

## **Some Points of interest in New York's Capital District and Environs**

**Schenectady** (<http://www.sayschenectady.org/> )

### **Restaurants**

[http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g48572-Schenectady\\_New\\_York.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g48572-Schenectady_New_York.html);  
[http://www.sayschenectady.org/schenectady\\_tourism/tourism\\_results.cfm](http://www.sayschenectady.org/schenectady_tourism/tourism_results.cfm)

Schenectady has especially good Italian restaurants.

(<http://albany.citysearch.com/review/7594709>)

Cornell's, Ferrari's, The Fireside, Scotti's

Fine dining is available at

Glen Sanders Mansion <http://www.glensandersmansion.com/dining.html>

The Stockade Inn <http://www.stockadeinn.com/>

The Waters Edge <http://www.thewatersedgelighthouse.com/directions.html>

(Glenn Sanders and the Waters Edge offer picturesque settings, the former in a 17<sup>th</sup> century mansion, the later on the banks of the Mohawk river.)

For good Indian and other vegetarian restaurants try

[http://www.happycow.net/north\\_america/usa/new\\_york/schenectady/index.html](http://www.happycow.net/north_america/usa/new_york/schenectady/index.html)

### **Theater**

Proctor's Theater, Broadway Street Schenectady ( [www.proctors.org](http://www.proctors.org))

A new movie theater is scheduled to open in downtown Schenectady summer '07

### **Malls (all malls have movie theaters and restaurants)**

Colonie Mall (20 minute drive) <http://www.shopatcoloniecenter.com/>

Crossgates Mall (20 minute drive) <http://www.shopcrossgates.com/>

Rotterdam Mall, located 10 minutes from Schenectady (890 West- Campbell Road exit)

### **Other Activities**

Stadium Golf Club, Inc.: 18 hole golf course with excellent drainage, all grass driving range, putting greens, cart & club rentals. Outing packages available are available and is equipped with banquet facilities and a Pro shop. Schenectady, NY (518)-374-9104

Canoe Rentals at The Boat House, Niskayuna NY (518)-393-5711

<http://www.boathousecanoekayaks.com/>

### **Saratoga Springs (45 min north)**

Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.saratoga.org/>

Saratoga Performing Arts Center Saratoga, NY <http://www.spac.org/>

Saratoga Race course Saratoga, NY: Note, race season is a six week period from mid July to early September <http://www.saratogacetrack.com/>

Brown's Beach: Public beach with swimming, boating, marina, restaurant and lodging, as well as Boat and Jet ski rentals 518/587-8280

Shopping: <http://www.saratoga.org/shop/index.asp>

Dining Options located at: - <http://www.saratoga.org/dine/index.asp>

\*For more options, go to: <http://www.saratoga.org/play/index.asp>

### **Albany (20 min east)**

Albany County Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.ac-chamber.org/>

Palace Theater Albany New York's leading entertainment venue featuring arts such as rock, jazz, classical, comedy and much more. [www.palacealbany.com/](http://www.palacealbany.com/)

The Times Union Center (former Pepsi Arena) <http://timesunioncenter-albany.com/>  
Downtown Albany: Venue for sports, concerts & shows.

### **Further South**

New York City is a 3-hour drive by Thruway. It can also be reached on Amtrak or bus.

### **Further North (e.g., Lake George area)**

Lake George: home to lake activities, dining, and a variety of recreational activities  
<http://www.lakegeorge.com/>

Lake Placid, NY [www.lake-placid.ny.us/](http://www.lake-placid.ny.us/)

Great Escape (1 hour north)- Amusement/water park  
<http://www.sixflags.com/parks/greatescape/>

### **Further West**

Baseball Hall of Fame Cooperstown, NY (1 ½ hours west)  
<http://www.baseballhalloffame.org/>

Duanesburg Sky Diving Club: provides sky-diving lessons, student training, exhibition jumps: located in Duanesburg, NY (518) 895-8140  
<http://www.duanesburgskydiving.com/>

Syracuse Zoo: (2 hours, Syracuse NY) <http://www.rosamondgiffordzoo.org/>

Thatcher State Park Nature trail and pool (Voorheesville, 30 min. drive)  
<http://www.mtbr.com/trails/NewYork/JohnBoydThatcherStatePark.html>