

Museums of Saratoga

Facts,
Figures,
and
Information

This booklet contains ready to use, at your fingertips information about the Museums of Saratoga. Additional copies are available for download by visiting www.museumsofsaratoga.com/hotels.

Created by the **Museums of Saratoga** association, it is intended as a guide book for Saratoga County's tourism employees to answer questions of our guests.

Introduction

The **Museums of Saratoga** association is working with tourism employees across the county to help you offer Saratoga County's guests information about "what to do" when they visit. This manual includes the basics for each Member Museum – phone numbers, admission prices, hours, etc. – plus addresses, a description of what each museum offers, and some exhibits currently showing. Share it with your front desk staff for easy reference, copy it for visitors, leave it available at brochure racks, in guests rooms – anywhere it may be useful.

Museums are one of the reasons people choose Saratoga County as a travel destination, and we want to help you offer your guests exciting experiences. Saratoga's Museums have such diverse themes they are able to offer enjoyable experiences for everyone. Together, we will create a travel experience visitors will remember and return for.

This manual contains the latest information from each Member Museum at the time of publication. Since admission prices and hours are subject to change, call the Member Museum for the latest information. It is our goal to create an accurate publication, and you can help. Please report any errors or suggestions for improvement to info@museumsofsaratoga.com.

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Brookside Museum / Saratoga County Historical Society

6 Charlton Street
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Adults	Children	Seniors	Students	Members
\$2.00	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$1.50	Free



www.brooksidemuseum.org



(518) 885-4000



Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM;
Saturday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM



First floor is accessible through the rear door.
Large-print text available for most exhibits.

As the home of the Saratoga County Historical Society, Brookside Museum inspires community memory by telling the story of Saratoga County through interactive and engaging programs and exhibits. We fulfill this vision by hosting school programs, exhibits, a research library, and through public programming.

Brookside Museum is located in the historic Village of Ballston Spa, at the intersection of Front Street and Fairground Avenue.

Permanent exhibits:

"Taking the Waters," which addresses Saratoga's mineral springs and how they have affected our culture.

"Be Our Guest: The Tourist Experience in Saratoga County,"

"Go to the Head of the Class: Education in Saratoga County,"

and a brief exhibit on Brookside, the 1792 hotel building that is our home.



Children's Museum at Saratoga

69 Caroline Street
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Adults	Children	Seniors	Students	Members
\$5.00	Free (under 1)	\$5.00	\$5.00	Free*

* Amount of people admitted with member depends on level of membership. Contact museum for details.



<http://www.childrensmuseumatsaratoga.org/>



(518) 584-5540



July through Labor Day: Monday – Saturday, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM;
Closed Sundays.

Labor Day through June 30th: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM;
All Sundays, 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM; Closed Mondays.



Building and restrooms accessible

The Children's Museum at Saratoga is committed to providing positive opportunities for children to learn about science, history, community living, and the arts. Interactive exhibits, special events, and workshops are designed to encourage children to learn by making discoveries for themselves.

The Museum is also committed to fostering active parent involvement in children's learning, to serving as a resource for school districts in the area, and to ensuring that its programs and services are accessible to all children.

The Children's Museum at Saratoga is in downtown Saratoga Springs on Caroline Street.



Grant Cottage State Historic Site

P.O. Box 990
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Adults	Children	Seniors	Students	Members
\$2.50	\$1.00 (age 5-16)	\$2.00	\$2.50	Free



www.nysparks.state.ny.us



(518) 587-8277



Memorial Day through Labor Day:

Wednesday – Sunday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM;

Weekends through Columbus Day, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM



Building is accessible, no accessible restrooms in the building. Trail to the scenic overlook is paved, but steep. Please call for further information.

It was in this Adirondack cottage that Ulysses S. Grant died of throat cancer on July 23, 1885. President Grant arrived at the cottage on June 16, 1885 with family, servants, and physicians in order to complete his memoirs. He died just a few days after his final proofreading. Today the cottage and its furnishings remain essentially the same as during the Grant family's stay.

Guests to the cottage may tour the cottage's four rooms, view floral arrangements that remain from Grant's August 4th funeral, enjoy the spacious porch, and walk to the outlook with a spectacular view of the Hudson Valley.

Grant Cottage is in the town of Wilton, eight miles north of Saratoga Springs, exit 16 off I-87 (the Northway).



Saratoga Springs History Museum

P.O. Box 216
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Adults	Children	Seniors	Students	Members
\$5.00	Free under 12	\$4.00	\$4.00	Free



<http://www.saratogasprings-historymuseum.org/>



(518) 584-6920



Memorial Day - Labor Day Open daily 10:00am-4:00pm.
Labor Day - Memorial Day Wed-Sat 10:00am-4:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm-4:00pm



First floor accessible

While the building originally was intended for gambling and elegant dining, “reformers” stopped the gambling in the first decade of the 20th century. Museum visitors can walk through the High Stakes Room, which contains some original furnishings and gambling paraphernalia. The Museum conducts scheduled tours through parts of the Casino, including the dining room with its vaulted, stained glass ceiling, which are not ordinarily open to the public.

In addition to the High Stakes Room, other upstairs period rooms in the Museum are a Victorian parlor with furniture by John Henry Belter; and two bedrooms, a parlor, library, dining room, and Court of Chancery from the Walworth Mansion on Broadway. A Walworth Orientation Room describes the history of this illustrious family. On the first floor, a gallery featuring changing exhibitions is located near the Historical Society’s Museum Shop.

Each year the Historical Society presents changing exhibitions, public programs and neighborhood history days, and serves hundreds of researchers in the archives.

The Museum is in Congress Park in the heart of downtown Saratoga Springs.



National Museum of Dance & Hall of Fame

99 South Broadway
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Adults	Children	Seniors	Students	Members
\$6.50	\$3.00 under 12	\$5.00	\$5.00	Free



www.dancemuseum.org



(518) 584-2225



May through October: Tuesday – Sunday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM;
November through April: Saturday – Sunday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM



Building and restrooms accessible

The National Museum of Dance and Hall of Fame was established in 1986 and is the only museum in the nation dedicated to American professional dance. Located in the former Washington Bath House – a spacious, airy 1918 Arts and Crafts-style building in the Saratoga Spa State Park – the Museum houses a growing collection of photographs, videos, artifacts, costumes, biographies and archives comprising a contemporary and retrospective examination of seminal contributions to dance. As a living museum, performances, films, and dance classes regularly occur for observation or participation.

The Museum's only permanent exhibition is the Mr. & Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney Hall of Fame. In 1987, the Museum recognized Fred Astaire, George Balanchine, Katherine Dunham, Martha Graham, Doris Humphrey, Lincoln Kirstein, and Bill 'Bojangles' Robinson, among others, as founders and innovators of American professional dance. Each year outstanding members have been added to this collection.

A gift shop, library, extensive archives and an interactive children's Discovery Room – where young visitors can try on costumes, dance on a miniature stage and play instruments – also are featured in the museum. Groups and educational tours are available year-round.

The National Museum of Dance is near the outskirts of downtown Saratoga Springs on South Broadway.



National Museum of Racing & Hall of Fame

191 Union Avenue
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Adults	Children	Seniors	Students	Members
\$7.00	Free 5 and under	\$5.00	\$5.00	Free



www.racingmuseum.org



(518) 584-0400



Monday – Saturday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM;
Sunday, 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM;
Racing season: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily



Building and restrooms accessible. Patrons with special needs can be accommodated with prior notice. Please call (518) 584-0400.

Man o' War, Secretariat, Eddie Arcaro, and the Jones Boys are all heroes of the turf and names that evoke the clang of the starting gate and the thunder of pounding hooves. A visit to the Museum is filled with the sights and sounds of racing. As one of America's oldest sports, Thoroughbred racing has a long and rich history. To tell the story of the sport, the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame relies on a renowned equine art collection, stunning trophies, beautiful silks and Thoroughbred racing memorabilia. Thoroughbred racing is a sport of speed and high drama dominated by equine athletes whose grace and beauty have become legendary. Exhibits also explain the physical characteristics of the best Thoroughbreds and recreate typical scenes at the racetrack and on the backstretch.

Galleries interpret three centuries of racing history and help visitors understand the logistics of racing and the anatomy, care, and training of Thoroughbreds. Families with young children will want to visit *"Horse Play!"*, a gallery with hands-on activities for children. One of the museum's most popular galleries is the Hall of Fame, containing bronze plaques for every horse, jockey, and trainer inducted. The Museum also contains an additional 4,300 sq. ft. for changing exhibitions.

To get to the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, follow Union Avenue (1 ½ miles off exit 14 from I-87 (the Northway)). The Museum is located on the corner of Union Avenue and Ludlow Street.



New York State Military Museum & Veterans Research Center

61 Lake Avenue
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Adults	Children	Seniors	Students	Members
Free	Free	Free	Free	Free



www.nymilitarymuseum.org



(518) 581-5100



Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM



Building and restrooms accessible

Begun in 1863, New York State's military collection has not had a secure, permanent home until Governor George E. Pataki announced in 2001 that the historic armory in Saratoga Springs would be renovated to house the collection. The building, designed by Isaac Perry and constructed in 1889, is a fine example of armory architecture that was popular in upstate New York in the late 1800's.

The museum houses over 10,000 artifacts dating from the Revolutionary War to Desert Storm that relate to New York State's military forces, the state's military history and the contributions of New York's veterans. The artifacts include uniforms, weapons, artillery pieces, and art. A significant portion of the museum's collection is from the Civil War.

The Museum is located on Lake Avenue in downtown Saratoga Springs, approximately three blocks from Broadway.



Saratoga Automobile Museum

110 Avenue of the Pines
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Adults	Children	Seniors	Students	Members
\$7.00	\$3.50 *	\$5.00 (Age 62+)	\$7.00	Free

* Children ages 6 – 16. Under 6 are free.



www.saratogaautomuseum.com



(518) 587-1935



May through October: Daily, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM;
November through April: Tuesday – Sunday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM



Building and restrooms are accessible

The American public has had an ongoing love affair with automobiles for over a century. Most of us, whether enthusiasts or just with memories of our youth, have a favorite car. Many of us at various ages have an appreciation for a wide variety of vehicles, several of which have been described as rolling sculptures.

In just two years since opening, the Saratoga Automobile Museum has successfully attracted thousands through the creation and placement of several fantastic exhibits with complimentary programs and events. Housed in the former Bottling Plant in the historic Saratoga Spa State Park, this success has been accomplished because of the outstanding leadership provided by a dedicated Board of Directors, highly motivated staff, and a core of volunteers that have provided hundreds of hours of service each month.

The Museum's work began long before opening in June 2002. The Board of Directors initial efforts focused on the restoration on the incredibly beautiful neo-Georgian building that had more recently served as a warehouse. The directors completely restored the historic building and made it suitable for Museum purposes, and subsequently an attractive rental space for special events and business meetings.

There have been four major exhibit changes each year ranging from Hot Rods and Muscle Cars to Cadillacs and Ferraris. As well as one of the finest Auto Shows in the country each spring. Additionally, lectures from people like Carroll Shelby and other automotive icons focus on our automotive history and events that celebrate the car and rally enthusiasts that come from all over the world.



Saratoga National Historical Park

648 Route 32
Stillwater, NY 12170

Individual (Foot, bike, etc.)	Private Vehicle	Annual Pass
\$3.00 / 7 day pass	\$5.00 / 7 day pass	\$10.00



www.nps.gov/sara/



(518) 664-9821 x 224

Battlefield Visitor Center:

Daily, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The tour road is open April through November, weather permitting.

Schuyler House:

Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day: Wednesday – Sunday, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Saratoga Monument:

Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day: Wednesday – Sunday, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM;

Labor Day through October: Daily, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM



Visitor Center, tour road, and historic buildings range from full to limited access. Please call for site specific details.

Just east of Saratoga Springs on a landscape now pastoral, two hotly contested Revolutionary War battles here, ended in an American victory so momentous that it is credited as one of the most important in world history.

Open year around, come explore the visitor center’s museum and bookstore, see the new film, hike the historic paths or enjoy special events. A scenic 10-mile auto tour road and bike path is open seasonally.

Also see the Saratoga Monument and 1777 Schuyler House which are located 8 miles north in the Schuylerville area and open seasonally.



The Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College

815 North Broadway
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Adults	Children	Seniors	Students	Members
\$5.00 *	\$3.00 (age 12+)*	\$2.00 *	Free	Free

* Note: The prices listed are suggested donations.



www.skidmore.edu/tang



(518) 580-8080



Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM;
Saturday and Sunday, 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM



Building and restrooms are accessible

The Tang Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College opened to the public in October 2000. A dynamic interdisciplinary center designed to explore all areas of study through the visual arts, the Tang presents exhibitions and programs that draw – often unconventionally – on many and varied media to connect visual and performing arts and science, the humanities, and other disciplines.

One of the first museums of its kind in the country, the Tang expands Skidmore's role as a progressive, multifaceted liberal arts institution. The Tang enhances the caliber and diversity of the city's cultural landscape and adds dramatically to the arts and educational resources of upstate New York.

Guided tours, artist talks, and "Family Saturdays" are some of the Tang's ongoing programming.

The Tang is located on the campus of Skidmore College, less than one mile north of downtown Saratoga Springs.



Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center

2 Museum Lane
Waterford, NY 12188

Adults	Children	Seniors	Students	Members
Free	Free	Free	Free	Free



<http://www.waterfordmuseum.com>



(518) 283-0809



May 18th through Oct 14th: Wednesday – Friday, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Saturday-Sunday, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

October 15th through Oct 30th: Saturday-Sunday, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
or by appointment year round. Appointment required for researchers.
Closed all Major Holidays



Museum is accessible

Journey with us as we chart Waterford's course in history from its prehistoric inhabitants to the Dutch Traders, forge along the colonial military road, explore the industrial revolution, and navigate the Champlain and Erie Canals into the Twenty First Century!

Your journey starts at the Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center and our new permanent exhibit, *Born of Two Rivers: An Illustrated History of Waterford, New York*. Conduct research in the George and Annabel O'Connor Library for Local History and enjoy our temporary exhibitions featuring local history and local artists. Check our website for the latest information regarding upcoming exhibits, workshops and programs.

The 1830 Hugh White Homestead houses the Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center, which is located at 2 Museum Lane, just off Saratoga Avenue (Route 32) in the Town of Waterford. The Museum overlooks the Mohawk River and the Old Champlain Canal, and is situated at the end of the Old Champlain Canal tow path walking trail.



Wilton Heritage Society Museum

At the foot of Mount McGregor
Wilton, NY 12831

Adults	Children	Seniors	Students	Members
Free	Free	Free	Free	Free



www.townofwilton.com/historian



(518) 584-0429



Memorial Day through Labor Day: Friday - Sunday, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM



First floor accessible

The Wilton Heritage Society was founded in 1968 to preserve historical documents and artifacts, and to identify and mark historic sites as they pertain to the Town of Wilton, Saratoga County, and the State of New York.

Among our several areas of interest, the Wilton Heritage Society maintains a local history museum. Founded in 1993 and expanded in 1997 with a farm annex, it serves as an educational and cultural focal point.

The Society also conducts an annual tour of historic homes and sites.

To reach the Museum and Farm Annex, take exit 16 off I-87 and follow the signs west for two miles to Route 9. The Museum and Farm Annex is at the foot of Mt. McGregor.