

SUMMER IS OFFICIALLY IN FULL SWING here in the Finger Lakes and with it comes a slew of reasons to get out of the house and explore. While part of my time this summer has taken me away from home, with events like weddings and showers filling up my calendar and taking me all over the East Coast, my favorite summer weekends are those spent right here, taking advantage of all this area has to offer. This is the time of year I most encourage friends and family to visit.



The start of summer brought on a flurry of Finger Lakes activities. My husband and I kicked things off with a trip to Rochester to attend the Rochester Cocktail Revival with my aunt. It was probably around 90 degrees but no one seemed to mind—I heard more than one person proclaim, “After this winter, I’ll take it!” Shortly after that fun excursion, my father-in-law came to town and we toured the west side of Seneca Lake, while for my parents’ visit a few weeks later, we cruised along Cayuga, stopping at restaurants, wineries and cideries along the way. I always feel so proud showing guests around our area, and I can’t help but take a little pleasure out of the envy in their eyes when they experience first-hand all the fun to be had here!

With our first wedding anniversary in early July, my husband and I returned to the town where we enjoyed our first few nights as a married couple: Skaneateles. Last year we stayed in the historic Sherwood Inn, right on the lake. It was our first time visiting and we were blown away by the tranquility of this charming little town right in our backyard. That’s what’s so fun and exciting about the Finger Lakes, especially in the summertime: You can take a drive in nearly any direction for as little as 30 minutes and there’s a good chance you’ll find a picturesque lake, an awe-inspiring state park (Watkins Glen State Park is truly mesmerizing in its scope and beauty) or a quaint little town to stop for a bite to eat.

I hope this issue inspires you to get out and explore the Finger Lakes region in all its glory—I know it did for me. In fact, while reading our Back of the House column on The Krebs I immediately called them up to make a reservation. And just wait ‘til you read our feature on local bed and breakfasts that focus on farm-to-table dining—you’ll be itching to plan your next weekend getaway. Our website’s events calendar (ediblefingerlakes.com/calendar) is also a great resource for local food, farm and wine events happening all over the region. So, what are you waiting for? Get out there!

Happy travels,
Sally Kral
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