

nature

Take Advantage of Chautauqua County's natural assets as you experience local nature preserves, pre-historic rock formations, and surrounding wetlands, lakes, and rivers, and learn about a local pioneer in the environmental movement.

2-Day Itinerary Suggestions:

Day 1—Audubon Center and Sanctuary *(estimated stop time: 2.5 hours)*

What to Learn:

- Witness spectacular views of field, forest, and pond, and meet many of wildlife's wonders, as you hike up to five and half miles of numerous outdoor trails on this 600-acre wetland preserve.
- Observe many different species in their natural habitats including: Green, Leopard and Wood Frogs, Northern Water Snakes, Snapping and Painted Turtles, Eastern Cottontails, Red-winged Blackbirds, Eastern Bluebirds, Kingfisher and Osprey, as well as many different species of native trees. In addition, visit Liberty, a non-releasable Bald Eagle who came to the Audubon in 2002 to rehab from a wing injury and has lived there since.



Audubon Center and Sanctuary
1600 Riverside Road
Jamestown, NY 14701
Phone: (716) 569-2345
www.jamestownaudubon.org

Day 1—Roger Tory Peterson Institute *(estimated stop time: 1.5 hours)*

What to Learn:

- Dedicated to the life and works of a key pioneer in the environmental movement, as well as a father of the practice of birding, the Roger Tory Peterson Institute promotes the teaching and study of nature in an effort to benefit our natural world.
- The Institute features many small and large-scale exhibits highlighting nature and wildlife photography, a library housing personal books, journals, and periodicals owned by Roger Tory Peterson, and special works from Peterson's 1932-published, world-renown *Field Guide to the Birds*.
- With 27 acres of woodlands and wetlands, as well as a perennial butterfly garden and pond, the Institute grounds offer many outdoor learning opportunities. Encounter native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers, as well as wildlife, such as the gray fox, eastern cottontail, fox squirrel, ruffed grouse, snapping turtle and many migratory songbirds, along several walking trails.



Roger Tory Peterson Institute
311 Curtis Street
Jamestown, NY 14701
Phone: (716) 665-2473
www.rtpi.org

More Suggestions—Luensman Overview Park *(estimated stop time: 1 hour)*

- Situated on this 70-acre glacial ridge, you can enjoy a spectacular panoramic view of Lake Erie, a fabulous sunset, and, if the skies are crystal clear, see to the shores of Canada.
- Hike a 1-mile educational, easy-grade nature trail, where you can learn about ecotone communities, glacial erratics, timber stand improvement and much more.



Phone: (716) 763-8928

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866-908-4569, www.tourchautauqua.com


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Nature –2-3 Day Itinerary Suggestions

Day 2—Evergreen Outfitters Guided Tours *(estimated stop time: 4 hours)*

What to Learn:

- Join a kayaking tour on Lake Erie, Chautauqua Lake and Outlet, or the Conewango River with expert guides from the most complete paddle sport and outdoor adventure store in Western NY and Northwestern PA.
- Experience the beauty of local waterways with sunset tours of Barcelona Harbor (Lake Erie), moonlight tours on Chautauqua Lake, as well as daytime explorations.

NOTE *(tours offered at various times): Please call ahead for tour dates, times, pricing, and reservations.*



Evergreen Outfitters
4845 Route 474
Ashville, NY 14710
Phone: (716) 763-2266
www.evergreen-outfitters.com



More Suggestions—Panama Rocks *(estimated stop time: 2 hours)*

- The one-of-a-kind Panama Rocks experience takes place on 12 acres of an erupted Paleozoic seashore that originated over 300 million years ago. It is a ridge of quartz conglomerate rock, which was carved and shaped by a glacier, and is all set amid an ancient forest.
- Escape From civilization with this awe-inspiring nature experience, as you hike through an enchanting world of towering rocks, hundreds of deep, crevice passageways, cool, cavernous dens and small caves. This .5-mile, self-guided, easy-grade tour also offers opportunities to leave the main trail and climb over and through these rock behemoths.

Phone: (716) 782-2845
www.panamarocks.com

More Suggestions—Walking Tour at Chautauqua Institution *(estimated stop time: 3-4 hours)*

- Experience the beauty and splendor of Chautauqua Institution, as you walk through the 750 acre grounds that hold both historical and architectural significance.
- Witness beautiful public, private, and memorial gardens along your walk and view scenic sunrises or sunsets over Chautauqua Lake from parks and green space along the shoreline.



NOTE: *Pick up a self-guided walking tour book in the Chautauqua bookstore, open year-round in Bestor Plaza.*

Phone: (716) 357-2161
www.ciweb.org



More Suggestions—Martz Observatory Observation Nights *(estimated stop time: 2 hours)*

- Join members of the Marshal Martz Memorial Astronomical Association, a non-profit devoted to the amateur astronomer, observational astronomy, and public education of astronomy, for an evening of informative and inspirational star-gazing from the Martz Observatory.

NOTE: *Public Observations are held Wednesday evenings. Please call ahead or visit the website for specific dates and times.*

Phone: (716) 569-3689
www.martzobservatory.org

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