

Finger Lakes Region Premier Equestrian Events:

Granger Carriage Museum – <http://grangerhomestead.org/> Open May through October

The home the Granger Family welcomes you to visit, learn, explore and become part of its heritage. The stately Federal-style mansion has been restored to mid-19th century splendor. Two barns on the 10-acres hold close to 100 antique carriages and sleighs. One barn has a large collection of original Granger family farming equipment. Here you will also find an original early-19th century law office - one of only four in the country remaining.

The mansion, barns, and law office are open to the public seasonally. The mansion is available to rent for memorable events such as weddings, anniversary parties or tea parties for young and old. Carriage and sleigh rides are available weekly and for special events by reservation.

Walnut Hill Carriage Competition <http://www.walnuthillfarm.com/>

During the third week in August, the picturesque Pittsford, NY countryside comes alive with the magic and romance of an earlier era - a time when the Horse and Carriage reflected the quality of life and influenced the pace and scope of occupational and social activities. It was a time when the Horse and Carriage were elevated from a simple means of personal conveyance to a portrait of their owner - a social commentary as to profession, personal taste, and character. It was the last decade of the 19th century.

Stuart Horse Trials <http://stuarthorsetrials.org/> Mid July

Started out in 1990 as a very nice local event where about 70 novice and training level riders competed. While it remains the highlight of local competitors' event schedules, the trials now draws top international level riders and their horses who compete at the preliminary and intermediate levels and in the CIC** competition as part of the Gold Cup Series. The 300 competitors come from all over the United States and many foreign countries including Australia, Canada, Finland, Germany, Hungary, India, and Mexico and are cheered on by more than 18,000 spectators. Eventing is the triathlon of equestrian sport. Developed from cavalry competitions held during the early 1900s, eventing is the ultimate challenge for horse and rider, testing their partnership and athletic prowess in three diverse and demanding disciplines: dressage, cross-country, and stadium.

Northampton Carriage Competition <http://www.northamptondrivingsociety.org/>

The management of Springdale Farms, at Northampton Park, Monroe County Parks Department, organized a carriage driving event in June 1987 for entertainment of the general public. On September 17, 1987, a group of 13 people met to organize the drive for the following year. The Northampton Driving Society is an outgrowth of that effort.

The Northampton Driving Society (NDS) was formed to promote the equine sport of carriage driving. It was started with the novice whip in mind, but strives to reach all members equally.

Genesee Hunt Races and trails <http://www.geneseevalleyhunt.org/>

Since 1876, in October the Genesee Valley Hunt's purpose is to foster and promote the sport of fox hunting, to preserve and care for wildlife, and to conserve open spaces. The GVH operates on the generosity and good will of its neighboring land owners and farmers. The GVH is funded primarily by individual contributions from its members.

Finger Lakes Race Track <http://fingerlakesracetrack.com/new-york-horse-racing.aspx>

Located in the heart of the Finger Lakes region in Western New York, they have hosted over 62,000 horse races and entertained over 19 million fans since opening in 1962.

With a horse racing season that typically begins in mid-April and continues through November, Finger Lakes offers approximately 160 horse racing programs each season and simulcasting from America's top tracks is available daily.