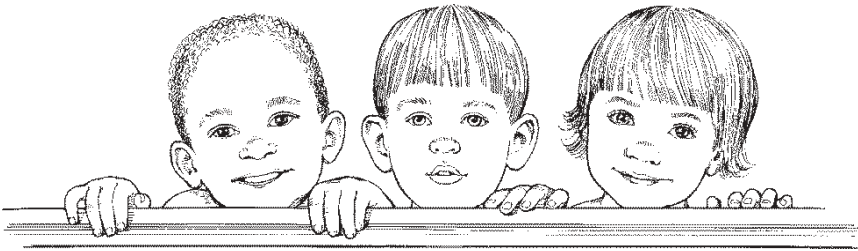


# **CHILDREN'S Insider Guide**



## **New Paltz and the surrounding area**



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# **Children and your families . . . Welcome to the New Paltz area!**

The purpose of this booklet is to give visiting and local families some great ideas for activities families might enjoy in our area. Who better to give us their ideas than children—they tend to be very honest about what's fun to do and what's not.

If you are any age between newborn and high school senior, we want an article from you! This booklet is updated on a regular basis, so email your article to [info@newpaltzchamber.org](mailto:info@newpaltzchamber.org), and you will have a chance to be a published author in this booklet. This booklet is also on our website ([www.newpaltzchamber.org](http://www.newpaltzchamber.org)).

Our Visitor's Center provides information about our region, but this handy little guide will give families ideas they won't find anywhere else.

We look forward to seeing you in and around the New Paltz area, and remember to send us your best ideas for favorite things to do in our area.

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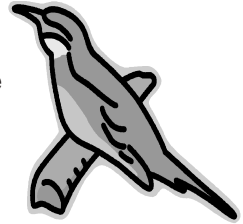


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# Outdoor Activities

I like to go on the Rail Trail, we bike and walk. It used to be a railroad. It has beautiful trees and there are lots of birds, robins, blue jays, blue birds, ravens, crows and occasionally a hawk.

—Erin Barclay



I like New Paltz a lot. I especially like Hasbrouck Park. I can play all day with my brother. Hasbrouck Park is really fun. I like the monkey bars so much. They are the best part of Hasbrouck Park.

—Frances

I like going to Mohonk and going hiking. It is fun! And since I live one mile away I can go anytime I want and they have a totally awesome ice skating rink.

—Kelsey O'Brien

One day Margaret and her sister Alice were riding on the Rail Trail with their Mom. "You know this trail was used long ago," said their Mom. "How?" asked Margaret. "As a railroad track." "Wow!" said Margaret, "That's cool!" And that's how Margaret learned that.

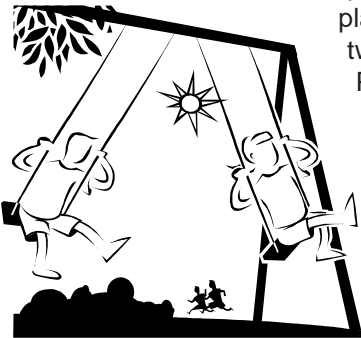
—Margaret Lee Stanne

One thing I like to do in New Paltz is hike. There are good places to hike in New Paltz. One of the best is Mohonk. Another good place is Minnewaska. It is beautiful there. There are also short walks. You can have long or short walks on the Rail Trail. I love to hike in New Paltz.

—Allison Barclay

What I like to do in New Paltz is go to the Hasbrouck Park. It is fun if you like to play and if you like to play sports it's the place to go. I go there pretty much every two weeks. So if you don't know New Paltz and you want to play go to Hasbrouck Park. It is near St. Joseph's Church which is up a little farther.

—Bryan Krebs



# Sports



I like YBA basketball. It is a really fun sport. We play the game at the Middle School. I've been playing basketball since I was 6 years old, but I've only been in a league for 2 years, because I've only been in New Paltz for 2 years and my other school didn't have a basketball league. The "Y" in YBA stands for Youth. The "B" stands for Basketball. And the "A" stands for Association. There is another league called CYO. The "C" stands for Christian. The "Y" stands for Youth and the "O" stands for Organization.

—Joe Marchese

I like YMCA because everyday we get to have a snack and play basketball. The counselors help me with my problems. I go every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The YMCA has 4 important values—responsibility, respect, honesty and caring. They all mean a lot to me. My friends are also here to support me. It is fun with them because they are all great sportsmen. That is why I like to go to the YMCA.

—Eli

My favorite thing to do in New Paltz is to go to Moriello Pool. My favorite thing to do at the Moriello Pool is to go on the diving board and the water slide. It is my favorite thing to do because I like going down straight and laying down on the water slide. When I go to the Moriello Pool I get cooled down and I feel like I just came out of a nice hotel that was cool. My mom also comes with me to Moriello Pool and we play together in the cool water. She is a very nice mom to take me there every day so I can get cooled down. My mom is like a friend and like a person who takes care of me like a queen.

—Delaney Taliaferro

I love basketball in New Paltz at the middle school. In the YBA, it is sort of fun, but I am going to play CYO for the next two years. I only like basketball because there is nothing else that I like. I also play in my house and I have over six basketball games for Playstation 2.

—No name submitted

My favorite place to go in the summer is Moriello Pool. I like going there because it is a pool and I love, I mean love swimming. The shallowest part is 3 feet and the deepest part is 12 feet deep. My favorite thing to do there is go down the waterslide. I also like diving off the diving board. I love Moriello!!

—Olivia B. McKee

Hi, I am Bridget Kelly and my favorite sport is basketball. The league I play for is called YBA. It stands for Youth Basketball Association. Every Thursday I have practice at the New Paltz Middle School. I practice with my team so we can get real good for our games on Saturdays. The YBA teaches how to be good sportsmen whether we win or lose. The people on my team are Maddi, Marissa, Tara, Adam, Tyler, Sam, Carle, Michael, Tony. My coach is Joe Apuzzo. Hoe you learned much about New Paltz so far.

—Bridget Kelly

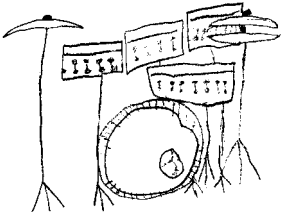
I like playing basketball everyday at the YMCA and playing it at my house everyday and it is my favorite sport.

—Jaime Torres

The Inner Wall is my second home. I spend my time climbing up walls. It may sound crazy but it is a sport. You can do it inside or outside, it is your choice. It's very fun, you make new friends. It's not about being good or bad, for it is nothing more than what your capabilities are. The Inner Wall is great if you want a challenge. If you want to try something new. I have progressed so much since the first time I went and you can too, so come and try it. You may not like it, but give it a chance 'Cause for me, it's the best thing that ever happened.

—Natalia Jaramillo

## This and That



My favorite thing in New Paltz is my drum set. I conduct music on my drum set. My music teacher, Tom Brendal, teaches me more about music every Saturday. I learn beats and rhythms. It is so fun. I can't wait until next Saturday.

—No name submitted

I like to be at New Paltz because there are a lot of things to do. New Paltz is fun.

—Julia VanTine

My favorite thing to do on a Saturday is sleep.

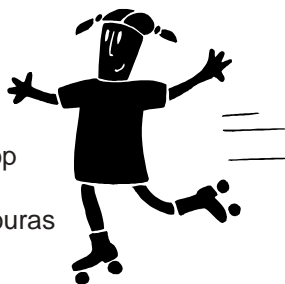


—No name submitted

# Places To Go

My favorite place is Wooden Wheels because it is fun. You can skate, play games and play laser tag. Wooden wheels is very fun. At the end we pop the balloons and get money.

—Christos Ravouras



My favorite place in New Paltz is Coyote Ridge Stables. My horse lives there. I like riding my horse. Her name is S.W. Itzie Bitzie Boy. I love riding her barefoot.

—Sara Trenmann

My favorite place to go in New Paltz is Ariel Booksellers. It has great books, bookmarks, it has drawing books, it has comedy books, it has almost every kind of job book ever. It has a lot of books.

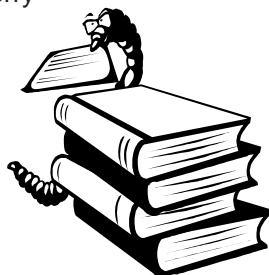
—Kayla Ferraro and Becky Slevin

Ariel Bookstore is a big place. It is filled with great books and some toys. The books can be a children's book or an adult's book. There are also magazines to read or to buy. I like to go there because it is quiet and you can concentrate. There are different books at Ariel bookstore. For example there are fiction, science fiction or even non-fiction. There are more books. There are lots of game books or toys to play with. This is a very nice store to go to if you want to get books or toys to occupy yourself.

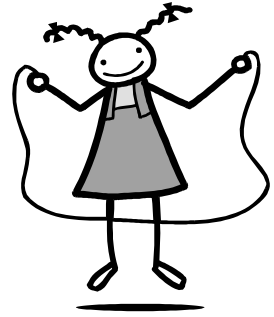
—Aliya Rachlin

My three favorite places in New Paltz are Ariels, Starbucks and October Country. Ariel's has great books and is open 7 days a week! Starbucks has a wide selection of coffee and tea and is also a great place just to hang out! October Country has a huge selection of comic books including Japanese and Chinese comics. They even have a room you buy comics for just 25 cents. Starbucks and Ariel's are located on Main Street and October Country is located in the Cherry Hill Plaza.

—no name submitted



When we look for things to do on a lazy rainy Saturday, I like to look at the colorful fish in the indoor fish pond at the Colonial Flower Shop. I also like the outdoor fish pond at Agway and the baby chick displays. We listen to them peep and see the rabbits in their cages. I love the upstairs children's bakery stand at The Bakery, where I pretend to be a baker. In the fall, I love to go through the corn mazes at Dressels and get a lift on the hay tractor on the way to pick apples. I like playing at the ball rooms at McDonalds and Burger King, and Hasbrouck Park has the best swings that go really high.



—Sophia Romano-Clinton

My favorite place in New Paltz is Blockbuster, Village Pizza and Dressel Field. I also like to go on the Rail Trail. I like to go on the rail trail to bike ride on it. I like to go to Blockbuster to rent and buy video games and movies. I like to go to Village Pizza to by pizza. I like to go to Dressel Field to play baseball.

—Connor

Three of my favorite places in New Paltz are: the Mohonk Mountain House, Ariel Bookstore and Hasbrouck Park. The Mohonk Mountain House is one of my favorites! It has an ice skating rink, a playground and the Lemon Squeeze. I love Mohonk Mountain House.

—Kasey L. Speth

My favorite store is my mom's shop, The HiHo Ornament Co. My mom is always there painting ornaments, furniture, glassware, etc. People always come in and tell her how nice it is and she always looks so proud. I love helping out in the shop a lot and I can walk there after school with my friends. She sells old and new things to the people who want antiques. My mom's shop is so cool!!

—Whitney Haddard



# Favorite Eateries



China Buffet is my favorite place in New Paltz. When I go there I can smell the rice, egg rolls and all the other good stuff. Here I am at China Buffet. I can see the painting on the wall, I can see the food over there. I'm seated, then the lady walks away then I jump up like a spring in a jack-in-the-box. Now I'm at the two food tables. Should I go have rice first or an egg roll? Maybe I will get both. Now I am back with a plate of food. Munch, munch, munch, all done! Now I'm done, and now I am leaving.

—Courtney Conway

My favorite thing to do in New Paltz is going to Cookies and Cream. My favorite two kinds of ice cream are Cookie Dough and Mint Chocolate Chip. In the summer I like to sit outside, and in the winter I don't go for ice cream.

—Ella Mackinnon

My favorite places are Cookies and Cream and Yanni's because it has very good food and I like Greek food. My favorite foods are their hamburgers, curly fries and diet coke. I also like Cookies and Cream—they have good milkshakes and vanilla, chocolate and peanut butter ice cream.

—Jesse Hart

My favorite place to go to get pizza in New Paltz is Village Pizza. It's right next to Dressel Field, so right after a baseball game of Little League, you can stop there to get pizza. They also sell ice cream, milk shakes and have video games inside, like pinball and bowling. They also have a drive-thru if you're on the go. They also deliver. A nice owner and the people who work there are always answering your questions make this a recommend place!

—No name submitted

Cookies and Cream is a small building. Owned by a very nice college student named Kelly. The food, ice cream, etc., are made by Kelly and her generous staff. For food she basically just has salads and a couple of soups. The best part is her ice cream. Some of the flavors in my memory are Gunks Chunk, Strawberry, Coconut and Vanilla. She even spends extra time on her cones. She has waffle cones, sugar cones and another one with some wonderful, yummy secret ingredient called Jazzy Cones. I'm sure you'll be happy with both the nice, considerate service and the taste quality. Hope you go there.

—Bridgette Slevin