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the Finger Lakes.  
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Town of Homer features a picturesque landscape  
of dramatic hills, farms and farm markets. Take  
a country drive and sample the region's wines,  
apples, pumpkins, colorful fresh produce or other  
homegrown products. Browse antique shops, handmade  
furniture stores and local artisans and craft shops. The  
intersection of the seven glacial valleys that come  
together in the Homer-Cortland Region, with their  
dramatic vistas, create a canvas inspired by great  
American folk artists. This truly is Americana at its best.

To learn more about Homer, or take the virtual  
walking tour, visit: [www.homer-ny.org](http://www.homer-ny.org). Or better yet,  
take Exit 12 off Interstate 19. You'll discover one of the  
East's small communities in the Finger Lakes  
Region, with diverse shopping at fashionable stores  
and antique shops, a variety of restaurants, and within  
a few miles, an abundance of year-round  
recreational activities and accommodations.

If the weather is nice, enjoy a picnic on the Village  
Green, along the Tougheonga River in Durbin Park at  
the north end of the Village, or at Draper Park on lovely  
Little York Lake with its unique turn-of-the-century  
trrolley house park pavilion and home for the Cortland  
Repertory Theatre.

Homer, NY - Small Town America at its very best.

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# Homer

*...gateway to the  
Finger Lakes Region*

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# Homer

... a traditional Village

Villages are important to the fabric and culture of a nation, offering a window to the past. Even today, Homer remains much like it was in the 19th century. Visiting Homer, even for a short drive, is an opportunity to step back from modern day pressures.

The central business district boasts a well-preserved Victorian downtown and a charming Village Green with a headstand garden. With unique shopping both downtown and along the Route 281 commercial corridor in Homer, there is something for everyone. Community festivals, an outdoor summer evening music series and classic Main Street parades capture the spirit of Small Town America. The Center for the Arts of Homer, located on Main Street in what was a historic church (1893) attracts world class performers and music lovers from afar. The Cortland Repertory Theatre, in nearby Little York, is housed in a historic pavilion and is a top notch summer stock venue.

In 1932, Bertha Rodgers, a descendant of one the first settlers, wrote in her book "Stories of Cortland County" about six 19th century houses at the corner of South Main and Albany Streets. "There is a neighborly group of houses in Homer which probably represents more interesting history and personality than any other cluster of houses in New York State... we have three houses in this group which were the homes of well-known literary men, a colonial inn with a story, one mansion which has been the pride

of Homer for many years, and one house which was the home of David Barren" (a local character fictionalized in E. X. Westcott's best selling 1898 book and later in a movie starring Will Rodgers).

There are more than 170 properties in Old Homer Village, a designated historic district on the Federal Register of Historical Places, with fine examples of Federal, Greek Revival, Queen Anne, Victorian, Italianate and Salt Box style houses, as well as Romanesque-style public buildings. There is a rare octagonal house with octagonal carriage house on Clifton Street. A few steps from Main Street are unusual antique Lenticular Truss Bridges that span theoughaining River, which is headwaters of the Susquehanna and Chesapeake Bay system.

Homer is at Exit 12 on I-81, 25 miles south of Syracuse; 65 miles north of Binghamton and 25 miles east of Ithaca.



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## Calendar of Events

Plan your next visit!

**Center for the Arts of Homer**

September - June  
[www.centerforart.org](http://www.centerforart.org)

**Cortland Repertory Theatre**

June - August  
[www.cortlandrep.org](http://www.cortlandrep.org)

**Country Music Park**

[www.cortlandcountrymusicpark.com](http://www.cortlandcountrymusicpark.com)

**Homer Winterfest**

February

**Homer Music Series**

Wednesday evenings at 7PM

**Homer Firemen's Field Days**

June

[www.homer.ny.gov](http://www.homer.ny.gov)

**4th of July Fireworks**

Dwyer Park

**Holiday in Homer**

July

**Route 90 Sale**

July (last weekend)

To find out more, visit

[www.homer.ny.gov](http://www.homer.ny.gov), [www.homer.org](http://www.homer.org), [www.centerforart.org](http://www.centerforart.org), click on "Spice the Weekend." We will find information and links for lodging and other tourist related sites.

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