

Seneca Lake Wine Trail – An Ideal Destination

Seneca Lake Wine Trail is located in the heart of Upstate New York's Finger Lakes Region on Seneca Lake and produces world class award-winning wines, and also offers a wide variety of year-round attractions in addition to an enlightening wine experience. Within an easy drive from New York City, Boston, MA; Philadelphia, PA; Toronto, ON and Washington, DC, Seneca Lake Wine Trail provides an ideal get-away destination.

In addition to providing an exemplary wine tasting experience where visitors have the opportunity to taste award winning wines and tour, but also a variety of water sports, shopping, golfing, museums, historical attractions, theatres and historic villages.

For more information on all the activities and events listed, visit www.senecalakewinetrail.com or call 1.877.536.2717.

Historic Geneva:

Located at the northern end of Seneca Lake Wine Trail, the city of **Geneva** boasts a bustling downtown filled with unique shops and restaurants. The historic **Smith Opera House** offers visitors a variety of musical, dance and theatrical performances. The **Rose Hill Mansion** is a National Historic Landmark and is one of the finest examples of Greek Revival Architecture in the United States featuring 21 rooms furnished in the then-popular Empire style.

Explore the area's rich educational history with a visit to **Hobart & William Smith College** (previously called Geneva College) where in 1849 Elizabeth Blackwell became the first woman in United States history to earn a doctoral degree. Geneva is also home to the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, a division of Cornell University.

Historic Watkins Glen:

Located on the southern tip of Seneca Lake is Watkins Glen renowned for its historic state park and one the United States premier road racing tracks. **Watkins Glen International Speedway**, known as 'The Glen', is a permanent racing facility that for over 50 years has hosted nearly every type of road racing event, from the Formula One United States Grand Prix (1961-1980) to NASCAR to Indy Cars.

Watkins Glen is home of the oldest and most famous of the Finger Lakes State Parks – **Watkins Glen State Park**. With more than 19 waterfalls cascading down the grotto-like gorge, visitors can hike the Gorge Trail, walk behind Cavern Cascade and Rainbow Falls or take a swim in the Olympic-sized pool. The **Catharine Valley Trail** provides year-round recreation opportunities including walking, bicycling, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, following abandoned railroad and canal towpath corridors

Seneca Harbor Station and **Captain Bills** offers visitors the opportunity to explore the beauty of Seneca Lake from the vantage point of the water during either a one-hour long tour aboard the vintage sight-seeing vessel, Stroller IV or a dinner cruise aboard the Seneca Legacy. Alternatively, visitors can also set sail aboard an historic vintage schooner yacht, the **Malabar X**.

Outdoors along Seneca Lake Wine Trail:

Sampson State Park offers three miles of waterfront along the eastern shore of Seneca Lake featuring a campground and military museum highlighting the park's history as a military training station.

Seneca Lake has been called the ‘**lake trout capital of the world,**’ has easily accessible marina facilities located off the historic Erie Canal system appeal to boating and fishing enthusiasts.

The north end of Seneca Lake features a “**Sprayground**” (water playground) boasting 100+ water jets that spray, shoot and stream water in all directions for family fun. Eastern shore recreational facilities include Lodi Point offering prime boating and picnicking areas and **Bonavista**, a 9-hole golf course appropriate for all ages and levels of golfers.

Shopping:

Shoppers can visit **Famous Brand Outlet** in downtown Watkins Glen offering three floors and 13,000 square feet of some of the lowest prices available on the top brand names in outerwear, footwear, and casual clothing.

Skyland Farm located only 7 miles north of Watkins Glen is a One of a kind place. Herb, garden & flower farm with craft gallery, dessert cafe/tea house, pottery studio, labyrinth and children's farm playscape overlooking Seneca Lake. The New York State made gelato is an absolute must!

Red Jacket Orchards provides the opportunity to sample crisp apples, summer fruits, fresh pressed juices, crackers, trail snacks, cheeses, salsas, jams produced in Upstate New York. **Weaver View Farms**, a thirteen room 1800’s farmhouse showcases Amish and Mennonite handcrafted treasures including wrought iron, tin ware, baskets and hand-painted Amish furniture. **The Windmill Farm and Craft Market**, a 31-acre park-like setting with over 250 vendors features fresh produce and baked goods as well as handcrafted furniture, quilts, clothing, jewelry, pottery and more.

Museums:

The **Corning Museum of Glass** is the world's largest glass museum, featuring 35 centuries of glass artistry, live glassblowing demonstrations, Make Your Own Glass experiences for all ages and an international Glass Market. Also located in Corning, is **The Rockwell Museum of Western Art** showcases one of the largest and finest collections of American Western and Native American Art in the Eastern United States.

Seneca Dining:

Dining opportunities are bountiful along the Seneca Lake Wine Trail, from waterfront dining at **The Crows Nest Restaurant** or **Seneca Harbor Station** to casual intimate fine dining in restored historic farmhouses at **Cobblestone** and **Suzanne Fine Regional Cuisine**. Café’s and Bistros featuring regional cuisine include, **Madderlake Café**, **Stonecat Café**, **Red Newt Bistro**, **Veraisons** and **Wildflower Café** to name a few.

Accommodations:

Seneca Lake Wine Trail and surrounding areas feature a variety of accommodations from B&Bs to brand name hotels, locally owned motels and an AAA Four-Diamond resort.

Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel

Scheduled to open in summer 2008, the Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel is conveniently located on the south end of Seneca Lake on the Seneca Lake Wine Trail just 3 miles from Watkins Glen International Speedway. The four-story Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel features 104 luxury guestrooms and suites, a grand ballroom (accommodating 300), a full restaurant and bar with expansive lakeside patio seating, a state-of-the-art fitness center and an indoor swimming pool and Jacuzzi. www.watkinsglenharborhotel.com

Boasting three differing accommodations, **Belhurst Castle** provides visitors with some of the finest lodging in the region. Their Chambers in the Castle, in an 1800's stone castle, offers 14 period guest rooms, all architecturally unique and perfectly appointed. Surrounded with antiques, oriental rugs and rich woodwork, with various rooms featuring Jacuzzis, fireplaces, living rooms & awesome lake views, the Chambers in the Castle offers visitors' an utterly unique overnight experience. Historic White Springs Manor, is a Georgian Revival Mansion with period guest rooms that offer relaxation, peace and quiet. Take a romantic stroll through the Belhurst Winery Vineyards, enjoy the serene pond and soak in the view of Seneca Lake in the distance. Last, but by no means least, is Belhurst's Luxurious Vinifera Inn, offering lake views, fireplaces and Jacuzzis in every room -- the perfect place to pamper yourself and unwind. The ultimate Finger Lakes lodging getaway!

Escape to one of 30 spacious and inviting guest rooms at **The Inn at Glenora Wine Cellars**, each beautifully appointed with Stickley furniture and designed to complement distinction with comfort and convenience. Every room features a private balcony or patio with a view of the vineyard, Seneca Lake and the opposing hillside. Mornings are mystical; evenings are tranquil. You'll find it is simply the perfect setting. Enjoy a complimentary bottle of Glenora Wine, your own fresh brewed Starbucks coffee, and a refrigerator for your convenience.

Relax in romantic country Inns and Bed and Breakfasts(B&B) such as the **Yorkshire Inn B&B**, a 1796 Colonial Inn; **The Farr Inn B& B**, a 1929 Tudor renovated to replicate the Tea Estate Bungalow in hill country Ceylon; **Robertson House B&B**, a historical village home (c.1830) also with private lake cottage's; **Wagner Estate Bed and Breakfast**, Historic Register home built in the 1700's on 5 pastoral acres; Adda Trimmer House, a restored Victorian and the **Fox Inn**, an 1820 Greek Revival brick mansion plus many more.

For more information on Seneca Lake Wine Trail wineries and accommodations call toll-free 877.536.2717 or go online at www.senecalakewinetrail.com.

Seneca Lake Wine Trail – A Tasteful Experience!