

explore our amazing corner of the hudson river valley

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DINING (listed in distance from us)

- Pine Plains: The Stissing House & Champetre are both excellent fine dining options
- Millan: Cider Bros: we've never been although the menu has always looked enticing
- Elizaville Diner: new life recently breathed into it making it a fun destination
- West Taghkanic Diner: another diner with gourmand chef (smoked meats)
- Red Hook has a lot of great takeout options:
 - Misto (Wilson twice named best chef in the HRV: Amazing Brazilian / Ukranian)
 - Yum Yum: mostly SEAsian, has fun indoor seating has well.
 - Lucoli's (sumptuous crispy folded pizzas)
 - Bubby's Take Away Kitchen (lunchtimes)
 - Taste Budd's (coffee shop with excellent food and kid friendly)
 - Village Pizza, the best humble, hometown pizza you can find
 - Salvatores: more excellent, thicker pizza
- Tivoli: 3 good eat in options, and walk/drive to the Hudson River and back for amazing views
 - The Corner (incredible chef)
 - GioBatta Alimentari (excellent Italian)
 - Sante Fe, really good Southwestern fare
- Millerton: Oakhurst Diner, several excellent choices, and town worth checking out, if just for the drive
- Rhinebeck: great selection of eat-in fine dining and a fun town to wander
 - Beekman Arms, like Stissing House is an exceptionally cozy old American Inn
 - Gigi's Market Street – memorable the only time we've been there
 - le Petit Bistro, a Rhinebeck institution
 - The Matchbox more casual for burgers, but excellent
- Hudson has many refined taste eating options:
 - Cafe Mutton: amazing, award winning breakfast and lunch
 - Cafe La Perche, European type feel French food/coffee takeout
 - Ca Mea, always excellent
 - Wm. Farmer and Sons, have only heard good things
 - The Maker, amazing pastries and coffee at their fine cafe/coffee house
 - Baba Louie's is a long time favorite for excellent thin crust pizza
 - The Food Studio (Southeast Asian styled food, cash only)
 - La Gamin Country, Grazin Diner, Wunderbar, Wasabi, and Swoon are a few more we've enjoyed
- Crarville has Zinnia's and Random Harvest – not to miss if you're out that way. (25min away)
- Germantown: Gaskins. A destination restaurant. No straight path to get there making it a longer drive

COFFEE SHOPS/BREAKFAST/LUNCH

- Pine Plains: Storybook Cafe is brand new and looks promising!
- Tivoli: Tivoli Bakery (amazing)
- Ancramdale: The Farmer's Wife (breakfast in the country)
- Ancram: The Little Store
- Millerton: Irving Farm
- Rhinebeck: Bread Alone or Samuel's have good coffee, Bread Alone has good food as well.
- Hudson: The Hudson Roastery and Kitty's is tops for coffee. Cafe La Perche & The Maker also work.

GROCERIES

- Pecks in Pine Plains (is closest, mid-size, but not inspiring)
- Hannaford or Tops in Red Hook/Rhinebeck area big box stores we use for bulk items
- If going 25 min north, Hawthorne Valley Farm Store is tops: organic with great warm deli and bakery
- Random Harvest in Crarville has more great local organic selections plus a great deli & atmosphere
- Hudson: Talbott and Arding is a destination type grocer and actually not too insanely priced

BERRY PICKING

- Thompson Finch Farms in Ancram, all organic is so scenic (13 minutes away)
- Grieg and Rose Hill Farms in Red Hook are also fun (15 minutes away)

ART!

- Hessel Museum, Bard College
- Art OMI, Ghent, NY (quality outdoor sculpture park with cafe)
- Wassaic Project, Wassaic, NY (always something interesting going on)
- Vassar College Museum (40 minutes away)
- Dia Beacon (1 hour away but a very worthwhile day trip).
- Storm King, outdoor sculpture park (1:15 minutes away)
- Hudson, NY galleries as well as goings on at the Basilica, Time & Space Ltd, and Hudson Opera House
- Mass Moca, North Adams, MA (our favorite day trip), combined with a drive or hike to the top of Mt. Greylock. The Clark & Williams College Museum are also near.

ALTERNATIVE FILM

- Upstate Films, Locations in Rhinebeck and Woodstock
- Basilica or Time & Space Ltd, Hudson
- Standard movie theaters exist in Red Hook, Millerton and Hudson

SWIMMING

- Stissing lake in Pine Plains is a hidden treasure (7 minutes away). Great swimming and kayak rentals with beautiful Stissing Mountain as a backdrop. Lifeguards on duty late June until late August. After hours swimming is often done but at your own risk. There is a small entry spot on the South side of the lake used by locals for long-distance swimming into the middle of the lake.
- The quarry (for adept swimmers) at Taconic State Park in Copake Falls is wonderful. There's also a perfect dedicated swimming area cut out of the stream that comes out of the quarry lake, for the little ones. One can combine it perfectly with a hike to bash bish falls.
- There are swimming holes in the Roeliff Jansen river (but only swim their at your own risk: plenty of dangers with rocks and sometimes high water. Locals also tube in the Roe-Jan, but again only when water levels are right and done at your own risk.
- Rudd Pond is further east, closer to Millerton, is also an idyllic swimming lake.
- Lake Taghakanic State Park is just 8 minutes up the Taconic Parkway. Swimming, hiking, plus kayaks and rowboat rentals. No floaties, little shade, and can get very crowded on weekends.
- Wilcox park (10 minutes away) requires paid entrance also and is run by Dutchess County. It's a very small lake but can be fun for the little kiddos. Also has a great frisbee golf course.
- Zoom Flume, old Catskills water park, 45 min away, but is great fun for the kids.

FARMERS' MARKET

- Rhinebeck is the biggest one around (Sunday mornings).
- Copake-Hillsdale is so scenic. (Sat. 9-1) www.copakehillsdalefarmersmarket.com
- Millerton (Sat. 10-2), Hudson (Sat. 9-1), and Milan (Friday's 3-7) are more options/

CYCLING

- Cycling around here is fantastic. We have two rental bikes, as do Bash Bish Bicycle in Copake Falls if you want to cycle the gorgeous Harlem Valley Rail Trail.
- If you have your own bikes, for local route ideas, go to: <http://ridewithgps.com/users/16405>

HIKING

- Stissing Mountain - for truly spectacular views. It's a hard, but rewarding. Hike from Lake Road in Pine Plains (7 minutes), or from Hick's Hill Road: a longer but less strenuous path: www.stissingfiretower.org
- Thompson Pond, a National Natural Landmark managed by the Nature Conservancy is a flatter walk at the foot of Stissing Mountain, also on Lake Road, Pine Plains.
- Buttercup Farm Audubon Sanctuary is another beautiful hiking and bird watching area. (12 min away)
- Columbia County Land Conservancy has a number of other areas to hike
- Bash Bish Falls, is an easy one mile hike in Taconic State Park but leads to a big waterfall.
- Above the ridge line of Bash Bish falls, is a road leading to several more spectacular hikes on Mt. Washington such as Alander and Mt. Riga.

A few KID SPECIFIC highlights are

Trevor Zoo, Millbrook, Children's Museum, Poughkeepsie, and the Fireman's Museum, Hudson

SHOPPING AND ANTIQUING

- Hudson (22 minutes away) is a definite, prices high but selection is one of a kind and worth a visit. You can get lost in the Antique Warehouse. Many more boutique clothing and home furnishing stores.
- Rhinebeck and Millerton are cute small destination towns with more of the same as Hudson, but a little smaller.

HISTORY

- Great libraries, historical sites, museums and tours also dot the landscape (e.g. FDR Library, Livingston's Clermont Manor, Montgomery Place Historic Estate in Red Hook, the Vanderbilt House in Hyde Park and Mills Mansion in Staatsburg).

SPORTING, FITNESS & SKIING

- The closest tennis courts are at the Pine Plains High School. Golf can be found at the Red Hook or Copake Country Club, or the beautiful Undermountain 9-Hole course.
- Catamount has skiing in winter and an aerial adventure park in summer

INTERNET RESOURCES

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