

# Auburn & Rochester

## EQUAL RIGHTS & CULINARY DELIGHTS



GEORGE  
EASTMAN  
MUSEUM

**S**PEND A COUPLE DAYS IN AUBURN AND ROCHESTER, NY AND learn how these two destinations played significant roles in American Equal Rights history. Along the way, you will want to treat yourself to taste a sampling of the diverse culinary expertise of the local communities that live, work, and play in the Finger Lakes Region of New York State.

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### DAY 1

#### NEW YORK STATE EQUAL RIGHTS HERITAGE CENTER

*25 South St, Auburn, NY*

Start your two-day adventure learning about New York State's progressive history supporting equality. At this visitor's center and museum, you will explore interactive displays that come to life as you wander around these state-of-the-art exhibits. Experience the creative ways trailblazing heroes organized a stand for justice and learn about the key contributors from the 1800s to modern day. The Center also includes a Taste of NY store featuring local products and provides information on the region's many attractions, and destinations.

#### HARRIET TUBMAN HOME & HARRIET TUBMAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

*180 South St, Auburn, NY*

A visit to the Harriet Tubman Home is a must for anyone who wants to recognize one of the greatest Black heroes of our nation. This is the very site where she bought and owned the land to build her home, as well as the Home for the Aged. After the Civil War, Harriet Tubman returned to her home in Auburn, NY, and began what was to be her life-long work of caring for aged and indigent African Americans. In 1896, she purchased 25 adjoining acres to her home on which stood the building now known as the Home for Aged. Here, she cared for others, often sacrificing her own needs to do so. When her health deteriorated, she was taken care of at the Home for the Aged. This is also where she died in 1913.



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## GEORGE EASTMAN MUSEUM

900 East Ave, Rochester, NY

Exhibition: *Joshua Rashaad McFadden:  
I Believe I'll Run On*

THROUGH JUNE 19, 2022

Artist Joshua Rashaad McFadden (American, b. 1990) uses photography to engage some of the most challenging subject matter of our time. Working across genres—social documentary, reportage, portraiture, and fine arts—he critically examines race, masculinity, sexuality, and gender in the United States. His work reveals the destructive impact of these constructs on Black Americans.

Have lunch then be immersed in historic and modern art at the George Eastman Museum, which is located on the estate of George Eastman, the pioneer of popular photography and motion picture film. First, fuel your appetite at Open Face at Eastman Museum. Open Face features a menu of inclusivity in their hand-crafted specialty items offering sandwiches, soups and salads. Gluten-free, vegan, vegetarian, or omnivore, folks can always eat together. The George Eastman Museum was founded in 1947 and is the world's oldest photography museum and one of the oldest film archives. The museum holds incomparable collections. There is a range of experiences for all ages including photography, motion pictures, history, gardens, architecture, and historic houses.



*George Eastman Museum*

The institution is also a longtime leader in film preservation and photographic conservation. You won't want to miss the Museum's gift shop, filled with an array of gifts relating to photography, cinema, and George Eastman himself!

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## VITICULTURE WINE BAR

217 Alexander St, Rochester, NY

Enjoy a healthy meal at this black-owned restaurant where you will have an authentic Japanese ramen experience. Owner and chef, Michael Goode, has grown up cooking Japanese recipes with his mother. With a combination of expertise in broth and old family recipes they offer a traditional

(non-fusion) Japanese ramen noodle house and are dedicated to bringing top quality ramen, kare & gyoza to the greater Rochester area. If sushi is your thing, housed in the same building is Keep it Rollin Sushi. Mix, match or not, your inner foodie fan will be pleased with your choice.

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## STRATHALLEN HOTEL & SPA

550 East Ave, Rochester, NY

Check in at the Strathallen Hotel & Spa, a beautiful and historic Rochester hotel designed by Thomas Wilson Boyde, Jr., Rochester's first black architect and one of the first African American architects to own his own firm in the entire country. Enjoy one



of the best sunset views in Rochester from the hotel's 9th floor rooftop bar and then dinner on site at Char Steak and Lounge.

## DAY 2

### ROCHESTER MUSEUM & SCIENCE CENTER

*657 East Ave, Rochester, NY*

*Exhibition: Flight to Freedom: Rochester's Underground Railroad*

Explore the paths that courageous freedom seekers followed through Rochester in this dramatic, interactive exhibition. Walk in the footsteps of Austin Steward, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Jacobs, and Reverend Thomas James as they overcome huge obstacles to build free lives. Learn how they joined Rochester activists in the fight to abolish slavery and help others seeking freedom.

Have breakfast at the hotel and then within walking distance is your next stop, the Rochester Museum & Science Center. Learn about the Flight to Freedom and Rochester's Underground Railroad. Explore the paths that courageous freedom seekers followed through Rochester in this dramatic, interactive exhibition. Walk in the footsteps of Austin Steward, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Jacobs, and Reverend Thomas James as

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### MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY

*1133 Mt Hope Ave, Rochester, NY*

This Rochester treasure not only offers a beautiful landscape and historic headstones, but there are also some iconic American heroes buried there, such as Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass. In addition to Frederick Douglass, Mt. Hope is the final resting place of many African American pioneers. These individuals escaped slavery,

fought in wars, and broke down barriers. Some of these historic influencers include Nathan Sprague, son-in-law of Frederick Douglass; Charles Lunsford, Rochester's first licensed African physician; and Thomas Boyde, Rochester's first black architect. Many visitors come to Mount Hope each year to visit the graves of notable individuals interred here, attend events, participate in guided tours conducted by the Friends of Mount Hope Cemetery, take photographs of the grounds, bird watch, or simply enjoy the natural landscape and relax. The cemetery is an active burial place and continues to perform burials almost daily.

*Equal Rights Heritage Center*





## FREDERICK DOUGLASS MONUMENT

*Robinson Dr & South Ave,  
Rochester, NY*

Next stop, not too far from Mount Hope Cemetery, located in Highland Park, is the Frederick Douglass Monument, created in 1899 to honor Douglass. The monument is located steps from the former site of Douglass' home and is believed to be the first public statue erected to memorialize an African American in the U.S. In the park you will see many other memorials and gardens including The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Workers' Memorial, Victims' Rights Memorial, and the AIDS Remembrance Garden. While in the park, take a stroll through The Lamberton Conservatory, which is a beautiful collection of plants from many different places and is open all year round.

## ZEMETA ETHIOPIAN RESTAURANT

*1015 S. Clinton Ave, Rochester, NY*

Relax for lunch and enjoy traditional Ethiopian cuisine at this buffet-style restaurant. The owner Natael Beshaat came to Rochester from Ethiopia in 2002 on a Diversity Visa.

Back home he owned a barbershop. But here, Natael's American friends loved his authentic Ethiopian dishes and eventually convinced him to open his own restaurants. Vegan and vegetarian options are available, so there's something delightful waiting for everyone to enjoy!

## HONEY B HOME & ESSENTIALS

*4 Commercial St, Rochester, NY*

Before heading home treat yourself, or someone else, with gifts from this marketplace filled with black-owned businesses & black product makers. Here you will find everything from floral arrangements, curated gifts, bath & body products, baby/kid products, home décor, and more. While they cater to consumers of every race and ethnicity, they only showcase products created by those of color. In addition, they are eco-friendly offering a special line of products tailored with the conservation and protection of the environment in mind.

DANIEL PENFIELD



*Frederick Douglass Monument*