

Harvests, History & Scenic Routes

A Perfect Fall Day in Cayuga County



There's something especially inviting about exploring Cayuga County in the fall. This fall itinerary pairs apple picking and cider with nationally significant history, lakeside scenery, waterfalls, and a satisfying local meal all connected by scenic drives.

Morning | Start with the Harvest

Owen Orchards | Weedsport

Begin your day with a classic taste of fall at Owen Orchards. Pick your own apples, browse the farm market, and stock up on seasonal favorites like fresh cider and cider donuts.

Late Morning | Step Into History

History's Hometown | Auburn

Continue to Auburn, affectionately known as History's Hometown. Spend the morning exploring nationally significant sites connected to Harriet Tubman, William H. Seward, and the Underground Railroad. Visit Harriet Tubman National Historical Park, explore the Seward House Museum, or discover more of Auburn's stories at the Equal Rights Heritage Center.

Early Afternoon | Follow the Lake

Emerson Park & Owasco Lake | Auburn

Head to Emerson Park on the northern shore of Owasco Lake for a leisurely walk and beautiful waterfront views. Then, take the scenic route south along the lake. With autumn color reflected against the water and hillsides rising along the shoreline, the drive is just as much a part of the experience as the destination.

Afternoon | Chase Waterfalls

Fillmore Glen State Park | Moravia

Continue to Fillmore Glen State Park, where fall takes center stage beneath a colorful canopy of trees. Follow the wooded gorge trail through towering rock formations and past five waterfalls making this one of Cayuga County's most memorable fall landscapes.

Evening | End with Something Delicious

10-10 BBQ | Moravia

After a day of exploring, settle in for a hearty meal at 10-10 BBQ in Moravia. Locally made barbecue and comfort food provide the perfect way to refuel and round out your fall adventure.

From the orchards of northern Cayuga County to the waterfalls of the south, fall is a season for slowing down, taking the scenic route, and enjoying the journey.

Ready to explore more? Find additional places to eat, sip, shop, and explore throughout Cayuga County at TourCayuga.com.