

Central Region (Onondaga, Oswego, Oneida, Herkimer, Madison, and Cayuga Counties)

Premiere Equestrian Events - If you live here, or are planning a trip to our area, these are special horse events or locations that are highly recommended.

NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY - Central NY's most used venue for breed shows, youth and 4-H, national and international competitions. Syracuse is at the intersection of the NYS Thruway and Route 81, so it is accessible to much of New York. After winter is over, the Coliseum, horse and cattle barns are used virtually every weekend for some kind of equine event, in addition to non-horse events on the fairgrounds. Check the website, <http://nysfair.org/home>, and select Event Schedule, Events by Category, Horse Show.

NYS Horse Breeder's Association Horse Show - NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY. The NYSHBA offers competition for a wide variety of breeds, for the competitor or the spectator. Section 1 (May 20-23, 2010), All Breed Horse Show - featuring Arabian (Half & Anglo), Haflinger, Morgan, National Show Horse, Saddlebred, Paso Fina, Welsh, Miniature Horses, Roadster Pony, Tennessee Walking Horse, Hackney Pony, Open & Academy Classes. Section 2 (May 27-31, 2010) Classes for Appaloosa, Nokota, Pinto, Paint, Palomino, AQHA, NRHA Reining, Open Hunters. <http://www.nyshba.org>

Syracuse International Horse Show - NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY, June 16-19, 2010 - Sections for Saddlebred, Saddleseat, Morgan, Hackney Pony, Road Horse, Friesian, and National Show Horse. <http://www.ashany.org> (American Saddlebred Horse Association of New York)

Lorenzo Driving Competition - Lorenzo Estate (NYS Historic site, Cazenovia, NY, July 17&18, 2010 - Carriage and cart competition for ponies, horses, singles and teams. A beautiful and most appropriate setting to see transportation as sport, as it was practiced 100 years ago and is enjoyed today. www.lorenzodriving.com

New York State Fair Horse Show - NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY, Thursday, August 26 through Labor Day, Monday, September 6, 2010 - Classes for a vast variety of breeds and disciplines, from mini to draft, halter to performance. There is a lot going on so you need to check the schedule and the map to find what interests you the most; two divisions, with a separate Youth 4-H show grounds, and an outdoor arena for hunters, jumpers, and draft pony hitches, on the opposite side of the fairgrounds from the Coliseum. Check it out before you go!!!n <http://nysfair.org/home>

Vernon Downs Harness Racetrack, 4229 Stuhlman Road, Vernon, New York 13476
Phone: 877-88-VERNON (1-877-888-3766) <http://www.vernondowns.com>, Harness races, a "racino" for gambling, and hotel on the grounds.

Caernarvon Horse Park, 30 minutes north of Utica, NY, operated by Barneveld Horsemen's Association (www.bhahorse.com). 50 acres of woods, fields and streams, with miles of trails, as well as showgrounds. Open horse shows throughout the year, including Western, Hunter, Dressage & Combined Driving, Trail Rides, Clinics, and much more.

Syracuse Invitational Sporthorse Tournament (2010 National Horse Show), Oncenter Complex, Syracuse, NY, November 3 - 7, 2010. <http://www.nhs.org> This annual fall climax to the show season in Syracuse provides show jumping competition among some of the best riders of the country and the world. Vendors, Olympic-level riders, people walking horses through Syracuse traffic like it's Dodge City, a variety of equine accessory vendors; what's not to love?

Brookfield Horse Trail System (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/8243.html>) also (<http://www.taylorstackandfield.com>), Brookfield, NY (southeast Madison County). 130 miles of horse and snowmobile trails, overnight camping facilities, site of many organized trail rides and carriage drives throughout the year.

More Organizations That Might Bring You To The Central Region

Beyond our premiere events and attractions, there are numerous organizations for specific breeds, disciplines, and equine activities. There are many breed shows and even more open shows that are listed on area breed websites, which can be found by "searching the Web". However, the following is an effort to publicize equine groups or places of interest to the people who live in the Central Region, and to those who plan to visit and would like to find kindred spirits. More will be added as they are brought to our attention.

New York State Draft Horse Club (<http://www.freewebs.com/nysdrafthorseclub>) or contact Mulligan Family, 1023 Campbell Rd, Earlville, NY 13332. Members represent all breeds of draft horses, organize plowing and harvest days, trail drives, participate in draft horse classes locally and nationally, and organize an annual draft horse and tack auction in Cortland, NY., every fall.

Cherry Valley Carriage Association (<http://cherryvalleycarriage.com>) Members drive horses or ponies, "put to" a carriage or cart, in organized carriage competitions, fun drives, driving clinics, and even an annual sleigh rally in February at the Lorenzo historic site in Cazenovia, NY. Members come from all over the Central Region and well beyond.

NYS Horse Breeders Association (<http://www.nyshba.org/content/about-web-site>) Club was organized to represent all breed organizations of the area, each of which provides a representative to the board, who then communicates information between

NYSHBA and breed organization. The website is organized to provide a public forum and constantly updated calendar of area horse events.

Limestone Creek Hunt (<http://www.limestonecreekhunt.org>) A recognized hunt with a well-bred pack of hounds. This is a “drag hunt” (the hounds follow a scent that is dragged by a rider shortly before the hunt), so be aware that the pace is faster than a traditional casting of hounds. Horses and riders should be in shape for a workout. The hunt has a number of trail rides, clinics, and hunter paces during the year, and the public is welcome to view formal hunts or follow safely by car.

Carriage Museum, adjacent to Daniel Parrish Witter Agricultural Museum, (<http://www.nysagsociety.org/museum/witterhistory.htm>) New York State Fairgrounds. A collection of more than 50 horse-drawn vehicles and working blacksmith shop, open to the public during the State Fair, and other select times during the year. A very nice carriage collection, open to the public for a sadly limited number of days.

Carriage Museum at the Lorenzo Estate (NYS Historic site, Cazenovia, NY.) (<http://www.lorenzony.org/index.php>) Among other points of interest, the carriage house has a select collection of vehicles that would have been maintained by a family living on an estate of this period.

In Central New York, there is something going on each and every weekend, and you can find much of it in: **Horse Bits Magazine - Horse Breeders** (9417 Preston Hill Rd, Camden , NY 13316 Phone: 315-245-5086) This is a monthly magazine for Central New York horsepeople, listing events, show results, news and advertising. Every month it has a calendar of upcoming horse shows, trail rides, tack sales, clinics, and other horse oriented events. There is no other calendar that offers so much information of this type for Central New York, and you won't find a website for this magazine; you need to find a hard copy. We don't sell this magazine here, but you can find it at most magazine racks of tack shops in this area, or contact the magazine directly.

Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY (<http://www.cazenovia.edu>) This school offers 2 and 4 year degree programs in a wide range of programs, including a major in Equine Business Management, and Certificate Programs in Equine Reproductive Management. To quote the catalog on the website, “During the academic year, the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Riding Teams, Intercollegiate Dressage Association (IDA) Team and a Horse Judging Team participate in a number of intercollegiate competitions. The IHSA riders compete in hunter seat and/or western shows up to 10 times per school year before moving on to Regionals, Zones and Nationals... Additionally, the team sends riders to one or more tournaments each season to experience competition outside the region. The Equine Ambassadors Club is also available to all interested students on campus. The club functions as an educational, social, and service organization with a variety of activities throughout the year.” The equine facilities include stabling for college-owned and student-owned horses, and a large arena for instruction and equine events.

Morrisville State College, SUNY, Morrisville, NY (<http://www.morrisville.edu/>) This college offers more than 70 specialized associate and bachelor degree programs, including an “Equine Science B. Tech. Program.” Agriculture and Equine facilities include livestock barns, horse stabling, covered arena for equine instruction and events, breeding programs and production sales for Standardbreds, and instruction in riding and driving of various saddle and harness breeds.

John Madden Sales, Cazenovia, NY (<http://www.johnmaddensales.com>) This is not actually open to the public for tours (unless you have deep pockets and are in the market for a competitive jumper). But area boosters are touting the “Equine Corridor of Route 20”, encompassing Cazenovia and Morrisville Colleges and John Madden Sales, which is one of the prime movers behind the Syracuse Invitational. If you are interested in show jumping, this website includes a monthly schedule of shows, presumably some of which will be attended by John’s wife, Olympic-competitor Beezie Madden.

County Fairs -- We all have ‘em. A great place to watch or compete, if you are in 4-H, are beginning to show your horse, or you just want to get away from the big breed shows. Check out our county fair websites, one by one.

Madison County, Brookfield (<http://www.madisoncounty-fair.com>)

Oneida County, Boonville (<http://www.frontiernet.net/~boonvillefair/>)

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