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16 Upstate NY family roller skating rinks that are a blast from the past

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There was a time, perhaps in our parents or even grandparents era, that there were over 100 skating rinks found in the general area noted as Upstate New York.

Today that number is considerably less. But there are some, and they continue to maintain a fun and family-oriented commitment to good times and physical fitness for all ages.

Here is just a sample list of 15 great roller-skating venues around our region. It is not a complete list, of course, so please feel free to mention any that we missed in your area.

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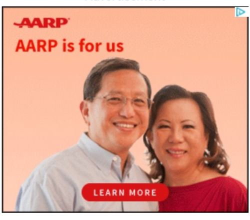
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5185 NY-23, Oneonta, NY 13820

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Schenectady: Rollerama

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2710 Hamburg Street, Schenectady, NY 12303

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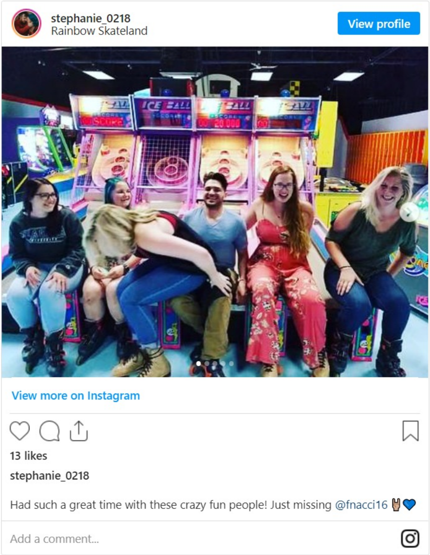
Lockport: Rainbow Skateland



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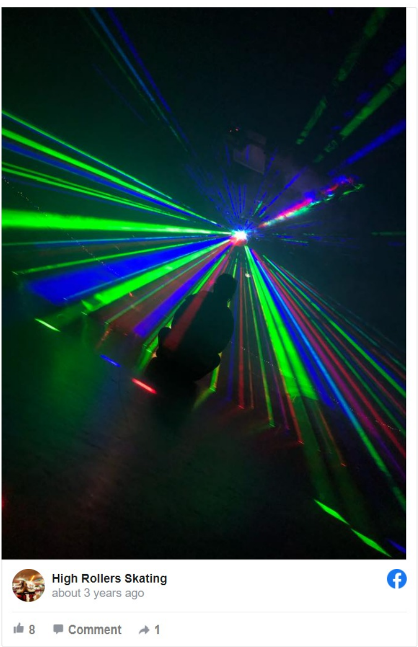
Amsterdam: High Rollers



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4313 NY 30, Amsterdam, NY

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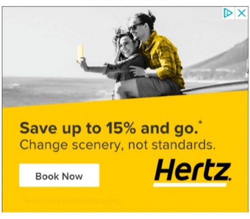
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Full calendar of skating events. Watch for the popular "Dollar Nights." Also, a special time for adults only on the skating rink. Another full-family fun operation with miniature golf, arcades, snack bar and (in the summer) the Binghamton area's only water slide.

3401 Vestal Road, Vestal, NY 13850

Website

Fulton: Bilou Roller Skating Rink

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Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Popular place for birthday parties. Only eight dollars admission and that includes skate rental. Full snack bar with picnic tables. Many arcade video games. First opened in 1985.

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Franklinville: Skateland Family Fun Center

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One of the most popular skating rinks in far Western New York (Cattaraugus County). Skating, laser tag, snack bar, "Cheap Skate" dates when school is out for holidays. Big party venue. In summer the park offers Go Karts, batting cages, bounce houses and more.

70 South Main Street, Franklinville, NY

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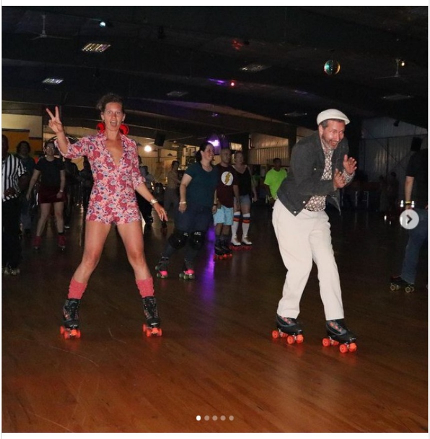

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Many events including family skate time, roller derby matches, summer skating camps, birthday parties and more. One of just a few skating rinks left in the lower Catskills.

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Huge place for roller skating and roller blading. 32,000 sq. feet encompasses rink, laser tag, game room, snack area and Jungle Jim's Playland, one of the largest indoor crawl-slide-and-climb 3-story tall playlands in the region.

675 Ling Road, Rochester, NY 14612

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Cohoes: Guptill's Arena

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1085 New Loudon Road, Cohoes, NY 12047

Website

Honeoye Falls: Be-Mar Mobile Roller Skating

For something a little different, how about a roller-skating rink that *comes to you!* Be-Mar Roller Skating, started in 1958, and is the premier Upstate traveling roller skating company. They bring everything that is needed to area schools, both rural and urban, providing lessons and fun for areas that are not within easy proximity to a roller-skating rink. Today, Be-Mar services more than 200 schools from Syracuse to Buffalo and down to the Southern Tier. Company is still run by members of the founding family.

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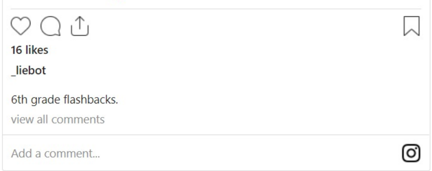

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Popular Buffalo area roller rink. One of the best bargains on the list. General admission is just $5.00 with skate rentals at $2.00 (or use your own skates). Opened more than 25 years ago. Totally removed a couple of years ago to include a new 26-foot TV screen to watch high definition videos of popular music videos. Full concession stand and a big place for party rentals.

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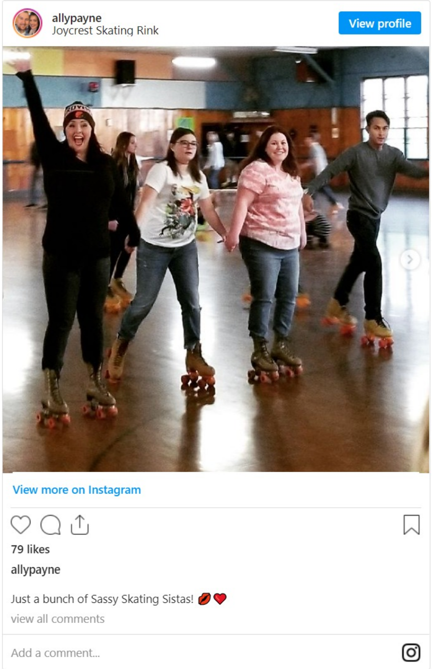
Elmira: Joycrest Skating Rink



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Perhaps the granddaddy of them all (on this list). First opened as a private fraternal organization almost 90 years ago! The maple skating floor was installed in 1936 long before many of the state's still operating rinks were even born. Also home to four regulation Pickle Ball courts.

1570 Lake Street, Elmira, NY 14901

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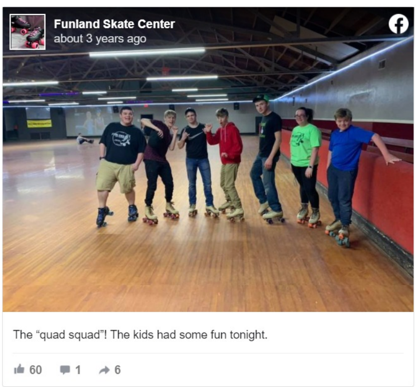
Wellsville: Funland Skate Center



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The "quad squad"! The kids had some fun tonight.

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The center, featuring a 90-by-120 maple wood floor, has operated continuously as a roller skating rink since 1938. The history of the rink is well known throughout the area. From the traveling dance teams of the 1940s and a cover on Time Magazine for skater Bill Johnston to the many relationships that started at the rink .... making it a family tradition.

The rink has always been known for fun skate games and a family friendly atmosphere, but is probably best known for the "chase races" -- speed games held on Friday and Saturday nights where local skaters get a chance to show just how fast they can go.

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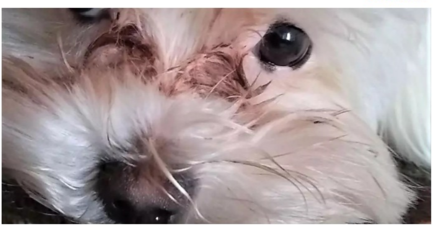

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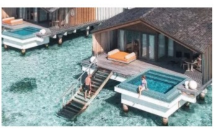

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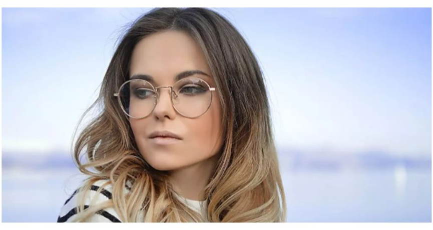

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