Heritage Areas are places where unique qualities of geography, history, and culture create a distinctive identity that becomes the focus of the four heritage goals:

**Preservation**
of significant resources

**Education**
that interprets lessons from the past

**Recreation**
and leisure activities

**Economic Revitalization**
for sustainable communities

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_E enjoy all that New York’s Heritage Areas have to offer—_ glorious vistas, exquisite architecture, informative exhibits, lively festivals, enticing shops, bustling downtowns, and fascinating stories._

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*New York State Heritage Areas_

*Open a door to the past... to explore the future*

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1. Albany
Since its beginnings as a fur-trading post, Albany has been a center for world trade, finance, and government and a pivotal force in the development of the state and the nation.

2. Buffalo
During the mid-19th century, when Buffalo was booming with lake, canal, and rail traffic, the city supported a broad range of entertainment and culture, a tradition that lives on in the city and its theatre district.

3. Concord Grape Belt
Lake Erie
Found vineyards, hospitable communities, breath-taking vistas, and healthy flavors abound in the 50 miles of shoreline that form the world’s oldest and largest Concord grape-growing region.

4. Harbor Park
Historic waterfront sites around New York harbor tell the epic story of growth from colonial trading post to post-Civil War ascendency as the world’s largest seaport and immigration destination.

5. Heights
The site of Revolutionary War activity and home to waves of immigrants, the Heights Heritage Area of northern Manhattan includes miles of bustling avenues, parks and waterfront, acres of parks, and landmarks as varied as the Little Red Lighthouse and the Hamilton Grange.

6. Kingston
The city of Kingston began in the narrow streets and stone houses of the colonial Stockade District, which served as the first capital of New York State, and grew to include the bustling Hudson River port of Rondout.

7. Mohawk Valley
The dramatic landscapes of the eight Mohawk Valley counties are layered with centuries of history, from Iroquois encounters with fur traders and missionaries, through European settlement, colonial wars, the Erie Canal, and industrialization.

8. North Shore
Long Island
From Great Neck to Orient Point, the North Shore’s rich heritage is revealed in places as diverse as luxurious Gold Coast mansions, vintage suburbs, well-worn fishing piers, rugged pine barrens, and North Fork farm stands.

9. Ossining
In this historic Hudson River village, unique landmarks like the Old Croton Aqueduct and Sing Sing Prison display state-of-the-art advances in 19th-century civil and social engineering.

10. RiverSpark
Hudson-Mohawk
At the confluence of two great rivers, the right spirit of reform earned Schenectady a place in world history as the setting of the first Women’s Rights Convention in 1848. Today, the historic mill town features a classic main street, canal promenade, and modern monuments to women’s activism.

11. Rochester High Falls
Where millraces and waterfalls once captured the power of the mighty Genesee River, Rochester’s High Falls area now welcomes visitors to revitalized factories, dramatic archaeological sites, and magnificent scenery.

12. Sackets Harbor
The War of 1812 Battlefield, historic Madison Barracks, and quaint village streets bear witness to Sackets Harbor’s role as a military stronghold defending the northern border during our country’s turbulent first centuries.

13. Saratoga Springs
“Queen of Spas” in the 19th century, Saratoga continues to attract visitors to its bubbling mineral springs, racetracks, Victorian architecture, vibrant downtown, and flourishing cultural life.

14. Schenectady
Founded in 1661, Schenectady grew from a stockaded village in the wilderness into a thriving Erie Canal port, then burgessed as the 20th century’s “Electric City,” birthplace of General Electric and the American Locomotive Company.

15. Seneca Falls
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16. Sackets Harbor
The Erie Canal brought pioneers, the fervor of social reform, and industrial progress to the fertile landscapes of Western New York, a legacy that survives in the fascinating cities, towns, and sprawling farms that line today’s canal.

17. Syracuse
Salt, a precious natural resource, first put Syracuse on the map, but it was the Erie Canal that transformed the city into a modern center of transportation, culture, business and capital.

18. Western Erie Canal
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19. Whitehall
Whitehall’s harbors, paths, charming main street, and Skaneateles Museum evoke the village’s history as home base for Benedict Arnold’s Lake Champlain fleet during the American Revolution and as a prosperous port on the Champlain Canal.

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From the eastern tip of Long Island to harbors on the Great Lakes, the Heritage Areas encompass some of New York State’s most significant natural, historical, and cultural resources, as well as the people and programs that keep them vital.

Discover New York’s rich legacy at State Heritage Areas, special places where we honor history, celebrate the present, and plan the future of our communities. Whether you are seeking to delight your senses, stimulate your mind, or exercise your muscles, you’ll find something to enjoy at a Heritage Area.

Begin your visit at a Heritage Area Visitor Center, where you will find exhibits, information, and programs that explore the region’s significant natural, historical, and cultural resources and their place in the New York experience. We invite you to discover the past and look into the future in New York State’s Heritage Areas!