Orange County Tourism

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“Orange county is one of the most exciting tourist regions in our nation’s history due to the variety of attractions present within it.”
## Midterm Synopsis

### History of Recreation in Orange County, NY

- Contains the nation’s first publicly owned property, the Hasbrouck House.
- Since this time, the county has increased its status as a tourist region tremendously.

### Current Sites to be Evaluated

- Heritage Trail: Biking, hiking, walking trail.
- Woodbury Common Outlets: Retail shopping center.
- The Castle Fun Center: Children’s Amusement park.
- Thomas Bull Memorial Park: Arboretum.
- Tuxedo Ridge: Ski Mountain and Resort

Photo from Kimberly McVetty
Improvements to Existing Materials:

- **New Highway Route Markers:** Colorful to attract attention and are unique to each individual site so passersby know what each site has to offer.
- **New Interpretive Panels:** Contain bold letters in contrasting colors to ease visibility, summary of recreation in Orange county, brief passage regarding facts about the site, and the Twitter symbol and appropriate hashtags.

Improvements to Current Tourism Practices:

- Improve the Hudson River “App” for cellphones and iPads.
- Increase usage of social medias such as Twitter and Facebook.
  - currently use Facebook; not Twitter
Five Lesson Plans Created Corresponding to Each Respective Site:
• Heritage Trail: “All Aboard the Knowledge Train!”
• Woodbury Common Outlets: “Shop ‘Til You Drop”
• The Castle Fun Center: “The Castle Fun Center Open”
• Thomas Bull Memorial Park: “What’s All the Buzz About?”
• Tuxedo Ridge: “Ski How Far You Can Go!”

*Final Lesson Plan Created to Incorporate the Total Experiences:
• “Scrapbooking Orange County, NY”*
Overview: Students will participate in a pseudo scavenger hunt on a field trip to the Heritage Trail. Students, in groups, will work to gain as much knowledge while on their “trip” as possible. Students will work interactively with the interpretive panels along the site. As they approach each panel, they will “punch” their corresponding “ticket”. The team with the most correctly punched tickets earns a prize.

Objective: Students will increase their knowledge of Erie Railroad and its history. Students will better their ability to work cooperatively in groups to reach a goal.

OrangeCountyNYParks.com

* Heritage Trail: “All Aboard the Knowledge Train”
Overview: Students will take a trip to the Woodbury Common Outlet Center and complete a “shopping list” of items. They will record prices of similar products from various stores and use the data to create a bar graph while in the classroom. Students will interpret this data to discover who had the cheapest prices.

Objectives: Students will better their ability to create bar-graphs. Students will improve their ability to analyze data from graphs, as well. In addition, students will work interactively with peers.
Overview: Students will play a round of mini golf on a trip to the Castle Fun Center and keep track of their scores. Students will use adding skills to determine their total scores.

Objectives: Students will better their addition skills through finding their total scores, as well as improve their ability and knowledge of golf.
Overview: Students will engage in a hands-on learning experience to learn about bees and their colonies. Students will partake in a field trip to the Thomas Bull Memorial Park Arboretum’s Apiary, where a beekeeper will shed light on the “day in the life” of bees. Students will complete an activity where each student plays a different role in the bee community and work to achieve a common goal-keep the colony at its best!

Objectives: Students will better understand the basic functions of a bee colony. Students will understand the roles of the three different types of bees found within a hive: Queen, worker and drone. Students will understand how bees help the world around us and the natural environment.

*Thomas Bull Memorial Park: “What’s All the Buzz About?”*
Overview: Students will visit the Tuxedo Ridge Ski Center and take a lesson in beginner skiing. They will go through “ski school” with instructors and participate in many different games and activities with their peers.

Objectives: Students will improve their physical abilities and specifically, their skiing skills through the lesson. Students will work cooperatively with peers on various tasks.
Overview: Students will reflect upon their field trip experiences through creating a scrapbook. Students will write about their memories of the trips. Students will type their work. Students will creatively design a scrapbook along with the art teacher. It should be noted that this lesson plan is a cumulative assessment of the student’s experiences on field trips throughout the school year. This lesson plan ties in all activities in the previous five lesson plans/activities.

Objective: Students will improve writing skills, typing skills, and work creatively to create a scrapbook that best represents each of their experiences. Students will create a scrapbook that includes a paragraph about each trip, their favorite memory and least favorite memory.

*Cumulative Lesson Plan: “Scrapbooking Orange County, NY”*
498 Red Apple Court
Central Valley, NY 10917

Phone: (845) 928-4000

Regular Hours
Open daily: 10am-9pm
Other Holiday Hours can be found on the website.

http://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/outlet.asp?id=7

- The largest collection of designer outlets in the world with 220 stores
- Restaurants and a food court for when shoppers need an extra energy boost
- Locker and stroller rentals, foreign currency exchange, and ATM.

*Woodbury Common Premium Outlets*
11.5 Mile Linear Trail from Goshen to Monroe

**Access Points/Parking** - Chester Depot Museum, Village of Chester; St. James Place, Village of Goshen; Park and Ride Lot B, Village of Monroe.

Phone: (845) 615-3830
Fax: (845) 457-4906
Hours: From dawn to dusk
Email: parks@orangecountygov.com


- Scenic pathway where visitors are welcomed to walk, jog, bike, roller-skate, etc.
- Converted from the railbed of the Erie Rail Road.
- Currently stretching 11.5 miles, this walkway will soon reach 20 miles connecting the City of Middletown to the Village of Harriman.
Grove St. entrance to  
Thomas Bull Memorial Park  
Route 416  
Montgomery, NY 12549

Phone: (845) 615-3830  
Fax: (845) 457-4906

Hours: From dawn to dusk

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- Beautiful gardens and memorial walkway for those who lost their lives on September 11th
- Seasonal snow tubing, cross country skiing, ice skating, and sleigh-rides.
- Picnic and recreational areas, fishing, golf courses, playgrounds, horseback riding, a boathouse, and a dog park
- The Hill-Hold Museum of farm life in the 1830s is also in the park
- First class restaurant.

*Thomas Bull Memorial Park Arboretum*
109 Brookside Avenue,
Chester, NY 10918
Phone: (845) 469-2116

Open year round. Hours change seasonally and can be found on the website.

Email: main@thecastlefuncenter.com

For Group or Event Center bookings or questions, please contact Susan at 845-469-2116 ext. 7000 or sue@thecastlefuncenter.com

http://www.thecastlefuncenter.com/

- Bumper cars, laser tag and maze, roller-skating rink, mini-bowling, and rock wall
- Mini golf, batting cages, go-karts, an arcade, and a playground
- Jester’s Restaurant and Pub
- Open year-round with the opportunity to celebrate birthdays

*The Castle Fun Center*
581 Route 17A West, Tuxedo NY 10987
Phone: (845) 351-1122
Email: info@tuxedoridge.com

2012/13 Skiing and Snowboarding Hours
Monday-Friday: 1:00pm-9:00pm
Saturday/Holidays: 9:00am-9:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am-5:00pm

http://www.tuxedoridge.com

- Seven trails, four chair lifts, and Terrain Park
- Skiing, snowboarding, and snow tubing
- Ski/snowboard lesson and rentals for those who are beginners
- Cafeteria and pub
Orange County is one of the most exciting tourist attractions in our nation due to the variety of the attractions present within it. The vast amounts of both recreational and historical facilities prove its relevance as a tourist region and make it a great place to visit with friends and family. From our country’s first publically owned property, The Hasbrouck House, to the Woodbury Common Outlets, the county has tons to offer visitors of all interests!

Woodbury Common has 220 outlet stores. Since its opening in 1985, tourists have flocked from all over the world to see it. With a currency exchange on the premises, it is a great place to spend the day with your family and friends and eat delicious food and go shopping right here in Orange County.
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The Arboretum has beautiful gardens and a 9/11 memorial exhibit. It offers sites for picnicking, golfing, fishing and more. Winter activities are offered seasonally and the Hill-Hold Museum is on the premises.
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This is a perfect place to take your kids for a day of fun. There are plenty of activities such as roller skating, laser tags, go carts, mini golf, rock wall, and bumper cars. There is also a restaurant named Jester’s on the site for eating lunch or dinner.
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Tuxedo Ridge has many types of snow sports such as skiing, snow tubing and snowboarding. Contains 7 different trails and 4 chair lifts and rentals/lessons are available. There is a cafeteria and a pub on site as well.
Day 1:

- Breakfast: before travel

- Destination #1: Tuxedo Ridge Ski Center
  Full day trip - Family-friendly attraction

- Lunch - Ski Center Lodge Cafeteria
  Classic American grill cuisine

- Dinner - Piccolo Posto
  Italian Bistro style dinner dishes, family-owned

- Overnight stay: Caren House Bed and Breakfast
  Built in 1810 on Orange Turnpike, grew with Thomas Caren’s family, charm and history
Day 2:

- **Breakfast** - complimentary at Caren House Bed and Breakfast

- **Destination #2: Woodbury Common Premium Outlets**
  Outdoor shopping complex - revenue for county

- **Lunch - Au Bon Pain Bakery Café**
  Café chain luncheonette - sandwiches and wraps. In outlets food court

- **Destination #3 - The Castle Fun Center**
  Outdoor amusement center - revenue, family-friendly county

- **Dinner - Chester Diner**
  Classic diner meals and portions, signature to the town of Chester

- **Overnight Stay: The Dominion House Bed and Breakfast**
  Built in 1880 by local farmer Benjamin Strong, historical/preserved, many accommodations
Day 3:

- Breakfast - complimentary at The Dominion House B & B
- Destination #4 - The Heritage Trail
  11.5 Mile Linear Trail, Goshen to Monroe, alongside the railroad. Hiking, biking, blading
- Lunch: Catherine’s Restaurant and Pub
  Family-style restaurant, owned by generations of Orange County citizens. lunch menu
- Destination #5: Thomas Bull Memorial Park
  Largest developed recreational park. Amenities: golfing, tennis, fishing, picnic areas, etc
- Travel: Back to George Washington Bridge
Experience the finest in shopping and VIP service and savings at Woodbury Common Premium Outlets, where you'll find designer and top name brands like Calvin Klein, Coach, Armani, Gucci, Versace and more.
Spanning over 719 acres, the park features a 18 Hole Golf Course, Driving Range, Banquet Facility, Pro Shop, Tennis Courts, Boat House, Ball Fields, Horse Riding Area/Stables, 5-Acre Pond, Fishing, Winter Sports Area, Picnic Shelters, Picnic Tables, Benches, Exercise Area, Arboretum, Playgrounds, Volleyball Courts, Horseshoe Pits, and the Hill-Hold Historic Museum.
The current 11.5 mile trail winds through a bird/wildlife sanctuary, historic landmarks, murmuring streams, rolling meadows and friendly communities.
The Castle Fun Center located in the heart of the Hudson Valley in Chester, NY. Just 10 minutes from Woodbury Commons and 50 miles from NYC, our activities include Ballocity, Roller Skating, Laser Maze, Mini Bowling, Bumper Cars, Free Fall, Rock Climbing, Lazer Tag, Arcade with Parent's Lounge and seasonal Go Karts, Mini Golf and Batting Cages!
The perfect place to spend the day with your family skiing and snowboarding! Tuxedo ridge features downhill skiing, snowboarding, snow tubing, summer events and so much more. All conveniently located minutes off I-87 in Sterling Forest, Tuxedo, NY.
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