

# THE ROAMIN' TATTLER

!~\*~ A Guide to the Happening Local Events and the Eventful Local Happenings ~\*~!

Issue 16

Roam if you want to...  
Joel Peterson Editor-in-Chief  
villaroma.com/roamin-tattler

September 2019

A Villa Roma Publication

Always Free

## AN HOUR OR SO FROM HERE

One thing that becomes clear from the perspective of the service desk in a Catskill Mountain resort, is that there are folks who want to stay as close as possible to the property as possible while others wish to explore the local towns and points of interest experience all the immediate area has to offer. Some intrepid travelers come from quite far away, and use the resort as a home base for taking extensive day trips. This year has seen guests come in from as far a field as Los Angeles California and Louisville Kentucky in order to spend a week's worth of day trips to, among other places, Niagara Falls, Times Square, the Bronx Zoo, Boston and Philadelphia. While this isn't the norm, a surprising amount of folks are exploring quite a wide area of upstate New York and Northeastern Pennsylvania. It is with this in mind that the following suggestions are provided...

**To The East:** Ulster County NY provides great hiking and rock climbing along the Shawangunk mountain range. In the Fall, the "Gunks" are also one of the most popular places on the eastern seaboard to take in Mother Nature's awesome display as the leaves change into the fiery colors of autumn. Ulster County is also famous for its trail of wineries and vineyards as well as a number of pick-your-own apple orchards.

Interesting small towns are abundant in the county. In addition to great boutiques, shops, bars and restaurants, the hippy college town of New Paltz is home to Huguenot Street, which features some of the oldest stone houses in the country. The churchyard features graves dating back to the 17th century! In an era where small, mom and pop, brick-and-mortar book and record stores are hard to come by, New Paltz features two fabulous examples of each all within a block's distance.

The most famous small town in America, Woodstock NY, is located about a half an hour from New Paltz. There's always something happening in Woodstock along with great places to dine and interesting galleries and shops. While in the area, stop in the town of Mount Tremper to see the world's largest kaleidoscope. It's so big that six people at a time stand inside to gaze up at the psychedelic show! For more information on what to do in Woodstock: [woodstockchamber.com](http://woodstockchamber.com)

**To The North:** After traveling through Delaware, the northern most county of the western Catskills, one will find themselves in New York State's Southern Tier region, home of the Triple Cities: the greater Binghamton area. Binghamton, also known as The Carousel Capital, is home to some beautiful early merry-go-rounds. The price of admission? Pick up and throw away one piece of litter! One of these carousels is located at Ross Park Zoo - a wonderful small town zoo, and among the oldest in the country. Another carousel can be found in beautiful and centrally located Recreation Park.

Interesting architecture abounds in downtown Binghamton. There are several mansion tours that one may take. There's also the fascinating Perry Building: the only building in the entire region built entirely from cast iron. In the downtown area one also finds the Roberson Museum and Science Center. Their planetarium is just one wonderful feature of this terrific local learning institution. More info: [Roberson.org](http://Roberson.org)

Sports fans can find enjoyment year round with a host of hometown teams. There's hockey with the Binghamton Devils (a top minor league affiliate of the New Jersey Devils) and Baseball with The Binghamton Rumble Ponies (a double A affiliate of the New York Mets). Binghamton University's Bearcats are NCAA division 1, and provide the community with all manner of exciting games featuring men's and women's basketball, soccer and lacrosse. [Bubearcats.com](http://Bubearcats.com)

Be sure not to leave Binghamton without stopping for a taste of a spiedie sandwich. Spiedies are a long time favorite local delicacy as seen in the Hugh Grant and Marisa Tomei movie *The Rewrite*. More info: [spiedieandribpit.com](http://spiedieandribpit.com)

**To The West:** Forty minutes away lies the picturesque town of Honesdale Pennsylvania, the birthplace of the American Railroad. Interested in riding the rails yourself? Take a trip on the Stourbridge Line: [thestourbridgeline.net](http://thestourbridgeline.net)

The newer side of Honesdale has convenient shopping with large chain stores. The charming older side of town, consists primarily of the quaint shops on Main Street, and the houses of worship on Church Street. How charming is it? Central Park on Church Street was the inspiration for a local fellow, Dick Smith, to pen the lyrics to the classic song *Winter Wonderland*. Just to the south of Honesdale lies Hawley PA, home to the world's largest collection of green, glowing uranium glass!

Roaming a bit farther into Pennsylvania, one can enjoy convenient tax free clothing shopping along Commercial Boulevard in Dickson City on the way to the city of Scranton Pennsylvania. Several museums are located in Scranton: The Houdini Museum, naturally, pays tribute to the great magician & escape artist. The Anthracite Museum is dedicated to telling the story of the immigrant coal miners and their lives in northeastern Pennsylvania. Most interesting is the small miracle that is Scranton's Everhart Museum, which is dedicated to art, science & natural history. It was founded by a gentleman whose interest in world travel, ornithology and taxidermy can still be seen and felt in a large, century-old collection of birds found the world over! More info: [everhart-museum.org](http://everhart-museum.org) ....while in the area, plan an exciting trip to Claws 'n' Paws Wild Animal Park ([clawspaws.com](http://clawspaws.com)) or visit the region's brand new aquarium and reptile den! ([electriccityaquarium.com](http://electriccityaquarium.com))

**To The South:** Traveling down Route 97 toward Port Jervis NY, one immediately discovers why it often named as one of America's most scenic highways. The winding Hawk's Nest section of road, which follows the Delaware River, is particularly stunning, and is one of the finest places for spotting bald eagles in the United States. Along the ride visit the Zane Grey Museum in Lackawaxen Pennsylvania or stop for lunch and a cocktail at the historic Rohman's Inn in Shohola PA, and afterward enjoy a bit of set-your-own pins bowling!

At the end of the route, head through Port Jervis NY over the bridge and enter the town of Milford Pennsylvania. Milford is loaded with great antique stores and lots of interesting places to explore, including the Tri State Monument, marking the point where the states of New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey converge. More info: [milfordpa.us](http://milfordpa.us)

Of particular interest is the Columns Museum, run by the Pike County Historical Society. It features all manner of historical items, first and foremost the "Lincoln Flag," which is actually the red, white, and blue bunting that hung on Abraham Lincoln's box at the Ford Theater on the tragic evening of his assassination. His head was placed upon the folded bunting to afford him some measure of comfort in his last moments, and still bears the blood that he gave for his country on that awful night.

When visiting Milford, be sure to make time to visit Grey Towers, a fascinating mansion, and its surrounding gardens. Guided tours are available, and self-guided tours of the grounds are encouraged. More info: [greytowers.org](http://greytowers.org)

# EQUINOX II

## ARROWHEAD RANCH

September 20-22, Parksville New York

Featuring:

### THE ENGLISHTOWN PROJECT

Performing the music of the famous Englishtown New Jersey 1977 concert:  
(Grateful Dead, New Riders of the Purple Sage, and The Marshall Tucker Band)

With: RECKONING, THE ELECTRIX, DEAD RINGERS

...and many more Grateful Dead related bands!

## BOOGIE 'N' BLUES LEGENDS

### GANNETT HEAT

On The Road Again!

Going Up The Country!

Poor Moon!

September 13th Bethel Woods Center for the Arts Events Gallery 8:00 pm

8th ANNUAL

FILMS & SCREENING INFO: [bigeddyfilmfest.com](http://bigeddyfilmfest.com)

# BIG EDDY

NARROWSBURG NEW YORK

FILM FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 20-22 2019

# Steampunk Honesdale

A CELEBRATION OF OUR INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14 & SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15

Please Search for this festival on Facebook and in other media both online and print, as there are far too many events to list here.

