

# 48 HOURS

## CAYUGA COUNTY

*in Harriet Tubman's  
Chosen Hometown*

### Day 1

Auburn - Start your adventure at the **NYS Equal Rights Heritage Center (1 hr.)** as Auburn's Welcome Center it features a state-of-the-art exhibition titled "Seeing Equal Rights in NYS" where New York State's progressive history supporting equality comes to life through interactive displays. Experience the creative ways New Yorkers organized to stand for justice, and learn about the key contributors from the 1800s to modern day. You can also take a walking tour from the **National Park Service**. The tour leaves from the Harriet Tubman Statue in the courtyard of the NYS Equal Rights Heritage Center.

Located right next door is the **Seward House Museum (1 hr.)** which was the home of William Henry Seward (1801-1872). It opened to the public in 1955, was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1964, and now displays one of the most original collections of any historic home in America.

Visit **Harriet Tubman Home (1-1.5 hr.)**. 2022 marks the 200th birthday of Harriet Tubman. Her spirit lives on in her chosen hometown of Auburn, NY. Astound at the connections and pathways of historic figures and the strides made that still have impact on life today. Currently displayed is the **Journey To Freedom Statue**. This can be viewed any time the Harriet Tubman Home is open. A tour of the home is strongly encouraged - but not necessary to view the statue that is on display through July and August.

Did you know that the strawberry was a favorite fruit of Harriet Tubman? At **Strawberry Fields Hydroponic Farm (1-1.5 hr)**. You can stretch your legs and get some fresh air with u-pick strawberries. Strawberries grow from June through October in special containers up off the ground, making them easy to pick for everyone! Browse the unique gift shop and floral shop before your next activity!

Take in from floor to ceiling the incredible **Willard Memorial Chapel (1 hr.)** the only complete and unaltered Tiffany Chapel known to exist. Included in the Tiffany interior are 14 opalescent windows, a rose window, a large figure window, nine Mooresque styled chandeliers, memorial tablets of glass mosaic tile and gilt bronze, furnishings of oak inlaid with metal and glass mosaic, a ceiling with gold leaf stencils and mosaic flooring.

The modern gastropub **Oak & Vine** at Springside Inn offers dinner in a vibrant & neighborly atmosphere. \*Fun fact about the Springside Inn - it was a stop on the Underground Railroad!

Complete your stay with an overnight(s) at **Hilton Garden Inn Auburn**, the perfect location for an overnight with an ideal location for visitors to take a walk around downtown Auburn.

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### Day 2

Grab a tasty breakfast from **New Hope Mills, Auburn Dinerant, or Pavlov's** before heading south to the **Sherwood Equal Rights District**. You don't come across many destinations with the Equal Rights Historic District designation so soak it in at the **Howland Stone Store Museum (1 hr.)** where you can see an actual Underground Railroad ticket, letters and diaries of Emily Howland and more in this treasure of a destination. Just down the road visit the **Opendore Project (1 hr.)** with a fascinating story of Emily Howland and how the new 21st century version of Opendore came to be. It is a true example of a community coming together to keep history alive.

Drive about a mile down the road to the **Historic Howland House and 19th. Century Farm Museum (1-1.5)**, where it is in the early stages of opening. It has the goal of becoming a working farm museum to host events and tours and has held the "Women's Suffrage Celebration March and Tea Party". Currently open by appointment only, but so worth the visit with the knowledgeable Jodi to see artifacts and the chance to ignite a new passion!

Enjoy a leisurely afternoon among stunning wineries and breweries. Try a tasting at **Quarry Ridge Winery (1 hr.) or Heart and Hands Winery (1 hr.)** with a stop at the world famous **Mackenzie-Childs Outlet (1.5 hr.)** and production barn in Union Springs.

Another favorite of Harriet Tubman's were apples. Stop in Cayuga on your way back and visit the **Apple Station Winery (1 hr.)**. Taste their unique fruit wines and spirits and if you're coming in the apple picking season bring home a bushel!

Back in Auburn, swing by **Swaby's Tavern** where the toughest decision you'll make is choosing your favorite trinket, display or gargoyle! The fascinating decor will be the topic of the night for sure, if you're not still reliving all the little-known history you learned the last couple days.

Complete your 48-hour tour with a walk around **Fort Hill Cemetery**. Among the many notable historic figures that are laid to rest here is Harriet Tubman. Visit her gravesite and pay your respects before leaving her chosen hometown. Leave with a new sense of purpose, bravery and quest for knowledge and peace.