

TRAVEL ITINERARY

36 Hours

Take a weekend adventure to the home of the Hudson River School of American landscape painting on the 200th anniversary of the trip that changed American art forever.



The West Parlor at the
Thomas Cole National Historic Site

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Saturday

10:30 AM | **Meet the artist who painted America the beautiful**

Immerse yourself in the world of Thomas Cole. Explore the 19th-century historic campus, including his home and studios and a new visitor center building, the Cole Center, by an *Architectural Digest* 100 designer. See original American landscape paintings by Thomas Cole and the Hudson River School artists he inspired; explore his colorful interior designs; experience immersive digital installations that bring the artist's words to life; shop sketching supplies in the gift shop; and enjoy the bucolic gardens and new outdoor Forecourt with sweeping views of the Catskill Mountains. Insider tip: the view from the artist's porch offers the best view of the Catskill Mountain range.

Thomas Cole National Historic Site, 218 Spring Street, Catskill, NY (est. 10 min drive from the Hudson Amtrak Station)

12:30 PM | **Grab Your Mountain Picnic**

Pick up sandwiches at Circle W en route to the Catskill Mountains and Hudson River School Art Trail sites, and thank goodness you didn't have to walk all the way there like Thomas Cole did. Look out for a Hudson River School painting on their website and menu page.

Circle W Market, 3328 NY-23A, Palenville NY (Est. 20 min drive from the Thomas Cole National Historic Site)



Wrap from Circle W

via Barbara M. on Yelp



Kaaterskill Falls

Saturday

2 PM | **See the Places Cole Painted**

Use the Hudson River School Art Trail, a map and website by the Thomas Cole Site, to visit the places where Cole painted his two iconic paintings on his first trip to the area exactly 200 years ago. See the views that inspired Cole's paintings *Lake with Dead Trees* at Site #6: North-South Lake and *Falls of the Kaaterskill* at Site #5 Kaaterskill Falls. Hashtag your best photos and videos with #COLE200 and #HRSAT for a chance to be featured on the @thomascolesite official page.

(Est. 13 min. drive from Circle W Market) Hudson River School Art Trail Sites #5 and #6 are both located off N. Lake Rd. and are approximately a 2-min drive apart.)



Cocktails at Hemlock Susie Davidson Powell / Times Union

6 PM | **Have a Fun Dinner & Cocktails**

Dine with the community at everyone's favorite cocktail bar, Hemlock, on the Village Main Street. The perfectly unfussy menu includes meat and veggie burgers, cheese boards, and seasonal salads.

Hemlock, 394 Main St, Catskill, NY (Est. 29 min. drive from the Art Trail Sites)



Camptown lobby via camptowncatskills.com

Overnight | **Live the (Elegant) Cabin Life**

Stay at Camptown Catskills, an elevated lodge that was named one of the best boutique hotel experiences in the world. Look for limited-run publications by the Thomas Cole Site of the artist's "Essay on American Scenery" in the shop.

Camptown, 810 Co Rd 23B, Leeds, NY (Est. 6 min drive from Hemlock)



Brunch at Gracie's Luncheonette via Great Northern Catskills

Sunday

11 AM | Brunch at a Farm-to-Table Diner

Brunch at Gracie's Luncheonette, where the menu ingredients are sourced locally. From the kale Caesar salad to the epic homemade doughnuts, you cannot go wrong.

Gracie's Luncheonette, 969 Main Street, Leeds N.Y. (Est. 1 min drive from Camptown)

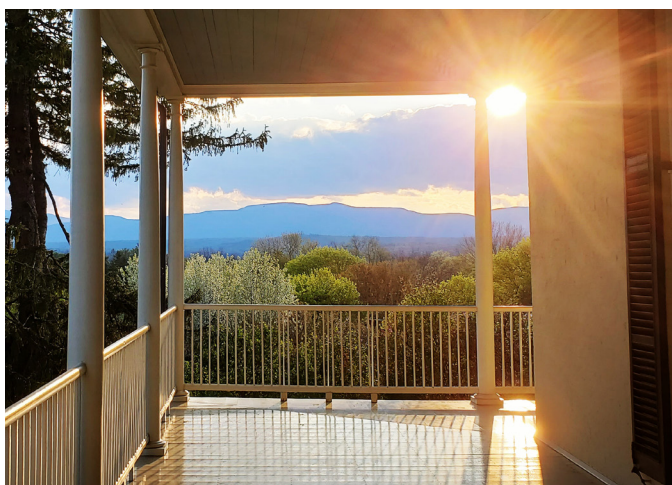


Catskill Main Street

1 PM | Explore the Cidery and Main Street Shops

Sip locally-made ciders at Left Bank Ciders, located just off the Village Main Street. Ask if they might have the limited-edition Community Cider made from pears harvested at the Thomas Cole Site on tap. Then, take a stroll and shop along Main Street. Scope Catskill Collectibles for a vintage souvenir, Citiot for an eclectic curation, Kaaterskill Market for chic upstate homewares, Magpie Book Shop for your next great read, and Sister Salvage for the antiques hunt, and so many more special spots.

Left Bank Ciders, 150 Water Street, Catskill, New York (Est. 7 min drive from Gracie's Luncheonette)



View from the Main House porch

Albert J. Gnidica

3 PM | Grab a Coffee & Last Look at the Best View

Grab a final shot of the view of the Catskill Mountain peaks, framed pretty as a picture from the porch at the Thomas Cole National Historic Site. Pick up your caffeine boost for the road at the Cole Center and wave goodbye to the home of American landscape painting.

Thomas Cole National Historic Site, 218 Spring Street, Catskill, NY (Est. 4 min drive from Main Street)