

# *The Catskills*

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# Excursion

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Catskills Scenic Route 30

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## Catskills Scenic Route 30 | 61 Miles

Catskill Scenic Route 30 travels from Hancock to Grand George along the East Branch of the Delaware River. For 61 miles, this route passes through historic towns, including Roxbury, Andes, Colchester and Middletown, offering motorists and cyclists easy access to an array of unique attractions. From Woodchuck Lodge, the summer retreat of American essayist John Burroughs, a stop on the Kaaterskill Clove Experience, to the Pepacton Reservoir offering paddling and fishing, and art galleries to fishing, Route 30 provides ample touring for motorcyclists and motorists.

*Explore:*

- Jay Gould Memorial Reformed Church's Tiffany Windows
- Delaware & Ulster Railroad
- Roxbury Motel

## Shawangunk Mountains Scenic Byway | 82 Miles

Travel through the Shawangunk Mountains, one of New York State's most famous rock climbing destinations, offering hiking trails, historic sites and boutique shopping. Highly regarded as an enclave for artists and artisans, this scenic route travels 82 miles from New Paltz to connect with rural New York State Routes: 208, 52, 209, 44, 55, 209 and 213.

Noted by the Nature Conservancy as one of "Earth's Last Great Places," the Shawangunks span 94,000 acres which include the Minnewaska State Park Preserve, the Mohonk Preserve and Sam's Point Preserve. Enjoy scenic views from your car, or get outside and explore 250 miles of hiking trails, 100 miles of mountain biking, 150 miles of cross-country skiing and epic rock climbing. Find scenic pull-offs, recreational areas, historic districts and unique lodging options.

*Explore:*

- Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge
- Mohonk Mountain House
- Huguenot Street National Historic Landmark



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## The Upper Delaware Scenic Byway | 53 Miles

The Upper Delaware Scenic Byway offers a leisurely drive on New York State Route 97 along the Delaware River. Motorists will enjoy scenic views of dramatic cliffs and expansive vistas, as well as access to a variety of watersports including tubing, paddling and fishing.

From Narrowsburg to Callicoon, the byway provides scenic cycling and driving. Explore Fort Delaware Museum and the Big Eddy Film Festival, watch for wildlife including Bald Eagles who nest along the river, and experience history at museums and art galleries. Dining, cultural and entertainment options abound along this 53-mile stretch of spectacular roadway.

*Explore:*

- Fort Delaware Museum
- Shad Festival
- RiverFest

## The Mountain Cloves Scenic Byway | 41 Miles

The Mountain Cloves Scenic Byway travels through the Northern Catskill Mountains, traveling the picturesque roads that brought centuries of artists, authors and visitors to this romantic landscape. Discover the stunning vistas and verdant valleys that inspired the birth of the Hudson River School of Art, and Washington Irving's Rip Van Winkle, and enjoy a variety of historic sites and natural wonders.

Travel along Routes 23A, 214, and County Routes 18, 23C and 25. From these roads, enjoy hiking to Kaaterskill Falls, the highest cascading waterfall in New York State, the former site of the Catskill Mountain House, Sunset Rock and Hunter Mountain, offering an array of family-friendly extreme adventure activities including the longest, highest and fastest zipline canopy tour in North America (and the second largest in the world).

*Explore:*

- Mountain Top Arboretum
- New York Zipline Adventure Tours
- North-South Lake



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## The Durham Valley Scenic Byway | 21 Miles

The Durham Valley Scenic Byway travels for 21 miles through the valleys of the Great Northern Catskills, passing by the Five State Lookout offering glimpses of the Hudson River Valley, Berkshires, Vermont, Connecticut, New Hampshire and the Adirondacks. This route is an interconnected network of historic roadways traversing the Durham Valley on routes 20, 10, and 208.

Highlights along this route include Hull-O Farms, a working farm offering farm stays, the historic district of Cornwallville, Catskill Creek for fishing and access to the region's incredible biking and events.

*Explore:*

- Catskills Irish Arts Week
- Irish Feiss
- Michael J. Quill Irish Cultural Center

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# Indulgence

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## DAY 1

Begin your trip at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts (866/781-2922) in Bethel, located at the site of the historic 1969 Woodstock Festival. The Center offers a variety of performances by nationally renowned classical, rock, country, pop and jazz artists. (Check schedule) Enjoy the multimedia telling of the story of the 1960s and the Festival at the Museum at Bethel Woods.

Take Route 17B west to Callicoon. Visit the Apple Pond Farm & Renewable Energy Education Center (845/482-4764), an organic horse-powered and renewable energy farm featuring tours, wagon rides, farm vacations, and more.

From Callicoon, take Route 97, the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway <http://www.upperdelawarescenicbyway.org>, for beautiful views, and runs along the Delaware River. Follow into the Village of Hancock <http://hancockareachamber.com> where you can stop for a bite and beverage at the Hancock House Hotel. <http://www.hancockhouse.com>. (607-637-7100)

From Hancock, take Route 17 East, to East Branch, where you will turn onto Scenic Highway North, following along the East Branch of the Delaware River to the Village of Downsville. Here you can choose to stop, take a leisurely canoe or kayak ride from Al's Sport Store <http://www.alssportstore.com> and stay over at the Downsville Motel [http://www.alssportstore.com/Downsville Motel](http://www.alssportstore.com/DownsvilleMotel) (607-363-7575), or just continue on your way; a somewhat crooked road, which takes you along the shores of the scenic Pepacton Reservoir.

Follow Route 30 North into Margaretville and eventually ending up in the Town of Roxbury, where you can dine at the Public Lounge (607/326-4026) with seriously fun cocktails and captivating video screens. Overnight at The Roxbury (607/326-7200), a "boutique motel" offering an innovative contemporary twist on the usual country lodging experience.



## DAY 2

Have breakfast in Roxbury, talk stroll through Kirkside Park - summer destination of the Gould dynasty or visit John Burroughs Memorial Field & Woodchuck Lodge (845/586-4973), or take bike ride or stroll on the Catskill Scenic Rail Trail.

Not that outdoorsy? Head back down Route 30 to Margaretville and along Route 28 to the town of Arkville, where you'll have plenty of breakfast choices including dining at the Arkville Bread and Breakfast!

Stroll the main street shops or antique stores. If you're into a little more shopping, head a little further east on Route 28 to Mount Tremper and The Emerson Country Store at Emerson Resort & Spa (845/688-2828). Browse country shops in a renovated 1841 barn and view colors of a different nature through the "world's largest kaleidoscope."

Take Route 28 east to Route 42 north to Route 23A east to Hunter Mountain Resort, home of the annual music festivals Mountain Jam (<http://mountainjam.com/>) and Taste of Country (<http://tasteofcountryfestival.com/>). Take in the scenery on the Skyride (<http://www.huntermtn.com/summer/skyride/>) and be sure to visit the statue of Rip Van Winkle when you get to the top. Feeling adventurous? Hike to the Fire Tower, the highest fire tower in New York State.

Ready for a bit to eat? Head east on Route 23A to the Village of Tannersville, the painted village in the sky. Stop at American Glory (<http://www.americanglory.com>) for BBQ, Pancho Villas (<http://panchovillasmex.com/>) for Mexican, or Maggie's Krooked Café (<http://www.krookedcafe.com/wp/>) for a home cooked meal. Tannersville is a great place to walk around and visit the antique shops and country stores.

Continue east on Route 23A. Just after the town of Haines Falls look for signs and the parking area for Kaaterskill Falls. Take the challenging one-mile round trip hike to see the highest, cascading, two-tiered waterfall in New York State. Continue east on Route 23A to I-87, the NYS Thruway, and head south to Kingston. Dine at The Armadillo Bar and Grill (845/339-1550), with its Southwestern cuisine. Overnight in Kingston.



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## DAY 3

Visit the Old Dutch Church (845/338-6759), first built in 1659 and rebuilt in the 1700s. The site contains the grave of George Clinton, New York's colonial governor from 1743 to 1753. Next, visit the Hudson River Maritime Museum (845/338-0071), the only museum in New York State exclusively dedicated to preserving the maritime heritage of the Hudson River. Stroll through the old boat shop; after, visit the historic 1913 Rondout Lighthouse.

Take Route 28 west and Route 375 north into Woodstock. Visit the Woodstock Guild/Byrdcliffe Art Colony (845/679-2079), possibly the oldest continuously-operating arts and crafts colony in the nation. If you're more adventurous, hike to the top of the fire tower on Overlook Mountain and see Woodstock below, the surrounding Catskill Mountains, the Hudson River, and even the Berkshire Mountains.

Lunch at Woodstock's organic Garden Café on the Green (845/679-3600), or Joshua's (845/679-5533), or just stroll the streets, galleries and shops of Woodstock. Perhaps enjoy a streamside or fireside meal at the Bear Café (845/679-5555).

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