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Alexander Hamilton Park

Weehawken New Jersey

Take Route 3 towards the Lincoln Tunnel and take the last exit in New Jersey. Follow the service road down the hill to the end and make a left onto Boulevard East also named Hudson Boulevard East also named J. F. Kennedy Boulevard East. Follow Boulevard East through an S turn and you will see the New York Skyline and Alexander Hamilton Park.

Good New York City skyline views of midtown Manhattan (the mid forties) from the cliffs of New Jersey. Try it in the beginning of July at sunset for some nice reflected light in the buildings.

Audobon Center

613 Riversville Road
Greenwich, Connecticut 06830
203 869 5272

Take the New York State Thruway across the Tappan Zee Bridge to Exit 8 and proceed to Interstate 287, the Cross Westchester Expressway. Take I287 to Exit 9S and follow the signs for the Hutchinson River Parkway / Merrit Parkway towards Connecticut. Proceed on the Merrit Parkway into Greenwich to the Round Hill Road Exit. At the Round Hill Road Exit make a left and follow Round Hill Road for 0.6 miles and make a left onto Old Mill Road. Proceed for 0.9 miles to a T and make a right onto North Porchuck Road. Proceed for 0.1 miles and pass the entrance to the Audobon Fairchild Garden following North Porchuck Road to Riversville Road and make a right. Go to the next intersection which is John Street and the Center is at the intersection.

Some pond life and two bird blinds. The bird blinds were rather disappointing in that they required very long lenses and a tree filter to photograph mostly small birds. There were a number of trails if you like to do a little walking. An interesting side trip if you are going to the Audobon Fairchild Garden but I personally would not go just for the Audobon Center.

Audobon Fairchild Garden

Greenwich Connecticut
203 869 5272

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The gates close at 5:00 PM but you will have to call to see what time they open.

This is listed as a wildflower garden and there were still plenty of them at the end of May.

Bartlett Arboretum

151 Brookdale Road
Stamford, Connecticut 06903 4199
203 322 6971

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Walking trails, a swamp, a pond, some cultivated flowers and a greenhouse that is open in the mornings from 9:30 to 11:00.

Batsto Village

Wharton State Forest
Batsto RD 9
Hammonton, New Jersey 08037

Take the New Jersey turnpike to Exit 7 and then Take Route 206 South. Follow Route 206 for approximately 35 miles and make a left onto Route 542 just outside of Hammonton. Follow Route 524 for approximately 8 miles to the entrance to Batsto Village.

Originally a bog iron and glass-making industrial center. It has been restored to reflect the agricultural and commercial enterprises of the late 19th century.

If you are in the area it may be worth a trip but don't take the long ride from Northern New Jersey just to see this site.

Bayard Cutting Arboretum

Montauk Highway
Oakdale, New York 11769
516 581 1002

Take the Throgs Neck or Bronx Whitestone Bridge to Cross Island Parkway to Northern State Parkway. Take Northern State Parkway to Sagtikos Parkway South to Southern State Parkway East. Take Southern State Parkway East to Heckscher State Parkway South to Montauk Highway (Route 27A) East and take Exit 45E to the Arboretum.

Wildflowers, Rhododendron, Azaleas, Dogwood and Lilacs.
Open Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge

2591 Whitehall Neck Road
Smyrna, Delaware 19977
302 653 6872

Take the New Jersey Turnpike South to the end and proceed across the Delaware Memorial Bridge. On exit from the bridge look for signs to Route 13 South and take this into Delaware. (They are in the process of bypassing Route 13 with Route 1 so you will have to follow the signs to Smyrna.) In the town of Smyrna you can look for the large sign to Bombay Hook or take Route 12 east. Route 12 will merge with Route 9 in approximately 5 miles. Follow Route 9 and make a left onto Whitehall Neck Road and follow that to the Visitors Center.

A wildlife refuge full of birds. From October through November there are 100,000 ducks and geese in residence. May and June are special times for shorebirds in their migration. During the fall Delaware hunting season parts of the Refuge are closed to non-hunters so you better check before you go to see if it is open to the public.

Boscobel

1601 Route 9D
Garrison, New York 10524
914 265 3638

Take the Bear Mountain Bridge across the Hudson and make a left onto Route 9D. About 9 miles on your left will be the entrance to Boscobel.

A restored 1808 Federal style house with flower gardens in the spring (April - daffodils, May - tulips, June - roses). Up the road is the town of Cold Spring, right below Boscobel is the Constitution Marsh Sanctuary, on Route 9D is also the Manitoga Nature Center and in the vicinity is an excellent restaurant, The Plumbush Inn.

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve

Washington Crossing Historic Park
PO Box 103
Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania 18977
215 862 2924
www.bhwp.org

Take Interstate 80 West to Interstate 287 South. Take Exit 17 on Interstate 287, which is Route 202 South. Take Route 202 South approximately 19 miles to Route 179 South. Watch for the sign for Lambertville and take a right and go through town across the Delaware River into New Hope, PA and make a left onto Route 32. Take Route 32 South approximately 5 miles and Bowman's Hill is on your right.

Branch Book Park

Newark, New Jersey

Take the Garden State Parkway South to Exit 148 Bloomfield. At end of Exit 148 make a right onto John F. Kennedy Drive. Make a right at the first traffic light onto Belleville Avenue. Go approximately 1 1/2 miles and make a right onto Franklin Avenue. Go approximately 1/2 mile and the park entrance road is on your left.

Visit in April when 2700 Japanese Cherry trees bloom with pink and white blossoms.

"Brigantine" - Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge

Take the Garden State Parkway south to Exit 48. Take Route 9 south to Oceanville and make a left on Great Creek Road. There is a sign for the Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge at Great Creek Road.

An eight mile loop road around the Refuge allows you to stop and photograph migratory and shore birds.

Bronx Zoo

Fordham Road and Southern Boulevard

Bronx, New York 10458

718 367 1010

Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 8, Interstate 287, which is also known as the Cross Westchester Expressway. Take Interstate 287 to Exit 3, Sprain Brook Parkway South. Take the Sprain Brook Parkway which ends at the Bronx River Parkway. Continue on the Bronx River Parkway South to Exit 6 which is marked for the Bronx Zoo and you are practically at the zoo gate.

Parking is available on the grounds for a fee.

Brooklyn Botanical Gardens

1000 Washington Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225
718 622 4433

Take the George Washington Bridge to the Harlem River Drive to the East River Drive. Exit onto the Manhattan Bridge which drops you on Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn. Proceed along Flatbush Avenue for approximately 1.8 miles after the first traffic light upon exiting the bridge to the Grand Army Plaza and go around the circle (keep the Brooklyn Public Library on your right) to Eastern Parkway and make a right. Follow Eastern Parkway for a very short distance and make a right onto Washington Avenue and right after the Brooklyn Museum you will find the entrance to the parking lot of the botanical gardens.

A botanical garden composed of both outside displays and three inside ones; the Tropical House, the Desert House and the Warm Temperate House. The water lilies display from late June through mid September is especially nice. An added bonus is the Black Crowned Night Heron that perches most of the day on the sign in the Water Lilly pond and totally ignores you. I have gotten different responses about using tripods in the indoor conservatories so you are on your own or you can check in advance by phone. In addition tripods are not allowed in the Japanese Hill-and-Pond Garden. Tripods are however permitted all other places. There is no admission and a \$6.00 (1994 price) parking charge covers off street parking

Butterfly Place at Papillon Park

120 Tyngsboro Road
Westford, Massachusetts 01886
508 392 0955

Take the New York Thruway to Exit 21A/Route 90 East. Route 90 becomes the Massachusetts Turnpike. Take Exit 11A off the Massachusetts Turnpike to Interstate 495 North. Take Exit 35B off Interstate 495 and take Route 3 north for approximately 7 miles to Exit 34. At Exit 34 of Route 3 take Westford Road to the left (southwest). Go through the blinking light at Dunstable Road and take the next left fork which is Swan Road and this becomes Tyngsboro Road. Papillon Park is on the right.

3100 square feet of a glass atrium devoted to butterflies.

Captree State Park

Oak Beach, Long Island, New York

Take the George Washington Bridge to the Cross Bronx Expressway. Take Exit 6B which leads to the Throgs Neck Bridge and take either the Clearview Expressway or the Cross Island Parkway at the other end of the bridge. Follow either road to the Long Island Expressway and take that East to Exit 53. Then take the Sagtikos State Parkway (SA) to the Southern State Parkway (SO) and take that West towards New York City to Exit 40. Take the Robert Moses Causeway (RM) to Captree State Park.

This is the place in mid June for nesting Gulls.

George W. Childs Park

Near Dingmans Ferry, Pennsylvania

Take I80 West to Exit 34 for Route 15 North. Follow Route 15 North and it becomes Route 206. Follow Route 206 to Tuttle's Corner, approximately 20 miles from the start of Route 15, In Tuttle's Corner take Route 560 towards Dingmans Bridge, one of two private toll bridges in the United States. When Route 560 crosses Route 209 it becomes Route 793. A fairly short distance on Route 793 look for the sign to Child's park. (On Route 560 in Layton you will make a sharp right turn following Route 560 and the sign to Dingman's Ferry. On that corner is a luncheonette serving great soup.)

A series of great waterfalls can be found in this park

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge

P.O. Box 62
Chincoteague, Virginia 23336 0062
804 336 6122

Take the New Jersey Turnpike South to the end and proceed across the Delaware Memorial Bridge. On exit from the bridge look for signs to Route 13 South and take this through Delaware, Maryland and into Virginia. Approximately 4 miles after the Maryland Virginia border you will see the sign for Chincoteague directing you to make a left onto Route 175. Proceed on Route 175 across a drawbridge to a T intersection. At this T make a left onto Main Street in Chincoteague and proceed to Maddox Boulevard. Turn right onto Maddox Boulevard and proceed to the entrance to the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge that is on Assateague Island.

Many birds such as Great Blue Herons, Great White Egrets and at the end of the year, sometime from November on, thousands of Snow Geese. Also famous for the Chincoteague ponies which are rounded up on the island and driven across a channel at the end of July. There are also White-tailed Deer, Sika elk and the endangered Delmarva Peninsula Fox Squirrels.

Clinton Historical Museum

Clinton New Jersey
201 735 4101

Take Interstate 80 West to Interstate 287 South to Route 78 West to Exit 17 Route 31. Take Route 31 South to Route 173 West and at the same time keep following the signs to Clinton. After crossing Leigh Street and right after crossing the next bridge look for the sign on the right for the Historical Museum and Art Center.

An 18th century gristmill and a country village with a blacksmith shop, general store etc.

Cloisters

Fort Tryon Park
New York, New York 10040
212 923 3700

<http://www.metmuseum.org/collections/department.asp?dep=7>

Take the George Washington Bridge and follow the signs for the Henry Hudson Parkway North. Use the first exit for Fort Tryon Park, The Cloisters.

A branch of the Metropolitan Museum specializing in the art and architecture of medieval Europe. The cloisters offer some interesting photography. Tripods are not allowed on the weekends after noontime.

Colonial Park Arboretum and Rudolf W. van der Groot Rose Garden

RD 1, Mettler's Road
Franklin Township, Somerset New Jersey
908 873 2459

Take Interstate 80 West to Interstate 287 South to Exit 7, Weston Canal Road. Proceed south on Canal Road. Do not cross Weston Causeway but turn left and continue along the canal until the road turns left onto Weston Road. Make the first right onto Mettler's Road and continue to Colonial Park.

A 144 acre arboretum and a large rose garden with 4000 roses.
If you are in the area stop in but I would not ride an hour to see it!

Constitution Marsh Sanctuary

RFD 2, Route 9D
Garrison, New York 10524
914 265 2601 or 914 265 3119 May through October

Follow the directions to Boscobel and just south of Boscobel, within a mile, is a turn off to the right as you are going south onto Indian Brook Road. Follow Indian Brook Road until it makes a very sharp bend and you can see a trailhead leading to the sanctuary. It is somewhat hard to find the first time. If you continue on Indian Brook Road and cross Route 9 you will find a very old and warm inn from 1761 know as the Bird and Bottle Inn. You can make special prior arrangements for a guided canoe tour through the marsh.

Cora Hartshorn Arboretum & Bird Sanctuary

Short Hills, New Jersey

Take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 142, I78 West. Take Exit 48 for Rt. 24 West. Get off at the first exit on Rt. 24 which is marked Millburn, Summit, Springfield and you will be on Rt. 124. Take Rt. 124 to Millburn Avenue and make a left. Go one light and make a left onto Short Hills Avenue. Right before the railroad overpass make a left onto Chatham Road. Make a left onto Forest Drive and the arboretum is near the top of the hill on Forest Drive.

A small arboretum with wildflowers (supposedly the best Lady's Slippers display in the area plus other wildflowers. Also good rhododendron and mountain laurel.

Cranberry Festival

Chatsworth New Jersey
609 894 9232.

Take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 67 and then take Route 554 West to Route 72 West. Turn left onto Route 532 to Chatsworth.

There are three tours to the Cranberry bogs on the Saturday and Sunday of the Festival and that is the only way that you can get into a bog to photograph while they are harvesting. The tour bus costs \$12.00 (1991 price), leaves at 10:00 AM, Noon and 2:00 PM and only allows about 20 minutes to photograph the harvesters. Held in October, cranberry harvest time.

For tours of the Ocean Spray plant call 609 726 1907. I am not sure this is open anymore due to insurance liability.

Echo Lake

West Milford, NJ

Directions: If traveling north on Route 23 look for the water filtration plant on the left shortly after entering West Milford. A short distance farther you will make a right onto Echo Lake Rd. If you are traveling south on Route 23 you will take the jughandle for Echo Lake Rd. shortly after passing the Charlottsburg Reservoir wall on the right. Cross over Route 23 through the traffic light onto Echo Lake Rd. Take Echo Lake Rd. for about 1 mile and then make a left into the Newark Watershed Office driveway. The office is open 8 - 4 on weekdays all year and 8 – 12:30 on Saturdays from April 8 thru October. If you are 62 or older a nice person in the office will sell you a hiking permit for \$4.00 which is good thru December. If you are under 62 it costs \$ 8.00. This permit allows you to hike on all the approved trails in the 35,000 acre Newark Watershed. You get a map with the permit. Read and heed the “Rules and Regulations” on the backside of the map. Do not wander around watershed property without a permit. The enforcement people take their jobs seriously.

Fauna: Whitetail Deer, Mink, Beaver, Bullfrogs, Green Frogs, Wood Frogs, Pickerel Frogs, Water Snakes, Garter Snakes, and Copperheads.

Flora: Coltsfoot, Fringed Polygala, Indian Pipes, Pinesaps (Sept), Shinleaf, White Baneberry, and May Apple.

Fungi: Chicken Mushroom, Turkey Tail, Giant Puffball, Coral Fungi, Golden Pholiota, Bleeding Mycena, Shaggy Mane, Jack-O- Lantern, Split-Gilled Mushroom and others.

Fleetwood Museum of Art and Photographica

614 Greenbrook Road
North Plainfield, New Jersey 07063
201 756 7810

Take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 140, Route 22 and take Route 22 West for approximately 12.5 miles. Take the Plainfield overpass to get onto Somerset Street going South and make right onto Greenbrook Road and the museum is between Clinton Avenue and Rock Avenue.

Nothing to photograph but the museum is supposed to have a collection of early classic cameras.

Fort Dix Army Base

Take the New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 7. Take Route 206 South for a very short distance to Route 68 and then follow that to Fort Dix. At the first traffic circle in Fort Dix go 270 degrees around the circle and follow the sign to Wrightstown. You will be on Wrightstown Road and the flower fields will be on your right just before the next traffic circle at Delaware Avenue. There are more on the base so hunt them up and anyone will lead you to them.

Fields of planted flowers; Poppies, Black Eyed Susans etc. This is not the Fort Dix that I remember. The flowers peak in late June early July.

Fort Lee Historic Park

Hudson Terrace
Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024
201 461 1776

Take Route 4 towards the George Washington Bridge and near the bridge take the exit marked Fort Lee, Palisades Parkway and Route 46. You are then on Bridge Plaza Road and at the very end of this road is Hudson Terrace. Make a right onto Hudson Terrace and you will very shortly see the entrance to the park on your left.

A historic park providing information and displays of the role of Fort Lee (named after General Charles Lee) in the American Revolution. Revolutionary War reenactments are held here generally in November. Also nice views of the George Washington Bridge.

Fosterfields

Route 24 at Kahdena Road
PO Box 1295
Morristown, New Jersey 07962-1295
201 326 7645
<http://www.fieldtrip.com/nj/13267645.htm>

Take Interstate 80 West to Interstate 287 South to Madison Avenue Exit 35 and bear RIGHT onto Rt. 24 WEST, to center of Morristown. At the Morristown Green look for County Rt. 510 WEST. Turn Right onto 510 WEST (Washington Street) and go one mile. Turn RIGHT onto Kahdena Road. Entrance to Fosterfields is at top of hill on LEFT.

A farm from the late 1800s that is maintained in working condition with animals and farm buildings. A place filled with many farm scenics. Also contains the residence of the wealthy New York business man that bought the farm.

Open Thursday through Friday, Saturdays and Holidays 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Sundays from 1:00 to 5:00 PM.

Frelinghuysen Arboretum

Morris County Park Commission
53 East Hanover Avenue
P. O. Box 1295
Morristown, New Jersey 07962 1295
973 326 7600
www.parks.morris.nj.us

Take Interstate 80 West to Interstate 287 South to Exit 36, Morristown (Morris Avenue, Lafayette Avenue and Ridgedale Avenue). At Ridgedale Avenue turn right and proceed North on Ridgedale Avenue to Hanover Avenue which is the first traffic light. Turn right on Hanover Avenue and watch for Arboretum on the right.

125 acres of arboretum and flower gardens. There are wildflowers in the spring

Gardens at Wyckoff

Take Route 17 to Lake Street Ramsey. Lake Street becomes Main Street in Ramsey and then become Wyckoff Avenue. Travel on Main Street through Ramsey onto Wyckoff Avenue in Mahwah. On Wyckoff Avenue 0.6 miles past the intersection with Forest Road make a left onto Crescent Avenue. The gardens are on your left just a little bit after the left turn.

Very nice rose gardens.

Goshen Historic Race Track

Park Place
PO Box 192
Goshen, New York 10924
914 294 5333

Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 16 Harriman and take Route 17/6 West to Exit 124B in Goshen. Make a right onto Route 207 and follow to the first traffic signal at South Church Street and make a right. Make the next left onto Park Place and the track entrance is at the end of this block.

You can get into the track to see the morning workouts from spring to fall and also meander through the stable area. There is a short racing season on the July 4 weekend.

Great Falls

Paterson, New Jersey

Take Interstate 80 West to exit 57C Main Street Paterson. Make a left onto Main street and make another left onto Grand Street (at the corner of Saint John's Cathedral) and then a right onto Spruce Street. Follow 201-652-6769 Spruce Street one block past Market and make a right onto McBride Avenue and there is a parking lot immediately on your left for the Falls.

In addition to the Great Falls there is also an historic manufacturing district nearby and the Paterson Museum.

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

Pleasant Plains Road
RD 1 Box 152
Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920
201 647 1222

Take Interstate 80 West to Interstate 287 South to Exit 26. Take the second Exit 26 for Basking Ridge and look for a left turn sign for the Great Swamp. There are a few separate pieces of the swamp so make sure you see all of it.

Good for birds and wildflowers.

Grounds for Sculpture

18 Fairgrounds Road

Hamilton, NJ 08619

609 586 0616

www.groundsfor Sculpture.org

Take New Jersey Turnpike South to Exit 7A. Take Interstate 195 West (Trenton) to Exit 60B/I-295 North (Princeton). Take I-295 North to Exit 65B/Sloan Avenue West. After exit stay in right traffic lane for 2/10ths of a mile, following signs for **Grounds For Sculpture**, and take the jughandle to cross over Sloan Ave. Go through the traffic light onto Klockner Rd. Take Klockner Rd. to next traffic light and turn right onto East State St. Extension. Go 8/10ths of a mile and make second left turn onto Sculptors Way. Go 2/10ths of a mile and turn left into the main entrance of **Grounds For Sculpture**.

The grounds are filled with interesting sculptures and nice scenics. There is also a great restaurant named Rat's.

Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission Environmental Center Richard W. DeKorte park

Lyndhurst, New Jersey

201 460 8300

Take Route 17 South and at the exit for Route 3, stay on Route 17 South, look for the signs to the Environmental Center and DeKorte Park.

Bird life of the New Jersey wetlands is available for photographing. There is also a walk along a dike through the wetlands.

Hang Gliders

Ellenville New York

Call 914 647 3377 to see if they are flying.

Take the New York Thruway to Exit 16 Harriman. Take Route 17 West approximately 23 miles to Route 302, that is 4 miles past Interstate 84. Take Route 302 North approximately 10 miles to Route 52 at the light in Pine Bush. Make a left onto Route 52 and go approximately 9 miles and as you get near the top of the mountain look for the parking areas on your left looking out into the valley. If the hang gliders are flying you can see them from here. Also you can find the pilots road up to the top jumpoff, it is 0.6 miles after Cragmoor Road on Route 52 North. Also the landing field is interesting. To get to the landing field follow Route 52 into Ellenville and then go south on Route 209 and make a left onto Hang Glider Road which is 3/4 of a mile past the entrance to the Nevele hotel.

Harriman State Park

Palisades Interstate Park Commission
Administration Headquarters
Bear Mountain, New York 10911

Suggestions:

1) Park at the Reeves Meadow Visitors Center and take the Pine Meadow Trail, red blazes, a very short distance to Stony Brook on your left. As you drive in the parking lot at Reeves Center the trail is off to your left at the back of the parking lot. It is a short easy walk to Stony Brook.

To get to Reeves Meadow Visitors Center take Route 17 North through Sloatsburg to the second traffic light and make a right onto Seven Lakes Drive and go approximately 1 1/2 miles to the Center which is on your right.

2) Pine Meadow Lake, a 2 mile trail walk, not too strenuous but it is a trail. Pick up the Pine Meadow trail, red blazes, at the Reeves Meadows Visitors Center and follow to Pine Meadow Lake. You should have a trail map.

3) St. John's Chapel also called the Church in the Wilderness. Take Route 17 North through Sloatsburg and turn right at the second traffic light which is Seven Lakes Drive. Take Seven Lakes Drive to Lake Welch Drive which starts at Seven Lakes Drive and go approximately 1 1/2 miles to St. John's Road and you will see the church.

4) Perkins Tower. Take Perkins Memorial Drive off Seven Lakes Drive near the Bear Mountain Inn end of the park. Very nice views of the Hudson River and the Bear Mountain Bridge. You can drive all the way to the top.

5) If you like a little climb try the view from the top of Daters Mountain. Take the Kakiat trail, white blazes, to the Blue Disc Trail, blue blazes. You will need a trail map.

6) Try the Seven Hills, Raccoon Brook Hills, HTS (Hillburn-Torne-Sebago) trail loop for variously hued outcroppings topped with Pitch Pines. You can find this loop from the Reeves Brook trail off the Reeves Visitors Center.

7) Take the Long Path trail from the parking area off Route 6 to the top of Long Mountain for some nice views of Turkey Lake.

8) Look for the outlaw Claudius Smith's Den at the intersection of the TMI (Tuxedo – Mt. Ivy) and Blue Disc trails. Claudius was known to steal horses from the local farmers and hide out in the den. Reach the TMI trail from the RD (Red Disc) trail on the SE side of Interstate 87 in Tuxedo. This site offers some interesting rock formations and varied flora

Hicks Nurseries

100 Jericho Turnpike

Westbury, NY

516 334 0066

<http://www.hicksnurseries.com/>

Take the George Washington Bridge to the Cross Bronx Expressway to I 295 to the Throgs Neck Bridge. On exiting the Throgs Neck Bridge travel the length of the Clearview Expressway to Grand Central Parkway East. Grand Central Parkway will become the Northern State Parkway. Take Exit 32 of the Northern State Parkway and at the end of the exit make a left towards Old Westbury and you will be on Post Avenue. Go to the second traffic light which will be Route 25, Jericho Turnpike, and make a left. Go about a mile and the Hicks Nurseries will be on your left.

In mid March they hold a flower show that is rather large. They are one of the nice places left in the US that not only allows tripods and photographers but seems to welcome them. You will not be chastised when you setup a tripod and take up part of their aisles.

Hot Air Balloon Festival

Solberg Airport

Readington, New Jersey

201 236 6733

Take Interstate 80 West to Interstate 287 South and egress at Exit 13, Route 202/206 South. Take Route 202 South out of the traffic circle and proceed on Route 202 for approximately 3 3/4 miles to the sign on the right for Readington and the airport. Make a right at the sign and this is Route 637 which becomes Route 620 if you stay straight. Follow Routes 637 and 620 for approximately 2.2 miles and make a right onto Thor Solberg Road and you are there.

The festival takes place sometime in July, the 2nd or 3rd weekend. Hot air balloons only fly at dawn and dusk so plan accordingly.

Hudson Valley Raptor Center

148 South Road

Stanfordville, NY 12581

845 758 6957

www.hvraptors.com

Take I87 North to Exit 17, Newburg. Follow the signs to Route 300 & I84, you will travel a short distance on Route 300 North to the entrance to I84 East. Take I84 to the Taconic Parkway North to the Route 199 Red Hook/Pine Plains. Go East on Route 199 for 1/4 mile and turn right onto Route 53 for 1 mile to the Raptor Center.

Open Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Call for special photography arrangements.

Hugenot Street

New Paltz, New York
Operated by the Hugenot Historical Society
PO Box 339
New Paltz, New York, 12561
914 255 1660

Follow the directions to Mohonk and before you cross the bridge over the Walkill River you will see the sign for the houses.

Old stone houses built from 1692 to 1712. A nice side trip if you are going to the Mohonk Mountain House.

Hunter Mountain Summer Festivals

PO Box 295
Hunter, New York 12442
518 263 3800 or 518 263 4223

Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 19. Take Route 28 West to Route 214 North, near Phoenicia, and then Route 23A West to Hunter Mountain.

Various ethnic and country festivals during the summer. The Indian festival was not too good for photography.

Innisfree Garden

362 Tyrrel Road
Millbrook, New York 12545
845 677 8000

Take the New York Thruway to Exit 17, Newburgh and follow the signs to Interstate 84. Take Interstate 84 East to Exit 16N, the Taconic Parkway North. Take the Taconic Parkway North for approximately 18 miles to Route 44. Take Route 44 East to Tyrrel Road, approximately 1.5 miles and turn right.

Chinese Cup gardens. Open May through October, Wednesday through Friday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Saturday and Sunday 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. In my view a must see. \$5.00 per person entrance fee on the weekends, \$4.00 weekdays.

Island Beach State Park

PO Box 37
Seaside Park, New Jersey 08752
732 793 0506

Take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 82 - Route 37 East. Take Route 37 East and once over the bridge take Route 35 South towards Seaside Park. Stay on Route 35 South and you will wind up at the tollbooth for Island Beach State Park.

A great place to photograph red fox. On a sunny colder day the fox come out to the road to warm themselves on the blacktop and this appears to be the better time to see the maximum number of fox. Please obey the signs and do not feed the fox. You will find that stopping your car will attract the fox since they have become habituated to being fed by people in cars.

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Gateway NRA
Floyd Bennett Field
Brooklyn, NY 11234
718 318 4340

Take the George Washington Bridge to either I87 South (the Major Deegan Expressway) or the Harlem River Drive. Take either of these routes to the TriBorough Bridge to the Grand Central Parkway. Follow the Grand Central to the Van Wyck Expressway and take that South towards Kennedy airport. Exit the Van Wyck Expressway at the Belt Parkway towards the Verezzano Bridge. Exit the Belt Parkway at Cross Bay Boulevard South towards the Rockaways. On Cross Bay Boulevard after going over the North Channel Bridge look for the signs to the Refuge and the entrance is on your right. There is a Visitors Center where you can obtain a no-cost pass and some guides to the Refuge.

There are two ponds the West and the East Pond. The West Pond has a gravel trail around the pond. Bring wading boots or waterproof shoes if you want to explore the entire East Pond. Many birds exist at this refuge including Osprey, Egrets, Ibis, Cormorants, Herons, shorebirds and songbirds. You will need a long lens, 600 MM or greater to photograph at this facility.

James A. McFaul Wildlife Center of Bergen County

Crescent Avenue
Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481
201 891 5571

There are quite a few Crescent Avenues in this area, so beware. This is where the Ridgewood Camera Club used to meet. Find Godwin Avenue in Wyckoff and if you are coming South make a left onto Crescent Avenue.

Japanese Stroll Garden

PO Box 671
Locust Valley, New York 11560
516 676 4486

Follow the directions for Planting Fields Arboretum and when you get on Chicken Valley Road pass Planting Fields Road and after 1 mile make a right onto Dogwood Lane and the Gardens are right off the corner on your right.

A Japanese Garden filled with native and Japanese plants and trees. Also has some Japanese and native wildflowers.

Open Thursday, Saturday & Sunday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Admission \$5.00

Kayak Races

Esopus (E soap us) Creek in Phoenicia, New York

Take the New York Thruway to Exit 19 Kingston. In the traffic circle take Route 28 - Pinehill and follow Route 28 to Phoenicia. Take the Phoenicia turnoff and continue through town (do not take Route 214) and take a right onto Bridge Street. Make a right onto High Street and follow that road along the creek and look for the racers in the creek.

1st weekend in June

Kugler-Anderson Bicycle Race

Somerville, New Jersey

Take Interstate 80 West to Interstate 287 South to Exit 17 Route 202/206 South. Take Route 202/206 South and then Route 206 South to the traffic circle and take Route 28 East out of the traffic circle into Somerville.

Takes place Memorial day through the streets of Somerville. The main race is an international event.

Leonard J. Buck Garden

11 Layton Road
Far Hills, NJ 07931
www.park.co.nj.us

Take Route 287 South to exit 22. Take exit marked Route 202/206 North through one traffic light. Route 202/206 will split, at the fork bear right onto Route 202 North, Far Hills/Morristown. Take a right at the next traffic light. Follow Route 202 North to railroad tracks. Just before the railroad tracks turn right onto Liberty Corner Road (Route 512 East). Travel approximately one mile and take a right onto Layton Road. Buck Garden entrance is on the left.

A great place for wildflowers. Please respect their rules about tripods and photographers intruding into the flower beds.

Liberty State Park

Morris Pesin Drive
Jersey City, New Jersey 07304
201 915 3400

Take the New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 14B Jersey City. As soon as you go through the toll booth there is a sign for a left turn that takes you into Liberty State Park.

Great shots of the lower New York City skyline. Try some sunset shots.
If you luck out you may find the old CRRNJ railroad terminal open for some function.
There are also some special functions all summer such as the New Jersey Ethnic Festival.
Also ferries to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty.

Lime Rock Race Track

PO Box 111 Lakeville, Connecticut 06039
203 435 2571

Take the New York Thruway to Exit 17, Newburgh and follow the signs to Interstate 84. Take Interstate 84 East to Exit 16N, the Taconic Parkway North. Take the Taconic Parkway North for approximately 18 miles to Route 44. Take Route 44 towards Amenia (not towards Poughkeepsie). Route 44 makes a few 90 degree turns so watch the signs. After you leave Millerton and enter Connecticut look for Route 112 East and look for the sign for Lime Rock Race Track.

Automobile races of varying types on Saturdays. There are no races on Sundays. The admission is normally \$10.00 per person (1992). You can walk and photograph the races from various vantage points from the grassy hillsides overlooking the track and you can picnic at the same time so bring food and chairs if you are so inclined.

There are many nice farm scenics along Route 44 and you can also check out Innisfree Gardens on the way

Longwood Gardens

PO Box 501
Kennet Square, Pennsylvania 19348 0501
215 388 6741

Take the New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 6 for the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Exit 24 in King of Prussia. Take Route 202 South to Route 202 South/Route 322 East to Route 1 South to Longwood. This is approximately 160 miles from Northern New Jersey.

Fee \$10.00 per person per day in 1992.

Tripods are now allowed till Noon each day.

Lyndhurst

635 South Broadway
Tarrytown, New York 10591
914 631 0046

Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 9 and proceed south on Route 9 for a half mile. A little north of Sunnyside.

A Gothic Revival mansion overlooking the Hudson. Tours of the mansion are a part of the admission. The grounds and buildings, including the Rose Cottage a children's playhouse are interesting to photograph.

Fee \$6.00 per person 1993 price.

Manhattan Bridge Walkway

Go to end of Canal Street by the East River and look for the entrance to the bridge walkway on the south side of the bridge.

There are nice views of the East Side of lower Manhattan looking south into the South Street Seaport area. You cannot use a tripod due to the bridge vibrations and you have to place your camera between the bridge fencing to get the images but it is worth it. It may also be a great place for some sunset images but again you have to handhold the camera.

Manitoga Man and Nature Center

Route 9D
Garrison, New York
914 424 3812

Take the Bear Mountain Bridge across the Hudson and make a left onto Route 9D. About 6 or 7 miles on your right will be the entrance. Near Boscobel.

A woodland preserve on the Wright estate.

Mary Flagler Cary Arboretum

Institute of Ecosystem Studies
Box AB
Millbrook, New York 12545
914 677 5359

Take the New York Thruway to Exit 17, Newburgh and follow the signs to Interstate 84. Take Interstate 84 East to Exit 16N, the Taconic Parkway North. Take the Taconic Parkway North for approximately 18 miles to Route 44. Take Route 44 East to Route 44A, approximately 1.7 miles and turn left. Proceed on Route 44A for just short of a mile and make a left into the parking lot of the Gifford House and Visitors Center. You must obtain free passes for yourself and your car to use the grounds at the Visitors Center. This Arboretum is about a mile from Innisfree.

A large arboretum with perennial gardens, wildflower gardens, a greenhouse and trails. Open May through September; Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Sunday from 1:00 to 6:00 PM. October to through April; Monday through Saturday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Mohonk Mountain House

New Paltz, New York 12561
914 255 4500
212 233 2244

Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 18 New Paltz. Turn left onto Route 299 and follow Main Street through town. After you cross the bridge over the Walkill River turn right at the Mohonk sign. After 1/4 mile bear left at the fork and continue up Mountain Rest Road to the Mohonk Gate.

There are cultivated flower gardens, a lake, trails through the grounds and a little strenuous walk takes you to Skytop for some nice views of the surrounding Shawangunk mountains and pastoral valleys. If you want to trail walk to the cliffs you can photograph the climbers scaling the Shawangunks from the Labyrinth Trail.

Montgomery Street, Jersey City

Take the New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 14C Holland Tunnel. When you get off the Turnpike follow the road to the Holland Tunnel but get all the way to the right and take the last right turn before going into the Holland Tunnel, Manila Street. Follow Manila street until you get to Montgomery Street and make a left and go the end.

Views of lower Manhattan, a little north of the Liberty State Park views.

New England Wildflower Society Garden in the Woods

Hemenway Road
Framingham, Massachusetts 01701 2699
508 877 6574 (recorded announcements) or office 508 877 7630

Take the Massachusetts Turnpike to Exit 12, Route 9 East. Take Route 9 east for 2.4 miles to Edgell Road exit and turn left onto Edgell Road. Take Edgell Road for 2.1 miles and make a right onto Water Street and then make the first left onto Hemenway Road.

45 acres of wildflowers, ferns, trees and shrubs. Open mid April through end October Tuesdays through Sunday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Not sure about tripods so you will have to check. Admission \$5.00 - 1994 price.

New York Botanical Gardens

Fordham Road & Southern Boulevard
Bronx, New York 10458
718 817 8700
Across from Bronx Zoo

Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 8 for Interstate 287 which is also Cross Westchester Expressway. Take Interstate 287 to Exit 3, Sprain Brook Parkway South. Take the Sprain Brook Parkway which ends at the Bronx River Parkway. Continue on the Bronx River Parkway South to Exit 7E and keep the Botanical Gardens on your right until you come to the Conservatory Gate which is the main entrance. The Gardens are a very short distance off the Bronx River Parkway.

Parking is available on the grounds for a fee.

The grounds are extensive and filled with various "pocket" gardens. The Haupt Conservatory puts on special displays such as the Orchid Show and the Japanese Chrysanthemum show.

Tripods are no longer allowed in the Haupt Conservatory. Tripods are allowed on the grounds.

A fee is required for the Haupt Conservatory.

New York State Farm Scenics

Take Route 87 north, The New York State Thruway, to Exit 19. In the traffic circle take Route 28 West to Margaretville. Take Route 30 north from Route 28 and start a big loop using Route 30 North to Grand Gorge where you take Route 23 West to Stamford. I found Route 23 to have some nice farm scenics. In Stamford take Route 10 South to Delhi. In Delhi loop north again on Route 18 on the other side of the Delaware River for some more scenics and a covered bridge. You can either double back on Route 18 to Delhi or find a short crossover road to take you across the Delaware back onto Route 10 where you want to go South back to Delhi. In Delhi pickup Route 28 South or East, whichever it is marked, back to Margaretville.

Northwest Connecticut Balloon Festival & Craft Fair

19 Walnut Hill Road
Thomaston, Connecticut 06787
203 283 3016 or 800 800 4810

Take the New York Thruway to Exit 17, Newburgh and follow the signs to Interstate 84. Take Interstate 84 East to Exit 16N, the Taconic Parkway North. Take the Taconic Parkway North for approximately 18 miles to Route 44. Take Route 44 towards Amenia (not towards Poughkeepsie). Route 44 makes a few 90 degree turns so watch the signs. In Amenia take Route 343 which become Route 4 in Connecticut. Follow Route 4 for approximately 18 miles to Goshen and then take Route 63 South to the Goshen Fairgrounds.

A hot air balloon festival that I have never attended and held in late June for three days, Friday night, Saturday and Sunday. There is also a craft fair.

Old Westbury Gardens

71 Old Westbury Road
P.O. Box 430
Old Westbury, New York 11568
516 333 0048

Take the Long Island Expressway to Exit 39S, Glen Cove Road, and at the traffic light go straight to stay on the service road. Follow this service road for 1.2 miles and make a right onto Old Westbury Road. Continue on Old Westbury Road for 1/4 mile and the entrance is on your left.

There is a 1906 mansion and spacious grounds that contain many cultivated flowers in formal gardens. There are tulips, iris, lilacs, roses etc. in their season. There is a wildflower garden but I did not see much, it may have been too late in May.

The 1995 Admission is \$6.00 per and includes parking.

Onion Farms

Pine Island, New York

Take Route 17 North to Route 17A and take that towards Greenwood Lake. Follow Route 17A through Greenwood lake to Warwick. In Warwick at a T intersection make a left onto Route 94 West for a short distance and then look for the right turn to Pine Island and you are now on Route 1A which becomes Route 1. In Pine Island take Route 6 towards Goshen, the Jolly Onion Inn is on your left at the intersection with Route 6. The farms are along Route 6 between Pine Island and Durlandville.

Great black dirt farm scenics.

Palisades

The Hudson Palisades is probably the premier natural geological feature of our region, surprisingly underused by photographers. There are two major paths the Long Path and the Shore Trail.

The Long Path is accessible from the Park Headquarters off Route 9W in Closter, from the Interstate Lookout in Alpine as well as from the two lookouts on the Palisades Interstate Parkway. The Long Path is a relatively easy walk along its 11 miles at the top of the cliffs. Views abound all along its length and surprising fields of naturalized garden flowers are encountered in the spring, reminders of great estates that once lined this cliff.

The Shore Trail can be reached from either of the two boat basins (parking fee in summer, closed in winter). The Shore trail is a relatively easy walk along its 11 mile length, except for the mile or so near the stateline known as the Giant Stairs where rock climbing is required. Of interest are Greenbrook Falls, best viewed during the spring run-off and as an impressive ice mass in winter, several profiles of the cliffs and headlands in the north along Bombay hook, the rocky vistas of the Giant Stairs and the vista from Forest View landing.

Pepsico Sculpture Gardens

Purchase, New York

Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 8 Interstate 287 also known as the Cross Westchester Expressway. Take Exit 8E off Interstate 287 and take the second left onto Anderson Hill Road East. Follow Anderson Hill Road to the third traffic light and make a right and you are at Pepsico.

The water lilies are very good and peak during July sometime and last through the early part of September.

The grounds are filled with some very good sculptures (Rodin, Calder, Segal and the like) even though you can't use them in competition, shoot for yourself.

I have heard they have a wildflower trail but I have not encountered it.

Philipsburg Manor

North Tarrytown, New York
Sleepy Hollow Restorations
Department P
150 White Plains Road
Tarrytown, New York 10591
914 631 8200

Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 9 and proceed north on Route 9 into North Tarrytown, about two miles.

An 18th century farm and grist mill.

Planting Fields Arboretum

Planting Fields Road
Oyster Bay, New York 11771
516 922 9200

Take the Long Island Expressway to Exit 41 North. Take Route 107 at the fork of Route 106 & 107. Follow Route 107 for 2.5 miles from that fork and at the traffic light take a right onto Wheatley Road. Follow Wheatley Road for 1 mile and it becomes Wolver Hollow Road at Route 25A. Follow Wolver Hollow Road to the T at Chicken Valley Road (that is correct) which is 1.5 miles from Route 25A. Make a right onto Chicken Valley Road and after 1.1 miles make a right onto Planting Fields Road. Ignore the first sign and Gate for Planting Fields, this gate is never open, and continue on instead to Planting Fields Road.

On your way there, on Route 107, you will see the Brookville Reformed Church, a white steepled church without any utility wires leading up to it, a most unusual opportunity.

Large displays of Azaleas, Rhododendron, some wildflowers and other formal gardens. This arboretum also contains trails through 100 acres of grounds, both forested and open fields. The Azaleas are very good. Also try the Camellias in February and March when you have the winter blahs.

They now do not permit the use of tripods in the indoor hothouses!

Admission \$3.00 per car, 1994 price.

Presby Memorial Iris Garden

474 Upper Mountain Avenue
Upper Montclair, New Jersey
973 783 5974
email: presbyiris@tradewind.net

Take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 151 Watchung Avenue. Make a right onto Watchung Avenue and follow that until the end, which is Upper Mountain Avenue. (After passing under the railroad on Watchung Avenue you make a right to follow Watchung Avenue.) At Upper Mountain Avenue make a right and proceed 1.3 miles and the garden is on your left.

50,000 Iris in bloom in the two weeks surrounding Memorial Day.

Raceway Park

Englishtown, New Jersey
Office 908 446 6331
Directions 908 446 6740

Take the New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 9 and then proceed onto Route 18 south for approximately 6 or 7 miles. Look for a sign for Englishtown, which leads you onto Route 527. Follow Route 527 for approximately 6 miles and look for the sign to Raceway Park. The Raceway Park sign is at the intersection of Route 527 and Pension Road. Make a left onto Pension Road.

There are two tracks one for Motocross racing and another for drag racing. There are about a dozen Motocross races a year and you will have to call for the schedule. If you go to the office and talk nice and explain that you are with a camera club you might get a Press Pass to photograph from inside the fence. The gates open at 6:30 AM, the practice starts at 9:00 AM and the races start at 11:00 AM and last until approximately 5:00 PM. Admission to the Motocross track is \$8.00 per person (1993 price).

Rail Road Museum of Pennsylvania

Route 741 East
Strasburg, Pennsylvania
Near Longwood Gardens

Take Route 222 South out of Lancaster, PA. Route 741 forks off Route 222. Follow Route 741 to the Railroad Museum.

The Strasburg Railroad is across from the Museum.

Ramapo Reservation

Mahwah, New Jersey
Managed by the Bergen County Park Commission.

Take Route 17 North to Route 202 South. Make a left onto Route 202. Go approximately 2 miles on Route 202 to the Park Entrance on your right.

The trails are not very well marked but the waterfalls and the reservoir are nice trail walks.

Follow the trail from the parking lot over the bridge and past the pond on your right. At the end of the pond the trail forks. Take the left fork and follow it over another small foot bridge and then follow the trail beside the stream up to the waterfalls. After you go over the small foot bridge there is an old abandoned cabin in front of you.

If you take the right or high trail at the end of the pond you will wind up at the reservoir. It is somewhat strenuous but not bad.

Raptor Trust

1390 White Bridge Road
Millington, New Jersey 07946
201 647 2353

If you are at the Great Swamp stop at The Raptor Trust. Ask for directions at the main office of the Swamp. It is less than 5 minutes away. This facility rehabilitates raptors and as such the cages are built for that and you will have to photograph through the wires of the cages and it can be tough. If you are lucky there may be bird out for viewing.

Rhinebeck Aerodrome

Rhinebeck, New York 12572

Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 19 and go east over the Rhinecliff Bridge. Take Route 199 East to Route 9. At Route 9 make a right and look for an old stone church on your right. At the church make a left onto Stone Church Road and watch for the signs to the Aerodrome.

An air show with vintage aircraft. Air shows are held on Saturdays and Sundays with Saturday's being Pioneer and Lindbergh era craft and Sunday's being World War I craft. Show time is 2:30 to 4:00 PM May 15 through October. The grounds open at 10:00 AM and the aircraft is on display up till show time. Price (1993) is \$6.00 per person

Ringwood Manor in Ringwood State Park

Box 1304
Ringwood, New Jersey 07456
201 962 7031

Take Route 17 North and in between Hillburn and Sloatsburg there is a right hand turn off for Ringwood. Follow this road which becomes Sloatsburg road until you see a sign for the park entrance.

The Manor is an old home owned by the Hewitt family and the grounds have some nice scenics.

Rockefeller State Park Preserve

PO Box 338
Tarrytown, New York 10591-0338
914 631 1470

Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 9 and proceed north on Route 9 and proceed through North Tarrytown to Route 117. This is approximately 5 miles on Route 9. Take Route 117 East for approximately 1 mile to the entrance on your right.

An old Rockefeller estate of 750 acres with 15 miles of Rockefeller carriage and horseback trails through woodlands, wetlands, meadows and fields. get a trail map at the parking lot

Silas Condict Park

Kinnelon, NJ

Going north on route 23 take the Kinnelon Rd. jug handle and cross Route 23. From Route 23 going south take the Kinnelon Rd. exit and make a right onto Kinnelon Rd. After crossing Ricker Rd. you will see a small cemetery on the right. The Silas Condict driveway is a few feet past the cemetery on the right. If you want to check out the field, park in the first parking area or go up the hill, past the lake to the last parking area to take a trail. The trails here are somewhat hilly.

Fauna: Whitetail Deer (including an occasional white one), Chipmunks, Squirrels, Frogs, Toads, Praying Mantis (Sept.), and Garter Snakes.

Flora: Ladies' Tresses (Sept.), Steeple Bush, Meadowsweet, Moth Mullein, Indian Pipe, Pinesap, (late Aug. – early Sept.), Trout Lily, (April or May), and Canada May Flower.

Fungi: Many species (July-Oct.).

Six Flags Great Adventure and Safari

Jackson, New Jersey
908 928 2000

Take the New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 7A and then follow the signs to Six Flags Great Adventure.

This is a Theme amusement park but the real jewel is the Safari. It is a drive through Safari that has a lot of animals that are well cared for and in good photographic condition. The drive through is arranged with three lanes so that you can pull over and park on either side of the road to take picture and still keep the middle lane open for traffic that wants to proceed. The official rules state that you are not allowed to lower your car windows and the road is patrolled by park personnel.

The theme park is worth a day of photographing especially at night with the lights on the rides.

The Theme Park is not inexpensive and the cheapest tickets that I could find were available through AAA. Call to determine the open dates as the park closes for the winter season

Skylands Manor and Botanical Gardens in Ringwood State Park

Skylands Association
Box 302
Ringwood, New Jersey 07456
201 962 7031

Take Route 17 North and in between Hillburn and Sloatsburg there is a right hand turn off for Ringwood. Follow this road which becomes Sloatsburg road and past the Ringwood State Park entrance for Ringwood Manor you will see a left for Skylands Manor.

There are a number of different gardens on the grounds including a very nice wildflower garden.

Staten Island Botanical Garden

Snug Harbor Cultural Center
1000 Richmond Terrace
718 448 2500

Take the New Jersey Turnpike Extension to Exit 14, the first one after crossing the Casciano Memorial Bridge. Look for Route 440 or Route 169 South, it is labeled differently on the maps than on the road. Take this road across the Bayonne Bridge and take the first exit for Richmond Terrace. Take Richmond Terrace east, you may find a detour in one spot, for approximately 2 miles and look for Snug Harbor on your right. The Botanical Gardens are in Snug Harbor

The gardens are a shadow of those in the New York and Brooklyn Botanical Gardens. I found the New York Chinese Scholars' Garden very interesting to photograph. They told me at the ticket booth that I could not use a tripod but once inside no one bothered me.

This site is not a highlight but if you are out of places to photograph it might be worth a try.

Steamtown National Historic Site

150 South Washington Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503
888 693 9391
www.nps.gov/stea

Take Interstate 80 West into Pennsylvania. Approximately 15 miles after the Delaware Water Gap take Interstate 380 West to Interstate 81 South (you will start seeing signs for Steamtown at this point). Take Exit 53, which is the Central Scranton Expressway. At the first traffic signal turn left and this road bears right and becomes Lackawanna Avenue. Follow Lackawanna Avenue through a few traffic signals and look on your left for the entrance to Steamtown that is Cliff Avenue.

Forty acres that occupy the old Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad yards. This site run by the National Park Service (Golden Age Passports are not honored) is devoted to the history of steam trains and contains a number of working steam engines, passenger and freight cars. They allow tripods and encourage photography.

Stone Harbor Bird Sanctuary

Stone Harbor, New Jersey

Take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 10B and turn left. Continue on that road over the bridge into Stone Harbor and make a right onto Second Avenue. Second Avenue is at the Stone Harbor water tower. Continue on Second Avenue to 115th Street and this is the best viewing area.

Very nice during May and June for the Heron nesting season.

Stonecrop Gardens

81 Stonecrop Lane
Cold Spring, New York, 10516
845 265 2000
<http://www.stonecrop.org/>

Take Route 17 North through Sloatsburg to the second traffic light and make a right onto Seven Lakes Drive. Follow Seven Lakes Drive to the Bear Mountain Bridge. Once over the bridge take the first left into Route 9D to Route 301 in Cold Spring. Make a right onto Route 301 and go 2.7 miles past the intersection with Route 9 and on your left you will see the entrance to the gardens.

Open April through October on weekdays and the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
Entrance fee \$5.00.

Great wild and cultivated flowers. Tripods are allowed and the staff is real friendly.

Storm King Art Center

Cornwall on Hudson, New York

Take the New York Thruway, I87, North to exit 16 Harriman. Right after the tollbooth take the first exit for Rt. 32 Central Valley. Stay on Rt. 32 North for 9.6 miles and you will pass over an iron bridge. Right after the bridge make a left onto Orrs Mills Road. Go a short way and look for Old Pleasant Hill Road on your left and make a left. Look for the entrance to Storm King Art Center on your left. Current (2001) admission is \$9.00 Per person, \$7.00 senior.

Beautiful grounds with many stabiles (the stable form of a mobile) from various artists. Use your ingenuity to create something of your own from an artists work or just photograph for yourself. Also beautiful grounds to photograph.

Sunnyside

Tarrytown, New York
Sleepy Hollow Restorations
Department P
150 White Plains Road
Tarrytown, New York 10591
914 631 8200

Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 9 and proceed south on Route 9 for one mile.

Washington Irving's cottage immortalized in the Legend of Sleepy Hollow. A good example of life along the Hudson in the mid 1800s, complete with an ice house, a root cellar and wood sheds. Nice views of the widest part of the Hudson, the Tappan Zee. Written permission is required to use a tripod on the grounds and no photographs are allowed inside the house. For tripod permission contact Nancy Gold or Burns Patterson at 914 631 8200.

Sussex Air Show

Sussex County Airport
Route 639 P.O. Box 311
Sussex, New Jersey 07461
201 875 0783

Take Route 23 North through the town of Sussex. Just past the hotel there will be signs for the airport.

An air show that takes place usually the last Friday through Sunday in August. The show opens with sky divers and contains mostly stunt flying. W.W.II aircraft is also flown during the day.

A fee is charged.

Sussex County Farm Scenics

Take Route 80 West to Route 15 North. At Ross Corner make a right onto Route 565 North. Make a big loop using Route 565 to Route 23 North and then Route 519 South thru Branchville to Route 206 South which brings you back to Route 15 South at Ross Corner. Approximately 2 miles after turning onto Route 519 from Route 23, take a right hand turn onto Route 649 (Luscroft Road) which takes you past some nice white barns (small calf houses) and red barns and rejoins Route 519. When you reach Route 519 turn right past Space Farms Zoo and continue on Route 519 to and thru Branchville.

Also go North on Route 23 beyond Route 519 into High Point State Park. Three tenths of a mile past the entrance to High Point is a road to the left - Sawmill Road (bear left at the first fork) and in 2 miles see Sawmill Lake on left. A hiking trail goes around the lake. Continue on Sawmill Road 3 more miles to Route 650. Make left and you will be back to an intersection with Route 519, or continue more miles to Route 23.

On Route 565 there is a nice barn that you can find by turning onto Plains Road off Route 565 looking for the first right turn at the intersection of Davis Road. Also further on Plains Road make a right turn onto Myer Road where you will find a white barn at the intersection. Further on Myer Road thru the stop sign the road becomes Wyckertown Road (Route 629) where you will find a nice red barn. Get lost and you will find more nice farm scenics.

If you want to venture into Pennsylvania, take Route 206 South past Branchville, cross the Delaware at Montaque and take Route 209 South a few miles to a sign (Raymontskill Falls). Take the road to the right up the hill and watch for a parking area on left with restroom facilities.

Anyone who recognizes this area will realize that you are in the Becker's back yard.

Union Church of Pocantico Hills

Route 448
North Tarrytown, New York

Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 9 and proceed north on Route 9 into North Tarrytown and look for Route 448 on your right.

Closed from January through Easter. The church is open from 1:00 to 4:00 PM Wednesday through Friday and 2:00 to 5:00 PM on Sunday.

Stained glass windows by Marc Chagall and Henri Matisse.

NO PHOTOGRAPHY, you will have to capture the beauty in your mind but it is worth it!

Van Cortland Manor

Croton-on-Hudson, New York
Sleepy Hollow Restorations
Department P
150 White Plains Road
Tarrytown, New York 10591
914 631 8200

Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 9 and proceed north on Route 9 for approximately nine miles.

A manor house with a walk through orchards and gardens.

Van Saun Park

Paramus, New Jersey

Take Route 4 East to Forest Avenue and make a right onto Forest Avenue back across Route 4. Go to the second traffic light and make a right onto Howland Avenue and the park entrance is a short distance on your left.

Zoo animals outdoors and birds in both cages and an aviary (in the summer).

Vermont Raptor Center

Vermont Institute of Natural Science
Woodstock, VT 05091
802 457 2779

From the Green in the center of Woodstock go East and take the road, Church Hill Road, behind St. James Church (the fieldstone church at the corner of Union Hill Road). Follow Church Hill Road for 1 1/2 miles and the Raptor Center is on the right.

Walden Playboys Motorcycle Club Racetrack

914 635 9455

Take the New York Thruway to Exit 17 Newburg. Follow signs to Interstate 84 after you go through the toll booth and you will be on Route 300 North. Take Route 300 North approximately 3 miles and at the third traffic light Route 300 makes a left turn, take that left and continue to follow Route 300 for approximately 5 miles and the road forks. Take the right fork, which is Orchard Drive, and follow that for approximately 1.5 miles and you will see a sign for a left into the racetrack grounds.

The current (2009) admission price is \$10.00 for seniors and \$12.00 for normal people.

Washington D.C.

Excerpted from an article by Tom Hady with additional notes by George Garbeck

The National Mall - West

On the mall you will find enough to keep you busy for several days. The mall is anchored on the east by the **Capitol**, with the **Supreme Court** and the **Library of Congress** nearby, and on the west by the **Lincoln Memorial**. The **Reflecting Pool** lies east of the Lincoln Memorial, with the Washington Monument beyond, the new **World War II memorial** in between the Pool and the Monument, and the **Vietnam Memorial** to the north of the Pool. Between the Monument and the Memorial is an excellent area to wander around, looking for pictures. As usual, the early bird (or the late one) gets the best pictures in this area. It tends to be crowded.

I have not been to the top of the **Washington Monument** in some years, but the last time I was there, photography was hampered by smeary glass in the windows. A little Kleenex and some lens cleaner might be helpful. A recent newspaper article said that four of the eight windows were now blocked by security cameras.

The National Mall - East

Between the **Washington Monument** and the **Capitol**, the mall is a long strip of grass, bordered by trees and then by the museums of the Smithsonian and the **National Gallery of Art**. You'll probably want the standard travel shots of the Capitol and Washington Monument from that vantage point. Incidentally, the Capitol has no back. It has an "east front" and a "west front." From the Mall, you are viewing the west front. Photographically, probably the most interesting building on the mall is

the "Castle," the original building of the **Smithsonian Institution**. Behind the castle, there is a Victorian-style formal garden. The new **East Building of the National Gallery of Art** is another popular subject for cameras.

In most cases, your camera is welcome inside the museums, but your tripod is not likely to be. Depending on the security situation the Capitol grounds are worth a stroll to look for photographs. Leave your tripod behind if visiting the Capitol. You need a permit to use one anywhere on the grounds.

Capitol Hill, east of the Capitol, is an area of restored old houses that might reward a stroll with your camera.

Botanical Garden

Another productive site for photography, which visitors often miss, is the **Botanical Garden**, located on the south side of the mall, at the foot of Capitol Hill. The **Botanical Garden** includes the Conservatory, the National Garden, and Bartholdi Park. The Conservatory features a wide variety of living exhibits, including seasonal exhibits. Approximately 4,000 plants are on display. The National Garden features plants native to the Mid-Atlantic region, as well as a Butterfly Garden, Rose Garden and First Ladies Water Garden. Bartholdi Park is an outdoor garden demonstration landscape and includes the historic **Bartholdi Fountain**

Tidal Basin

The Jefferson Memorial lies south of the Washington Monument, across the Tidal Basin. One of our favorite places to take visitors is the **FDR Memorial**, which is on the west side of the Tidal Basin. Good after dark. There are no cherry blossoms of significance within the FDR, but they border it along the Tidal Basin, and if the Basin is calm, you might want to try a night shot of the Washington Monument, framed by the cherry trees. You'll need flash, of course, to illuminate the trees. If I were going to try to do a sunset shot, that would also be one I would look at.

Cherry Blossoms

I think the cherry blossoms are best shot in the early morning. It is best to be on site and ready when the sun comes up. Probably the best place to start is on the east side of the Tidal Basin, across from the Jefferson Memorial. You have the Memorial as a point of interest with the cherry blossoms to frame it. Then you can move around from there and shoot as you see a good composition. Bring flash. It tends to be a bit dark under the trees, and you need flash to cope with the range of light. It goes without saying that you need tripods, too, to get adequate depth of field for a lot of shots. Watch for interesting people shots, too!

There are other trees along **Haynes Point**, south of the Tidal Basin and I-395 (which becomes 14th st.). Not as famous a site as those beside the Tidal Basin, but worth exploring if you find the TB trees lacking.

Arlington Cemetery

Arlington Cemetery, the Tombs of the Unknowns, the Kennedy grave and the **Custis-Lee Mansion** are west of the Lincoln Memorial, across Memorial Bridge. It has its own Metro stop, or you can park there, and a shuttle bus will take you around the cemetery. Stay for the changing of the guard at the Tombs, on the hour (best lighting in afternoon). For a general shot of Washington, see the overlook in front of the Custis-Lee Mansion. The tour of the mansion is also worth the time. I guess I would think in terms of the afternoon, when light will be more or less behind you and from the right.

Downtown

Not far from the Mall, **The National Portrait Gallery** and the **Museum of American Art** often have photographic exhibits of interest.

Union Station is an interesting place at visit, and to find lunch. It was once a train station in the grand scale; now, the trains are relegated to a small part and most of the building, restored, is occupied by shops.

The Kennedy Center is not far from downtown. You may want travel pictures of the building itself, as well as the bust of JFK in the main foyer. There are nice views of the river and Georgetown from the Terrace, on the floor above the main foyer.

Alexandria

Alexandria was a thriving town before Washington's day, and the old part of town has been preserved. For photography, I particularly recommend the residential streets near the river, south of King Street. Christ Church (Washington worshiped here) and Gadsby's Tavern (Washington ate here) are other worthwhile stops. Requires a metro ride.

Cherry Blossom Festival Parade

Floats, balloons, marching bands and other entertainers are all part of the parade. The Parade steps off at 10:00 AM and marches along historic Constitution Avenue between 7th and 17th Streets, NW.

Sakura Matsuri - Japanese Street Festival

Held during the Cherry Blossom Festival

From sushi to origami, from sumo to sake—

Japanese arts and crafts and products of all kinds—

Anime, manga, and J-POP music—

Traditional dances and the dramatic taiko drums—

If it's Japanese, it's at the 48th Annual Sakura Matsuri, the largest Japanese Street Festival in the United States. Generally held on Pennsylvania Avenue from 14th Street in the west to 10th Street in the east —and on 12th street from Pennsylvania southward to Constitution Avenue.

The Washington Cathedral.

Good architectural shots. They don't seem to object to tripods, as long as you are respectful in using them. Go on Saturday, since there are likely to be services on Sunday that would restrict your ability to work inside. There is a garden adjacent. A bit off the beaten path.

The National Zoo

A 20 minute metro ride. Free admission. Worth a visit to the Giant Panda Habitat.

White House, the Ellipse and Lafayette Square

Some interesting architecture, the Old Executive Office Bldg, and the Treasury Bldg.

Wave Hill

675 West 252nd Street
Bronx, New York 10471
718 549 3200

Take the George Washington Bridge to the Henry Hudson Parkway North. Get off at Exit 21, marked 246th and 250nd Street. Remain on the service road to 252nd Street and make a left at the overpass across the Henry Hudson Parkway and then make another left on the service road on the southbound side of the parkway. At this point you will have seen a number of signs to Wave Hill. At 249th Street make a right and at the end of that road is Wave Hill. (The entire trip is through a very nice and exclusive section of the Bronx.)

A house and gardens overlooking the Hudson River. There are a number of gardens, unfortunately in the prime ones, the Flower Garden and the Wild Garden, tripods are not permitted. They are also not permitted in the greenhouse either. There is also an art gallery on the premises.

Open Tuesday through Sunday from 9:00 AM to 4:30 or 5:30 PM depending on time of year. Admission is \$4.00 (1995 price) and parking is included.

Wetlands Institute

Stone Harbor Boulevard
Stone Harbor, New Jersey 08247
609 368 1211

In the Cape May area. Exit 10B off the Garden State Parkway. Go east for approximately 4 miles and the Institute will be on your right.

A salt marsh and an assortment of Cape May shore birds.

Winterthur Museum and Gardens

Winterthur Delaware 19735
302 888 4600 or 800 448 3883

Follow the directions for Longwood Gardens. From Route 1 take Route 52 south towards Wilmington and Winterthur is approximately 7 miles on your left.

An English strolling garden and a museum featuring antique period furniture collected by Henry du Pont. The museum tours may require advance ticketing depending on the season. An interesting side trip if you are in the area for Longwood Gardens.

A fee is charged for admission to the gardens and for the museum tours.

Woodland Beach Wildlife Area

Kent County, Delaware

Follow the directions to Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge and this area is just north of Bombay Hook. Take the New Jersey Turnpike South to the end and proceed across the Delaware Memorial Bridge. On exit from the bridge look for signs to Route 13 South and take this into Delaware. In the town of Smyrna you can look for the large sign to Bombay Hook or take Route 12 east. Route 12 will merge with Route 9 in approximately 5 miles. At this point take Route 9 North instead of going to Bombay Hook and look for the sign to the Woodland Beach Wildlife Area on your right. The sign and the road you are looking for is 0.8 miles after the intersection with Route 6. Do not follow the signs to Woodland Beach.

A wildlife area where we found a very large flock of Snow Geese adjacent to the road. You are asked to stay in your car while observing the birds. Also go a very short distance past the turn in road and go to the observation tower which is a great place to photograph from if the geese are in the ponds.