

We welcome you to Allegany COUNTY Scenic Drives



Oil Country – Our biker consultants said these 22 short miles are too sweet to miss. Tighten your helmets and pull on your gloves because this route is a workout. Lean into the curves and take the roller coaster on foot pegs. Head west out of Bolivar on 417 toward Little Genesee and turn right onto Rt. 5. You'll round the end of the Bolivar Country Club to climb the hills and follow the bends where many scenic overlooks invite a quiet scan of the valley. Find our "Times Square" (Rt. 1 meets Rt.34) and travel the Nile (Rt. 34) back to Bolivar or depart from the Oil Country Tour to jump on the Lake Tour or Mid-County Tour.



Mid-County – Become acquainted with Belmont, our county's seat, while traveling north on Rt. 19. Turn right onto Rt. 20 where you will cross the north-flowing Genesee River and pass the historic Bromley Mansion nestled back in the trees on your right. Soon you'll reach Angelica's historic buildings, art galleries, antique shops, and unique restaurants with delicious homemade food and live music.



As you drive Angelica's Main Street, notice the old-fashioned Roque court in the Park Circle or, if it's a Saturday, stop at the farmers' market for some local food and art. Leave Angelica on Rt. 16 and connect with Rt. 2, traveling toward West Almond. Pass state forests on both sides of West Almond's Main Street, then continue on to Almond, the eastern gateway of the county. Go south on Rt. 21 to Rt. 244, stopping in Alfred, home of Alfred State College and Alfred University, for a bite to eat. Continue on Rt. 244 onto Rt. 10; here you'll travel through more state forests on Vandermark Road to Scio. Cross the Genesee River again as you turn right onto Back River Road and head back into Belmont.

Wildlife Trail – This tour is a meditative trundle through lush hills and valleys. You will drive past beautiful foliage, and on warmer days you can relax with the wind in your hair. Start on Angelica's inviting and picturesque Main Street where even the hardware store looks like a museum and ESPN Radio covers serious Roque matches in the Park Circle. Take Rt. 16 W to Rt. 15. Year 'round you can see windmills to the distant North, and in the fall there are more shades of orange and gold than you can count. Turn east on 15A. Pass the Maple Tree Inn (or stop for pancakes-in spring only- and notice the dinosaur in the pond) and Keaney Swamp (bring your fishing pole if you'd like). Notice the Shawmut Railroad Depot on Rt. 15A and turn right on Rt. 70 in Canaseraga. Here you will take Rt. 13 south, past Bully Hill State Forest where the Finger Lakes Trail blazes a path through stands of pines and spruces planted in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Take a right onto Rt. 2 and 2A and turn left onto Rt. 16 to return to historic Angelica.



Fairview – This is a rural, rustic tour, dotted with quaint Amish farms and rolling state lands ending on Cream Ridge. Begin traveling north on Rt. 19 then 19A from Canadea along the Genesee River through Fillmore and Houghton toward Rossburg. Crossing Wiscoy Creek you will be treated to a series of five thrilling waterfalls. The rushing currents drive the waterwheel of the great mill at the bottom of the falls near well-marked hiking trails that invite both dedicated hikers and casual amblers alike. Follow Rt. 3 toward Hume and Centerville and then take Rt. 36 S to Cream Ridge on 243. Follow signs back to the start in Canadea or swing over to the Lake Tour at Rushford.

Lake Tour – Start in Friendship and aim for Cuba via Rt. 20. Spend a few minutes on Cuba's tree-lined Main Street and look past the traffic light to the flag pole extraordinaire of Allegany County. Head past the Cuba Cheese Shop toward Cuba Lake. Round the lake on South Shore Road and then take 7 North. Pause for a moment at the Lake's scenic overlook or gaze at Borden Pond. Rawson Road briefly flirts with Cattaraugus County then returns to Allegany County. Stay on Rawson (7 G) to pass the county's largest dairy farm, Marsh Acres, with the calf field on your right while on your way to Rushford. Veer right on 7B into Rushford where you can catch a free outdoor concert in the Gazebo every Saturday in July and August. Look for the Blacksmith Shop or the Historical Museum on Main Street. Rt. 49 roller-coasters around the southern peninsula of Rushford Lake with its public beach, and then heads toward Canadea - the best view of the scenic Genesee River. See the historic bridge where our defiant residents made their stand against the Government in a famous act of civil disobedience in 1990. Rt. 19 south takes you to Belfast and then onto the very pretty Rt. 17 S that follows the old Genesee Canal route back to Friendship.

Sky High – This is as close to the clouds as you can get in New York without wings. Start in Wellsville on Rt. 19 to see its eclectic Main Street (Howe Library, sidewalk cafes, live music venues, shopping, and the town park) and then head east on 417 to pass Brown Marsh where regal blue herons stand like sentries among smaller birds. If you feel adventurous, you could rattle along on the alternate and exciting buckboard road known as Rt. 30, but, for a smoother ride, we suggest you turn south on Rt. 22 in Andover and take it to 39 W. (Pay attention because 39 becomes 29 then 38.) Your reward will be Alma Pond - teeming with wildlife, including nesting bald eagles. There is public fishing and small boat access (oars or trolling motors only). Go north on Rt. 18 to the wild country we call Alma and drive near Petrolia's Triangle #1, an early oil well believed to hold mystical powers.

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