

# If You Have 4 Days to Spend in Schuyler County

By adding just a couple more days to your itinerary, you can really dive deep on your visit – pun intended! To add some extra help, we've divided our suggestions into areas of interest

## Love the water and the outdoors?

- **There are dozens of waterfalls in Schuyler County.** See how many you can check off your list! A definite can't-miss is [Eagle Cliff Falls in Havana Glen Park](#). This picturesque village park offers easy access to Eagle Cliff Falls. This waterfall is 41 feet high with a 16 foot wide plunge in a beautiful amphitheater of rock. There are also numerous small cascades which you will encounter along the way, including a staircase-like waterfall that parallels the trail. Feel free to walk behind the falls and in the shallow pool below it.
- **Beyond Watkins Glen State Park,** [go check out some of our other trails](#) including the Catharine Valley Trail and those at Sugar Hill State Forest and the Finger Lakes National Forest.
- **Add some of the [smaller lakes](#) in our county to your itinerary** including Cayuta Lake, Lamoka Lake, and Waneta Lake. These lakes are shallower and warmer, which make them easier to navigate in a kayak or on a paddle board. They also offer great fishing and boating.
- **Sailing on Seneca Lake** aboard the [Schooner True Love](#): Enjoy the premier sailing experience in the Finger Lakes, aboard the stunning 1925 John Alden Schooner True Love. You can book a morning, midday, mid-afternoon, or sunset sail. Specialty sails are also available.
- **Horseback riding** with [Painted Bar Stables](#) in the Finger Lakes National Forest: Breathe in the fresh air and take in the incredible views, from atop a gentle horse. Their experience will mingle the fun of horseback riding with the sights of the beautiful Finger Lakes region. They even offer moonlight trail rides!
- **Enjoy a swim in the lake** at [Clute Memorial Park or Smith Park](#). These public parks offer access to Seneca Lake and swimming under the supervision of lifeguards. Plus playgrounds, picnicking facilities, and just space to unwind and enjoy!



## Are you a race fan or race history buff?

- **[Watkins Glen International](#):** Adrenaline fans, start your engines! Watkins Glen is the home to American Road Racing, and was even voted the Best NASCAR Track in the Country by USA Today readers! This famous track offers racing buffs the ultimate high octane family-friendly racing experience. Located just 4 miles from downtown Watkins Glen, you can experience NASCAR, IMSA, Ferrari, the US Vintage Grand Prix, as well as the Finger Lakes Wine Festival and Finger Lakes Beer Festival.
- **[International Motor Racing Research Center](#):** Located in Watkins Glen, this 5,000 square foot facility houses a reading room, film room, exhibits, and worldwide racing archives. Famous race drivers periodically give talks. This is a can't miss for race fans.
- **[Retrace the race by driving the original Grand Prix Circuit](#):** American road racing was revived at Watkins Glen, NY on October 2, 1948, the first road race run since before World War



II. The 6.6 mile circuit ran through the village streets, starting and ending in front of the Schuyler County Court House. You can take your own car around the old race course at your leisure!

- **Check out the historical plaques marking and memorializing driver accomplishments:** The Watkins Glen Grand Prix Drivers Walk of Fame was established in 1993 to honor those who have raced in Watkins Glen. For information on the tour, stop by the Visitor Center or visit the International Motor Racing Research Center.
- **Mark your calendar and plan to visit during [the Grand Prix Festival!](#)** Held in September each year (September 8, 2017 to be specific), the Vintage Grand Prix Festival is a downtown street festival (marking its 24<sup>th</sup> year in 2017) that celebrates the history of road racing, specifically, the anniversary of the first post-World War II street race in American – held right here in Watkins Glen. Vintage cars arrive from across the country and in fact, across the world, to participate in the slate of events – the crowning jewel of which is the historic re-enactment of the road race. The festival isn't just for race fans though, it features vendors of all kinds, delicious food, and plenty of entertainment for guest of all ages and interests.

### Are you a wine and food fan?

- **Taste along the [Seneca Lake Wine Trail](#) and [Finger Lakes Beer Trail](#),** both of which wind their way through Schuyler County. Don't forget to swing by Finger Lakes Distilling – the first standalone distillery in the region!
- **Enjoy a tour at Hawk Meadow Farm:** [Hawk Meadow Farm](#) specializes in log-grown woodland mushrooms such as shiitake. Among our other products are herbs, and maple syrup. A tour of our farm includes visiting the mushroom yard and a discussion on growing shiitakes outdoors on logs. There is a creek to cross so appropriate footwear and clothing is a good idea. Tours take about an hour to an hour and 15 minutes. Groups of 10 or more may reserve a tour on additional days /times. Please schedule in advance with at least 24 hour notification.
- **Sample delicious local cheese at [Shtayburne Farms](#):** A family owned and operated dairy farm. The milk from their herd of purebred Holstein and Brown Swiss cows is handcrafted into fresh and delicious cheeses in their on-farm creamery.
- **Sample wine and food from across New York State at the nation's Best Wine Festival! [The Finger Lakes Wine Festival](#)** presented by Yancey's Fancy New York's Artisan Cheese and hosted at Watkins Glen International each year offers the largest showcase of New York State wines with over 80 wineries paired with regional artisans, music, and culinary classes all in one beautiful location. The dates this year? July 14 – 16, 2017. See you there!



### Traveling with a family?

- **Visit with cows and take a behind the scenes tour at [Sunset View Creamery](#).** Sunset View Creamery is located on Hoffman's Dairy, a century farm located outside of Odessa, New York. All the milk that is used to make their delicious array of cheese comes from their own cows.
- **Visit our awesome ice cream shops!** From homemade hard ice cream to vegan offerings; ice cream novelties to sundaes that will make your head spin – don't miss out on the many delicious cold treats that the quaint village of Watkins Glen offers.
- **Pick some apples** (when they're in-season, of course) [at Reisinger's Apple Country](#). Nearly 50 acres of orchards, fields and meadows are open to stroll through while looking for those perfect apples or sampling sweet berries. You will have



many opportunities to teach the kids about the value of fresh fruit and nutrition. Educational displays will show you the seasonal jobs required to run an apple orchard.

- **Take the kids fishing at Finger Lakes Preserve!** [Finger Lakes Preserve](#) is open April through October, this picturesque preserve sits on the edge of the Finger Lakes National Forest and encompasses two private fishing ponds. No fishing license required!
- **Rent a boat from [one of our local marinas](#):** offering boat rentals of all sizes including ski boat, pontoon boat, kayaks, and canoes! Your ski boat comes fully equipped with skis or a tube. Half and full day rentals are available.
- **Take a cruise with Captain Bill's!** A visit to Seneca Lake is not complete without stopping at [Captain Bill's](#). The Seneca Legacy allows you take in views over a delicious meal. Whether enjoying a lunch among friends, or a romantic dinner, your time on the Seneca Legacy will be memorable. The Stroller IV, Captain Bill's 50-foot mahogany vessel offers informative sightseeing excursions. This hour-long tour of Seneca Lake provides a brief look into the history of the lake and the surrounding areas – an educational and relaxing way to take in the scenery.



- **Bring your bikes and enjoy an easy (but memorable) pedal along [the Catharine Valley Trail](#).** This year round recreation trail provides visitors the opportunity to experience the scenic beauty and historic charm of the glacially-carved valley south of Seneca Lake. Following abandoned railroad and canal towpath corridors, the trail passes through a variety of wildlife habitats. The compact stone-dust trail surface accommodates walking, bicycling, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.
- **Rainy Day? Check in with [the Franklin Street Art Gallery](#) to see what projects and classes they're offering!** The Gallery hosts themed exhibits throughout the year. Opening receptions are free and open to the public, and they feature a wine tasting and refreshments! The Gallery represents more than 50 Finger Lakes regional artists and authors. The Gallery sells original paintings, photographs, prints, ceramics, jewelry, fiber art, glass, metal and wood sculptures, greeting cards, book, and great souvenirs from the Finger Lakes region. Plus there are fun classes offered year-round.



### Are You Into Arts and Culture?

- **Check out the Points of Inspiration Driving Trail.** Points of Inspiration seeks to provide experiences and activities designed to introduce the Southern Finger Lakes region to visitors as well as to educate its local residents about all that the area has to offer. Two trails exist so far, Scenic Views and Architecture. Pick up a brochure and map at the Visitor Center or visit [www.pointsofinspiration.net](http://www.pointsofinspiration.net) for more information. There is even geocaching opportunities along this trail. Definitely worth checking out!
- **Learn about local history at [the Schuyler County Historical Society](#).** Located in Montour Falls, just south of Watkins Glen, the Society maintains three properties and is headquartered at the Brick Tavern Museum. The museum features exhibits relating to Schuyler County's rich history – admission is free!
- **Enjoy amazing art and beautiful views at [Quintus Gallery](#).** The newest art gallery and event space in Schuyler County, Quintus is an experience unto itself. Located along the lakefront in a stunning space, Quintus offers incredible artwork



by national and local artists, along with unique events such as ArtPair. During these events they pair wine and food with music and life.

- **Get lost at Skyland Art Barn.** [SkyLand Art Barn](#) is one of the most lauded shopping destinations in the Finger Lakes. National Geographic Traveler voted it one of 32 must-see sights in the NY State. Situated on the south east side of Seneca Lake, their shop is situated in a beautifully refurbished 1790s barn with an impeccable view of the lake from the second story balcony. This is your one -stop-shop for hand crafted art and fine crafts. With about 300 different artists, there's something for everyone!
- **Visit [the Glorious T District](#) in downtown Montour Falls.** Listed on the National Register of Historic Places the Glorious T boasts over 20 buildings ranging in architectural styles from Craftsman to Victorian to Greek Revival. Dating from mid-to-late 19th century, these buildings make up the historic district of Montour Falls, built on a former Seneca village called Queanettquaga, also known as Catherine's Town. Catherine Montour was a famous Seneca resident before the Sullivan Expedition destroyed the Native American village in 1779. By 1788 European-Americans began to settle Montour Falls, calling it first Havana before adopting the name Montour Falls in 1890.

