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Corning and Seneca Falls among best small towns



Visitors walk past the Baron Steuben Place in downtown Corning in 2014. The Market Street business district had recently won a national travel award for hospitality. JEFF MURRAY/ELMIRA STAR-GAZETTE FILE PHOTO

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Corning is earning national acclaim in USA Today's latest Readers' Choice Awards.

After the Corning Museum of Glass was named among the nation's best small-town museums in February, the Crystal City itself is now among two towns in New York state's Finger Lakes region that have been voted among the best small towns in the nation in USA Today's latest Readers' Choice Awards.

The USA TODAY 10BEST Readers' Choice Awards for 2026 highlight the very best in travel, food and drink and lifestyle. Every week, USA TODAY 10Best invites a panel of industry experts to nominate their favorite points of interest and attractions across a wide range of categories.

This week's awards focus on small towns.

Corning, New York

Located in Steuben County, Corning ranked fourth on the list for USA Today's 10Best small towns in the Northeast and fifth on the list for 10Best small town cultural scene.

Known as "America's Crystal City," Corning is known for its glass innovation and is home to the Corning Museum of Glass and The Rockwell Museum. It's also the world headquarters for Corning Incorporated, an innovator of materials science.

The downtown district, or Gaffer District, is vibrant - with museums, galleries, historic buildings, eateries and shops. It's picturesque streetscapes are a draw for many - including the nearby Centerway Bridge, Corning's historic walking bridge that spans the Chemung River. Three major festivals take place here annually including GlassFest - a celebration of glass and fine arts - over Memorial Day weekend.

Seneca Falls, New York

Located between the northern ends of Seneca and Cayuga lakes, Seneca Falls ranked seventh on the list for USA Today's 10Best historic small towns.

Known as the birthplace of the American women's rights movement, this Seneca County town fully embraces its unique history. Must-see stops include the Women's Rights National Historical Park and the Wesleyan Chapel, which held the first women's rights convention in 1848. The town is also home to the Seneca Meadows Wetlands Preserve for nature lovers and charming shops and cafes within its downtown district. Each December, downtown Seneca Falls transforms into the fictional Bedford Falls for a festival, as it's said that the town inspired the setting featured in the movie "It's a Wonderful Life."

Shoppers can use SNAP for delivery from Tops

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Tops Friendly Markets customers can now use food assistance benefits to buy groceries for delivery through DoorDash, the Erie County-based supermarket chain announced April 7.

The offering allows SNAP users to shop eligible grocery items from Tops through the DoorDash app and pay with their EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) cards.

Non-eligible items, taxes, service fees and tips may be paid using another payment method within the DoorDash app, Tops said.

Consumers should visit the DoorDash app or website, doordash.com, to learn more.

SNAP stands for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The anti-hunger program is administered by the federal government and provides low-income families monthly benefits to afford healthy food.

EBT cards allow SNAP participants to pay for food using their SNAP benefits.

More than 41 million Americans rely on the benefits, including nearly 3 million New Yorkers.

DoorDash offers on-demand grocery delivery from a variety of local and national grocery chains, in some cases within an hour.

Users can communicate with their shoppers about substitutions and track orders from store to doorstep.

After a 30-day free DashPass trial, the subscription costs \$9.99 a month or \$96 annually.

DoorDash partners with Chase credit cards and offers a complimentary three- to 12-month DashPass membership. Discounted student plans are also available. Go to doordash.com.

Tops operates 151 grocery stores in New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont. To find one, visit the company's store locator on its website, topmarkets.com.

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Former prison eyed for new nuclear power plant

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Several organizations opposed to a proposal to locate a nuclear power plant in Schuyler County have organized an informational forum on the plans, but local officials say those concerns are premature.

Last year, Gov. Kathy Hochul asked the New York Power Authority to develop 1 gigawatt of nuclear power — enough for about 1 million homes — in upstate New York to power some of the data

centers and manufacturing hubs planned for the upstate region.

Schuyler County was among eight potential hosts that responded to requests for information from the New York Power Authority.

In December, the Schuyler County Partnership for Economic Development (SCOPEd) submitted a 433-page proposal naming the former Camp Monterey shock incarceration facility in the Town of Orange, which closed in 2014, as a potential site for consideration.

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The Schuyler County Partnership for Economic Development submitted a proposal naming the former Camp Monterey shock incarceration facility in the Town of Orange, which closed in 2014, as a potential site for nuclear power generation. THE CORNING LEADER FILE

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