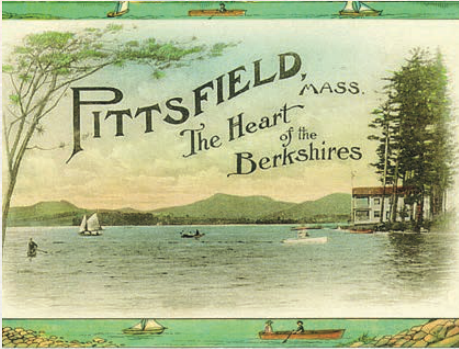


# Local Day Trips

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Do you feel like you've been cooped up inside for a little too long? Or are you craving an adventure? We got your back—here are six towns within an hour's drive from Albany that are worth exploring.



## Pittsfield, MA

The largest city in Berkshire County, Pittsfield has no shortage of things to do on your day trip. After a scenic drive through the backroads gazing at fall scenery, grab a bite to eat at the **Marketplace Café**. This modern spot uses only the freshest ingredients to create their unique sandwiches, salads, and soups. Once your stomach is happy and full, choose what to do next: either tour the home of **Herman Melville**, see a real-life mummy at the **Berkshire Museum**, or step back into history at the **Hancock Shaker Village**.

### More Info:

[marketplacekitchen.com/locations/#pittsfield](http://marketplacekitchen.com/locations/#pittsfield)  
[berkshirehistory.org/visit-us/information/hours/](http://berkshirehistory.org/visit-us/information/hours/)  
[berkshiremuseum.org/visit/](http://berkshiremuseum.org/visit/)  
[hancockshakervillage.org/visit/hours-admission/](http://hancockshakervillage.org/visit/hours-admission/)



## Bennington, VT

If you're headed to Bennington, your first stop should be the **Bennington Battle Monument**. It's a 306-foot-tall limestone monument that you can ride to the top via an elevator (check first for changes due to COVID-19). The monument is located on a park perfect for a picnic and features a gift shop. Next, check out the one-of-a-kind **Dollhouse Toy Museum** of Vermont located in a quaint Victorian house that looks like a dollhouse itself. On your way out, fill up on gas at the **Car Lover's Store and Sunoco Station**. This gas station will send you back to the "good old days" with attendants that wash your windows and check your oil as well as a gift shop complete with countless trinkets any automotive enthusiast will love.

### More Info:

[benningtonbattlemonument.com/index.html](http://benningtonbattlemonument.com/index.html)  
[dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com/](http://dollhouseandtoymuseumofvermont.com/)  
[www.hemmings.com/about-us/station](http://www.hemmings.com/about-us/station)



## Hudson, NY

Depending on the weather, you may want to take a walk through the **Greenport Conservation Area**. It offers miles of trail systems and unparalleled views of the Hudson River and Catskill Mountains. If you're a tea enthusiast, you'll love **Verdigris Tea & Chocolate**. You can enjoy a unique tea or drink from the chocolate bar, then shop their extensive tea accessories. Next, work your way through the 40+ shops of the **Hudson Antiques & Art Dealers Association**.

### More Info:

[hudsonantiques.net/member/](http://hudsonantiques.net/member/)  
[www.verdigristea.com/](http://www.verdigristea.com/)  
[clctrust.org/public-conservation-areas/greenport/](http://clctrust.org/public-conservation-areas/greenport/)

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### Sharon Springs, NY

Home to **Beekman 1802**, the shop known for its recreation of *Schitt's Creek* Rose Apothecary, Sharon Springs is a small town where the locals are friendly and businesses are inviting. Beekman 1802 offers premium, farm-made skincare and bodycare products in its warm, contemporary shop. After shopping, get a bite to eat at **204 Main**, a modern bistro serving fresh, locally-sourced food.

**More Info:**

[beekman1802.com/pages/the-store](http://beekman1802.com/pages/the-store)  
[204mainbistro.com/](http://204mainbistro.com/)



### Salem, NY

Walk or drive through the rural landscape of Salem, NY while admiring sculptures sprawled across 119.4 acres at **Cary Hill Sculpture Park**. It's the perfect way to enjoy art safely from a distance during the ongoing pandemic. Or, if you want to meet some furry friends, head to **Quarry Ridge Alpacas**, an alpaca farm featuring a gift shop filled with handmade products made from soft alpaca fur. If you're a history buff, be sure to check out the **Revolutionary War Cemetery**, where over 100 Revolutionary War veterans are buried.

**More Info:**

[www.salemartworks.org/sculpture-park](http://www.salemartworks.org/sculpture-park)  
[www.quarryridgealpacas.com/index.html](http://www.quarryridgealpacas.com/index.html)  
[salem-ny.com/revolutionary-war-cemetery/](http://salem-ny.com/revolutionary-war-cemetery/)



### Williamstown, MA

If you're an art buff, Williamstown is the place to go. Visit the **Clark Art Institute**, known for its intimate galleries and location in the Berkshires, or **Williams College Museum of Art**, which offers a trail of outdoor sculptures to follow along during COVID. When you get hungry, sit down for a farm-fresh entrée at **The Barn Kitchen & Bar**.

**More Info:**

[www.clarkart.edu/](http://www.clarkart.edu/)  
[artmuseum.williams.edu/](http://artmuseum.williams.edu/)  
[www.thebarnwilliamstown.com/](http://www.thebarnwilliamstown.com/)

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