

## Follow America's Destiny

# FIND YOUR PARK

### Visit Saratoga National Historical Park and the Champlain Canal

Explore the interconnected waterways that shaped North America's destiny. From Dutch and French explorations to the Revolutionary War to its canal heydays in the 1800s, the Champlain Region will connect you with people, places and events that fueled the Nation. Start with a blast at Saratoga Battlefield and then head to the canal to complete your adventure. Choose from boating, cycling, and hiking options to add active recreation to your journey.

**How far?** Champlain Lock 5 and Hudson Crossing Park are nine miles north of Saratoga National Historical Park. Take U.S. Route 4. General Philip Schuyler's home and the Village of Schuylerville are on the way.



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## Start your trip here ▼

### Saratoga National Historical Park

648 Route 32, Stillwater  
(518) 670-2985  
[www.nps.gov/sara](http://www.nps.gov/sara)

Walk, drive or bicycle pastoral lands where Americans fought overwhelming odds to win a key Revolutionary War victory against the British in 1777. Known as one of the most important battles in the last millennium, the victory drew international allies to win America's War for Independence and spread the ideals of independence and liberty around the world.

Start at the visitor center to get oriented, see the film and museum exhibits, and then head out into the park. You can drive or bicycle the battlefield's scenic 10-mile tour road and hike historic trails. Special events are offered year-round. If you are traveling with kids, be sure to pick up a Junior Ranger Activity book. The park also includes three nearby sites: the country estate of General Philip Schuyler in Schuylerville and the Saratoga Monument in the nearby village of Victory.

### Hudson Crossing Park and Champlain Lock 5

Lock C5 Island, Schuylerville  
[www.hudsoncrossingpark.org](http://www.hudsoncrossingpark.org)

Hudson Crossing Park is centered on an island formed by the Champlain Canal and Hudson River. This educational park features over two miles of waterfront trails, picnic sites, a unique children's play garden, kayak launch, and links to the Old Champlain Canal towpath. The park is a great place for children to explore and play. While at the park, be sure to visit Champlain Canal Lock 5 to see boats being lifted and lowered. Compare today's lock, built in 1915, with the remains of the 1800s towpath-era canal alongside it. Ask the lock tender for a peek inside the lock's original hydroelectric powerhouse.



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### Get Active! ▼

Choose from these great options for active recreation in this area:



#### Cycle in Saratoga NHP

The Park's 10-mile loop road is a great way to enjoy the park. A cycling/walking lane is available most of the way. A steep ascent toward the end adds a bit of challenge. If you're cycling with kids or want an easier ride, cycle out and back from the visitor center to the vista at the American River Fortification.

#### Hike in Saratoga NHP

There are several options for short and long hikes that will take you through the park's woodlands, meadows, and revolutionary history. Access trails, including the popular 4.2-mile Wilkinson Trail, starting at the Visitor Center or by driving to trailheads that begin at numbered stops on the tour road.

#### Paddle the Champlain Canal

Launch your kayak or canoe at Hudson Crossing Park in Schuylerville to explore the canal and Hudson River.

#### Walk at Hudson Crossing Park

Two miles of walking paths are flat and well maintained. Try the Riverwalk Sensory Trail, a shady path along the water with informative signs to educate you about the area.

### Take a Cruise

Get on the water for a narrated tour: **Mohawk Maiden Cruises**, Lock C5, Schuylerville:  
[www.mohawkmaidencruises.com](http://www.mohawkmaidencruises.com)

### Explore More ▼

**For information:** Visit [www.nps.gov/sara](http://www.nps.gov/sara) or call (518) 670-2985 (Saratoga NHP Visitor Desk)

#### Schuyler House

Rte 4 Schuylerville, NY

Visit the country estate of Revolutionary War General Philip Schuyler—military man, entrepreneur, politician, and godfather of the canal system of New York State. Schuyler built this house amid the ruins of another home destroyed by the retreating British army under General John Burgoyne in the autumn of 1777. The house is open for guided tours from Memorial Day through mid-October; please call for details. Cycle, walk or drive from here to Hudson Crossing Park.

#### Saratoga Monument and Victory Woods

Victory, NY

Enjoy breathtaking views of the Hudson River and Green Mountains from the upper levels of the 155 ft high Saratoga Monument, which features unique artwork in this Egyptian and Gothic obelisk. The Monument is open from Memorial Day through mid-October (please call for details). Nearby Victory Woods is an award-winning accessible boardwalk, where British forces surrendered to the American army in 1777. Stroll the boardwalk, see original artwork and learn fascinating stories of those who came before us.

### Best Bet Dining Options ▼

There are several restaurants in Schuylerville, eight miles north of Saratoga NHP, or bring a picnic; both Saratoga NHP and Hudson Crossing Park have picnic tables. Additional options can be found within 15-20 minutes drive in the surrounding communities of Greenwich, Stillwater, Saratoga Springs and Saratoga Lake.

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#### TOURISM INFORMATION

[www.capital-saratoga.com](http://www.capital-saratoga.com)

Find other adventures in the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor at [www.eriecanalway.org](http://www.eriecanalway.org)



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