



Local Fun. Local Flare. Local Flavor.

With its charming small towns, picturesque landscapes, and endless activities, Yates County is a destination that truly has something for everyone to enjoy year-round. Explore all that this beautiful region has to offer and create your own unforgettable experience in the Finger Lakes Region of New York State.

Start sourcing your next story or trip with the following themes in mind!

FLAVOR SERIES

Embark on a Culinary Journey

Explore the lesser-known gems that grace Yates County. From farm-to-table dining experiences to wine pairing dinners celebrating local produce, there's something for every food enthusiast to savor. With over 50 options encapsulating a variety of cuisines, you'll never be bored with the diverse range of options available. Enjoy dishes that incorporate local and seasonal ingredients like root vegetables, bright greens, pasture-raised meats, and artisanal cheese. Restaurants and cafes like [Main Deck](#), [18th Amendment Kitchen & Cocktail Bar](#), [Sapalta at Plum Point Lodge](#) on Seneca Lake (seasonal), [Tabora Farm & Winery](#), and [Amity Coffee](#) always have something amazing cooking and plenty of savory stories to write about.

Unwind and Sip on Yates County's Wine Trails & Craft Beverage Spots

Indulge in the distinct tastes of the Finger Lakes region by sampling locally crafted wine, beer, cider, and spirits. Yates County is home to two Wine Trails, [Seneca Lake Wine Trail](#) and [Keuka Lake Wine Trail](#). Take a leisurely drive through the rolling hills and picturesque countryside, stopping at each unique establishment to savor the flavors and learn about the techniques used to create each beverage. Some of the producers offer tours and events, giving visitors a behind-the-scenes look at the production process. (Top Tip: The [Finger Lakes Crafts & Drafts Pass](#) and the [Keuka Lake Wine Trail Digital Passport](#) programs offers a mobile-friendly experience that will have you sipping at several area locations.)

Relish in the Charm of Yates County's Agricultural Landscape

Shop fresh produce and handcrafted products from local farmers and artisans at [seasonal farm markets, stands, and stores](#) throughout the county. These seasonal farm markets are a hub of activity, with vendors selling everything from freshly picked fruits and vegetables to homemade jams, jellies, and baked goods. You can chat with the farmers who grew the produce, learn about their farming methods, and even get tips on how to prepare and cook the produce you buy. Pick your own produce at one of the county's u-pick farms, adding an engaging element to the goods you eat. Visiting these markets is not only a great way to support local farmers and artisans but also a fun and memorable experience for visitors of all ages.

Venture out to [The Windmill Farm & Craft Market](#) for 175 shops on 44 acres. Beginning over 30 years ago with one man's dream, a bulldozer, volunteers, a barn raising and selling hot dogs, The Windmill is now a destination for shoppers and even includes six wineries, a brewery and a distillery. Open every Saturday from April–November, it's an experience unlike any other in the region.

Satisfy Your Sweet Tooth with Homemade Goods & Treats

Whether you're in the mood for a warm slice of apple pie or creamy and decadent ice cream, you'll find plenty of options to satisfy your cravings. There's certainly no shortage of homemade baked goods in our neighborhoods – from fresh bread and muffins at [Blue Heron Bakery](#) from to delectable pies, cookies and cupcakes from [Tabora Farm & Winery](#), your sweet tooth will not be forgotten about. Yates County is also home to two award-winning ice cream and custard stands, [Seneca Farms](#) and [Spotted Duck](#) (get an ice cream flight with custard made from duck eggs, also awarded “Best Ice Cream in America in a TikTok Challenge), that you certainly don't want to skip out on during your visit. A visit to the [Keuka Candy Emporium](#) is a must for families and adults for a pure old time candy shop experience.

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Yates County's Cozy Bed & Breakfasts

The ideal spot to relax and recharge! Tucked away in the stunning Finger Lakes scenery are charming accommodations that make Yates County the perfect destination for a peaceful retreat or romantic getaway. [The Laurentide Inn](#) is a 200-year old property that was recently renovated, and puts you right next to the action at Laurentide Beer Company. [1897 Beekman House B&B](#) sets you up with accommodations minutes away from the Seneca Lake wineries in the village of Dundee. The hosts are former sommeliers and restaurants managers who can point you to the best food and drink in the area. [The Finger Lakes B&B](#) is a short stroll from the historic town of Penn Yan and offers an in-house bakery, wine tastings and boat tours.

Each of Yates County's cozy bed and breakfasts offer a unique and personalized experience for visitors. From historic Victorian homes to modern and luxurious farmhouses, these B&Bs have their own distinctive charm and personality. Wake up to a homemade breakfast made from locally sourced ingredients and enjoy the stunning views of the rolling hills and crystal-clear lakes.

Shop Local Along Yates County's Quaint Village Main Streets

Support small businesses and find one-of-a-kind treasures throughout the small villages of Yates County. These picturesque communities offer a unique shopping experience with a variety of locally owned boutiques, antique shops, and specialty stores making hand-crafted wares. [Staving Artist Woodwork](#) uses recycled wine barrels and other reclaimed materials to encourage a non-disposable lifestyle. [Crooked Lake Mercantile](#) is your home for “All Things Keuka,” a Keuka Lake icon and shopping tradition. [Oak Hill Bulk Foods](#) stocks local food items for baking, cooking and culinary makers of all kinds. Plus, you can feel good knowing that your purchases are supporting the local economy and helping to preserve the character of these historic towns. Visit downtownpennyan.com for more Main St. shops.

Unravel Yates County's Past at its Mesmerizing Museums and Historic Sites

Yates County is home to a number of fascinating museums and historic sites that tell the story of the area's past. One must-visit destination for history buffs is [The Oliver House Museum](#), part of the [Yates County History Center](#). This beautifully preserved property is located in the charming town of Penn Yan and provides visitors with a unique glimpse into life in Yates County during the 19th century. The Center is also home to the the foremost collection of The Public Universal Friend artifacts in the United States, while the the Garrett Memorial Chapel, known as the “Little Chapel on the Mount,” pays tribute to Evelyn and Paul Garrett, who founded and ran Garrett and Company (one of the largest wine producers in the world) from 1902 until 1940. Other notable historical sites

include the [Keuka Outlet Trail](#) (complete with audio tour), the [Downtown Penn Yan Historic District](#) and the [Dundee History Center](#).

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Experience the Great Outdoors in Yates County

Yates County is home to a variety of stunning natural landscapes, including the serene Keuka Lake and the rolling hills of the Finger Lakes. Hiking and biking enthusiasts can find much to explore, including the seven miles of lush forests and waterfalls along the [Keuka Outlet Trail](#). The beautiful [Keuka Lake](#) is home to a variety of fish species, including bass, trout and perch, making it a popular spot for anglers of all skill levels. Birdwatchers will also find plenty to see in Yates County, with a diverse array of bird species found throughout the region. For a new way to explore the outdoors, visitors can travel along a former railroad track by rail bike with [Finger Lakes Rail Riders](#). The track spans 5 miles roundtrip and takes about 2 hours to traverse, with a guide.

Need somewhere to stay? With multiple [campgrounds](#) ([and glamping!](#)) offering scenic views and modern amenities, camping in Yates County is a peaceful escape.

Yates County's Festivals and Events

One of the best ways to experience Yates County is by attending one of the many festivals and events that take place throughout the year. Whether you're interested in sampling local wines and ciders, browsing handmade crafts, or simply enjoying the fresh outdoor air, there is something for everyone. Yates County is also known for several annual events - [Penn Yan Cruisin' Night](#), a car show taking place each June; a [Farm-To-Table Community Table Dinner](#), a fall night of amazing food prepared by local chefs, paired with local wines and craft beer while seated around a custom-built communal table situated on the Main St. Bridge in Penn Yan; and [StarShine](#), a holiday celebration full of live music, treats, and of course Santa Claus! There's always plenty going on like live music, workshops, art classes, and recreation. For more information on these and other upcoming events, visit the robust [event calendar](#).

Agritourism & Adventures for the Animal Lover

Agritourism is a big deal in the Finger Lakes – and Yates County is at the heart of it all, plentiful with farmlands ranging from Christmas trees, to orchards, to dairy farms. [Sweet Farm](#) offers guests a unique and enlightening experience, standing in its mission of creating a more sustainable planet through a variety of programs including farm animal rescue, regenerative agriculture, and a robust technology program that focuses on planet-saving innovation. When you visit Sweet Farm, you're in for the feel-good experience you're looking for – and so much more. In nearby Yates County, visit [Mountain Rose Farm](#), a 90-acre property offering two AirBnB rentals, guided horseback rides, RV camping, and horse camping with accommodation to bring your own horse to ride the trails.

