

Things to Do in Fairport, New York

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The village of Fairport, part of the town of Perinton, New York, is a well-established suburb about nine miles east of Rochester. Shaped by the Erie Canal, the community is home to 6,000 and offers travelers and residents a full complement of interesting things to do from historical attractions to dining.

Farmer's Market

From early summer to late fall, Fairport's weekly farmer's market offers seasonal farm produce. The downtown market also hosts several food vendors, supplying visitors with healthy snacks for the road. Pets are not allowed.

Dining Out

Downtown Fairport has a wide range of restaurants, including Fairport Village Inn (fairportvillageinn.com), in operation since 1880, serving up American-style food in a historic setting. Lickety Splits is an ice-cream parlor, and you'll also find pizzerias, delis and coffee shops such as Fairport Village Coffee (fairportvillagecoffee.com).

Visit a Winery

Fairport boasts Casa Larga (casalarga.com), a Riesling and Chardonnay winery that offers tours and wine tastings, along with a wine shop. Operated by an Italian family, Casa Larga hosts several events, including wine-wisdom seminars and a grape-stomping festival, Purple Foot. The tours are open to the public, and groups can arrange private tours with food and wine pairings.

The Erie Canal

Visitors can rent boats, canoes and other water crafts for use on the Erie Canal, and may launch them at public ramps in Perinton Park. Boaters can also launch from beneath the historic lift bridge. The city provides summer boat docking and has campsite facilities with hookups and showers. If that's too energetic, Colonial Belle (colonialbelle.com) is a tour boat that provides a running commentary as you travel the canal.

Parks and Sports

The towpath of the Erie Canal serves as a jogging and strolling path, while canal-side parks provide places to stop and rest. During the summer, the city puts on live music at Kennelley Park gazebo, and Potter Park has courts and fields for playing soccer and tennis, as well as a winter ice-skating rink; the Lions Den Teen Center offers billiards and video games.

Festivals

Fairport Canal Days is a downtown festival that includes live music, craft booths and food vendors. The three-day event takes place the first weekend in June and, for that weekend only, displaces the Farmer's Market. The city hosts several other events, including a car cruise, a Fourth of July parade and an autumn scarecrow festival.

Golf

Fairport offers two public golf courses. Of the two, Eagle Vale (eaglevale.com) boasts the most professional facilities, offering cart rentals, a golf school, a pro shop, a clubhouse with a restaurant, and 18 holes of championship-level golf. The grounds are also a registered Audubon Society sanctuary. Island Valley (islandvalley.com) is a family-owned nine-hole course that offers discounts for children and seniors.

Museum

Fairport Historical Museum is run by the Perinton Historical Society, which designates local historic landmarks. The free museum is home to the historical society and was a former library. Visitors can view exhibits about local history, and serious historians can request documents from the archives. The museum has gardens with benches and native plants.

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