

TOWN OF GARDINER

# *Gardiner Greetings*

## *Welcome*

From our massive cliffs to rivers, streams and lakes, Gardiner has so much to offer. As a visitor, wherever we go and whatever we do, we have an impact. You can help keep Gardiner and the greater Shawangunk Mountain community special. We invite you to become a member of our community during your stay. We share a few hints below on how you can enjoy your welcome.

## *Rural Roads*

Gardiner's local roads are bucolic; they twist and turn with many a rise and lovely site to behold. Use **CAUTION** though! Over a rise or around a turn, you may find a biker, a runner, a gaggle of turkeys, or children on bikes. Our culture is to slow to 15-MPH when passing others. Drive slow, very slow, so you won't miss anything, or anyone. If you are walking, running or biking on our rural roads, be visible and listen, as well as look for vehicles – be **CAUTIOUS!**

## *SHHH....*

Can you hear that? Don't miss the sounds of silence. It is a specialty offered in Gardiner, one we seriously protect, like our open spaces and vistas.

## *Chill Out – Switch Off*

Switch off lights and turn down the heating/cooling when you leave your room or open windows. Gardiner is a Climate Smart Community and we embrace the International Dark Skies movement. We invite you to monitor your use of excess lighting during your stay, and to fully enjoy the beauty of Gardiner's night skies.

### ***Try Local, Buy Local***

We have some of the best food and drink around, and fantastic local arts and craft producers. Our family farms not only preserve our countryside, but keep us year-round in fresh produce and meats. Visit farms and wineries, farm stands and farmers markets. We are a community of artisans, many of whom open their homes to share their art. We are environmentalists, creators, yogis, hikers, bikers, climbers, walker/talkers. We love our food, our drink, and all modalities of exploring our natural universe in each and every season.

### ***Honor Land***

Protect private property and the privacy of owners. Stay on trails. Ask permission if you are unsure.

### ***Keep Our Environment Beautiful***

Be prepared to Carry In/Carry Out – even if trash cans are provided.

### ***Be Well-Water Wise***

Know that all water from taps in Gardiner is well water. Conserve. Follow any towel policies or other water saving initiatives in place where you are staying.

### ***Observe Only***

Wild animals are plentiful and common. Bear, fox, coyote, deer and more - they avoid people because they know better: Follow their lead and leave them be. Be happy with a sighting. Look up too – hawks, vultures, eagles, owls – abound. Enjoy the variety nature offers, it is truly amazing and rewarding.

***Kick Back, Relax and Leave the Car to Rest***

...or charge! Gardiner's Electric Vehicle Charger is located in the municipal parking lot next to the Gardiner Library, near the entrance to the Rail Trail. Getting to Gardiner couldn't be easier. Come by bus to the Village of New Paltz, or by train to the City of Poughkeepsie, and hike or bike on amazing Rail Trails. From New Paltz (8.8 miles away) and Poughkeepsie (19.2 miles away) you need only your bike or your walking stride to get Gardiner and the beautiful Shawangunk Ridge.

***Be generous ....*** donate to one or more of the organizations working to keep ***Gardiner Gracious.***

Gardiner Association of Businesses

Gardiner Open Studio Tour

Shawangunk Mountains Scenic Byway

Gardiner Library

Gardiner Fire Department

Gardiner Gazette (Quarterly Publication)

Mohonk Preserve

Minnewaska State Park

Wallkill Valley Rail Trail

Support Gardiner Parks

***Thank you.***