

North Country Living

Veer off the beaten path to experience life in the North Country!

Enjoy a visit to the **Broken Spur Ranch** in Theresa for barnyard fun. The young – and young-at-heart – will be delighted to mingle with horses, peacocks

and other farm animals. Take in the scenic vistas at an overlook of nearby Black Creek Falls.

Then hop over to **Home Again Farm** in Theresa and meet the alpacas; native to the Andes Mountains of South America. Tour the farm and see what the 'fuzz' is all about over these mild-mannered and inquisitive animals. Their luxurious fiber is used to make hats, socks and other items available in the gift shop.

Stop at the Northern New York Agricultural Historical Society's **Stone Mills Museum** in Orleans to learn about the development of the agricultural industry in Northern New York. Walk through historic and new buildings that feature exhibits and farm equipment that tell this fascinating story. The property includes an 1837 Union Church, a schoolhouse, exhibit barn, carriage house, an authentic ice house and a turn-of-the-century cheese factory. The tour also includes a working sawmill which provides a look at woodworking in the 1800s.

Lunch at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store and Restaurant in Watertown and savor the nostalgia of rural America.

Have some farmyard fun with the **Salmon River Alpacas** near Pulaski. Enjoy a hands-on experience with these lovable animals while you learn about the alpaca life-style. Wrap up your visit with a beautiful alpaca wool sweater or scarf from the farm store. Browse other alpaca items such as cuddly teddy bears and finger puppets to see the complete 'pasture to product' process.

Stop by the Greco Family Farm and Orchard in Oswego for more farmyard fun! Wind your way through a corn maze and search for the pirate's treasure, visit with some furry friends in the petting zoo and browse the farm store for a variety of homemade gifts and homegrown products.

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