

Friday the 13th Weekend Trip to Sleepy Hollow, NY



This is a Halloween themed visit to a small town made famous by the Legend of Sleepy Hollow. Although we are visiting on Friday the 13th in October, 2023, this itinerary can easily be modified for traveling at different times of the year.

D: distance from current location to the next location

T: the time to drive to get to the next location

A: expected arrival time at the new location

S: how long you can expect to stay at this location

L: the time to leave the location

Thursday Evening

Leave work. Come home and pack for this weekend. Friday is a lot of indoor stuff but the rest of the weekend is mainly outside.

Choose a hotel/motel that is halfway to Sleepy Hollow. I had chosen one that was in Bath, NY.

FRIDAY THE 13TH

Wake: 6:00 AM. Have breakfast at the hotel. Leave: 7:00 AM.

Washington Irving's Sunnyside

Visit the home of the author of the Legend of Sleepy Hollow. The grounds are decorated for Halloween. No photos allowed inside. Tickets purchased in advance for 11:30 entry/

D: 428 KM T: 4:00 A: 11:00 S: 2:00 L: 1:00

Kykuit

Tickets are to be purchased in advance. Our tickets are for 3:30. Parking is at Philipsburg Manor and a shuttle bus will be provided to visit Kykuit. We have chosen the grand tour which is three hours long. No photos inside are allowed.

D: 12 KM T: 20 A: 1:30 S: park at this location for the rest of the day

OPTIONAL:

There will likely be free time between visiting Washington and Kykuit. Since we are at Philipsburg Manor, consider visiting this attraction if there is enough time to explore it properly. Or walk a few blocks to the south and see Sleepy Hollow's downtown shopping core.

REMEMBER to be back with plenty of time to spare for the tour of Kykuit. Plus, make sure you have something to eat.

The Legend Cirque

When you arrive at Philipsburg for parking to see Kykuit, please confirm that it is acceptable to continue to park at this location to see Legend Cirque, which happens right after finishing Kykuit; otherwise, find parking for this event. It is a mere half block away from Philipsburg.

Tickets for Cirque are pre-purchased and are at 7:00 PM

L: 9:30 PM

Hotel

Ideally chose a hotel that is close to this area.

Saturday the 14th

Wake: 8:00 AM Leave: 8:45 AM

Saugatuck Falls Natural Area

Park at the school. Cross the road. Turn RIGHT after crossing the river. The walk is about 1 KM to the waterfall. Return the same way you came.

D: 36km T: 39 A: 9:30 S: 30 L: 10:00

Weir Farm National Historic Park

Free house tour for 10:45. Limited tickets, and you must pre-register upon arrival at the visitor center. It is an artist's former home, and many art events and displays happen at this site. Peruse these while you wait for the tour.

D: 10 KM T: 16 min A: 10:15 S: 90 L: 11:45

Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial

Entry is free with the Reciprocal Membership Program. There is a fairy trail with 50 buildings. To access this, walk through the Memorial Garden, up the stairs and follow the signs across the driveway. Also on site is a dinosaur garden.

D: 29 KM T: 31 min A: 12:15 S: 90 L: 1:45

OPTIONAL:

Consider revisiting Sleepy Hollow for a cemetery tour. Guide tours need to be pre-registered. It is possible to do your own tour since the grounds are accessible during the day. A lot of famous, rich people are buried on these grounds.

Or consider visiting the Street Fair that is happening in the downtown core of Saturday the 14th. Parking may be limited since it is a popular event.

Waterfalls

Have hiking shoes ready to visit three Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area waterfalls.

Buttermilk Falls

Located a short distance from the parking lot.

D: (from Lasdon) 166 KM T: 2:00 A: 3:45 S: 30 L:4:15

Dingman's Falls

Park at the Visitor Center and walk to this falls. It has two viewing areas. The walk is about 1 KM there and back.

D: 15 KM T: 30 min A: 4:45 S: 30 L: 5:15

Raymondskill Falls

Another easily reachable waterfall.

D: 10 T: 13 min A: 5:30 S: 30 L: 6:00

Hotel in Towanda, PA

Find something to eat along the way. Big drive at the end of the day but it sets up nicely for the last day of this trip.

D: 188 KM T: 2:42 A: 8:45 PM

Sunday the 15th

Wake: 8:00 Breakfast at hotel Leave: 9:00

Buttermilk Falls State Park

Paid admission but will be worth it. A very nice gorge that features a large waterfall at the bottom. Be sure to hike both sides of the gorge.

D: 87 KM T: 1:10 A: 10:10 S: 1:20 L: 11:30

Lower Falls - Enfield Glen and Lucifer Falls

Option 1: Park and view Lower Falls and then drive to the top and walk a little distance to see Lucifer Falls

Option 2: Park at Lower Falls and hike to Lucifer Falls. There is to be a dozen smaller falls along the way.

D: 4.5 KM T: 9 A: 11:40 S: 1:10 L: 12:50

Deckertown Falls

A small falls at the end of a road. A short walk from parking.

D: 27 KM T: 26 min A: 1:15 S: 30 L: 1:45

Shequaga Falls Park

A picturesque waterfall that is visible from the parking lot.

D: 2 KM T: 4 min A: 1:50 S: 10 L: 2:00

Aunt Sarah's Falls

Large parking lot across a busy road. Be mindful of traffic.

D: 1 KM T: 2 min A: 2:10 S: 10 L: 2:20

Seneca Mills Falls

A short 10-minute hike from the parking lot to see the falls.

D: 43 KM T: 35 min A: 3:00 S: 30 L: 3:30

OPTIONAL:

If ahead of schedule there is another mills falls a short drive from this location. Also a 10-minute hike to the falls.

Sonic in Buffalo

This place is turning out to be one of our favourite fast-food restaurants when we travel to the USA.

D: 202 KM T: 2:07 A: 5:30 S: 30 L: 6:00

Home

It is time to head home.