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Agriculture, a way of life on the Adirondack Coast 2017 agriculture events and attractions near New York's Lake Champlain

Plattsburgh, NY – 3/30/2017 – The Adirondack Coast's working landscape allows for a thriving industry of local agriculture including: dairy farms, apple orchards, vineyards, sugar houses and farm stands. Not only do these family-run enterprises define our landscape – they also define our way of life. Explore the following sites year round for an authentic Adirondack Coast agricultural experience.

Farms and Farm Museums

From apples to cheese and everything in between, family-run farms on the Adirondack Coast have produced and sold high-quality local products for generations. Farm fun for the whole family is always just down the road. Give farm life a try when you participate in preserved practices bringing historic depictions of the everyday rural and farm experience to life!

Upcoming Farm Events

- *Plattsburgh Farmers' and Crafters' Market*: Saturdays 9:00am-2:00pm May-October in the Durkee Street Lot in Plattsburgh, NY (featuring vendors from 2016's Downtown Rising)
- *Opening Weekend*: May 13-14 10:00am-4:00pm at Babbie Rural 7 Farm Learning Museum in Peru, NY
- *Homesteading & Woodworking Weekend*: June 24-25 10:00am-4:00pm at Babbie Rural & Farm Learning Museum in Peru, NY
- *Hay and Grain Harvest/Antique Tractor Weekend*: August 19-20 10:00am-4:00pm at Babbie Rural & Farm Learning Museum in Peru, NY
- *7th Annual Kids Fair and Festival*: September 23-24 10:00am-4:00pm at Babbie Rural & Farm Learning Museum in Peru, NY
- *Harvest Weekend*: October 7-8 10:00am-4:00pm at Babbie Rural & Farm Learning Museum in Peru, NY

Adirondack Coast Wine Trail

Grapes grown on the Adirondack Coast are hybrids of European grapes and hardy American rootstock, capable of withstanding cold, harsh temperatures. Many of these grapes were introduced to the world within the last 10-15 years, providing visitors with a truly unique tasting experience. These wines embody the character of the Adirondack Coast – rugged and wild, yet relaxed boasting a casual warmth.

There are seven wineries and cideries along the Adirondack Coast Wine Trail, traveling 33 miles through farmland, small towns and the historic city of Plattsburgh. This trail is a part of the newly inaugurated Champlain Valley International Wine Trail, the first of its kind in the world, connecting more than thirty wineries throughout the Adirondack Coast, Vermont and Quebec.

Upcoming Wine Events

- *Live Music*: Saturdays 4:00-6:00pm March-May at Vesco Ridge Vineyard in West Chazy, NY
- *FREE Wellness Afternoon*: April 23 2:00-4:00pm at Vesco Ridge Vineyard in West Chazy, NY
- *"A Riesling to Relax"*: April 28 at Vesco Ridge Vineyard in West Chazy, NY
- *3rd Annual "Run for Wine" 5K*: May 20 at Vesco Ridge Vineyard in West Chazy, NY

Orchards

The Adirondack Coast is the 2nd largest producer of McIntosh apples in the United States, second only to regions in Washington State. Here, you can explore the world's largest McIntosh orchard, with more than 30,000 trees.

During the fall harvest, pumpkin patches, petting zoos, wagon rides and corn mazes are all the rage. Many orchards are open throughout the year, offering summer fruits and vegetables, gift shops with locally crafted cider, jams, jellies, honey and bakeries – right on site! Some of them even ship their products.

Upcoming Orchard Events

- *Strawberry Festival 2017*: June 25 at Rulfs Orchard in Peru, NY

Microbreweries

Refreshing and nostalgic, microbrews on the Adirondack Coast are sure to awaken your senses – and your adventurous spirit, too. One sip of an original Adirondack Coast microbrew will have you tasting more than just a local beer. Here, you're drinking in the best of the region's heritage and agriculture.

Upcoming Microbrewery Events

- *Plattsburgh Brewfest 2017*: August 5 at the Clinton County Fairgrounds in Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Creameries

More than 120 dairy farms on the Adirondack Coast house nearly 20,000 dairy cows. Some of the largest family-owned dairy farms in New York State call this land home, contributing to the 380 million pounds of milk produced on the coast annually – milk you'll find in Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream, McCadam Cheese and various Cabot products, like butter, cheese and Greek yogurt.

Maple

On the Adirondack Coast, maple sugaring is a rite of spring. Once the snow starts to melt, sugar shacks heat up with the production of liquid gold – genuine maple syrup. Get a taste of the Adirondack Coast through live demonstrations, historic reenactments, family recipes, and, of course, your very own bottle of maple syrup. Annual Maple Weekends showcase sugar houses in the height of the season, but maple farms on the Adirondack Coast are open to visitors year round.

Upcoming Maple Events

- *New York State Maple Weekends 2018*: March 17-18 and March 24-25

Find the most up-to-date information about area events at goadirondack.com/events, where you can download our monthly event calendar.

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About the Adirondack Coast Visitors Bureau

The Adirondack Coast Visitors Bureau, a division of the North Country Chamber of Commerce, was established in 1994 as the official tourism promotion agency for the travel and tourism industry in Clinton County, NY. Based in Plattsburgh, NY, the Adirondack Coast Visitors Bureau contributes to the county's economic development and quality of life by promoting the region as a destination for leisure and group travel with a particular focus on history, agriculture and outdoor recreation including cycling, paddling, fishing, boating and skiing. For more information about Clinton County tourism, please contact the Adirondack Coast Visitors Bureau at 518.563.1000, visit goadirondack.com or log onto [Facebook.com/AdkCoast](https://www.facebook.com/AdkCoast).