

Rediscover the Essence of Family Fun

Whether it's exploring museums or the great outdoors, learning new skills or making your own keepsakes to take home, striking up a little friendly competition or enjoying some downtime in nature, The Southern Finger Lakes has an assortment of kid-tested, family-approved experiences sure to bring you together!

“There was so much to do: from glass and fine art to outdoor adventures and natural wonders. The Finger Lakes Region is rich in art, nature, history, adventure & more and is a fabulous destination for family fun.”

—Catherine Fialla, Macaroni Kid Brandon



Nature's Playground

19 Waterfalls in Less Than 2 Miles—Over, Under, and Behind You!

For generations, the park and gorge have offered a breathtaking walking experience of cliffs and waterfalls winding through a deep chasm. Within 2 miles the stream descends 400 feet past 200-foot cliffs, generating 19 waterfalls along its course. Beyond the Gorge Trail, the park also boasts an Olympic swimming pool, picnic areas and pavilions, camping, RV sites, cabins, and a playground. It was even voted one of the top 3 state parks in the country in a USA Today reader's choice poll.

<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/142/>



Paddle Along the Palisades on the Chemung River

Paddle a kayak with experienced guides on the “Gentle Chemung” as it meanders around small islands and through glacier-carved cliffs, decked out in nature's splendor. Bald eagles, an abundance of wildlife, and gorgeous views round out the adventure. No paddling experience required. This is an excellent opportunity for families to play and hone a skill together.

STKTours.com



Get In Touch With Your Wild Side

Meet Animals and Wander Among Fairies at Tanglewood Nature Center

Named the #1 pick on Best Things New York's list of 9 Best Nature Centers in New York, Tanglewood is home to 43 species of live animals, interactive exhibits, and over 9 miles of scenic walking tours for all levels, including a multi-faceted Children's Trail.

TanglewoodNatureCenter.com



Talk to a Turkey, Kiss a Cow, Rub a Pig's Belly

Located in the rolling hills, just west of Watkins Glen, the Farm Sanctuary allows you to tour and visit with rescued farm animals including pigs, goats, cows, chickens, and more!

FarmSanctuary.com

Learning & Hands-On Experiences

See Glass in a Whole New Light!

There aren't many places that would allow you to interact with a material hotter than volcanic lava, but The Corning Museum of Glass encourages it! See glass in a whole new light in the spectacular Contemporary Art + Design Wing, explore 3,500 years of glassmaking history, watch glass come to life at a Hot Glass Show. You'll even be able to Make Your Own Glass souvenir!

CMOG.org



Sports-Related Good Times

Adrenaline Fans, Start Your Engines!

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, and the US Vintage Grand Prix. You can even participate in the "Drive the Glen" experience - where you can take 3 paced laps around the track in your own vehicle!

TheGlen.com



Photo courtesy of Watkins Glen International

The Family That Plays Together

A family favorite, Park Ave Sports Center offers mini-golf, driving range, rock climbing, water wars (that's right, kids can get a little revenge), and a spectacular new "Combat Zone Laser Tag" obstacle course that is hugely popular with families and groups. Like stepping into a live-action video game.

ParkAveSportsCenter.com



Other Family Fun:

Sunset View Creamery, Stroller IV Sightseeing Tour, Horseback Riding with Painted Bar Stables, Schooner true Love, Kayaking or canoeing with Summit to Stream Adventures, Resigner's Apple Country, Keuka Lake, Finger Lakes Seaplanes, Heavenly Sunset Farm Alpacas

