



## About Ontario County



**Ontario County** is a county located in the U.S. state of New York. The county seat is Canandaigua. In 2006, *Progressive Farmer* rated Ontario County as the "Best Place to Live" in the U.S., for its "great schools, low crime, excellent health care" and its proximity to Rochester.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county has a total area of 663 square miles of which 644 square miles is land and 18 square miles (2.8%) is water. Ontario County is in western New York State, east of Buffalo, southeast of Rochester, and northwest of Ithaca. The county is within the Finger Lakes Region of the state.

### Cities, Towns and Villages:

City of Canandaigua  
City of Geneva  
Town of Bristol  
Town of Canadice  
Town of Canandaigua  
Town of East Bloomfield  
Town of Farmington  
Town of Geneva  
Town of Gorham  
Town of Hopewell  
Town of Manchester  
Town of Naples  
Town of Phelps  
Town of Richmond  
Town of Seneca  
Town of South Bristol  
Town of Victor  
Town of West Bloomfield  
Village of Bloomfield  
Village of Clifton Springs  
Village of Manchester  
Village of Naples  
Village of Rushville  
Village of Shortsville  
Village of Phelps  
Village of Victor



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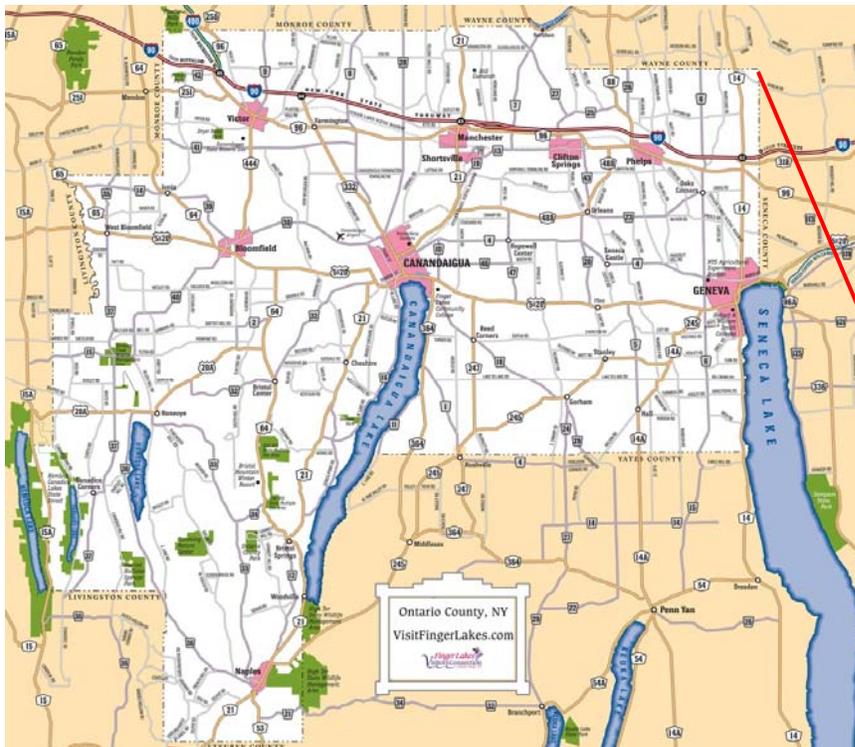
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## FINGER LAKES REGION

The Finger Lakes are an ideal destination, drawing countless visitors to the natural, scenic beauty of the region. From watersports to wineries, the Finger Lakes region of New York State has unlimited appeal. The region is steeped in history and tradition, and the landmarks and museums in the Finger Lakes document this history well. From the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum to the Mark Twain Study, history buffs are in for a treat. Anglers and sportsmen will find more prime fishing spots than they can visit. And wine lovers will enjoy touring the 100 + wineries and vineyards that have gained worldwide recognition.



### The Lakes

Resembling the fingers of a hand, eleven linear lakes make up the Finger Lakes region of west central New York State, ranging from 40-mile long Cayuga Lake to 3-mile long Canadice Lake. Varying from small, undeveloped natural preserves ideal for kayaking and relaxation to bustling and boat-filled tourist havens full of summer cottages and recreation, you can find your ideal vacation in the Finger Lakes. The region is situated between the cities of Syracuse and Rochester, running 75 miles from east to west and 50 miles from north to south.



### Things to Do

Whether you're looking to climb cliffs or taste wine, catch a symphony or head to the racetrack, the Finger Lakes has something for everyone. Wine and food are the area's trademarks, but equally well-renowned are its stunning natural landscapes and opportunities for outdoor adventures. Some of the country's most astonishing waterfalls are located here, including Taughannock Falls, one of the largest single-drop waterfalls east of the Rocky Mountains. Museums of history, art, and science can be found throughout the region, and the many small towns offer a wide array of shopping and entertainment.

Baseball fans can visit Falcon Park in Auburn to cheer on the Auburn Doubledays Single-A baseball team, or catch a movie in town at the Finger Lakes Drive-In Theater. The country's auto racing mecca is nestled alongside Seneca Lake, while hundreds of campgrounds offer the chance to enjoy the quiet of the outdoors.



## Outdoor Activities

Experience the diversity of the region's landscape via the 560-mile Finger Lakes Trail, a haven for outdoor enthusiasts—from visitors looking for a casual stroll to backpackers looking for a strenuous hike. Camp out on the trail for a multi-day hike, or trek the trail end-to-end one section at a time. The gorges of Ithaca and Watkins Glen also offer beautiful hiking trails and feature some of the region's most awe-inspiring natural scenery. If you prefer the water, set sail on one of the region's sparkling lakes—cruise, kayak, canoe, or cast your line, as salmon and trout abound in the waters of the Finger Lakes.

## Climate

There is no such thing as “out-of-season” in the Finger Lakes. Every season brings reasons to embrace the region's heritage and beauty—from cascading waterfalls and gorgeous lakes in the warm summer months to crisp temperatures, brilliant colors, and grape harvesting in the fall. A wonderland of winter sports in the snowy season is followed by a mild and verdant spring bursting with color as waterfalls thaw and buds bloom across the region. Its unique climate coupled with its rolling topography mottled with streams and gorges have made the Finger Lakes region famous for being a prime wine-making and tasting destination



More Info at: <http://www.fingerlakes.com/about>