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WELCOME TO CORTLAND COUNTY, THE GATEWAY TO THE FINGER LAKES REGION OF NEW YORK STATE!

The county's rolling hills give a hint of the outdoor recreational opportunities that are available, but there is so much more to experience and enjoy: from sharing the story of Cortland's rich history through its museums, to its vibrant arts and culture scene, local musical acts and nationally-recognized theatre, culinary delights and seasonal brews, we've got it all.

And don't forget about our unique festivals, and abundance of outdoor adventures to be had! Four seasons of fun and memories are waiting for you—Cortland County is yours to experience!

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Annual Events

WINTER

January 24th - 25th
20th Annual Homer Winterfest
Village of Homer

Homer's annual toast to winter gives everyone a reason to come out of hibernation. Kicking off with a Friday night bonfire and fireworks, the event also includes wine and beer tastings, food to warm the soul, antiques and crafts, sled racing, snow sculptures, and loads of children's activities.

www.homerwinterfest.weebly.com

January 28th
National Plan Your Vacation Day

SPRING

March 21st - 22nd and 28th - 29th
NEW YORK STATE MAPLE WEEKEND
www.mapleweekend.nysmaple.com

April
HEROES AND VILLAINS CON
Heroes and Villains, Cortland

April 18th - 19th
CNY MAPLE FESTIVAL
Village of Marathon

A springtime tradition for nearly 50 years, families will have the opportunity to enjoy delicious foods, a juried craft show, historical exhibits, demonstrations, displays of quilts, helicopter rides, and air-boat rides. Don't forget to try the unique and homemade maple products!

www.maplefestival.org

May 1st - 3rd
BLACKBIRD FILM FESTIVAL
SUNY Cortland, Cortland
www.blackbirdfilmfest.com

May 3rd - 9th
NATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURISM WEEK
www.ustravel.org



From food and drink to music and parades, Cortland County finds reasons to celebrate all year long. The events below are just a taste of our annual festivities.

VISIT
www.ExperienceCortland.com
FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF EVENTS!



SUMMER

June through August

HOMER SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
Homer Village Green
www.homerny.org

June 2nd

CORTLAND DAIRY PARADE

Historic Downtown Cortland

Celebrate Cortland area's rich dairy industry with cow costumes, milk mustaches, ice cream cones, wedges of cheese and milk cartons!



June 4th - 6th

HOMER FIREMAN FIELD DAYS
Fire Department, Homer
www.homerny.org

June 6th - 7th

ST. ANTHONY'S FESTIVAL
Saint Anthony of Padua Church, Cortland
www.saintanthonyfestival.org

June 6th - 7th

HOMEVILLE MUSEUM 5TH ANNUAL CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT
CNY Living History Center, Cortland
Make those dusty history books come alive! From infantry and artillery drills to blacksmith and surgeon demonstrations, there is no better place to experience history.



July through August

CORTLAND SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
Courthouse Park, Cortland
www.cortlandyb.recdesk.com

Every Friday in July

CORTLAND MAIN STREET MUSIC SERIES

Historic Downtown Cortland

Amplify your Fridays in July at the city's free summer music series featuring high-energy shows covering genres ranging from rock, Americana, country, folk, blues, Celtic rock, and everything in between.

www.mainstreetmusicseries.com

July 3rd

CORTLAND INDEPENDENCE DAY SPECTACULAR

Dwyer Memorial Park, Preble

Celebrate freedom and family all day long in true American fashion with live music, picnics, and a brilliant fireworks display overlooking Little York Lake.

www.experiencecortland.com



SUMMER (CONTINUED)

July 9th - 12th

SUNY CORTLAND ALUMNI WEEKEND
www.reddragonnetwork.org

July 7th - 11th

CORTLAND COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR
Cortland County Fairgrounds, Cortland
www.cortlandfair.com

July 18th

CORTLAND COUNTY AIRFEST
Cortland County Airport, Cortland
www.cortlandairfest.org



July 18th

HOLIDAY IN HOMER
Village of Homer

One of Cortland County's oldest arts and crafts festivals held on the Homer Village Green. Enjoy a full day of music, local shopping, and delicious food.
www.holidayinhomer.org

July 25th - 26th

Route 90 Garage Sale
Homer to Montezuma



August 6th - 9th

NATIONAL BROCKWAY TRUCK SHOW
City of Cortland
www.brockwaytrucks.org

August 7th - 9th

SEEDSTOCK
Reed's Seeds, Cortland

An intimate, family-friendly music festival featuring more than two dozen bands on two stages from around Central New York. There is a childrens' activity tent, a variety of art and sculpture installations, food vendors, and camping options.
www.seedstockfest.com

August 1st

14TH ANNUAL CORTLAND ARTS & WINE FESTIVAL
Courthouse Park, Cortland

Enjoy art with good music, food and wine! Explore the wide array of products from talented vendors, sip on the finest NYS wines, and take in the local sounds. The Art Tent will offer activities for all ages, including the popular sidewalk chalk drawing contest.

www.culturalcouncilofcortlandcounty.org

August 2nd

BILL KNOWLTON'S BLUEGRASS RAMBLE PICNIC
Dwyer Memorial Park, Preble

August 21st

MAGIC ON MAIN
Village of Homer
www.homerny.org

FALL

September 18th - 20th

GEARS TO CORSETS: A STEAMPUNK FESTIVAL

Cortland County

Expect the unexpected at Cortland County's second annual Steampunk Festival! Explore our industrial history that informs our curiosity today through machines, performances, vendors, costumes, exhibits, and more.

www.gearstocorsets.com



October 3rd - 4th

THE GREAT CORTLAND PUMPKINFEST

Courthouse Park, Cortland

Voted the fourth Best Fall Festival in the 2019 USA Today's 10 Best Reader's Choice Awards, Pumpkinfest includes two full-days of family-friendly and many pumpkin-inspired events including, but not limited to pumpkin painting, hay rides, live music, midway rides, food vendors, and artisans.

www.cortlandpumpkinfest.org

October 10th

GREEK PEAK HOPS & SWAPS

Greek Peak Mountain Resort, Virgil

www.greekpeak.net



October 10th - 11th

LITTLE YORK FIBER ARTS FESTIVAL

Calling all yarn, craft and fiber enthusiasts! Check out the wide variety of vendors related to spinning, knitting, felting, yarn, clothing, holiday gifts, pottery, soap, maple products, and more.

Little York Pavilion, Preble

www.cortlandrep.org



VISIT US ONLINE

Visit www.ExperienceCortland.com/events for a full events calendar, or download the *Experience Cortland* mobile app!

History

Cortland County has a rich history that dates back more than 200 years. From historic homes and monuments, the wire and Brockway Truck industry, and military history, we are proud of our traditions and cultural footprint.



1890 HOUSE MUSEUM

Be prepared to be transported to 19th century Cortland at the 1890 House Museum! Built for the late 19th-century inventor and industrialist Chester Wickwire, the home is a standing time capsule illuminating the life of the wealthy Wickwire family.

The impressive limestone mansion, located in the heart of downtown Cortland, **is listed on the National Register of Historic Places**. Designed in an eclectic, Chateausque-style, the inside of this lavish **30-room residence** showcases parquet floors, jewel-like stained glass windows, oak and cherry woodwork, and ornate decorative stenciling.

Chester Wickwire and his brother Theodore **invented a wire mesh** for window screens, wire fences and household items. As demand continued to grow for the products, the brothers **opened a large factory on South Main Street in Cortland** and became millionaires.

Wickwire products were used during the construction of the **Panama Canal** and **The Manhattan Project**—the world's first atomic bomb (which was dropped on Hiroshima in 1945)!

Today, the fully-furnished parlors and recreation rooms appear nearly untouched. The museum features restored period room settings, changing exhibitions and special programs and events.

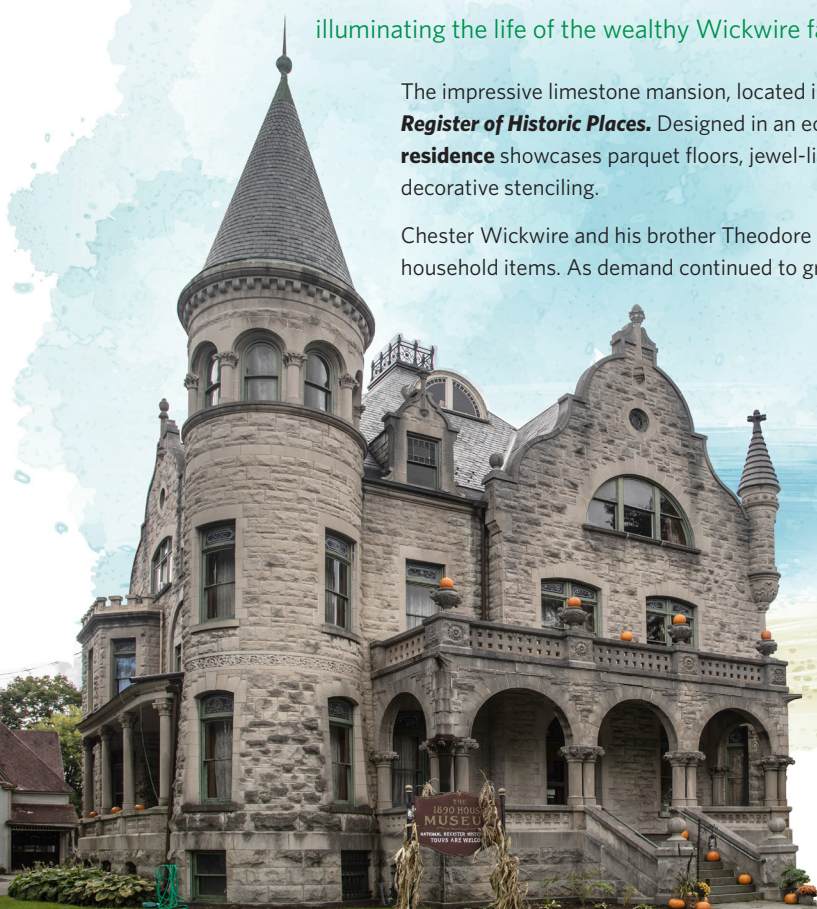


THE 1890 HOUSE MUSEUM

37 Tompkins Street, Cortland

(607) 756-7551

www.the1890house.org

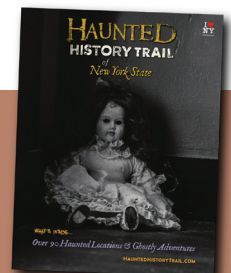


VISIT NEW YORK STATE'S HAUNTED HISTORY TRAIL

Calling all paranormal-curious, eerie explorers and those engrossed with ghosts—the **Haunted History Trail of New York State** awaits you! From hotels to restaurants to a haunted asylum, the Haunted History Trail offers over 90 ghostly adventures across 400 miles within nine vacation regions of New York State.

As seen on Syfy Network's *Ghost Hunters*, the **1890 House Museum** has a long history... and ghosts!

Voices and footsteps are heard, doors open and close on their own and silhouettes of human figures appear in the windows. The unexplained ghost activity is attributed to several historical figures who lived and died within the walls of Cortland's Castle.



To explore all of New York State's haunted locations, or to request a haunted trail brochure, visit www.HauntedHistoryTrail.com today!



CNY LIVING HISTORY CENTER

A massive museum complex with a diverse collection from larger than life Brockway Trucks, including a 1925 Brockway Fire Truck that traveled back to Cortland from Argentina, to the massive collection of antique tractors, and an impressive 10,000 items collected and curated by the late Ken Eaton illustrating America's Civil War to rare items of local and national political significance.

CNY LIVING HISTORY CENTER

4386 US-11, Cortland

(607) 299-4185

www.cnylivinghistory.org

BROCKWAY TRUCK MUSEUM

Originally founded as Brockway Carriage Works in 1875, the Brockway Motor Company played a key role in the manufacturing history of Cortland County. Examine these larger than life trucks up close, along with memorabilia and historical documents pertaining to the manufacturing of the trucks.



HOMEVILLE MUSEUM

The Homeville Museum offers American and local military and railroad history collections from the Civil War era to the present. WWII veteran Ken Eaton spent more than 35 years assembling this collection of over 10,000 items. Explore the impressive military collection that includes a M-60 Battle Tank, a nearly full size replica of a Lackawanna 2-8-2 "Mikado" Locomotive #2107, and the rich history of central New York.



TRACTORS OF YESTERYEAR

The T.O.Y.S. collection gives life to the agricultural history of Central New York and all of rural America. Explore the items used on farms 50 to 150 years ago, from antique tractors to plows, corn shellers to beef cutters. The collection also includes butter churns, ox yokes, flat irons, shoulder water carriers, scythes, and cradles used in old rural America.



CORTLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Founded in 1925, the Cortland County Historical Society collects, preserves, and interprets artifacts and documents representative of Cortland County's history.

SUGGETT HOUSE MUSEUM

Home to exhibits related to Cortland County, visitors have an opportunity to see the items that have shaped our history over the last 200 years. From Brockway Trucking Company to Wickwire Brothers, the businesses, industries and people of Cortland County are reflected in their collection and exhibits.

KELLOGG MEMORIAL RESEARCH CENTER

The Kellogg Memorial Research Center serves as a repository for information related to the history of Cortland County. The Collection includes maps, censuses, city and county directories, cemetery records, genealogies, histories, vital records, surname files, military records, photographic files, scrapbooks, newspapers, and more.



CORTLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

25 Homer Avenue, Cortland

(607) 756-6071

www.cortlandhistory.org

DISCOVER THE PAST IN CORTLAND COUNTY



CORTLAND RURAL CEMETERY

Established in 1853, this open-air museum is a beautiful 19th-century Victorian garden cemetery that sits on 50 acres and is the final resting place for 18,000 people.

A fine example of the rural cemetery (as a solution to the problem of overcrowding urban cemeteries), the Cortland Rural Cemetery is a carefully-planned garden cemetery with a deliberate focus on architectural and landscape design. Walk the cemetery with an interactive "cemetrail tour" and admire the beauty of the headstones and the diverse species of trees to discover those who helped shaped Cortland history.

Visitors may see the graves of the last Upstate Governor of New York, **Nathan Miller**; the graves of veterans of all American wars, including that of Brigadier-General Joseph Reynolds, who served in the War of 1812 and Colonel Andrew J. Grover, who died at Gettysburg; and the grave of Dr. Julia Spalding, who arrived in Cortland in 1883 as one of the nation's earliest women doctors.

THE CORTLAND RURAL CEMETERY

110 Tompkins Street, Cortland

(607) 756-6022

www.cortland-rural-cemetery.com

Did You Know?

The Cortland Rural Cemetery was voted "Top 11 Spooky Cemeteries You Can Visit" by The Travel Channel.



LET'S GO ON A GEOTOUR!

Experience the history and beauty of Cortland County by taking the **Experience Cortland GeoTour!**

This tour will take you along the byways of Cortland County to the secret (and not-so-secret) hideaways where we've stashed caches for you to discover. Learn about a Civil War encampment, Cortland's connection to major league baseball, the most unusual grave marker you'll ever see, and more.

If you like to solve puzzles, we've incorporated one into our tour. Each geocache site contains a three-letter code. Visit all 20 sites, record all the code letters, decipher the correct message, and claim your prize at our office!

We hope you'll explore Cortland County, have some fun, learn a bit of history, and enjoy the great outdoors. Grab your favorite GPS-enabled device, print a map from our website, and get started on your geocaching adventure! geocaching.com/play/geotours/experiencecortland

FUN LOCAL HISTORY FACTS



Amelia Jenks Bloomer, a pioneer in women's rights and the temperance movement, was born in Homer, NY. She popularized women's apparel that came to be known as "bloomers."



Francis B. Carpenter, painter of Lincoln's portrait, **William Osborn Stoddard**, Lincoln's private secretary, and **Eli Devoe**, foiler of an assassination plot, all hailed from Homer, NY.



The Lamont Memorial Free Library was the former home of **Daniel Lamont**, the Secretary of War during one of Grover Cleveland's presidential terms.



Truxton, NY was the home of **John McGraw**, a 30-year manager of the New York Giants. He was inducted into the Hall-of-Fame in 1937 after compiling 2,763 victories and leading the Giants to 10 National League pennants and three World Series titles.

*Come Walk Through History With Us ... Visit Three Unique Museums for One Price!
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Brockway Museum • Homeville Museum • Tractors of Yesteryear

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HOURS: Tuesday - Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

Ask about Summer and Holiday Hours

2020 Calendar of Events

June 6 - 7: Civil War Reenactment

June 20 - 21: Trains, Trucks & Tractors - Oh My!

August 6 - 9: 21st Annual Brockway Truck Show

September 12: 4th Annual All Wheels Show

October 24: Vintage Snowmobile Show

November 11: Veterans Day Watchfire

December 5: Holiday Model Train Day

and more!

Visit Our Website for Additional Events and Information

Groups Welcome Anytime with Prior Arrangements ♦ Discounted Rates, Meal Packages & Meeting Rooms Available

CORTLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Suggett House Museum & Kellogg Memorial Research Center



Telling Cortland County's stories since 1925

YOUR HOMETOWN SOURCE FOR GENEALOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY

Tuesday-Saturday 1:00-5:00 pm

25 Homer Avenue, Cortland, New York 13045 - (607) 756-6071 - cortlandhistory.org

The Arts

There's no shortage of ways to satisfy your arts and cultural cravings in Cortland County. From theatrical productions, to gigs by legendary and up-and-coming musicians, to art in galleries and shops, there are abundant opportunities for you to enjoy the arts!

CORTLAND REPERTORY THEATRE

Cortland Repertory Theatre is one of New York State's longest running professional theatres, producing shows guaranteed to make you laugh, cry, or hum up the aisles.

The Theatre's summer home is in the charming, turn-of-the-century **Little York Pavilion at Dwyer Memorial Park** in Preble. From June through September, the theatre produces classic musicals and cutting-edge plays, along with children's show.

CRT's winter location, and year-round administration and box office, is "CRT Downtown", located in a former bowling alley in Downtown Cortland. The venue hosts a wide variety of events, including comedy nights, concerts, cabaret nights, community dances, and proms along with CRT produced plays and original productions.

49TH SUMMER SEASON SCHEDULE

June 10th - 20th: Big River

June 24th - July 2nd: The Cake

July 8th - 18th: Finian's Rainbow

July 22nd - August 1st: Murder on the Orient Express

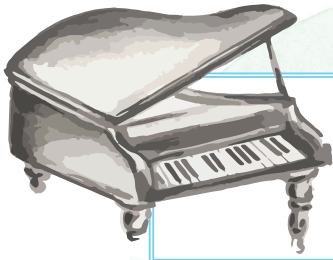
August 5th - 22nd: Hair

CORTLAND REPERTORY THEATER

Summer Productions: 6799 Little York Lake Road, Preble

Fall/Winter Productions: 24-26 Port Watson Street, Cortland
(607) 756-2627 • www.cortlandrep.org





THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS OF HOMER



Since its founding in 2005, the Center for the Arts of Homer has become one of the most prolific performing arts venues in Central New York.

The 140-year-old former Baptist church plays host to a diverse series main stage programs, while also housing a series of studios used for sic and dance lessons, rehearsal spaces and an art gallery displaying work from local and regional artists.

The building's aesthetic has remained largely untouched from its church days. Stained glass windows line the walls and a former choir loft serves as a balcony. The altar was replaced with **a small stage in the 400-seat Whiting Theatre**, and has seen many renowned global, national, regional, and local acts, including: **Richie Havens, Butch Trucks, Rusted Root, Judy Collins, Arlo Guthrie, Tim Reynolds & TR3, Graham Nash, Leon Russell, Colin Hay, SpyroGyra, David Sedaris, Hot Tuna**, and other notable, emerging artists.

All shows are general admission and patrons are invited to save their seat with a Post-It note. The Center serves food and beverages in the lobby prior to events.



THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

72 South Main Street, Homer
(607) 749-4900
www.center4art.org

"I LOVE CORTLAND COUNTY"

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



Over 60 photos were submitted to the 2019 "I Love Cortland County" Photography Contest, held by the Cortland County Convention & Visitors Bureau in celebration of *National Travel + Tourism Week* (May 3-May 9, 2020).

See Cortland County through the eyes of the people who live in and visit our county!

WINNERS

①

Professional Division

KITA ROBERTS

Pass The Sushi Photography

Photo: Tinker Falls

②

Amateur Division

CARRIE HALL

Marathon

Photo: Cortland Water Works

③

Youth Division

(Under 18 years of age)

KATELYN VOGEL

Age 14, Homer

Photo: Lime Hollow Nature Center



An outreach of Grace & Holy Spirit Church, Cortland, NY

the Arts at GRACE

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Tenebrae
The Passion of Dietrich Bonhoeffer
by Hugh McElwee
January 26, 2020

Arise & Go
Celtic Trio
March 22, 2020

Greer Memorial Concert
American Jazz
May 17, 2020

3:00pm show time at 13 Court Street, Cortland, NY for all performances
For more information, visit Grace & Holy Spirit Church on FaceBook

First Friday Art Nights

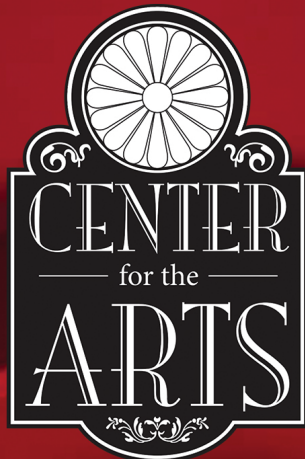
Our mission is to support the arts and culture in Cortland County. Connect with the Cultural Council at our many events throughout the year!

Visit our website and follow us on social media
culturalcouncilofcortland.org
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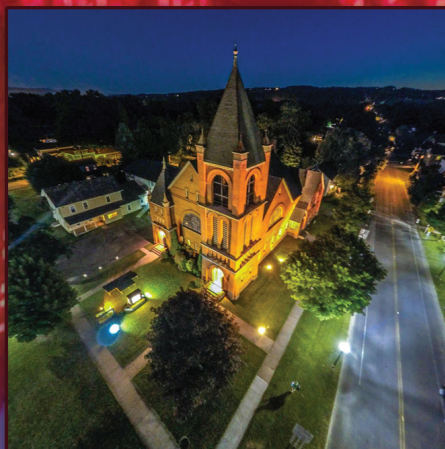
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Cortland Arts & Wine Festival

Regional Photography Exhibit
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MUSIC SERIES & FESTIVALS

AMPLIFY YOUR SUMMER

Experience Cortland County music all year long! Whether you're a fan of electronic music, classical, jazz, pop, or rock, there is a wide variety of music and music venues throughout the county to get everybody in the family on the dance floor.

MUSIC FESTIVALS

Seedstock Music Festival August 7th - 9th

Bill Knowlton's Bluegrass Ramble Picnic August 2nd

NEEMFest September 11th - 13th

SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

Cortland Main Street Music Series Fridays in July

Courthouse Park Summer Concert Series

July through August

Homer Summer Concert Series July through August

VISIT
www.ExperienceCortland.com/events
FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF EVENTS!



CORTLAND COUNTY CULTURAL COUNCIL

Ever wandered into the Beard Gallery in downtown Cortland to check out a photography exhibit? Maybe munched on cookies and sipped wine on a Friday night while perusing a sculptor's latest works? How about trying your own hand at making pottery or a poem for the Community Arts Challenge?

Thanks to the Cultural Council of Cortland County, each of these activities and many more are possible right here in our hometown. Every year, the Cultural Council organizes several different events—from the popular **Arts and Wine Festival** to **First Fridays**, where the public is invited to celebrate the variety of artistic talent in Cortland one night out each month.

CORTLAND COUNTY CULTURAL COUNCIL

17-29 Main Street, Suite 208, Cortland NY
(607) 753-1188

www.culturalcouncilofcortlandcounty.org

ART GALLERIES & STUDIOS

Pop into one of our intimate galleries to admire art created by local talents. Browse the hand-crafted goods on display at one of the many festivals held throughout the year. Take part in a guided painting experience at one of our art studios. Stroll Downtown Cortland during First Fridays as galleries, museums, and other venues stay open late to celebrate the arts.

CHEERFUL & CREATIVE

33 Main Street, Cortland
(607) 882-3396

www.cheerfulandcreative.com

DOWD FINE ARTS CENTER

106 Graham Avenue and Prospect
Terrace, Cortland
(607) 753-4216

www2.cortland.edu/dowd-gallery/

THE GALLERY AT THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

72 S. Main Street, Homer
(607) 749-4900

www.center4art.org/gallery-2/

INSTANT ARTIST

75 E. Court Street, Cortland
(607) 345-7628

www.theinstantartist.com

FROG POND FOLK ART GALLERY

5969 NY-281, Little York
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SIKORA ARTS

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CORTLAND REPERTORY THEATRE

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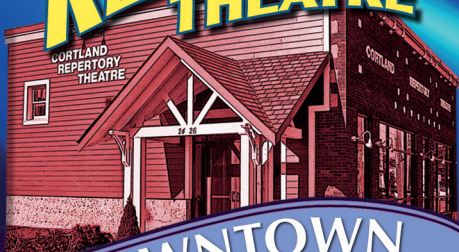
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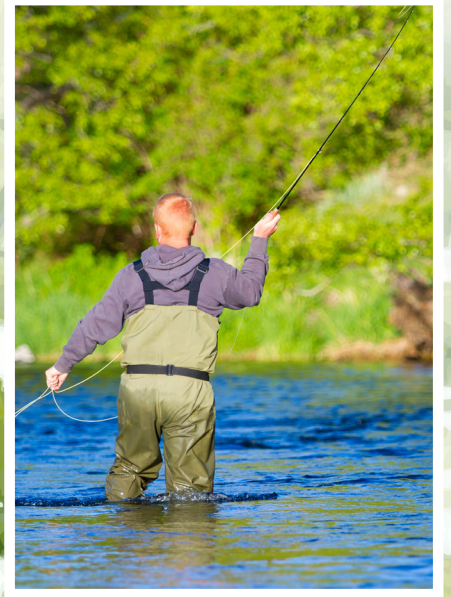
GET OUTDOORS IN CORTLAND COUNTY

4 Seasons of Adventure!

Four seasons of outdoor adventure
await you in Cortland County!



Spring





From black diamond snowboarding, downhill mountain biking or ziplining, to family-friendly activities such as beginner skiing, kayaking, mini-golf and more, there is something for everyone to enjoy in the great outdoors!

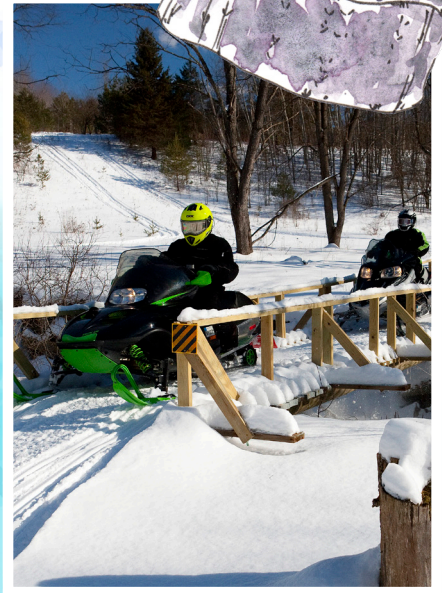
Summer

Fall

Winter



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GREEK PEAK MOUNTAIN RESORT

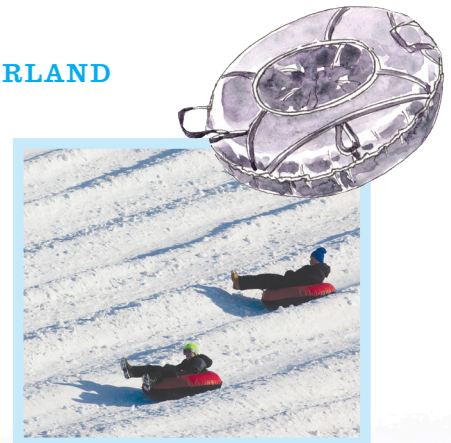


Snow-covered peaks. Cozy fireplaces. Warmly-dressed skiers hitting the slopes. These are the images that typically come to mind when one thinks of a classic mountain resort. At Greek Peak Mountain Resort, there is no "off season." Situated on more than 7,000 acres of state-protected forests in Virgil, just minutes from Interstate I-81, and 10 minutes south of Downtown Cortland, the resort packs a big, family-friendly adventure.

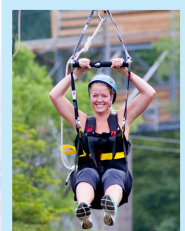
CORTLAND COUNTY'S WINTER WONDERLAND

Central and Upstate New York's largest ski resort was founded in 1958 and offers day and night skiing seven days a week from late December until mid March. The mountain sports 56 trails, six aerial lifts, two surface lifts, and terrain parks. Some recent additions to the facility include a new quad chairlift, new ski and board equipment in the rental shop, and state-of-the-art ski and board tuning facility. Greek Peak also has a great beginner area and offers lessons for all ages and every level of skier and boarder.

The Greek Peak Nordic Center boasts over 15 miles of gorgeous trails that are open to cross country skiers and snowshoers of all abilities. And, the ten-lane snow-tubing center has a lift to get you back to the top of the hill!



EXPERIENCE GREEK PEAK ALL YEAR-ROUND



The Nor'Easter Mountain Coaster is a state-of-the-art gravitational hybrid of an alpine slide and a roller coaster. Fly through the air on four dual zip lines, or test your strength, endurance and balance on the Team Challenge Ropes Course. Take a scenic ride on the Summer Chairlift Rides while watching mountain bikers whiz by below.

Conquer the Virgil Mountain Loop, a 4.7 mile hike that takes you to the highest point in Cortland County. If you're looking for something a little less taxing, take an evening stroll around the Town of Virgil's Hope Lake Park.

At Cascades Indoor Waterpark, the little ones can get in on the fun in the Toddler Activity Pool, while the adults experience Wave Pools and The Rapids slides. Let the kids dry off at the Starlight Arcade while the adults wrap up an adventure-filled day with a relaxing soak in the Hot Springs hot tub.



Play where you Stay

HOPE LAKE LODGE AT GREEK PEAK MOUNTAIN RESORT



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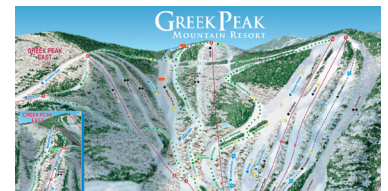
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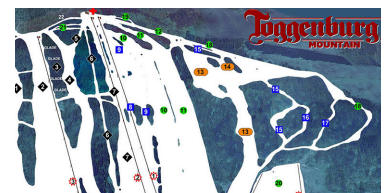
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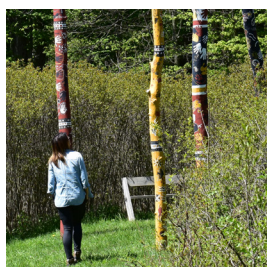
Cortland County has over 30,000 acres of state forest land for outdoor recreation, hiking and mountain biking—along with miles of scenic roadways for cycling.

TRAILS

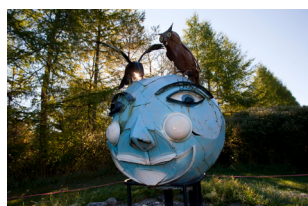
The longest continuous footpath in New York State passes right through our backyard. The Finger Lakes Trail stretches over 560 miles, a portion of that through Cortland County. You'll pass through Cuyler Hill State Forest, Taylor Valley State Forest, Hoxie Gorge, Tullies Hill, and over Virgil Mountain (the highest point in Cortland County). If you're looking for a short walk with scenic views, take the easy half-mile round-trip hike to Tinker Falls, a beautiful 50-foot waterfall in Labrador Hollow Unique Area.

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DID YOU KNOW?

A section of Lime Hollow's trail system incorporates the Eric Kroot Art Trail which has been set aside for nature-inspired outdoor art exhibits created by young people and local artists.



HUNTING AND FISHING

Hunters will find public land and abundant wildlife at over a dozen State Forests. If you like to fish, brook, brown and rainbow trout can be found in the rivers and their tributaries, as well as the occasional walleye, bass and northern pike.

Additional information can be obtained from DEC Region 7 Fisheries at (315) 426-7400 or www.dec.ny.gov.



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FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF PARKS



A WALK IN THE PARK

With so many beautiful parks in our great county, it's hard to narrow down a list for the perfect picnic location—but, we've managed to compile some of our favorites!

DWYER MEMORIAL PARK

The 55-acre park encompasses a softball field, horseshoe pits, and a children's play area combined with nature trails for recreation and relaxation. Don't forget to bring your canoe or boat as the park sits at the north end of Little York Lake.

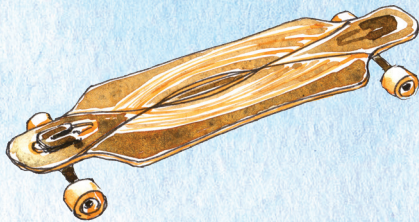
HOPE LAKE PARK

Just steps from Greek Peak's Hope Lake Lodge, Hope Lake Park offers a variety of outdoor activities—including fishing, paddle boats, grilling, and liesurely strolls around the water.



SUGGETT PARK

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KAYAKING



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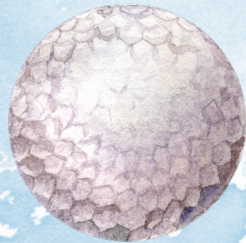
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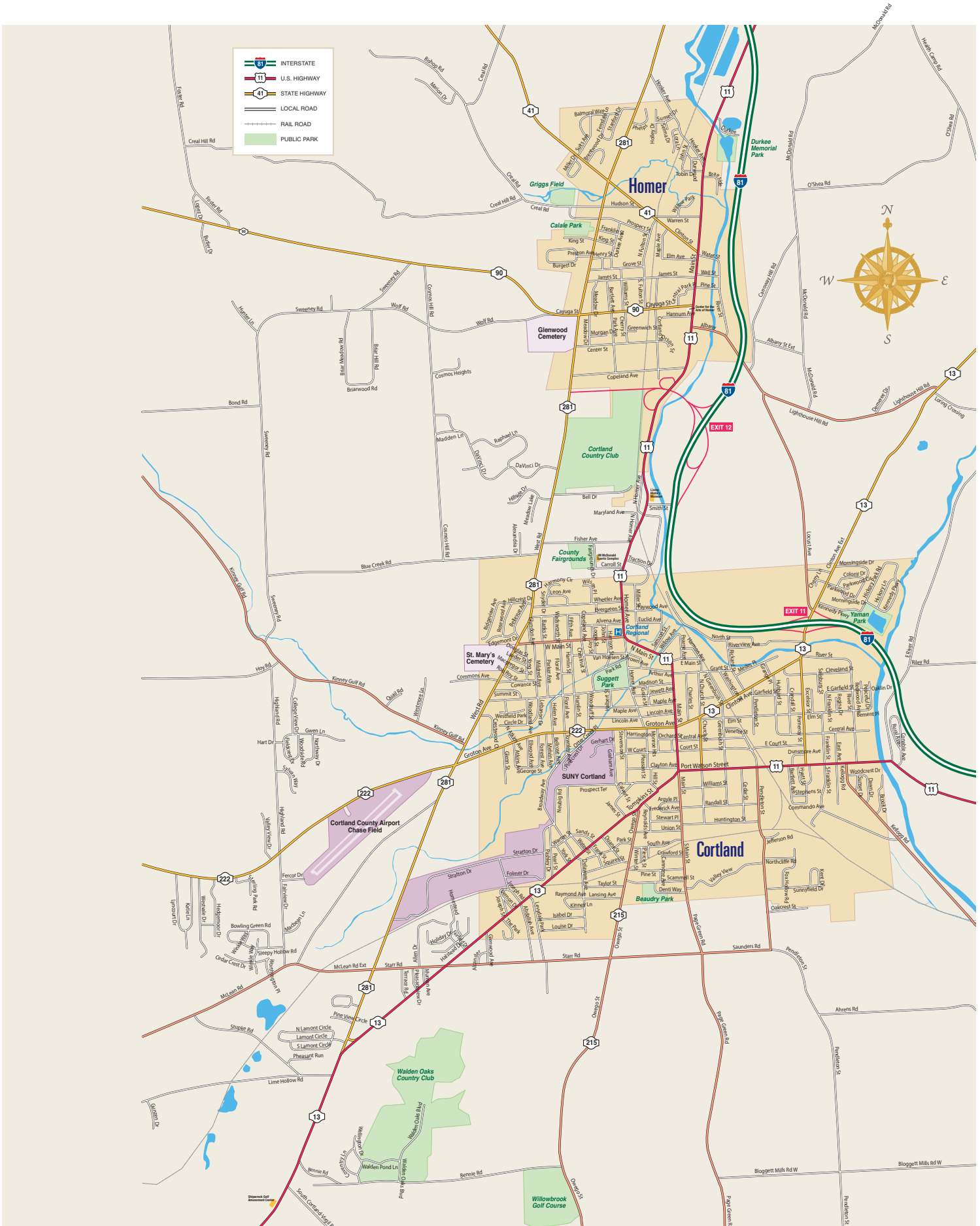
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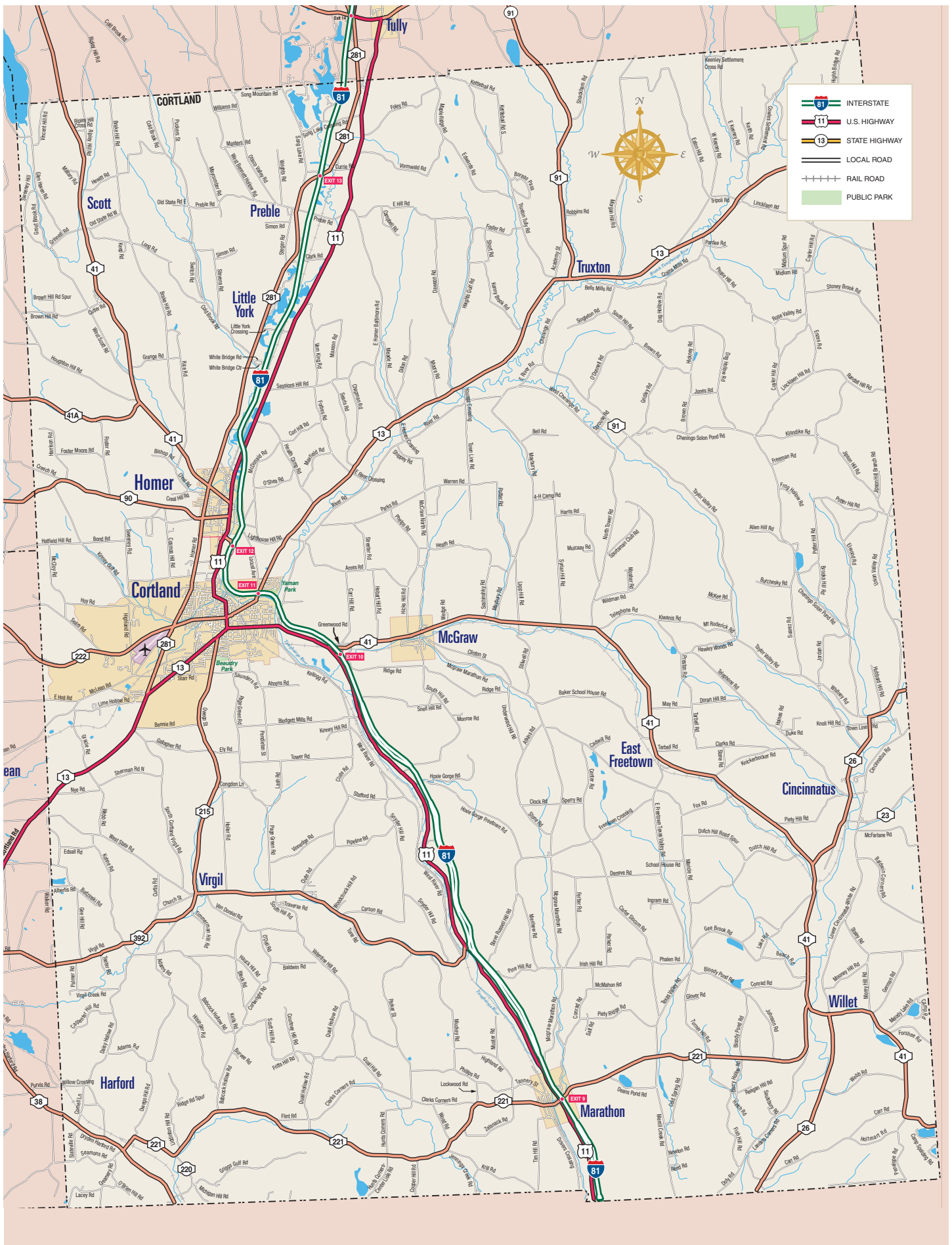


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Getting Here



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- 4 hours from Philadelphia
- 3 hours from Buffalo
- 30 minutes from Syracuse
- 30 minutes from Binghamton
- 30 hours from Ithaca

Cortland County is the Eastern Gateway to the Finger Lakes Region, located midway between Syracuse and Binghamton.

The county can be reached via Interstate Route 81, and Routes 11 and 41 or Route 13 from Ithaca. It's a lovely drive through one of the most scenic regions in New York—or, if air, train or bus is your preferred means of travel, there are options for that as well.

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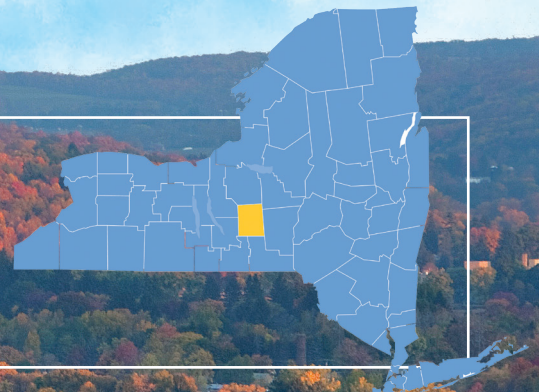
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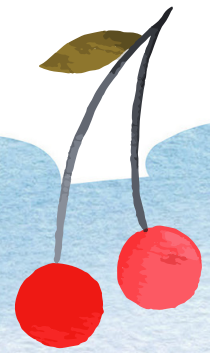
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CORTLAND CITY FARMERS MARKET

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homerny.org/living/homer-farmers-market

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HOLLENBECK'S CIDER MILL

If your fall traditions include wandering through corn mazes, carving jack-o'-lanterns, tailgating, and everything pumpkin spice, you're in good company. Traditions like these become rich with meaning when returned to year after year, and families and friends in Cortland County have one fall tradition that has lived on since 1933: watching apples getting squeezed to create cider at Hollenbeck's Cider Mill.



Q&A WITH MATT HOLLENBECK

Matt Hollenbeck makes cider the same way his predecessor and cousin, Bruce Hollenbeck, made the famous American harvest-time drink—while adding his own personal touch for future generations to enjoy.

Q: Matt, how did you find your way to Hollenbeck's Cider Mill?

A: When I came to Bruce, the intention was to learn about small business ownership because I intended to start a guided bike-touring company. His succession plan fell through around that time, and I suddenly got the opportunity to do all these things I dreamt of doing as a child. I got to fulfill all those goals and things that I needed out of life and work to be satisfied - manual labor, doing different things every day and interacting with people.

Q: What's your favorite part about working at the Cider Mill?

A: One of my favorite things is the fact that I'm doing different things in different seasons. I'm not eating the same things. I'm not doing the same tasks. It gets you in rhythm to the passage of time, which sometimes it feels we've tried to remove ourselves from in certain ways.

Q: What is a new product you're most excited to debut?

A: There are fun, tasty products that we used to make with apples that got lost to time for various reasons. A new product that we'll be testing out is boiled cider which is basically "cider syrup." I have only been able to find two places in the entire United States that makes boiled cider, and they've started making it only the last five years. It's still a relatively uncommon product that I find incredibly delicious. It's a way to preserve the bounty of apples all year long.

Q: How important is it to maintain the tradition that your predecessors built?

A: Coming to get the products from us, that's the tradition that matters most. There's always a little kid hanging on the chain that overlooks the press, and you can hear his parents tell them that *when I was your age, your grandparents bought me here to watch this*. There's not a lot of places where you can go and see your treats being made. You're watching the whole process, there's no magic. The simplicity is what makes it so good.

Q: What's your favorite apple?

A: Early-season Macs for eating and for cider are just perfect. Northern Spies are a great one as well. Mac for a two week period early in the fall, and the rest of the time Northern Spy!

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TRINITY VALLEY CORN MAZE



The Trinity Valley Corn Maze is quickly becoming an Autumn tradition for many families in the area after its grand opening in 2018.

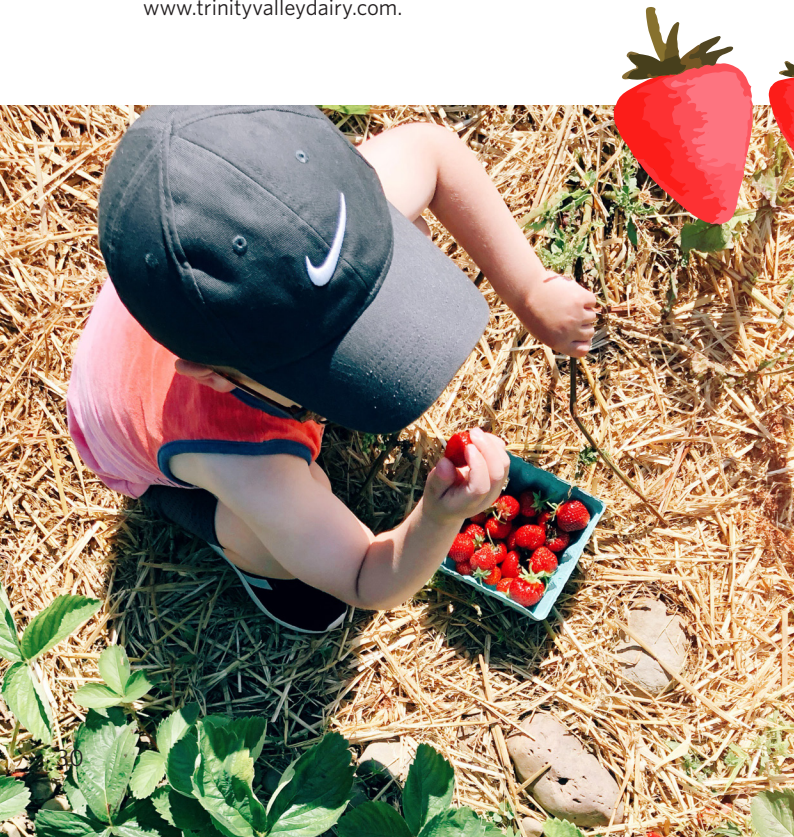
Located on the fourth-generation family farm, this maze takes you through twists and turns as you venture among the corn stalks. The maze has featured eye-catching designs like a friendly scarecrow and barn scene which can be seen by those lucky enough to get a bird's-eye view of the maze.

In addition to its twisted 3-mile long maze, the farm offers tractor and hay rides, a chance to get up close with their calves, and even try your hand at milking a cow. Don't forget to stop in their farm store to try their famous chocolate milk and baked goodies.

The maze is open Saturdays and Sundays, mid-September through October. For a list of hours visit www.trinityvalleydairy.com.



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QUENCH YOUR THIRST IN CORTLAND COUNTY

Craft Beverages



Cortland County has joined nearly every other county in New York State in its passion for brewing with local hops and grains—from farm breweries, to dragon-inspired distilleries, to wine tasting-rooms.



LOCALLY POURED: NEW BREWERY COMING TO CORTLAND COUNTY IN 2020



The town of Homer will soon welcome its first craft brewery!

Homer Hops Brewing, located roughly five miles outside of downtown Cortland, is set to open in the spring of 2020, giving craft-beer locals a place to enjoy a beverage made by their own neighbors. The brewery's story began in 2015, when co-owner Jason Kristof first started home-brewing with a kit given to him by his wife. "All but one of the beers were a success," Kristof recollected. "I made a chocolate peanut butter porter once, and it was gross."

Home brewing took a backseat when Kristof and his siblings planted hops on the property used for his small-batch beer creations. "Unfortunately, my day job got really busy and I was never home long enough to brew," he added. "I thought hops would be easy because they were seasonal, but man, was I wrong."

The switch was flipped on for good though when Jason's friend Shawn Potts expressed interest in the beer-making process. "Jason said he wanted me to brew beer for him, and I said I wanted to be a partner if he was planning to open a brewery," said Shawn.

After making sure it wasn't the beer talking the following day, Potts and Kristof joined forces, and roped in help from family and friends—Jason's wife Dina, Shawn's wife Beth, Jason's brothers Tony and Wally, Tony's wife Katie, and family friend Steve Romer. They began pouring fresh brews for Cortland County craft beer fans to enjoy, and the process of building a real brewery began a few years later.



The team broke ground in August 2019 on the site of the Homer Hops Farm on Route 90, just west of the village of Homer. The facility will house

a brewery and taproom, and the farm's hops will continue to supply the brewing operation. The property will also feature an outdoor patio and live music. Eventually, they hope to host weddings and private events.

The small-batch, five-barrel brewhouse will brew stouts, porters, and multiple varieties of the incredibly popular IPA (including some hazy New England styles). Kristof also plans to have guest taps available to highlight beers from outside of Cortland County.

Until the new tasting room opens, you can find their "neon green hop" at Cortland County festivals, the Homer Farmers Market, and local hangouts like *BRU64* and *Red Jug Pub*. Their regular selections include the Chocolate Coffee-flavored "Sweet Mama's Java" and "Exit 12", a Pale Ale named for the exit to Homer from 1-81. If you find yourself at a *Cortland Crush* baseball game during the warmer months, you might find their seasonal blonde ale, "Summer Crush."

Homer is a great little village," Beth added. "I've lived here my whole life, and if we can do something to lift Homer even more, that's what we're hoping to do."

"We want to make Homer Hops a destination. We don't want people to come just for our beer, but to stay awhile and enjoy the atmosphere."

BETH POTTS



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FINGER LAKES TASTING AND TAPROOM

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CORTLAND BEER COMPANY

Cortland Beer Company became the first brewery in Cortland County when it opened its doors in 2010, and has established itself as a town

staple. Located in historic downtown Cortland, this farm brewery offers delicious draughts and flights, as well as kegs, growlers, and cans to-go. Enjoy Naked Lap Lager, Industrial IPA, 7 Valley Stout, Sunrise Coffee Stout (brewed with locally-roasted coffee beans) and other delicious beers.

The brewery turned to spirits in 2016 with their own brand of vodka, whiskey and gin under the name Cortland Distilling Co. (which is housed in the same location as the brewery). Its tap room is also stocked with a variety of local New York State wines.

CORTLAND BEER COMPANY

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THE CORTLAND CORSET COMPANY BUILDING

This turn-of-the-century building was recently transformed into a creative hub for Cortland-area artists, photographers, entrepreneurs and centers of health. Built in 1872, the Cortland Building once housed a wagon company and a corset manufacturer. Explore the different small business that create a bridge between Cortland's industrial past and its post-industrial future.

DID YOU KNOW?

A 30-foot mural on the west end of the Corset Building was created by local artist Crystal Lyon as a way to honor the 150-year old building. The mural features a large wagon wheel in the background and a woman wearing a corset, goggles, and artwork on her arms. The woman is Grace Brown, an American skirt factory worker at the Gillette Skirt Company, who was murdered by her lover, Chester Gillette. The story of the murder was made famous by the movie "A Place in the Sun" and the book "An American Tragedy" and was featured on an episode of Unsolved Mysteries.

Step back in time at

The Green Arch

From decades-old eateries to trendy new spots, Cortland County is home to countless incredible restaurants. While there are many restaurants you should have on your Cortland County dining bucket list, none will take you on a journey back in time quite like Green Arch. Tucked away on Elm Street in an unassuming white house, this Italian restaurant has been a Cortland favorite since it started serving patrons more than 80 years ago.

Opened in 1933 by Francesca Discenza, visiting the Green Arch is like taking a step back into a previous era. You'll find the eatery's history displayed on the walls, Old Fashioneds line the original formidable bar, and bowls overflowing with pasta, just like Nana used to make, being bustled out of the kitchen.

Up until 2016, it was owned by the Discenza family, passed down to Francesca's grandson, John Michael Discenza from his father. With retirement in sight, he decided it was time to find a suitable replacement, and the only person he had in mind was family-friend and Cortland native, Matthew Petrella.

Petrella, who owns Petrella Bros. Auto along with various other properties, was no stranger to the restaurant world. He had once owned a bar on Main Street called The Colosseum, and helped his brother, Robby, when he opened Cortland staple BRIX Pubaria.

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John Michael was adamant that he wanted me to have it," Petrella said. "He knew that I would respect what had happened here, what had grown here, and he knew I had the drive to continue it. I finally said 'how much?' and the rest, as we say here, is archery."

With the community's full support behind him, the Green Arch was opened with someone other than a Discenza greeting customers at the host table. With the exception of a few physical modifications, it has retained its old-school feel since the transition, and the squeaky front door is no exception.

That's what generations of devoted patrons expect from the Cortland City landmark. The vintage marquee sign hanging over the entrance. Photo collages of longtime customers on the walls. Partitioned leather booths in the dining room filled with hungry families. An atmosphere so friendly, it's not unusual to hear customers converse across the room about the evening's specials. And if it seems like the famous "Arch" sauce tastes the same, it's because John Michael still makes it every Sunday.

"Everything in this building has a story behind it, and you don't change that."

From Thursday through Saturday guests can expect time to stand still for those few hours they spend indulging not only in a heaping plate of Classic Arch Lasagna, but in the stories of those who have been coming to the restaurant since the 40s. In a world



where everything is so fast paced, it's a breath of fresh air to be transported down memory lane, even if it's not your own.

"I could be so tired that I can't even feel my hands, but then I get a gentleman who comes over and tells me this is the best experience of his life. I had a woman from Connecticut walk through

our front door and she started crying because the booth where she met her husband 72 years ago was still here. That stuff right there...makes it worth it."

No matter how long his name appears on the deed, Petrella knows the Discenza family will always own a piece of the restaurant and the memories that have been created there.

"I'm not doing this for me. I'm doing it for John Michael and his family, I'm carrying a baton that I was handed. What he and his family did here was amazing. We're going to be 100 years old in 14 years. It's very humbling."

So when you're walking down Elm Street and pass an unassuming white house with a neon marquee sign glowing above the door, stop and give it a look. It's not just a restaurant. It's a first date. A family legacy. A cherished memory.

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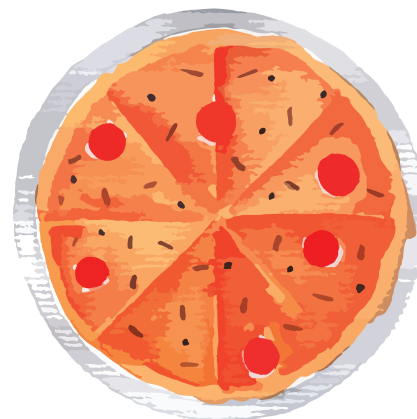
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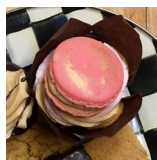
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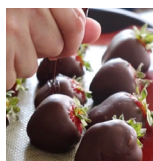
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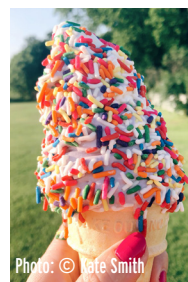



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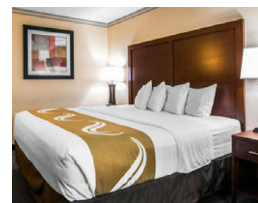
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