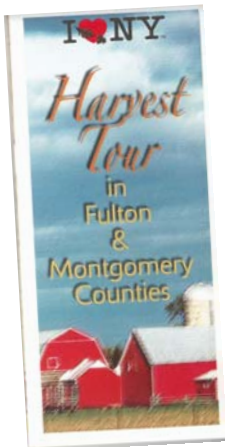


Visit Montgomery County!

Montgomery County's natural location makes it the "Gateway to the West" and its valuable river, turnpike, canal, and railroad transportation routes make our history rich and complex. Midpoint between today's celebrated Cooperstown and Saratoga attractions, neighboring the State Capital of Albany, in the foothills of the great Adirondacks, Montgomery County has long been the center of some of the most important events in our nation's history. Abundant natural resources sustained the Mohawk tribal people, whose villages once dotted the river corridor. The Dutch, and then German, British, and other settlers arrived in the early 1700s. It was at the center of intense fighting during the American Revolution, and postwar soldiers and pioneers traveled by rice bateaux, then turnpike, and then via the railroad and the Erie Canal to settle its fertile banks and supply the migration into the West.



Agriculture also plays a large role in Montgomery County. Farm markets can be found from Spring through Fall. Several farms are available to tour and purchase products from. Harvest Tour maps are available with more information.

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Group and Motor Coach Friendly Attractions

Cultural:

Arkell Museum, Canajoharie ~ A nationally known collection of 350 paintings and sculpture by American artists including 21 oils and watercolors by Winslow Homer. Also, important works by Hopper, Whistler, Sargent, Eakins, N.C. an Andrew Wyeth, O’Keeffe, Remington, St. Gaudens, and others. Changing exhibitions as well as a full program of lectures, concerts, film and workshops. Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; Saturday & Sunday 12:30-5pm. 518-673-2314

Margaret Reaney Memorial Library and Museum, St. Johnsville ~ Extensive Revolutionary and Civil War displays, period rooms, paintings and bronzes, farm and trade tools, and genealogical resources. Open year round, call for hours. The facility is on two levels and requires using a stairway. 518-568-7822

Walter Elwood Museum of the Mohawk Valley, Amsterdam ~ Our extensive assortment of approximately 25,000 artifacts fall into four categories: multicultural, Victorian, natural history, and items that relate to Mohawk Valley’s colorful industrial past (documentary, photographic and tangible). 518-843-5151

Native:

National Kateri Tekakawitha Shrine and Mohawk Caughnawaga Indian Museum, Fonda The Lily of the Mohawks. Kateri Tekakawitha, was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1980. Kateri lived her teenage years at the site of her shrine, which includes a rustic chapel in an 18th-century Dutch barn and displays of artifacts form an on-site archeological excavation of an entire Mohawk village. 518-853-3646

Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, Auriesville ~ The site of the Mohawk village of Ossernenon, this shrine established in 1885 honors the martyrdom of three Jesuit missionaries and is the birthplace of Blessed Kateri Tekakawitha. Individuals and groups are

welcome to visit the Coliseum church, museums, chapels, gardens, Gift Shop, and picnic pavilion. Sunday and daily Masses, annual St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference and scheduled special pilgrimages. May-October, open dawn to dusk. 518-853-3033

Historical:

Fort Klock Historic Restoration, St. Johnsville 1750 fur trading post with a fortified stone house typifies structures of the French and Indian Period. May-October, Tuesday-Saturday, 9am-5pm. 518-568-7779

Fort Plain Museum, Fort Plain ~ Greek Revival building houses exhibits spanning the history of the middle Mohawk Valley, primarily focusing on pre-Colonial, Revolutionary War, Erie Canal, and local community history. Outdoor exhibits, including original fort and blockhouse sites. Advance notice preferred for Group Tours. 518-993-2527

Old Fort Johnson, Fort Johnson ~ The 1749 fortified limestone home of Sir William Johnson, is representative of the best of colonial architecture. No other home of a prominent New York citizen of the colonial period has survived so untouched by the changes of style and time. Most furnishings are contemporary to Johnson’s time, and a number of items are from the Johnson family. The Fort also houses exhibits which include a collection of Native American artifacts focusing on the Mohawk Valley; the Betsey Reynolds Voorhees room which articulates the life and times of a prominent 19th century lady; the attic which holds pieces that tell the history of Montgomery County and a rare 18th century privy. 518-843-0300

Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, Fort Hunter ~ The Schoharie Aqueduct, “The Crossing”, was one of the largest aqueducts on the Erie Canal. Six of its original fourteen arches remain intact. Also located at Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site are

the East Guard Lock and Lock 20 from the “Clinton’s Ditch” era, and Empire Lock and Yankee Hill Locks from the Enlarged Erie Canal. At Yankee Hill one can also visit a restored 19th Century canal store and see picturesque views of the Mohawk River, today’s modern Barge Canal. Stop at the Visitor Center to see the “Little Short of Madness” exhibit and to visit the gift shop. 518-829-7516

Sports and Recreation:

Amsterdam Mohawks Baseball, Amsterdam The Amsterdam Mohawks are a part of the New York Collegiate Baseball League comprised of a fourteen team summer league played throughout upstate New York. The league is one of the elite wood bat summer leagues that is sponsored by Major League Baseball. Beginning in early June, each team in the league will play a 42 game schedule, which will wind down at the end of July. 518-791-7546

Amsterdam Zephyrs Football, Amsterdam Semi-Pro Football Team in the Empire Football League. 518-762-4081

Fonda Speedway, Fonda ~ Modified stock car racing, Saturday evenings April-September. 518-853-4235

Hilltop Paintball Sports Complex, Fort Plain Paintball sports complex fields, target range, pro-shop, barbeque and picnic area, concession stand, and arcade. Opens late April. 518-993-4200

Agricultural:

Palatine Valley Dairy, Nelliston ~ Mohawk Valley’s only cheddar plant in the Northeast with 25 flavors of cheddars. Store features local and state producers, Cheddar Cheese, Flavored cheddar cheese, Fresh & Flavored Cheese Curd. Store and Plant open to the public. Tours can be scheduled to view the cheese-making process. Open all year, Monday through Saturday 9a-5pm. 518-993-4829