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Embark on a journey through the peculiar past of Cortland County, New York. Encounter the whacky, the spooky and the downright bizarre as you explore the oddities that have shaped our little corner of New York.



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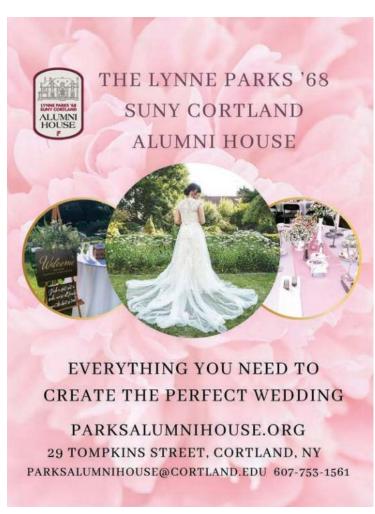
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Discover the heart of Cortland County through its vibrant annual festivals! Embrace winter's magic at our festive celebrations, welcome spring with sweet maple traditions, groove to summer's music fests and revel in autumn's harvest delights. With a festival for every traveler, Cortland County promises unforgettable experiences in all four seasons.



WINTER

Homer Winterfest

Village of Homer homerwinterfest.org

SPRING

CNY Maple Festival

Village of Marathon maplefestival.org



Blackbird Film Festival SUNY Cortland blackbirdfilmfest.com

SUMMER

Cortland Dairy Parade

City of Cortland **fb.com/dairyparade**

Homer Fireman Field Days

Village of Homer homer.ny.org

St. Anthony's Festival

Saint Anthony of Padua Church saintanthonysfestival.org

Cortland County Airfest

Cortland County Airport cortlandairfest.org

Cortland Independence Day Spectacular

Dwyer Memorial Park



National Brockway Truck Show

Village of Homer brockwaytrucks.org

Cortland County Jr. Fair

Cortland County Fairgrounds cortlandfair.com

Holiday in Homer

Village of Homer holidayinhomer.org

Rt. 90 Garage Sale

Village of Homer experiencecortland.com

Arts Off Main Festival

City of Cortland cortlandartsconnect.org



Bill Knowlton's Bluegrass Ramble Picnic

Dwyer Memorial Park

Seedstock Music Festival

Reed's Seeds seedstockmusicfestival.com

Porchfest Cortland

Van Hoesen Street **fb.com/porchfestcortland**

Magic on Main

Village of Homer homerny.org

Crown City Mural Fe

Cortland Corset Building

FALL

1890 Union Fair

Village of Marathon

Duck & Red Octopus Short Stop-Action & Animated Film Festival

AKE Gallery

duckandredoctopus.com



The Great Cortland Pumpkinfest was listed among the top 10 fall festivals in America by USA Today's 10Best Readers' Choice Awards in 2019 and 2023.

The Great Cortland Pumpkinfest

Courthouse Park cortlandpumpkinfest.org

Hops & Swaps Brewfest

Greek Peak Mountain Resort greekpeak.net

Little York Fiber Arts Festival

Dwyer Memorial Park





THRE DAYS, THREE WAYS IN CORTLAND

Embark on a stress-free adventure in Cortland County! With three awesome itineraries, we've covered all the bases. From hidden gems to must-see spots, we've made it easy. So, pack your bags, grab your crew, and let the good times roll!

Calling all little explorers! Our kid-friendly Cortland adventure is packed with fun for everyone. Get ready for smiles, laughter and unforgettable moments!

Where to Stay

Hope Lake Lodge at Greek Peak Mountain Resort is where the kids are entertained and the adults can, dare we say it, relax. Each of the 106 Adirondack-style suites come with a fully equipped kitchen, and if you're traveling with grandma and grandpa, there are combining bedroom suites that can sleep up to 10 people. The lodge sits next to the ski resort, which is attached to a year-round adventure center for zip lining and tubing.



DAY 1

A.M.

Start your day with the filling, homestyle fare at the **Cortland Diner**. Nosh on the Cortland Skillet, two scrambled eggs, home fries, and cheddar cheese topped with sausage gravy. Kids will go crazy for the Oreo Waffle.



NOON

Watch out for marauding buccaneers as you putt your way through

an 18-hole pirate-themed mini golf course at **Shipwreck Amusements.** Don't forget to try your hand at the World's Longest Mini-Golf Hole! Raining? Wear your favorite glowing gear and explore their blacklight mini-golf.

P.M.

Play ball! Cheer on the **Cortland Crush**, an NCAA-sanctioned member of the MLB-endorsed Collegiate Baseball League, at the **Lumber Yard**. Enjoy classic ballpark snacks and the thrill of the game under the lights.

DAY 2

A.M.



Railroad lovers, young and old, will love the **Homeville Museum** at the CNY Living History Center. Learn about railroad history and

explore the expansive model train layout. Take a selfie in front of the nearly full-scale replica of the front end of a Lackawanna 2-8-2 "Mikado" Locomotive #2107.

NOON

If there is a sci-fi fan in the family, Area 51 offers a cornucopia of fun, from old-school box games to RPGs, collectibles and everything in between. Take home a piece of creativity with custom-made delights, from 3D prints to puzzles, t-shirts, tumblers and beyond.

P.M.

Dine with the stars, including a largerthan-life-sized Marilyn Monroe, at the **Hollywood Restaurant.** Get comfortable in the retro red-vinyl booths, surrounded by classic film posters and neon sculptures. Order a Hollywood Toasted Cheeseburger and a heaping plate of Chicken Tenders for the kiddos, and top off your meal with a milkshake.

DAY 3

A.M.

Engage in interactive exhibits and activities that bring history to life for kids of all ages at the Cortland County



Historical Society. Step back in time to experience what life was like 100+ years ago in Cortland County at the Then & Now Children's Room.

NOON

Grab a sugar fix from the 1945 Lehigh Valley railroad caboose, now the **Frosty Caboose**. We recommend sharing The Frosty Caboose Sundae, served with vanilla and chocolate twist soft serve, hot fudge, peanut butter sauce and globs of cookie dough.



P.M.

Swim, slip and slide at the **Cascades Indoor Water Park & Arcade.** The 41,000-square-foot indoor facility features over 500 feet of slides, a wading pool, a wave pool, a 500-gallon deluge bucket and more. The grown-ups will appreciate that they can purchase a cocktail and lounge in the hot tub.



For those looking to explore at their own pace and embrace nature all by themselves. Bonus: you don't have to share your plate of french fries.

Where to Stay

Christmas Tree Farm Hideaway is a picturesque glamping site surrounded by Christmas trees, and situated on approximately 300 acres of rolling hills, offering breathtaking sunrise and sunset views. Horseback trail rides and yoga is available by appointment. Don't forget to pack s'mores supplies for when you're cozied up next to the fire.

DAY 1

A.M.



Kayak down the
Tioughnioga River,
where you'll be
treated to scenic
views of the sur-

rounding landscape and vegetation. The river provides a winding and narrow adventure traveling from the town of Cortland to Marathon.

NOON

Treat yourself to a creamy, sweet Boba Tea at **Madam Hatter's Tea House.** Order one of the tasty monthly specials and browse the shopping parlor for unique handcrafted candles, artisan teas, jewelry, soaps and more.





P.M.

Feed your inner creative with a class at **Pottery Works Cortland.** Learn the basics of hand-building while creating pottery pieces you will remember for years to come. Who knows, maybe you'll pick up a new hobby.

DAY 2



A.M.

Refresh and rejuvenate with a leisurely walk through Labrador Hollow Unique Area to **Tinker Falls**, a beautiful 50-foot waterfall surrounded by an impressive natural rock amphitheater. Looking to

break a little sweat? Continue up the North Country Trail to reach the **Jones Hill Vista.**



NOON

Chic design meets warm hospitality at **Prandium New York.** The sounds of mellow music and a hissing espresso machine pair perfectly with a good book and one of their fluffy Belgian waffles.

P.M.

No getaway is complete without a little retail therapy, and **Artisan Elements** is the place to go for a sampling of the area's creativity. It is home to a collection of local handmade gifts and wares.

DAY 3

A.M.

Hot or iced? Latte or americano? Flavor combination? The ladies at **Common Grounds** are ready to craft your perfect caffeine pick-me-up! Don't forget to top your cold (or hot) beverage with their thick, fluffy flavorful cold foam.

NOON



Don your robe and prepare for some serious spa-time bliss. With an impressive array

of treatments and serene setting, you'll unwind in no time at the Waterfalls Spa at Greek Peak Mountain Resort. We recommend the Garden of Eden Spa Package where you'll be treated not only to a body scrub, mud wrap and aromatic massage, but also a relaxing bath and some quiet time in your own private garden.

P.M.

For a restaurant with a view, opt for Heuga's Alpine Restaurant & Bar located at the base of Song Mountain Resort. Indulge in their robust flavors, including the Beef Burgundy or Ratatouille Stack, in a cozy atmosphere. If the weather allows, take your cocktail to the patio fire pit overlooking the downhill trails.



Set tails a-waggin' with this itinerary best shared with your four legged companion.

Where to Stay

Your pooch will feel right at home at the **Country Chic B&B**, a cozy two-bedroom farmhouse in Virgil that offers breathtaking views of the surrounding farms and rolling hills. Bonus: You can collect fresh eggs from the coop to make a delicious breakfast!



DAY 1

A.M.

Pop into the **Cortland County Visitors Center** to say hello to our
pup-loving staff! They have a dog bowl
and treats for your furry friend to fuel
up before going on your way.

NOON

Pack your best walking shoes and tackle the **Virgil Mountain Loop.** The 4.7 mile hike takes you to the highest point in Cortland County and makes for a great photo op with your pup.



P.M.

Treat yo'self to something sweet post-hike with a pit stop at **Mountainside Cones**. Order a vanilla bean pup cup and classic chocolate and vanilla twist for yourself. They also offer non-dairy options.

DAY 2



A.M.

Get your locally roasted caffeine boost at one of the three **Coffee Mania** drive-thru locations. Grab a pup cup for your companion and they are sure to be a #maniacdog for life.

NOON

Time for a stroll with your pooch at **Dwyer Memorial Park**, home to beautiful views of Little York Lake and Cortland's iconic Little York Pavilion. If the kids tagged along, play a game of horseshoes, or swing and slide at the large play area.

P.M.

If you're looking for a quick bite without leaving the car, **A&W** offers carhop service. Order a classic bacon cheeseburger sandwich (and a second patty for your passenger), warm french fries and a cold, smooth Root Beer.

DAY 3

A.M.

Brix Pubaria is a local favorite for brunch with menu items including Brunch Totchos, Everything Bagel Pizza and a classic breakfast sammy. The hip restaurant offers umbrella-adorned outdoor seating for you and your pup.

NOON

Wander the streets of historic Village of Homer, a quintessential slice of rural Americana. Main Street is lined with beautiful greenery, historic mansions once owned by prominent residents and a quaint Village Green.



P.M.

Homer Hops Brewing is a great spot to taste a variety of craft beers. Their 14 taps feature brews (and seltzers) made onsite as well as regional wine and cider. They offer a lively outdoor patio where you're sure to meet new pups while enjoying pints.

Breaking Trails

LIME HOLLOW PAVES THE WAY FOR INCLUSIVE OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Picture this: a rugged trail winding through the lush woods, the chatter of birds above and the rustle of leaves beneath your feet. Now, imagine experiencing this bliss even if mobility challenges are a part of your story. Thanks to Lime Hollow Nature Center's innovative spirit, coupled with a community's unwavering commitment to accessibility, the Cortland County nature center has been a game-changer in the world of nature exploration.

In 1996, Charles Yaple envisioned the Trail for All project, aiming to break barriers in nature exploration. Guided by the passionate Glenn Reisweber, who carried the torch as the executive director, this initiative evolved into a movement with the goal of ensuring that all, regardless of physical abilities, could experience Lime Hollow's wonders.

In 2009, after three years of steadfast dedication, a 1/3-mile wheelchair-accessible trail materialized—a collaborative effort by dedicated community volunteers. Eagle Scouts crafted bridges and a wheelchair-accessible stream overlook; the Dryden Rotary Club, with a generous donation from Bestway Lumber's, built an accessible Gracie Pond overlook. The Cortland Career Works Program and SUNY Cortland students moved 140 tons of sand by hand over two summers to transform the mulch trail into a robust, wheelchair-accessible surface. Guiding this effort was Fran Pizzola, a force from Cortland County Access to Independence, who served as the center's consultant and took an honorary wheelchair ride on launch day.

Fifteen years later, Lime Hollow continues to champion inclusivity under the leadership of executive director Ilya Schmulenson. In 2023, the nature center became one of two in the state equipped with an Action TrackChair©, a battery-powered, all-terrain "wheelchair". Further plans include regrading, rerouting and resurfacing specific trails, expanding the Accessible Trail from 1/3 mile to three miles through the renowned Art Meadow and connecting it to the Lehigh Valley railroad trail. Rest points, repairs to existing bridges and directional signage installations are also in the pipeline, guided by insights from Cornell University's Design Connect program and SUNY Cortland's outdoor recreation internship program. Thanks to backing from the Central NY Community Foundation, Guthrie, Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation, JM Murray Foundation, Nicholas & Agnes Renzi Charitable Fund, Plan First Technologies, and the Siegle Foundation, Lime Hollow continues its transformative journey toward universal outdoor access.

This journey has been a testament to the spirit of a united community, fueled by a shared passion for nature. The Trail for All transcends being merely a Lime Hollow Nature Center endeavor; it has evolved into a community-driven initiative, embodying the collaborative commitment to universal outdoor accessibility and the enduring love for the great outdoors.

Visit limehollow.org to reserve the Action TrackChair



Coolest Winter Activities

Get ready to embrace the chill, snow lovers! Whether you're into carving down slopes or just sipping on steaming hot cocoa, winter in Cortland County is an absolute blast. The area turns into a snowy playground with exciting adventures and family-friendly activities waiting for you to dive into. We've rounded up the coolest things to do during this frosty season, so let's dive in and make the most of winter's wonders!



SKIING & SNOWBOARDING

Powder seekers have three outstanding skiing and snowboarding areas to choose from in Cortland County, all within 30 minutes of historic downtown Cortland. Between the three, you'll find over a 100 trails of varying difficulty, peppered with glade runs, moguls, terrain parks, wooded hills and open trails. Greek Peak Mountain Resort is Central New York's largest, offering day and night thrills with 56 trails, panoramic views and four terrain parks. Labrador Mountain boasts 17 lit trails and 22 runs, while Song Mountain, with its five lifts and black diamond runs, completes the trio of fun. These mountains aren't just for pros; they've got lessons and gear rentals for the rookies too. Plus, if you're a thrill-seeker with different abilities, fear not! ARISE & Ski at Song and Labrador Mountains and Adaptive Snowsports at Greek Peak Mountain Resort have got you covered. Why pick one when you can conquer all three for an epic long weekend of snowy bliss? Visit skiCNY.com and greekpeak.net to stay up-to-date of the conditions, number of runs open and special deals.

SNOWSHOEING & CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Strap on snowshoes or step into a pair of cross-country skis and take in the breathtaking natural beauty of Cortland County's snow-covered woods. You will find over twelve miles of trails at Lime Hollow Nature Center designated for snowshoers. They also offer a well-marked

2.25-mile cross-country loop, rated easy to moderate. **Greek Peak's Nordic Center** offers over nine miles of trails for all ability levels, spanning through the Town of Virgil and Hope Lake Park. Both locations offer rentals for all equipment. Don't forget to bring a few hiking essentials with you - water, trail food and a first aid kit.

SNOWMOBILING

Our county's trail network is like a giant playground for snowmobile enthusiasts, offering a thrilling ride through some picturesque landscapes. From wooded trails to open fields, riders can experience the joy of gliding through the snowy scenery from Virgil to Preble. Thanks to snowmobile clubs across the county like the Marathon Snowdusters, Seven Valley Snow Goers, Truxton Trail Riders and Tully Trailblazers, and the New York State Snowmobile Authority, serious sled enthusiasts can plan their annual treks or new winter traditions by mapping out the many paths our area and neighboring counties offer.

Visit **nysnowmobiler.com** for an interactive trail map along with a wealth of helpful information on safety, rules, snowmobile rentals and locating miles of manicured trails are open to explore nearly all season long.





SNOWTUBING

Forget what you've heard—snowtubing isn't just for the kiddos! Dive headfirst into the snowy fun at the Greek Peak Adventure Center. Race, spin and twirl down 18 wickedly fast lanes. A magic carpet transports riders to the top of the hill, so you can squeeze in as many wild runs as possible in the epic two-hour tubing sessions. Pro tip: snag a season pass for unlimited tubing at just \$48.





Let's be merry... indoors!

f the frigid weather isn't your forte, no worries! You don't need to stay cooped up inside your house. This winter season, find new adventures-that are indoors.

SLOPESIDE DELIGHTS

Beat the winter chill by visiting our trio of mountainside dining spots. Sip on a specialty cocktail at Heuga's Alpine Bar or Trax Pub & Grill, or add some heat with The Puffin Bird's zesty chili.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

Swap snowmen for movie fun at Crown City Cinemas! Let the kids load up on buttery popcorn and snag your own candy stash—no sharing required!



DUDE, LET'S GO BOWLING

Give one of Cortland's three bowling alleys a try—281 Bowling, Cort-Lanes and Hi-Lanes. No one will judge you for renting the bumper lanes, even if you are over the age of 12.

AXING WINTER BLUES

It may be cold outside, but the competition is heating up at Axe Me 607, Cortland's newest axe-throwing experience.

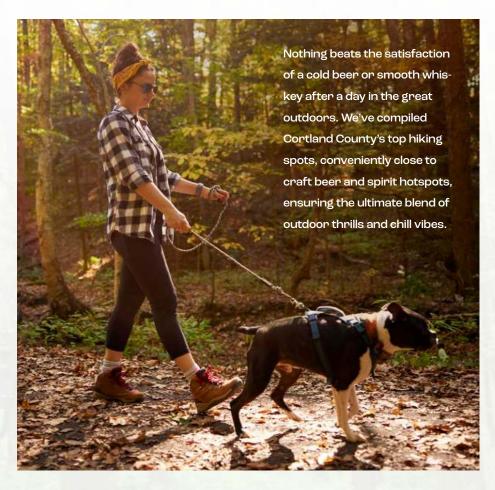
SKATE ESCAPE

Lace up your skates and embrace the winter spirit by going ice skating at the J.M. McDonald Sports Complex.

HOMER WINTERFEST

Cortland County's coolest tradition features three days of frosty shenanigans! Admire epic ice art, try human-dog sled racing and warm your frozen toes at the bonfire. Be ready for fireworks, live tunes, tasty bites, crafts and tons more chilly charm. homerwinterfest.org

Happy Hikes Hour



HIGH VISTA NATURE PRESERVE

Length 1.2 mi Elevation gain 236 ft Route type: Loop

Explore the 153-acre High Vista Nature Preserve, perched high above Skaneateles Lake's east shore. The diverse hillside boasts various tree species, murmuring streams, and vibrant spring blooms. Perfect for tranquil, low-impact nature excursions like hiking, trail running, and snowshoeing. Extend your journey with a 4.5-mile trek to Hinchcliff Family Preserve in neighboring Onondaga County.

HOMER HOPS BREWING

Swap your hiking sticks for a cold beverage at Homer Hops Brewing where you'll be treated to a spacious taproom and panoramic views of surrounding farmland and rolling hills. Try the Exit 12 as your post-hike recovery beer. An American Pale Ale, it clocks in at just 5.3% but delivers serious pale ale flavor with citrus and pine notes. If you want to extend your stay, try one of their many sours or slushies by season.



GEE WHIZ RAIL TRAIL

Length 5 mi

Route type: Out & back

If you're looking for a quiet leisurely walk during your travels, add the repurposed Gee Whiz Rail Trail to your itinerary.

Named after the first train from McGraw to Cincinnatus in 1897, this flat trail runs through open spaces and woods. Perfect for hiking, running and snowshoeing, it's not just a nice place to stretch your legs, but a great opportunity to view wildlife.



MCGRAW BOX BREWING

After a stroll through the woods, walk across Spring Street and pop into McGraw Box Brewing. Set in a converted cutlery box factory, the brewery offers weekly events to pair with their ales. The menu boasts a range of brews, each paying homage to the former business with names like Plywood American Pale Ale and Planter Box Hazy IPA. Grab their awardwinning Holznot Hefeweizen, featuring a perfect banana nose and subtle wheat flavor for a crisp drink.

VIRGIL MOUNTAIN LOOP

Length 4.8 mi Elevation gain 774 ft Route type: Loop

Take in the best views of the county landscape at the Virgil Mountain Loop, located within the James Kennedy State Forest in Virgil. Spanning 4.8 miles, this segment of the Finger Lakes Trail showcases the area's beauty, passing by Greek Peak Ski Resort and leading to Virgil Mountain, the county's highest point. A moderately challenging gem, it shines brightest in leaf-peeping season, treating you to scenic vistas, stream crossings and moments of solitude. Perfect for birding, hiking and leisurely strolls.

CORTLAND BEER COMPANY & DISTILLERY

Find the county's OG brewery in history downtown Cortland. Choose from the list of seasonal and regular beers, then relax in the outdoor courtyard equipped with firepits for the chilly season. Cap off your



hike with a refreshing Naked Lap Lager – a traditional American Lager with a 4.9% kick. Its golden hue and light body make it the ideal post-hike companion. Non-beer enthusiasts can enjoy CBC's own vodka, whiskey, gin, seltzers and frozen cocktails.

HOXIE GORGE-UNDERWOOD HILL- NORTH COUNTRY NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

Length 11 mi

Elevation gain 2000ft

Route type: Out & Back

A full day of wilderness exploration awaits at the Hoxie Gorge-Underwood Hill stretch of the North Country Trail (NCT). Start your trek at the south end near the Tioughnioga River's fishermen's parking area. The trail passes through Hoxie Gorge State Forest, crosses several gorges and treats you to panoramic views from Underwood Hill's open fields. Backpackers get a Lean To, and overnighters will find



two campsites. **Fun Fact:** The NCT is the longest continuous hiking trail in the US, spanning 4,800 miles from North Dakota to Vermont.

DRAGONFYRE DISTILLERY

For non-beer drinkers, Dragonfyre Distillery is an unforgettable whiskey-tasting experience. Nestled in the rolling hills between Marathon and Willet, Dragonfyre Distillery is a family-owned operation producing small batches of whiskey and moonshine made with locally grown grains. After sampling in their quaint medieval-style tasting room, wander the grounds to find fairies, wishing trees and Hobbit doors. Watch out for low-flying dragons!

TINKER FALLS TRAIL

Length 0.6 mi

Elevation gain 95 ft

Route type: Out & Back

Nestled within Labrador Hollow Unique Area, Tinker Falls stands at 50 feet, featuring a natural rock amphitheater above a 30-foot cascade. A year-round marvel, the warmer months showcase



cascading water and filtered sunlight, while winter transforms it into an icy amphitheater. Ideal for hikers, snowshoers, and casual walkers, this half-mile trail offers a quick escape. Weather permitting, explore the cave behind the falls for a unique perspective. It's a brief round-trip trek, but you'll need extra time to sit and enjoy the views. Selfie anyone?

BONUS DRINKING HOLES

Brand Y Distillery, Cortland's newest farm distillery, is dishing out Rumskey, Moonshine and Vodka. If it's blueberry picking season, pop over to Cherry Knoll U-Pick Farm to taste their blueberry wines. Ranging from bone-dry to ice wine, the product is picked by hand, sorted and handcrafted into small batches to ensure the highest quality.

Visit **cnyhiking.com** or **fingerlakestrail.org** for more hiking options.

Greek Peak Adventure Center

Put some "woo" in your life!

If you're up for a challenge – and a breathtaking good time – the Greek Peak Adventure Center will deliver!

Step back into nature year-round with the **Nor'Easter Mountain Coaster,** a thrilling 4,300-foot ride. Ascend the mountainside and maneuver through twists and turns at nearly 30 mph in the two-person car.

Soar over Virgil's breathtaking scenery at over 40 miles per hour on the 1,300-foot-long **Zip Line**. Feeling competitive? Challenge friends to a race—every zip line is dual, adding a thrilling edge to the experience!

For the daring, the **High Ropes Aerial Course** offers a challenge for every level of courage! Navigate suspended bridges, hanging blocks, horizontal tires, space loops, tight ropes, and zip lines as you ascend through the treetops of this resort.

If you prefer keeping your wheels on the ground, the **Bike Park** is your destination. The 18 diverse trails offer a day's worth of enjoyment for riders of all skill levels. Not ready to go all in? Lessons are offered daily.

OUTDOORS

Paddling Playgrounds

Take the less traditional route to explore Cortland County from the water! There's nothing quite as thrilling (and relaxing) as paddling. Grab your life

vest and a kayak and head out to explore the open water!



The Tioughnioga (pronounced Ty-off-nee-o-ga) is a 34.2-mile-long tributary of the Chenango River. It is comprised of two branches. The East Branch begins in Madison County, while the West Branch issues from Tully Lake, and both meander into Cortland County, mainly through agricultural lands, until they combine in the City of Cortland to form the Tioughnioga River. This narrow waterway features twists, turns and easily navigated rapids for an engaging paddle, often running parallel to roads. Wildlife sightings, including bald eagles, are common, and there are four miles of Public Fishing Rights along the river.

LITTLE YORK LAKE

Nestled in the Preble hamlet within Dwyer Memorial Park, Little York Lake is an easily navigated, 1.1-mile-long waterway. It stands apart as one of the more serene kayaking destinations in Cortland, with a backdrop of rolling hills and a shoreline dotted with homes and the historic Little York Pavilion. Bring binoculars to spy on the abundance of wildlife or cast a line to take advantage of the diverse fishery. Perfect for laid-back paddlers who believe the journey and destination go hand in hand. Extend the kayaking fun by heading north to charming Green Lake or east to Goodale Lake, both reachable through a narrow waterway.

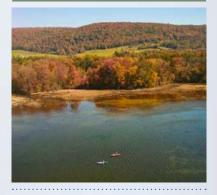
SKANEATELES LAKE (SOUTH END)

Skaneateles Lake is the fifth largest of the Finger Lakes, and you can easily access it from the south end via the Andrew R. Fuller Park launch in the town of Scott (\$3 fee). This lake offers one of Cortland's most beautiful paddling experiences, framed by wooded hills and steep hillsides.

Admire charming boathouses and cottages along the sparkling blue-green waters. Keep paddling north just beyond the county lines to reach one of New York's premier paleontological sites, the Staghorn Cliffs. Optimal paddling times are early morning or evening, avoiding boat traffic and wind.



THE SOUTH END OF PARADISE



estled on Skaneateles Lake's southern shore, The Glen Haven is a water lover's

dream. The inn and restaurant is located a stone's throw away from Andrew R. Fuller Park for a quick launch spot for your water adventures. Post-lake exploration, grab a hearty bite on the patio—the smoked wings or Glen Haven Bison Burger are top picks. Cap off the day with a cocktail to-go, and relax by the shoreline while catching the sunset. No need to venture far for a good night's sleep; stay upstairs in the 4-bedroom space for a hassle-free snooze.



Get into the Swing of Things!

Cortland County's five 18-hole public courses—all within a half-hour or less drive from one another—offer opportunities for every golfer, from first-time putters to world-class champions looking to work on their swing. The gently rolling hills add to the fun and challenge of a round of golf with friends or business associates. Check out where you can drive, chip and putt your way through Cortland.



ELM TREE GOLF COURSE

A challenging facility with PGA golf professionals on staff, golf instruction on any level, a full-service golf shop and custom club fitting. Golf simulator available. Tee times are not required.

KNICKERBOCKER COUNTRY CLUB

Offers challenges and a relaxed atmosphere for most experienced golfers and newcomers. Enjoy beautiful scenery and accessibility to major traffic routes.

MAPLE HILL GOLF CLUB

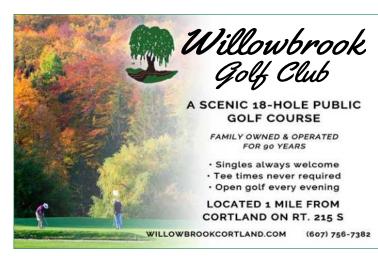
The layout is designed to take advantage of the natural lay of the land, offering challenging play and spectacular views. Gas carts, a practice putting green, a Pro Shop and locker stalls available, and two indoor simulators.

WALDEN OAKS COUNTRY CLUB

A full-service public golf course with a private feel. Enjoy professional golf instruction, high-quality equipment and tournaments. The facility includes a bar and restaurant, locker rooms and an air-conditioned clubhouse.

WILLOWBROOK GOLF CLUB

Family-owned and operated for over 90 years, this facility is a challenging course for all levels of golf. Riding carts, practice green, club rentals and Pro Shop are available. Enjoy lunch and cocktails on the veranda overlooking the picturesque views.



Not ready for real golf?

Mini Golf

The Caddy Shack

A family-oriented 18-hole mini golf course located right next door to the iconic Dave's Dairy Treat in Cincinnatus.

Cortland Mini Golf

A longtime favorite amongst the locals, the Cortland Mini Golf course is a classic mini golf experience.

Shipwreck Amusement Center

The holder of the Guinness World Record for the longest mini golf hole in the world, Shipwreck has a scenic outdoor mini golf course, as well as an 18-hole indoor Black Light Mini Golf option.

Disc Golf

Hope Lake Disc Golf Course

An 18-hole disc golf course surrounded by picturesque Hope Lake and Greek Peak Mountain Resort. Designed with both new disc golfers and professional disc golfers in mind, the course has a mix of open holes and a lot of heavily wooded technical holes.

curious Detours

Are you captivated by the strange and unusual? Looking to get off the beaten path to explore the obscure? Cortland County is filled with weird, wacky and wonderful history just waiting for someone like you to discover. We've rounded up just a few of Cortland's more peculiar artifacts to instigate your next adventure.



1925 Brockway Fire Truck

What do a butcher, a locksmith, an engineer and a chauffeur have in common? They would all climb aboard this antique Brockway fire truck for an adventure that, unbeknownst to them, would become a national sensation, forever cementing their trans-centennial tale in Cortland County history! Visit the *CNY Living History Center's* new Antique Firehouse Museum to read the countless signatures these brave volunteer firefighters collected on the sides of the 1925 Brockway during their harrowing 20,000-mile journey.

Curiosity piqued?

Check out the *Firecracker Trail* to uncover the spark that ignited historic heroic, historic and daring events.



Human Hair Wreath

There are wreaths, and then there is this wreath, proudly displayed at the 1890 House Museum parlor. Each delicate flower is carefully woven with a unique fiber-human hair. Memento moris were all the rage at the height of the Victorian era. Traditionally handmade by the women of the household, it could include hair from many family members, both living and deceased. Book a tour of this Victorian mansion to determine for yourself just how many tresses are eternally entangled.

Curiosity piqued?

Check out the *Wickwire Legacy Trail* to discover Contland's very-own castle and the spirits that live within.



Ox Shoe

Did you know that in the early 19th century, oxen, like their counterpart the horse, once wore shoes? Unlike horses, shoeing an ox was a tremendous undertaking! Unable to stand on just three legs, massive stocks were built to keep the lumbering beast from collapsing during the farriering. Because of this, very few ox shoes were made, and as beasts of burden were replaced with machinery, very few of these artifacts remained. Lucky for you, this unusual shoe is on display at *Cortland Country Music Park*.

Curiosity piqued?

Check out the *One-off Oddities Trail* to explore all things weird and wonderful in Cortland County.

YOUR UNCONVENTIONAL ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!

uirky, whacky and occasionally spooky, the Cortland Curiosities Strange & Forgotten History Trail is your ultimate guide to exploring the bizarre side of Cortland County. Explore the county's weird and magical past and get to know our larger-than-life historical characters along fascinating stops that will take you through all things unusual in our little corner of New York. Plan your strange trip back in time at cortlandcuriosities.com or get social @cortlandcuriosities. Stay curious, travelers!

New York Central College Cemetery

While the tremendous history of New York Central College in McGraw could never be forgotten, its tiny student cemetery nearly was. Despite the progressive college's initial success, in 1860, plagued by growing social and political opposition and a smallpox outbreak, the college would succumb to bankruptcy and close. Over time its small student cemetery was swallowed by the surrounding forest. Rediscovered by a curious history teacher more than 100 years later, the New York Central College Cemetery now hosts a self-guided walking tour, where you too can discover its history in this nearly forgotten cemetery.

Curiosity piqued?

Check out the Boneyards & Burial Grounds Trail to unearth forgotten burial grounds, reckless murders and villains who inspire goosebumps.



Mysterious Mask

The Suggett House Museum at the Cortland County Historical Society is brimming with Cortland County's history on display. But what do you do when an artifact's history is a mystery? Carved from a solid block of wood by Charles Torrey of McGraw (1867-1951), this curious mask was donated to the historical society in 1976 by Mrs. Mary Torrey. The

following year it was loaned to Colgate University's Parker Galley for a temporary exhibit before returning to the archives. When the current historians rediscovered this unusual artifact, it was quickly discovered why it might have remained in storage for so long. No matter where you are in the room, its hollow eyes seem to follow you. Reminiscent of a death mask, its inspiration or even the date of creation is unknown. Did Mary Torrey donate the mask, simply to be rid of this haunting visage?

Curiosity piqued?

Check out the Whodunit in Homer Trail to try your hand at solving a more than 100-year-old cold case

Memorial Boulder

It's not often you discover a massive boulder serving as a gravestone in a cemetery. However, Cortland Rural Cemetery is, in itself, most unusual. In 2015, the 150-year-old cemetery officially became an open-air museum with the installation of a "cemetrail", a self-guided 20-stop tour covering the history, geology and art within this 44-acre burial ground. One of our favorite stops is the colossal boulder, honoring the Jewett family. Thisstyle of marker became popular within the naturalist movement in the Victorian Era. Arising from the romantic movement of the late 18th and early 19th centuries, naturalists were drawn to the outdoors, collecting rare plant specimens, rocks and minerals and taxidermy. It is believed that this raw, unpolished boulder reflects that movement.

Curiosity piqued?

Explore the Legends & Lore Trail and discover the tales of those who refused to rest in peace.





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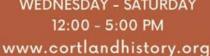
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Research Center

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History Happened Here

Join us on a journey through famous faces, iconic buildings and historic gems that have shaped this vibrant county into what it is today.



CINCINNATUS

One of the original six towns of Cortland County, Cincinnatus was the birthplace of Adelaide Hawley Cumming, the first Betty Crocker. Alice's Dowry for the Arts documents the town's history and displays resorted antique items curated by the Cincinnatus Area Heritage Society. Don't miss the 1820s streetlight that hung at the four corners of the town.

INSIDERS TIP The small town hosts the annual *G-Bar-T Rodeo* with live music at the **Rodeo Grounds.** (5703 Rt. 23)



CITY OF CORTLAND

Cortland's musical legacy shines with Ronnie James Dio, a hometown hero turned global rock icon. From his humble

beginnings at Cortland High to legendary status with Black Sabbath and more, his legacy is immortalized not just in music, but also on the local map, with a street named after the legendary metal singer – "Dio Way."

INSIDERS TIP | *Dio Day,* celebrated annually at **Night**Owls on July 10, is the official hometown tribute
concert dedicated to honoring Ronnie James Dio.



VILLAGE OF HOMER

Explore Homer beyond its charming facade to uncover its fascinating ties to Abraham Lincoln. Dive into its history to uncover how locals influenced the legacy of the 16th president, from Francis Bicknell Carpenter's iconic artwork to William Osborn Stoddard's pivotal role as a presidential secretary and Eli DeVoe thwarting an assassination plot.

INSIDERS TIP | Pick up a copy of Lincoln's Gift from Homer, New York: "A Painter, an Editor, and a Detective," written by municipal historian, Martin Sweeney at Bev & Co.

VILLAGE OF MARATHON

Downtown Marathon boasts the impressive **Peck Memorial Library**, a 2.5-story landmark from the 1890s. The eclectic late Victorian architecture originally housed a library, bank and opera house. Explore remnants like the bank's vault



and the opera's stage. The library's hidden gem lies in its stunning stained-glass windows, visible only at night or during special events.

INSIDERS TIP | The historic opera house is open to the public during the 1890 Union Fair and CNY Maple Fest, for the bi-annual book sale

MCGRAW

The former "Corset City" with a waist-slimming history! P.H. McGraw & Son kicked off the corset craze in the 1880s until the Warner Bros. stepped in with a healthier alternative. This paved the

way for subsequent companies like the *McGraw Corset Company* and *the Empire Corset Company*, who cinched their way up to international fame with innovative styles such as "*Never Rust*," "*Sorosis*" and "*Reduzyou*."

INSIDERS TIP | Visit McGraw Box Brewing Co., once home to The McGraw Box Co., known for crafting corset packaging

TRUXTON



In Truxton, baseball
buffs can uncover
history tied to
the legendary
manager, John
McGraw. Standing
at 5-foot-7, this fiery

Irishman revolutionized the game with his spirited tactics and led the New York Giants to glory as a player-manager. In 1938, the "Greatest Sporting Event in the History of Cortland County" unfolded, as over 8,000 fans witnessed the Truxton Giants take on MLB powerhouse New York Giants at McGraw Field (which still stands today).

INSIDERS TIP | Visit John McGraw's Monument, which stands tall today on the very sandlot where McGraw's baseball journey began. (3674 NY-13 in Truxton)

Time Travel

Are you a history buff on a budget? Explore these fascinating historic events, places and spaces! Nearly everything on this page is free or donation-based. So, pack up the whole family—this adventure is on us!



1890 UNION FAIR

Step back in time at Marathon's historic agricultural fair with a horse-drawn parade, sack races, old-fashioned candy store, produce and flower exhibits and a horse pull, just to name a few!

HOMER LANDMARK SOCIETY WALKING TOUR

Historic downtown Homer looks much today as it did in the 19th century. Explore its history and architecture in a self-guided walking tour down Main Street, with 29 fascinating stops.

CORTLAND AIRFEST

Walk among rows of historic warbirds, including the C47 that carried paratroopers on D-Day during World War II. Learn about Levi Chase, Cortland's own flying ace, and the history of female pilots. For a small fee, you too can take to the sky in a prop plane!



LITTLE YORK CAR SHOW & FLEA MARKET

Each summer, the 7 Valley Street Rods take over Dwyer Memorial Park with an antique car show and flea market surrounding the historic Little York Pavilion and lake. Explore vintage street rods, muscle cars, custom motorcycles and more!



HISTORIC MAIN STREET WALKING TOURS

Join the Cortland County Historical Society for a stroll down Main Street in historic downtown Cortland. Guided talks are offered throughout the year for a small donation. Hear the stories of prominent citizens' triumphs and tragedies through the decades.

VILLAGE OF HOMER GHOST TOUR

Feeling brave? Join local historians on a guided tour of Homer's most haunted history. Re-trace the last steps of a 100-year-old cold case and search for apparitions throughout the village.

EXPERIENCE CORTLAND GEOTOUR

on a budget

This free, family-friendly activity will take you along the byways of Cortland County to the secret and not-so-secret hideaways. When you discover all the hidden caches,



submit the clues for your treasure from Experience Cortland!



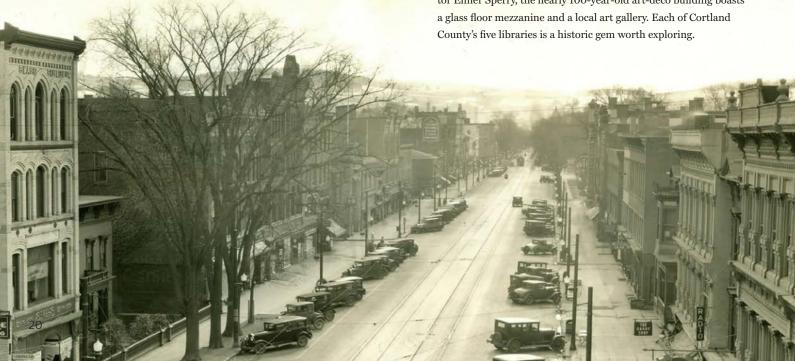
GLEN HAVEN HISTORIC SCHOOL HOUSE & LIBRARY

At the shores of Skaneateles Lake stands a stunning one-room schoolhouse built in 1901. Now home to the Glen Haven Historical Society Museum, you can tour

the history of the once-famous Glen Haven Spa and Water Cure, and explore artifacts from the region.

CORTLAND FREE LIBRARY

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places is Cortland's own Free Library. Completed in 1927 with the assistance of local inventor Elmer Sperry, the nearly 100-year-old art-deco building boasts a glass floor mezzanine and a local art gallery. Each of Cortland County's five libraries is a historic gem worth exploring.



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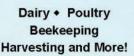




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The prodigal humorist returns

Cortland native Paul Kozlowski has returned from his travels as the prodigal humorist and created the Ake Gallery, one of Central New York's premiere art venues. Since 2022, local talent has filled the gallery's stage and walls with native Central New York creatives like comedian and actor Bobcat Goldth-

wait and Peter Hannan (creator of the *Nickelodeon* series *CatDog*). Paul's original artwork, displayed in collections owned by Sarah Silverman, Robin Williams, Bill Maher and at *The Cartoon Network*, has found a new home in the Ake Gallery in the historic Crescent Commons.

We sat down with one of Cortland County's most infamous charters for a quirky Q&A.



QUESTION

It's so great to have you back in, Paul! You're a real gem in Cortland's crown. What took you to L.A., and what brought you back to your hometown?

ANSWER

I was writing for *The Chris Rock Show* in NYC and got a job in LA as the sidekick for *Fox Sports Ultimate Fan League*. I know as much about sports as I do about art. I opened an art gallery and performance venue in LA for 14 years, then my parent's health started to fall, plus I had a pack of stray dogs, so I figured I'd spend some time back in Cortland.

Q

The fine art scene can sometimes be viewed as aloof or pretentious. Yet, your work is the exact opposite of that. Its cheeky humor and sarcasm make it universally approachable. What inspires your subject matter and use of such eclectic mediums?

A

I just try to make stuff that I would hang up on my own walls.

Q

The Ake Gallery serves as so much more than walls for showcasing art. You host open mic nights, music, stand-up acts, old movie screenings and even a film festival. Was that always your vision for the space?



A

I started performing standup comedy right out of high school. Later, in New York City, I started to put together shows in these fantastic obscure little theaters. Most of these venues never put much thought into making their own spaces creative. For years I wanted to build my own funhouse/Batcave that was as wild as the performances that were showcased. I finally got my chance in Los Angeles. I never thought I could pull the same thing off in Cortland, but to my surprise, the community support has been amazing.

Q

The 2023 Duck and *Red Octopus Short* Funny Stop-Action and Animated Film Festival, by all accounts, was a smashing success. Is there a repeat on the horizon?



A

Unbelievably, yes. I can't believe we pulled it off. Everybody involved is looking forward to next year.

Q

Speaking of future endeavors, what project are you currently working on that you're most excited about?

A

I'm continuing to fill the gallery up with fun stuff for people to buy. During COVID I started doing a kid's show on YouTube starring Larry Woodchuckski in *Larry's Wild Life*. I'm going to kick that back into gear. It should be a lot easier shooting in a heated studio and not in the woods wearing a woodchuck costume during hunting season. We're also continuing to put on some amazing live shows.

O

We've all heard the expression starving artist. While I recognize it isn't about actual hunger, readers want to know, what is the best place in Cortland County for a hungry artist to eat?

A

It IS about actual hunger! I am a foodie, and I miss eating food that doesn't have cheese on it, but that is a small price to pay to be back in CNY. I love the beet salad at The Community, the riggies at the *Green Arch* and hanging out at The Hollywood watching all the movie stars eat pizza.

Contland Gallery Guide County's

Tour Cortland County's diverse art scene, where local, regional, and national artists shine in captivating galleries.

Feast your eyes on inspired works that cater to every visual appetite. Let the exploration begin!

AKE GALLERY

Dive into the world of affordable and playful fine art! Featuring local and regional talents, including humorist Paul Kozlowski, whose work graces the halls of Cartoon Network and the collections of celebs like Bill Maher and Bobcat Goldthwait. Plus, enjoy live music, open mic nights, and stand-up for an entertaining and welcoming atmosphere for all.



DOWD GALLERY

This hidden gem has been on the SUNY Cortland campus since 1967. Hosting up to seven exhibitions annually of nationally and internationally acclaimed contemporary artists and a permanent collection spanning from the 13th to the 21st centuries.



FROG POND FOLK ART GALLERY

Crafted by the Ferro family of Little York, Frog Pond Folk Art Gallery is a treasure trove of whimsical wonders. From metal sculptures and fantasy furniture to pottery and paintings, the creations seamlessly blend function and fantasy, and have captivated audiences worldwide.

THE GALLERY AT THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Since 2005, this intimate space has showcased 150+ exhibits featuring local, regional and national artists. Immerse yourself in sculptures, photography, and paintings set against dazzling stained-glass windows. Don't skip the yearly Community Arts Challenge for an extra dose of creativity!

SIKORA ARTS

Step into SikoraArts, where the vibrant spirit of American Abstractionism comes to life. From the footprints of Abstract masters to avant-garde movements, the gallery explores chromatic vibrations and luministic inquiries with forceful cultural endeavors

Bonus! Don't miss these small artistic hubs that are a perfect lunch break retreat: Corset Building Gallery, McNeil Building Gallery, The Picture House and The Gallery at Cortland Free Library.

Explore the Cortland Art Trail Map at cortlandartsconnect.org.

Discover the artist within you!

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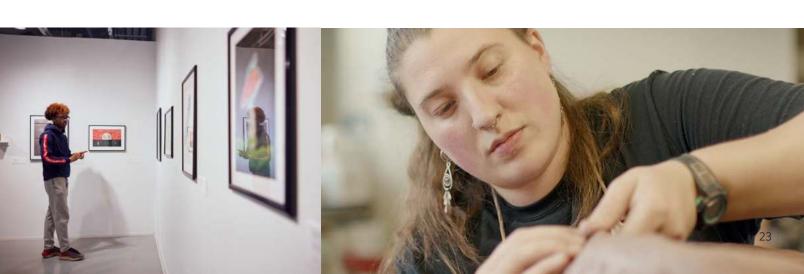
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Explore Cortland County's

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Embark on a colorful journey through Cortland County's vibrant mural landscape, where streets become galleries, and each wall tells a tale of creativity, history and community spirit.





/ Fee/ Home 50 Main Street, Cortland Artist: Molly Reagan



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Grace 75 E. Court Street, Cortland Artist: Crystal Lyon



Experience Cortland 42 Main Street, Cortland Artist: Molly Reagan



Edmonia & Angeline Mural 10 Main Street, McGraw Artist: Emily Gibbons



Homer Hardware 2 Wall Street, Homer Artist: Unknown

Local Artists Spotlight

Experience the vibrant arts and culture of Cortland County, fueled by the incredible talents of our local artists! Embrace the joy of supporting these creators, owning art that not only tells a story, but also connects you to a lively and creative community.



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MICHELLE LOGERFO

ig.com/sporkdoodly

With Michelle, art is found in everything – from traditional paint and clay to the unconventional allure of unrecyclable garbage. Embrace the unexpected and let your creativity soar in ways you never imagined.



EMILY GIBBONS

artbyemilygibbons.com

Drawing inspiration from her travels and loved ones, Emily's vibrant watercolor paintings tell stories of places and moments, from local scenery to Ireland's breathtaking vistas. Anticipate a touch of wanderlust and personal connection to each piece.



MOLLY REAGAN

goodneighborart.com

Discover an artist who transforms the ordinary into a vibrant celebration of joy. With a background in music and art, her bold, illustrative creations invite everyone to relish in shared moments of beauty.



JULIA MASLIN

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With a green thumb and an eye for art, Julia cultivates her unique macramé pieces using textures, vintage elements and upcycled materials. From plant hangers to hat hangers, each piece is a meticulously crafted masterpiece that blooms with creativity from seed to finish.



THOM BULLMAN

bullairs.com

The Ink Master Alumni turned sneaker and apparel virtuoso, Thom's creations are a tribute to 80s and 90s nostalgia. Join the ranks of legendary directors, television stars and wrestling icons who covet his exclusive and limited designs.



LUKE DANGLER

lukedangler.com

Luke's meticulously painted pieces are a visual delight, but be on the lookout for the clever touch of humor hidden within. Once you catch it, you'll find a whole new level of appreciation for his witty and charming creations.



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Curtains Up! Cortland Repertory Theatre

Over the last 52 years, Cortland Repertory Theatre, widely known as CRT, has become part of the heart and soul of Cortland County. As one of New York State's showbiz veterans, CRT welcomes both locals and travelers each year into two unique theaters hosting a variety of productions such as mainstage plays, musicals, stand up comedy and so much more.



For over five decades, **Cortland Repertory Theatre** (**CRT**) has been the beating heart
of Cortland County's cultural scene. As one
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draws in locals and visitors to their two
distinctive theaters with a diverse lineup of

plays, musicals, live music, and so much more.

It all began in 1972 at the quaint Little York Pavilion in Dwyer Memorial Park with "Fiddler on the Roof," marking the start of CRT's journey from a former snack bar to a beloved theater destination. Over the years, the summer lineup has expanded to include three musicals and three non-musicals, a testament to the theater's evolution. Beyond the performances, CRT has been a breeding ground for talent, nurturing stars like Oscar-winner Holly Hunter and Tony-winning director Joe Mantello.



In 2015, CRT further expanded its reach with a downtown Cortland venue, converting a 1930s car dealership into a black box/cabaret hub for various events, including stand-up comedy, concerts, cabaret nights and community dances.

BONUS

The Whiting Theatre at the Center for the Arts serves as a venue for live theater productions presented by the Center Players. The Ruth E. Dowd Fine Arts Center Theatre at SUNY Cortland is a hub for SUNY's cultural events, including theatrical performances and musical showcases.

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From Steeples to Stereos

These two unconventional venues are making and showcasing music in an atmosphere as extraordinary as our county. Experience the fusion of traditional architecture and modern sound as these exceptional establishments become the backdrop for extraordinary talents.

ROSE HALL

It's not every day that a musician has the opportunity to lay down tracks beneath stained glass windows or perform live in a more than 100-year-old cathedral. Breaking barriers and bridging the gap between tradition and innovation, art and architecture collide in perfect harmony at Rose Hall.

Founded in 2018 by the Dan & Rose McNeil Foundation, Rose Hall was conceptualized as a space where local, regional and national acts could perform, stream and record their music. Today, Rose Hall boasts a recording studio, video streaming hub, three control rooms, and a tracking room, as well as a 500-seat main stage and intimate 90-person listening room. Every detail in the former church has been thoughtfully designed to curate a unique experience, from spectacular light shows for bombastic rock concerts to candlelit singer/songwriter sessions in the listening lounge.

From rock shows to orchestral performances, the wide gamut of genres sharing the stage at Rose Hall means there is something for everyone's taste. Whether you want to bask in the melodic melodies of a legend or discover an up-and-coming talent.

CENTER FOR THE ARTS OF HOMER

More than 130 years ago, The First Baptist Church of Homer was erected on the corner of Cayuga and South Main, and while it's no longer a church, this historic space has transformed into an artistic sanctuary. From intricate stained-glass windows to the electrifying beats of rock and roll, this church-turned-concert hall is a masterpiece blending art and music.

In June 2005, the Center for the Arts swung open its massive doors, hosting its first-ever concert featuring the Celtic rock sensation, the Glengarry Bhoys. Since then, hundreds of performers have graced the stage, playing to sold-out crowds, including the likes of Grace Potter, Henry Rollins, Ani DiFranco, David Sedaris and Macy Gray. And, with only 400 seats in the soaring cathedral, there is never a bad seat in the house.

So much more than just a music venue, the Center for the Arts is home to an art gallery, business incubators, creative workshops and studio spaces, as well as providing a stage for local movie premiers and plays. This is a must-stop spot for art and music lovers traveling through Cortland County.





Step into the rhythm of nostalgia

Aerosmith, The Grateful Dead, Simon & Garfunkel, The Beach Boys—this roster reads like a who's who of music legends from the past 50 years. Yet, it merely scratches the surface of the countless musical acts that graced the SUNY Cortland stage. Explore SUNY Cortland's "golden era" of campus concerts through the *Musical Legacy Commemorative Project*. Shadowboxes mounted in the basement of Corey Union are packed with ticket stubs, newspaper articles, concert posters and 45 RPM records documenting performances between 1960 and 1990, including James Taylor, The Eagles and Cheap Trick. A Steinway piano, formerly played by the acclaimed "Piano Man" Billy Joel during the 70s at the school, remains on campus and continues to be utilized by performing arts students. | View this permanent exhibit at the SUNY Cortland Corey Union



Backyard Beats

Long before written language, songs held the history of humanity. From drum circles to ballads, music brought people together, often uniting cultures and ideas across generations. Cortland County has kept this tradition alive with homegrown annual music festivals. Created to help carve out a space to cultivate community in an ever-more disconnected world, Cortland County invites you to share in these grassroots festivals.

PORCHFEST CORTLAND

Ain't no party like a Porchfest party! In 2015, thanks to musically minded local artist Molly Reagan, porches became stages, lawns became venues and strangers became friends at the first-ever Cortland Porchfest. What began as a small gathering of friends and neighbors grew into an annual event attracting over 5000 visitors, with a parade, crafts and games, delicious eats and lots of live music. Featuring more than 30 live performances spanning folk to rock, and bagpipes to banjos, the diverse lineup captivates everyone throughout the day. The merch booth, staffed by incredible volunteers from the Cortland High School Student Council, boasts a line the length of Van Hoesen Street, as Molly's cheerful merch has gathered a bit of a cult following. August 2024 marks the 9th Annual Cortland Porchfest, rain or shine. So, strap on your dancing shoes and get ready for some front porch pickin', it's going to be a beautiful day in the neighborhood.

SEEDSTOCK MUSIC FESTIVAL

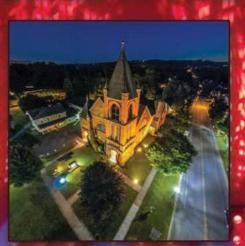
Nestled in the hills above downtown Cortland, within a century-old working farm, lies a picturesque natural amphitheater. Since 2008, this has been the home of Seedstock—once a house party featuring a handful of local bands and a couple hundred friends, now a unique, family-friendly overnight festival. Seedstock keeps the tunes going non-stop across two stages, featuring over a dozen local, regional and nationally touring bands spanning acoustic, bluegrass, rock, folk and funk. The Main Stage rests at the foot of the historic farmhouse, while the Forest Stage, reached through a wooded trail, is nestled between looming art sculptures and illuminated by a kaleidoscopic light show. Festival-goers stake out spots with hammocks, blankets and coolers on the lawn, while camping atop a knoll offers a night of dancing under the stars. Don't miss the quintessential Cortland County festival on the farm!





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Gail's Antiques is a time capsule bursting with vintage charm. Revel in the charm of bygone eras with vintage lamps, unique kitchenware and timeless pieces that scream "home sweet history." The curated space beautifully weaves textures, colors and eras, welcoming antiquers to a delightful trip to bygone days.



LOT 1 VINTAGE

Say hello to '90s nostalgia—from worn-in band tees to classic Levis, they've got the goods. Their carefully curated selection ensures you'll find grunge, prep or retro sports apparel that suits your vibe. Explore their collection or vintage shoes and hats, blending the best of the past with today's trends.



REAKE'S COUNTRY GOODS

Unearth vintage treasures like butter churns and graniteware for your kitchen gatherings or add a nostalgic flair with tea ware, wall pockets, and Hummel figurines. Dive into the vintage clothing corner – because who knew grandma's hat could be this season's must-have?

UPSTAIRS IN THE BARN

Discover a hidden gem inside a century-old barn at Little York Plantation. From vintage garden furniture to collector kitchenware, stylish jewelry to retro typewriters – it's a curio hunter's dream. Unearth unique home and garden goods, plus a collection of tools and taxidermied animals that'll leave you in awe.





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HOME BY MOLLY REAGAN

Purchase an original piece by Molly Reagan, a local artist whose work captures the soul of Cortland. It's more than just art; it's a piece of the community.

WHERE TO GET IT goodneighborart.com

As you embark on your Cortland County adventure, why not bring a piece of this vibrant community home with you? We've scoured the county to uncover one-of-a-kind souvenirs on everyone's wish list.

CORTLAND CURIOSITIES TOTE BAG

Dive into the whimsical world of Cortland with this quirky tote a carryall that not only showcases your love for the unusual, but is also perfect for toting around all your newfound treasures.

WHERE TO GET IT

Cortland County Visitors Center, 42 Main Street, Cortland

I VACATIONED IN HOMER, NY T-SHIRT

Sport your travel pride with a touch of humor! Grab this t-shirt, proudly proclaiming your getaway to Homer. It's a conversation starter and a fashion statement rolled into one.

WHERE TO GET IT

Homer Men & Boys, 11 S Main Street, Homer



COFFEE MANIA TRAVEL MUG

Take a sip of Cortland wherever you go with their unique travel mugs—the perfect companion for the road-trippin' caffeine enthusiast.

WHERE TO GET IT

Coffee Mania, 1142 NY-222 and 160 Port Watson Street. Cortland and 115 N West Street, Homer

CORTLAND COUNTY COVERLET

Wrap yourself in history with a cozy cotton tapestry. This unique souvenir is not just a blanket; it's a woven tale of the county's rich past.

WHERE TO GET IT

Cortland County Historical Society, 25 Homer Avenue

PRESS GURWITZ PERFUMERIE **REED DIFFUSER**

Scents by Press Gurwitz Perfumerie are produced entirely in Marathon with home aromas that are intentionally unexpected. The No 1 reed diffuser, for example, goes beyond basic to include sensual leather, spicy jasmine and green cardamom notes.



WHERE TO GET IT

Press Gurwitz Perfumerie, 6 E Main Street, Marathon

RED DRAGON APPAREL

Show off your SUNY Cortland pride with custom Red Dragon apparel from Bernard's Custom Logo. Whether it's on a shirt, hat or accessory, wear your allegiance with style.



WHERE TO GET IT

Bernard's Custom Logo, 31 Main Street, Cortland

DIA SKIRT

Dive into local fashion with a Dia Skirt from Magpie Custom Creations. Each skirt is a unique piece of wearable art, inspired by the vibrant spirit of Cortland.



WHERE TO GET IT

Magpie Custom Creations, 75 E Court Street, Cortland



SOAP OF THE MONTH CLUB

The gift that keeps on giving! Join the Cold Brook Farm Soap of the Month Club, and let your friends and family experience a year-round surprise. From Pumpkinfest Spice for October to Peppermint Snow Ball in January, each soap is a celebration of the season.



WHERE TO GET IT coldbrookfarm.com

Garage Route 90 Sale



Embark on a 50-mile treasure hunt along Route 90 from Homer to Montezuma. The last weekend of July brings an eclectic mix of garage sales, impromptu BBQs and unexpected finds. Explore wineries, breweries, shops and restaurants welcoming weary antiquers and bargain hunters. Happy hunting!





Navigating the sales

- Strap on comfy shoes
- ☑ Don't bank on plastic; cash is king!
- 🗹 keep a cooper stocked with water and snacks to stay fueled
- Early birds catch the deals, so hit the road early on Saturday for prime finds
- 🗹 Plan your pit stops ahead. Strategic potty breaks keep the adventure flowing smoothly!



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The Cortland Corset Building 75 East Court St, Cortland, NY www.CinchArtSpace.com 607-753-1304 Closed Sunday and Monday



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- ✓ Cortland Arts Off Main Festival
- Regional Photography Exhibit ... and much more

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Experience











Cortland Eye Center

Culinary Time Capsules

Check out these three historic eateries in Cortland County, serving up nostalgia alongside delicious dishes. They're a must for any foodie's list!

GREEN ARCH RESTAURANT

In 1930, Italian immigrant Francesca Discenza kickstarted her entrepreneurial journey, starting with a grocery store in the now Green Arch. The Elm Street business secretly doubled as the East End's only speakeasy during Prohibition, earning Francesca a citation for serving booze undercover. Over the years, it morphed into a lively dance hall that once hosted the legendary Louis Armstrong and served Francesca's delicious tomato pie, the first to do so in Cortland. Now run by family friend Matt Petrella, this historic spot still serves classic Italian dishes and its famous homemade "Arch Sauce" – and, of course, the beloved Old Fashioned.

COMMUNITY RESTAURANT



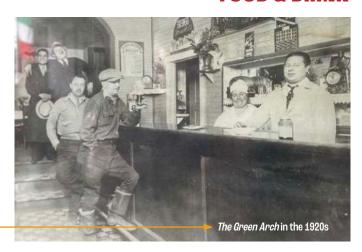
The Community Restaurant has been a culinary cornerstone is downtown Cortland since its humble beginnings as the Community Coffee Shop in the early 20th century. It shifted gears to the Community Grill in 1930, ultimately finding its identity in 1963 when

the Souzas family took the reins. Today, Evan Souzas proudly continues the legacy, specializing in hearty Greek comfort dishes, with a nod to some American and Italian fare. It boasts CNY's largest bourbon collection and the beloved seasonal favorite, the Tom & Jerry.



MELODYLAND

Established in 1932, Melodyland has the distinction of being the oldest family-run restaurant in Cortland County. From its pizza parlor origins, it's passed down through generations, now run by Maria Reitano and her daughter, Lisa. Today, locals flock for classic dishes like homemade spaghetti and ravioli, all served with a side of tradition. With a full bar sans fruity drinks and unique salad dressing options—Italian, Italian or Italian—Melodyland stays true to its roots. Pro tip: Cash or check only; no credit cards accepted.



Eat around the world!

Lofongo at La Bamba

Chicken stuffed with mofongo (smashed plantain and garlic). Pair it with a side of yuca and vegetables.



Chile relleno with pulled chicken and chipotle sauce. Served with rice and guacamole salad.

The Shishtawooc at Pita Gourmet

Marinated char-broiled skewer of chicken served with rice and a traditional salad or soup.

Mama's Spags and Balls at Rex's Pasta

Angel hair pasta with homemade meatballs lathered in their homemade house tomato sauce.

Tonkotsu Ramen at Yori House

Fresh ramen noodles topped with boiled egg, green onions, and fresh bean sprouts with rich, savory bone broth topped with chashu (sliced pork belly)





Sando Showdown! The Best Handhelds in Town

Get ready to embark on a flavor-packed journey as we unveil the sandwich secrets of Cortland County! From towering classics to offbeat delights, this list spills the beans (and condiments) on the local sammie sensations.



DOUG'S FISH FRY

Must-try: This staple doesn't mess around when it comes to fried fish. The fresh fish is breaded, fried and served skinless atop a seeded bun that covers maybe a third of the large filet. Add tartar sauce for an extra kick.



GORGERS CORTLAND

Must-try: Here, the sandwiches are served on housemade bread including the **banh mi**, loaded with shredded beef or pork belly, along with mayo, cucumbers, pickled carrots, sriracha, hoisin and cilantro.



NEW YORK BAGEL

Must-try: Peruse the menu above the deli counter to find your perfect sandwich, although it's worth shouting out the **Kickin' Chicken,** with lettuce, avocado, salsa, chipotle mayo and cheddar.

M&D DELI

Must-try: Great choices include the **Garlic Beef Grinder** and **The Turkey Italiano**, but one standout for its simplicity and excellence is the **Classic Reuben**, generously stuffed with corned beef, sauerkraut, Swiss Cheese & Russian Dressing on Rye (pictured below).



PONTILLO'S

Must-try: Is there anything better than Italian meatballs in tomato sauce with melted mozzarella? We'll wait. Try this classic, the **Meatball Parmigiana**, in your choice of a white or wheat toasted roll.

TRUXTON OUTPOST

Must-try: Five ingredients are all that's needed to make this supremely satisfying sandwich that strikes the best balance of salty and sweet. Meet **The McGraw**-ham, brushfire bacon and Swiss cheese drizzled with honey.



NICKY C'S

Must-try: If you're only going to try one sandwich, make it the **Chicken Panuozzi**, with marinated chicken, fontina cheese, pesto, arugula and Vinny's Italian hot pepper spread on focaccia, which makes it easy to bite into, but not too mushy.

QUEEN SUBS

Must-try: Your end-of-week lunch should be a giant **Taco Sub** smothered in sour cream, taco seasoned meatballs, your choice of veggies and topped with crushed Doritos.

Gluten-Free Meals

5 TO TRY: YOUR GLUTEN-FREE ADVENTURE STARTS HERE



1. Bob's BBQ

BBQ Chicken with Salt Potatoes and Sweet Corn

2. Brix Pubaria

Hot Honey Brick Oven Pizza

- 3. Dasher's Corner Pub Clam Chowder
- **4. Smash Me 607** Philly Cheese Steak Fries
- 5. Trax Pub & Grill
 The Elk in Rut

Communicate any dietary restrictions with staff for optimal accomodation of your needs.



Coffee

and Confections

Whether you're looking for a morning cup of joe, a lunchtime pick-me-up or an after-dinner treat, Cortland County is ready to fill your cup and satisfy your sweet tooth.

BRU 64

Not your average coffee joint—it's an upscale caffeine haven! Get cozy with fresh coffee, muffins, cookies and breakfast bites in this warm, friendly spot.

COFFEE MANIA

Fuel your day at one of three drive-thru locations. Sip joy from single origins to inventive specialties. Embark on flavor challenges, journeying to all three locations for 20+ uniquely featured flavors!

COMMON GROUNDS

Enjoy locally roasted coffee, specialty drinks and a variety of teas. Top your cold (or hot) drink with their thick, fluffy, flavorful cold foam, and grab a baked treat from Bread + Batter Bakes for the perfect pick-me-up.

EAST SIDE BAKERY

The sweetheart of Cortland's east side for over 15 years. From traditional Italian loaves to cannolis, cakes to half-moon cookies, they're the masters of homemade decadence

THE EXCHANGE BAKERY

Dive into a menu where gluten-free and regular goodies mingle, complemented by the perfect cup of freshly brewed coffee.

FROSTED

Indulge in delightful pies, cheesecakes, Italian cookies, and specialty cakes. Unleash festive fun with holiday cutouts and cookie decorating kits.

PRANDIUM CAFÉ

Your go-to spot for café classics, specialty brews, and breakfast bites. Ideal for your next WFH—or, work from coffee shop—session.

SINFULLY SWEET CAFÉ

Dive into decadence with homemade truffles, mini cheese cakes, oversized cookies, and the star attraction – fudge crafted with real cream and butter

MADAM HATTER'S TEA HOUSE & SHOPPING EMPORIUM

A must-stop for tea lovers. The self-serve tea bar features rotating flavors and two delicious boba options. You can also purchase tea accessories, kettles infusers, and loose-leaf and bagged teas to take home.





It's a Revolution!

Yo, foodie fam! If you've been sleeping on the local food scene in Cortland County, it's time to wake up and smell the sweet scent of homegrown goodness. Say hello to Cortland Harvest, the MVP of all things locally sourced and homegrown in the heart of Cortland County. This ain't your grandma's canned pickles; it's a whole movement celebrating the hard work of our local farmers and producers. Whether you're a born-and-bred local or just passing through, Cortland Harvest has your taste buds covered. Check out some products of the hippest food movement around



COOPER HILL MAPLE

Syrup so sweet, it's like tapping into a golden treasure. From pure maple syrup to maple granulated sugar, maple cream and maple cotton candy, the possibilities are endless. Pancakes, rejoice!

fb.com/BoicesinMarathonNY

Z'S NUTTY RIDGE

New York State's first hazelnut orchard has been nut-deep in the hazelnut game for 30 years, planting and breeding these little flavor bombs on their farm. Purchase and plant a tree and join the hazelnut revolution! znutty.com

FOOD & FERMENTS

Probiotics with a side of pizzazz. These guys are fermenting the funk right into your gut! Serving up edible alchemy with lactose-fermented, locally grown vegetables. But hold your pickle, there's more! They're not just fermenting veggies; they're turning sweet teas into fizzy kombucha magic. foodandferments.com

HOLLENBECK'S CIDER MILL

This family-owned cider mill and bakery combo has been crafting apple magic since 1933. Side effects may include extreme apple-induced happiness, uncontrollable cravings for pie and the irresistible urge to become a regular. hollenbeckscidermill.com

QUACKHEAD HOLLOW

Duck, duck, goose... and a whole lot of flavor! Quackhead Hollow ducks the ordinary with their top-notch poultry. Duck eggs, anyone? Quack yes! ig.com/quackheadhollow

NIPOTINA HERB FARM

It's time to throw a party in your teacup! From soothing teas to healing potions, Nipotina's herbs have medicinal mojo that'll make your grandma's chicken soup jealous.

ig.com/nipotinaherbfarm

Cortland Harvest is your food GPS, guiding you straight to the good stuff. Visit fb.com/cortlandharvest for a flavor-packed adventure.





Farmers Markets

With all the farms in Cortland County, it's a given that the community farmers' markets here are a must. There are plenty of markets throughout the county, selling everything from tart cherries to pumpkins to eggs.





Cincinnatus Farmers' Market May-Oct, Saturdays from 9am-noon Rural Services Pavilion, Cinncinatus rursrvs.org/farmers-market.html

Cortland City Farmers Market

May-Oct, Tuesdays & Saturdays from 8am-2pm Court Street, Cortland

fb.com/cortlandcityfarmersmarket

Homer Farmers' Market

July-Sept Second Saturdays from 9:30am-12:30pm Phillips Free Library, Homer fb.com/homerfarmersmarket



Farm Fresh

Whether it's picking your own fruit, selecting the perfect holiday tree or exploring local markets and festivals, there's ample opportunity to create fun memories with nature and load up on fresh goodies in this vibrant community.



U-PICK FARMS

Dive into the sweet world of blueberries at Hall's Hill, Solon Gardens and Twin Tower Blueberry Farms. Cherry Knoll Farm also produces the beautiful ripe, flavorful berries used in their blueberry wines. Cobblestone Valley Farm, a family legacy since 1886, lets you pick your own strawberries in June and offers year-round organic, pastureraised bacon. For autumn vibes, Theresa's Pumpkin Patch is your pumpkin paradise, complete with wheelbarrows for those giant gourds. Come winter, channel your inner lumberjack at Dog Hollow, Pitman's and Hill of Beans Christmas Tree Farms for the perfect holiday centerpiece.

MAPLE & HONEY

Savor the sweetness of Cortland County's maple and honey treasures! Dive into the maple scene with Cooper Hill Maple, Button Maple and Ensign Family Maple producers, celebrated at the lively CNY Maple Festival in Marathon each spring. For golden goodness, taste Wild Aster Honey at Exodus Apiary or indulge in natural, raw delights from Gridley Hollow, crafting honey, beeswax candles and soaps since 1989.

LIFE ON THE FARM

Get hands-on and make memories on these Cortland County farms. Get cozy with friendly farm animals at **Daisy Hollow Farm**—goats, bunnies, cows, mini horses and more! Grab a day pass for family-friendly adventures, from animal playtime to garden strolls, hikes and pony rides. At **Trinity Valley Farm**, dive into a fourth-generation farm tour, where kids learn about cheese and milk production, bond with baby calves and even whip up a nutritional meal for the cows, topped off with a refreshing Chocolate Milk treat!

FARM STANDS

Don't feel like picking? Opt for convenience with already-picked goodies at a local farmers' market or stand. There are plenty of farmers' markets throughout the county, selling everything from tart cherries to pumpkins to eggs. Explore outdoor markets in Cincinnatus, Cortland and Homer, or head to McGraw Box Brewing for an indoor option. Farm stands like Anderson's Farm Market, Dave's Veggies and Reakes Country Goods offer more fresh picks, or if you're into fresh-cut flowers, Catalpa Flower Farm and Always Bloom have you covered.



Business Directory

MUSEUMS

1890 House Museum

37 Tompkins Street, Cortland 607-756-7551 the1890house.org

Alice's Dowry for the Arts

2789 State Route 26, Cincinnatus fb.com/cincyheritage

CNY Living History Center

4386 US-11, Cortland 607-299-4185 cnylivinghistory.org

Cortland County Historical Society

25 Homer Avenue 607-756-6071 cortlandhistory.org

Cortland Rural Cemetery

110 Tompkins Street, Cortland 607-756-6022 cortland-rural-cemetery.com

NYS Country Music Park

1824 NY-13, Cortland 607-334-8109 cortlandmusicpark.org

THEATRE & LIVE MUSIC

Center for the Arts of Homer

72 S. Main Street, Homer 607-749-4900 center4art.org

Cortland Repertory Theatre - Downtown

24-26 Port Watson Street, Cortland 607-756-2627 cortlandrep.org

Cortland Repertory Theatre - Little York Pavilion

6799 Little York Park Road, Preble 607-756-2627 cortlandrep.org

Rose Hall

19 Church Street, Cortland rosehallcortland.org

ART GALLERIES & STUDIOS

Ake Gallery

165 S. Main Street, Ste 14L, Cortland paulkozlowski.com

Cortland Arts Connect

17-29 Main St Suite 208, Cortland cortlandartsconnect.org

Dowd Fine Arts Center

40 Graham Avenue, Cortland 607-753-4216 fb.com/dowdgallery

Forged from Ashe Studios

75 E. Court Street, Cortland 607-834-0084 forgedfromashe.com

Frog Pond Folk Art Gallery

5969 NY-281, Little York 607-749-6056 fb.com/frogpondfarmartgallery

The Gallery at the Center for the Arts

72 S. Main Street, Homer 607-749-4900 center4art.org/art-gallery

Magpie Custom Creations

75 E. Court Street, Cortland 607-591-9652 magpiecortland.com

McNeil Building Gallery

17 Main Street, 1st Floor Hallway, Cortland cortlandartsconnect.org/mcneil-gallery

Pottery Works Cortland

75 E. Court Street, Cortland 607-543-4144 potteryworkscortland.com

Sikora Arts

1010 McLean Road, Cortland 607-597-9227 sikoraarts.com

OUTDOOR

Labrador Mountain

6935 Rt. 91, Truxton 607-842-6204 skicny.com/labrador

Lime Hollow Nature Center

338 McLean Road, Cortland 607-662-4632 limehollow.org

Greek Peak Mountain Resort

2000 NY-392, Cortland 800-955-2754 greepeak.net

Song Mountain Resort

1 Song Mountain Road, Tully 315-696-5711 skicny.com/song

The Adventure Center

1856 NY-392, Cortland 866-376-3907 greekpeak.net

GOLF

Elm Tree Golf Course

283 Rt. 13, Cortland 607-753-1341 elmtreegolfcourse.com

Knickerbocker Country Club

5714 Telephone Road, Cincinnatus 607-863-3800 knickerbockercc.com

Maple Hill Golf Club

1561 Conrad Road, Marathon 607-849-3285 golfmaplehillgc.com

Walden Oaks Golf Club

3369 Walden Oaks Blvd., Cortland 607-753-9452 waldenoakscc.com

Willowbrook Golf Club

3267 Rt. 215, Cortland 607-756-7382 willowbrookcortland.com

ATTRACTIONS

281 Bowl

3809 NY-281, Cortland 607-756-5737 281bowlinc.com

Axe Me 607

3931 West Road, Cortland axeme607.com

Caddy Shack Mini Golf

2609 State Rt. 26, Cincinnatus 607-863-4330

Cincinnatus Bowling Barn

2830 NY-26, Cincinnatus 607-279-5996 fb.com/cincinnatusbowlingbarn

Cort-Lanes

928 NY-13, Cortland 607-753-3323

Cortland Mini Golf

NY-13, Cortland 607-753-1398

Hi-Lanes

8 Prospect Street, Homer NY 607-749-3300

Hope Lake Disc Golf

2195 Clute Rd, Cortland 866-376-3907 greekpeak.net/outdoor-adventure-center

Now Here Pinball

839 NY-13, Cortland 607-345-6368 fb.com/nowherepinball

Shipwreck Amusements

759 Rt. 13, Cortland 607-758-8585 shipwreckamusements.com

FARMERS MARKETS & FARM STANDS

Anderson's Farm Market

5887 NY Rt. 281, Homer 607-749-5551 andersonsfarmmarket.com

Catalpa Flower Farm

116 N. West Street, Homer 315-825-5531 fb.com/catalpaflowerfarm

Cincinnatus Farmers Market

2704 Lower Cincinnatus Road, Cincinnatus 607-863-7828 rursrvs.org

Cortland City Farmers Market

Court Street, Cortland fb.com/cortlandcityfarmersmarket

Dave's Veggies

5178 NY-41, Homer 607-543-0226

Homer Farmers Market

40 South Main Street, Homer fb.com/homerfarmersmarket

Reakes Country Goods

4107 NY-13, Truxton 607-842-6322 reakescountrygoods.net

McGraw Box Brewing Indoor Farmers Market

1 Spring Street, Marathon 607-836-1086 fb.com/mcgrawboxbrewing

SPECIALTY AG PRODUCERS

For an extensive list of locally grown and produced food, visit fb.com/cortlandharvest

Button Maple Products

4870 Telephone Road, Cincinnatus 607-863-3879

Cooper Hill Maple

291 Cooper Hill Road, Marathon 607-279-5526 fb.com/BoicesinMarathonNY

Daisy Hollow Farm

830 Daisy Hollow Road, Dryden 607-423-6827 daisyhollowfarm.com

Exodus Apiary

939 NY-222, Cortland 607-591-5227 fb.com/ExodusApiary

Ensign Family Maple

4007 NY-221 East, Marathon 607-849-7836 fb.com/ensignfamilymapleproducts

Food & Ferments

215-954-8243 foodandferments.com

Gridley Hollow Honey Co.

1819 Tone Road, Cortland 607-849-3804 gridleyhollow.com

Hollenbeck's Cider Mill

1265 NY-392, Virgil 607-835-6455 hollenbeckscidermill.com

Tartan Acres

707 Houghton Hill Road, Homer 315-729-9358 tartanacres.com

Trinity Valley Dairy Farm

2847 NY-13, Cortland 607-345-6772 trinityvalleydairy.com

U-PICK FARMS

Cherry Knoll Farm

3426 Hoxie Gorge Freetown Road, Marathon 607-849-6886 cherryknollfarm.com

Cobblestone Valley Farms

2100 Preble Road, Homer 607-591-9607 cobblestonevalley.com

Dog Hollow Christmas Tree Farm

5932 Dog Hollow Road, Cuyler 607-842-6890 fb.com/doghollowtreefarm

Hall's Hill Blueberry Farm

2100 Tower Road, Cortland hallsbillblueberryfarm.com

Hill of Bean's Christmas Tree Farm

5405 Chapman Road, Cortland 607-345-4199 hillofbeanstreefarm.com

Pitman's Tree Farm

1291 Parker Street, Marathon NY 607-745-4667

Solon Gardens

3673 NY-41, Cincinnatus 607-836-8972

Twin Tower Blueberry Farm

4113 NY-221, Marathon 607-316-4800 fb.com/ttbfmarathon

SHOPPING

A Kaleidoscope of Quilts

6270 Little York Lake Road, Preble 607-749-2628 akaleidoscopeofquilts.com

Area 51

75 E. Court Street, Cortland 607-591-4797 fb.com/area51andthecrowesnest

Arnold's Florist

29 Cayuga Street, Homer 607-749-2631 arnoldsflorist.net

Artisan Elements

77 S. West Street, Homer fb.com/ArtisanElementsHomerNY

Ash Décor

1 S. Main Street, Homer 607-749-2148 ashdecor.co

Bernard's Custom Logo

31 Main Street, Cortland 607-756-5951 bernardscustomlogo.com

Bev & Co

1 S. Main Street, Homer 607-749-2148 bevandco.com

Bull Airs

22 Groton Avenue, Cortland 607-344-3005 bullairs.com

Cinch Art Space

75 E. Court Street, Cortland 607-753-1304 cinchartspace.com

Cinnamon Apple Cottage

3797 Luker Road, Cortland 607-749-3130 valleyviewgardensny.com

Crown City Curiosities

75 E. Court Street, Cortland 315-870-5070 fb.com/crowncitycuriosities

Country Blessings

10 Main Street, Cortland 607-213-4222

Gail's Antiques & Collectibles

2 Wall Street, Homer 607-749-7700

Good Threads

24 Main Street, Cortland 607-299-4610 goodthreademb.com

Homer Men and Boys

11 S. Main Street, Homer 607-749-3314 homermenandboys.com

Madam Hatter's Tea House & Shopping Emporium

4 Main Street, Cortland 607-423-2650 justchillcustomgifting.com

Lot 1 Vintage

79 Main Street, Cortland 607-543-4223 lot1vintage.com

Magpie Custom Creations

75 E. Court Street, Cortland 607-591-9652 magpiecortland.com

Olde Homer House

44 James Street, Homer 607-756-0750 oldehomerhouse.com

The Point

11 N. Main Street, Homer 607-423-3386 ig.com/thepointbymollierileyinteriors

Press Gurwitz Perfumerie

6 E. Main St, Marathon 607-319-3002 pressgurwitz.com

Reakes Country Goods

4107 NY-13, Truxton 607-842-6322 reakescountrygoods.net

Shakin' the Tree

23 S. Main Street, Homer 607-218-6076 shakinthetree.us

Shaw & Boehler Florist

31 Clinton Avenue, Cortland 607-756-2879 shawandboehlerflorist.com

Stramba Fiber Mill Studio & Store

6 W. Main Street, McGraw 724-614-8798 fb.com/StrambaFarmAndFiberMill

The Cortland Flower Shop

11 N. Main Street, Cortland 607-756-7569 cortlandflowershop.com

Truxton Outpost

3728 NY-13, Truxton 607-345-6466 truxtonoutpost.com

Upstairs in the Barn

6088 NY-281, Little York 315-696-8490 littleyorkplantation.com

VIBES by Hannah

72 S. Main Street, Homer fb.com/VibesbyHannah

Willow Lane Farmhouse

23 S. Main Street, Homer fb.com/WillowLaneFarmhouse

CRAFT BEVERAGE

Brand Y Distillery

3915 NY-281, Cortland 607-299-4059 ig.com/brandydistillery

Cortland Beer Company

16 Court Street, Cortland 607-662-4389 cortlandbeer.com

Dragonfyre Distillery

1062 Leonard Road, Marathon 607-849-9600 dragonfyredistillery.com

Homer Hops Brewing

700 NY-90, Cortland 607-207-9506 homerhops.com

McGraw Box Brewing

1 Spring Street, Marathon 607-836-1086 Mcgrawboxbrewing.com

DINING

A Pizza & More

104 Main Street, Cortland 607-753-7527 apizzaandmore.com

A Round Pizza

4943 NY-281, Cortland 607-299-4727 aroundpizza.com

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar

856 NY-13, Cortland 607-753-6031 applebees.com

Asian Delicious

1 Main Street, Cortland 607-662-0066 asiandelicious.com

A&W

883 NY-13, Cortland 607-756-2021 awrestaurants.com

Big Hunan

1124 NY-222, Cortland 607-756-4022 bighunan.com

Bob's BBQ

5290 NY-281, Homer 607-753-7098 bobsbarbecue.com

BRIX Pubaria

60 Main Street, Cortland 607-662-0006 brixpubaria.com

Carvers Steakhouse

2177 Clute Road, Virgil 607-853-6300 fb.com/carverssteakhouseCNY

Central City Bar & Grill

17 Central Avenue, Cortland 607-758-3300 centralcitybarandgrill.net

China Wok

30 E. Main Street, McGraw 607-836-4088

Community Restaurant

10 N. Main Street, Cortland 607-756-5441 thecommunityrestaurant.com

Cortland Buffet

2656 Rt. 281, Cortland 607-756-2799 menuquide.com/NY/Cortland/Cortland-Buffet

Cortland Diner

117 Main Street, Cortland 607-753-8304 cortlandmenus.com/cortland_diner.html

Dasher's Corner Pub

2 N. Main Street, Homer 607-299-4999 dasherspub.com

Denny's

1 River Street, Cortland 607-299-4106 dennys.com

Doug's Fish Fry

3638 West Road, Cortland 607-753-9184 dougsfishfry.com

D.P. Dough Cortland

7 Tompkins Street, Cortland 607-662-4226 dpdough.com

East Side Bakery

122 Elm Street, Cortland 607-756-4030 eastsidebakerycortland.com

The Exchange Restaurant

29 N. Main Street, Homer 607-218-6920 exchangehomerny.com

Gators Tavern

83 Owego Street, Cortland 607-756-6416 fb.com/GatorsTayernCortland

The Glen Haven

7434 Fair Haven Road, Homer 607-299-4526 theglenhaven.com

Green Arch Restaurant

107 Elm Street, Cortland 607-753-1481 greenarchcortland.com

Gorgers Cortland

101 Main Street, Cortland 607-344-3229 fb.com/GorgersCortland

Hairy Tony's

102 Main Street, Cortland 607-662-0239 hairytonys.com

Hiawatha Inn

3744 NY-13, Truxton 607-842-1050

Hobo's 281 Bar & Grill

10 S. West Street, Homer 607-749-2334 hobos281.com

Hollywood Restaurant

27 Groton Avenue, Cortland 607-753-3242 hollywoodcortland.com

Heuga's Alpine Restaurant & Bar

1 Song Mountain Drive, Tully 315-696-0006 heaugasalpine.com

Hyde's Diner

259 Tompkins Street, Cortland 607-753-8521 fb.com/HydesDiner

La Bamba Cuisine

160 Clinton Avenue, Cortland 607-218-6898 labambacuisine.com

Little Italy Pizzeria

125 S. Main Street, Homer 607-749-2344 littleitalyhomer.com

Los Lagos

13 Groton Avenue, Cortland 607-545-4268 loslagosny.com

Lucky Kitchen

15 S. Main Street, Homer 607-749-5288

Magro's Italia Pizzeria

5758 Telephone Road, Cincinnatus 607-863-4434 fb.com/cinncinatusmagros

Mamma Maria New York Pizzeria

1 E. Main Street, Marathon

Mangia Italian Restaurant

1071 NY-13, Cortland 607-605-1600 mangiacny.com

M&D Deli

19 Central Avenue, Cortland 607-753-8646 md-deli.com

Melodyland Restaurant

208 S. Main Street, Cortland 607-756-7381

Mijos Bar and Grill

9 W. Main Street, Marathon 607-849-6002 mijosbarandgrill.com

Moe's Southwest Grill

872 NY-13, Cortland 607-344-3058 moes.com

The Mountain View

6662 RT-281 Preble 607-662-4859 fb.com/themountainviewrestaurant

New York Bagel Cafe & Deli

33 Main Street, Cortland 607-591-7057 fb.com/newyorkbagelcortland

Nicky C's

12 S. West Street, Homer 607-749-5300 Nickycs.com

Perkins Restaurant

2 Locust Avenue, Cortland 607-753-8084 perkinsrestaurants.com

Pita Gourmet

41 Main Street, Cortland 607-756-4442 pitagourmet.com

Reilly's Cafe

8 E. Main Street, Marathon 607-849-6434 reillyscafe.com

Paddy's Pub

75 Owego Street, Cortland 607-344-3599 paddyspubcortland.com

Pontillo's Pizzeria

124 Groton Avenue, Cortland 607-753-3655 pontilloscortland.com

Pudgies Pizza & Subs

75 N. Main Street, Cortland 607-756-0900 pudgiescortland.com

The Puffin Bird

6935 NY-91, Truxton 607-842-6204 fb.com/LabradorMTN

Queen Subs

43 Port Watson Street, Cortland 607-500-7827 fb.com/queensubs

Rex's Pasta

1098 Rt. 222, Cortland 607-428-0221 rexspasta.com

Student Deli

134 Main Street, Cortland 607-753-6202 ig.com/studentdelicortland

The Rock Sports Bar & Grill

7 Tompkins Street, Cortland 607-662-4049 fb.com/therocksportsgrill

The St. Charles Hotel

83 Central Avenue, Cortland 607-662-4302 fb.com/stcharleshotel

Trax Pub & Grill

2000 NYS-392, Cortland 607-955-2754 fb.com/traxpubandgrill

Veracruzana Mexican Restaurant

10 Port Watson Street, Cortland 607-218-6480

Wild Ginger Asian Fusion

45 Main Street, Cortland 607-756-2888 wildgingerasiantogo.com

Yori House

114 Elm Street, Cortland 607-344-3444 yorihouse.com

CAFES & BAKERIES

BRU64

64 Main Street, Cortland 607-218-6731 bru64.com

Coffee Mania (Drive-Thru)

115 N West St, Homer 160 Port Watson Street, Cortland 1142 NY-222, Cortland cnycoffee.com

Common Grounds

165 S. Main Street, Ste. 9, Cortland 607-299-4100 fb.com/common.grounds.coffee.cortland

Country Blessings Cafe

10 E. Main Street, Marathon 607-213-4222

East Side Bakery

122 Elm Street, Cortland 607-756-4030 eastsidebakerycortland.com

The Exchange Bakery

29 N. Main Street, Homer 607-218-6920 ig.com/theexchangehomer

Frosted

133 Main Street, Cortland 607-662-4200

Prandium New York

185 Homer Avenue, Cortland 607-344-3070 fb.com/prandium.cortland

Madam Hatter's Tea House & Shopping Emporium

4 Main Street, Cortland 607-423-2650 justchillcustomgifting.com

Sinfully Sweet Cafe

17 S. Main Street, Homer 607-543-4568 fb.com/17SouthMain

Truxton Outpost

3728 NY-13, Truxton 607-345-6466 truxtonoutpost.com

ICE CREAM

Country Flavors

5935 NY-281, Little York 607-749-4595 fb.com/CountryFlavors

Drift In

471 NY-13, Deruyter 607-852-9873 fb.com/DriftIncny

Duff's Dairy Treat

2609 NY-26, Cincinnatus 607-863-4330 fb.com/DuffsDairyTreats

Footie's Freez

1061 NY-13, Cortland 607-753-0590 fb.com/FootiesFreez

The Frosty Caboose

107 Homer Avenue, Cortland fb.com/TheFrostyCaboose

The Little Treat Shoppe

3820 US Route 11, Cortland

Poole's Drive-In

3033 NY-13, Cortland 607-753-1912 fb.com/PoolesDriveIn

Shipwreck Amusement Center

759 NY-13, Cortland 607-758-8585 shipwreck-amusements.com

Super Cream Dairy Bar

75 N. West Street, Homer 607-749-3348 fb.com/SuperCreamDairyBar

So Good Ice Cream

13 S. West Street, Homer 607-481-2587 sogoodicecream.com

Mountainside Cones & More

1764 NY-392, Virgil 607-591-6224

LODGING

Best Western Finger Lakes Plus

3175 Finger Lakes East Drive, Cortland 607-756-2233 bestwestern.com

Clarion Inn & Suites

2 ½ Locust Avenue, Cortland 607-753-7721 choicehotels.com

Econo Lodge

10 Church Street, Cortland 607-756-2856 choicehotels.com

Fairfield by Marriott

3707 Route 281, Cortland 607-299-4455 marriott.com

Hampton Inn

26 River Street, Cortland 607-662-0007 hilton.com

Holiday Inn Express

4 ½ Locust Avenue, Cortland 607-299-0099 Ihq.com

Hometown Studios & Conference Center

2 River Street, Cortland 607-753-7609 redroof.com/extendedstay/hometownestudios

Hope Lake Lodge

2177 Clute Road, Cortland NY 13045 866-764-7017 hopelakelodge.com

Imperial Motel

28 Port Watson Street, Cortland 607-753-3383 imperialmotelcortland.us

Motel 6

3775 US Route 11, McGraw 607-753-7594 motel6.com

Quality Inn & Suites

188 Clinton Avenue, Cortland 607-756-5622 choicehotels.com

Red Roof Inn Cortland

28 River Street, Cortland 607-753-7609 redroof.com

Seven Valley Motel

46 Tompkins Street, Cortland 607-753-1515 7valleymotel.com

Three Bear Inn

3 Broome Street, Marathon 607-849-3258 threebearinnmarathonny.com

CAMPING

Campground at Hope Lake

1855 NY-392 Cortland 844-852-9312 greekpeak.net/the-campground-at-hope-lake

Country Hills Campground

116 Muckey Road, Marathon 607-849-3300 countryhillscampground.com

Country Music Park and Campground

1804 Route 13, Cortland 607-753-0377 cortlandmusicpark.org

Forest Lake Campground

5816 Hickey Road, Truxton 607-842-6401 forestlakecampground.com

Yellow Lantern Kampground

1770 NYS Route 13 North, Cortland 607-756-2959 yellowlanternkampground.com



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



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AIR TRAVEL

Syracuse Hancock International Airport

315-454-4330

1000 Col. Aileen Collins Blvd, Syracuse

syrairport.org

Located approximately 40 miles north of downtown Cortland, Delta, jetBlue, Southwest and United—with nonstop service

Air Travel continued

Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport

1 Culligan Drive, Ithaca

607-257-0456

flvithaca.com

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BY TRAIN

Amtrak (Syracuse) 1 Walsh Circle, Syracuse amtrak.com

RENTAL CARS

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BY BUS

Greyhound

60 Central Avenue, Cortland 607-758-3383 greyhound.com

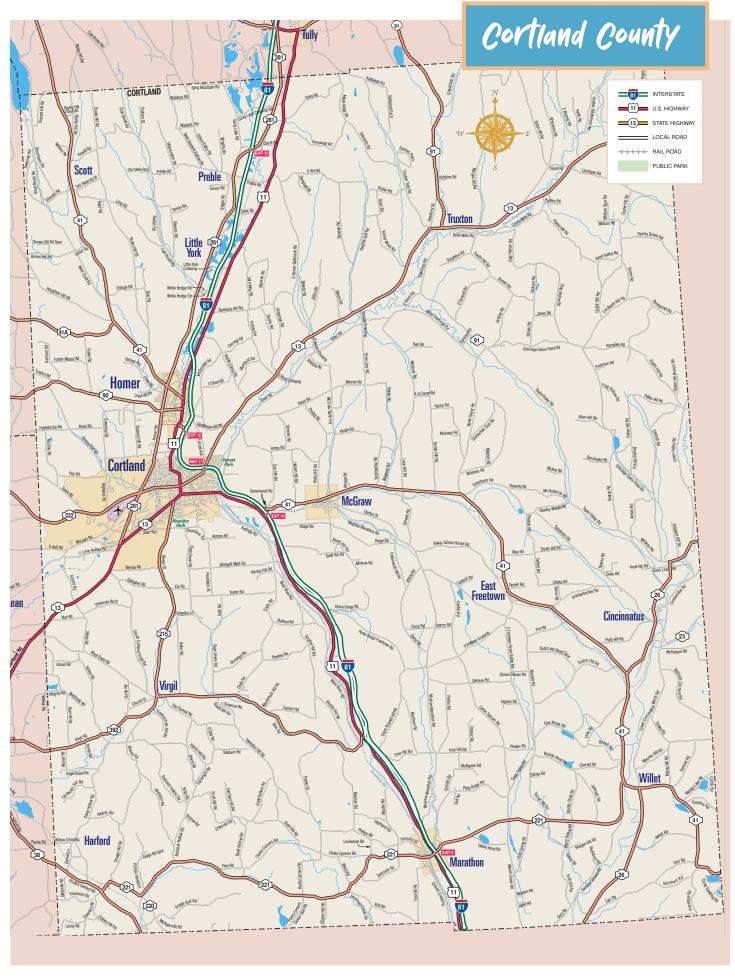
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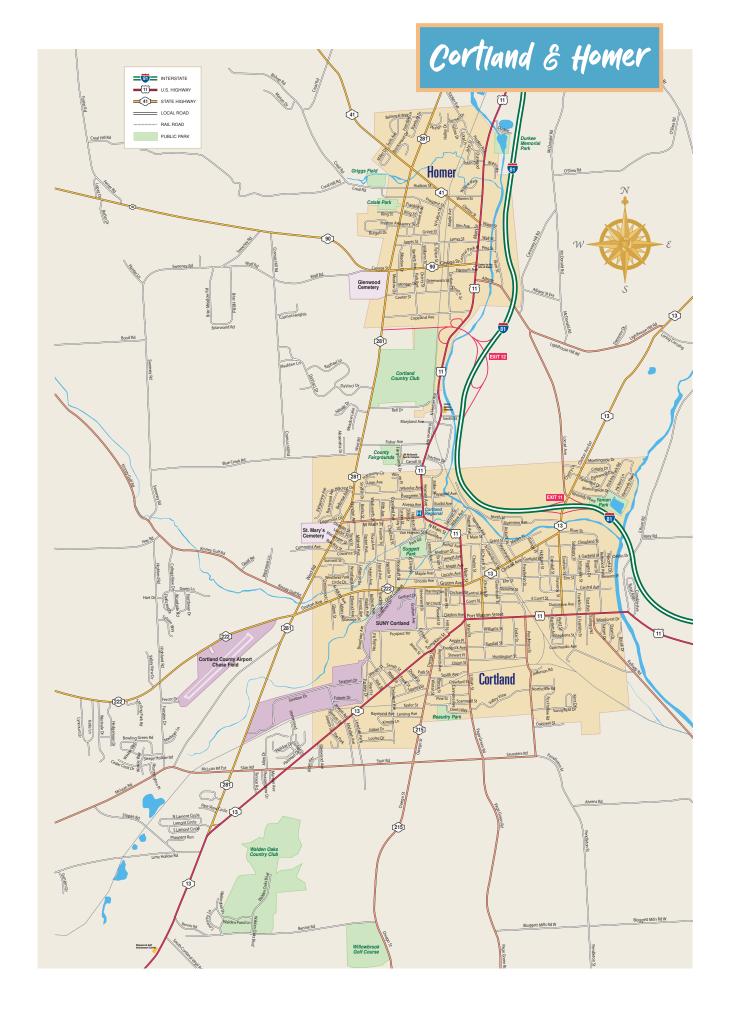
60 Central Avenue, Cortland 800-776-7548 trailways.com

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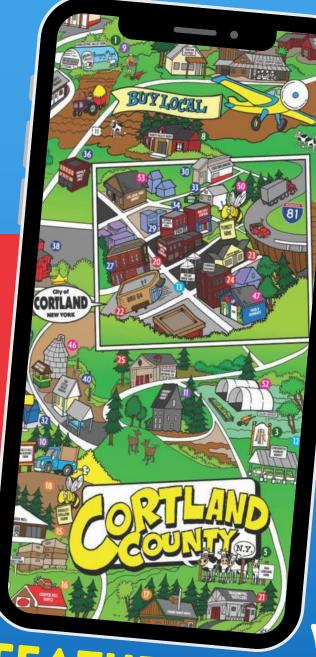
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