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Hudson Valley Events Calendar

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June

1 - 30 | PRIDE ALONG THE HUDSON  
Multiple Locations | [biggayhudsonvalley.com/pride](http://biggayhudsonvalley.com/pride)

July

6 | ORCHARD DISCO: INDEPENDENCE WEEKEND FEATURING BRIGHT LIGHT BRIGHT LIGHT  
Highland | [biggayhudsonvalley.com](http://biggayhudsonvalley.com)  
20 - 21 | ROSENDALE STREET FESTIVAL  
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August

10 | PRIMAL ORCHARD DISCO  
Highland | [biggayhudsonvalley.com](http://biggayhudsonvalley.com)  
10 | BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL  
Ellenville | [ewcoc.com](http://ewcoc.com)  
22 | PRIDE NIGHT AT THE DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIR  
Rhinebeck | [biggayhudsonvalley.com](http://biggayhudsonvalley.com)  
September  
14 | NINA WEST LIVE AT VASSAR COLLEGE  
Poughkeepsie | [biggayhudsonvalley.com](http://biggayhudsonvalley.com)  
20 - 21 | ELTON UNDRESSED FEATURING TODD ALSUP  
Multiple Locations | [biggayhudsonvalley.com](http://biggayhudsonvalley.com)

28 - 29 | HUDSON VALLEY GARLIC FESTIVAL  
Saugerties | [hvgf.org](http://hvgf.org)  
October  
5 - 6 | OUT ON THE FARM: A QUEER FALL FESTIVAL  
Multiple Locations | [biggayhudsonvalley.com](http://biggayhudsonvalley.com)  
11 - 13 | O+ FESTIVAL  
Kingston | [opositivefestival.org](http://opositivefestival.org)  
15 - 20 | WOODSTOCK FILM FESTIVAL  
Multiple Locations | [woodstockfilmfestival.org](http://woodstockfilmfestival.org)  
26 - 27 | WALKTOBERFEST  
Highland & Poughkeepsie | [walkway.org](http://walkway.org)

November  
29 - DEC 1 | HUNG WITH CARE: A QUEER HOLIDAY BURLESQUE SPECTACULAR  
Multiple Locations | [hungwithcare.com](http://hungwithcare.com)  
December  
6 | SNOWFLAKE FESTIVAL  
Kingston | [kuba.network](http://kuba.network)  
7 | JINGLE BELL RUN  
Kingston | [lgbtqcenter.org](http://lgbtqcenter.org)



SEE THE FULL EVENT CALENDAR

Hudson Valley LGBTQ+ Resources

The Hudson Valley is a Big Gay place and new organizations pop up regularly. To see the full list visit our Local Guides on [biggayhudsonvalley.com](http://biggayhudsonvalley.com).

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HUDSON VALLEY LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY CENTER  
[lgbtqcenter.org](http://lgbtqcenter.org)

MID-HUDSON LESBIAN MEET-UP GROUP  
[meetup.com/lesbianmidhudson](http://meetup.com/lesbianmidhudson)  
NEW PALTZ PRIDE COALITION  
[newpaltzpridecoalition.org](http://newpaltzpridecoalition.org)  
NEWBURGH LGBTQ CENTER  
[newburghlgbtqcenter.org](http://newburghlgbtqcenter.org)  
OUT HUDSON  
[outhudsonny.org](http://outhudsonny.org)

PEEKSKILL PRIDE  
[peekskillpride.org](http://peekskillpride.org)  
PINK STALLION  
[pinkstallionevents.com](http://pinkstallionevents.com)  
TRANS CLOSET OF THE HUDSON VALLEY  
[transclosethv.org](http://transclosethv.org)  
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[loftgaycenter.org](http://loftgaycenter.org)

COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES  
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#### About Big Gay Hudson Valley

Founded in 2008 as a way for us to help to connect our community, we know that a community's success is the sum of its parts. Big Gay Hudson Valley ("BGHV") creates experiences & promotes resources that empower people to make new connections, explore the Hudson Valley & live as their authentic LGBTQ+ selves.

In the 15 years since the founding of BGHV we are proud to have created picnics at historic estates, burlesque shows in Victorian theaters and overnight get-a-ways to enable people to meet one another and strengthen our communities. We've also played a critical role in the 2011 establishment of Marriage Equality in New York State and elevating the Hudson Valley as a premier queer travel destination.

Give us a follow @BigGayHudsonValley

Welcome To The Hudson Valley

We created BGHV back in 2008 as we found ourselves sharing what we knew about parties, performances and new LGBTQ+ owned businesses with our friends. What started first as a Facebook page grew into a blog & weekly email newsletter and is now a full blown multi-channel resource for queer events, happenings, city guides & travel resources across our region.



As we always say, community building only happens when people show up to support it. We're proud to call the Hudson Valley home because of the wealth of residents & visitors who believe in making this a world-class place for LGBTQ+ people to find a partner, own a home, start a family, open a business & spend a weekend away.

Use this map to explore Dutchess County's communities, locate popular attractions, and find businesses owned by or supporting our community. Inside you'll also find a list of not-to-be-missed annual events in the Hudson Valley and links to resources on our website that will help you to make the most of your time spent here.

Stephan Hengst & Patrick Decker

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## THE Queer MAP & GUIDE TO THE BIG GAY HUDSON VALLEY

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Exploring The Region

While it's easy to talk about it in just two words, the "Hudson Valley" is a large place. Big Gay Hudson Valley has been a part of the thriving queer community here since 2008, focusing on the six Mid-Hudson counties that run the length of the mighty Hudson River Valley.

Driving is the most flexible way to explore, traversing the region with the New York State Thruway on the west side of the river or the Taconic State Parkway on the east. Don't miss the stunning views from the several bridges that cross the Hudson River, many of which also have pedestrian and/or bike lanes on them. Rideshare services like Uber or Lyft are also available.

Commuter trains originating out of New York City's Grand Central and Penn Stations provide access to walkable river communities like Cold Spring, Beacon, Poughkeepsie, and Hudson as well as central Dutchess county. The Trailways Bus departs from New York City's Port Authority Terminal and makes stops on the west side of the river in the Village of New Paltz, Town of Rosendale and City of Kingston.

Big Gay Hudson Valley's online business directory includes a wide array of LGBTQ+ owned and allied businesses organized by category, city and county. Check out [BigGayHudsonValley.com/LocalGuides](http://BigGayHudsonValley.com/LocalGuides) to plan your trip, book lodging and find a new favorite shop, restaurant or attraction.

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Discover Dutchess County

Dutchess County features four distinct destinations in one and each region celebrates its own unique personality – from sophisticated to spirited, reinvented to inspired. Across the County visitors are invited to experience a plethora of historical sites, scenic outdoor locations, artistic and cultural attractions, shops, restaurants, tasting rooms, farms and more.

The energy of the Queen City of Poughkeepsie is balanced by the idyllic, rural ambiance of towns like Lagrange and Union Vale. Just north of the Queen City you'll find Hyde Park - home to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Home, Presidential Library and Museum - Northern Dutchess, and the Villages Rhinebeck and Red Hook.

Eastern Dutchess is defined by the Harlem Valley, dappled with the towns of Amenia, Dover, Pawling and Pine Plains and the villages of Millerton and Millbrook – each with their own personality and queer communities.

Southern Dutchess is home to Beekman and Poughquag and the towns of Wappingers Falls, Fishkill and the City of Beacon, where you can enjoy an afternoon of shopping, visits to great art galleries and museums, or a night out in their restaurants and bars.

In recent years we've seen many LGBTQ+ organizations and pride events pop up here, Poughkeepsie is home to the Dutchess Pride Foundation - organizer of Poughkeepsie's annual Pride Parade - while many other small pride celebrations are hosted in Red Hook, Stanford, Millbrook and more.

Wherever you go in Dutchess County, be sure to tag @dutchesstourism and @biggayhudsonvalley so that we can follow along with your adventures!

### ELEVATE Your Narrative.

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