

Steeped in history, culture and natural beauty, Rockland County's Rivertowns: Stony Point, Haverstraw, Nyack and Piermont, are a perfect getaway for a day, weekend—or even an extended stay. With unique shops, world-class restaurants, spectacular sights, and special events throughout the year, there's always something fun and exciting to explore.

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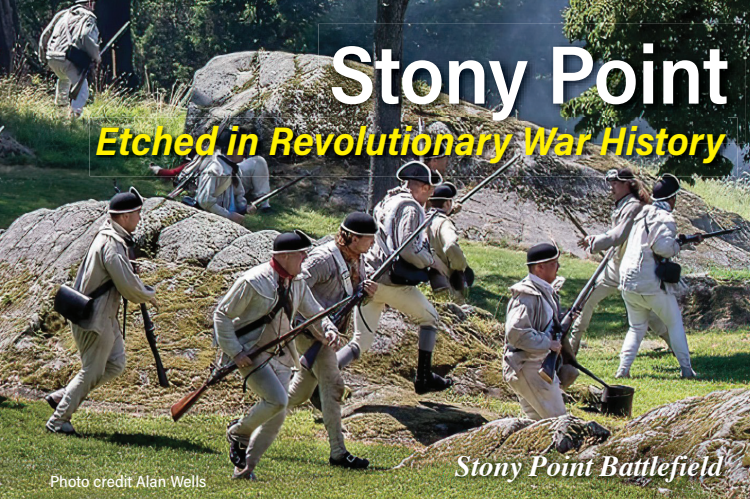
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Stony Point

Etched in Revolutionary War History

Stony Point Battlefield

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Pick up any book on the American Revolution and you will see that Stony Point's roots in history run deep. Visit the **Stony Point Battlefield State Historic Site** to see the role the town played in our nation's independence. Also located at the site is the **Stony Point Lighthouse**, the oldest on the Hudson River, erected to warn ships away from the rocks of the Stony Point peninsula.

Nestled between Haverstraw and Stony Point is **The Garner Arts Center**. This landmarked, pre-Civil War era textile mill has been transformed into a cultural site with artist and light manufacturing spaces, a beautiful creek-side sculpture trail—and many seasonal events. It's also the home to the **Industrial Arts Brewing Company**.

Known as the gateway to the NY State Parks System, Stony Point is a nature lover's paradise: scenic views of the Hudson to the east, and the pristine lakes and beaches of **Harriman State Park** to the west. Spend the day hiking, biking, fishing, boating, swimming, camping, cross-country skiing, sightseeing or just relaxing by one of the many lakes that dot the park.

There's also plenty of family fun to be had year-round at **Bear Mountain**, a quick trip north on Route 9W. Kids will be delighted by the **Trailside Museum and Zoo**, **Merry-Go-Round**, and **Ice Skating Rink**. The **Perkins Memorial Tower** atop Bear Mountain features spectacular views of the Hudson River Highlands.

Live theatre buff? Check out **Penguin Rep Theater** one of the finest in the area!



Haverstraw

The Town that Built Manhattan

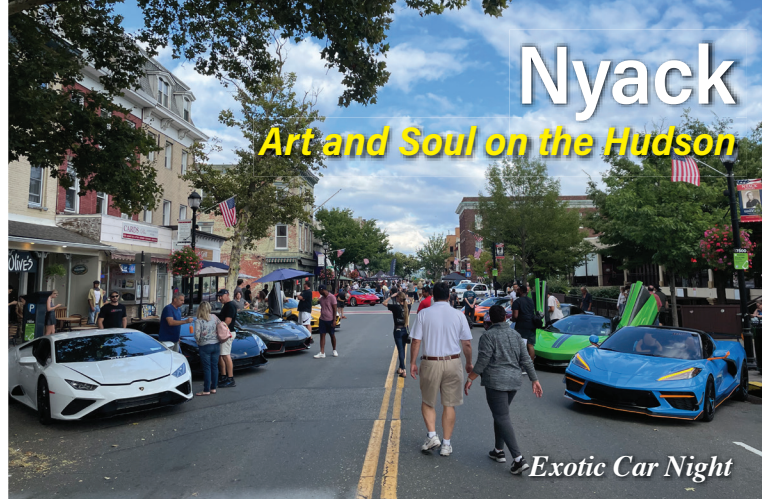
Brick Sculptures, Haverstraw Bay County Park

Set on the Hudson River's widest point, in the shadow of **High Tor Mountain** (Maxwell Anderson's 1936 play "High Tor" is named for the mountain), Haverstraw perfectly melds its breathtaking natural landscape, rich history and modern-day ethnically and culturally diverse community.

The bustling downtown area is brimming with small family-owned shops and restaurants—an enticing adventure set in a mere two square mile area. Look around and you'll be amazed by the historic architecture, including **The House by the Railroad** made famous by the Edward Hopper painting and the Alfred Hitchcock movie *Psycho*.

Enjoy the riverfront beauty of **Haverstraw Beach & State Park** and take in a bit of American history: on this site back in 1780, American General Benedict Arnold and British spy John Andre exchanged plans to overtake West Point. This is also the site of the **oldest shipyard in Rockland County**. Head a bit north to **Haverstraw Bay Park** for a lovely stroll along the river, and experience a bit of more recent history: the **Rockland County 9/11 Memorial** and **Gulf War Memorial**. As you enter the park you'll be greeted by unique sculptures commemorating Haverstraw's nickname "the brick capital of the world."

Once famous for the "bricks that built Manhattan", Haverstraw was devastated by a landslide that leveled most of the village in 1906. Want to know more? Be sure to visit the **Haverstraw Brick Museum**.



Nyack

Art and Soul on the Hudson

Exotic Car Night

Nyack is a year-round hub of activity, thanks to the myriad seasonal events that pack the village's calendar. Rich in history and culture, with a plethora of parks and riverfront spots to explore, there really is something for everyone in Nyack.

Walk through the compact downtown area (**Main Street & Broadway**) and you'll be amazed by the nearly 50 unique restaurants (featuring various ethnic cuisines), multiple night spots with live music, and 50+ merchants within a few block radius. Nyack is especially famous for its **Halloween Parade** (one of the largest in the country with 30,000+ attendees each year), its **Street Fairs**, **Classic Car Night**, and year-round outdoor **Farmers Market**.

Smack in the middle of all the activity are several notable sites: **The Edward Hopper House Museum & Study Center**, **Nyack Library**, **The Nyack Center**, **Elmwood Playhouse**, as well as the many well-preserved **Victorian houses/estates that line North and South Broadway**. Find out more about Nyack's history at nyackhistory.org.

A short hop outside the downtown area opens up even more of Nyack to explore: visit **Oak Hill Cemetery**, where many notables are buried; picnic and enjoy a leisurely day in **Memorial Park** right on the Hudson River; hike "The Hook" - **Hook Mountain State Park**; walk or bike the **Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge Path** spanning the Hudson; or take a leisurely stroll along the scenic river path at **Nyack Beach**.



Piermont

Last Stop USA

Piermont World War II Memorial

From the Revolutionary War to a "Tale of Two Railroads" (**Railroad Station Museum**) to "**Last Stop USA**" (WWII), Piermont is the perfect (and tiniest) place for history buffs to witness American history throughout the eras.

George Washington is said to have visited **272 Piermont Avenue** (circa 1785), and Aaron Burr is said to have taken refuge at the former inn at **264 Piermont Avenue** (circa 1800) after his famous duel with Alexander Hamilton. Other famous sites include **The Store** (1738), **Ferdon Hall** (1840), **Haddock's Hall** (1876) and **The Flywheel** (1902), all with storied histories just waiting to be rediscovered. Want to learn more? The **Piermont Historical Society** offers self-guided walking tours of the **Historic District** (piermonthistorysociety.org).

Modern day Piermont is a hub for outdoor enthusiasts with activities for all ages: kayak around the **Piermont Marsh**, hike the **Sparkill Creek**, bike through **Tallman Mountain State Park**, or even just stroll down the **Piermont Pier** for a sweeping view of the Hudson River.

Spend the day indulging in the **art galleries** and boutiques that line **Piermont Avenue**. Visit the iconic **Turning Point** for live music. Sample Piermont's many eclectic restaurants offering some of the best waterfront dining around. Cap off your visit with artisan tea or coffee, homemade ice cream or a decadent dessert from one of the many quaint shops that lend Piermont its simple, friendly atmosphere.