

CHESTER – HAVEN FOR POETS AND ARTISTS

In Chester, two delightful Adirondack hamlets welcome visitors to a unique landscape bounded by the Schroon River on the east and the Hudson to the west. Chestertown and Pottersville offer small town friendly hospitality blending renovated historic buildings with modern amenities. Overnight visitors choose from campsites to quaint B&Bs to luxurious Inns. After a round of golf, horseback riding or skiing, enjoy surprisingly diverse dining options, from pizza and ice cream to gourmet meals with an award winning wine.

Outdoor activities range from gazing at natural wonders to lively paddling. Natural Stone Bridge and Caves, one of North America's oldest rock formations, has attracted visitors since revolutionary days. Three beautiful lakes and many quiet streams appeal to boaters and fishermen alike. Both rivers are ideal for canoeing, kayaking or rafting. Dynamite Hill welcomes year round activities including hiking, skating and summer concerts.

A tradition of celebrating the arts began years ago when New York stage stars came north to play and perform at resort hotels. It continues today as Chester honors its literary legacy with gatherings that celebrate the work of Yeats, father and son, and of native daughter Jeanne Robert Foster whose poems about her rural neighbors have been set to music by Adirondack folk singers. Recently, the North Country Arts Center opened a Chestertown Gallery with over an 80 artisans.

Come experience our haven and let it refresh your spirit.



Cavers explore the largest marble cave entrance in the eastern USA at Natural Stone Bridge & Caves.

Courtesy of Greg Beckler



Fishing on Trout Brook, clear waters flowing into Schroon River and on to the Hudson River.

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John Butler Yeats, artist and father of the famous Irish poet, lies in Chestertown Rural Cemetery next to the plot of his friend Jeanne Robert Foster.

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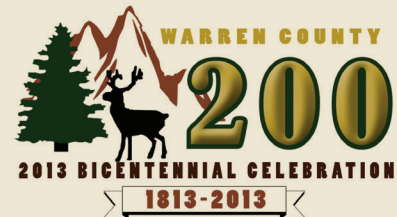


Peaceful fall serenity on Loon Lake.

Courtesy of Dean Color

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The Town of Chester was established March 25, 1799 from the Town of Thurman and on the same day as Bolton with most of the west boundary on the Hudson River. After the Civil War, the town grew and became a mecca for summer visitors, with many traveling to the area by train to the Riparius Station. Today the Station is listed on the National Historic Registry (1913) and is overseen by the new railway company, Iowa Pacific with seasonal daily service to Saratoga with connections to Amtrak and beyond. In 1973 the local school district consolidated to become known as North Warren. Recently, the hamlet of Pottersville welcomed "Railroads on Parade", a splendid display of several miniature model trains.

The Hudson River Watershed

All Warren County townships have a portion of their land that drains into the Upper Hudson River.

All of Chester is within the Hudson River Watershed. Many examples of the waters connectivity in this town are evident. A prominent one begins with a small stream on the west side of Round Top Mountain, that flows into Loon Lake, continues east picking up the outlet of Friends Lake that together form Chester Creek. After forming Faxon's Pond, Chester Creek continues east and captures the drainage from Tripp Lake and the numerous small ponds and wetlands which add to its volume. Eventually the Chester Creek joins the Schroon River just below the Starbuckville Dam.

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