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PHOTOGRAPH**

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Alexander Hamilton Park

49 Hamilton Ave.
Weehawken, NJ 07086

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g46907-d317162-Reviews-Hamilton_Park-Weehawken_New_Jersey.html

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.

Audubon Center

613 Riversville Road
Greenwich, Connecticut 06830
203 869 5272
greenwich.audubon.org

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 Audubon Fairchild Garden but I personally would not go just for the Audubon Center.

Audubon Fairchild Garden

613 Riversville Road
Greenwich, CT 06831
203 869 5272
<http://greenwich.audubon.org/fairchild-wildflower-sanctuary>

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
<http://www.bartlettarboretum.org>

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

Barnegat Lighthouse,

Barnegat Lighthouse State Park
P.O. Box 167, Barnegat Light NJ 08006
(609) 494-2016

<http://www.njparksandforests.org/parks/barnlig.html>

The site of Barnegat Lighthouse on the northern tip of Long Beach Island in Ocean County was regarded as one of the most crucial "change of course" points for coastal vessels. A panoramic view of Island Beach, Barnegat Bay and Long Beach Island awaits visitors to the top of the lighthouse.

Batsto Village

Batsto Village & Wharton State Forest
31 Batsto Road
Hammonton, NJ 08037
<http://batstovillage.org/>

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

Bayard Cutting Arboretum State Historic Park
440 Montauk Highway
Great River, NY 11739
516 581 1002
<http://www.bayardcuttingarboretum.com/>

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 9345
http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Bombay_Hook/

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
<https://www.boscobel.org/>

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
<https://bhwp.org/>

Branch Brook Park

Park Avenue and Lake Street
Newark, NJ 07104
<https://www.essexcountyparks.org/parks/branch-brook-park>

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

Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge

https://www.fws.gov/refuge/edwin_b_forsythe/

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

Bronx Zoo

2300 Southern Boulevard
Bronx NY 10460
718 367 1010
<https://bronxzoo.com/>

The largest urban zoo in the U.S., with over 6,000 animals within its 265 acres of parks, woods and streams. Parking is available on the grounds for a fee.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden

1000 Washington Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225
718 623 7200
www.bbg.org

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.

Brotherhood Winery

100 Brotherhood Plaza Drive
Washingtonville, NY 10992
<http://www.brotherhood-winery.com/>

Brotherhood is the oldest winery in America dating back to 1839. We were able to tour the underground cellars, and also have the opportunity to photograph the architecture of the buildings as well as the landscape. And of course, there will be wine-tasting. There is also a nice restaurant on the premises, Café Vinum, created by an award winning Chef, where we had a nice meal together. They have got the Wine Tourism Certificate of Excellence from TripAdvisor in 2014.

Butterfly Place at Papillon Park

120 Tyngsboro Road
Westford, Massachusetts 01886
978 392 0955
<https://butterflyplace-ma.com/>

3100 square feet of a glass atrium devoted to butterflies.

Captree State Park

3500 E. Ocean Parkway
Bayshore, NY 11706
<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/65/details.aspx>

This is the place in mid June for nesting Gulls.

George W. Childs Park

1978 River Road
Bushkill, PA 18324
(570) 426-2452

http://www.stateparks.com/george_w_childs.html

A series of great waterfalls can be found in this park

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge

8231 Beach Road
Chincoteague Island, VA 23336
Telephone: 757-336-6122

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/chincoteague/>

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.

Cloisters

99 Margaret Corbin Drive
Fort Tryon Park
New York, NY 10040
212-923-3700

<https://www.metmuseum.org/visit/met-cloisters>

A branch of the Metropolitan Museum specializing in the art and architecture of medieval Europe. The cloisters offer some interesting photography. Check to see when tripods are allowed.

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

156 Mettlers Road
Somerset, NJ 08873
908 722-1200 ext. 5721

<http://somersectountyparks.org/parksFacilities/colonial/RoseGarden.html>

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

127 Warren Landing Rd.

Garrison, NY 10524

845 265 2601

<http://constitutionmarsh.audubon.org/>

Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary is a unique and beautiful tidal marsh located in Putnam County, New York, and serves as vital natural habitat in the Hudson River Estuary. It is located in Putnam County, New York on the east shore of the Hudson River, just south of the village of Cold Spring. The marsh is an Audubon New York Important Bird Area, a New York State Bird Conservation Area, and is designated as a Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitat.

Cora Hartshorn Arboretum & Bird Sanctuary

324 Forest Drive South

Short Hills, NJ 07078

973 376 3587

<https://hartshornarboretum.org/contact/>

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

3980 Main St.

Chatsworth NJ 08019

609 726 0006

<https://www.cranfest.info/home.html>

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.

Dia Beacon Art Gallery

3 Beekman St

Beacon, NY 12508

<https://www.diaart.org/>

Occupying a former Nabisco box printing factory on the banks of the Hudson River, Dia:Beacon presents Dia's collection of art from the 1960s to the present as well as special exhibitions, new commissions, and public and education programs. There is also a bookshop and a café in the museum. The town of Beacon also has many restaurants and is a nice town to walk around.

Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge

Stafford Twp NJ
Contact - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Northeast Region
300 Westgate Center Dr.
Hadley, MA 01035
(413) 253-8200

https://www.fws.gov/refuge/edwin_b_forsythe/

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

Echo Lake

West Milford, NJ

<https://njurbanforest.com/2010/09/22/hiking-west-milfords-echo-lake/>

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. 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.

Empty Sky Memorial Jersey City NJ

Liberty State Park
1 Audrey Zapp Dr.,
Jersey City, NJ 07303
201 915 3403

<http://www.njparksandforests.org/parks/liberty.html>

Empty Sky is the official New Jersey September 11 memorial to the state's victims of the September 11 attacks on the United States. It is located in Liberty State Park in Jersey City at the mouth of Hudson River across from the World Trade Center site.

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

Fleetwood Museum of Art and Photographica

614 Greenbrook Road
North Plainfield, New Jersey 07063
201 756 7810
<http://fleetwoodmuseum.com/>

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

Fort Lee Historic Park

Hudson Terrace
Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024
201 461 1776
<http://www.njpalisades.org/fortlee.html>

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

73 Kahdena Road,
Morris Township, NJ 07960
973 326 7600
<http://morrisparks.net/index.php/parks/fosterfields>

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
<https://www.arboretumfriends.org/>

This 127-acre preserve, which surrounds a historic Colonial-Revival mansion and its formal gardens, offers self-guided nature trails with all trees and shrubs labeled as reference.

There are wildflowers in the spring

Gardens at Wyckoff

387 Crescent Ave
Wyckoff NJ 07481

<https://www.yelp.com/biz/the-gardens-at-wyckoff-wyckoff>

Very nice rose gardens.

Goshen Historic Race Track

44 Park Place
Goshen, New York 10924
845 294 5333

<http://goshenhistorictrack.com/>

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.

Grand Central Tours

Grand Central Terminal
89 East 42nd Street
New York, NY 10017
212-464-8255

<https://www.grandcentralterminal.com/tours/>

We will have the opportunity to see the most famous terminal in the nation up close and personal. The tour focuses not only on the architectural highlights of the Terminal but provides a real story about little known secrets, anecdotes, archival material and the History of the Terminal.

Great Falls Paterson NJ

72 McBride Avenue
Paterson, NJ 07501
(973) 523-0370

<https://www.nps.gov/pagr/index.htm>

The history of the City of Paterson includes its beginnings as the ambitious project of Alexander Hamilton and the Society for Establishing Useful Manufacturers (S.U.M.) in 1792 at the Great Falls, the early development of water power systems for industrial use, and the various types of manufacturing that occurred in the District's mills into the 20th Century. These included cotton fabrics, railroad locomotives, textile machinery, jute, and silk spinning, weaving, and dyeing, among many others. The Great Falls also represents compelling stories of the lives of immigrants who labored in the mills, those who owned and operated manufacturing concerns and became wealthy, and the quest of laborers and the labor movement for better working conditions and pay. Immigrants still settle today in Paterson to pursue their versions of Hamilton's vision, creating a diverse and vibrant culture.

In addition to the Great Falls there is also an historic manufacturing district nearby and the Paterson Museum that has two historic steam engines located in the parking lot.

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

32 Pleasant Plains Road
Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920
973 425 1222

https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Great_Swamp/

Good for birds and wildflowers.

Grounds for Sculpture

80 Sculptors Way
Hamilton, NJ • 08619
609 586 0616

www.groundsfor Sculpture.org

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

Harriman State Park

Seven Lakes Dr / Bear Mountain Circle
Ramapo, NY 10974
845 947 2444

<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/145/maps.aspx>

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.
- 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.
<http://newyorkhistoryblog.org/2010/12/25/rockland-county-st-johns-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 11590
516 272 4624

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

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
973 882 5464

<http://balloonfestival.com/>

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

<http://www.fieldtrip.com/ny/47586957.htm>
www.hvraptors.com

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

Huguenot Street

Operated by the Huguenot Historical Society
New Paltz, New York, 12561
845 255 1660

<https://www.huguenotstreet.org/>

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

64 Klein Ave
Hunter, NY 12442
800-486-8376

<https://www.huntermtn.com/activities/oktoberfest/>

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

<http://innisfreegarden.org/>

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.

Seaside Park, New Jersey 08752
732 793 0506

<http://www.islandbeachnj.org/>

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 National Recreation Area
Floyd Bennett Field
Brooklyn, NY 11234
718 318 4340

<http://www.nycaudubon.org/queens-birding/jamaica-bay-wildlife-refuge>

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/55665.html>

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. There is a Visitors Center where you can obtain a no-cost pass and some guides to the Refuge.

James A. McFaul Environmental Center of Bergen County

150 Crescent Avenue

Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481

201 891 5571

<http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/123/J-A-McFaul-Environmental-Center>

There are quite a few Crescent Avenues in this area, so beware. This is where the Ridgewood Camera Club used to meet.

Japanese Stroll Garden

347 Oyster Bay Rd.

Locust Valley NY 11560

516 676 4486

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_P._Humes_Japanese_Stroll_Garden

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

Kayak Races

Esopus Creek

Phoenicia, New York

Mike Cook

23 Myers Heights Road

Lansing, NY 14882

607-227-4998

<https://nessrace.com/esopus-slalom/>

Kugler-Anderson Bicycle Race

Somerville, New Jersey

<https://tourofsomerville.org/>

“Kentucky Derby of Cycling....A Tradition in Cycling Since 1940” 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

<http://www.somersetcountyparks.org/parksFacilities/buck/LJBuck.html>

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
<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/liberty.html>

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

60 White Hollow Road
Lakeville, CT 06039
860 435 5000
<http://limerock.com/>

Automobile races of varying types on Saturdays. There are no races on Sundays. 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

1001 Longwood Road,
Kennett Square, PA 19348
610 388 1000

<https://longwoodgardens.org/>

In 1906, industrialist Pierre du Pont (1870-1954) purchased a small farm near Kennett Square, PA, to save a collection of historic trees from being sold for lumber. Today, Longwood Gardens is one of the world's great horticultural displays, encompassing 1,077 acres of dazzling gardens, woodlands, meadows, fountains, 10,010-pipe Aeolian organ and 4.5-acre conservatory. Longwood continues the mission set forth by Mr. du Pont to inspire people through excellence in garden design, horticulture, education and the performing arts, through programming that includes exhibitions, musical performances by leading artists, renowned horticulture education programs, horticulture research, environmental stewardship and community engagement.

Long Pond Ironworks Historic District,

1304 Sloatsburg Rd.,
Ringwood, NJ 07456-1799
(973) 962-7031

<http://www.njparksandforests.org/parks/longpond.html>

Long Pond Ironworks was founded in 1766 and operated continually until 1882, making iron for a wide range of purposes. Today, the ruins of three furnaces and other unique structures remain in a beautiful setting within Long Pond Ironworks State Park near the New York border in West Milford, NJ.

Lyndhurst Mansion

635 Lyndhurst Museum Lane
Tarrytown, New York 10591
914 631 4481

<http://lyndhurst.org/>

Overlooking the Hudson River in Tarrytown, New York, is Lyndhurst, one of America's finest Gothic Revival mansions. Designed in 1838 by Alexander Jackson Davis, its architectural brilliance is complemented by the park-like landscape of the estate and a comprehensive collection of original decorative arts. Its noteworthy occupants included: former New York City mayor William Paulding, merchant George Merritt, and railroad tycoon Jay Gould. Lyndhurst is a site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

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.

Manhattan Bridge Walkway

S Street And Fdr Dr,
New York, NY 10002
646 942 3141

<http://www.nycroads.com/crossings/manhattan/>

<https://www.tripsavvy.com/walking-the-manhattan-bridge-441840>

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

584 Route 9D,
Garrison, NY 10524-3042

<http://www.visitmanitoga.org/>

Located on the Hudson River, about an hour north of New York City, Manitoga is the stunning natural county retreat of the designer Russel Wright, a home literally built into the walls of an old quarry, with the stone of the quarry providing floor and walls. It is a beautiful structure, perfectly reflecting the environment in which it is located and the spirit of the designer who envisioned it. Additionally, Wright took the property around the quarry and worked over years to restore it to its original wildness, providing insight into why this part of the Hudson River is called the Hudson Highlands.

A woodland preserve on the Wright estate.

Mary Flagler Cary Arboretum

Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies
2801 Sharon Turnpike (Route 44),
Millbrook
New York 12545

<http://www.caryinstitute.org/trails-campus>

The Cary Institute is a not-for-profit environmental research and education center. Its staff is dedicated to understanding the natural world. Parts of the 2,000-acre campus have been designated for public access, its grounds provide visitors with a unique opportunity to connect with nature and view local wildlife. Hiking trails and internal roadways (for biking) are open from April 1 to October 31. The Cary Institute holds frequent free public programs.

A large arboretum with perennial gardens, wildflower gardens, a greenhouse and trails. Open May through September

Meadowlands Environment Center
Richard W. DeKorte Park

Two De Korte Park Plaza,
Kearny, New Jersey 07032
201 460 8300

<http://www.njsea.com/njmc/pdfs/general/dekorte-trail-guide-11-2016-lr.pdf>

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

Mohonk Mountain House

1000 Mountain Rest Road
New Paltz, NY 12561
866 535 8692

<https://www.mohonk.com>

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.

Mountain Wings Hang Gliding School

77 Hang Glider Road
Ellenville, NY 12428
845-647-3377

<http://mtnwings.com/default.html>

New England Wildflower Society
Garden in the Woods

180 Hemenway Road
Framingham, Massachusetts 01701
508 877 7630

<http://newenglandwild.org/visit/Garden-in-the-Woods>

A garden that is made up of 45 acres of wildflowers and native New England plants including some endangered species. Open mid April through end October

New York Botanical Gardens

2900 Southern Blvd.,

Bronx, NY 10458.

718 817 8700

<https://www.nybg.org/>

Located in the Bronx, just 20 minutes from Midtown Manhattan via Metro North Railroad, the 250-acre New York Botanical Garden is a showplace of nature in every season of the year and a must-see destination for NYC visitors. Discover 50 breathtaking gardens, indoor rain forests and deserts, 50 acres of native forest, a river, waterfalls, and rolling green hills. Major seasonal exhibitions and events complement the existing beauty of the permanent gardens, and highlights include the Holiday Train Show (November - January) and The Orchid Show (March - April). NYBG is the perfect excursion for visitors looking to experience the natural beauty of New York City.

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.

Old Bethpage Village Restoration

1303 Round Swamp Road

Old Bethpage, NY 11804

516-572-8400

<https://www.obvrmassau.com/>

Old Bethpage Village Restoration is a living history museum that provides visitors with the unique opportunity to step back in time and experience life as it was on Long Island during the 19th century. The village consists of 36 houses, barns, and buildings dating from 1660 through 1875.

Old Westbury Gardens

71 Old Westbury Road
Old Westbury, New York 11568
516 333 0048

<https://www.oldwestburygardens.org/index.html>

Old Westbury Gardens, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is the former country estate of John S. Phipps and his wife Margarita Grace Phipps. Opened to the public in 1959 with the mission of preserving a part of Long Island's heritage, Old Westbury Gardens is an extraordinary example of a gracious era. Built in 1906 by the English designer George A. Crawley, Westbury House is a magnificent country house reflecting English architecture of the late 1600s and early 1700s. The house is furnished with fine English antiques and decorative arts and remains virtually intact from the more than 50 years of the family's residence. The estate includes over 70 acres of landscaped formal and informal gardens. An additional 160 acres of fields and woodlands surround the estate.

There are 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.

Onion Farms

Pine Island, New York

Pine Island Chamber of Commerce : 845 258 1469

<http://www.pineislandny.com/black-dirt-region/>

Located in southeastern New York State in the Town of Warwick, the hamlet of Pine Island's heritage is rooted in agriculture and the community this industry has fostered for decades. The fertile black dirt farming region, located in Orange County, consists today of thousands of very flat acres of deep and richly organic soil, dissected by rivers, drainage ditches and farm roads. This unique valley formed from the decay of plants and the remains of a great shallow swamp as a result of glaciers melting away over 10,000 years ago. These "drowned lands", as they were once called, were recognized by early Polish settlers to the region to be the same soil that had been commissioned for farming in their homeland.

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 Interstate Park

Henry Hudson Dr & County Rd 505
Edgewater, NJ 07020
<http://www.njpalisades.org/index.html>

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

700 Anderson Hill Rd.
Purchase, NY 10577
914 253 3150
<http://www.pepsico.com/sculpture-gardens>

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

381 N Broadway,
Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591
914 631 8200
<http://www.hudsonvalley.org/historic-sites/philipsburg-manor>

Philipsburg Manor is a living history museum, where visitors enter the year 1750, when the Manor was a thriving milling and trading complex that was home to 23 enslaved individuals of African descent. PHILIPSBURG MANOR IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED UNTIL MAY 3, 2018. Please go to our website for updates.

Planting Fields Arboretum

1395 Planting Fields Road
Oyster Bay, New York 11771
516 922 8600
<https://plantingfields.org/>

The Olmsted brothers created this 400-acre arboretum, known for its camellias, rhododendrons and azaleas. 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.

Presby Memorial Iris Garden

474 Upper Mountain Avenue
Upper Montclair, New Jersey
973 783 5974
<http://presbyirisgardens.org/wordpress/>

50,000 Irises in 1,500 varieties in bloom in the two weeks surrounding Memorial Day.
“The Rainbow on the Hill”

Raceway Park Englishtown NJ

230 Pension Road
Englishtown, NJ 07726-8462
732 446 7800
<http://www.etownraceway.com/>

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.

Rail Road Museum of Pennsylvania

300 Gap Road • PA Route 741
Strasburg, PA 17579
717 687 8628
<https://rrmuseumpa.org/>

The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is home to a world-class collection of more than 100 historic locomotives and railroad cars, an immersive education center, a vast library and archives and a working restoration shop. Special events, museum store, free on-site parking, free WiFi.

Located near Longwood Gardens

The Strasburg Railroad is across from the Museum. <https://www.strasburgrailroad.com/>

Ramapo Reservation

680 Ramapo Valley Road

Mahwah, New Jersey

Managed by the Bergen County Park Commission.

201 327 3500

<http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/843/Ramapo-Valley-County-Reservation>

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

908 647 2353

<https://www.facebook.com/theraptortrust>

The Raptor Trust center is known nationally for rehabilitating wild birds and the conservation of birds of prey. The center is located near the Great Swamp National Wildlife refuge. The Raptor Trust not only provides avian rehabilitation, but also offers educational programs about wildlife. The center is open 365 days a year to receive injured birds. Visitors are welcome to view hawks, eagles, falcons, and owls housed in aviaries on the property.

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.

Red Mill Museum Village - Clinton Historical Museum Village

PO Box 5005

56 Main Street

Clinton, NJ 08809

(908) 735-4101

www.theredmill.org/

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

Renaissance Faire NY

600 Rt. 17A,
Tuxedo Park, NY
845.351.5171
<http://renfair.com/ny/>

The Faire is a rollicking romp through Elizabethan England complete with 16th Century games, rides, arts, crafts, food, music and dance – set within the majestic groves of Tuxedo Park, New York.

Rhinebeck Aerodrome

9 Norton Rd.,
Red Hook, NY 12571
845 752 3200
<http://oldrhinebeck.org/>

The Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome is a true “living” museum of antique aviation located in the historic town of Rhinebeck, New York. We present one of the largest collections of early aeroplanes in the world, as well as automobiles, motorcycles, early engines and memorabilia spanning the period from 1900-1939. During our exciting weekend air shows, the Aerodrome turns back the hands of time and relives the early years of aviation (weather permitting). This colorful era is brought back to life amidst the roar of rotary engines and is great entertainment for all ages. The Saturday shows chronicle the history of flight with pioneer, World War I and Lindbergh era aircraft taking to the skies. If the winds are calm you will even see our 1909 Bleriot (the oldest flying aircraft in the United States) take to the air. The Sunday shows feature a World War I dogfight as well as barnstorming aircraft. In addition to weekend aerial demonstrations, the Aerodrome also offers four museum buildings housing static displays of aircraft from the pioneer, World War I and Lindbergh/barnstorming eras which are open to the public seven days a week from May to October.

Ringwood Manor in Ringwood State Park

1304 Sloatsburg Rd.
Ringwood, New Jersey 07456
973 962 2241
<http://www.ringwoodmanor.org/>

Ringwood Manor is a National Historic Landmark District, having historical importance spanning from Native American occupation through the early 20th century. The surrounding Ramapo Mountains' rich magnetite iron deposits made the area a major iron supplier and became the home to a succession of ironmasters for over two hundred years. During the Gilded Age, Ringwood Manor became a large summer estate for partners Peter Cooper and Abram S. Hewitt and their families. In 1938, the house, its contents, and the surrounding property were donated by the family to the State of New Jersey as a museum and a state park. With original historical structures, gardens, and landscapes on 582 acres and extensive historical collections illustrative of family life, community, industry and culture, Ringwood Manor is a unique repository of American history.

Today, Ringwood Manor is a central part of Ringwood State Park and administered by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Forestry.

Rockefeller State Park Preserve

125 Phelps Way
Pleasantville, NY 10570
914 631 1470

<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/59>

<http://www.friendsrock.org/>

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

Silas Condict Park

100 Kinnelon Rd.
Kinnelon, NJ 07405
973 326 7600

<http://morrisparks.net/index.php/parks/silas-condict-park>

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

1 Six Flags Blvd.,
Jackson, NJ 08527
732 928 2000

<https://www.sixflags.com/greatadventure>

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

2 Morris Rd.

Ringwood, New Jersey 07456

973 962 9534

<http://www.njbg.org/skylandsmanor.shtml>

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

The New Jersey Botanical Garden at Skylands in Ringwood State Park is the centerpiece of a property assembled by Francis Lynde Stetson (1846-1920) from pioneer farmsteads in the Ramapo Mountains. Stetson named his country estate "Skylands." He maintained a stylish mansion of native granite, a working farm with more than thirty outbuildings, gardens and a vast lawn that included a nine-hole golf course. The gardens cover an extensive area on both sides of Maple Avenue. The Terrace Gardens behind the manor house and the flower gardens across Maple Avenue are an easy and delightful walk.

Staten Island Botanical Garden

Snug Harbor Cultural Center

1000 Richmond Terrace

718 448 2500

<http://snug-harbor.org/>

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

Lackawanna Ave at Cliff St

Scranton, PA 18503

570 340 5200

www.nps.gov/stea

This small museum is all about steam engines and their contribution to America's economy in the 19th century. 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

2nd Ave. and 112th St,
Stone Harbor, New Jersey
609 368 5102

<http://stoneharborbirdsanctuary.com/>

Stone Harbor Point is a great place for Bird watching & walking trails in this waterfront park with grassy dunes & marshlands. 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/>

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

Originally the home of Anne and Frank Cabot, Stonecrop became a public garden in 1992 under the direction of Caroline Burgess. At its windswept elevation of 1,100 feet in the Hudson Highlands, Stonecrop covers approximately 12 acres and incorporates a diverse collection of gardens and plants. Included are woodland and water gardens, a grass garden, raised alpine stone beds cliff rock gardens and an enclosed English-style flower garden. Additional features include a conservatory, display alpine house, pit house with an extensive collection of choice dwarf bulbs, and systematic order beds representing over 50 plant families. OPEN FOR VISITATION APRIL - OCTOBER.

Storm King Art Center

1 Museum Road,
New Windsor, NY 12553
845 534 3115

<http://stormking.org/>

Widely celebrated as one of the world's leading sculpture parks, Storm King Art Center has welcomed visitors from across the globe for over fifty years. Located only one hour north of New York City, in the lower Hudson Valley, its 500 acres of rolling hills, woodlands, and fields of native grasses and wildflowers provide the setting for a collection of more than 100 carefully sited sculptures created by some of the most acclaimed artists of our time.

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.

Tough Mudder Englishtown NJ

230 Pension Road Englishtown, NJ 07726
<https://toughmudder.com/events/2018-Tri-State>

October 6&7 2018

Englishtown's Raceway Park is a site mainly for drag racing and motocross events. Tough Mudder transforms this vast race-land into pure mud heaven, packed with some of the most extreme challenges around. The mud here is like no other...thick, gravy-like chocolate pudding...and everyone will no doubt be covered in the stuff by the time they meet their maker at Electroshock Therapy. What also makes this course ideal is the layout, especially for spectators, who may follow their mud-men and women through nearly every challenge with ease. The course does not feature elevation changes found at venues like Bear Creek, Mt. Snow or NorCal. Instead, the hilly and muddy terrain of the motocross track, which makes up for about 1/3 of the course, does a solid job in producing its fair share of leg cramps. The course also features several medium to large-sized lakes, a few paved tracks, and scenic trail runs through woods.

Sunnyside

3 W Sunnyside Lane,
Irvington, NY 10533
914 631 8200
<http://www.hudsonvalley.org/historic-sites/washington-irvings-sunnyside>

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.

Union Church of Pocantico Hills

555 Bedford Road,
Pocantico Hills, NY 10591
914 366 6900
<http://www.hudsonvalley.org/historic-sites/union-church-pocantico-hills>

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

525 S Riverside,
Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520
914.366.6900
<http://www.hudsonvalley.org/historic-sites/van-cortlandt-manor/directions>

Explore the stone manor house and brick ferry house, wander through the heritage gardens, and stroll down a quiet country road along the Croton River. There, you'll experience the domestic life of a patriot family living in the years just after the American Revolution - the New Nation period. Site is open for tours on weekends during July and August. Property also hosts the popular events LIGHTSCAPES in the spring and the Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze in the fall

Van Saun County Park

216 Forest Ave.,

Paramus and Continental Ave.

River Edge NJ

201 262 3771

<http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/852/Van-Saun-County-Park>

There are picnic tables and pavilions, a carousel, playground, zoo, train ride, pony rides, tennis courts, ball fields --- just about everything you could imagine for a wonderful day outdoors.

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

Vermont Raptor Center

Vermont Institute of Natural Science

149 Natures Way

Quechee, VT 05059

802 359 5000

<http://vinsweb.org/>

VINS Nature Center offers special educational live bird programs! Admission includes entrance to Exhibits, Nature trails, and Avian Rehab in action. Open picnic areas, beverages and snacks are available at the Nature Store. The VINS Nature Center is located 1/2 mile west from the Quechee Gorge.

Walden Motocross Racetrack

300 Orchard Dr.

Walkill NY 12589

845 2537

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

Walden MX the Premier Motocross Track of the North East Check website for current practice and race schedule.

Washington D.C.

<https://petergreenberg.com/2009/04/23/10-tips-on-how-to-view-photograph-the-icons-of-washington-dc/>

<https://dcphotoguide.com/>

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.

Waterloo Village

Waterloo & Waterloo Valley Rds.,

Byram, NJ 07874

973 347 1835

<https://www.visitnj.org/nj-attractions/waterloo-village-allamuchy-mountain-state-park>

<http://www.njparksandforests.org/historic/index.html>

Located in Allamuchy State Park, Waterloo is a restored living history village on the banks of the Musconetcong River. Tour Victorian homes, a blacksmith shop, grist and saw mill, the re-created Lenape Indian Village and much more. Enjoy music and ethnic festivals, historic programs, antiques and craft shows.

Wave Hill

West 249th Street and Independence Avenue

Bronx, New York 10471

718 549 3200

<https://www.wavehill.org/>

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.

Wetlands Institute

1075 Stone Harbor Boulevard

Stone Harbor, New Jersey 08247

609 368 1211

<http://wetlandsinstitute.org/>

This nature center features exhibits on local marine life, along with activities like kayaking and dune walks. A salt marsh and an assortment of Cape May shore birds.

Wild West City Stanhope NJ

50 Lackawanna Drive,

Stanhope, NJ 07874

973 347-8900

<http://wildwestcity.com/>

Wild West City is a replica of Dodge City, Kansas in the late 1800's. We feature 22 different live action shows. In addition to the shows guests can browse the shops and museums, visit our barnyard zoo or pan for gold. Sit a spell with the Mountainman, Schoolmarm, Blacksmith or Chuckwagon Camp Cook. A train ride, stagecoach ride or pony ride also available

Willowwood Arboretum

14 Longview Rd
Far Hills, NJ 07931
908.234.1815

<http://willowwoodarboretum.org/>

Willowwood Arboretum, 131 acres of rolling farmland, has about 3,500 kinds of native and exotic plants, many of them rare plant species. In addition to undisturbed forest, the botanic collections include oak, maple, willow, magnolia, lilac, cherry, fir, pine, a superb specimen of Dawn Redwood (*Metasequoia*) now more than 100 feet tall, masses of ferns, and handsome stands of field and forest wild flowers.

The Tubbs House, the historic residence, dates back to 1792 with the conservatory added in 1930s. The gardens were planned to align with the house with the landscape. From the front door, the eye is drawn to the beautiful wrought iron gate, and beyond to the hillside and its changing colors. With the back door open, you can see down the center aisle of the Pan's garden to the statue at the end. The pervading feeling at Willowwood is one of pleasant informal paths through open areas and woodland, all carefully developed.

Winterthur Museum and Gardens

5105 Kennett Pike
Winterthur DE 19735
1 800 448 3883

<http://www.winterthur.org/>

Once a Du Pont family country retreat, this estate's spectacular gardens surround a 175-room mansion housing the world's finest collection of American decorative arts from 1640-1860.

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.

Woodland Beach Wildlife Area

4876 Hay Point Landing Road
Smyrna, DE 19977
(302) 635-2882

<https://www.visitdelaware.com/listings/woodland-beach-wildlife-area/2423/>

http://www.wildlifesouth.com/Locations/Delaware/Woodland_Beach_Wildlife_Area.html

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.