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Walking Tour of Lake George Village, New York

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Over the weekend, my best friend got married at the Hiland Country Club and it was absolutely beautiful! Since my husband and I live in Connecticut, and the wedding was in Queensbury, New York, we decided to make a small trip out of the ordeal! Any time we didn't spend doing wedding-related tasks, we spent it at Lake George Village where we were able to walk around and check out the local shops and flavors.

->Check out [the mistakes I made while planning her Bachelorette Weekend!](#)

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Adirondack Winery and Tasting Room, Lake George Village







No dogs were given wine; Lola is just a curious little pup. [See more of the girls here!](#)

I would be doing myself a HUGE disservice by naming my blog the TIPSY sis without making it a point to get to a winery or brewery of some kind!

This winery is nestled in the heart of the Village and features simplicity and rustic scenery upon the entrance. You'll see bottles beautifully stacked along the entire length of the tasting room and friendly staff ready to tell you their favorite selections and offer tastings.

We unfortunately had lots of wedding tasks to tend to and didn't have enough time to stay and enjoy a tasting, so we asked the kind staff members if they could pick out their favorite dry reds. After their picks, we decided on the Cabernet Franc and the Baco Noir and we were blown away! The taste was impeccable and better than expensive wines I've tasted in the past.

Because I'm not a professional sommelier (or a professional photographer), I reached out for some facts on the wine itself and Roberto, one of their awesome marketing staff, gave me an info sheet and some seriously beautiful pictures to feature.

The Baco Noir is a medium-bodied, dry wine with hints of blackberries and plum. It offers just the right balance of oak and tannin. It is typically aged for 7 years and its appellation is in New York's very own Finger Lakes. It's best pairings are with BBQ, pizza, smoked cheeses, and chocolate desserts.

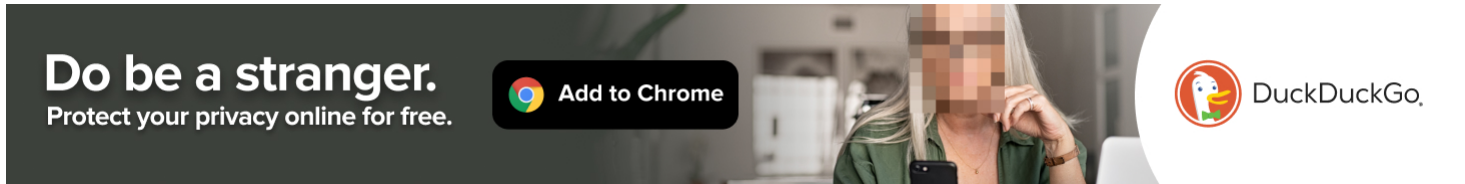
Just like the back of the bottle said, we tasted the Baco Noir with pizza and boy, it did NOT disappoint. I actually looked to see if they can ship to Connecticut and to my surprise, they do (And now we all know what my next paycheck is going toward—lol)!

[Here is their website](#)—do yourself a favor and grab a great bottle of wine! They are also doing events to support Breast Cancer

Awareness for the month of October and are donating some of the proceeds as well. Who could say no to a glass of wine and help a good cause? Sounds like a win-win to me!

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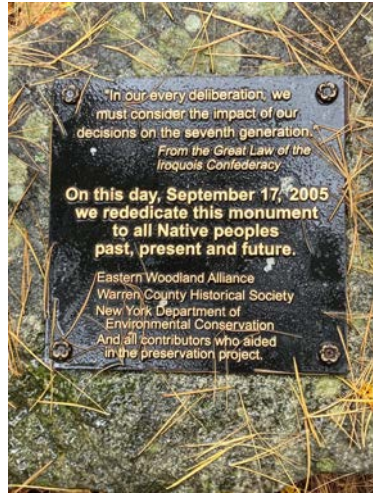
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Lake George Battlefield State Park







This was one of the most serene areas we encountered while exploring. It was much less trafficked partially due to it being the off-season (as it was October 15th) but the leaves and less people made the park so much more beautiful. The raging reds, bright yellows, and orange hues were gorgeous as the wind would flutter them around. Let me tell you, I was here as a kid and not appreciating it as much as I do now as an adult!

Fort George Battlefield Park is roughly 35 acres and was a site of an important battle in the French and Indian War as well as the Revolutionary War. There were also battles fought by the Algonquin and Iriquois Tribes, American Colonizers and England.

We parked across the way from Fort George (not to be confused with Fort William Henry Museum further down the road) and stopped along the way at some of the monuments that were rededicated in 2005. The landscape was hilly but easily walkable with pathways that

intertwined and brought you to some informational cases that gave history and background on the wars that were fought in the surrounding battlefield. Along those paths, you'll also find monuments of General William Johnson, King Hendrick of The Mohawks, "The Indian," and Father Isaac Jogues—each with their own description of their place in the park.

The park also had a covered pavilion near restrooms and picnic tables scattered throughout the park for lunch with a view. Read more about Lake George Battlefield Park and more on their **Welcome Website**

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Fort William Henry Museum



This is not my photo; photo taken from [Wikipedia.com](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Mifflin)

I remember going as a kid and not appreciating the history behind the museum—it was more something my dad liked and would drag us around to (I mean after all, I think I was like five and liked Barbie’s not forts and cannons??). And although we didn’t go this trip, I will certainly be back next year to tour the inside.

The fort was resurrected because of the French and Indian War in September of 1755. The location was important due to the fact it was the border between New France and New York. The British ultimately won the battle and resumed construction of Fort William Henry, but just two years later the fort was seized by the French and caused the British to evacuate. There is also mention of this historic battle and Museum in the book, *The Last of the Mohicans* (author: James Fenimore Cooper).

With such rich history, it’s no doubt as to why my dad, the History Buff, wanted us to enjoy and appreciate it. My only wish is enjoying it

sooner! It's also located quite close to the Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center—when we went past, there was a wedding nearby that looked absolutely beautiful! The view was over the water and the arch looked picture perfect.

Read more before your visit on the [Fort William Henry Museum Website](#).

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Million Dollar Beach

Again, this was during the off-season so we didn't get to see or do much beside walk and enjoy the sights! However, the beach looks pristine and I can imagine is quite crowded during the summer months.

Aside from easy access as well as handicap access to the sandy beach, there's some nice sights to behold! And the beach has some pretty picturesque views of the mountains.

Read more on Million Dollar Beach and their in-season dates, rates for parking and more [here!](#)

Old Courthouse



The Old Courthouse is located on the corner of Amherst and Canada St. You can visit inside the Lake George Historical Association to see more and enjoy the the history behind the building. If nothing else, the grounds are flawless and have other fun informational boards along the outskirts of the property.

Further down to the right of the building, you'll actually come across a short little park that leads to some docks and looking-out points. We enjoyed some tranquility on the dock and snapped some photos to remember the day and beautiful scenery.



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This was from one of the water view restaurants in Lake George



Lake George Mystery Spot and Visitor's Center



This one has the tendency to catch the eye!

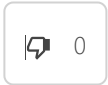
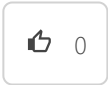
When you initially walk into the Visitor's Center, you'll see some of the history and fast facts of the surrounding village (also cool, air-conditioned area for a short time!) and walk out to the mystery spot immediately to the building's right.

The Mystery Spot is a phenomenon that occurs on a precise spot right next to the Lake George Village Visitor's Center. The best way I can describe it is that when you stand on the "X" you can talk and it sounds like you're yelling, but a person standing right behind you can't

hear you! I tried to catch it on video but it was too windy that particular day to hear regardless. Legend has it, a Native American God spoke on the spot making it sound the way it does!

Read more here: Lake George [Mystery Spot](#)

Have you ever been to the area? Where are your favorite places to stay or eat? Send me an email or comment below. ***Don't forget to like and subscribe!***

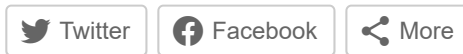


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