

Orange County, New York

ITINERARY

Thursday-Sunday

4-days, 3-nights

Warwick Historic Village

West Point

Newburgh

Heritage Trail

Storm King Mountain

Port Jervis



A visitor's guide to
touring Orange
County, New York
during the
sesquicentennial of
the Civil War

DAY 1(THURSDAY): ARRIVAL, WARWICK HISTORIC VILLAGE

Driving Directions

From George Washington Bridge to Sugar Loaf Bed & Breakfast

1. Head **west** on **Interstate 95 Lower Level S** toward **Exits 73-74**
 2. Take exit **73-74** for **U.S. 9 W** toward **NJ-67/Fort Lee/Palisades Pkwy**
 3. Turn right at **US-9W/Fletcher Ave**
 4. Continue onto **Palisades Interstate Pkwy**
 5. Stay on **Palisades Interstate Pkwy** for **34.2 miles**
 6. Take exit **18** toward **US-6 W/NY-17/I-87**
 7. At the traffic circle, take the **2nd** exit onto **US-6 W**
 8. Take the ramp onto **NY-17 W/US-6 W**
 9. Take exit **127** toward **Greycourt Rd/Sugar Loaf/Warwick**
 10. Turn left at **Lehigh Ave**
 11. Slight left at **Co Rd 13**
 12. Turn right to stay on **Co Rd 13**
 13. Continue onto **Pine Hill Rd**
 14. End at **16 Pine Hill Rd, third house from the corner (#16), saltbox with dark stain. Please park diagonally towards the house.**
- 1pm- Check into **Sugar Loaf Bed and Breakfast** - Recommended by Fodor's travel guide Short Escapes Near New York City and Best of the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains
 - 16 Pine Hill Road
P.O. Box 425
Sugar Loaf, NY 10981
 - (845) 469-2717
 - <http://www.sugarloafbb.com/>
 - 1:45pm – Depart for Warwick Historic Village

Driving Directions

From Sugar Loaf Bed & Breakfast to Warwick Historic Village

1. Head **east** on **Pine Hill Rd** toward **Creamery Pond Rd**
 2. Take the **2nd** right onto **Co Rd 13**
 3. Turn right at **Ridge Rd**
 4. Slight left at **NY-94 W/New York 17A E**
 5. Arrive at **Warwick Historic Village**
- Find parking on the street or in a public lot

- 2-3pm – Walk to Forester Ave and have lunch at **Coquito Fine Dining** – specializing in authentic Puerto Rican cuisine.
 - 31 FORESTER AVENUE
WARWICK, NEW YORK 10990
845.544.2790
- 4-6pm – Walk around Warwick Historic Village. Visit such sites as Shingle House on Forester Avenue, the first home built in Warwick in 1764, Baird's Tavern on Main Street, a stone tavern built by Francis Baird in 1766 in which Martha Washington stayed, and Old School Baptist Meeting House on High and Church Streets, built in 1810 and currently used for concerts and religious services. Also discover delightful antique, craft, and gift shops.

Driving Directions

From Warwick Historic Village to Iron Forge Inn

1. Head **southwest** on **Main St/New York 17A E** toward **West St**
 2. Turn left at **Galloway Rd/New York 17A E**
 3. Turn left at **Iron Forge Rd**
 4. Arrive at **38 Iron Forge Rd**
- 6:30pm – Walk to **Iron Forge Inn** for dinner.
 - From Zagat's guide, "You may need a GPS to find this beautiful old 1760 farmhouse-turned-restaurant tucked in a postcard-pretty hamlet of Warwick, but once you do, you'll discover a staff that makes you feel special, serving a seasonal menu of delicious New American fare that always has surprises to offer; choose between four lovely rooms, the cozy tap room downstairs (with a fireplace and its own menu) or the gazebo in summer."
 - 38 Iron Forge Rd
Warwick, NY 10990
845-986-3411
<http://ironforgeinn.homestead.com/index.html>

Driving Directions

From Iron Forge Inn to Sugar Loaf Bed & Breakfast

1. Head **northeast** on **Iron Forge Rd** toward **Lower Wisner Rd**
2. Continue onto **Forge Rd**
3. Continue onto **Bellvale Lakes Rd**
4. Turn left at **Bellvale Rd/Co Rd 82**
5. Turn right at **Sugar Loaf Bypass**
6. Take the 1st left onto **Co Rd 13**
7. Continue onto **Pine Hill Rd**

8. Arrive at **16 Pine Hill Rd**

- Spend the rest of the evening relaxing at **Sugar Loaf Bed and Breakfast**

DAY 2(FRIDAY): WEST POINT, NEWBURGH

- 8am - Enjoy a hearty, leisurely country breakfast served according to season at your own umbrella table in the garden or by the cozy fire in the candle-lit breakfast room at **Sugar Loaf Bed and Breakfast**
- 8:45am – Depart for the United States Military Academy at West Point

Driving Directions

From Sugar Loaf Bed & Breakfast to United States Military Academy at West Point

1. Head **east** on **Pine Hill Rd** toward **Creamery Pond Rd**
 2. Continue onto **Co Rd 13**
 3. Turn left to stay on **Co Rd 13**
 4. Slight right at **Brookside Ave/New York 17M E**
 5. Take the ramp on the left onto **NY-17 E/US-6E**
 6. Take exit **130A** to merge onto **US-6 E** toward **Bear Mountain**
 7. At the traffic circle, take the **3rd** exit onto the **US-6 E** ramp to **Bear Mountain**
 8. Merge onto **US-6 E/Palisades Interstate Pkwy**
 9. At the traffic circle, take the **4th** exit onto **US-9W N**
 10. End at **415 Main St**
- Arrival time – 9:30am. Upon arrival check in for guided tour at Visitor Center.
 - 10am-1pm: guided tour of the **United States Military Academy at West Point**, including time to visit the West Point Museum, which is considered to be the oldest and largest diversified public collection of militaria in the Western Hemisphere. The Museum collections actually predate the founding of the United States Military Academy.
 - Also visit **Trophy Point** and view the many memorials commemorating our nation's military campaigns.
 - United States Military Academy
West Point 10996
845-446-4724
 - 1-2pm: Lunch at the West Point Club. Located in the middle of West Point, the West Point Club offers both buffet menus and a served menu in a variety of cuisine such as American, German and Mexican.

Driving Directions

From United States Military Academy at West Point to Fort Montgomery

1. Head **northeast** on **Scott Pl** toward **Jefferson Rd**
2. **Scott Pl** turns left and becomes **Jefferson Rd**
3. Turn right at **Washington Rd**
4. Continue onto **Cullum Rd**
5. Continue onto **Thayer Rd**
6. Continue onto **Main St**
7. Slight right to stay on **Main St**
8. Take the ramp onto **US-9W S**
9. Turn left at **Garrison Rd**
10. Take the 1st right onto **Highland Ave**
11. **Highland Ave** turns slightly left and becomes **Fulton Rd**
12. Slight left at **Garrison Rd**
13. Turn right at **US-9W N**
14. Arrive at **Fort Montgomery**

- 2:30-3:30pm – Tour Fort Montgomery, an historic fort where a battle in the Revolutionary War took place

Driving Directions

From Fort Montgomery to Algonquin Park

1. Head **southwest** toward **US-9W S**
 2. Turn right at **US-9W N**
 3. Turn left at **South St**
 4. Continue onto **S Plank Rd**
 5. Arrive at **New York 53 and Powder Mill Rd**
- Visit **Algonquin Park** which is the site of a black powder manufacturing complex that operated throughout the 19th century. The powder produced was mainly for hunting and sporting purposes, although some powder of “good quality” was provided to the military during the Civil War.

Driving Directions

From Algonquin Park to Wallkill Valley Cemetery

1. Head **west** on **NY-52 W/S Plank Rd** toward **Highland Ave**
 2. Arrive at **Wallkill Valley Cemetery**
- Visit **Wallkill Valley Cemetery**, where many Civil War veterans are buried and there is a monument dedicated to the 124th NY SV.

Driving Directions

From Wallkill Valley Cemetery to Washington’s Headquarters State Historic Site

1. Head **southeast** on **NY-52 E/S Plank Rd**
2. Turn left at **NY-300 N/Union Ave**
3. Turn right at **Gardnertown Rd**
4. Keep right at the fork
5. Continue onto **Gidney Ave**
6. Turn right at **N Robinson Ave**
7. Turn left at **Washington St**
8. Turn right at **Liberty St**
9. Take the 1st left onto **Lafayette St**
10. Arrive at **84 Liberty S**
11. Find public parking

- 4:30-5pm – Tour **Washington’s Headquarters State Historic Site**. Also, visit the on-site museum which contains an extensive collection of historic artifacts.
- 5-6pm – Walk around the **Newburgh Waterfront**, which boasts spectacular views of the Hudson River, is adjacent to a fast growing waterfront restaurant and entertainment district, and is expected to help revitalize Newburgh and connect the City's waterfront to Broadway, Newburgh's Main Street.
- Also visit **Downing Park**, just a few blocks away, where the peace fountain is located.
- 6:30pm – Enjoy dinner at **Torches Restaurant** along the Waterfront. “A 6000 gallon aquarium filled with a wide variety of tropical fish separates the beautiful interior. Rich mahogany paneling is used throughout the interior. Large windows, floor to ceiling, allow diners & bar patrons to see everything happening on the river, which is only a few feet away from where they are seated. As well, there is an outside patio on which to enjoy the cool summer breezes.”
 - 120 Front Street
Newburgh, NY
845 568 0100

Driving Directions

From Newburgh to Sugar Loaf Bed & Breakfast

1. Head **east** on **Renwick St** toward **Johnes St**
2. Take the 1st right onto **Water St**
3. Continue onto **River Rd**
4. Continue onto **Blooming Grove Turnpike**
5. Continue onto **NY-94 W**
6. Continue onto **Main St**
7. Slight left at **Brookside Ave/New York 17M E**

8. Sharp right at **Co Rd 13**
9. Turn right to stay on **Co Rd 13**
10. Continue onto **Pine Hill Rd**
11. Arrive at **16 Pine Hill Rd**

- Spend the rest of the evening relaxing at **Sugar Loaf Bed and Breakfast**

DAY 3(SATURDAY): HERITAGE TRAIL, STORM KING MOUNTAIN

- 9am - Enjoy a hearty, leisurely country breakfast served according to season at your own umbrella table in the garden or by the cozy fire in the candle-lit breakfast room at **Sugar Loaf Bed and Breakfast**
- 9:45am – Depart for Chester Railroad Station

Driving Directions

From Sugar Loaf Bed & Breakfast to Chester Railroad Station

1. Head **east** on **Pine Hill Rd** toward **Creamery Pond Rd**
 2. Continue onto **Co Rd 13**
 3. Turn left to stay on **Co Rd 13**
 4. Sharp left at **Brookside Ave/New York 17M W**
 5. Slight right at **Main St**
 6. Take the 3rd right to stay on **Main St**
 7. Take the 3rd right to stay on **Howland St**
 8. Take the 1st left onto **Winkler Pl**
 9. Arrive at **19 Winkler Pl**
- 10am-12pm - Enjoy biking, walking, rollerblading, nature study, as well as shopping or dining in the local villages along the **Heritage Trail**, a Converted railbed of the Erie Railroad.

Driving Directions

From Chester Railroad Station to Glenmere Mansion

1. Head **west** on **Winkler Pl** toward **Howland St**
2. Take the 1st right onto **Howland St**
3. Turn left at **Main St**
4. Take the 3rd left to stay on **Main St**
5. Turn right at **Academy Ave**
6. Continue onto **NY-94 W/Summerville Way**
7. Turn left at **Galet Rd**
8. Continue onto **Hillside Rd/Pine Hill Rd**
9. Turn left at **Glenmere Ave**

10. Turn right at **Rick Way**
 11. Arrive at **634 Pine Hill Rd**
- 12:30-2pm – Enjoy lunch at **Glenmere Mansion**, at Frogs End, a cozy tavern which is a perfect spot to hide away with a book or chat over a game of chess. Full bar service, light lunch fare, and informal evening meals are available, to be enjoyed by the light of the fireplace.
 - 634 Pine Hill Road
Chester, New York 10918

Driving Directions

From Glenmere Mansion to Blooming Grove War Memorial

1. Head **north** on **Pine Hill Rd** toward **Glenmere Rd**
 2. Continue onto **Galet Rd**
 3. Turn right at **NY-94 E**
 4. Turn left at **Main St**
 5. Continue onto **NY-94 E/High St**
 6. Turn left at **Tuthill Rd**
 7. End at **Blooming Grove War Memorial**
- 2:30pm – View **Blooming Grove War Memorial**, where the east face has the inscription, “To the memory of Capt. Isaac Nicoll, Co.C 124th N. Y. Vol. and the men from Blooming Grove who fought in the war for the unity of the Republic 1861 - 1865.”

Driving Directions

From Blooming Grove War Memorial to Storm King Mountain

1. Head **southeast** on **Tuthill Rd** toward **NY-94 E**
 2. Turn left at **NY-94 E**
 3. Turn right at **County Rd 74/Forge Hill Rd**
 4. Turn right at **US-9W S**
 5. Exit onto **Academy Ave**
 6. Slight left at **Hudson St**
 7. Slight right at **NY-218 S/Bayview Ave**
 8. Arrive at **Storm King Mountain Park**
 9. Two parking areas are available: the first is about 2 miles north of this intersection and the second, about 0.75 mile further. There is no access from US 9W southbound lanes. Other parking is available on NY 218 and on Mountain Road in Cornwall.
- 3-5pm – Enjoy the natural beauty of **Storm King Mountain**.

- There are several different trails to hike at the park, the easiest of which being the Bobcat Trail. “The **Bobcat Trail** (0.4 mile white) allows Hikers wishing to enjoy the views from the North Ridge of Crows Nest without a climb. (This trail also provides access to the North Ridge of Crows Nest when NY 218 is closed.) It begins on the north side of a small parking lot off the northbound lanes of US 9 about two miles north of its intersection with NY 218 and NY 293 (there is no access to or from the southbound lanes of US 9W). After leaving the parking lot, the trail descends gently, loops to the left, and terminates at the Howell Trail (blue) in 0.4 mile.”
- More serious hikers may want to try the Stillman Trail. “Two large stone pillars mark the Stillman Trail's (4.0 miles yellow) entrance to Storm King State Park on Mountain Road, about a mile north of US 9W. Limited parking is available at the trailhead. It ascends Storm King Mountain passing a number of viewpoints, traverses Butter Hill where the white blazed Butter Hill Trail heads for 0.5 mile to a large parking lot off northbound US 9W. The Stillman Trail then descends passing many other viewpoints until just before reaching US 9W, it bears left and crosses under the highway in a narrow tunnel (this tunnel is open to vehicular traffic, so hikers should use caution). The trail continues ahead on the paved road, reaching the main parking area of Black Rock Forest.”

Driving Directions

From Storm King Mountain to Bella Luna Ristorante

1. Head **west** on **NY-218 N/Storm King Hwy** toward **Mountain House Ln**
 2. Slight right at **Academy Ave**
 3. Turn left at **County Rd 9/Main St**
 4. At the traffic circle, take the **2nd** exit onto **County Rd 107/Quaker Ave**
 5. Turn right at **NY-32 N**
 6. Turn left at **NY-94 W**
 7. Arrive at **2877 NY-94**
- 6pm – Enjoy dinner at **Bella Luna Ristorante**, which features authentic gourmet Italian cooking.
 - Veal, chicken, fish, steak and pasta dishes are prepared fresh, portioned substantially, and priced fairly.
 - 2877 New York 94
Blooming Grove, NY 10914
845-496-3747
<http://www.bellaluna94.com/>

Driving Directions

From Bella Luna Ristorante to Sugar Loaf Bed & Breakfast

1. Head **southwest** on **NY-94 W** toward **Old Dominion Rd**
 2. Continue onto **Main St**
 3. Slight left at **Brookside Ave/New York 17M E**
 4. Sharp right at **Co Rd 13**
 5. Turn right to stay on **Co Rd 13**
 6. Continue onto **Pine Hill Rd**
 7. Arrive at **16 Pine Hill Rd**
- Spend the rest of the evening relaxing at **Sugar Loaf Bed and Breakfast**

DAY 4(SUNDAY): PORT JERVIS, RETURN HOME

- 9am - Enjoy a hearty, leisurely country breakfast served according to season at your own umbrella table in the garden or by the cozy fire in the candle-lit breakfast room at **Sugar Loaf Bed and Breakfast**
- 9:45am – Depart for Chester Railroad Station

Driving Directions

From Sugar Loaf Bed & Breakfast to Orange Square

1. Head **east** on **Pine Hill Rd** toward **Creamery Pond Rd**
 2. Continue onto **Co Rd 13**
 3. Turn left to stay on **Co Rd 13**
 4. Sharp left at **Brookside Ave/New York 17M W**
 5. Take the 1st left onto **Summerville Way**
 6. Turn right to merge onto **NY-17 W/US-6 W** toward **Goshen**
 7. Take exit **123** to merge onto **US-6 W/New York 17M W** toward **Middletown/Port Jervis**
 8. Merge onto **I-84 W** via the ramp to **Port Jervis**
 9. Take exit **53** for **US-6/US-209** toward **Matamoras**
 10. Turn right at **US-209 N/US-6 E/Pennsylvania Ave**
 11. Turn left at **2nd St**
 12. Take the 2nd right onto **Avenue I**
 13. Arrive at **Orange Square**
 14. Find public parking
- 10:30am – Visit **Veterans Memorial Park at Orange Square**, which has the Tallest Civil War monument in the county and it the site where Stephen Crane gathered information for The Red Badge of Courage.
 - Pike & Sussex Streets

Port Jervis 12771

- “The square was designed with a series of paths emanating from a central circle where a fountain was located, a pattern retained in the current design. An impressive, multi-tiered fountain, located in the center of the park, was later moved to a location near Sussex Street. At the center of Orange Square today is a monument dedicated on July 5, 1886, in the presence of some 10,000 people to the veterans of the Civil War.”
- 11am-12pm – Walk around Port Jervis. “Port Jervis, New York, also known as the River City and the Gateway to the Upper Delaware River is a small city located at the junction of three states, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.”
- 12pm – Eat lunch at **The Erie Trackside Manor**.
 - 1 Jersey Ave
Port Jervis, 12771
(845) 856-6325
<http://www.erietracksidemanor.com/hotel.htm>

Driving Directions

From Orange Square to the George Washington Bridge

1. Head **southwest** on **Avenue I** toward **1st St**
2. Take the **2nd** left onto **2nd St**
3. Take the **2nd** right onto **US-209 S/US-6 W/Pennsylvania Ave**
4. Slight right to merge onto **I-84 E** toward **Port Jervis**
5. Take exit **3E** to merge onto **US-6/New York 17M E** toward **Goshen**
6. Take the ramp onto **US-6 E**
7. Continue onto **NY-17 E**
8. Take the **I-87 S/New York** (Toll road)
9. Merge onto **I-87 S**
10. Take exit **15** for **NY-17 S/I-287 S** toward **New Jersey**
11. Merge onto **I-287 S**
12. Take exit **66** on the left to merge onto **NJ-17 S** toward **Mahwah**
13. Take the **NJ-4 E** ramp to **Fort Lee/New York**
14. Keep left at the fork to continue toward **NJ-4 E** and merge onto **NJ-4 E**
15. Take the **I-95 N** ramp to **G W Bridge/New York City**
16. Merge onto **Interstate 95 Lower Level N**
17. Arrive at **George Washington Bridge**

Guidebook: Hudson River Valley History

Orange County

Algonquin Park
Powder Mill Road and Route 52
Newburgh, NY 12550



Notes: This site is open to the public.

Phone: (845) 562-8413

Historical Description:

This park features 42 acres of history and natural beauty. Algonquin Park is located at the site of a black powder manufacturing complex that had operated throughout the nineteenth century. Some powder that was “good quality” was provided to the military during the Civil War. The land was bought by Colonel Frederic Delano after the mill was closed in the early 1900s. The land was divided into building lots and the part that he had purchased was comprised the main part of the powder manufacturing complex which he gave to the city of Newburgh for a park.

The Site:

Algonquin Park contains the only remaining nineteenth century gun powder manufacturing site in New York State. It has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is part of the Town of Newburgh’s Historic District. This site contains a gunpowder mill complex that remains and was used during the Civil War. This was significant because it was vital for the soldiers to have “good quality” powder to use during this important four year battle.

Directions:

From I-87 New York State Thruway, Exit 17

Take the exit on the LEFT toward SCRANTON/US-300/UNION AVE/I-84 W/17K. Take the RT-300/UNION AVE exit toward 17K. Turn LEFT onto RT-300/UNION AVE. Turn RIGHT onto MEADOW AVE. Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto POWDER MILL RD. If you reach ALGONQUIN DR, you’ve gone a little too far.

Blooming Grove War Memorial
Intersection of Orrs Mill Rd and Clove Rd
Salisbury Mills, NY 12577



Notes: This site is open to the public.

Historical Description:

The 124th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment, also known as the Orange Blossoms, was a volunteer regiment from Orange County, New York, during the American Civil War. It was formed in the town of Goshen during the summer of 1862. This unit was officially mustered into United States Service on September 5, 1862. The regiment was made up of volunteers from the surrounding towns of Orange County and a core of veterans from the 71st New York State Militia.

The Site:

This particular War Memorial is in honor and the memory of Captain Isaac Nicoll of the 124th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment. It is placed in the middle of an intersection for all to see. The inscription on the east face of the monument reads “TO THE MEMORY OF CAPT. ISAAC NICOLL Co. C 124TH N.Y.S.VOL. AND THE MEN FROM BLOOMINGGROVE WHO FOUGHT IN THE WAR FOR THE UNITY OF THE REPUBLIC 1861-1865.”

Directions:

Merge onto I-87 N/NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY N via the exit on the LEFT toward RT-17 N/ALBANY. Merge onto RT-17 W via EXIT 16 toward US-6/HARRIMAN (Portions toll). Merge onto RT-208 N via EXIT 130 toward WASHINGTONVILLE. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto CLOVE RD/CR-27. Turn LEFT onto ORRS MILLS RD/CR-20. The memorial is located in the intersection of ORRS MILL RD and CLOVE RD.

The Peace Fountain
Downing Park
PO Box 306
Newburgh, NY 12551

Hours: Downing Park Shelter House and Visitor Center Carpenter Ave/3rd St. Open year-round.
Summer Hours Wed-Sun 11-5

Notes: This Park is open to the public.

Phone: (845) 565-5559

Fax: (845) 565-0735



Historical Description:

Downing Park is a 35-acre landscape park which is located right in the heart of the City of Newburgh. The park was named after Newburgh's native son Andrew Jackson Downing. He was an eminent horticulturist and pioneer of the public park movement. Downing Park was designed to be a passive, contemplative environment, a place of refuge in the center of bustling city. Opened in 1897, the park became a place where people could stroll along the paths and admire the many gardens and scenic vistas.

The Site:

Downing Park is also the home to several monuments such as The Volunteer Fireman Memorial, The Veterans' Memorial, and most importantly, The Civil War Monument, which later became the Peace Fountain. It was dedicated in 1934 by the Defenders Chapter of the National Daughters of the Union and was originally a drinking fountain. The inscription on the monument reads "1861 CIVIL WAR 1865, THIS MEMORIAL COMMEMORATES THE PATRIOTISM OF THE MEN OF THE UNION FORCES WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES AND SERVICES THAT THIS REPUBLIC MIGHT LIVE A UNITED NATION * ERECTED BY DEFENDERS CHAPTER NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE UNION NEWBURGH, NEW YORK MAY 30, 1934 'LET US HAVE PEACE.'"

Directions:

From I-87 New York State Thruway Exit 17
Take EXIT 17 toward I-84/RT-300/17K. Merge onto I-84 E toward NEWBURGH. Take the US-9W/RT-32 exit, EXIT 10, toward NEWBURGH/HIGHLAND. Turn RIGHT onto US-9W/RT-32. Turn LEFT onto GIDNEY AVE. Take the 2nd RIGHT onto CARPENTER AVE.

Veterans' Memorial Park at Orange Square
Between Sussex and Pike Street
Port Jervis, NY 12771



Notes: This Park is open to the public.

Historical Description:

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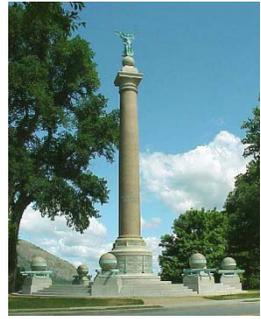
The Site:

Constructed for the memory of American Civil War Veterans and those of the 124th NYSV, a monument stands in the town square bounded by Pike and Sussex Streets. This monument is said to be the tallest of its kind in Orange County, New York. It is sometimes referred to as the Soldiers and Sailors Monument at Orange Square. Also located in Veterans' Memorial Park is a cannon of the Civil War.

Directions:

From I-87 New York Thruway Exit 16
Merge onto RT-17 W via EXIT 16 toward US-6/HARRIMAN (Portions toll). Merge onto RT-17M/US-6 via EXIT 123 toward MIDDLETOWN/PORT JERVIS. Merge onto I-84 W toward PORT JERVIS (Crossing into PENNSYLVANIA). Merge onto US-209 N/US-6 E via EXIT 53 toward MATAMORAS (Crossing into NEW YORK). Travel on PIKE ST until the park is visible. It is between PIKE ST and SUSSEX ST.

The Battle Monument at Trophy Point
United States Military Academy West Point
415 Main Street
Highland Falls, New York 10928



Notes: In order to see Trophy Point and the other important components of West Point, a tour must be scheduled.

Tours: There are various different tours that visitors can go on such as 1 hour individual tours, 2 hour individual tours, and group tours. For hours and pricing visit http://www.westpointtours.com/individual_tours.htm

Notes: Trophy Point is one of the stops on each of the tours.

Historical Description:

Trophy Point is among the most popular sites in the Hudson River Valley. It received its name from the numerous displayed pieces of captured artillery spanning from the Revolutionary War to the Spanish-American War. It has been the subject of numerous works of art since the early nineteenth century. Behind the scenic view, under the trees, visitors picnic around and between the large collections of cannon, trophies, on display. Beyond the trees the Parade Grounds of West Point and the Academy buildings are filled with cadets continuing the traditions first established on this spot in the American Revolution of "the long gray line."

The Site:

Battle Monument, located on Trophy Point at the United States Military Academy, is a memorial for the officers and soldiers of the Regular Army that were killed in the American Civil War. Inscribed on the cannons are the names of 2,230 Union officers and soldiers that fought. This monument is one of the largest columns of granite in the world. On May 30, 1897, it was dedicated by surviving Civil War veterans.

Directions:

From Palisades Parkway

Merge onto PALISADES INTERSTATE PKWY N (Crossing into NEW YORK). Enter next roundabout and take the 3rd exit onto US-9W N. Take the RT-218 ramp. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto MAIN ST/RT-218. Stay STRAIGHT to go onto WEST POINT HWY (Gate access required). Turn LEFT onto MAIN ST.

124th NYSV Monument
Wallkill Valley Cemetery
1011 State Route 52
Walden, NY 12586



Phone: (845) 778-5024

Notes: This site is open to the public.

Historical Description:

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The Site:

The particular memorial located in the Wallkill Valley Cemetery is in honor of Captain Thomas W. Bradley of the 124th New York Infantry. This brave soldier won a Medal of Honor and was wounded three times during the War, including Gettysburg. This monument reads “THE TRIBUTE OF THOMAS W. BRADLEY, BREVET MAJOR U.S.V. TO HIS COMRADES OF COMPANY H ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FOURTH REGIMENT NEW YORK STATE VOLUNTEER INFANTRY ‘ORANGE BLOSSOMS.’”

Directions:

From I-87 New York Thruway Exit 17

Take EXIT 17 toward I-84/RT-300/17K. Take the exit on the LEFT toward SCRANTON/US-300/UNION AVE/I-84 W/17K. Take the RT-300/UNION AVE exit toward 17K. Turn LEFT onto RT-300/UNION AVE. Turn LEFT onto S PLANK RD/RT-52. Continue to follow RT-52. 1011 STATE ROUTE 52.

THE HUDSON RIVER VALLEY

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Industry and Valor for the Union

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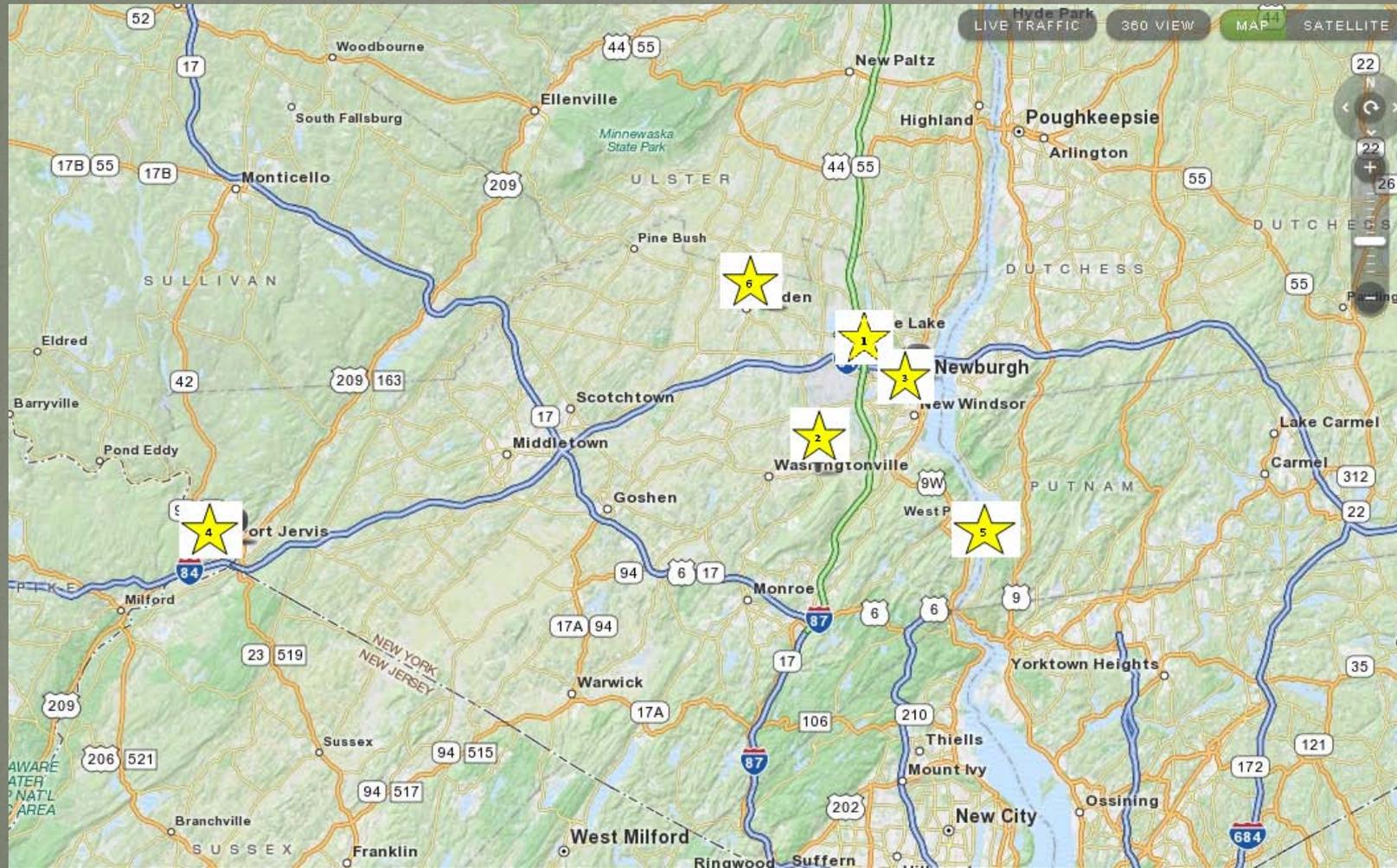


There are various key towns within Orange County that are known for specific events and sites. One historical site in particular that is located in Newburgh, New York, known as the most important place in the county, is Algonquin Park where a nineteenth century gunpowder mill complex remains from during the Civil War. There are many Civil War Monuments throughout Orange County. All of them commemorate the soldiers for their bravery while fighting for their country during the American Civil War. These monuments are located in counties such as Newburgh, Blooming Grove, Port Jervis, Highland Falls, Walden, and Goshen. Some such as the Blooming Grove War Memorial and the 124th NYSV Monument in the Wallkill Valley Cemetery mention captains that fought in the Civil War and their comrades within their Company. Although only a few towns were mentioned, there are many others that hold just as much importance than the rest: Chester, Crawford, Deer Park, Monroe, New Windsor, and Wallkill.

Agriculture was the prominent form of economic support within the county during its early history. During the Revolutionary War there were many attacks on the county, particularly by Indians and Loyalists, along with the British Army. As early as the 1840s Orange County began to be recognized for its great deposits of zinc, limestone and clay, which also played an important role in economic activity. West Point, now the home of the United States Military Academy, was created as a fortification along an S-curve in the Hudson River during the Revolutionary War. By 1850 Orange County's population had grown to 57,145. Orange County's major cities are Middletown, Newburgh and Port Jervis. Newburgh especially flourished in the 1800s due to its proximity along the Hudson River, allowing for an expanse of trade. Orange County was one of the first counties in New York to take action in the movement for improved schools and higher education during the late 1800s.

The 124th remain by far the most memorable unit to serve for Orange County during the Civil War, and were highly decorated for their actions at Fredricksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. The "Orange Blossoms" were led into battle by Col. Augustus Ellis, who assumed command of the 124th on September 5, 1862. Ellis led the unit until his death at the battle of Gettysburg. The county also supplied \$2.3 million in taxes during the war, contributing a vast sum of money to help support the campaign. Orange County can be seen as serving with distinction among other counties in New York, providing the men, officers and material that the Union Army required during its time of need. Orange County contributed a great deal of men and material for the Civil War, amounting to over two million dollars in taxes raised, as well as over 7,500 men to serve the Union Army. The United States Military Academy was responsible for training the generals who would take control of troops on both sides of the war. General Grant was a graduate, as was General Lee.

Orange County Map



The numbers on the stars match the numbers on the stars on the highway route markers.

ITINERARY



A visitor's guide to touring Orange County, New York during the sesquicentennial of the Civil War

- Orange County, New York
- Thursday-Sunday
- 4-days, 3-nights
- Warwick Historic Village
- West Point
- Newburgh
- Heritage Trail
- Storm King Mountain
- Port Jervis



ITINERARY- Day 1



- **DAY 1(THURSDAY): ARRIVAL, WARWICK HISTORIC VILLAGE**

1pm- Check into **Sugar Loaf Bed and Breakfast** - Recommended by Fodor's travel guide Short Escapes Near New York City and Best of the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains

1:45pm – Depart for Warwick Historic Village

2-3pm – Walk to Forester Ave and have lunch at **Coquito Fine Dining** – specializing in authentic Puerto Rican cuisine.

4-6pm – Walk around Warwick Historic Village. Visit sites: Shingle House on Forester Avenue, Baird's Tavern on Main Street, Old School Baptist Meeting House on High and Church Streets. Also discover delightful antique, craft, and gift shops.

6:30pm – Walk to **Iron Forge Inn** for dinner.

Spend the rest of the evening relaxing at **Sugar Loaf Bed and Breakfast**

ITINERARY- Day 2



- **DAY 2(FRIDAY): WEST POINT, NEWBURGH**

8am - Enjoy a hearty, leisurely country breakfast at **Sugar Loaf Bed and Breakfast**

8:45am - Depart for the United States Military Academy at West Point

9:30am. Upon arrival check in for guided tour at Visitor Center.

10am-1pm: guided tour of the **United States Military Academy at West Point**, Also visit **Trophy Point** and view the many memorials commemorating our nation's military campaigns.

1-2pm: Lunch at the West Point Club. Offers both buffet menus and a served menu in a variety of cuisine such as American, German and Mexican.

2:30-3:30pm - Tour Fort Montgomery, an historic fort where a battle in the Revolutionary War took place

Visit **Algonquin Park** which is the site of a black powder manufacturing complex that operated throughout the 19th century.

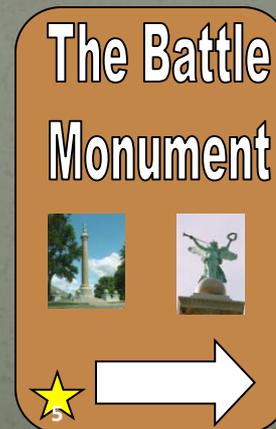
Visit **Wallkill Valley Cemetery**, where many Civil War veterans are buried and there is a monument dedicated to the 124th NY SV.

Guidebook- Trophy Point



The Battle Monument, Highland Falls

- Located at Trophy Point at West Point
- Memorial for the officers and soldiers that died in the Civil War
- Names are inscribed on the cannons
- One of the largest columns of granite



Trophy Point, West Point



The Battle Monument was erected in 1897, using funds collected since the end of the Civil War.



Trophy Point at West Point is home to a great collection of Civil War artifacts, including captured Confederate cannon, and an active signal cannon used when the Post flag is lowered at dusk.

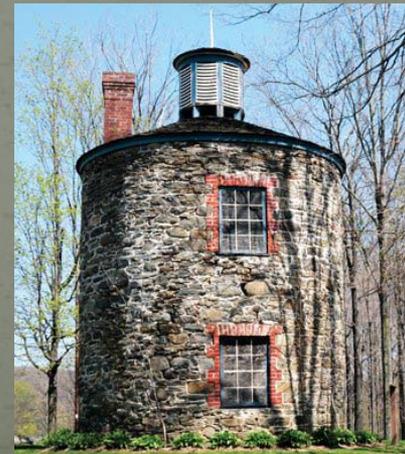
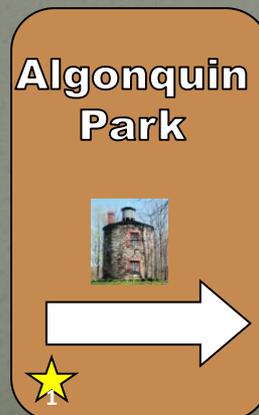
The Point is also home to a series of preserved links from the Great Chain that stretched over the Hudson during the Revolutionary War.

Guidebook- Algonquin Park

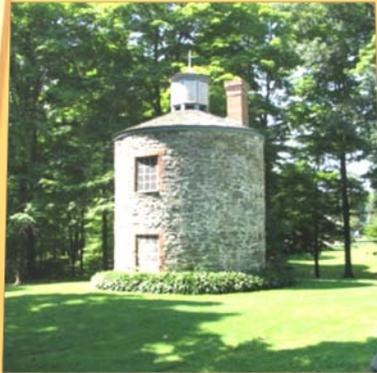


Algonquin Park, Newburgh

- Nineteenth century gunpowder mill complex
- Remains from during the Civil War
- Utilized by Civil War soldiers and locals alike
- Located in Newburgh



Algonquin Park, Newburgh



Algonquin Park in Newburgh is notable in the Civil War for existing as a site of black powder manufacturing. Remaining evidence of its history can be seen through extant powder mills which are preserved in excellent condition.



Pictured above:
One of the few
existing powder
mills on site.

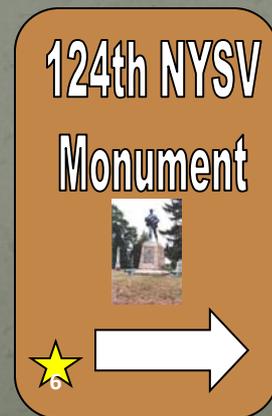


Guidebook- Walkkill Cemetery



124th NYSV Monument, Walden

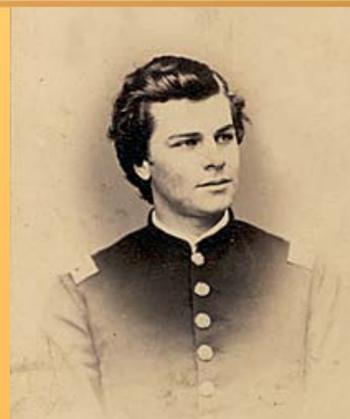
- Located in the Walkkill Valley Cemetery
- Captain Thomas W. Bradley
- Tribute to him and his comrades of Company H



Walkkill Valley Cemetery, Walden



To the left is a
memorial to Medal of
Honor Recipient
Thomas Wilson
Bradley, pictured
right.



Walkkill Valley Cemetery contains many of the fallen soldiers hailing from Orange County during the Civil War. Members from the N.Y. 124th "Orange Blossoms" are interred here. Of interest is a large statue commemorating the actions of these men.

Orange Blossoms Statue



Above is a figure representing a member of the 124th Volunteers at the Walkill Valley Cemetery in Walden, N.Y.

Day 2 (Evening)



- **4:30-5pm** – Tour **Washington’s Headquarters State Historic Site**. Also, visit the on-site museum which contains an extensive collection of historic artifacts.
- **5-6pm** – Walk around the **Newburgh Waterfront**, which boasts spectacular views of the Hudson River, is adjacent to a fast growing waterfront restaurant and entertainment district.
- Also visit **Downing Park**, just a few blocks away, where the peace fountain is located.
- **6:30pm** – Enjoy dinner at **Torches Restaurant** along the Waterfront. “A 6000 gallon aquarium filled with a wide variety of tropical fish separates the beautiful interior.
- Spend the rest of the evening relaxing at **Sugar Loaf Bed and Breakfast**

Guidebook- Peace Fountain



Peace Fountain, Newburgh

- Located in Downing Park
- Named after Andrew Jackson Downing
- Originally a drinking fountain
- Commemorates the patriotism of the men of the Union Forces

The Peace Fountain



Downing Park, Newburgh



Fun Fact:
The monument
was previously
used as a water
fountain.



The Civil War monument in Downing Park was erected by the Defenders Chapter of the National Daughters of the Union in 1934. The park is also home to monuments to all U.S. war veterans, and a large bronze statue dedicated to the Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department.

ITINERARY- Day 3



- **DAY 3(SATURDAY): HERITAGE TRAIL, STORM KING MOUNTAIN**

9am - Enjoy a hearty, leisurely country breakfast at **Sugar Loaf Bed and Breakfast**

9:45am – Depart for Chester Railroad Station

10am-12pm - Enjoy biking, walking, rollerblading, nature study, as well as shopping or dining in the local villages along the **Heritage Trail**.

12:30-2pm – Enjoy lunch at **Glenmere Mansion**, at Frogs End

2:30pm – View **Blooming Grove War Memorial**

3-5pm – Enjoy the natural beauty of **Storm King Mountain**.

There are several different trails to hike at the park, the easiest of which being the Bobcat Trail (.4 miles).

More serious hikers may want to try the Stillman Trail (4.0 miles)

6pm – Enjoy dinner at **Bella Luna Ristorante**,

Spend the rest of the evening relaxing at **Sugar Loaf Bed and Breakfast**

Guidebook- Blooming Grove



Blooming Grove Memorial, Blooming Grove

- Captain Isaac Nicoll
- 124th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment
- fought in the War for the Unity of the Republic from 1861 to 1865

Blooming Grove War Memorial



War Memorial, Blooming Grove



The Memorial also honors the exploits of the 25th U.S. Infantry, who fought in the War of 1812.



The Blooming Grove War Memorial was erected in honor of the 124th N.Y. Volunteers, who served in combat during the Civil War. The Regiment was lead by Capt. Isaac Nicoll from 1861-1865, and drew its numbers from the population of Blooming Grove.

ITINERARY- Day 4



- **DAY 4(SUNDAY): PORT JERVIS, RETURN HOME**

9am - Enjoy a hearty, leisurely country breakfast at **Sugar Loaf Bed and Breakfast**

9:45am – Depart for Chester Railroad Station

10:30am – Visit **Veterans Memorial Park at Orange Square**

11am-12pm – Walk around Port Jervis

12pm – Eat lunch at **The Erie Trackside Manor.**

1pm- Depart for home

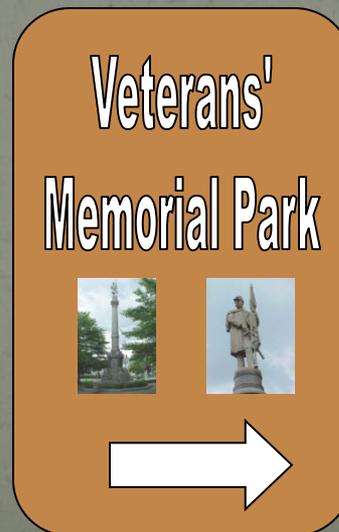


Guidebook- Veterans' Memorial



Veterans' Memorial Park, Port Jervis

- At Orange Square
- Constructed for the memory of American Civil War Veterans
- Tallest of its kind in Orange County



Veteran's Park, Port Jervis



The grand fountain at Veteran's Park in Port Jervis stands to commemorate the actions of the 124th Volunteers, or the "Orange Blossoms."



The statue was dedicated on July 5, 1886 by a crowd of over 10,000 to veterans of the Civil War.

Fun Fact: The statue is the tallest of its kind in Orange County.



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