

The Road Less Traveled...

In Allegany County

Turn off the GPS and turn onto the road less traveled to discover the scenic beauty of the Western NY Wilds. Each of our Scenic Drives through Allegany County takes you on a journey to discover historic towns, natural wonders, and the local establishments that still believe in doing business the 'old-fashioned' way— treating each customer like a friend. Take the scenic route of the Western NY Wilds where every curve brings a postcard view. Cruise along peaceful country roads framed by rolling hills, charming villages, and riverside valleys. Allegany County invites you to slow down, take in the view, and rediscover the joy of the open road. Whether it's fall foliage, summer sunshine, or a snow-dusted winter drive, the journey here is always the destination.

Stops Along the Way

(The views are endless, the gas stations aren't. Tank up early!)

Food & Beverage

Oil Country:
Deb's Deli, Bulldog Bar & Grill, Debbie Sue's Resturant

Lake Tour:
Kopper Keg, Perfect Blend, Moonwinks, Ace's Country Kitchen, Route 19 Tavern, Southern Tier Alive

Fairview Tour:
Uncle Tom's Kabin, Valley Bread & Bounty, Hume Tavern, Coppa Co, 3 Bums

Wildlife Trail:
Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn (Seasonal), Canaseraga Soup & Coffee, 3 Bums, American House & Hotel

Mid-County:
Dawny Jeans Diner, Terra Cotta, The Jet, Little Sicily

Sky Tour:
Modern Diner, Texas Hot, Litalia, Beef Haus, Rockburgers

Gas Stations

Oil Country:
Crosby's in Bolivar

Lake Tour:
Sunoco in Cuba, Sunoco in Belfast, Crosbys in Friendship

Fairview Tour:
Hanson Farms or Jubilee Express in Fillmore

Wildlife Trail:
7-Eleven in Canaseraga, 7-Eleven in Almond

Mid-County:
Hanson Farms, Crosbys, or Quicklees in Belmont, Citgo or Crosbys in Scio, Crosby's in Alfred

Sky Tour:
Shorts Gas Station or 7-Eleven in Wellsville, Steve's Gas N Grub Hub or Shorts Gas Station in Andover

Please note that some routes and stops along the way operate seasonally or maintain limited hours; visitors are encouraged to check availability in advance.

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Make Memories

in Allegany County, NY



Turn down the noise and take to the open road. Discover the scenic beauty of Allegany County (part of the Western NY Wilds) where every drive becomes a journey through rolling hills, charming historic towns, and breathtaking landscapes. Along the way, you'll find one-of-a-kind local treasures, good eats, and awe-inspiring views that invite you to slow down, explore, and simply enjoy the ride.

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PLACES TO STAY, EAT, DRINK AND MORE HERE!

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SCENIC ROUTE



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Your Road to Adventure

Oil Country Tour

Located near the Pennsylvania state line in the south-western corner of Allegany County, Bolivar and the surrounding area was once known as Oil Country. Locals struck 'black gold' in April 1881 and the villages of Bolivar and Richburg transformed into boom towns overnight. Start this tour in Bolivar, which by 1940, had become one of the wealthiest communities, per capita, in New York.



As you drive along Route 417, you'll see remnants of the oil boom past still standing across the hills. Learn more about the Allegany County Oil Field at the Pioneer Oil Museum[1], where you can see massive oil producing equipment in action and learn about the often difficult lives of the men who worked in the oil fields. As you turn onto Route 275, hear the suprising story of the connection between Richburg and the Wizard of Oz at the Richburg-Wirt Historical Society Museum[2]. Take a detour off the marked route, up Depot Street in Richburg, to find the site of the first producing oil well[3] or continue on Route 34 to explore the southern part of Friendship, in Nile. From Nile, continue onto Route 1 merging into Route 305 where you'll enjoy true scenic drives through West Clarksville. Take in the views to Route 5 headed south to Little Genesee. Heading east on Route 417 you'll pass by the Bolivar Golf Course ending your trip where you began.

Food & Beverage: Deb's Deli, Bulldog Bar & Grill, Debbie Sue's Resturant

Lake Tour

Historic downtown Cuba welcomes you as the starting point of Allegany County's Western NY Wilds Lake Tour. Discover Cuba's architectural gems like the famous Block Barn[4].

Spend some time at Main Street's Historic District[5] where you can hunt for antiques, enjoy lunch or a coffee, marvel at the beautifully restored Palmer Opera House, and learn more about the 'cheesy' history at the Cuba Cheese Museum. Make a stop at Seneca Oil Springs Park on Route 50[6] before taking a lap around placid Cuba Lake[7]. Public boating access is provided at the DEC boat launch site off West Shore Road. Continue on Route 25, heading toward Route 7, back onto Route 25, and adventually reaching County Road 7A. As you drive, be on the lookout for wildlife in their natural habitat. Taking County Road 7B to Route 243, and on to Route 49, make a pit stop at Hanging Bog[8] before heading to Rushford Lake[9]. Continue along the tour toward Belfast to visit the Bare Knuckle Boxing Hall of Fame[10], housed in the barns where American boxing great, John L. Sullivan, trained for his epic 75-round Bare Knuckle Boxing World Championship in 1889. Travel south on County Road 17 toward historic Friendship, where you'll discover the Wellman House[11], a National Register of Historic Places site.

Food & Beverage: Kopper Keg, Perfect Blend, Ace's Country Kitchen, Route 19 Tavern, Southern Tier Alive



Hanging Bog
(Photo Credit: Tim Lunn)

Fairview Tour

Experience abundant natural beauty on Allegany County's Western NY Wilds' Fairview Tour. Start by discovering the peaceful ecosystem of Moss Lake Wildlife Preserve[12], in Caneadea, a designated National Natural Landmark. You can walk the trails around this 15-acre lake where you'll encounter turtles, a variety of birds, and whitetail deer. Follow State Rte. 243 north toward Rushford, then on to Rushford Road toward Centerville Town Hall[13], a National Historic Register Site, enjoying views of rolling farmland as you go. From there, head to Mills Mills Road to discover Wiscoy Falls[14]. Explore small town shops as you drive through Fillmore. Wrap up your tour by visiting the campus of Houghton College[15], offering sporting events, art and cultural events, and a number of hiking trails.

Food & Beverage: Uncle Tom's Kabin, Valley Bread & Bounty, Hume Tavern, Coppa Co, 3 Bums

Wildlife Trail

Experience the vast open spaces and untamed landscapes of Allegany County's Western NY Wilds Wildlife Trail. The hills along this route come alive with vibrant colors in the fall, but visiting during the early spring offers its own sweet benefits - real maple syrup and buckwheat pancakes at Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn (open mid-February to mid-April). Continue on this route to immerse yourself in the wildlife of Keeney Swamp State Forest[16] and nearby Klipnocky State Forest, where you can access the Finger Lakes Trail. Visiting during the winter? Family-friendly Swain Ski Resort[17] is a short distance off this marked driving route. End this scenic drive in downtown Angelica[18].

Food & Beverage: Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn (seasonal), Canaseraga Soup & Coffee, 3 Bums

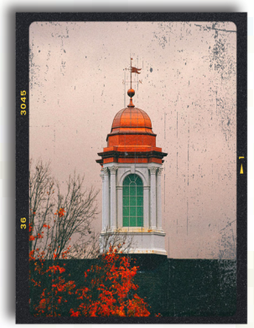
Mid-County Tour

Travel Allegany County's Western NY Wilds Mid-County Tour to explore our charming villages. Start on Main Street in Angelica, the Town Where History Lives; take a stroll around historic Park Circle, peruse the local shops, and enjoy the historic architecture. Head west to County Road 20 toward the Belvidere Cornerstone Church[19], a National Historic Register Site and hub for artists and authors. As you go, take note of the Belvidere Mansion tucked away in the trees - a private, Federalist style estate built in 1804 by the founder of Angelica, Philip Schuyler Church. Pause in the Village of Belmont, on Route 19 to see the Genesee River waterfall[20] as you continue along this route you will then turn left onto Route 10 until you come to the intersection of 244 to head towards Palmer's Pond and Philips Creek State Forests[21]. Once there you can enjoy over ten miles of marked hiking, equestrian, and cross-country skiing trails. Stray from the marked route into the village of Alfred to enjoy a variety of dining experiences. This vibrant college town offers unique cultural, artistic, and architectural experiences, so take a look around - we recommend a drive by the Allen Steinheim Castle[22], Conclude your tour in West Almond, home to the Greek Revival style West Almond Churches[23] - sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Food & Beverage: Dawny Jeans Diner, Terra Cotta, The Jet

Sky Tour

Our Sky Tour scenic drive takes you to new heights for expansive vistas of the Allegany County Western NY Wilds. Start and end your tour in picturesque downtown Wellsville[24], a quaint village with an abundance of shopping and dining options, home of the David A. Howe Library, and the Great Wellsville Balloon Rally (third weekend in July). Pause on South Main Street, to see the Tanbark City Historical Marker.[25] Marvel at the stunning, Italianate Victorian mansion known as "The Pink House[26]," the legends and stories surrounding the Pink House are nearly as famous as its delightfully pink exterior. The David A. Howe Library[27], with its copper cupola towering high above Main Street, invites you to experience local art and culture— a list of lectures, musical events, film showings, and theatrical performances in the Nancy Howe Auditorium can be found on their website. By calling ahead, visitors can schedule a private, guided tour of this architectural treasure. While in Wellsville be sure to fill up your belly at Texas Hot or Modern Diner before continuing on the tour. Head out of town on Route 18 toward Alma, where you're likely to encounter an abundance of wildlife - from blue herons, to bald eagles, and black bears. A quick detour at Triangle No. 1 in Petrolia[28] marks the site of the first oil discovery in Allegany County as you head toward Alma Pond[29], where you can enjoy fishing and non-motorized boating. You're likely to meet an Amish horse and buggy as you head toward Andover where you can take a pit stop at Rockburgers to enjoy one of their specality burgers. Take a detour off the marked route to visit family-friendly Kent Farms, Tall Pines ATV Park, and Kent Beer Company[30].



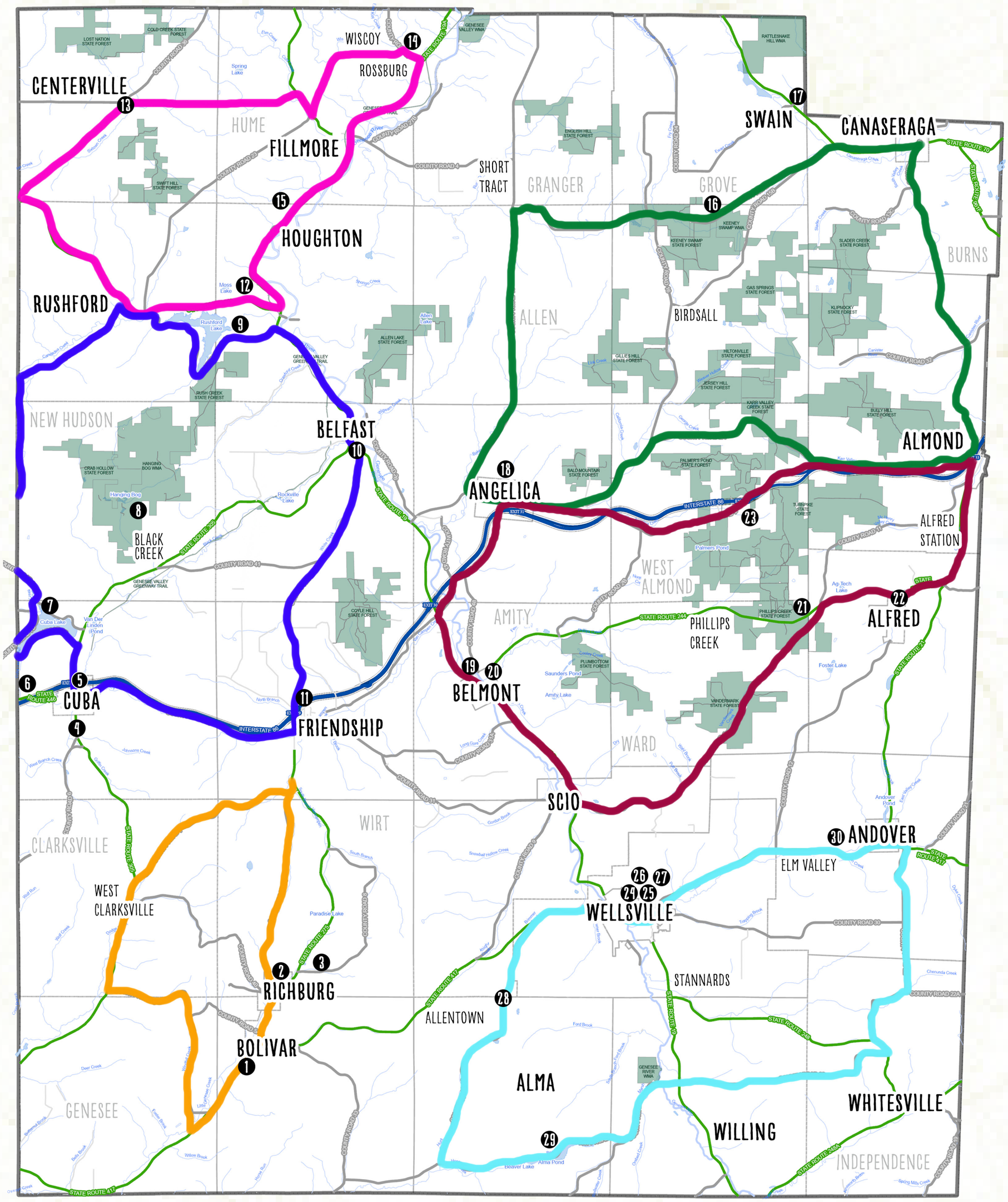
David A. Howe Library
(Photo Credit: Amy Cline)

Food & Beverage: Modern Diner, Texas Hot, Rockburgers

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Map Legend

- Oil Country
- Wild Life
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1: Pioneer Oil Museum

2. Richburg-Wirt Historical Society Museum

3. First Producing Oil Well

4. Block Barn

5. Cuba's Main Street - Historic District

6. Seneca Oil Springs Park

7. Cuba Lake

8. Hanging Bog

9. Rushford Lake/Dam

10. Bare Knuckle Boxing Hall of Fame (Marker)

11. Wellman House

12. Moss Lake Wildlife Preserve

13. Centerville Town Hall (Historical Marker)

14. Wiscoy Falls (*No Access)

15. Houghton University/Marker

16. Keeney Swamp State Forest

17. Swain Ski Resort

18. Main Street in Angelica

19. Belvidere Cornerstone Center (Historical Maker)

20. Genesee River Waterfall & Access Point

21. Palmer's Pond & Phillips Creek State Forest

22. Allen Steinheim Castle (*No Access)

23. West Almond Churches

24. Downtown Wellsville

25. Tan Bark City Historical Marker

26. Pink House

27. David A. Howe Library

28. Triangle No. 1 Historical Marker

29. Alma Pond

30. Kent Farms, Tall Pines ATV Park & Kent Beer Company

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Check out more maps, day trips, and places to visit!