

woodstock



Basic 411: Community Stats

COMMUNITY NAME	Woodstock
COUNTY & STATE	Ulster & New York
COMMUNITY TYPE	rural
LOCATION PROFILE	Nestled in the north end of Ulster County, Woodstock is surrounded by the Catskill Mountains and numerous lakes, creeks and rivers.
MILES FROM MIDTOWN NYC	110
COMMUTE TIME FROM NYC	Trailways bus: 2 hours. Metro-North train: 1 hour 50 minutes and 50 minute car travel. Amtrak train: 1 hour 40 minutes and 30 minute car travel.
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FROM NYC	Trailways bus from Port Authority: www.trailwaysny.com . Metro-North from Grand Central to Poughkeepsie: www.mta.info . Amtrak from Penn Station to Rhinecliff: www.amtrak.com .
PREFERRED COMMUTER HUBS	Port Authority, Grand Central and Penn Station
DRIVE TIME FROM NYC	2 hours
TYPES OF PROPERTIES	95% of available properties are single family. Some townhouses are available outside of Woodstock.
NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES	Shady, Lake Hill, Willow, Mt. Tremper, Bearsville, West Hurley

Welcome Neighbor: Community Lifestyle Notes

OVERVIEW	Similar to Upper West Side or Greenwich Village populace, this community is home to a mix of professionals and artists and locals. Leading names in film, music, TV and sports have homes here. The community vibe is relaxed and easygoing. However, local and national politics are a religion for some here, and people engage in lively debates. People tend to be very active in community projects.
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A DAY IN THE LIFE

Many Woodstockers start their day with an early morning walk in the woods or they do Pilates, yoga or tai chi. Then they head for one of several cafes and bakeries along Tinker Street, the main drag, for coffee or breakfast. Here you can hear local gossip or take part in a spirited discussion about local or national politics. Foot traffic is strong, as shoppers frequent the many stores and art galleries along both sides of Tinker Street or on side streets. Lunchtime means the streets are filled again. During the evening, people head to any one of a half-dozen places for drinks or dinner. As evening continues, people arrive at the local movie house or one of the several clubs in the area, offering jazz, rock or poetry. On weekends, the community is quite lively, whether people are fishing in nearby streams or attending community arts events.

RECREATION AND ATTRACTIONS

There are numerous local attractions for nature-lovers, whether you're a hiker, swimmer or camping fan. Big Deep is a local swimming hole owned by the town. The State Park in adjacent Wittenberg offers a man-made lake, as well as hiking, a soccer field and camping facilities. Swimming is available at local beaches on the Hudson River, or at adjacent streams and creeks. Woodstock town residents take advantage of high school fields for sports. Golf is available at a private 18-hole golf course. During the winter, there are a number of ski resorts less than an hour away where you can downhill and cross-country ski, snowboard and snow-tube.

SURROUNDING LANDSCAPE

Rugged hills for climbing and hiking, world-famous fishing streams abound. Picturesque vistas.

HISTORY

Centuries of farming, tanning and glassblowing brought people and commerce to this area. In the early 1900s, Woodstock flourished as a world-famous arts colony, drawing bohemians from all over America and Europe. This led to the arrival of their spiritual descendants - the Beats and hippies - who came to the area in the '50s and '60s. The legendary Woodstock Music and Arts Fair of 1969 was supposed to be held here but a last-minute change shifted it to Sullivan County. Nonetheless, the event spawned a movement known as The Woodstock Generation, and numerous believers soon relocated here to live a back-to-basics spiritual and ecological existence.

ARCHITECTURE

From 17th-century historic farmsteads to ranch homes to exclusive estates, Woodstock has it all. While there is no single predominant style, buyers choose from contemporary and colonial homes, modern farmhouses, ranch style modulars, cape style and split-level homes and dramatic post-moderns.

RESTAURANTS

Diversity reigns, from BBQ to soul food to Mexican to fast food to bistros serving more eclectic Manhattan- style fare which dual residents often gravitate towards. Since progressive folk proliferate here, several restaurants emphasize healthy and/or vegetarian fare. But there are also long-established take-out places that serve local favorites, like hamburgers.

BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT

Small-size merchants dominate the local businesses. Serving as a sort of '60s theme park, Woodstock features several stores selling hippie-era clothes, posters and music. Many residents work in Kingston, the county seat, about 12 miles away.

NOTABLE RESIDENTS

Most celebrities feel comfortable walking down the streets, as locals have grown accustomed to the sight of people like Uma Thurman. Woodstock concert co-founder Michael Lang remains an active citizen, as does ex-Band member Levon Helm, celebrated graphic artist Milton Glaser and actors Harvey Fierstein and Jason Gould.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Annual community celebrations and events include: Christmas Eve on Village Green and a pre-Christmas ritual on the first Friday of December where all stores open up to strollers. The Woodstock Film Festival electrifies the town every October with five days of screenings, discussions with film personalities and parties. Studio artist tours happen every fall. The annual Memorial Day parade is a local tradition. The summer is marked by several town-sponsored musical events on the Green and at Andy Lee Field, as well as the annual Library Fair in July and fireworks in August.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Woodstock Chamber of Commerce

CHAMBER URL

<http://www.woodstockchamber.com/>

FUTURE COMMUNITY GROWTH

One senior housing project slated. Plan now being floated to convert spaces in existing homes into apartments for additional living spaces; pending decision by Planning Board.

Getting Connected: Community Lifelines

PROXIMITY TO SHOPPING

Shopping options are numerous along the main thoroughfare, Tinker Street, and on side streets, with a variety of small gift shops, new and vintage clothing stores, galleries and local crafts, an array of shops selling '60s-era artifacts and counterculture goodies. Mall shopping is 20 minutes away in Kingston, the county seat.

PROXIMITY TO AIRPORTS

Stewart International Airport: 45 minutes. Albany International Airport: 1 hour 10 minutes. LaGuardia Airport: 2 hours 5 minutes. Newark Liberty International Airport: 2 hours 10 minutes. JFK International Airport: 2 hours 15 minutes.

PROXIMITY TO HOSPITALS

Woodstock has a Rescue Squad and certified paramedics. Hospitals are located nearby in Kingston, Albany, Poughkeepsie and Rhinebeck.

ALTERNATIVE HEALTH CARE

There are many options for those who seek an alternative approach to health care: chiropractic, acupuncture, holistic counselors, various body-centered therapies and numerous massage therapists including an upscale health spa offering a multitude of services. The local health food store carries an extensive inventory of holistic remedies, and a local book store specializes in literature, music and other products related to alternative healing arts.

RELIGIOUS CENTERS

There are numerous religious centers for Christian and Jewish faiths, as well as a Buddhist monastery, which the Dalai Lama visited in 2007.

The Kid Connection

SCHOOLS

Bestplace2move.com has partnered with GreatSchools.net, an independent non-profit organization committed to helping parents choose schools. Together we provide comprehensive profiles for schools in the community you have selected as well as offer other parent-friendly features including exclusive ratings, parent reviews, powerful search and compare tools and helpful advice. For specific information go to <http://www.greatschools.net>

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

In addition to the local public and private schools in Woodstock (Onteora Central School District), children attend private schools in Woodstock, Kingston, Stone Ridge and Poughkeepsie.

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Known for its origins as an arts colony, Woodstock offers ample choices for creative children. Among them are after-school classes and summer programs in the visual arts, theatre, film-making, sports and even astronomy. General summer camp programs, emphasizing sports and nature study, are also available. During the winter, there are a number of ski resorts less than an hour away where children and families can downhill and cross-country ski, snowboard and snow-tube.

Cost of Homes

UP TO 150K (LOW END OF MARKET)

If available, small plots; need rehab or updating.

150- 250K

Basic ranch or split-level, capes, colonials on small parcels of land.

250 - 400K (MIDDLE RANGE OF MARKET)

Contemporary or cape residences on 1 acre and up, offering multiple bedrooms and baths. Possible mountain views. Some bordered by state land or secluded.

400 - 500K	Contemporary ranch residences on several acres, with mountain views. 2-3 bedrooms.
500 - 750K	Contemporary residences on 3 acres and up, bordering forests or streams. Houses would offer multiple bedrooms.
750K - 1M (HIGH END OF MARKET)	Historic older homes, including traditional farmhouses or rustic contemporaries. Houses afford mountain views and border forests or streams. Some would have swimming pools.
1 - 1.5M	Sales have increased in the past three years. Selections range from 18th-century historic farmhouses to architect-designed 21st-century custom houses; generally on secluded several-acre tracts of land.
1.5 - 2.5M	Properties feature ultra-luxury amenities and large parcels of land; views and water on or bordering property.
OVER 2.5M	Historic stone houses or contemporary houses on large tracts of land, featuring luxurious modern amenities and mountain views.