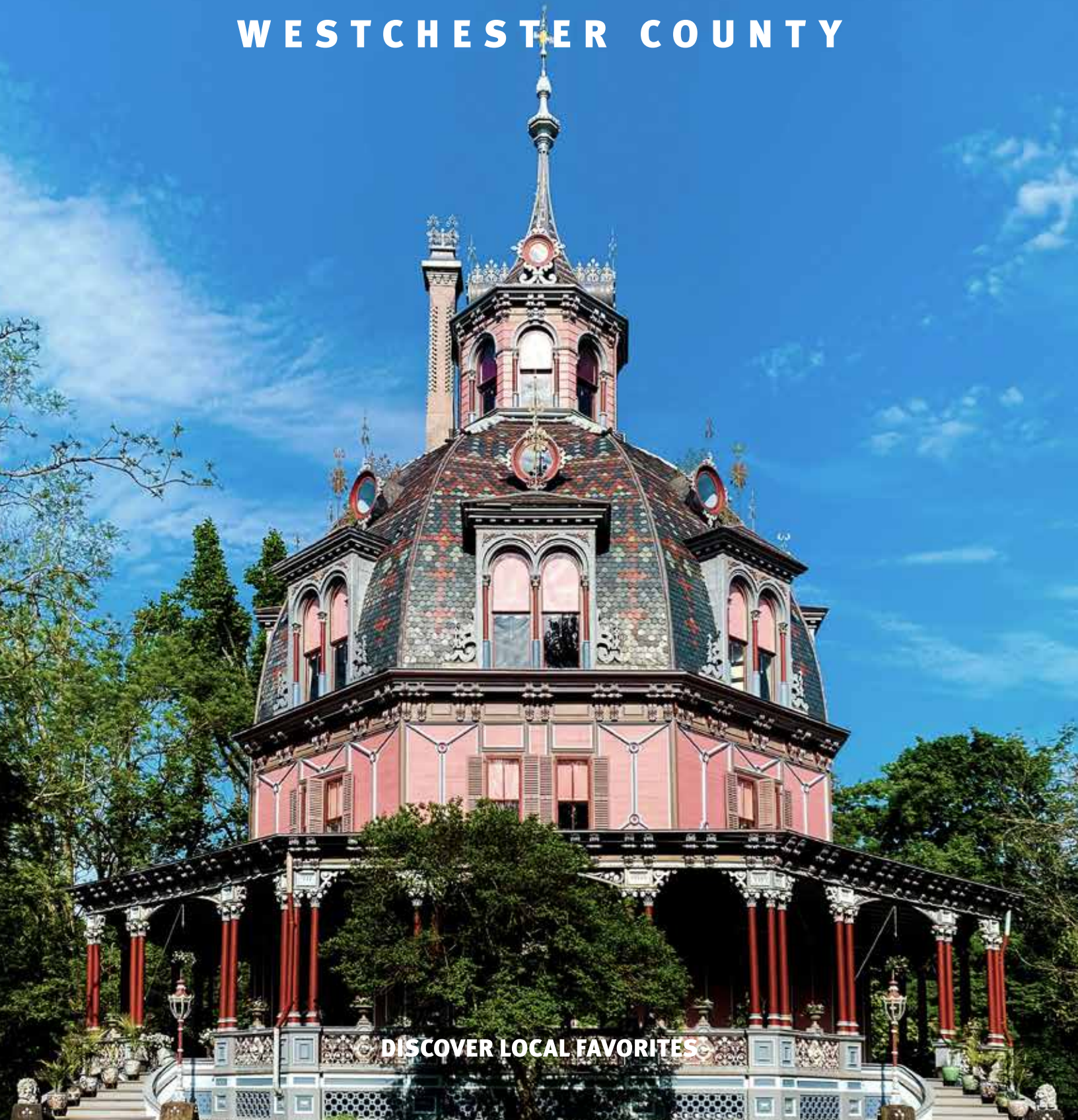


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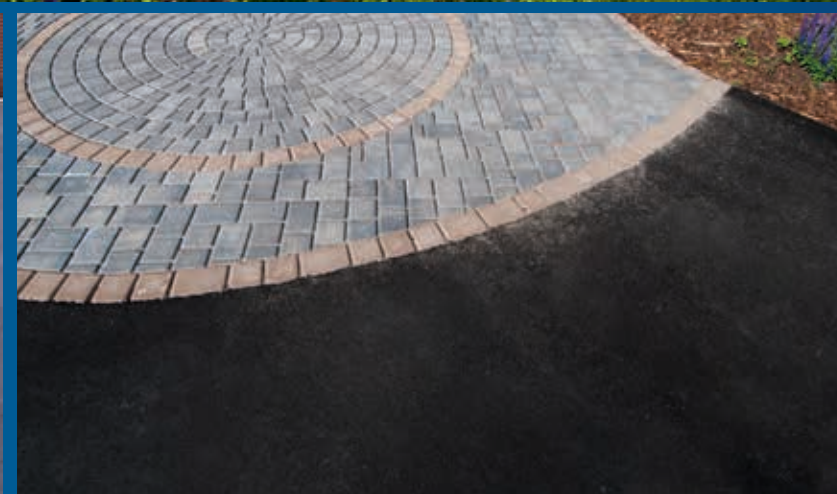
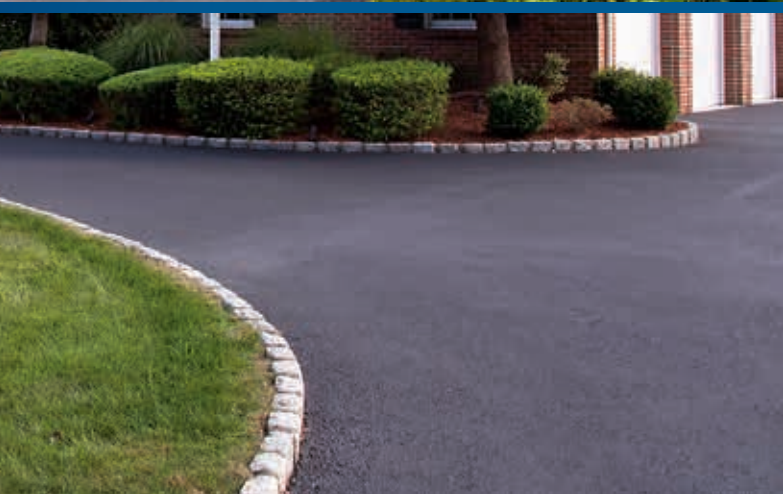
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VILLA LEWARO ► Home to Madame C.J. Walker, the first self-made female millionaire in America, who made her fortune in the Black hair care industry. Though she only lived here for a couple of years before her death in 1919, the mansion is important because it symbolized Walker’s rise from washer woman to entrepreneur. Designed by Vertner Tandy, the first licensed Black architect in New York State, the 34-room mansion included luxuries like an elevator and central heating. The original organ – with pipes throughout the house – is still intact. Though rarely open for tours, strolling along the Croton aqueduct between Irvington and Tarrytown allows a great view of the backside and its terraces.

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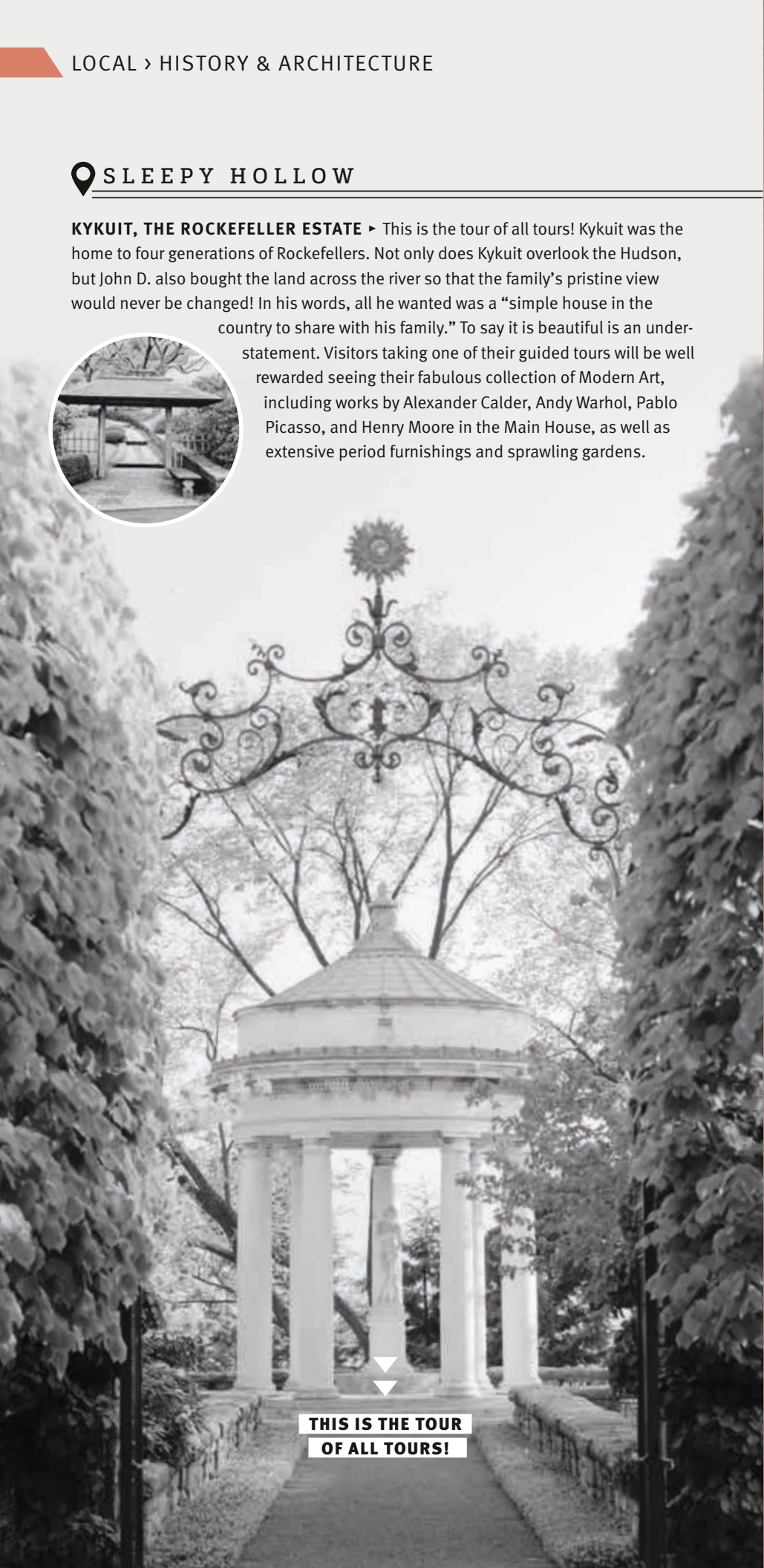
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JASPER CROPSEY HOUSE
HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON ▶

Ever Rest, the former home of artist Jasper Cropsey, is a hidden gem in Hastings-on-Hudson. A Hudson River School painter, Cropsey was known for his detailed and romanticized depictions of the Hudson Valley. It’s crazy how the landscapes we can still see today are like his paintings! The modest house, which has been in his family since 1886, is full of his paintings, heirlooms, and period furniture. A tour here offers an intimate glimpse into the life and work of one of America’s great landscape painters. No photos are allowed inside, but you won’t forget it.

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TARRYTOWN ▶ Lyndhurst, also known as the Jay Gould estate, is a Gothic Revival country house in a 67-acre park beside the Hudson River in Tarrytown, New York, about a half mile south of the Tappan Zee Bridge on US 9. It was built in 1838 as a country house for William Paulding Jr., the former mayor of New York City, and later bought by Jay Gould, a wealthy New Yorker who wanted a country estate close with a view. The house was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1966. A must-see for the beauty of the mansion and surroundings!

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LOCAL TIP



Hapik is the perfect spot for a kids' party—had a blast celebrating my niece's birthday there! And the Bee Hive in Armonk? My son can't resist their chocolate chip pancakes. - **Jane S.**

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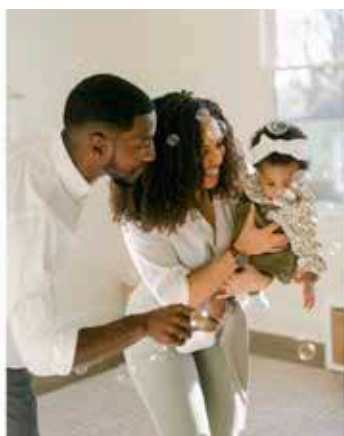
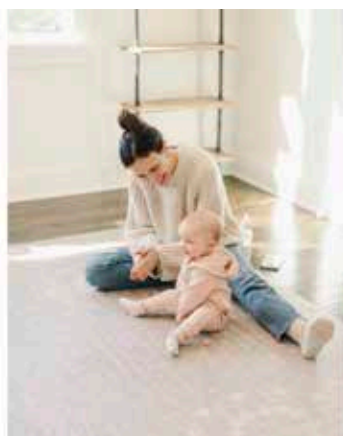
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A family-owned and operated business that has served Westchester County for over 30 years. Locals come here for wedding cakes, signature cakes, cookies, cupcakes, and pies any time a yummy treat is called for on a special occasion. They will even deliver your one-of-a-kind creation right to your location. Be sure to try the strawberry shortcake!

SUSAN LAWRENCE GOURMET FOODS

6 N Greeley Ave, Chappaqua » (914) 238-8833
Every Saturday, the kitchen offers up a dazzling selection of donuts. With artisanal flavors, the art of the donut has been mastered! Their glamorous wedding cakes have been showcased in Westchester Magazine. Need to have an event catered? Susan Lawrence has a large selection of delicious items to make your party festive!

THE KNEADED BREAD

181 N Main St, Port Chester » (914) 937-9489
The ovens have been firing since 1998. Everything is made from scratch using minimal equipment, including the chocolate bread, raisin bread, and pretzel croissants. Along with their decadent chocolate chip cookies and orange muffins, locals say the honey raisin scone is not to be overlooked.

GO LOCAL FOR GROCERIES!

By Robin Helman

Do grocery runs feel like a chore? Many people feel the same way! But for those who take the time to visit smaller, local shops, the experience can become much more enjoyable. Below is a list of favorite spots in Westchester for finding unique items. Supporting these businesses not only leads to great discoveries but also helps strengthen the community. This list is sure to inspire others to shop locally and enjoy the experience. Happy shopping!

Dante's Deli // White Plains

With the feel of Rome and scents of Italy, Dante's has everything you need. They carry all the Italian staples, such as Mancini and Benedetto Cavalieri pasta, Rio tuna, and Mulino Bianco cookies. Their cheese and salami counter is impressive, with aging prosciuttos hanging from the ceiling. They also have a small but fresh selection of the most beautiful Italian produce. The selection of prepared food is constantly changing and is always excellent.

Pick up several packages of dried pasta, prepared chicken Milanese, some ultra-fresh produce, and a packaged snack like Pan de Stelle cookies.

Bloomy Cheese & Provisions // Dobbs Ferry

Calling all cheese lovers! Bloomy Dobbs is the place to go if you need cheese, something special for a gathering, or a last-minute hostess gift. Owner Jess Galen knows her cheese! Locals love the super friendly staff and say they always leave with something new. You will love the personalized cheese selection, tinned fish, and condiments you didn't know you needed.

LOCAL TIP



Don't miss out on Blue Pig's homemade ice cream—scoop it up any time of day for a sweet treat! - Rob. L.



Ruffled Feathers // Scarsdale

Locals visit here often for the out-of-this-world rotisserie chicken and swear it's better than store-bought. Ruffled Feathers also has the perfect options for take out meals. If you plan ahead, they prepare other things, like turkey, pork, lamb, and duck. Be sure to try the skinless fried chicken and cream-less creamed spinach. Don't forget the babka!

Bhavik Indian // Elmsford

People who cook Indian come from all over Westchester to this tiny little market on Route 119. It is stocked with everything essential for an Indian kitchen, including many, many kinds of dal, several different types of rice, spices you've never heard of, shelves of chutneys, and fresh produce. Locals love the large bags of frozen okra, Swade Coriander Chutney, roti and naan.

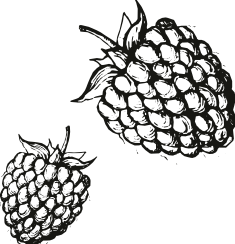


Mt. Kisco Seafood // Mt. Kisco

Love sushi? How about fresher than fresh fish? Mt. Kisco always has an extensive selection of ultra-fresh fish. Locals have been shopping here for 20 years and say the sushi grab-n-go section is out of this world. And the icing on the cake? They cater!

FARMERS MARKETS

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PLEASANTVILLE Saturdays 9:30am-12pm	WHITE PLAINS Wednesdays 8:30am-3pm
TARRYTOWN Saturdays 9:30am-12p	BRONXVILLE Saturdays 8:30am-1pm
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CAFETERO COFFEE COMPANY

111 Centre Ave #11, New Rochelle ▶ (914) 361-2022

This café is charming and exudes warmth and community spirit. It is known for its brewed coffees and pastries. The inviting atmosphere, coupled with friendly service, makes Cafetero Coffee Company a perfect spot for a relaxing coffee break or a casual catch-up with friends.

CAFELATTE

36 Cedar St, Dobbs Ferry ▶ (917) 607-1852

You might feel like you're in Europe when you step inside and order an authentic espresso. CafeLatte definitely gives off Italian vibes with their fresh croissants and sandwiches. Locals find this place to be a nice place to pass the time or get some work done.

SLAVE TO THE GRIND

58 Pondfield Rd, Bronxville ▶ (914) 961-7777

This may be your next obsession. All walks of life stop in to have coffee and, according to one keen observer, the conversation flows seamlessly. "A truly amazing place." The atmosphere will definitely keep you coming back, and you will love the coffee, too.

FIRST VILLAGE COFFEE

123 Main St, Ossining ▶ (914) 236-3765

This café is a neighborhood essential! From its outstanding brewed coffee to its illuminating atmosphere, the shop offers a diverse selection of single-origin coffees and pastries. First Village Coffee is a must visit.

THE BLACK COW COFFEE COMPANY

7 Wheeler Ave, Pleasantville ▶ (914) 495-3153

If you are into aesthetics or trends this is the place for you! This café blends its sophisticated design with artisanal coffee craftsmanship. The menu offers a variety of espresso drinks, brewed coffee, and delightful pastries. Black Cow Pleasantville has a refined yet desirable space for enjoying exceptional coffee and a casual bite.

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YOUR INSIDER'S GUIDE TO THE BEST EATS IN WESTCHESTER

By Clementine Whitney

LOCAL TIP



For top-notch pub grub, Sam's of Gedney Way is the ultimate go-to. Craving authentic British vibes? Ambleside Pub brings the perfect dose of UK flavor!
- Robert L.

Insiders

in the local flavors



on the water

HALF MOON ▶ 1 High St, Dobbs Ferry ▶ (914) 693-4130

Right on the river and a raw bar to boot! Small and large American plates are only enhanced by the awesome Hudson River and Mario Cuomo Bridge views. Plenty of outdoor and indoor seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. Come for a cocktail, stay for sunset.

RED HAT ON THE RIVER ▶ 1 Bridge St. Irvington ▶ (914) 591-5888

Reservations are required here, but once you've been, you'll see why. Super cool vibe in the former factory and a rooftop bar to take in the spectacular sunsets and views of the Hudson. Dog-friendly on the patio, too! Locals say it never disappoints. Be sure to order the Spinach and Artichoke dip!

HARVEST ON HUDSON ▶ 1 River St., Hastings-on-Hudson

(914) 478-2800 ▶ If you're looking for a more upscale spot, be sure to check out this romantic Italian riverfront restaurant set in a farmhouse. While perusing the extensive wine list with the sommelier, take in not only the river views, but also the creative decor. Locals, some who have been coming here for many years, say it has "the most spectacular patio." Great food, interesting cocktails, wonderful service.

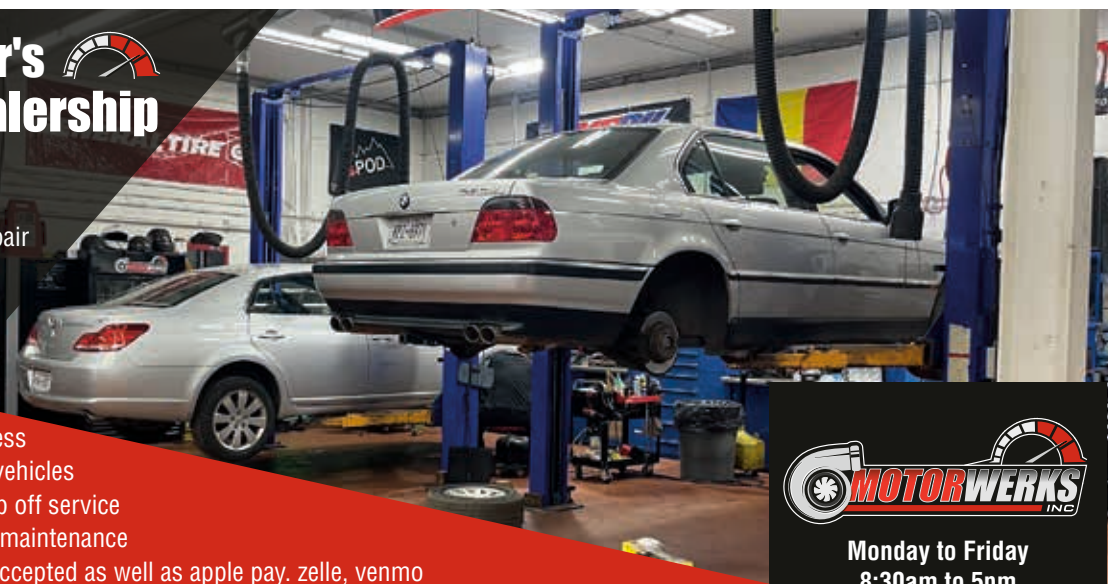
3 WESTERLY BAR AND GRILL ▶ 3 Westerly Rd, Ossining ▶ (914) 762-1333

Reflecting the heart of the Hudson Valley, this lively waterfront spot shows off love for the water with its nautical vibe. Personal-size pizza, sushi, and a twist on American fare, 3 Westerly is a hoppin' place to catch the game or sit in the private dining room. Located just outside the ferry landing with a spectacular view, locals come here for Tuna Tartare, Bella's Warm Cookie Skillet, Fried Calamari, and Black Truffle Pizza. Not to be missed!

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LOCAL TIP



I recommend bringing your family to lunch at Farmer & The Fish in Sleepy Hollow. After you eat, head to the nearby beach to dip your toes in the Hudson and watch nearby boats and kayaks. - Katherine C.



fine dining

GOOSEFEATHER ▶ 49 East Sunnyside Lane, Tarrytown (914) 829-5454 ▶ For a fun and memorable night out, Goosefeather offers modern Cantonese cuisine by James Beard-nominated Chef Dale Talde. Located in The King Mansion, it features Hong Kong-inspired dishes with creative touches like dry-aged beef and black truffles. Enjoy noodles, Cantonese barbecue, and dumplings in elegant dining rooms or outdoor lounges. Fire pits and garden terraces make this a perfect spot to savor elevated flavors with a stunning view.

BLUE HILL AT STONE BARNs ▶ 630 Bedford Rd, Tarrytown (914) 366-9600 ▶ Celebrating something special? A Michelin star farm-to-table restaurant, Stone Barns will delight your senses and your dining companions. The presentation is outstanding, the food is unique and delicious, and the service can't be beat. The whole experience is on another level. If you're interested, they provide a farm tour before your dining adventure.

MULINO'S OF WESTCHESTER ▶ 99 Court St., White Plains ▶ (914) 761-1818 Looking for elegant dining with white tablecloths and a waterfall with a coy pond? Mulino's is a local landmark and diners say the stylish decor and the outstanding Italian dishes make for a wonderful dining experience. Enjoy the special touch of fresh cheese, salami, and bread served as the start of your evening. Peruse the extensive menu with choices such as ravioli d'arragosta champagne, grilled swordfish alla capri, and scallops Milanese.

BEDFORD POST INN ▶ 954 Old Post Rd, Bedford ▶ (914) 234-7800 A four-star restaurant right in the middle of the Hudson Valley! Cool crowd, incredible staff, and an "elevated guest experience at every turn." Locals visit here again and again for the sophisticated and elegant presentation, and innovative dishes to please any palate. As part of the gorgeous and historic hotel, enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the 1762 farmhouse of the Tavern or the ambiance of the converted barn.



grub

THE BOATHOUSE ▶ 46 Westerly Rd, Ossining (914) 923-6466 ▶ If you love boats and good bar food, look no further. Set right on the marina with live music, locals love not only the location, but the Lobster Mac n'cheese. Grab a cold one from the bar and head out to the huge deck for a stunning sunset over the water.

BRIDGE VIEW TAVERN ▶ 226 Beekman Ave. Sleepy Hollow ▶ (914) 332-0078 ▶ Come in for pub grub and the game, and explore the many microbrews on tap. Great place to chill with friends or family. Be sure to try the Smokehouse Burger, "the best burger I've ever had" said one visitor. Locals like it because the bier garden is dog friendly, the food is super consistent, and the people are awesome.

TRAMONTO ▶ 27 Saw Mill River Rd, Hawthorne (914) 347-8220 ▶ Serving brick oven pizza and Italian food with an inventive twist, Tramonto has been open for over 25 years. Originally started by three sisters who were born and raised in Italy, diners rave about the service, the ambiance, and of course, the food. Highly rated online, people recommend Tramonto for a large party or chill by the fireplace on a date night.



steakhouses

HUDSON PRIME STEAKHOUSE ▶ 5 N Buckhout St, Irvington (914) 231-6800 ▶ Perfect place to celebrate a special day or for the perfect cut of steak. One steak-lover went so far as to claim he had "the best steak he's ever eaten" right here. Locals love the Creamed Spinach, Char-Broiled Oysters, and Crispy Sushi. Hudson Prime is at the top of the list because it is tops with the people who live here. They cannot say rave about it enough!

MORTON'S THE STEAKHOUSE ▶ 5 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains (914)-683-6101 ▶ Not only do they provide a memorable experience, but Morton's also serves USDA prime-aged steak cooked to your liking. If seafood is more to your taste, you will not be disappointed. Locals visit here often and say they always have a relaxing, happy time. Be sure to try the prosciutto wrapped mozzarella.

BENJAMIN STEAKHOUSE ▶ 610 Hartsdale Road, White Plains (914) 428-6868 ▶ If the oversized fireplace doesn't draw you in, the aroma of juicy cuts of steak will surely have you walking through the doors. Whether you're planning a romantic evening or a big family dinner, the attentive service and excellent entrees and desserts will have you coming back again and again.

HUDSON VALLEY STEAKHOUSE ▶ 3360 Old Crompond Rd, Yorktown Heights (914) 930-8688 ▶ Looking for a whopper of a steak? How does a 40-ounce Porterhouse cooked to perfection sound? Not sure what to order? The wait-staff is ready to make suggestions. Locals say the real secret of the place is the bar, where the mixologist makes you feel at home. Be sure to order their hard-to-beat baked potato.





pizza

AMORE PIZZERIA ▶ 22 Edgemont Rd, Katonah ▶ (914) 232-1001

Family-owned, Bronx-style pizzeria with the best Sicilian slices in town. Open wide for the first bite of crunchy crust because it's over an inch thick! Amore also has square pan pizzas, artisanal salads, homemade meatballs, wings, and subs. Awesome old-school pizza shop.

WOOD & FIRE NEAPOLITAN STYLE PIZZA ▶ 59 Marble Ave,

Pleasantville ▶ (914) 747-2611 ▶ Stylish yet casual joint with an outside patio and a kids' menu. Close to a walking trail, this is the perfect spot to stop for a bite after some exercise. Thin crust pizza deemed "the best ever" by local diners who have made this their "go-to" pizza place. Be sure to try the sangria flight with whichever delectable pie you choose!

901 WOOD BURNING KITCHEN & BAR ▶ 1410 E Main St, Shrub Oak

(914) 743-1930 ▶ Family-owned and in the perfect location. If you like wood-fired pizza, you will make this a favorite. There are so many to choose from, you will have to come back to try them all. Your Italian stand-bys are also on the extensive menu, including lobster risotto, lamb chops, pollo alla vodka, and gnocchi alla nina.

BEEKMAN ALE HOUSE ▶ 92 Beekman Av, Sleepy Hollow

(845) 827-3505 ▶ Looking for the best Bar Pie? Brothers Luke and Patrick Sheeran have made an art of the simple bar pie. Classic toppings, but why not try a hot oil infused with Fresno chilis, or buffalo chicken? Your wallet will thank you but your pants may not!



BILLY & PETE'S ▶ 121 Myrtle Blvd, Larchmont ▶ (914) 909-5289

Serving up Detroit pizza like no other. Diners say the people coming up with the food and the drinks are "pushing the bounds with their creativity." Vegan and gluten-free options as well. Music on the patio during the summer and dog friendly!



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international cuisine

L'INZIO ▶ 698 Saw Mill River Rd, Ardsley ▶ (914) 693-5400

Rated one of the Best Italian Restaurants locally, award-winning chefs are bringing their creative and inventive Italian-inspired cuisine to Westchester County. Every item is made in-house and locally and sustainably sourced. This place is the epitome of "farm to table" dining. Amazing cocktail menu and extensive wine list will complement your meal. Save room for dessert because the co-owner is a pastry chef who creates delectable treats for your sweet tooth.

O MANDARIN ▶ 361 N Central Ave, Hartsdale

(914) 437-9168 ▶ Classic decor, relaxing atmosphere, attentive staff, and excellent Chinese food! Eat-in or takeout - the food will always be made to order and served with a smile. Locals celebrate birthdays here, and note that "there is something for everyone." Excellent selection of spicy dishes. Diners say that the Peking Duck is the best around and recommend ordering Grandma's Steam Bun.

MARIA RESTAURANT ▶ 11 Huguenot St, New Rochelle

(914) 636-0006 ▶ It's easy to see why Maria was Michelin awarded in 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 with their blend of traditional and new Italian cuisine. The upscale, but old-school, Italian lounge provides an intimate atmosphere with first class waitstaff and food presentation. Local diners say the chef's food "is consistently delicious." Be sure to order the burrata appetizer and the Spanish octopus.

AKI ASIAN FUSION ▶ 130 W Post Rd, White Plains

(914) 368-8100 ▶ For all things Asian fusion, head over to Aki. From Thai to Japanese to Chinese all under one roof. The hibachi and teriyaki restaurants are exceptional and the sushi bar is top-notch. Locals call this a "great date night spot", with an interior that complements the quality of the food.

ABERDEEN SEAFOOD AND DIM SUM ▶ 3 Barker Ave, White Plains

(914) 288-0188 ▶ Truly authentic Cantonese seafood and fresh, homemade daily dim sum. Nice size multi-level space that mirrors Chinatown in NYC. Large buffet-style menu with a variety of dishes including fresh fish soup, fish and bean curd casserole and assorted authentic dim sum.

VEGA MEXICAN CUISINE ▶ 189 E Hartsdale Ave, Hartsdale

(914) 723-0010 ▶ Hip and hoppin' slick and sleek cantina with a super stylish bar area that creates a cool vibe. The atmosphere is enhanced by the waterfall. But the best reason to dine here is the food! The pork mofongo and veggie chimichangas are for-sure items; add a side of avocado fritters or coconut shrimp. A local favorite!

LOCAL TIP



Don't let Muskoot Tavern's unassuming look fool you—this favorite spot serves delicious food in a cozy setting. After, hop over to King Kone for an ice cream cone extravaganza! Not to be missed. - David V.

CULTURE

DIVE INTO WESTCHESTER'S SCENE

By Amy Harter

You don't need to live in NYC to enjoy great cultural experiences. Westchester offers a range of venues with something for everyone. Spend an afternoon viewing art in local galleries, enjoy live music or dance performances, or take a relaxing walk through well-kept gardens. Whether you're a culture enthusiast or just looking for engaging activities, Westchester's diverse array of artistic and entertainment options promises to inspire and delight. From major exhibits to smaller performances and peaceful outdoor spaces, find a variety of experiences right here in our region.



KYKUIT, THE ROCKEFELLER ESTATE, *Sleepy Hollow*

A top Westchester cultural attraction, this vast estate was home to four generations of the philanthropic Rockefeller family, one of the richest families in America. Now a historic site of the National Trust of Historic Preservation, this landmark has been maintained for over 100 years, and visitors taking one of their guided tours will be well rewarded seeing their fabulous collection of Modern Art, including works by Alexander Calder, Andy Warhol, Pablo Picasso, and Henry Moore in the Main House, as well as extensive period furnishings and sprawling gardens.

KATONAH MUSEUM OF ART (KMA)

134 Jay Street, Katonah

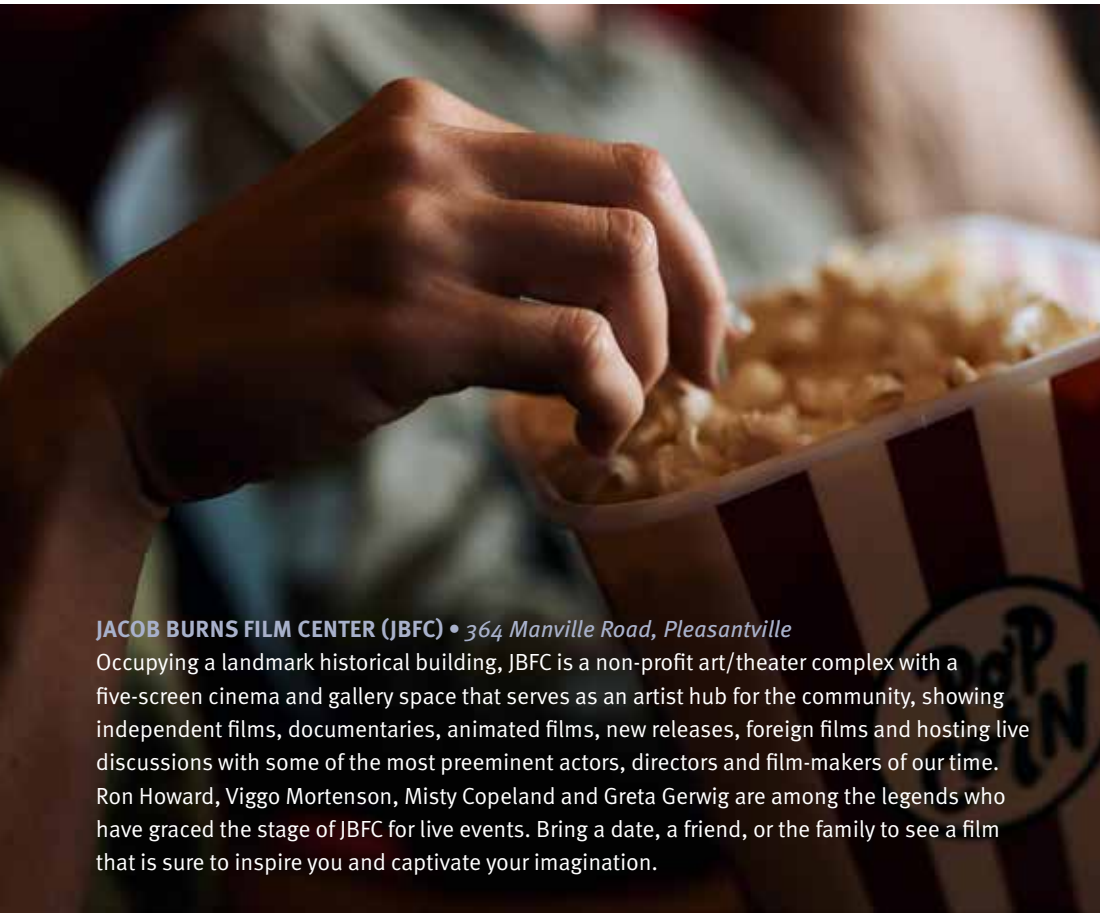
Although relatively small, KMA hosts temporary rotating exhibits highlighting world-renowned and emerging artists and offers unique educational programs and events for all ages. Their docent-led tours are great for art enthusiasts of all ages. Come for KMA Family Days, where budding artists and their families can explore the galleries and sculpture garden and then create their own masterpieces with engaging hands-on activities in the Learning Center.

ARTS WESTCHESTER

31 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains

Arts Westchester supports thousands of local art events, organizations and individual artists each year all over Westchester. But for innovative exhibitions and music and dance performances for diverse audiences, visit their dramatic 4,800 square foot gallery space, housed in the former Bank & Trust Building in downtown White Plains, which showcases Hudson Valley regional artists and is definitely the place to mix and mingle with local artists and art lovers from all over Westchester.





JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER (JBFC) • 364 Manville Road, Pleasantville
Occupying a landmark historical building, JBFC is a non-profit art/theater complex with a five-screen cinema and gallery space that serves as an artist hub for the community, showing independent films, documentaries, animated films, new releases, foreign films and hosting live discussions with some of the most preeminent actors, directors and film-makers of our time. Ron Howard, Viggo Mortenson, Misty Copeland and Greta Gerwig are among the legends who have graced the stage of JBFC for live events. Bring a date, a friend, or the family to see a film that is sure to inspire you and captivate your imagination.

HORACE GREELEY HOUSE
100 King Street, Chappaqua

A historic property dating back to 1864, once owned by one of the most prominent local families in business and politics, now run by the New Castle Historical Society (NCHS), the house has been lovingly restored with original furnishings, antiques, and family heirlooms as a museum with permanent and rotating exhibitions and educational programming. Bring the family for an intimate glimpse into this family's life and town history before Chappaqua became the thriving suburb it is today.

CARAMOOR
149 Girdle Ridge Road, Katonah

A unique spot for arts and culture, this historic estate with the extensive Rosen family collections, was known for its legendary summer musical evenings. Today, the extensive grounds host intimate indoor and outdoor concerts in multiple venues featuring world-renowned artists. Caramoor offers a wide range of musical performances, including family concerts, string ensembles, jazz greats, virtuoso performers, orchestral evenings, and Broadway legends. Tea in the music room is a unique experience with a full tea service in a breathtaking historical setting. But for the perfect summer evening, picnic on the spectacular grounds before enjoying a world-class performance, you can bring your own or pre-order from their gourmet menu.

MEDIA ARTS LAB
405 Manville Road, Pleasantville
Down the street from JBFC, the Media Arts Lab is the place to be in Westchester for anyone interested in the art of filmmaking. With editing suites, a recording studio, a screening room, and an animation studio, the Lab is home to JBFC's educational component. JBFC offers a wide variety of classes and Summer Camp Programs and furthers its mission by providing emerging filmmakers with the opportunity to bring their ideas to life whether in front of or behind the camera lens.

LOCAL TIP



elegant Venetian Theatre's spacious tent, is elevating and transformative." - Dave and Abby G. Scarsdale, NY



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BIKE

Your Way Through Westchester County

By Arielle Bortz

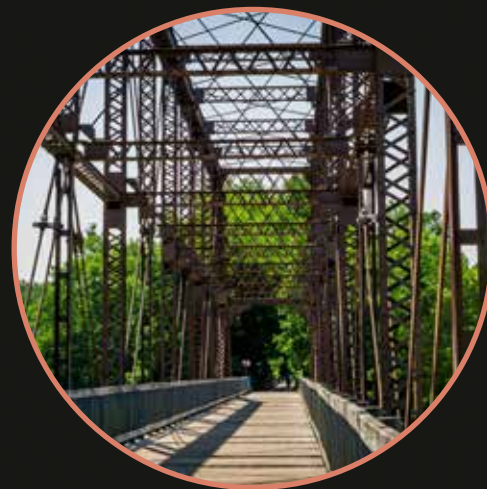


Northern Westchester County offers some of the most beautiful outdoor landscape in New York. From views of the Hudson River to the shores of the Long Island Sound with a vast array of reservoirs, dams and nature preserves, the Hudson Valley offers many scenic experiences. The best way to take it all in is undeniably on a bike. Fortunately for local residents, Westchester County also offers accessibility through a series of great bike trails and gravel routes that can be enjoyed by people of all skill levels.

GRAVEL TRAILS

For more adventure-seeking cyclists, gravel riding is a great option in Westchester as it has hundreds of miles of gravel roads connecting Mount Kisco, Bedford, Katonah, Waccabuc, and North and South Salem, among other areas. To access popular gravel routes, riders will typically start from either Reservoir Road in Katonah or in the village of Bedford.

One such trail is the **North County Trailway** loop from Irvington, however, you need to be in good shape for this one. With an elevation of 1500 ft and a 39 mile loop, it's not for the faint-hearted. Need something a little easier? Try the **Old Erie Rail Trail** loop from Tarrytown. Suited for any fitness level and takes a little over an hour to go out and back.



FLAT TERRAIN

The **North and South County Trailway** is a paved 36.2 mile stretch throughout Westchester County, spanning from Baldwin Place in the town of Somers to Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx. From Chappaqua, a good place to start is on the North County Trailway in Millwood where one can head north through scenic Yorktown, Amawalk and Granite Springs, or head south accessing Stone Barns, the Rockefeller State Park Preserve and the Mario Cuomo Bridge.

The **Bronx River Pathway** offers 11 miles of flat, paved surface riding. If you have little ones, there's also a one-mile loop in Mt. Vernon.



MOUNTAIN BIKING

Travel to Peekskill for some awesome mountain biking at **Blue Mountain Reservation** with a range of trails suited for all levels of ability. Several trails require some climbing or have technical sections. If you like rock features, you will be quite content here. You might see some horseback riders or hikers here, too.

Located on the border of Yonkers and Greenburgh, **Sprain Ride Park** has something for every kind of bike and every kind of rider. Single speed bikes can handle the mild elevations, and those up for a challenge will love the technical riding thanks to numerous tree falls, rock formations and tight trail layout. You won't go fast and it won't be especially smooth, but a technical challenge for almost any rider. Trailhead: 1/2 mile West from Jackson Avenue exit on Sprain Brook Parkway

THE dog pawrent's

ULTIMATE GUIDE TO WESTCHESTER COUNTY

By Jazzmin Hylton

Welcome to Westchester, where new beginnings are made even more exciting with your four legged companion at your side. Here is the ultimate guide on where to go, what to see, do, (and even eat!), with your furry friend.

adventure-seeking PUP

› Hike Blue Mountain Loop, Peekskill

Blue Mountain Reservation offers a five-mile dog-friendly loop for your hiking pleasure with scenic views of the Hudson River and lots of terrain.

› Conquer the Trails at Ward Pound Ridge, Pound Ridge

The largest park in the county, Ward Pound Ridge boasts six dog friendly hiking trails. Your dog will be in heaven as they explore all Ward Pound Ridge has to offer.

› Take it Off Leash at Gedney Park, Chappaqua

Gedney Park is a smaller park with more accessible hikes. The park's size doesn't diminish its greatness since it allows dogs to freely explore the trails and bodies of water.



FOR THE PUP WHO JUST WANTS TO play

› Kingsland Point Dog Park, Tarrytown

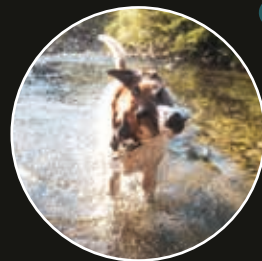
Truly one of the best dog parks in the county. Not only is it extremely well maintained, but the enclosed off-leash dog park is on the same grounds as Riverside Walk where you can take beautiful strolls with your dog as well.

› Paws Place Dog Park, New Rochelle

This dog park features two fenced in areas, one specifically designated for small, elderly, and dogs who may a bit shy. Shade is in abundance here and it is the perfect place for your dog to make new friends.

› Bronxville Dog Park, Bronxville

Open 24 hours a day, it's never too late or early for your dog to get those zoomies out at Bronxville Dog Park. Pro-Tip: BYOW (bring your own water).



FOR THE PUP WHO LOVES A yappy hour

› Share a beer at Wolf & Warrior

This White Plains based brewery and restaurant is the perfect place to hang with your dog. Grab a beer and a bite and head to the back patio which offers covered seating, games, and more.

› Get a treat at Broken Bow Brewery, Tuckahoe

Not only is your dog welcome in their gorgeous beer garden but dogs are also welcome in designated areas of the warehouse portion of their tasting room. They even sell dog treats on site!

› Feel the breeze at Hudson Social, Dobbs Ferry

Situated along the scenic Dobbs Ferry Waterfront, Hudson Social is the perfect place to relax, and indulge in a refreshing cocktail. Personal doggy water bowls included.

FOR THE PUP WHO LOVES the beach

› The Beach at Rye Playland

Every year from October 1st to August 28th, dogs get to takeover the beach at Rye Playland. Dogs are free to roam off leash on the beach but are required to be on a leash everywhere else.

› Larchmont Dog Beach

This beach is exclusively for dogs and is open all year round! Pro-tip: Go during low tide.



FOR THE PUP WHO likes to eat

› Ocean House and Grille, Croton

The Ocean House welcomes four legged guests to dine on their enclosed patio with their owners. They will even give your dog water and treats.

› Grab a bite at Jackie B's, Scarsdale

This upscale eatery boasts 40 beers on tap, but that's not the best part. Dogs are welcome in their outdoor seating area weather permitting.

› The Dog Den

Located in White Plains right near the train station, when you visit this eatery you won't be the only one catered to. All dogs get a doggy bag of treats with your purchase.

LOCAL TIP



Encore Bistro and 25 North are my go-to spots for delicious French and Italian food! I love taking my family with me. - **Bita T.**



LOVE-LOVE

COUNTY TENNIS CLUB

5 Brook Ln, Scarsdale
(914) 472-1136

With three red clay tennis courts, five fast-drying Har-Tru courts (both for tennis and pickleball), this is one of the oldest private tennis clubs in the US! Memberships available for families and individuals based on age group. The club offers team play, tournaments, round robins, lessons and social events to boot!

WESTCHESTER TENNIS CENTER

303 Boston Post Rd, Port Chester
(914) 934-1900

So many programs to choose from! Adult, Junior, and High Performance programs complement the private lessons. Hard court and Har-Tru courts.

RYE RACQUET CLUB

3 S Rd, Harrison
(914) 835-3030

Boasting five indoor plexi-cushion tennis courts and four outdoor Har-tru courts, Rye Racquet club has been providing programs for the whole family since 1961. The goal is to take players to the next level of play. Their junior program, Rye Tennis Academy, started in 1973 with 60 students and now has over 600!

YONKERS TENNIS CENTER

493 Sprain Rd, Yonkers
(914) 968-6918

Family-owned and no membership fees - just great tennis since 1971! The Leadership team attends the USTA National Campus to help spread the love of tennis. In fact, the current Director of USTA National Campus was once the General Manager of YTC. Lots of events and clinics. All staff members are Safe Play certified.



IN A PICKLE

ANTHONY VETERAN PARK

11 Olympic Ln, Ardsley
(914) 989-1800

Nice, clean and well-maintained, this park has four lighted pickleball courts and 17 tennis courts! A valid resident Town Unicard is required to play, and non-residents can purchase a permit to use the courts. Buy a membership and you can use East Rumbrook Park, too!

CROSS COURT PICKLEBALL

5 Browns Ln, Hawthorne
(914) 662-8200

The first indoor facility just for pickleball in Westchester! Adult and junior programs and lessons available. Need some work? Attend a 10 weeks of one-hour clinics on all things pickleball! Courts can also be rented for play.

CROTON AVENUE PICKLEBALL COURT

225 Croton Ave, Cortlandt
(914) 734-1050

Relatively new courts and the town's first official pickleball venue. Four fully fenced-in courts with permanent nets. And it's free to play here!

EAST COAST SPORTS & FITNESS

201 Veterans Rd, Yorktown
(914) 962-4094

With six climate-controlled indoor pickleball courts, this state-of-the-art venue offers private lessons, court rentals, and open play times. Members say the place is very professionally run and everyone is super friendly.

LOCAL TIP



Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, Cross Court Pickleball's top-notch courts and welcoming community offer the perfect space to have some fun. Swing by!
- John & Lisa T.

MAPLE MOOR

1128 North St, White Plains
(914) 995-9200

Designed by Tom Winton, the course was originally part of the Griffen farm. All 18 holes were made public in 1927 after the Parks Commission purchased the farm in 1925, when the land already had nine holes. In addition to extensive renovations around the course, the whole place was recently revamped with new bunkers, sand traps, cart paths, irrigation systems, and drainage systems with retention ponds. This is a public course.

SAXON WOODS

315 Mamaroneck Road, Scarsdale
(914) 231-3461

True to its name, Saxon Woods is surrounded by trees. Your accuracy will definitely be put to the test! Designed by Tom Winton, Saxon opened its doors to the public in 1931. Since then, all of the tees have been completely redone along with several of the greens. With so much character, this might become your favorite course! This is a public course.

HUDSON HILLS

400 Croton Dam Road, Ossining
(914) 864-3000

This is the newest course! From the first tee you'll see stunning views of the hilly terrain. But don't be fooled! The course is challenging and you will have the opportunity to use every club your bag can hold. This is a public course.

DUNWOODIE

1 Wasylenko Ln, Yonkers
(914) 231-3490

Steep slopes and awesome topography, the layout is mixed with narrow fairways and wide landscapes. Perfect course for old timers and newbies. Dunwoodie also has practice greens and a lighted driving range. Their rating is 68.1 if you like that sort of information. This is a public course.

FORE!

GOLF, TENNIS, PICKLEBALL OH MY!

LOVE THE OUTDOORS? SO DO WE! WESTCHESTER COUNTY HAS CHALLENGING GREENS AND BEAUTIFUL COURTS. GET OUT THERE AND SWING YOUR CLUB, RACQUET, OR PADDLE!

SHOP LOCAL TREASURES

Whether you love strolling through malls, searching a specialized boutique for that perfect gift or piece of clothing, or roaming around consignment or second-hand stores, Westchester has a little bit of everything for the discerning shopper in your family.

BOUTIQUES



Great Stuff

Locations in Scarsdale and Chappaqua

A family-owned favorite since 1980 now with five locations, owner Lori Friedman thinks of her stores as adventures that surprise her shoppers with an eclectic mix of clothes, both trendy and fun. Some brands you will find here include Enza Costa, Ulla Johnson, and AGOLDE.



I Am More

**6 Spencer Pl, Scarsdale
(914) 723-6673**

A most unique women-owned business in that the owners forgo salaries in order to donate profits to support women's charities and organizations. I Am More believes in empowering and supporting women, while dressing women patrons to feel more confident. A wide selection of day and night wear, from brands such as Fabulous & Broke, Love Shack Fancy, Young, Nadaam, and Monrow.

Beginnings Bleus

**1088 Wilmot Rd, Scarsdale
(914) 472-4722**

Upscale clothing, shoes, accessories and premium denim in a wide range of brands. If you love having a personal shopper and brands like 525 America, Generation Love, J Brand, and Amanda Upchurch, this will be your go-to store. Locals love that the whole family can find things here.

Fado

**152 Bedford Rd, Katonah
(914) 228-7788**

If you want style AND comfort, check out Fado. They not only carry everyday wear such as t-shirts, knitwear, and denim but also unique dresses and tops. You'll find brands such as Sanctuary and Free People. Need that perfect gift item? Fado also has candles, jewelry, socks, and hats.

Z life

**138B S. Ridge St., Rye Brook
(914) 937-5433**

If you're into cult brands for men and women such as Frank & Eileen, The Great, Sundays, Kato, True Grit, and Surfside, step inside this modern shopping destination where up-and-coming designers make their debut. Founded 25 years ago by an LA native, the focus is on clients and personal styling. Be sure to check out the eyewear, jewelry, and shoes!



CONSIGNMENT

Trilogy Consignment • 54 Main St, Tarrytown

Take in the impressive displays of modern, vintage, and artisan clothing and accessories. Visitors are decidedly “blown away by the selection.” Well-organized unique finds. And if you have items to donate after you settle in, Trilogy is the place to rehome your once-loved pieces of clothing or jewelry.

Second Chance Shop • 28 N Broadway, Nyack

Vintage and second hand clothing, art, and home decor. Some items still have tags! Shoppers comment on the lovely atmosphere, the welcoming staff, and the fun knick-knacks. A must-stop for the vintage lover and thrifter. Highly rated on Google!

LUXE Luxury Labels • 41 Maple Ave, Armonk

Immaculately organized and clean, one shopper said she can’t wait to go back because “the merchandise is gorgeous and displayed perfectly.” With brands like Channel, LV, Prada, and Gucci and a very pleasant group of ladies who work there, you will be back again and again.

MALLS

Ridge Hill

1 Ridge Hill Boulevard, Yonkers

Situated on top of a hill overlooking Yonkers, this mall has it all: entertainment areas, kids’ play area with climbing wall, mini golf, and iFly, a cinema, events, fitness classes, restaurants, and offices. Oh! And fabulous shopping with many brands such as Banana Republic, Clarks, Ann Taylor LOFT, Sephora, and Pandora. You’ll even find a Whole Foods Market! Visitors pay to park.

The Westchester

125 Westchester Ave, White Plains

A mall with upscale stores such as Gucci, BOSS, Louis Vuitton, and Rolex, along with favorites like Crate&Barrel, Fabletics, and J. Crew. When your feet start slowing down and your belly starts to rumble, enjoy a snack from Mariposa, The Shake Shack, Venchi, or Woops in the trendy food court. Visitors pay to park.



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discover WESTCHESTER'S natural gems

Westchester parks may just be the best in the country. With three national accreditations, and over 50 parks, they host numerous sports, concerts, educational, and entertainment events. Here are some of the best, some of which require a Park Pass. A pass entitles the holder entry to all county-owned pools and beaches and facilities, as well as discounted admission to all pools, beaches and parking.

by Marci Wallis



LOCAL TIP



Ward Pound Ridge Reservation is a true gem—a constant source of awe and wonder. It doesn't get much better than this special place!
- Colleen H.



UNTERMYER GARDENS
Yonkers • A historical 43-acre park above the Hudson River, Untermyer Gardens features a Grecian amphitheater and beautiful gardens, perfect for a picnic. Visitors remark on the cleanliness and maintenance of the grounds.

JACK'S FRIENDSHIP GARDEN
New Rochelle • A wonderful, wheelchair-accessible park with two play areas: one for children up to age five and another for kids up to age twelve. The park includes climbing structures, swings, slides, seesaws, a large sway fun ride, and a small sandbox. The scenic surroundings, picnic seating, and a creek where you might spot geese add to its charm.

JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD
Bedford • Spread over 62 acres, this historic park focuses on exploratory learning for families. Enjoy sensory walks, equestrian trails, weekly farmers' markets, and even a mechanical cow named Buttercup for kids to "milk." Check out their website for monthly drive-in movie experiences in collaboration with Bedford Playhouse.

LASDON PARK, ARBORETUM & VETERAN MEMORIAL
Katonah • An interesting park with no playground but rich in other features. In addition to the popular Dinosaur Trail, Lasdon Park offers walking and hiking trails, beautiful gardens, a bird sanctuary, and memorial statues. Allocate plenty of time to explore this amazing park.

RIVERFRONT GREEN PARK
Peekskill • This waterfront park is surrounded by shops and restaurants, featuring a playground and a gazebo equipped with BBQs and tables for an all-day outing. Be sure to check out the walkway for gorgeous views of the Hudson. The park is also dog friendly and hosts a summer concert series.

ROCKEFELLER STATE PARK PRESERVE
Pleasantville • Donated by the Rockefeller family, this 1700-acre preserve offers a peek into history with extra-wide carriage trails winding through scenic views. The trails intersect with Rockwood Hall, the former site of a Rockefeller home, offering stunning Hudson River views and open fields for picnics. Take the loop around the lake with your pup while you're there.

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