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BY MARY WEISER



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We recently spoke with owner Tom Kirchmeyer and Ellicottville Manager Bryan Everts about why it's called 12 Gates, what their newest brew is, some thoughts on their menu and more...

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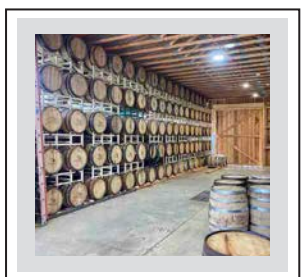
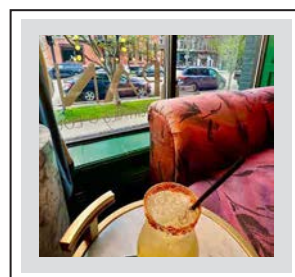
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EVL Combines a Variety of Flavors and Activities to Make Your Visit Double the Fun



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Owner Nate Woodruff is pleased to share that Ratchet Hatchet's move to a new location, which opened this past fall, has been a great change and invites all to check out the new space. "The bar and the axe throwing area is separated by a brick wall... it's enjoyable to sit at the bar where it's not overly loud and get together with a group," Woodruff explained. The new location features three double target bays and one single target bay, which can accommodate groups of two to 25 people. Axe throwing can be reserved online at www.theratchethatchetellicottville.com, though walk-ins are welcomed if space is available.

No reservations are needed to enjoy a cocktail or a meal at Ratchet Hatchet. Woodruff explained that the menu, especially the cocktail menu, changes seasonally. "Right now we offer seven different flatbread pizzas, some handheld sandwiches, and also some shareable appetizers for the table," he said. Featured cocktails include some smoked cocktails, like the Maple Manhattan, a Kentucky Mule, Black Bourbon Smash, Peach Old Fashioned, and more. "The Peach Old Fashioned is definitely one of our more popular sellers right now," he noted.

If axe throwing and brunch is the pairing you're after, look no further. Every Sunday from 10:00am-2:00pm, Ratchet Hatchet is serving up breakfast handhelds and flatbreads, hot and cold caffeinated beverages, mimosas by the glass or pitcher, Bloody Marys, and more.

In addition to axe throwing and great food and drink, Ratchet Hatchet features another perfect pairing by adding live music to one's experience. On Saturday from noon-5:00pm, Steve Paladin will be performing at Ratchet Hatchet. Check out the website for upcoming live music dates.

A GLASS OF WINE AND A SWEET TREAT

The Winery of Ellicottville at 14 Monroe Street is the destination if your idea of the perfect pair includes a glass of wine and a sweet treat! Winery owners Sam and Beth Sheehy have been pleased to serve and sell select confections from nearby Watson's Chocolates at 27 Washington Street. Not only are Watson's Chocolates available to purchase, but the Winery of Ellicottville features a wine and chocolate pairing that includes four chocolates and four wine samples.

Beth Sheehy said that this collaboration has been very well received over the years and is a popular item on their menu. "A lot of times, people will come in after dinner or during the afternoon, and it's the perfect little sweet treat," she said. Current wine and chocolate pairings include a chocolate covered pretzel paired with EVL White, a dark chocolate covered marshmallow paired with the Bubbly Riesling, a black forest truffle paired with the Pinot Noir, and a raspberry cream truffle paired with EVL Red.

ADD IN A LITTLE PAMPERING

Sheehy said the Winery has partnered with Anew Beginning Massage and Spa for several years to offer one of the best pampering pairings around! She and Leah Rusiniak of Anew Beginning, who is celebrating her 15th year in business, have joined forces through the Girls Day Out package, which has been a great collaboration over the years. The package includes a half-hour grape sangria facial with a warm foot treatment at the spa (9 Monroe Street), followed by a trip across the street to the Winery for the wine and chocolate pairing.

"Most people that visit Ellicottville are coming from an hour plus away and to have more

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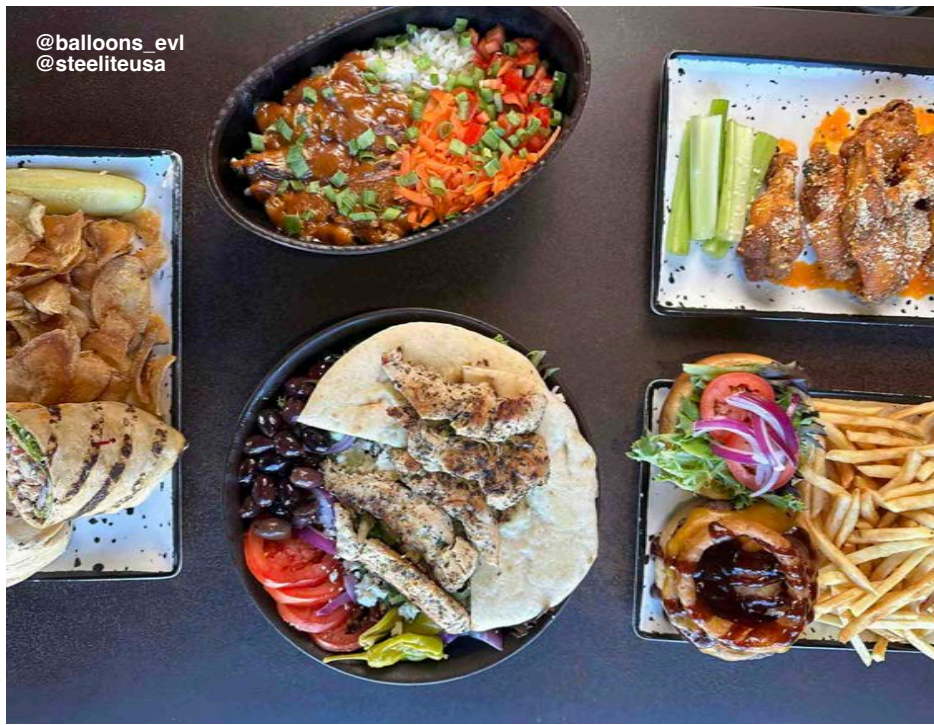
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BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

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Steelite continuously innovates to find new ways that are better for the world community and for the environment by reducing their carbon footprint. One of the ways they do this is by using a Lamella system. They are the only tableware manufacturing company that uses this Lamella machine to recycle clay waste. Since its installation in 2007, Steelite has recycled 350 tons of clay body per year, which equates to 350 tons of clay that does not need to be quarried - thus reducing the impact on the landscape and the energy required to remove/purify it. 350 tons do not need to be transported from their source to the manufacturing plant, thereby conserving on vehicular emissions. And 350 tons of waste material can be reused, rather than being sent off to the landfill, thereby reducing landfill and the vehicular emissions and gas used to transport it.



Based on 2022 figures, the company now recycles up to 99% of manufacturing waste. Since we are celebrating Earth Week, it seems entirely appropriate to give kudos to a company that services Ellicottville (and the monarchy) and practices such outstanding environmental policies. Hear! Hear!

The Silver Fox Steakhouse uses their products. "The Fox" was established in 1974 as the fifth sit-down restaurant in Ellicottville, and now enjoys serving the third generation of patrons who regularly come to give kudos to a company that services Ellicottville (and the monarchy) and practices such outstanding environmental policies. Hear! Hear!

Mike Kerns, Jr., owner of Balloons Restaurant and Nightclub, is another client of Steelite, using their huge selection of styles, patterns, and colors to complement their funky fun environment. Opened in 1974 by Mike and Cheryl Kerns and handed off in 2006 following his dad's passing, Mike, Jr. has created an environment where blue and white collars workers and everyone in between are comfortable and will have a good time. Mike, Jr. especially appreciated the assortment of colors and designs he could choose from after having inherited the old standard white Buffalo China that lacked pizzazz. He is especially pleased that he had an opportunity to select lighter weight Melamine plates and serving pieces for his outdoor dining which were easier for the servers to handle with less breakage to clean up if there were an accident.

Dina's and The Banq use Steelite products. As Dina DiPasquale, owner of both establishments says, she uses their products for their "style mostly! They are very durable; very excellent quality... elevates the whole dining experience." It appears that Steelite has taken over Ellicottville with West Rose, Steelbound, Edna's and the Winery joining the ranks of satisfied users of their products.



Steelite was first introduced to the Ellicottville dining establishments by Peter Kreinheder of Ellicottville Brewing Company and EBC Tap & Bottle Taqueria, where you will also find a wonderful array of beautiful Steelite serving pieces at all their locations, offering my favorite, spicy African peanut soup, or their melt-in-your-mouth Texas brisket.

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12 GATES OF EVL

Newest Releases, an NYC Inspired Deli Menu, and the Story Behind the Name



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eNOW: 12 Gates has become a great hangout spot in Ellicottville, but where did the name originate?

TOM: Modern chemistry wouldn't be what it is today without alchemy, the medieval study of purifying, maturing, and perfecting matters. Renowned as one of England's greatest alchemists, George Ripley provided the first colloquial account of the practice in his masterpiece, The Compound of Alchemy - otherwise known as Ripley's Twelve Gates. Ripley's prose explored the alchemic method in twelve steps, or "gates", as he referred to them. The Ninth Gate, "Fermentation", described the process of transmutation that forms a new product due to age, bacteria, or flame - a procedure still widely used today. Honoring his legacy, 12 Gates Brewery is named after Ripley's profound lifetime studies. Just like alchemy, the chemical process of brewing takes practice, diligence, determination, and morale. We aim to create the perfect beer from the fermentation of the finest, hand-picked ingredients. And if you ask us, grains can be turned into gold.

eNOW: You've been busy brewing up a few new flavors. Can you give us some insight on upcoming releases as well as some of your other popular brews?

TOM: We haven't brewed a double IPA in quite some time. We let our customers dictate what we brew, and the past few years the trend was for lighter and lower ABV beers, of

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BREAKAWAY CLASSIC ADVENTURES

A Popular Hard Cider Crawl Takes Us to Three Falls Cider in Castile, NY



BY INDREK KONGATS

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When fly fishing for salmon on Scotland's River Avon, it's almost a crime not to visit the famous Glenlivet Distillery to sample a Glencairn of their wonderful 12-year-old single malt Scottish whisky. Whisky spelled without the 'e' and consumed 'neat' and not 'on the rocks' since ice will ruin the taste. In the Galway Region of Ireland after fighting off those Lough Monsters, the infamous Irish Pike, it's fitting to cap off the day by having a fine stout like a draught of Guinness, best served at room temperature at the local pub

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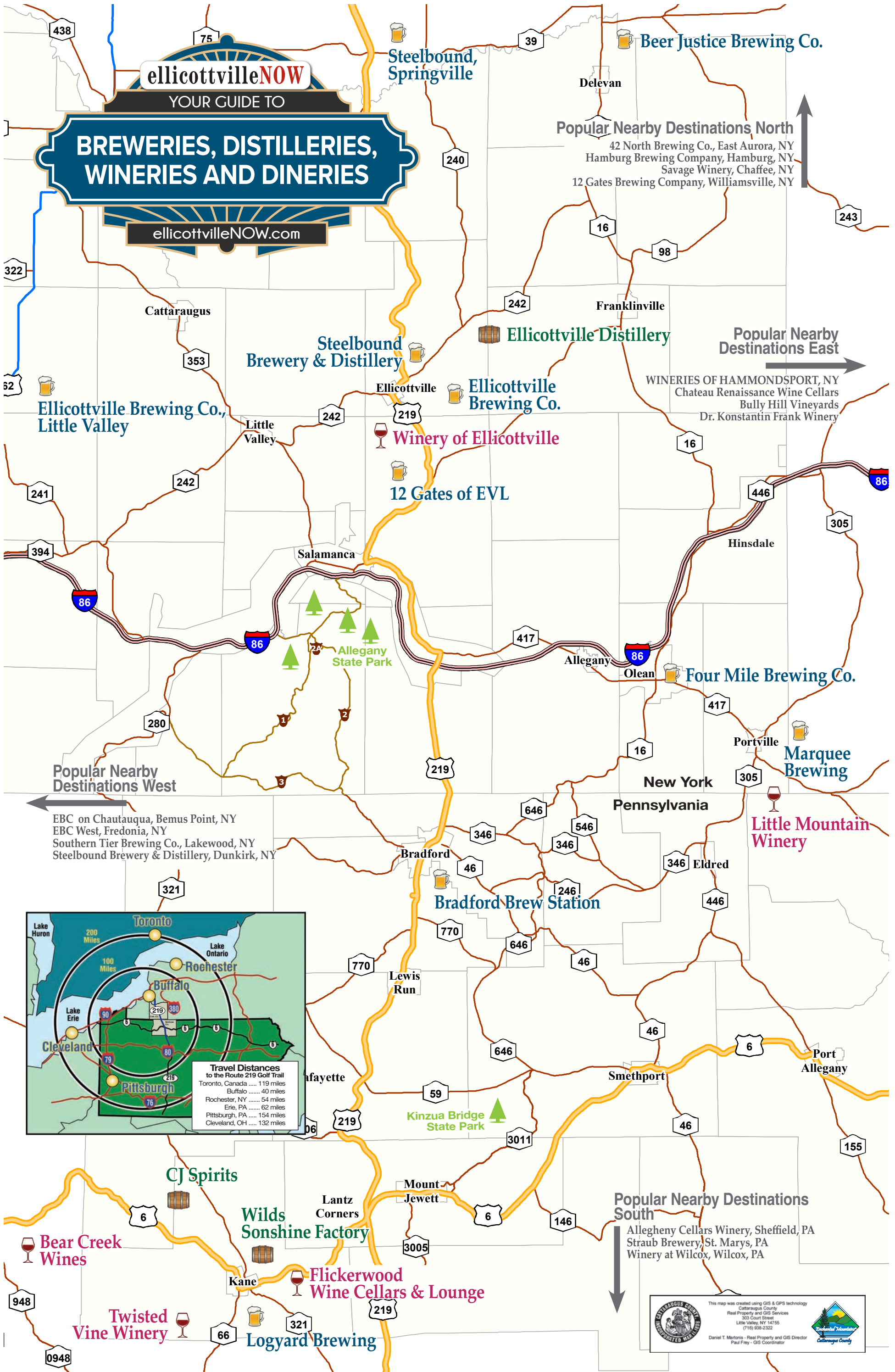


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By RUSTIN LIPPINCOTT, ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST VISITORS BUREAU

Embark on an exhilarating journey into Kinzua country and you'll experience more than a half million acres of endless possibilities, 600 miles of trails primed for hiking and biking and the Allegheny Reservoir, ready for boating, swimming and fishing. After a fun-filled day of everything Kinzua, including the famous Sky Walk, it's time to venture into the charming communities surrounding the Allegheny National Forest for an appetite satisfying, thirst quenching experience that echoes the rugged beauty of the region.

Prepare your palette and drink and sip your way through McKean County. If it's Bradford, Togi's will give you a taste of Italy, while the Bradford Brew Station has craft beer to make that fish you caught a bit larger after a few rounds.

If you find yourself in Kane, Logyard Brewing has dozens of IPAs, ales, and lagers to wet your whistle. Tickle your taste buds at Texas Hot and Table 105, both Kane staples. Raise your spirits, literally, with Wild Sonshine's black cherry, blue raspberry, pink lemonade and seed-to-still spirits. The Bloody Mary fashioned from CJ Spirits and the crafted wine from Twisted Vine, Bear Creek and Flickerwood will have you raising your glass repeatedly - it's that good.

If your journey leads you to spots in the ANF region just outside McKean County, find your way to Straub Brewery, one of the "5 Best Places in America to Drink American Beer," Winery at Wilcox, Benezette Wine, or a stop at Chicken Hill Distillery for some authentic PA moonshine.

Sorry (well not really) if we have your stomach growling and mouths dry in anticipation for the trail experiences of the Allegheny National Forest region. Choose your adventure below.

MARILLA TRAIL, BRADFORD BREW STATION + TOGI'S

Start with the Marilla Trail System, the Bradford Brew Station and Togi's Family Restaurant. The Marilla Trail System includes a wide variety of both easy and challenging trails. For casual hikers, the 1-mile stroll around the scenic Marilla Reservoir offers forest and water vistas, and a beautiful wooden covered bridge. Experience an old growth forest along the White Pine Trail. Both Marilla Springs and Marilla Rocks offer challenging elevation changes and wondrous views of the forest and huge rock formations. The trail is approximately five miles west of the city of Bradford.

After hiking, beverages may be enjoyed at the Bradford Brew Station. There are 14 house-brewed craft beers on tap, with a full menu featuring pub favorites and unique eats. Togi's has been serving homemade Italian, steaks, and seafood for over 50 years alongside their 28-foot boat bar. You just have to see it! When you're ready to call it a night, Bradford offers national hotels including the Best Western Plus and several quaint private rental homes and cottages.

WESTLINE INN + THE KINZUA VALLEY TRAIL SYSTEM

To experience the true nature of the rural ambiance of the area, plan an adventure to Westline to hike or bike the Kinzua Valley Trail. This 10.5-mile linear trail runs from the Red Bridge Campground in the Allegheny National Forest past the village of Westline to their trailhead parking lot near Route 219. A fun way to enjoy this hiking trail is to declare Westline Inn as your home base.

On your first day out, hike to Red Bridge Campground and back, overnight at Westline, then hike your way east along the shoreline of Kinzua Creek to Route 219 and back on day two. Westline Inn is a local favorite with their delicious entrees, relaxed atmosphere and locals always ready to chat. The rooms are brass beds with quilts, quaint and unpretentious - this is the quintessential ANF experience.

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KNOX & KANE TRAIL + TRIFECTA OF BEVERAGES

The Knox & Kane Rail Trail offers 12 miles of hiking and biking on crushed limestone from Kinzua Bridge State Park to Lantz Corners and on to the Kane Country Club, to Kane and on to Lamont. To rent bikes or e-bikes, both Allegheny Adventure Rentals or Kane Outfitters can help you out.

After your day outdoors, Kane offers three wineries: Flickerwood, Twisted Vine & Bear Creek, along with the Logyard Brewing, CJ Spirits Craft Distillery, and Wilds Sonshine Factory. Lodging is available at the Kane Manor Inn, and a variety of Airbnbs downtown, with a wide selection of eateries also available. For the full list, go to visitANF.com.

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RESILIENCY THROUGH ART

The Ohi:yo' Art Market Returns to Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino May 11th



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By JESSICA SCHULTZ

The Haudenosaunee people are a proud people with a great deal of history to share with their guests. With the return of their juried Ohi:yo' Art Market to the Seneca Allegany Casino Event Center, (located at 777 Allegany Blvd, Salamanca, NY) on May 11th from 10:00am-5:00pm, they will showcase amazing Native American craftsmanship. This is their first year as an official market and they've got a lot going on, but not only is this a market, it is also a celebration of their peoples' strength of resiliency through art and culture.

What does that mean exactly? Curator of the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum, Rande Spruce explained, "We are proud to have artists who are carrying on their traditions and culture through their artistic practices. Many of these practices are a form of identity that is an important part of who we are as sovereign people. It is important that these arts are celebrated as some of these practices predate colonization and that should be considered a major part of our resiliency as indigenous peoples."

They are expecting at least 50 vendors from across Turtle Island to attend. This show is open to Native artists from all walks of life to share their unique styles with everyone. From traditional beading works from Kakwite:ne Jacobs to pottery from Katsitsionni Fox, beautiful and amazing art will be everywhere in the event center space.

The best thing, if something catches your eye while you are taking everything in, all the art being displayed will be up for sale. That means you could take something home that resonates with your own soul. The artists themselves are also competing for the best in show prize, which is a whopping \$7,000 dollars.



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Rande also advised, "For this event, we have invited Marissa Corwin Manitowabi to set up with her demonstration tent in the center of the market. This tent features different artists throughout the community who hold special knowledge in regards to basketry, plants, and more. There is also a space in the center of these demonstrators for young children to interact in a cultural environment."

So everyone in the family is included in the fun for the day. And if you get thirsty or you walk up an appetite, the Casino will be providing some simple catering and visitors are more than welcome to pay a visit to one of the excellent dining options the casino can provide. The Thunder Mountain Buffet has great variety, the Seneca Cafe offers sit down service with classic favorites, the Toscana Grill offers cozy Italian fare, and if you're in a fine dining mood, The Western Door Steakhouse is always a crowd favorite.

Keep in mind that the market isn't the only event that the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum has in the works. Rande was excited to let us know, "On May 25th we are having our annual Heritage Day celebration which will be bigger than ever this year. We are planning the official opening of our Living Longhouse for the season. We are also having a Haudenosaunee Tattoo gathering with various demonstrators and guest speakers Jamie Jacobs and Michael Galban. This is also a day filled with local vendors and smoke dance competitions for all ages. Also, we have a new exhibit coming to the cultural center with a focus on Cornplanter which will be opening the weekend of August 3rd. This will be a new permanent exhibit for the cultural center and we hope it's one of the biggest ones yet."

So if you are in the market, (ha, see what I did there?) for a little field trip outside of Ellicottville, then the Ohi:yo' Art Market is just the place for you to visit at the Seneca Allegany Casino Event Center on May 11th. Visit senecamuseum.org to keep an eye out for new information and more upcoming events.

WALK THE TRACKS ACROSS THE SKY

Hidden Within the Forest of Northwestern PA Lies an Engineering Masterpiece



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The Kinzua Viaduct once soared 301 feet high and 2,053 feet across. It was the highest and longest railroad viaduct in the world.

It was a bridge unlike any the world had ever seen. In 1882, General Thomas Kane, a Philadelphia lawyer, decorated American Civil War Veteran, and president of the New York, Lake Erie and Western Railroad and Coal Company, had rich coal deposits south of the Kinzua Gorge. But since his customers were to the north, Kane needed to cross the valley. Kane needed a bridge.

Paris-born Octave Chanute, chief engineer for the Erie Railroad, rose to the challenge. The man who would later help the Wright brothers fly had a bold solution - a bridge unlike any the world had seen. Chief Engineer, Octave Chanute, contracted the Pennsylvania firm of Clarke, Reeves & Company to design and fabricate the bridge. Adolphus Bonzano designed a wrought iron bridge using his "Phoenix Column," an engineering breakthrough that enabled tall structures to resist vibration and buckling.

The bridge was pre-fabricated in Phoenixville, near Philadelphia, and transported to the site for erection. Once the sandstone foundation piers were in place, 125 men, working 10-hour days, completed the construction in just 94 days. Standing 301 feet tall (24 feet higher than the Brooklyn Bridge) the Viaduct quickly became a tourist destination. Walking out on the bridge was the next best thing to flying. But by 1900, the locomotives and railroad cars hauling coal and timber across the Viaduct became larger and heavier. A stronger steel bridge was required. Using 6.7 million pounds of steel, workers erected a new bridge to replace the original.

Not only was the Kinzua Viaduct successful in transporting Kane's coal across the valley, it instantly became a popular tourist attraction bringing sightseers from around the globe to visit. Kinzua Bridge State Park, with the Kinzua Viaduct as its centerpiece, was created in 1963. The Kinzua Viaduct was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977, and the National Register of Historic Civil Engineering Landmarks in 1982. The Kinzua Viaduct spanned the Kinzua Gorge for more than a century before it partially collapsed under the powerful winds of a tornado in 2003.

THE POWER OF NATURE

Bridge designer, C.R. Grimm, predicted his creation would last 100 years. And he was right. Grimm's design used roller expansion bearings where the tower legs were anchored to the masonry foundation piers. This design allowed lateral expansion in the tower legs under temperature loading. But his failure to replace the original 1882 anchor bolts would have catastrophic consequences.

In July 2003, engineers and skilled bridge builders were hard at work on a \$12 million repair project to reinforce the aging structure. The workers decided to call it a day when the sky went black and the winds rushed in. A tornado tore through the forest, heading straight for the Viaduct. Hundreds of trees were ripped from their roots and 11 of the bridge's 20 towers were lifted, twisted and thrown onto the valley floor. Six towers remained standing on the south end; only three towers remained upright on the north end.

Engineers later confirmed that winds attacked in three directions. The original 1882 anchor bolts and collar coupling assemblies, which mated the old bolts to the later 1900 construction, had failed. Within 30 seconds, nature had brought the mighty span to its knees.

ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST SCENIC SKY WALKS

The remaining six towers of the original Kinzua Viaduct were stabilized and reinvented as the Kinzua Sky Walk. Towering over the Kinzua Gorge at a height of 225 feet and 624 feet long, the new sky walk has a partial glass floor overlook at the end of the pedestrian walkway which features the historic railroad tracks. Views are breathtaking. Opened to the public in September 2011, the Kinzua Sky Walk pays tribute to the past while emerging once again as an amazing engineering marvel.

The Kinzua Sky Walk was named as "One of the Top 10 Most Scenic sky walks in the World" by The Culture Trip, U.K. Located at the Kinzua Bridge State Park in Mt. Jewett, Pennsylvania, the Kinzua Sky Walk is open to the public year round. Admission to the park and the Kinzua Sky Walk is free. The park includes tree shaded picnic areas, areas for biking and birding, and a park pavilion which can be rented. In addition, there are two trails, the easy 1-mile General Kane trail, and a second more challenging trail, the Kinzua Creek Trail which leads to the bottom of the gorge where the fallen towers of the original viaduct still remain.

The park is open from 8:00am to 6:00pm each day. Driving address for the park is 296 Viaduct Road, Mt. Jewett, PA. For additional information on the Kinzua Sky Walk, including historic photos and video, go to visitANF.com.

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COMMUNITY

SPAGHETTI DINNER: Saturday, April 27th, 4:00-7:00pm at Little Valley Bridge of Hope Church (formerly United Methodist Church), 109 Court St. Dinner includes spaghetti & meatballs, salad, bread, and dessert. Dine in or take out. Cost is a free will donation. Proceeds will go towards repairing our Sanctuary. Questions? Call 716-938-6150.

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PERFECT PAIRINGS

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reasons to come mingle and actually chat with your friends is nice," Rusiniak said. While many spa experiences don't always allow multiple people/treatments in the same room, Rusiniak noted that "this package can allow both friends to be in the same room for a little bit of chit chat." To book this fun and relaxing package, contact Anew Beginning at 716-699-2508. After receiving the facial and foot treatment, guests will receive a certificate to present to the Winery for their wine/chocolate pairing.

Anew Beginning, a woman-run business with three massage therapists and two estheticians, provides a full range of pampering services, including facials, glycolic peels, therapy wraps, salt glows, therapeutic massages, reflexology, and more. To see the full range of services, visit www.anewbeginningny.com. "We did implement online booking, so the Girls Day Out package can be booked online," Rusiniak said.

For Sheehy, being able to collaborate with other Ellicottville businesses, like Anew Beginning and Watson's Chocolates, is the best thing about owning a business in Ellicottville. "In a small town like Ellicottville, everyone is rooting for each other and everyone has each other's backs as business owners and are collaborating," she said. "We're constantly trying to think of ideas to work together and get people in town to frequent all of the businesses, not only bars and restaurants, but the retail shops as well as the salons and spas. It really is nice to collaborate, and we're always looking to do that."

12 GATES OF EVL

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which we brew several: This is Our House Lager, Pancho's Legacy Lager, and Off-Road Session IPA are our most popular lighter beers. But we have been getting more requests for double IPAs which have more bite, along with the higher ABV (8% and above). We've always been pretty successful and are known for our IPAs, so we felt it was the right time to brew some one-off doubles, maybe quarterly releases, to see how they fare in both our taprooms and the distribution market. The first version in our Imperial Series is our Spring Imperial IPA - a fresh, clean, crisp, double west coast style IPA. We've already received some good feedback on it. Our next one will be a HAZY double IPA which should be out mid-summer. We also just recently brought back our Flo-Mingo Fruit Sour, which is always a popular refreshing alternative from the light lagers and bitter IPAs.

eNOW: You also boast a great deli menu. What sets the food at 12 Gates apart from other menus?

BRYAN: I'd say that our menu is small but mighty! We try to cater to people by providing something for everyone. We also try to keep it seasonally oriented and we keep our most popular items and switch out some things to provide an even better variety for not only locals but guests from out of town as well. We have corned beef, pastrami, a shrimp po'boy... We even have a nice kids menu so the whole family can enjoy a meal with us.



eNOW: What are your plans for your Ellicottville location moving into the summer season?
TOM: In May we will be welcoming back our popular trivia nights on Thursdays and occasional live music on Saturdays. We welcome everyone that might stop in after a day of golfing, hiking, biking, running, disc golf... Everyone that enjoys the awesome outdoor experience Ellicottville has to offer often needs a refreshing beer afterwards!

eNOW: Any events coming up you'd like to share, for either Ellicottville or Williamsville?
TOM: All of our major events happen up in Williamsville at the brewery, a one-hour drive from Ellicottville. Coming up we have our annual Star Wars party on "May the Fourth Be with You" Day (May 4th) with a best costume contest and Star Wars related drink specials and live music. This is a party for all ages you won't want to miss! May 18th is our annual Jeep Go Topless Day party where 100+ Jeep Wranglers get together and we have a contest for the coolest Jeeps. You don't have to be a Jeep owner to enjoy this Jeep show. WNY Heroes will be on-site and proceeds from the event will go to their cause in support of our local veterans in need. Jeep Club members get two hours of free beer and food. Visit 12gatesbrewing.com/jeep for more info on joining our Jeep Club. We also host trail rides in Ellicottville for club members with the next one scheduled for June 1st.

eNOW: Could you list your current opening hours, kitchen hours and best way to reach you?
TOM: Our hours during the spring season (April) are Friday through Sunday noon until closing, depending on business. In May we start back up with our normal hours, Thursdays through Sundays noon until closing. We are closed Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The best way to reach us is by calling 716-699-1313 and by visiting our website, 12gatesofevl.com.

THREE FALLS CIDER

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such as McSwiggans. A trip to Canada to fly fish the upper reaches of the Grand River for world-class brown trout is not complete without a visit to the Sleeman Brewery which dates back to 1834 as one of the nation's first craft breweries. You must visit the original Sleeman Tap Room in Guelph, Ontario and quench your thirst with one of my favourites, their easy drinking Cream Ale!

Closer to home but equally as important, as all of the above-mentioned fly fishing bucket list destinations, should be a trip to WNY's Three Falls Cider Mill in Castile, New York, located a block south of Route 39 at 29 East Park Road, just minutes away from our famous Wiscoy Creek. After a hard day of chasing wild and feisty browns and brookies, fishermen should reward themselves with a fine glass of their Bourbon Barrel Aged Cider, as hard as it gets! Three Falls Cider is named after a series of three waterfalls in nearby Letchworth State Park aptly nicknamed the 'Grand Canyon of the East'.

Family owned and operated, Three Falls Cider mill has been a staple of the Castile community since the 1930s, and with some secret bootlegging going on during town hall meetings, the 'Dry' was finally taken out of the town's description in 1984! The current owners, Pamela and Daniel Chasey, acquired the mill in 2008 and after five years of attending the CINA (Cider Institute of North America) at Cornell University, Dan became an ACA (American Cider Association) Certified Pommelier, a head Cidermaker specializing in the development and production of hard cider.

What makes their brand of hard cider different from most hard ciders that you'd find in a grocery store is that theirs is a true artisan handcrafted variety of hard cider, and as Dan calls it, 'From Tree to Glass'. They don't use any concentrate juices like large production companies must use to produce their large volumes to meet market demands. Three Falls Cider starts by growing their own apples, picking them and bringing them to the mill around the second week of September, when the process of extracting the juices begins.

The extraction process is quite simple. 30 bushels of apples at a time are prepared by washing them in a large vat with a conveyer taking them once bathed and scrubbed up to the slice and dicer, reducing the apples to 400 pounds of pomace. The pomace is then placed upon a large press to squeeze out all of the juices. It takes about 3 bushels of apples to make one gallon of juice. There is never any water added - again, a stark difference of cider mass produced from concentrate. Theirs is 100% gluten free juice! After pressing one load, they will get anywhere from 75 to 90 gallons of juice which then goes to the fermentation tanks where the fun of making the cider hard begins.

There is a series of five large stainless steel tanks. The first two are the fermentation tanks where yeast is added to begin the fermentation process, which lasts about three weeks. As the juice begins to turn into alcohol, the flocculation or settling of the yeast lees begins and the product is then moved to a new tank for aging, which may take from 3 to 5 months to a year, depending on the desired end product.

Three Falls Cider has some special aging processes that are unique to their brand of hard cider, making them truly handcrafted. I mentioned that you must try their Bourbon Barrel Aged Cider as this one has an alcohol content close to 7% - just short of being classified as a wine which begins at 8.5%. The cider is pumped into oaken barrels that have been secured from a whiskey distillery so that the barrels are steeped in bourbon which blends with the cider, giving it a very distinct flavor. Another special blending process that they use is to age the hard cider in bourbon barrels that were previously used by a maple syrup producer. The combination of the maple syrup and bourbon blending with the hard cider makes it sweeter and hard to beat!

The tasting room at the mill is open three days a week: Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 12:00-6:00pm. It offers a comfortable indoor seating area, but the large spacious outside deck overlooking Wolf Creek is the perfect place to relax and indulge while listening to the sounds of a babbling brook. On tap are a dozen or so blends of hard cider that the mill produces, ranging from dry to sweet and fruity with alcohol content ranging from 4.5% to 7%.

To make your visit complete, start talking fly fishing with Dan. As a member of the Houghton Fly Fishing Club, he'll speak your language. In his spare time, mainly in the months of June and July when he's not hard pressed to make cider, Dan is somewhere on a local trout stream looking for more well-deserved bragging rights of his own.

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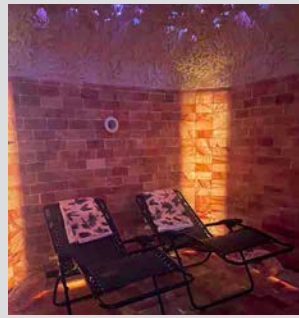
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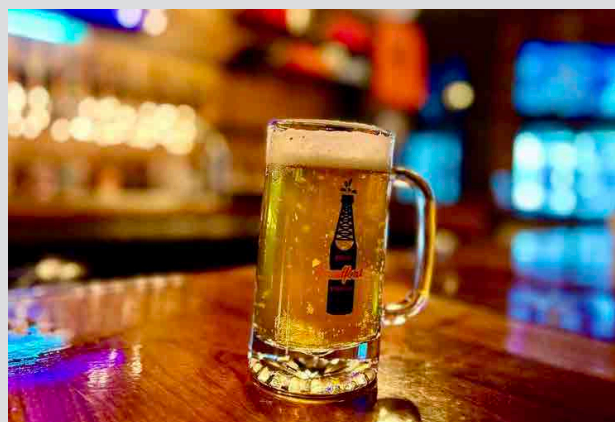
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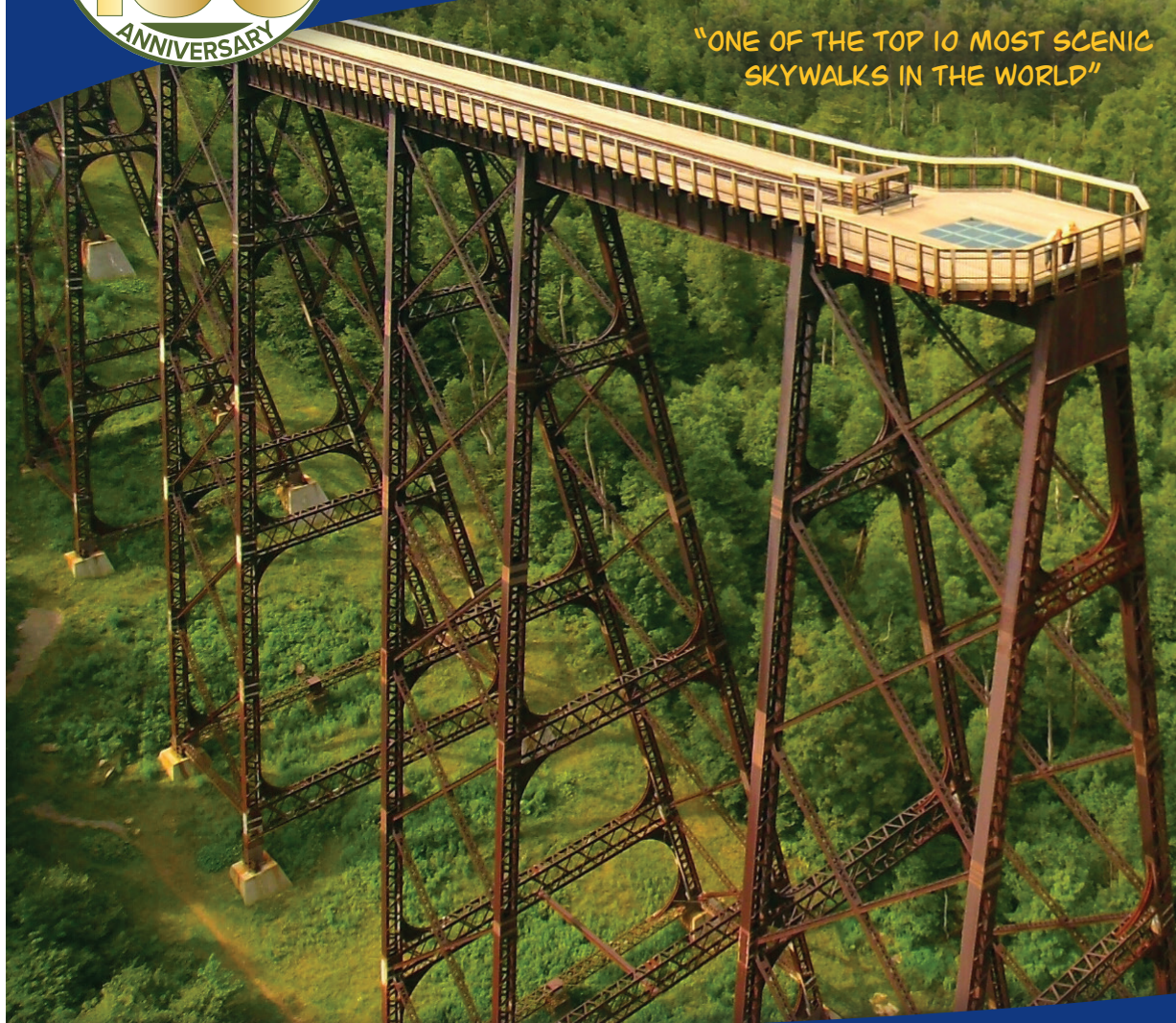


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