

Welcome

Maybe you've hunted or fished in Madison County before and you're looking for that special spot, or maybe you've never been here before and you're looking for a place to get started. Madison County's opportunities to wet a line or spend time in the field are endless. From glacial lakes and rolling hills to man-made ponds that powered the Erie and Chenango Canals, Madison County offers something for every outdoorsman. Whether it is your first or one-hundredth visit to Madison County, enjoy it. Soak in the views, the serenity, and a selection of game hard to find anywhere else. Spend the day or stay the night at a country inn, a bed and breakfast, or one of our hotels. No matter what, you will always remember your outdoor adventures in Madison County.



Hunting

With thousands of acres of state forest land in Madison County, there are plenty of places to get out and hunt various species of game. Hunting is permitted in



state forests, at the Tioughnioga Wildlife Management Area, and on private land with permission from the property owner. Madison County also provides several ponds and lakes where you may hunt waterfowl.

If you are hunting for a trophy whitetail, you have found the right place. Madison County features a variety of hunting terrain, from the flat plain near Oneida Lake to the deep valleys and rolling hills in the southern part of the county. With a large number of dairy farms, the deer population is well fed. Whitetail may be taken with a bow, shotgun, or muzzleloader. You may hunt from sunrise until sunset within the seasons.

Wild turkey are also very plentiful in Madison County. With both a spring season and a fall season, there are endless opportunities to bag a gobbler. A turkey permit is required for all hunters and you must leave the woods before noon during the spring turkey season.

If small game is more your style, Madison County features outstanding hunting opportunities for pheasant, cottontail rabbit, grouse, coyote, and squirrel. With a federal migratory game stamp, hunters can also opt to take advantage of Madison County's position under many migratory bird paths to take ducks or geese.

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Fishing

From world class trout streams to walleye fishing that is unsurpassed in the northeast, Madison County has something to offer every angler. The unique geography and history of the area lends itself to a strong combination of fishing trips.

As the Appalachian highlands transition to the Lake Ontario Plain, you will find some outstanding trout fishing. Whether you are fishing in the shadow of beautiful Chittenango Falls or one of the glacial streams and rivers in the southern part of the county, you will find both natural and stocked rainbow, brook, and brown trout. Some other hot spots to find trout include Canaseraga Creek, Munger Brook, Oneida Creek, and Eaton Brook.



When the Erie and Chenango Canals were built, several reservoirs were created to help maintain water levels in the canals. Those reservoirs are a sportsman's paradise today. You can fish for everything from smallmouth and largemouth bass, pickerel, yellow perch, and pan fish.

The gem of fishing in Madison County is Oneida Lake, which forms the northern border of the county. You can launch your boat at one of many marinas along Route 31. You will find bass, northern pike, pickerel, bullheads, and some of the best walleye fishing in the northeast.

From peaceful fishing in "God's Country" to the recreation of Oneida Lake, your family will delight in the fishing options available in Madison County.

