

Warren County 360° Celebrating Place and People



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“Where History Meets the Future”



- Chartered in 1997 by NYS Education Department
- Mission: to promote the history of Warren County, NY and its environs by supporting research and preservation efforts and encouraging public participation
- 501(c)3 Not for profit Historical Society and Museum
- Governed by Board of Trustees; managed by Executive Director
- Funded by memberships, donations, grants and gifts

The WCHS offers:

Historical Programs and Events



- Exhibits & Displays

A Place Called Warren County

Natural Bounty and Beauty



Place and People Entwined

Here in Warren County, our history is shaped by this place we call "home." We, in turn, have shaped our home place. This land has defined our settlements, our livelihoods, and our culture. Our lakes, rivers, forests, and mountains have inspired generations of artists and writers, outdoor adventurers and seekers of solitude, entrepreneurs and community members. We belong to Warren County's hills, valleys, soils, and flowing waters, just as they belong to us.

This Land's Natural Character

Together, our iconic rivers, lakes, mountains, and forests create the natural character of Warren County. Complex communities of plants and wildlife thrive here.

View of Rockwell Falls. Passed from the Collection of the Warren County Historical Society.

"Lake George is, without comparison, the most beautiful water I ever saw...its water limpid as crystal and the mountain sides covered with rich groves of thuja [cedar], silver fir, white pine, aspen and paper birch down to the water edge..." —Thomas Jefferson, 1791

A Work in Progress

Warren County's landscape is a work of art more than a billion years in the making. Our oldest rocks date back 1.3 billion years, when this land lay beneath an ancient sea. About 20 million years ago, this region began to rise, forming the Adirondack Mountains, which continues to rise above a foot each century. During the last ice age, massive ice sheets sculpted this land.

Have You Seen?

Barlow-Gorman Mine
North Creek

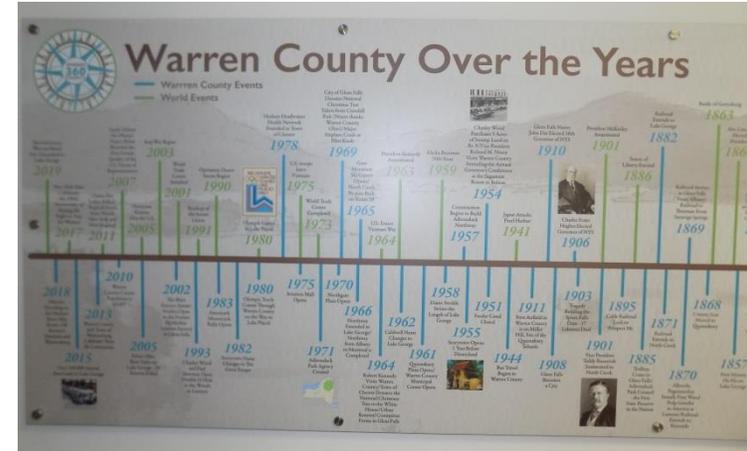
Barlow-Gorman opened in 1875 after miners discovered one of the world's richest deposits of garnet near the summit of Gore Mountain. Though the Gore Mountain mine closed in 1952, Barlow still mines garnet in nearby Ruby Township.

Casper's Cave
South Creek Falls

Casper's Cave inspired the fictional killing place of Huckleberry Finn and his companion in James Fenimore Cooper's novel "The Last of the Mohicans." Today, the cave lies beneath the Casper's Cave Bridge.

Adirondack Trees
Cornwallville

Beautiful trees surround you in Warren County. Two became National Christmas trees at the white house in 1946. A white spruce from Chester Springs, and in 1948, a Norway spruce from Cornwall Park in Cornwall Falls.



- Resource Center

Historical and Genealogical assistance



- *Collections and Archives*



- *Book & Gift Shop*



Exhibit Themes

Place

Community

Conflict

Development

Work

Play

Arts

Change

Warren County 360°:

Celebrating Place and People

- **This exhibit is based on Cultural Geography and provides a look at how Warren County's geography and natural resources determined the evolution of our economy and culture.**



Chester
1799

Herndon
1838

Hague
(formerly Rockport)
1807

Bolton
1799

Town of Lake George
(formerly Caldwell)
1810
Lake George Village, 1903

Glens Falls Village
1839
Glens Falls City, 1908

Queensbury
1762

Lake Luzerne
(formerly Fairfield)
1792

Warrensburg
1813

Stony Creek
1852

Thurman
1792

Johnsbury
1805

Please do not place objects on the map!

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- Open Year Round:

- Tuesday, Thursday
9 am – 4 pm

- Friday 10 am – 4 pm

- Saturday 11 am – 2 pm

- Fully Accessible