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Discover Family Fun in Syracuse: Unleash Adventure at WonderWorks and Beyond!

From Thrilling Attractions to Hidden Treasures, Syracuse Offers Endless Family Adventures

SYRACUSE, New York - (February 2025) – Located just a handful of hours from New York City, Central New York is filled with hidden gems. Visitors and locals alike are able to enjoy world-famous waterfalls, state parks, exciting attractions, and the bustling city of Syracuse at the heart of it all. Once people learn of all the unique things to do in the Syracuse area, they can't resist adding them to their New York itinerary. Family fun awaits around every corner, so it's a good idea to start planning your next vacation or stay-cation.

"There are so many great activities to do in this area!" said Jon Cascella, general manager at WonderWorks Destiny. "We are thrilled to be one of the places many consider a local gem. It's great to plan lots of activities, but being able to add one like WonderWorks that provides a fun indoor place for the family is gold."

Those planning a visit to the area will want to consider these family fun activities that are locally renowned:

- **WonderWorks.** This is a must-do for all families and STEM fans. The indoor amusement park for the mind features activities and hands-on exhibits that everyone will love. With over 100 hands-on exhibits and the World's Largest Suspended Indoor Ropes Course, families will stay busy for hours learning and laughing. Challenge each other on the Canyon Climb, check out the Extreme Weather Zone, learn about sound and light, and step into simulators like the Wonder Coasters and 4D XD Motion Theater. WonderWorks is conveniently located inside Destiny USA, New York's largest shopping, dining, and entertainment destination.
- **Rosamond Gifford Zoo.** What family wouldn't love a day at the zoo? Check out the indoor and outdoor exhibits, visit the many animals, and more. There is much to explore here, including wildlife trails, an elephant preserve, a wide variety of animals, and a café to grab lunch. The zoo hosts many exciting events throughout the year including runs, educational talks, and the popular Brew at the Zoo.

- **Onondaga Lake Park.** Spend some time outdoors at this beautiful park that features over eight miles of trails. There's also a concrete area open to inline skaters, skateboarders, and BMX bikers, multiple playgrounds, bike rentals, and more. Plenty of fun for everyone can be found here, so be sure to take a camera because there are some excellent photo opportunities. Plus, you won't want to miss Onondaga Lake Park's annual Lights on the Lake drive-through, one of Central New York's favorite holiday traditions.
- **Local Museums.** It's always nice to expand one's horizons by checking out a local museum. Be sure to stop by the Everson Museum of Art to see the permanent and temporary collections and possibly take in some of their special events. There are over 11,000 works of art to explore.
- **Quirky Stops.** Some quirky little stops help make a trip more interesting, such as the 24-second shot clock marker in Armory Square. The clock honors the rule change in basketball that is said to have saved the National Basketball Association. While visiting that one, several other historical markers are within walking distance, including the banks of the Erie Canal. Syracuse is also home to the world's only upside-down traffic light, where the green light is on top and the red light is on the bottom.

"Family fun abounds in this area of the state," said Paige Perry, sales manager at WonderWorks Destiny. "Plan a whole day of playing, making memories, and exploring. Have a great itinerary, but keep a little time open just in case something unexpected pops up!"

There are many exciting improvements and additions on the horizon for the city of Syracuse, from the I-81 Viaduct Project to the development of a brand-new aquarium. So, whether you live there or are planning a vacation to beautiful Central New York, Syracuse is the place to be.

WonderWorks Destiny is a proud provider of educational programs and promotions throughout the year for local students and families to enjoy. It also offers group rates, birthday parties, scout weekends, homeschool days, and corporate event packages. For more information, visit the site at: <https://www.wonderworksonline.com/destiny>.

About WonderWorks

WonderWorks, a science-focused indoor amusement park, combines education and entertainment into one venue. With over 100 hands-on exhibits, there is something unique and challenging for all ages. Feel the power of 71 mph hurricane-force winds in the *Hurricane Shack*. Make life-sized bubbles in the *Bubble Lab*. Get the NASA treatment and experience zero gravity in the *Astronaut Training Gyro*. Nail it by lying on the death-defying *Bed of Nails*. WonderWorks is in Orlando, Pigeon Forge, Panama City Beach, Myrtle Beach, Syracuse, and Branson. Visit [WonderWorksonline.com/destiny](https://www.wonderworksonline.com/destiny) and follow @WonderWorksDestiny on [Facebook](#), @WonderWorksDUSA on [Twitter](#), and @WonderWorks_dusa on [Instagram](#).

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