

If You Have a Week to Spend in Schuyler County

Now you're talking! With 7 days to unwind, explore, and enjoy... there is no telling where your adventures can take you! Remember that Watkins Glen is within a stone's throw of many other attractions in the region. So, when you check-in with us for your vacation, you can get to many other day-trip destinations within a quick, easy, (and beautiful!) drive.

- You can really [explore the amazing wineries, breweries, and distilleries](#) in the region with 7 days to spend. Our suggestion? Start with the [Seneca Lake Wine Trail](#), but be sure to wander off the beaten path a bit – you'll find some great hidden gems that way! Keuka Lake is only a 20 minute drive from Watkins Glen and Cayuga Lake is only about a 30 minute drive from Watkins Glen – both of these lakes have wine trails, breweries, and distillers as well.
- You can also check many of [our outdoor sites](#) off of your bucket list. Here are a few we'd definitely recommend:
 1. Watkins Glen State Park
 2. Havana Glen Park
 3. Sugar Hill State Forest
 4. Finger Lakes National Forest
 5. Shequaga Falls
 6. Deckertown Falls
 7. Eagle Cliff Falls
 8. Hector Falls
 9. Aunt Sarah's Falls
 10. Catharine Valley Trail
- Immerse yourself in [the race culture and history](#) that were truly foundational in bringing visitors to Schuyler County. Take in a race at [Watkins Glen International](#) or try your hand on the track with the Drive the Glen opportunity! Be sure to stop by the [International Motor Racing Research Center](#) for the story behind the scenes. Enjoy the trip along the historic race circuit and let your imagination take you back to what racers experienced as they traveled the original US Grand Prix circuit! 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!
- After you've explored [the arts scene](#) in Schuyler County, you can venture just 30 minutes south or west and find other great museums and centers of performance – the Corning Museum of Glass, The Rockwell Museum, the Arnot Art Museum, the National Soaring Museum, The Clemens Center, and the Glenn Curtiss Museum! Boom – 5 great museums and a performing arts center within a beautiful 30 minute drive... it doesn't get much better than that!
- 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.

- **Have you heard of agri-tourism?** Are you guessing it has to do with agriculture? If so, you're right! In its most general sense, agri-tourism is any agricultural activity that brings visitors to working farms or ranches. [A few examples](#) in Schuyler County would include our creameries such as [Shtayburne Farms](#) or [Sunset View Creamery](#), where you can meet cows, learn about the cheese-making process, and of course, taste delicious local cheese! You could also take in the sights from horseback. That's right, Painted Bar Stables offers guided horseback trail rides – for all experience levels. They'll pick just the right horse for you, give you the basics of riding, and away you go, all under the watchful eye of an expert trainer.



- **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!



- **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 24th 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.

- **Also within a very drive-able distance**, you'll find more metropolitan-style towns such as Corning, Ithaca, and Geneva along with quaint villages such as Hammondsport, Seneca Falls, and Elmira. Then, make the return to [Watkins Glen and Schuyler County](#) at the end of the day for a [delicious dinner](#) at one of our local restaurants. [Browse our local shops](#) as you head back to your hotel room. Then rest up for the next day of adventures. We know, we know... so much to do, so little time! Which is why you should start planning TODAY!



- **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.