

## **Recreational Opportunities**

Our rural region is blessed with a number of natural and man-made recreational opportunities: Allegany State Park (at 64,000 acres, the largest State Park in the State), other State and county parks, Panama Rocks, Rock City, state forests, the rural countryside, down-hill and cross country ski and snowboard resorts, ATV parks and recreational trails, bicycle and snowmobile trails, horse riding trails, golf courses, recreational lakes and rivers in all three counties, the Lake Erie shoreline, etc.

Art and cultural facilities and events include the region's colleges and universities, The Chautauqua Institution, the Audubon Society of Jamestown, the Roger Tory Peterson Institute, The Quick Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure, the Fountain Arts Center, the Wellsville Creative Arts Center, Rockefeller Arts Center, Griffis Sculpture Park, the Fredonia Opera House, Lucille Ball - Desi Arnaz Center, numerous museums, collegiate and professional spectator sports (including minor league baseball in Jamestown and semi-pro football in Olean and Wellsville), the Wellsville Hot Air Balloon Rally, Seneca Allegany Casino, Seneca Oil Springs, the Amish Trail, Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena, the Chautauqua-Lake Erie Wine Trail, Lilly Dale Assembly, farmers markets, antique markets, county fairs, numerous community festivals, and community participatory sports leagues. There are numerous arts organizations in all three counties, in all of the arts media. In fact, cultural and arts tourism planning and development is becoming a common theme in the region's counties. Eco-tourism is becoming a much greater segment of the overall tourism market. There is a movement toward conservation and preservation at the same time as there is an investment in development of facilities and programming to feature the region's natural and environmental assets.

We can direct you to sources of information on these many regional assets and offerings. Please visit the following websites for additional information:

<http://enchantedmountains.com/>

<http://www.chautauqua-ny.com/visitor/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://www.tourchautauqua.com/>

<http://www.discoveralleganycounty.com/>