

NYS Scenic Route 90 in Homer is the eastern gateway to the Finger Lakes. Other scenic byways in the



Town of Homer feature a picturesque landscape of dramatic hills, farms and farm markets. Take a country drive and sample the region's wines, apples, pumpkins, colorful fresh produce or other homegrown products. Browse antique shops, handmade furniture stores and local artisan and craft shops. The intersection of the seven glacial valleys that come together in the Homer-Cortland Region, with their dramatic vistas, create a canvas inspired by great American Folk artists. This truly is Americana at its best.

To learn more about Homer, or take the virtual walking tour, visit: [www.homerny.org](http://www.homerny.org). Or better yet, take Exit 12 off Interstate 81. You'll discover one of the finest small communities in the Finger Lakes Region, with diverse shopping at fashionable stores and antique shops, a variety of restaurants, and within a few miles, an abundance of year-round recreational activities and accommodations.

If the weather is nice, enjoy a picnic on the Village Green, along the Tioughnioga River in Durkee Park at the north end of the Village, or at Dwyer Park on lovely Little York Lake with it's unique turn-of-the-century trolley house park pavillion and home for the Cortland Repertory Theatre.

Homer, NY - Small Town America at its very best.

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# Homer

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# Homer

... a traditional Village

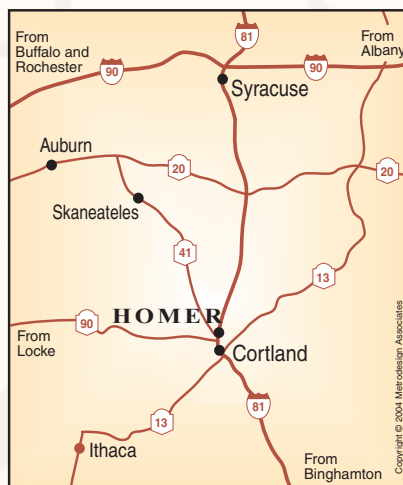
Villages are important to the fabric and culture of a nation, offering a window to the past. Even today, Homer remains much like it was in the 19th century. Visiting Homer, even for a short drive, is an opportunity to step back from modern day pressures.

The central business district boasts a well-preserved Victorian downtown and a charming Village Green with a bandstand gazebo. With unique shopping both downtown and along the Route 281 commercial corridor in Homer, there is something for everyone. Community festivals, an outdoor summer evening music series and classic Main Street parades capture the spirit of Small Town America. The Center for the Arts of Homer, located on Main Street in what was a historic church (1893) attracts world class performers and music lovers from afar. The Cortland Repertory Theatre, in nearby Little York, is housed in a historic pavillion and is a top notch summer stock venue.

In 1932, Bertha Blodgett, a descendant of one of the first settlers, wrote in her book "Stories of Cortland County" about six 19th century houses at the corner of South Main and Albany Streets. "There is a neighborly group of houses in Homer which probably represents more interesting history and personality than any other cluster of houses in New York State... we have three houses in this group which were the homes of well-known literary men, a colonial inn with a story, one mansion which has been the pride

of Homer for many years, and one house which was the home of David Harum" (a local character fictionalized in E. N. Westcott's best selling 1898 book and later in a movie starring Will Rodgers). There are more than 170 properties in Old Homer Village, a designated historic district on the Federal Register of Historical Places, with fine examples of Federal, Greek Revival, Queen Anne, Victorian, Italianate and Salt Box style houses, as well as Romanesque-style public buildings. There is a rare octagonal house with octagonal carriage house on Clinton Street. A few steps from Main Street are unusual antique Lenticular Truss Bridges that span the Tioughnioga River, which is headwaters of the Susquehanna and Chesapeake Bay System.

Homer is at Exit 12 on I-81, 25 miles south of Syracuse; 45 miles north of Binghamton and 25 miles east of Ithaca.



## Homer History Center

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INFORMATION



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## Calendar of Events

Plan your next visit!

**Center for the Arts of Homer**  
[www.center4art.org](http://www.center4art.org)

**Cortland Repertory Theatre**  
[www.cortlandrep.org](http://www.cortlandrep.org)

**Country Music Park**  
[www.cortlandcountrymusicpark.com](http://www.cortlandcountrymusicpark.com)

**Homer Farmers Market**  
[www.homerfarmersmarket.com](http://www.homerfarmersmarket.com)

**The Living History Center**  
[www.cnylivinghistory.org](http://www.cnylivinghistory.org)

**Route 90 Sale**  
July (last weekend)

Visit the village websites for the dates and times of the following events:

4th of July Fireworks (Dwyer Park), Homer Winterfest (February), Homer Firemen's Field Days (June), Homer Music Series (Wednesday nights during the summer) and Holiday in Homer (July).

For more information:

[www.homerbiz.org](http://www.homerbiz.org), [www.homerny.org](http://www.homerny.org),

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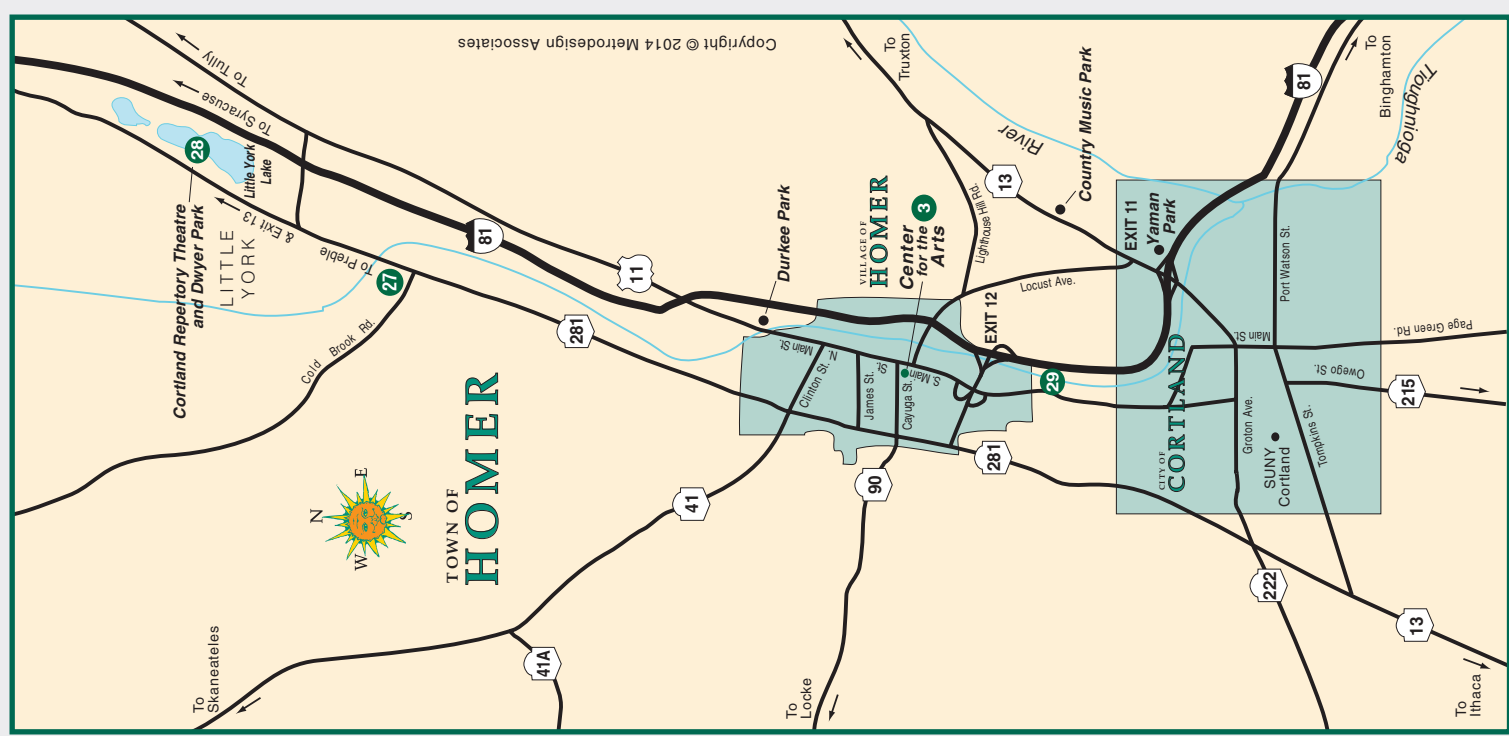
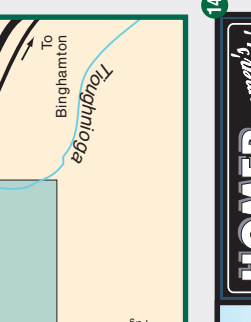
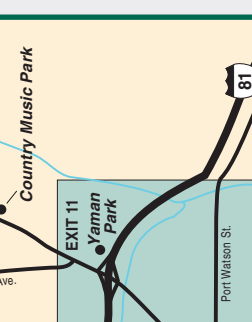
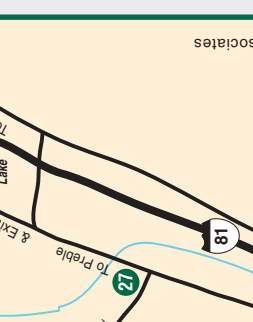
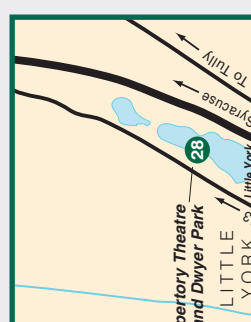
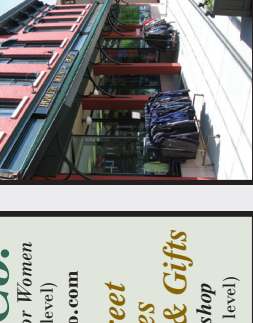
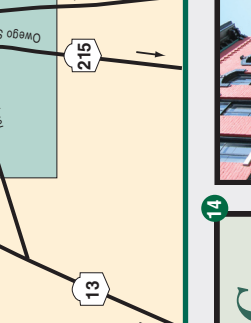
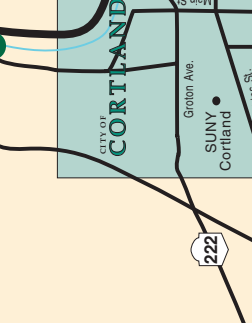
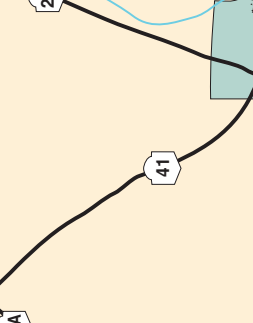
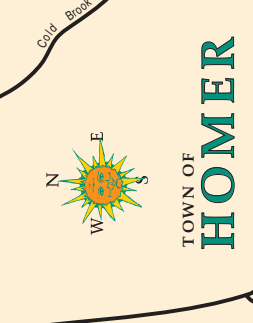
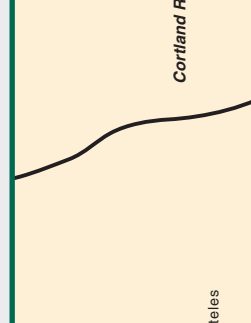
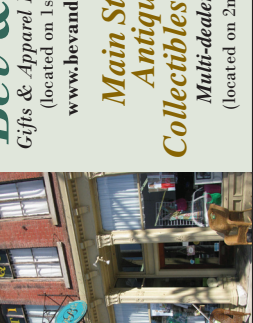
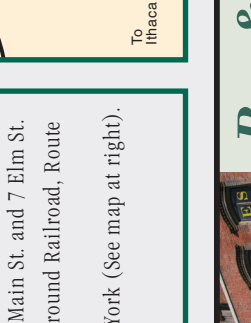
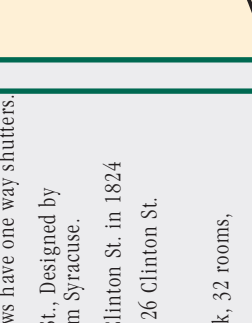
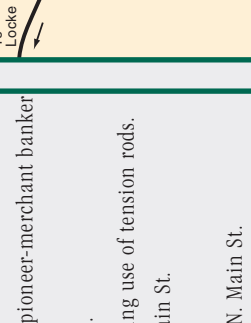
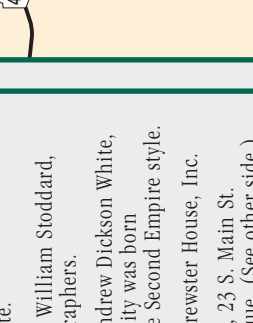
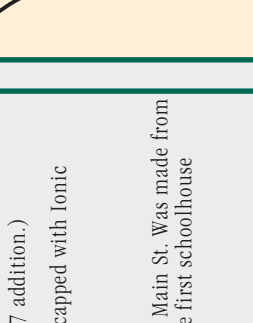
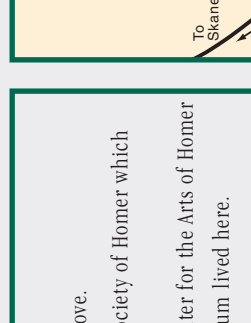
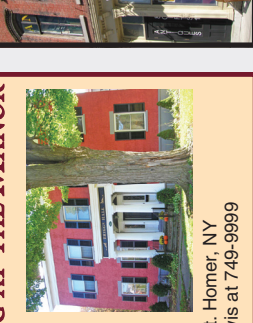
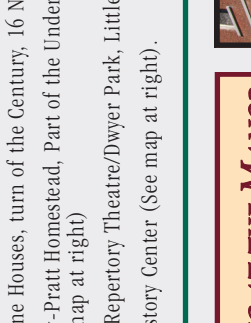
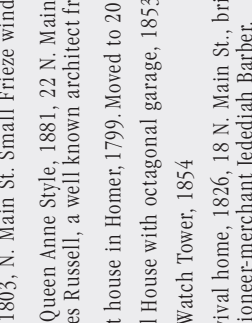
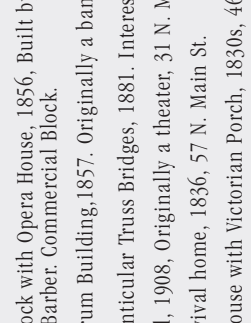
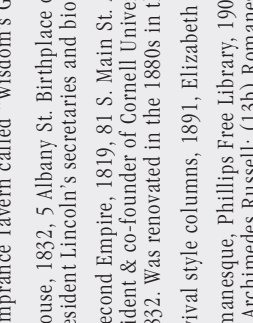
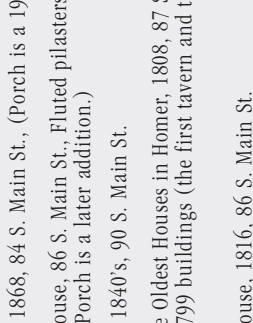
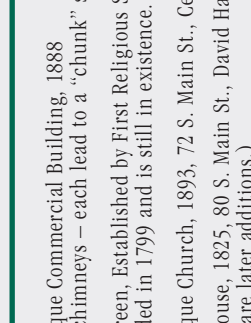
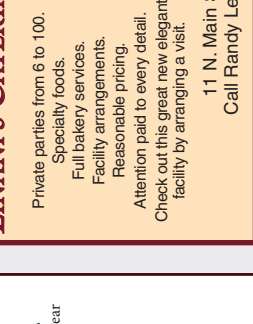
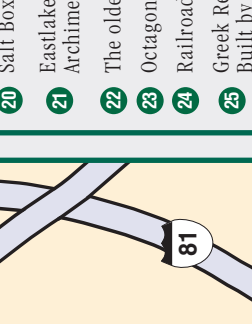
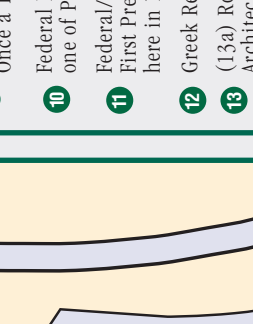
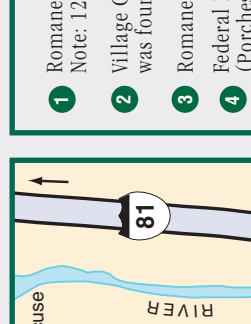
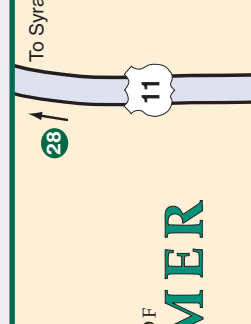
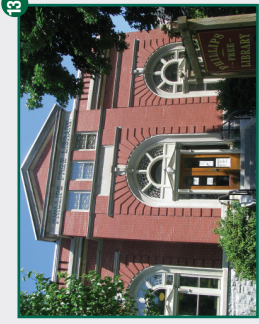
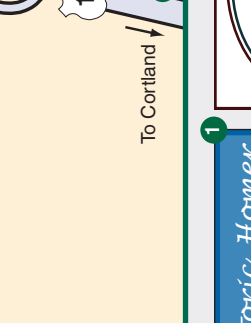
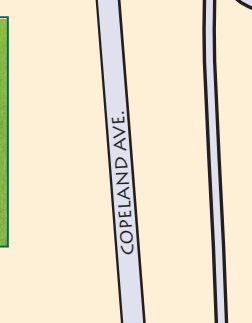
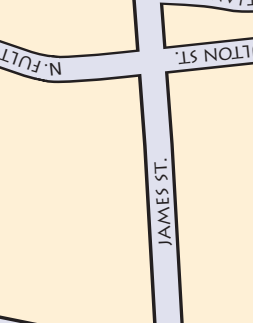
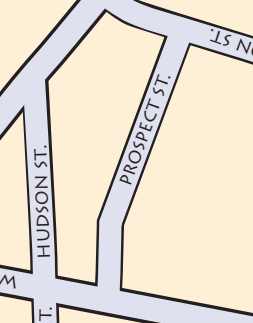
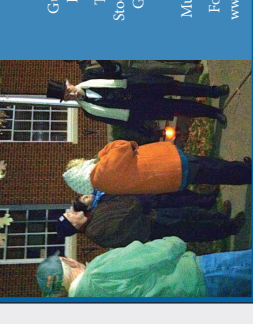
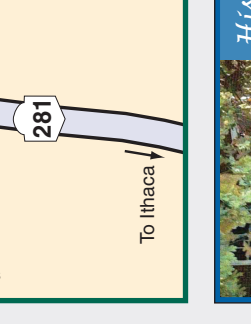
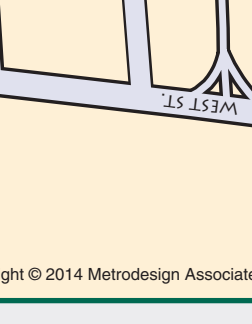
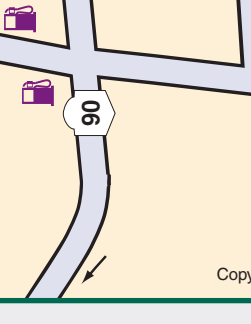
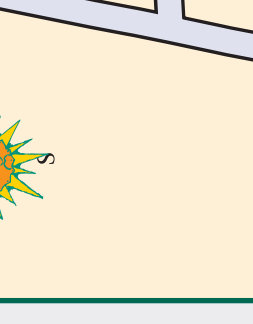
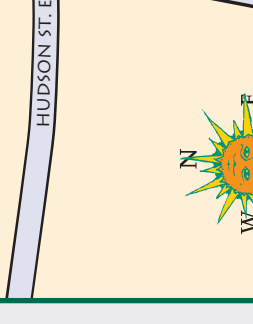
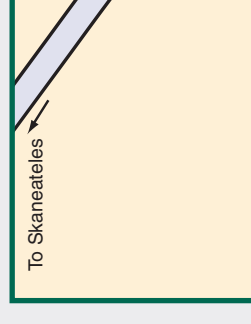


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- 1 Romanesque Commercial Building, 1888. Note: 12 chimneys — each lead to a “chunk” stove.
- 2 Village Green. Established by First Religious Society of Homer which was founded in 1799 and is still in existence.
- 3 Romanesque Church, 1893, 72 S. Main St., Center for the Arts of Homer
- 4 Federal House, 1825, 80 S. Main St., David Harum lived here. (Porches are later additions.)
- 5 Italiante, 1868, 84 S. Main St., (Porch is a 1967 addition.)
- 6 Federal House, 86 S. Main St., Fluted pilasters capped with Ionic Volutes. (Porch is a later addition.)
- 7 Italiante, 1840's, 90 S. Main St.
- 8 One of the Oldest Houses in Homer, 1808, 87 S. Main St. Was made from 2 older. 1799 buildings (the first tavern and the first schoolhouse /church).
- 9 Federal House, 1816, 86 S. Main St. Once a Temperance Tavern called “Wisdom’s Gate.”
- 10 Federal House, 1832, 5 Albany St. Birthplace of William Stoddard, one of President Lincoln’s secretaries and biographers.
- 11 Federal/Second Empire, 1819, 81 S. Main St. Andrew Dickson White, First President & co-founder of Cornell University was born here in 1832. Was renovated in the 1880s in the Second Empire style.
- 12 Greek Revival style columns, 1891, Elizabeth Brewster House, Inc. (13a) Romanesque, Phillips Free Library, 1902, 23 S. Main St. Architect: Archimedes Russell; (13b) Romanesque, (See other side.)
- 14 Barber Block with Opera House, 1856. Built by pioneer-merchant banker Jedediah Barber. Commercial Block.
- 15 David Harum Building, 1857. Originally a bank.
- 16 3 Rare Lenticular Truss Bridges, 1881. Interesting use of tension rods.
- 17 Town Hall, 1908, Originally a theater, 31 N. Main St.
- 18 Greek Revival home, 1836, 57 N. Main St.
- 19 Federal House with Victorian Porch, 1830s, 46 N. Main St.
- 20 Salt Box, 1803, N. Main St. Small Frieze windows have one way shutters.
- 21 Eastlake, Queen Anne Style, 1881, 22 N. Main St., Designed by Archimedes Russell, a well known architect from Syracuse.
- 22 The oldest house in Homer, 1799. Moved to 20 Clinton St. in 1824
- 23 Octagonal House with octagonal garage, 1853, 26 Clinton St.
- 24 Railroad Watch Tower, 1854
- 25 Greek Revival home, 1826, 18 N. Main St., brick, 32 rooms, Built by pioneer-merchant Jedediah Barber.
- 26 Queen Anne Houses, turn of the Century, 16 N. Main St. and 7 Elm St.
- 27 Saulsbury-Pratt Homestead. Part of the Underground Railroad, Route 281 (See map at right)
- 28 Cortland Repertory Theatre/Dwyer Park, Little York (See map at right).
- 29 Living History Center (See map at right).

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