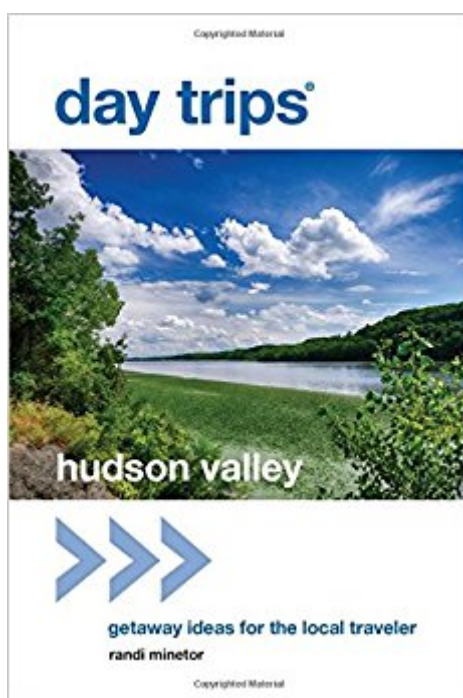


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# Day Trips® Hudson Valley: Getaway Ideas For The Local Traveler (Day Trips Series)



## Synopsis

Rediscover the simple pleasures of a day trip with Day Trips Hudson Valley. This guide is packed with hundreds of exciting things for locals and vacationers to do, see, and discover—within a two-hour drive—to and from many top New York destinations. With full trip-planning information, Day Trips Hudson Valley helps make the most of a brief getaway.

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## Customer Reviews

Randi Minetor has just traversed the beautiful routes and byways of New York state while writing Hiking Waterfalls New York (FalconGuides) and Scenic Routes & Byways New York and now brings you this Day Trips guide to the Hudson Valley. She has also written over twenty other books for Globe Pequot Press, including five books on New York hiking in the Best Easy Day Hikes series, and she is the author of Backyard Birding: A Guide to Attracting and Identifying Birds.

Very useful travel aid

Perfect for those weekends without plans

HALF-BAKED Lots of info, but only ONE map and only four of the dozens and dozens of cities of the Hudson Valley listed. There is a list of attractions with numbers on the map, but without cities, you have no idea where to look. One attraction, "hudson 7 lights" sounds interesting, but the index

has no listing for that term or '7 lights' or 'lights' or 'lighthouses.' A great idea for half a book. I returned it

How refreshing to find a travel book that is so user-friendly - just select from one of the 41 enticing day trip titles, like "The Father of Invention", "Cycles and Revolutions", "The World's Largest Kaleidoscope" or "Birthplaces of American Art". At a glance, the map shows the distance to your destination. Then you are off and running (or probably driving)! The concise 3-5 page description of your Day Trip provides just the right amount of information about how to get there, what to do and where to eat to feed your mind and body for a wonderful and reenergizing day of exploration. Enjoy your travels!!!

Minetor has uncovered gems even I, longtime New York City resident and Hudson Valley lover, did not know about. My copy sports a bushy fringe of stickies marking my summer ambitions. I love that she addresses the outdoorsy, the artistic, and the foodie opportunities in equal measure. With this book, you have a decent shot at proving Jerry Seinfeld wrong: there IS such a thing as fun for the WHOLE family. The book is chock-full of useful information, but avoids the dry tone of many guides. Minetor's prose makes it seem like your most adventurous and savvy buddy is riding shotgun.

My husband and I decided to visit at least one new place in New York each summer. This morning, I asked him to pick a number between 1 and 41---numbers that correspond to the Day Trips Hudson Valley book. He picked "29," so in September we will start in Ghent and explore the Hudson-Berkshire Beverage Trail (aka Day Trip 29). I had to laugh because wineries and breweries are always on our vacation itineraries. The suggested sites to see among the five key stops will undoubtedly result in a wonderful experience. We like the way the book is organized and the festivals and celebrations listing in the back. We've already highlighted four other day trips to take. In addition to including more pictures, the only think we feel the book is lacking is highlighting the Hudson River itself on the main map. We highly recommend this guide.

The urge to jump in the car and explore never gets old for me, so I very much enjoyed discovering the many day trip ideas offered in this book. Randi offers an interesting mix of themes (art, history, lighthouses, wine) to catch one's attention and provides a host of venues and destinations to satisfy one's curiosity. There's something for everyone to discover, including this Western New Yorker. This book has put the Hudson Valley back on my radar. My first road trip will be to Bannerman

Castle later this month.

As a lifetime resident of the Hudson Valley, both Mid-Hudson and Adirondack Hudson, I found this book to be wonderful. There is nothing better for me than poking around the Adirondacks, visiting cafes, riding trains, hiking mountains and visiting the fascinating nooks and crannies of this magical place. Randi Minetor's Day Trips Hudson Valley is a terrific guide to this grand country. It'll be by my side all summer.

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