

Heritage Areas are places where unique qualities of geography, history, and culture create a distinctive identity that becomes the focus of the four heritage goals:

Preservation

of significant resources



Education

that interprets lessons from the past



Recreation

and leisure activities



Economic Revitalization

for sustainable communities

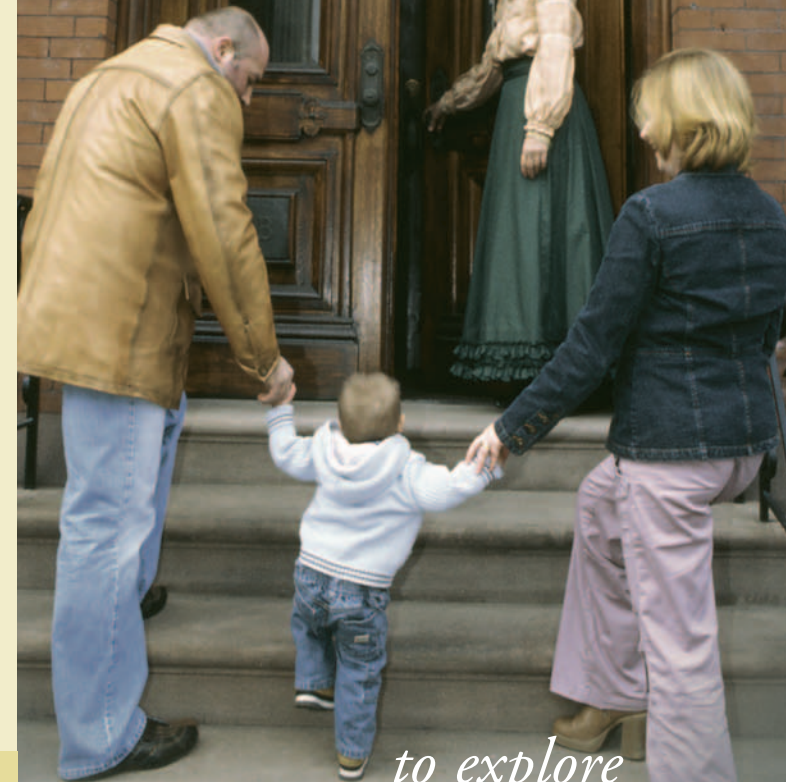


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Enjoy all that New York's Heritage Areas have to offer—glorious vistas, exquisite architecture, informative exhibits, lively festivals, enticing shops, bustling downtowns, and fascinating stories.

NEW YORK STATE
Heritage Areas

Open a door to the past...



to explore the future



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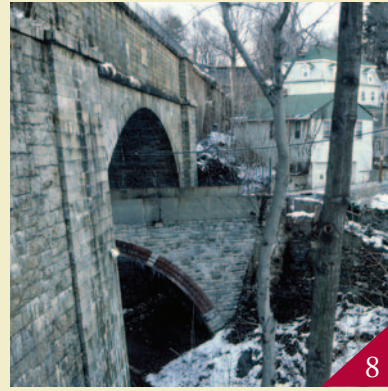
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1. Albany

Since its beginnings as a fur-trading post, Albany has been a center for world trade, finance, and government and a pivotal force in the development of the state and the nation.

- 1-800-258-3582 or 518-434-0405
- www.albany.org



2. Buffalo

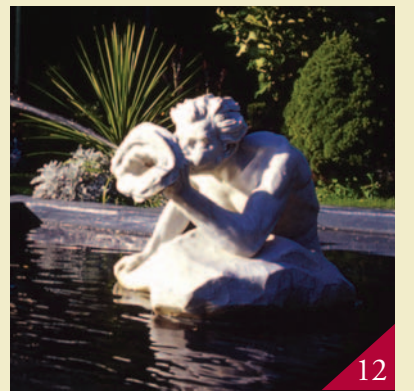
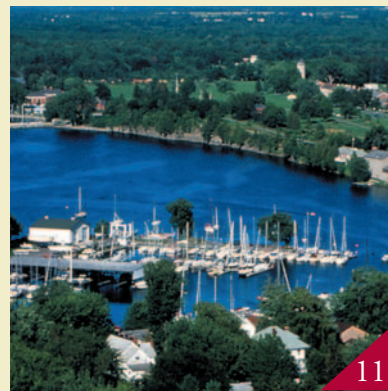
During the mid-19th century, when Buffalo was booming with lake, canal, and rail traffic, the city supported a broad range of entertainment and culture, a tradition that lives on in the city and its theatre district.

- 1-800-BUFFALO or 716-852-2356
- www.visitbuffaloniagara.com

7. North Shore (Long Island)

From Great Neck to Orient Point, the North Shore's rich heritage is revealed in places as diverse as luxurious Gold Coast mansions, vintage suburbs, well-worn fishing piers, rugged pine barrens, and North Fork farm stands.

- 516-922-8605
- www.linorthshoreheritagearea.com



3. Harbor Park (New York City)

Historic waterfront sites around New York's harbor tell the epic story of growth from colonial trading post to post-Civil War ascendancy as the world's largest seaport and immigration destination.

- 212-344-3491
- www.thebattery.org

8. Ossining

In this historic Hudson River village, unique landmarks like the Old Croton Aqueduct and Sing Sing Prison display state-of-the-art advances in 19th-century civil and social engineering.

- 914-941-3189
- www.hudsonriver.com/rivertowns/ossining.htm



4. Heights (New York City)

The site of Revolutionary War activity and home to waves of immigrants, the Heights Heritage Area of northern Manhattan includes miles of bustling avenues, parkways and waterfront, acres of parks, and landmarks as varied as the Little Red Lighthouse and the Hamilton Grange.

- 212-694-8824
- www.myharlem.org

9. RiverSpark (Hudson-Mohawk)

At the confluence of two great rivers, natural resources and cutting-edge technology were harnessed in the region's transformation from an agrarian to an industrial economy. This heritage is visible today in the people, streets, and landscapes of the RiverSpark communities: Cohoes, Colonie, Green Island, Troy, Waterford, and Watervliet.

- 518-270-8667 or 518-237-7999
- www.riverspark.org

5. Kingston

The city of Kingston began in the narrow streets and stone houses of the colonial Stockade District, which served as the first capital of New York State, and grew to include the bustling Hudson River port of Rondout.

- 1-800-331-1518 or 845-331-7517
- www.ci.kingston.ny.us

10. Rochester High Falls

Where millraces and waterfalls once captured the power of the mighty Genesee River, Rochester's High Falls area now welcomes visitors to revitalized factories, dramatic archaeological sites, and magnificent scenery.

- 585-325-2030
- www.centerathighfalls.org/

6. Mohawk Valley

The dramatic landscapes of the eight Mohawk Valley counties are layered with centuries of history, from Iroquois encounters with fur traders and missionaries, through European settlement, colonial wars, the Erie Canal, and industrialization.

- 518-673-1045
- www.mvhcc.org

11. Sackets Harbor

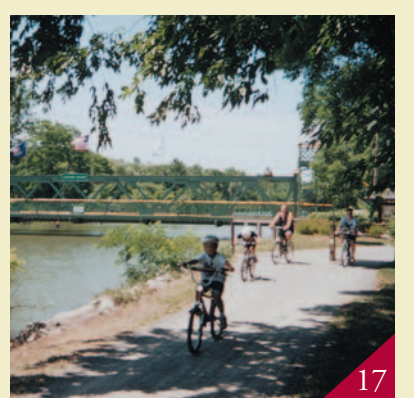
The War of 1812 Battlefield, historic Madison Barracks, and quaint village streets bear witness to Sackets Harbor's role as a military stronghold defending the northern border during our country's turbulent first centuries.

- 315-646-2321
- www.sacketsharborny.com

12. Saratoga Springs

"Queen of Spas" in the 19th century, Saratoga continues to attract visitors to its bubbling mineral springs, racetracks, Victorian architecture, vibrant downtown, and flourishing cultural life.

- 518-587-3241
- www.saratogaspringsvisitorcenter.org



13. Schenectady

Founded in 1661, Schenectady grew from a stockaded village in the wilderness into a thriving Erie Canal port, then burgeoned as the 20th century's "Electric City," birthplace of General Electric and the American Locomotive Company.

- 518-382-5147 ext. 5128
- www.sayschenectady.org

14. Seneca Falls

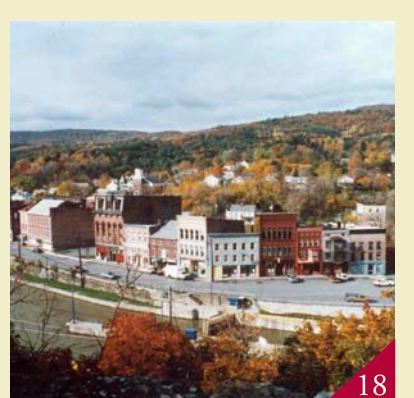
The righteous spirit of reform earned Seneca Falls a place in world history as the setting of the first Women's Rights Convention in 1848. Today, the historic mill town features a classic main street, canal promenade, restored landmarks, and modern monuments to women's activism.

- 315-568-2703
- www.senecafalls.com/history-heritage.php

15. Susquehanna

Antique carousels, factories, ethnic neighborhoods, and gold-domed churches tell the story of the thousands of immigrants drawn to the industries of Binghamton, Endicott, and Johnson City in the Susquehanna's "Valley of Opportunity."

- 607-778-6488
- www.roberston.org and www.endicottny.com



16. Syracuse

Salt, a precious natural resource, first put Syracuse on the map, but it was the Erie Canal that transformed the city into a modern center of business and capital.

- 315-471-0593
- www.eriecanalmuseum.com/urban.asp

17. Western Erie Canal

The Erie Canal brought pioneers, the fervor of social reform, and industrial progress to the fertile landscapes of Western New York, a legacy that survives in the fascinating cities, towns, and sprawling farms that line today's canal.

- 585-546-7029
- www.eriecanalheritage.com

18. Whitehall

Whitehall's harbors, parks, charming main street, and Skenesborough Museum evoke the village's history as home base for Benedict Arnold's Lake Champlain fleet during the American Revolution and as a prosperous port on the Champlain Canal.

- 518-499-1155
- www.washingtoncounty.org

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NEW YORK STATE

Heritage Areas System

From the eastern tip of Long Island to harbors on the Great Lakes, the Heritage Areas encompass some of New York State's most significant natural, historical, and cultural resources, as well as the people and programs that keep them vital.



Discover New York's rich legacy at State Heritage Areas, special places where we honor history, celebrate the present, and plan the future of our communities. Whether you are seeking to delight your senses, stimulate your mind, or exercise your muscles, you'll find something to enjoy at a Heritage Area.

Begin your visit at a Heritage Area Visitor Center, where you will find exhibits, information, and programs that explore the region's significant natural, historical, and cultural resources and their place in the New York experience. We invite you to discover the past and look into the future in New York State's Heritage Areas!

