

The Little Finger Lakes and Beyond

LITTLE FINGER LAKES

West of the six major Finger Lakes extend what are known as the little Finger Lakes: Honeoye (pronounced Honey-oy), Canadice, Hemlock, and Conesus. Honeoye sports a village of the same name at its northern end, and Conesus—closest to Rochester—is crowded with summer homes. Canadice and Hemlock serve as reservoirs for Rochester and remain largely undeveloped. Set in deep, wooded valleys with no towns nearby, these are also the highest of the Finger Lakes—1,100 and 905 feet respectively.

At the southwestern end of Honeoye lies the largely undeveloped **Harriet Hollister Spenser State Park** (Canadice Hill Rd. [Rte. 37], 585/335-8111). Set on Canadice Hill, the park offers great views of the lake and—on a clear day—the Rochester skyline.

Another quirky stop outside Honeoye is the unusual **Wizard of Clay** (7851 Rt. 20A, Bloomfield, 585-229-2980 www.wizardofclay.com), where

the Kozlowski potters use 100,000 pounds of clay each year hand-throwing the family's functional creations. The workshop is open to tour and see each stage of the process, even that of his unique patented Bristoleaf collection, made by pressing locally collected leaves into the soft clay before firing, leaving the imprints to be glazed for a final vase or picture frame. A densely pinned map on the wall shows the hometowns of thousands of visitors.

LETCHWORTH STATE PARK

Along the Genesee River at the far western edge of the Finger Lakes plunges one of the most magnificent sights in the state: the 17-mile-long **Letchworth Gorge**, now part of a state park (off Rtes. 36 and 19A, Castile, 585/493-3600, 6 A.M.–11 P.M. daily, \$6–8 for parking). Dubbed the "Grand Canyon of the East," the gorge is flanked by dark gray cliffs rising nearly 600 feet. All around grows a dense, thicketed forest;



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