts
- Mahayana Buddhist Temple
- Vedder Research Library



### LEARN MORE!

Scan the QR Code to browse all galleries, theaters, historic sites, and performing arts.

# History Along The Hudson

**T**he town of Catskill is home to one of the most important cultural landmarks in New York State, the **Thomas Cole National Historic Site**. The picturesque home and grounds, which overlook both the river and the mountains, bear a distinctive place in America’s art history. Cole, a British expat and artist who sailed up the Hudson in 1825 on an exploratory journey, is credited with founding America’s first major art movement, known as the **Hudson River School of Arts**. He was so taken with the beauty of the landscape that his paintings took on an ethereal quality that enchanted gallery goers in New York and beyond.

Today, visitors to his former home can tour special exhibitions and learn more about Cole’s impact on American art. The **Hudson River Skywalk** connects Cole’s homestead with **Olana State Historic Site** across the river. Olana was the home of Frederick Church, Cole’s

first pupil. Discover the history of American art right here in the Great Northern Catskills of Greene County.

Art enthusiasts will find additional inspiration in Catskill at **Foreland**, a former Civil War era mill recently renovated to house contemporary art galleries, artist studios and event spaces as well as a yummy bakery café.

Built in 1874, the **Hudson-Athens Lighthouse** is an architectural landmark along the Hudson River—one of the remaining two lighthouses on the majestic river—it stands in the middle between the towns of Athens and Hudson. Constructed to guide vessels along the Hudson River and around a large mudflat that was grounding ships, the brick, two-story lighthouse was home to lightkeepers and their families up until the 1960s. Today, the lighthouse is open to visitors in the summer with tours that include boat transportation.

# Family Fun In The River Region

Explore **Bailiwick Ranch & Animal Park**, where tigers, alligators and farm animals share 300 acres with the Koschitzki family. Find horseback riding opportunities and enjoy a night under the stars in one of Bailiwick's four rustic, Western-style canvas-covered wagons.

The **Old Game Farm**, a private zoo for 73 years, reinvented itself as an eclectic getaway with overnight accommodations, including the newly renovated Giraffe House, appropriately called the **Long Neck Inn**, as well as the property's mansion and glamping sites.



Bailiwick Ranch | Catskill

The **Hi-Way Drive-In** provides double-feature flicks under the stars on not one but four screens. Book tee time at the **Catskill Golf Resort** in Catskill or **Rip Van Winkle Country Club** in Palenville.

## RIVER REGION SUCCESS STORY



### Catskill Collectibles | 386 Main St., Catskill

Whether you are interested in Catskill history or simply enjoy novelty items, **Catskill Collectibles** is a treasure trove of historic and eclectic Catskill mementoes. Growing up, owner Tom Illari often vacationed in the Catskills, a place he considered to be his own personal Disneyworld. While Tom takes pride in his 1800s-era hotel memorabilia, such as Catskill Mountain House plates, teapots and walking sticks, his collection contains treasures for all tastes.



**READ MORE!**  
Scan the QR Code to read more about this Greene County success story!

## RIVER REGION » ARTS & CULTURE

# A Vibrant Arts Community

The River Region is home to incredible performing arts venues. **LUMBERYARD Center for Film and Performing Arts** provides a residency program for performing artists and rents its more than 12,000 square foot space to film and television production companies. Located in Catskill by the Catskill Creek, LUMBERYARD also features performance events, such as outdoor circuses, magic shows, and art exhibits.

**Foreland**, an 85,000 square foot campus, situated on the banks of the Catskill Creek in Catskill, is home to contemporary art galleries, studios, food and beverage programs, special projects, and events.



Foreland | Catskill

On the opposite side of the Catskill Creek, **Bridge Street Theatre** offers theatre productions with sets and scores created by regional artists.

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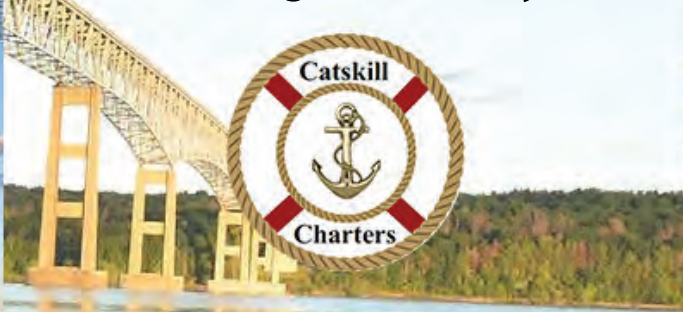
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# Music, Events & Festivals

**T**he River Region offers a plethora of events throughout the year, from food-focused festivals to holiday celebrations.

In May, the annual **Rip Van Winkle Wine, Brew & Beverage Festival** kicks off in Catskill, offering a mouth-watering selection of drinks and bites, as well as live musical entertainment.

The villages of Catskill and Coxsackie celebrate the 4th of July with fireworks, parades and community festivities.

Throughout the summer, the **Music in the Park Series** features local and regional bands performing live music in the villages of Catskill, Athens and Coxsackie. In August, try your hand at throwing an ax and scale a climbing wall at the **Coxsackie Riverside Festival**. Held at the renovated **Coxsackie Riverside Park**, this event is

for kids and anyone who likes live music, artisan crafts, food, sangria and beer!

In October, renowned dance companies and emerging artists from a range of styles perform at the **Hudson Valley Dance Festival** in Catskill. The 115-year-old wooden warehouse at the **Historic Catskill Point** is transformed into a modern-day dance venue for this event, which will be celebrating its 10th year.

The holiday season in the Great Northern Catskills of Greene County is a magical time for all. When the weather turns and you are looking to celebrate with family and friends, you can find festivities in all the towns along the Hudson River.

The **Athens Victorian Stroll** offers horse-drawn wagon rides, arts and craft vendors, musical entertainment, a tree lighting and more.

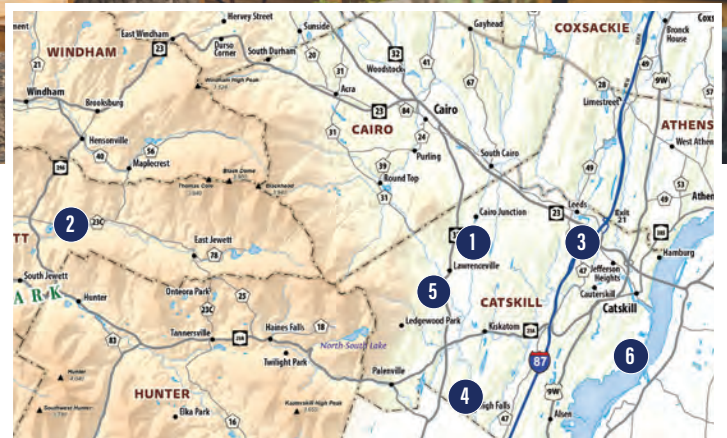


Treetopia | Catskill

# 'Glamping Capital Of New York'

For anyone who embraces nature as a palliative tonic to the hectic pace of life but recoils at the idea of sleeping on the ground, may we suggest glamping?

Glamping is where creature comfort meets camping. It offers the opportunity to authentically experience the great outdoors without needing to strip down to just the essentials. Its popularity has surged, and nowhere is this more apparent than in the Great Northern Catskills. Six glamping destinations have opened in this area in the past several years—all but one located in the river region. It is the ideal destination for anyone looking to unplug yet not give up all modern amenities, such as sleeping on a real mattress.



No need to summit mountains or rough it in the woods without running water or electricity to have a great time outdoors. Go glamping at one of these Greene County hotspots:

- 1 A Tiny House Resort | Cairo\*\*
- 2 Eastwind Hotel & Bar | Windham\*
- 3 Gather Greene | Coxsackie
- 4 Piaule Catskill | Catskill
- 5 The Old Game Farm | Catskill
- 6 Treetopia | Catskill

\* Located in the Mountain Region

\*\* Located in the Valley Region



Scan the QR code for a list of campgrounds, like Brookside Campground in Catskill and Earlton Hill Campground & RV Park in Coxsackie!



# Piaule Catskill: Your Next Relaxing Retreat

In the Great Northern Catskills of Greene County, nature defines the modus operandi of everyday life. Not only in the forever wild forests but in the bluestone-studded meadows where this landscape hotel is nestled.

After driving through winding and densely wooded roads, you'll arrive at **Piaule Catskill** located alongside state-protected wetlands and a former bluestone rock quarry.

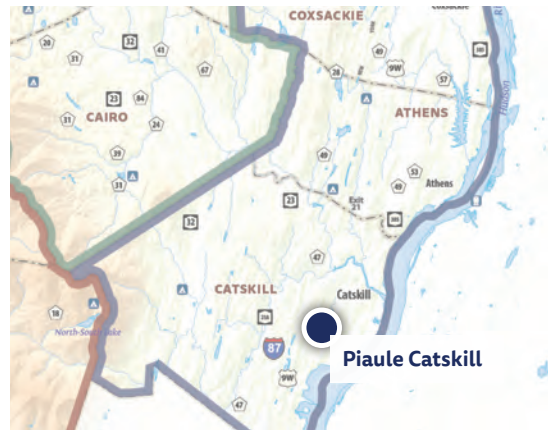
Guests can leave their cars at the hotel's entrance and make their way to the main house to pick up the keys to their home away from home. For a deeper immersion into the surrounding beauty, some visitors even choose to turn off their cell phones for the duration of their stay!

Because of Piaule's nature-first ethos, only 5 of the 50

acres were developed in order to keep the land as wild and undisturbed as possible. Here, visitors can unpack in one of the 24 stand-alone cabins or warm up at the double-sided fireplace located in the main house: where a mountain-chic lobby and locally sourced restaurant are perched above a temperature-controlled pool, cedar sauna, and restorative spa.

The lobby-like foyer resembles a modern New York State ski lodge with a Scandinavian twist and breathtaking views of the Catskill Mountains. Natural light pours through the floor-to-ceiling windows, and deep, burnt-orange couches beg for guests to sit and stay awhile.

A short hike away, the spa awaits. Here, visitors can de-stress amid treetop views and experience the healing power of time spent in nature's abundance. This peaceful



enclave offers a steam room, sauna, yoga studio, and treatment room where guests can opt for a massage or sound bath.

Just uphill from the spa, the Piaule restaurant is a sight for travelers' sore eyes! All the food served is sourced from local farms and purveyors. The long, communal tables encourage guests to clink drinks, break bread, and share stories.

Like the main house, the cabins invoke tranquil minimalism with their Japanese and Scandinavian-inspired design. Each cabin is set on piers to allow the ground to breathe and minimize the impact on the pastoral landscape. In the same vein, lifting the cabins off the ground gives them a one-with-the-clouds effect, making each floating cabin feel like its own light-filled

loft. These private spaces are equipped with handcrafted furniture, heated floors, organic linens, complimentary pour-over coffee stations, and a wall made entirely of glass that opens each cabin to the smells and sounds of The Great Northern Catskills.

From minimalist motifs and calming colors, to welcoming wide open spaces and intentional nods to nature—it's easy to see just how reverently considered each and every detail was in the creation of this modern escape.

Main Street Catskill is only a 10-minute drive away, the valley town of Cairo is just under 20 minutes and the mountain town of Hunter rings in at just around 30 minutes; but, with the company of a good book in cahoots with these panoramic views, you may find yourself just staying put.



# LODGING

Piaule | Catskill

## ATHENS

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518-943-3261 | catskillinn.business.site



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### Catskill Mountain Lodge

334 Route 32A, Palenville, NY 12463  
518-212-7491 | catskillmtlodge.com



### Murphy's Law Public House

1147 Main St, Leeds, NY 12451  
518-719-8226 | murphyslawleeds.com



### Peloke's Motel

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### Piaule Catskill

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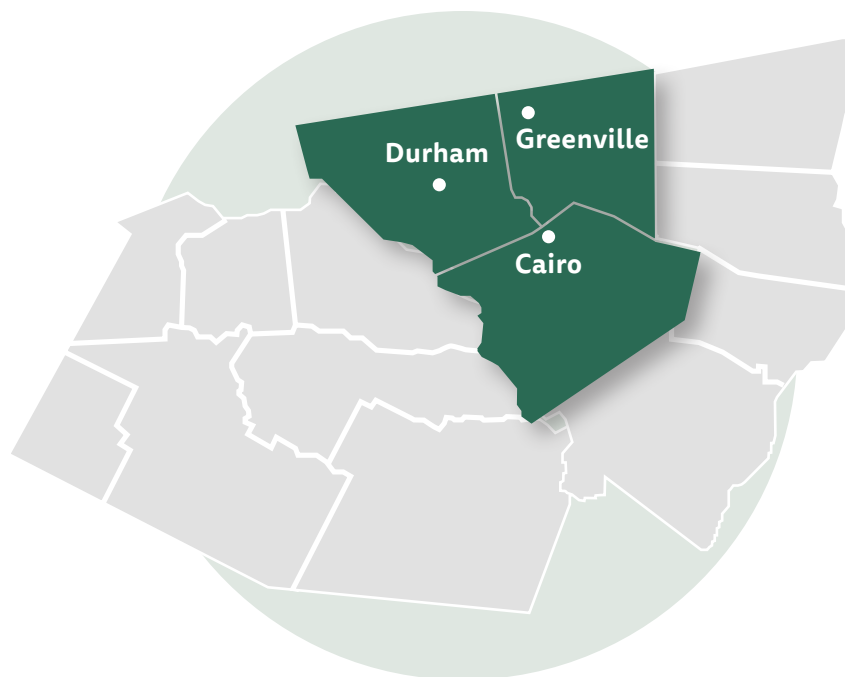


VALLEY REGION



Crystal Brook Resort Waterfall | Round Top  
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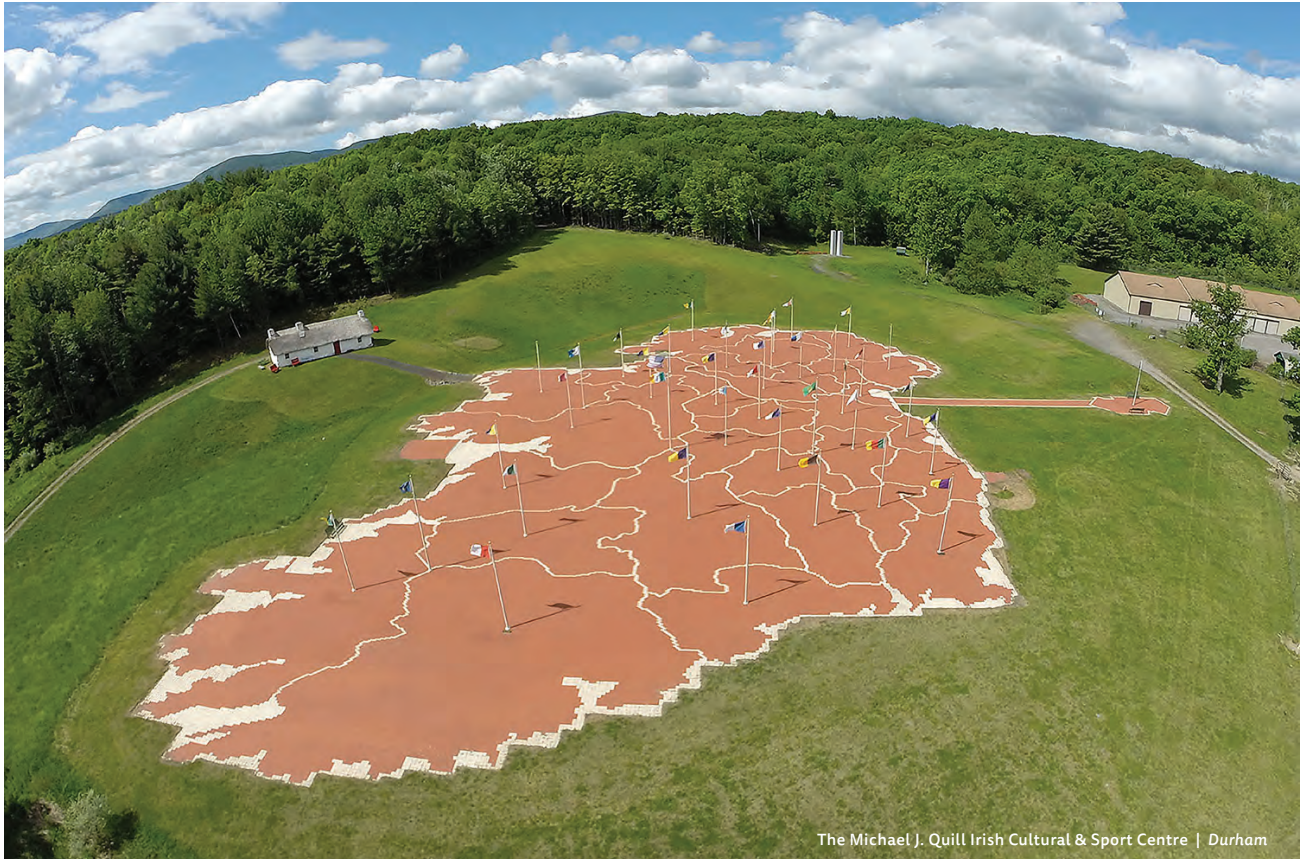
# VALLEY REGION

*Acra, Cairo, Durham, East Durham, Freehold, Greenville, Purling, Round Top*

**W**hen Irish and German immigrants left their homes to travel across the ocean into New York City's harbors, they carried their heritage proudly into a new life. The city was their point of entry, but it was the lush, green rolling hills of the Catskill Mountains that felt like a home away from home. Settling into the Valley Region of the Great Northern Catskills of Greene County, this area became

known as the "Irish Alps." Irish country inns, bungalows and cultural art centers flourished and kept old-world traditions alive.

Sandwiched between the Mountain Region and River Region of the Great Northern Catskills, the valley area is known for its cultural attractions, miles of mountain biking trails and scenic beauty.



## ROUND TOP »

In the Bavarian enclave of **Round Top**, twisting roads run through towns like highland paths, and wayfinding signs are reminiscent of those you'd find on a trail in the Swiss Alps. This little pocket of the Catskills offers a European feel that can be seen in everything, from the architecture of the buildings to the dirndl and lederhosen wardrobes of waitstaff at German-themed restaurants. Many all-inclusive Catskills family resorts are located in Round Top, as well as miles of mountain biking trails.

## CAIRO »

Centrally located where NYS Routes 23, 32 and 145 converge, **Cairo** (pronounced CARE-oh) is considered the crossroads of Greene County. **Angelo Canna Town**

**Park** is host to the **Greene County Youth Fair**, a four-day event that offers FREE admission and entertainment for families. Cairo is also home to the **Old Factory Brewing Company**, which serves up to 17 beers on tap in a renovated bottling plant on Main Street.

## EAST DURHAM »

With its rolling green hills and verdant valleys, the small town of **East Durham** is rightfully renowned as the "Emerald Isle" of the Catskills. It became the adopted home of hundreds of families that emigrated from Ireland in the early 1900s, and its unique Irish cultural heritage continues to thrive. Find Irish-themed resorts and the **Donegal Irish Cottage**, a 200-year-old Irish cottage that made its own sea voyage to America, and more. East Durham also boasts the Catskills' #1 water park, **Zoom Flume**.



Greenville Drive-In | Greenville



K+K Equestrian Center | East Durham

## TOP VALLEY REGION ATTRACTIONS

- Donegal Irish Cottage
- Durham Center Museum
- Greenville Drive-In
- Hull-O-Farms
- K+K Equestrian Center
- Our Lady of Knock Shrine
- Petronio Residency Center
- Round Top Mountain Bike Trail Network
- Viking Obstacle Race Course at Sunny Hill Resort
- Zoom Flume Water Park



**MORE ONLINE!**  
Scan to see a full list of Valley Region attractions!



## Did You Know?

East Durham and the northern Catskills have been affectionately referred to as the "Irish Alps" and "Emerald Isle" since the early 1900s because it was once a popular vacation spot for Irish immigrants from New York City. Their influence can still be seen in the region today.

## GREENVILLE »

The small, charming valley town of **Greenville** is big on offerings when it comes to all-inclusive, family-oriented resorts, including **Sunny Hill Resort and Golf**

**Course, Baumann's Brookside, Pine Lake Manor, and Island Green Resort & Golf Club.** Set in a rural area south of Albany's Capital District, this northern Greene County town boasts expansive views of the Catskill Mountains to the south.



Zoom Flume | East Durham

## VALLEY REGION » FAMILY FUN

# Fun For The Whole Family

**A**t **Zoom Flume Water Park** in East Durham, big thrills await. Water slide excitement and lazy river good times make this a family-friendly summer retreat to put on repeat.

**K + K Equestrian Center** in East Durham offers guided horseback scenic trail rides, camping, pony rides and more.

Nostalgia takes the silver screen each summer and fall at the **Greenville Drive-In**. Classic films and productions from emerging filmmakers top the marquee. Locally sourced snacks and old-time favorites are offered at the snack shack as well as, for those age 21 and older, local craft brews, wine and spirits at the biergarten.

# Grab Your Sleeping Bag: Valley Region Campgrounds

The Valley Region offers incredible tent and RV camping options from spring through late fall. Family-friendly campgrounds provide game courts, recreation halls, and good old-fashioned fun!

At **Country Campsites** at **Michael Dee's Motel** in East Durham, guests enjoy immediate access to quad trails, fishing, and some resident horses for petting.

For a full-service campground experience, head to **Whip-O-Will Campsites** in Purling to enjoy camping at the lake. From boating and fishing, to spending time bonding at the recreation hall where video games and a pool table provide rainy-day activity, Whip-O-Will offers a great retreat for families.

At **Lynch's Pot O' Gold** in Cairo, a cocktail lounge, sports courts, and a lake make it a popular destination for families of all ages and sizes.



Wild Hudson Valley | Cairo

At **Doherty's Campground** in Acra, enjoy peaceful camping in proximity to major attractions and events, including the East Durham Irish Festival.

**Blackthorne Campgrounds** in East Durham offers an on-site bar, a nightclub, and access to fishing and hiking trails.

**Wild Hudson Valley** in Cairo not only offers spacious canvas tents but also guided walks, foraging workshops, nature trails, and streams for fishing and recreation.



## Valley Region Success Story

### The Tasting Lab | 4856 NY-81, Greenville

The rising popularity of farm-to-table eateries and craft beverages was not lost on Madyson Vance and her father Tom when they combined both to create their comfort-food & drink emporium, **The Tasting Lab**. The Tasting Lab is part of a growing number of new businesses finding success on revitalized main streets across Greene County.



**READ MORE!**

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# Motorcyclists: Come Tour The Great Northern Catskills

**F**rom valley lows to mountain highs, the rural motorcycling routes that wind through Greene County are some of the best kept secrets around. Four designated motorcycle routes offer self-guided tour options for all riders. Take in some of the most scenic landscapes and iconic landmarks in the Great Northern Catskills from your bike.

## 1. The Cat's Tail Tour | 25 Miles

Created by the founders of the Hudson Valley Biker Network, this newest out-and-back motorcycle ride leaves from Blackthorne Resort in East Durham and

travels for 25 miles along routes 10 and 20, connecting to Cornwallville and Cunningham roads. The route curves a bit like the end of a cat's tail, giving the tour its name. For stunning vistas and smooth roads, this one is the cat's tail and pajamas!

## 2. Emerald Isle Tour | 57.9 miles

Feel like you've crossed the border between New York and fairyland! The Emerald Isle Tour travels through the Irish settled countryside where you'll encounter smooth roads and rolling valley views from Leeds to Durham, East Durham and Prattsville. This route offers

# THE NEW CAT'S TAIL TOUR



motorcyclists the chance to experience Cochrane Road, one of the most scenic roads in Greene County that runs along the **Durham Valley Scenic Byway**. Navigate through twists and curves, enjoy the County Route 10 run and Prattsville run along the reservoir.

### 3. Mountain Clove Run | 73.3 miles

Traveling along the **Mountain Clove Scenic Byway**, you'll gain elevation and see the region's most iconic landmarks, including the Kaaterskill Clove, a deep gorge that cuts through a mountain range. Beginning at the Greene County Visitors Center in Leeds, you have two options for heading up into the mountains before looping back to Catskill. You'll travel from river to valley and valley to mountain with scenic pull-offs on Route 23A with as-far-as-the-eye-can-see views. Stretch your legs at the Mountain Top Arboretum in Tannersville or grab a bite to eat at one of the many restaurants downtown.



**DOWNLOAD THE GUIDE!**

Scan the code to download a detailed guide to the various motorcycle tour routes in Greene County.



VALLEY REGION » OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

# Roundtopia: A Mecca For Mountain Biking

**A**ccording to the non-profit Round Top Mountain Bike Association, all trails included in the Roundtop Trail Network are on private land and operate on a 'handshake' agreement between the landowners and the association. The 20-mile trail network offers riders a unique ride-and-stay experience, as numerous trails run through lodging properties and border a couple of outdoor beer gardens. All trails are built by hand and groomed for fat bikes in the winter.

Riedlbauer's Resort is the main hub of the trail network. It hosts the New York State Mountain Bike State Championships in September. The Round Top Mountain Bike Association also hosts the Enduro



## MORE ONLINE!

Scan to learn more about the 120+ miles of mountain biking trails in Greene County!

FUNdraiser and FatFest (weather permitting) at the Roundtopia Trail Network.

The Glen Falls trails are just across the road (and stream) from Riedlbauer's and accessible by crossing a 60-foot wooden bridge with miniature chainsaw-carved bears on its railings. There are three waterfalls on this property: Glen Falls, Bridal Veil and the Ice Box.



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The Winter Clove trails are divided into two sections. The lower section features a fishpond, a beautiful waterfall and a covered bridge as well as a gnarly single-track (Rolling Chunder) and a very steep incline and descent up the Mudslinger and down Cheap Thrill. For the daring riders, send it on the big downhill jump and around the high-speed sweeping left turn! The upper section has some steady climbs like the Lower Moonshine Ridge Trail and Switchback Hill, as well as techy downhill trails like Turnicut. Check out the Ledges for a great view at sunset and see if you can handle the g-forces in the bottom of the Hanging Valley.



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Sunny Hill Golf Course | Greenville

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The **Island Green Resort** is a USGA, par 71 championship-style course offering one of the region's only island greens.

For resort-style golf, head to **Sunny Hill Resort & Golf Course**, boasting wide fairways and stunning views of the surrounding Catskill Mountains.

**Reidbauer's Driving Range** provides a fun activity for the whole family.

From championship courses designed by renowned golf course architects to family-friendly driving ranges, discover the region's incredible golfing experiences.

## GOLF COURSES IN GREENE COUNTY

- Blackhead Mountain Lodge & Country Club
- Catskill Golf Resort
- Christman's Windham House Country Inn and Golf Resort
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- Island Green
- Rip Van Winkle Country Club
- Sunny Hill Golf Course
- Thunderhart Golf Course & Resort
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# Music, Events & Festivals

**T**he Valley Region is renowned for its events. **Catskills Irish Arts Week** is a seven-day, annual celebration in July featuring music, dancing, workshops and more.

The **Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival** is a multi-day music event featuring the who's who of bluegrass music, as well as family-friendly workshops, camping, and glamping.

The Annual **Catskill Mountain Thunder Motorcycle Festival** at **Blackthorne Resort** in East Durham is the largest motorcycle festival in Upstate New York. Enjoy stunt shows, rodeo games, live music, a vendor expo and bike show with cash prizes. Spectators welcome.



Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival | Photo by Kurt Goettsche



### MORE ONLINE!

Scan to see a complete listing of events, festivals and live music in the Great Northern Catskills.

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# Get Your Hygge On, Bavarian Style, At Crystal Brook Resort

**T**ime travel is possible. Crystal Brook Resort and Mountain Brauhaus will transport you to an era when life seemed, well, simpler. The family-owned and operated Catskill mountain resort and adjacent German beer hall has been run by the Hasenkopf family since 1960.

The family's efforts to preserve its legacy provide an experience rooted in Bavarian culture that you may be hard-pressed to find these days, even in Germany.

But what truly takes you back in time is the *gemütlich*—a German-language word meant to describe a feeling of warmth, coziness, comfort and good cheer. (Yes, like the trending Danish term "hygge.")

You'll find *gemütlich* in the warmth conveyed by long-time hosts, Wendy and Eddie Hasenkopf, who took over running the resort from Eddie's parents. It's in Eddie's cooking, especially his specialty—an assortment of fresh, homemade desserts made daily. It's how Wendy, after all these years, seems to never forget a face—even those of guests who spent their childhood years at the resort and return decades later as adults.

It's in the finely calibrated giant leaps and slap sequences of the *Schuhplattler*, a traditional style of German folk dance which adult sons, Joseph and Robert Hasenkopf have mastered and will teach to any guest who is game.

It's in the old-fashioned, homey décor of the guest rooms. Clean, comfortable and not concerned with being boutique chic.

It's in the sound of families' and friends' chatter and laughter as they enjoy a board game on the outdoor picnic tables, cannonball into the generous-sized pool or return from a hike after discovering the enchanting



waterfall on the property and abutting trails, including "Roundtopia," which offers over 20 miles of some of the best mountain biking in the region. (Learn more about mountain biking on **pages 46 & 65**)

And then there's the culture of camaraderie that spills over at the Mountain Brauhaus, a traditional German beer hall—serving lunch and dinner to the public. Long, thin biergarten-style tables with red and white checked table cloths establish a communal dining atmosphere. Colorful silk flowers and faux grapevine garlands as well as pennant banners frame the central wooden dance floor, where things are known to get good and lively as the evenings progress. The Brauhaus regularly features live music—think accordions, traditional polka and oompah riffs on crowd favorites, such as “Sweet Caroline.”

Then there's the beer—or bier—served in half-liter pilsner glasses and 2-liter growlers that could easily be mistaken for a pitcher in size. There's no need to explain how that can contribute to the feeling of warm, cozy delight.



# The All-Inclusive Resort Experience

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- Sunny Hill | *Greenville*
- Winter Clove | *Round Top*



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### Blackhead Mountain Lodge & Country Club

67 Crows Nest Rd  
 Round Top, NY 12473  
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 518-622-9584 | riedlbauersresort.com



### Glen Falls House

230 Winter Clove Rd  
 Round Top, NY 12473  
 518-622-9363 | glenfallshouse.com



### Shinglekill Falls B&B

508 Mountain Ave  
 Purling, NY 12405  
 518-622-3225 | shinglekill.com



### Winter Clove Inn

557 Winter Clove Rd  
 Round Top, NY 12473  
 518-622-3267 | winterclove.com



## DURHAM

### Blackthorne Resort

348 Sunside Rd  
East Durham, NY 12423  
518-634-2541  
blackthorneresort.com



### Gavin's Resort & Country Inn

118 Golden Hill Rd  
Cornwallville, NY 12418  
518-634-2582 | gavinsinn.com



### Hull-O-Farms Farm Stay

10 Cochrane Rd  
Durham, NY 12422  
518-239-6950 | hull-o.com



### McGrath's Edgewood Falls Motel

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East Durham, NY 12423  
518-634-2236  
mcgrathsmotelny.com



### McReilly's Resort

1697 Route 145  
East Durham, NY 12423  
518-610-6861



### Michael Dee's Motel

1931 Route 145  
East Durham, NY 12423  
518-634-7005  
michaeldeesmotel.com



### Rose Motel

3840 Route 145  
Durham, NY 12422  
518-239-8496 | rosemotelny.com



Woodhouse Lodge | Greenville

### Shamrock House

2388 Route 145  
East Durham, NY 12423  
518-634-2897  
shamrockhouse.com



### Simply Durham Cottages

2146 Route 145  
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518-634-7724  
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simplydurhamcottages



### The Country Place Resort

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East Durham, NY 12423  
518-239-4559 | thecountryplace.com



## GREENVILLE

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77 Johnny Cake Ln  
Greenville, NY 12083  
518-966-5218 | baumanns.com



### Greenville Arms 1889 Inn

11135 Route 32  
Greenville, NY 12083  
518-966-5219 | greenvillearms.com



### Hollowbrook Inn & Restaurant

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518-966-4683 | hollowbrookinn.com





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518-966-5343 | theislandgreen.com



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Sunny Hill Resort and Golf Course | Greenville

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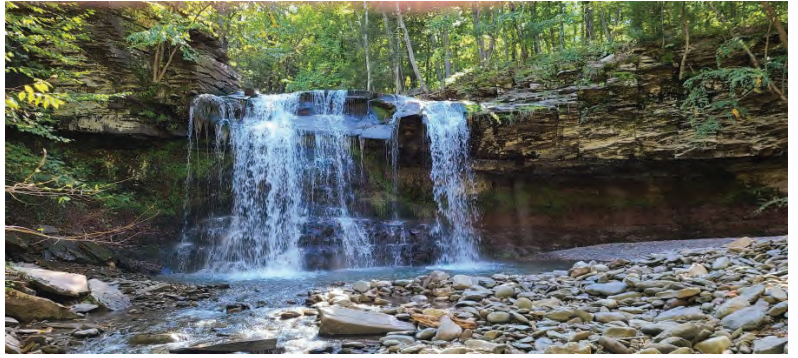
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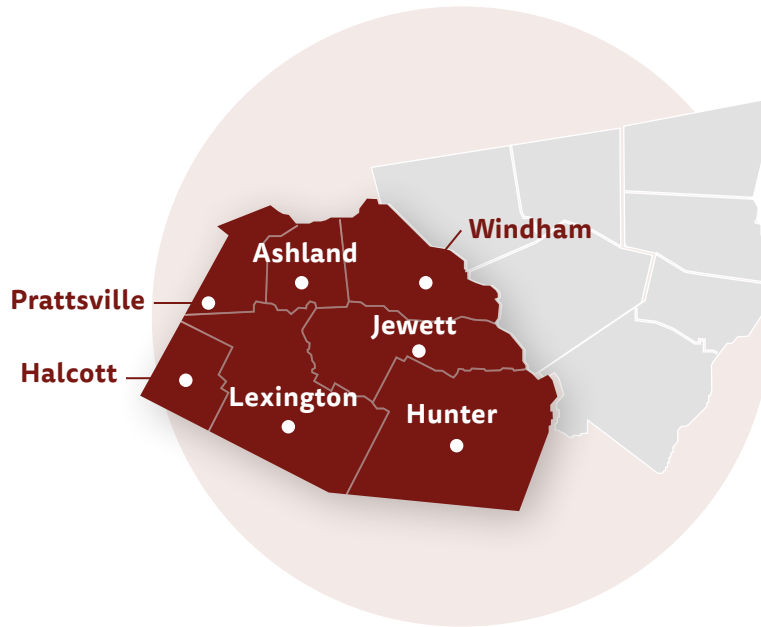
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# MOUNTAIN REGION

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**W**hen author Washington Irving first traveled to the Catskill Mountains, the small towns along the Hudson River sat at the edge of a vast wilderness. Superstitions loomed large among the dense hemlock forests and steep mountainsides. Irving would become known as the “Father of the American Ghost Story,” setting the tales of Ichabod Crane and Rip Van Winkle amidst the still mysterious landscape of the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains. As area towns and villages grew, Irving’s stories took root and became part of the region’s history and allure.

All it takes to understand Irving’s enchantment is a trip up Route 23A. There is a sense that, just beyond the next ridge, one might find the ghost of Henry Hudson in a small clearing, playing a game of ninepins while Rip Van Winkle looks on.

To this day the steeply sloped landscape beckons to those drawn to adventure and discovery. From soaring above the treetops on a zipline to hurtling down a mountain bike trails on knobby tires, the Mountain Region delivers incredible outdoor adventure and surprising arts and cultural opportunities.



**OUTFITTERS & GUIDES**

Scan the QR Code to learn more about outdoor sports guides and outfitters in Greene County.

**Pratt Rock | Prattville**

A legendary landmark with a view

# HUNTER »

Hunter is Greene County’s true mountain town. Nestled among the region’s highest peaks, it is also home to some of the top attractions in the Great Northern Catskills. Every day is an adventure in this small town, home to a zip line tour, a mountain sky ride and a ski resort. Hunter is also host to seasonal events, cozy lodging and excellent restaurants.

Since the area was first settled in the early 1800’s, tourism has been the lifeblood of the community. The rocky,

mountainous terrain and its stunning scenery attracted artists, poets, writers and wealthy travelers who wished to escape city life and draw inspiration from nature.

Today, tourists continue to flock to Hunter to enjoy the wild places of the Catskill Park and visit **Hunter Mountain Resort**, one of New York State’s premier skiing destinations and home to **New York Zipline Canopy Tours**.



## PRATTSVILLE »

The town of Prattsville is home to a legendary treasure that’s literally hidden beneath a rock—**Pratt Rock**.

Tokened as “New York’s Mount Rushmore,” Pratt Rock is a rockface marked by a series of historic stone carvings depicting the life of Zadock Pratt, a congressman and prominent citizen from the 1800s. The rock became a memorial for Pratt’s son, George W. Pratt, after he was killed in the Civil War, and is considered the first memorial for the Civil War.

It is a 3.1-mile round-trip climb to Pratt Rock—short but fairly steep (not especially suited for young children). The path ascends to the rockface, 500 feet above the road, bedecked with ornate carvings. The path also leads to a breathtaking view of the adjacent valley and creek flowing north.

## TANNERSVILLE »

Tannersville is known as “The Painted Village in the Sky.” Main Street is lined with hundred-year-old buildings painted bright and lively colors, eye-catching signs and decorative shutters. The small business district boasts a variety of boutique shops and antique stores. Tannersville’s downtown is lined with exceptional spots for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Grab a bite to eat before or after catching a show at **The Orpheum Film and Performing Arts Center**.



Tannersville Antiques | Tannersville

With convenient access to miles of pristine wilderness within the Catskill Park, Tannersville is a gateway to the great outdoors in Greene County. For a serene walk among nature, visit the **Mountain Top Arboretum** — the public garden is home to 178 acres filled with meadows, wetlands, and native plants.

## WINDHAM »

One of the oldest small towns in the region, Windham is often called the “Gem of the Catskills.” From outdoor recreation at spots such as the family-friendly **C.D. Lane Park**, and cozy lodging to golf courses and acclaimed cuisine, Windham has everything you need for the perfect small-town vacation any time of year. Seeking all-in-one offers? The Windham Resort offers packages for individuals, families and groups, whether you’re looking for winter or fair-weather getaway.

Windham’s historic Main Street is lined with locally owned specialty shops and exceptional restaurants, and a wide variety of nearby lodging options making it a great destination for a family vacation.

## TOP MOUNTAIN REGION ATTRACTIONS

- Bearpen Mountain Sports
- Hunter Mountain Resort, Tubing Park, Skyride, and Rip Van Winkle Monument
- Kaaterskill Falls Viewing Platform
- New York Zipline Canopy Tours
- North-South Lake State Campground
- Pratt Rock
- Rip Van Winkle Ranch
- The Vineyard At Windham
- Windham Mountain Resort, Skyride, Tubing Park and Bike Park



### MORE ONLINE!

Scan to see a full list of top attractions!



## Did You Know?

Considered one of the hardest hikes in the country, **Devil’s Path** is said to have gotten its name from Dutch settlers, who declared that only the devil could live among the tall, jagged peaks the trail leads to. Photo: @kickme\_outside



Hunter Mountain | Hunter

## MOUNTAIN REGION » OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

# Outdoor Adventure In The Mountains

**H**ome to two New York State premier ski resorts that offer year round attractions, hiking trails in the Catskill Park, paddle sports and over 100 miles of mountain biking trails, it's no wonder this area is known as the "Adventure Capital of the Catskills."

## SKIING »

Known as the "Snowmaking Capital of the World," **Hunter Mountain Resort** is the highest mountain peak in Greene

County, attracting skiers and riders from across the Northeast. It makes consistent snow conditions across 100% of its skiable terrain all winter long. Ski or snowboard the day away and stay within a few short steps from Hunter Mountain's base lodge at the **Kaatskill Mountain Club**, a luxury resort property.

**Windham Mountain Resort's** reputation as a family-friendly ski destination is unsurpassed in the Great Northern Catskills of Greene County. It has an award-winning ski school,

97% snow-making coverage and 1,600 vertical feet of skiing. (learn more about Windham Mountain on [page 9](#))

If you don't ski or snowboard, but still want to enjoy winter fun, the Catskills have what you're looking for. From tubing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, or summiting a winter hike, discover winter adventure. Be sure to link back up with family and friends at a cozy après spot. With delicious local brews and dining specialties, relax and unwind after a day outdoors.





## ZIPLINING »

Once the snow melts, new adventures spring to life in the mountain region.

**Hunter Mountain** is home to the **New York Zipline Canopy Tours**, one of the longest, fastest and highest zipline canopy tours in North America.

The **SkyRider Tour** is one of the longest ziplines in the world, soaring 600 feet above the ground with crisscrossing twin ziplines. Soar for 4.6 miles through the Catskills, from mountain peak to mountain peak and back again, reaching speeds of up to 50 miles per hour. Learn the necessary skills required to take the tour at **Zipline Pilot Training School**. The SkyRider Tour lasts three to four hours.

Located in the forest behind Hunter Mountain Resort's Base Lodge, the **Mid Mountain Tour** is perfect for families looking for a challenging adventure. It features six ziplines, four rope bridges,

nine aerial tree platforms, and one exciting rappel. This tour takes about three hours and is family friendly.

## HIKING »

For those who prefer exploring on terra firma, the Great Northern Catskills' Mountain Region offers amazing hikes. The Catskill Park is one of only two "Forever Wild" parks in New York State, and Greene County is home to most of the highest peaks in the Catskill Mountains.

At **North-South Lake State Campground**, hike to the summit of **Newman's Ledge**, once home to the **Catskill Mountain House**, one of the 19th century's premier resorts. From this lofty height, peer across the lush Hudson River Valley, with views of Vermont, Connecticut, and Massachusetts.

The **Kaaterskill Rail Trail** starts by the former train depot at the **Mountain Top**

## THE 7 PRINCIPLES OF LEAVE NO TRACE

1. Plan Ahead & Prepare
2. Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Others

## LESSER-KNOWN WATERFALL HIKES

- Diamond Notch Falls in Lexington
- Glen Falls in Round Top
- East Kill Falls in Round Top
- Old Mill Falls in Hunter
- Plattekill Falls in Hunter



Hiking in the Catskill Park  
Photograph by Andrew Pinella

**Historical Society's** property on Route 23A in Haines Falls. The trail connects to Laurel House Road, just above **Kaaterskill Falls** and close to the **North-South Lake State Campground**. It's an easy .3 mile walk to the **Kaaterskill Falls Viewing Platform** where you can safely enjoy many different views of Kaaterskill Falls and the Kaaterskill Clove.

From educational, family-friendly trails to epic adventure-worthy climbs, the Great Northern Catskills has options for all ages and abilities.

Explore possible itineraries to find a hike that suits your ability level and meets your Catskills bucket list needs. Wherever you hike, please be respectful of the land and other visitors by following the seven "Leave No Trace" principles.

## GOLF »

Find lengthy fairways and plush greens in the mountain region's golf courses. From playing 27 holes at **Christman's Windham House Country Inn and Golf Resort**, to finding a challenge at the 9-hole par 35,

USGA Regulation golf course at **Colonial Country Club**, to exploring **Windham Country Club's** 18-hole public course, there are courses for every golfer's need.

## HORSEBACK RIDING »

The Mountain Region also offers several horseback riding centers, including **Mountain Brook Farm**, **Vidbel Mountain Homestead**, and **Black Dome Mountain Guide Service**.



Mountain Brook Farm | Windham



Windham Mountain | Windham

# Mountain Biking For Every Rider

**T**he Mountain Region of the Great Northern Catskills is home to six recognized mountain biking networks covering over 120 miles (and counting). There is one other trail system—**Roundtopia**—located in the Valley Region.

From adrenaline-inducing hills to smooth cruiser trails, Greene County has something for riders of all skills, year round.

During any outing, be sure to adhere to mountain biking trail etiquette including leave no trace, yielding appropriately to fellow riders, respecting natural wildlife, not trespassing on private property and planning ahead for your trip.

Mountain bikers have been flocking to the Great Northern Catskills for ages. With an ever-growing mecca of trails, it's easy to understand why.

## MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL NETWORKS

- Windham Bike Park
- Roundtopia
- Tannersville-Hathaway Trail
- Elm Ridge Trail System
- Huckleberry Trail
- The Windham Multi-Use Path
- Colonial Trail System



**DOWNLOAD THE GUIDE!**

Scan to download a comprehensive guide to mountain biking in the Great Northern Catskills.





Orpheum Film &amp; Performing Arts Center | Tannersville

# Discover Arts At Elevation

The Catskill Mountains have inspired generations of painters, poets, photographers and writers. So it's no surprise that the mountains remain alive with creative individuals and institutions.

The **Catskill Mountain Foundation** is a multi-arts organization that includes three centers. The **Orpheum Film & Performing Arts Center**, a 247-seat theater, offers weekly showings of Hollywood and Indie movies, as well as chamber music, dance performances, and concerts. The **Sugar Maples Center for the Creative Arts** provides studio art workshops in ceramics and more. The **Doctorow Center for the Arts** is home to the **Mountain Cinema**, a three-screen cinema showing mainstream, family, independent and foreign films.

Part of the Doctorow Center, the **Piano Performance Museum** is one of the world's only institutions dedicated to the preservation and exhibition of period pianos. See how these complex instruments evolved across Europe and the United States with pianos that span 400 years of history.

The **Grazhda Music and Art Center of Greene County** was founded by a Ukrainian-born composer and musicologist. Its classical music summer concert series—the oldest in the region—is held in Grazhda hall, a regional architectural landmark located in Jewett. It is part of the Ukrainian cultural complex built around **St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church**, an immaculate wood-carved basilica constructed without the use of a single nail.

The **Mountain Top Historical Society** campus at the top of **Kaaterskill Clove** in Haines Falls is open year-round to the public. The campus boasts a fully restored 1913 train station, **Hudson River School Art Trail** interpretative display and scenic nature trails including the **Kaaterskill Rail Trail**.

The **Zadock Pratt Museum** offers a glimpse into the life of a Catskill founding father, and his years developing the tanning industry in the area as well as political career and industrialist leanings. The **Windham Centre Property Event Space**, located in the former 1826 Centre Presbyterian Church, hosts live events throughout the year.



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Hotel Lilien | Hunter

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### Deer Mountain Inn

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Tannersville, NY 12485  
518-589-6268  
deermountaininn.com



### Fairlawn Inn

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- Hotel/Motel



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### Hotel Mountain Brook

57 Route 23C (Hill St)  
Tannersville, NY 12485  
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### Kaatskill Mountain Club

62 Liftside Dr  
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518-263-5580  
Kaatskillmntclub.com



### Jessie's Harvest House Restaurant & Lodge

5819 Main St  
Tannersville, NY 12485  
518-589-5445  
jessiesharvesthouse.com



### Liftside Village Condominiums

62 Klein Ave  
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# MOUNTAIN REGION » LODGING

## Melour Resort

6302 Main St  
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518-589-5060 | melourresort.com



## Rosehaven Inn

147 Sunset Park Rd  
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518-589-5636 | rosehaveninn.com



## Scribner's Catskill Lodge

13 Scribner Hollow Rd  
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518-628-5130 | scribnerslodge.com



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## Snowed Inn B&B

5847 Main St  
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## Spruceton Inn

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cavemountainmotel.com



## Christman's Windham House Country Inn and Golf Resort

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Windham, NY 12496  
518-734-4230 | windhamhouse.com



## Eastwind Hotel + Bar

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518-734-0553 | eastwindny.com





# MOUNTAIN REGION » LODGING

### Hotel Vienna

107 Route 296  
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518-734-5300 | thehotelvienna.com



### Mountain Treasure B&B

408 Route 40  
Maplecrest, NY 12454  
518-750-8398  
mountaintreasureinn.com



### Jimmy O'Connor's Windham Mountain Inn

141 South St  
Windham, NY 12496  
518-734-4270 | windhaminn.com



### Union + Post

5098 Route 23  
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518-444-1044 | unionandpost.com



Hotel Vienna | Windham

### Kelly Acres

680 Route 10  
Windham, NY 12496  
518-734-3711 | kellyacres.com



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