



Welcome to Cooperstown

Welcome to Cooperstown and Otsego County!

This booklet includes highlights of all this area has to offer, including information on the many activities that occur throughout the year. Being a seasonal area, there is much to do in the summer and totally different winter activities. These websites will give you the opportunity to investigate some offerings.

Cooperstown is surrounded by the beautiful Catskills, Adirondacks, Hudson River Valley, so there is always somewhere to travel and sites to see. The little towns and villages offer unique experiences and cultural activities, sharing the history of the area and the beauty of the area. Otsego Lake is the centerpiece of Cooperstown.

Summer Activities

Otsego Land Trust otsegolandtrust.org/volunteer

Glimmerglass State Park is at the north end of our nine-mile lake, Otsego Lake. parks.ny.gov/parks/28/

Otsego Lake has several beaches for lake access. It is a gorgeous, very undeveloped lake that is the headwaters of the Susquehanna river.

Otsego 2000 for searching local hikes, bike trails, winter sports, road and mountain biking, and paddling. otsegoutdoors.org

The Otsego Sailing Club is a non-profit organization of sailboat owners who have mutual interests in sailing and sailboat racing. It was founded to encourage recreation and competitive sailing, to promote safety in sailing, and to promote good sportsmanship. You don't have to have a sailboat to join! They have sailing classes for teenagers and adults in the summer. otsegosailingclub.com

Paddle-Boarding, Kayaking, Canoeing are all available on the Susquehanna river and the lake. Some people own their own, but rentals are easily available. canoeandkayakrentals.com

Sam Smith's Boat Yard sam-smiths.checkfront.com/reserve/

Middlefield Fly-in Events and Breakfast

Swimming at Fairy Springs Park, Three Mile Point Park, Glimmerglass State Park cooperstownny.org/parks/

Sculling from Woodside Gardens otsegoarearowing.org

Golf

Leatherstocking Golf Course

Situated in a picturesque lakeside setting, the Otesaga Resort Hotel is a lovely and gracious old hotel. It has a beautiful golf course along the Otsego lake. otesaga.com/golf

Meadow Links Golf Course

County Hwy 27; Richfield Springs meadowlinks.com

Otsego Golf Club

otsegogolfclub.com

Winter Sports

Downhill Skiing/Snowboarding

Hunter Mountain huntermtn.com

Royal Mountain royalmountain.com

Windham Mountain windhammountainclub.com

Whiteface Mountain whiteface.com

Ice Skating

Badger Park Cooperstown thisiscooperstown.com/listing/badger-park/905/

Nordic/Cross-Country Skiing/Snowshoeing

Milford Nordic Ski Trail

alltrails.com/trail/us/new-york/milford-nordic-ski-trail

Star Field alltrails.com/trail/us/new-york/star-field-trail

Glimmerglass State Park parks.ny.gov/parks/28/details.aspx

Clark Tower Trail otsegooutdoors.org/listing/clark-tower-trails/

Cultural Centers & Events

Arkell Museum- Canajoharie arkellmuseum.org

Azure Arts Pottery Studio azureartisans.com

Catskills Symphony Orchestra, Oneonta, N.Y.
catskillssymphonyorchestra.org

Fenimore Chamber Orchestra, Cooperstown, N.Y.
fenimoreco.org

Munson Art Museum, Utica, N.Y. munson.art

Cooperstown Concert Series cooperstownconcerts.org

Hyde Hall, Cooperstown, N.Y. hydehall.org

The Glimmerglass Festival (Opera) is a summer festival, blending world-class opera and musical theater and events with renowned personalities and artists with a relaxed, casual atmosphere in the heart of Central New York. July and August performances glimmerglass.org

The Cooperstown Summer Music Festival began with three events in 1999, and since then has offered the region more than 100 performances, from classical to contemporary, jazz to bluegrass, cabaret to kids' concerts. cooperstownmusicfest.org

Cooperstown Art Association Galleries cooperstownart.com

National Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum baseballhall.org

Fenimore Art Museum fenimoreartmuseum.org

Fenimore Farm & Country Village fenimorefarm.org

Finger Lakes Wine Country fingerlakeswinecountry.com

Otsego Land Trust otsegolandtrust.org

LDYE, Little Delaware Youth Ensemble is a string ensemble for youth players based at the Foothills Performing Arts Center in Oneonta, N.Y. ldye.org

Glimmerglass Film Days, a program of Otsego 2000, presents an annual film festival in Cooperstown as well as pop-up screenings in and around Cooperstown throughout the year. Film Days, which are held in November, offers a curated slate of independent feature-length films and shorts, as well as encounters and collaborations with internationally known artists, activists, filmmakers, and scholars. glimmerglassfilmdays.org

The Smithy Gallery and Clay Studio smithyarts.org

Village Library of Cooperstown- Ongoing events for children and adults, lectures, book clubs etc. villagelibraryofcooperstown.org

Seasonal Community Events

- Fourth of July Fireworks and Parade
- Halloween Parade
- Christmas Parade
- Adorn-A-Door
- Empty Bowl
- Cherry Valley Kite Festival
- Garlic Festival
- Annual Harvest Festival
- Community Harvest Supper: Annual Potluck on Main St.
- Cooperstown Winter Carnival
- Grilled Cheese for a Cause
- LakeFront Summer Concert Series

Wellness

The Clark Sports Center is our amazing and comprehensive fully equipped fitness center. There are a lot of programs for teenagers and adults such as rock climbing, outdoors rope course, karate, summer hiking and kayaking programs as well as after school programs. There are many running competitions, triathlon, and other types of races and fundraiser events. There is bowling, racquetball, Olympic size swimming pool with lessons for children and adults, competitive teams, tennis courts, extensive exercise and weight lifting, yoga, Zumba classes, personal trainers, basketball... and on, and on. clarksportscenter.com

Fit to be Tied Yoga fittobetiedyoga.com

Fly Creek Aerial Yoga flycreekaerialyoga.com

NY Goat Yoga at Gilbertsville nygoatyoga.com

Samye Hermitage is in the rolling hills of Cooperstown, NY. They have classes in meditation and programs and retreats on many topics for life, mindfulness and spirituality. samyenyork.org

Spas

Otesaga Resort Hotel, Cooperstown otesaga.com/spa

Spring House Spa and Loft, Sharon Springs

Cooperstown Area Massage, Fly Creek [website](#)

Breweries

Council Rock Brewery councilrockbrewpub.com

Ommegang Brewery, one of our most famous local breweries, is a Belgian brewery with a great restaurant, beautiful outdoor space, dogs welcome, and offers tours. In the summer/fall, they have concerts, events, too. ommegang.com

Red Shed Brewery (Cherry Valley)
redshedbrewing.com

Cooperstown Distillery
cooperstowndistillery.com

Live Music

Cooperstown Beverage Exchange cooperstowndistillery.com

Mel's at 22 melsat22.com

Origins Cafe originscafe.org

Ommegang Brewery ommegang.com

Red Shed Brewery redshedbrewing.com

The Otesaga Resort Hotel otesaga.com

The Buzz -Fly Creek flycreek.club

Volunteer Opportunities

Angel Network angelnetworkofcooperstown.org

Cooperstown Community Christmas Committee
facebook.com/cooptownchristmas

Cooperstown Farmers Market
otsego2000.org/cooperstown-farmers-market

Cooperstown Fire Department start.cooperstownfd.org

Cooperstown Food Pantry cooperstownfoodpantry.org

Fenimore Farm fenimorefarm.org/volunteer

Fenimore Art Museum fenimoreartmuseum.org/volunteer

Friends of the Village Library
villagelibraryofcooperstown.org/friends-of-the-village-library

The Guild of the Glimmerglass Festival glimmerglassguild.org

Lake & Garden Club, Cooperstown lakeandvalleygc.org

League of Women Voters, Cooperstown Area
my.lwv.org/new-york/cooperstown-area

Lions Club, Cooperstown cooperstownlionsclub.org

Otsego Land Trust otsegolandtrust.org/volunteer

Rotary, Cooperstown portal.clubrunner.ca/3556

SPCA sqspca.org

Used Books

Willis Monie Books wilmonie.com

Hobart Book Village, Hobart, NY

- Adam's Books
- Blenheim Hill Books
- Creative Corner Books
- Liberty Rock Books
- Lion Eyes Books
- NY Books & Ephemera
- Quarry Books

Cooperstown Library, Bi-Yearly Used Book Sale

Schools

New York is renowned for its public schools. In 2020, Cooperstown Public Schools were ranked #32 out of 430 districts in Upstate New York. Cooperstown has average class sizes well under 20 students, and a district-wide student-to-teacher ratio of 14 to 1.

Cooperstown has a higher graduation rate and more regents/advanced regents diplomas awarded than the New York State average. BOCES classes are available, as well as AP classes.

Cooperstown graduates are highly desired by the nation's top colleges, and recent graduates have attended Ivy Leagues, NESCAC schools, US Military Academies, as well as many other prestigious institutions.

Graduates from Cooperstown and other local districts, including BOCES, are eligible to receive Clark Foundation Scholarships. These scholarships can be used for traditional 4-year colleges, certificate programs, and associate degrees, and can continue for graduate studies in health care-related fields.

Clark Scholarship Foundation clarkscholarship.org

Cooperstown Central School District cooperstowncs.org

Cooperstown Graduate Program cgpmuseumstudies.org

Local private schools include: Brookwood School, Pathfinder, Springbrook, Lighthouse Christian Academy, and Otsego Christian Academy. Private schools about an hour away include: Albany Academy, Emma Willard, Doane Stuart, Christian Brothers Academy, and others.

Colleges within a two-hour drive include: Hartwick College, SUNY Oneonta, Hamilton College, Colgate University, Cornell University, Binghamton University, SUNY Geneseo, SUNY Delhi, Utica University, SUNY Polytechnic, SUNY Cobleskill, Mohawk Valley Community College, Union College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and others.

Local Facebook Groups

Celebrate Cooperstown

[facebook.com/groups/321873527872198](https://www.facebook.com/groups/321873527872198)

Live Music Cooperstown

[facebook.com/groups/833583287014173](https://www.facebook.com/groups/833583287014173)

Welcome Home Cooperstown

[facebook.com/welcomehomecooperstown](https://www.facebook.com/welcomehomecooperstown)

FAQ

Can I live in rural upstate New York?

Cooperstown is much more than baseball. We delight in our many lakes including Otsego, Goodyear, and Canadarago. Did you know Otsego Lake is the beginning of the Susquehanna River, which is the longest river on the east coast of the United States? We have beautiful hikeable rolling hills and state parks. We are medical professionals, farmers, artists, musicians, gardeners, crafters, writers, readers, athletes, animal lovers, entrepreneurs, teachers, environmental stewards, and much more.

We are a caring and friendly community with a multitude of opportunities. You may enjoy the slower pace of life, admire our beautiful surroundings, or fill your days with many activities.

Cooperstown is located so centrally in New York that one can get to every corner in about four hours. Destinations include the wonderful Corning Museum of Glass; astounding waterfalls from Ithaca to Niagara; horse-racing mecca Saratoga Springs; Olympic Village Lake Placid, wine country Finger Lakes; the Catskill and Adirondack Mountains and their small historic villages; and of course New York City and its suburbs. Boston, Philadelphia, Toronto and Montreal are also within a half day's drive.

Summer's great but what am I going to do in the winter?

Many people look forward to fun outdoor pursuits in winter including cross country skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, ice fishing, outdoor hockey, ice skating, snowman making, and Winter Carnival. Others are happy to pursue old hobbies or develop new skills.

There is indoor tennis and pickleball. Clark Sports Center hosts a bevy of leagues including dodgeball, basketball, futsal, and volleyball. Enjoy seasonal concerts, movie nights, traditional Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations. You may find cooking classes; knitting/weaving/spinning instruction, pottery and art classes; master gardener classes; enjoy mahjong, bridge, scrabble and other games; join a book club; engage with other quilters, take courses in home improvement; take an adult education course at BOCES; and volunteer.

Can I get coffee from Starbucks? Where can I shop?

Oneonta has a Starbucks, but Cooperstown offers unique bistros like Stagecoach Coffee, where coffee beans are roasted on site. The Cooperstown Farmer's Market is open year round. In addition to local produce there are cheeses, maple and honey products, jellies/jams, bakery items, fiber, pottery, and glass. We have Cooperstown Natural Food for organic needs. Cooperstown Cheese Company has a variety of artisanal cheeses and is part of CNY (Central New York) Cheese Trail. The Fly Creek Cider Mill is an historic, water-powered cider mill on the banks of Fly Creek pressing fresh, sweet cider for 167 years. Experience the Fly Creek Cider Mill's Marketplace with over 150 specialty foods including fresh fudge, aged cheddar cheese, salsas, apple wines and hard cider. Enjoy coffee and pastries at Mohican Market at the Otesaga Resort Hotel.

Cooperstown has local clothing, art, craft and of course baseball shops. Close to Cooperstown is Bouckville, a village dedicated to antique shops and Hobart with eight independent used book shops.

Closest to home is Price Chopper and Grand Union supermarkets. Oneonta has Hannafords, Price Chopper, Aldi's, Walmart, and BJs.

More high end markets and ethnic groceries can be found in Utica, New Hartford, Albany, Binghamton, and Syracuse. Indoor malls are found in New Hartford, Albany, and Binghamton or make a day of it in Syracuse for Destiny USA, which hosts over 250 places to shop, dine and play.

I am single; where do I meet people?

People of all ages participate in athletics and sport leagues; join classes/clubs, volunteer in a multitude of areas, and engage in social activities. In addition to the numerous restaurants that host live music there are musical and film events that cover all genres and will satisfy even the most discriminating tastes. We have breweries including Brewery Ommegang, Red Shed Brewery, Council Rock Brewery, Cooperstown Brewing Company. Cooperstown Distillery boasts handcrafted artisanal spirits many of which have won national awards!

I have children; what activities are available for them?

Both The Farmer's Museum and Fenimore Art Museum provide wonderful attractions for children and adults. Our library has a dedicated children's section with many programs geared to them. Clark Sports Center has a toddler open gym time and sports activities/after-school programs/summer camps for school aged children. Cooperstown Central school is K - 12 with BOCES (Board of Cooperative Educational Services). This program is both for students wanting to start a vocation immediately upon graduation and those going on the upper level education. For younger children there are options for preschool and daycare.

Can my spouse/partner find employment?

Working from home is frequently an option. In addition to healthcare there are jobs supporting the hospital system. Professional opportunities are available locally and in the surrounding areas. Within about a one hour radius there are multiple colleges and universities including: SUNY (State University of New York) Oneonta, SUNY Delhi, SUNY Cobleskill, SUNY Polytechnic Institute, Hartwick College, Hamilton College, and Colgate University. In addition to the local Fenimore Art Museum, The Farmer's Museum, and Baseball Hall of Fame, there is Munson Museum in Utica, and Arkel in Canajoharie. Retailers and contractors are always looking for workers.

Is there support for seniors or senior services?

There are activities geared toward seniors including programs at Clark Sports Center. Woodside Hall provides residential and day services. The Thanksgiving Home provides a secure environment for independent living. Heritage at the Plains at Parish Homestead in Oneonta offers independent and assisted living accommodations. There are skilled nursing facilities in Cooperstown, Oneonta, and surrounding areas. And of course there are quality medical services through the Bassett Healthcare Network.

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