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Editor's Note

The Adventure Crew is a photography-based magazine that discusses my travels and photographs that I have taken in nature on my travels. I want to show people that traveling doesn't have to be expensive and that you can find beauty everywhere you go. I've made this magazine to show off some of my favorite places that I have been so far. This edition will focus on places in New York State. All of the photographs that are included in the magazine are my photographs.

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Sea Glass: A Hidden Treasure

Point Gratiot | Dunkirk, N.Y.

One place that I have frequented over the past two years is Point Gratiot in Dunkirk, N.Y. There are actually a lot of things to do at the Point that don't require spending anything but gas money. I live on campus at SUNY Fredonia for most of the year, so that means the Point is only about an eight-minute drive. Not only does Point Gratiot have one of the few beaches in Chautauqua County, New York, but it is also a park. The park is located on Lake Erie, and features a sandy beach, picnic facilities, a playground & restrooms. The beach is more rocky than sandy, so I would suggest bringing some sort of shoes that you aren't afraid to get wet!



One of my favorite hobbies is collecting sea glass. Point Gratiot is actually one of the best places that I have gone to find beach glass. For those who don't know: "Beach Glass" is physically and chemically weathered glass that is found on beaches or along bodies of water. Because of this weathering, the glass will result in a natural frosted look. "Beach Glass" is also referred to as "Sea Glass"; While sea glass is always created and found near oceans, beach glass can be used to refer to glass that is found on freshwater shores, around lakes or rivers.

The best time to search for beach/sea glass, the best time to do so is about an hour before the tide goes out. Also, storms have a tendency to bring up

glass out of the waters so after a large storm is a good time to look along the shores.

I generated a list of which Sea/Beach Glass colors were the most rare to the most common:

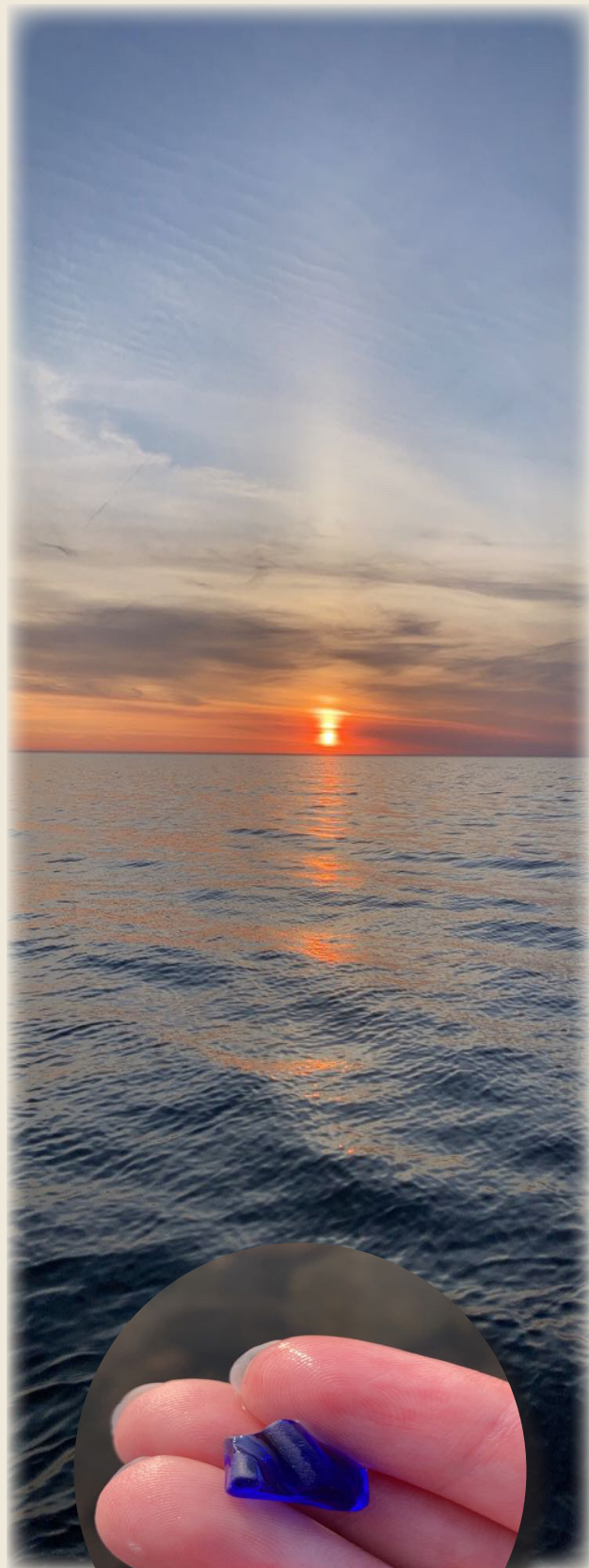
Sea Glass

The Seven Ultra Rare Sea Glass Colors: Orange | Turquoise | Red | Yellow | Black | Teal | Gray

Five Rare Sea Glass Colors: Pink | Aqua | Cobalt & Cornflower Blue | Purple (Amethyst)

More Common Sea Glass Colors: Amber | UV Green | Sea Foam Green

Most Common Sea Glass Colors: White & Brown



Letchworth State Park, How Gorge-ous!

Letchworth State Park | Castile, N.Y.



My first time traveling to Letchworth State Park was during the year of COVID (2020); My family and I picked up hiking and walking as a hobby that summer. Letchworth State Park was somewhere where I had gone in the past, but not something that I was fond of at the time. However, as I grew up, I found that visiting places like this wasn't boring, I just had to find ways to make it interesting. When I was little I was fascinated by making compositions with natural materials and taking photos; I decided to take that love for nature and my new-found skills in photography and enjoy my time at different places.

One of my favorite places inside of Letchworth State Park was the Gorge Trail. This is labeled as Trail #1 on park maps; The whole trail is about seven miles and is one of the most popular trails within Letchworth State Park. The trail has wonderful views of the gorge and waterfall views; The trail follows the western side of the Genesee River, the trail passes the three main waterfalls in the park—the Lower, Upper, and Middle falls.



Map sourced from letchworthstatepark.com

Canadian Gateway: 1,000 Islands

1,000 Islands | Alexandria Bay, N.Y.

One of my favorite trips that I have ever taken was a visit to 1,000 Islands. This is the general name for a group of more than 1,800 islands in the St. Lawrence River that is on the border of the United States and Canada. I have a lot of family members who have settled in and around that area in Clayton, N.Y. When I was younger, my family and I would try to make the trip about once a year or every other year. Then we stopped going for a while, especially since the start of COVID-19 in 2020. My family and I finally decided to take a trip again in 2021.



During this trip we were able to see lots of family, but also amazing views up and down the St. Lawrence River. One of my favorite places that we visited was Alexandria Bay. Alexandria Bay is a village in Jefferson County, New York, United States, within the town of Alexandria. It is located in the Thousand Islands region of northern New York. One thing that 1,000 Islands is famous for is boat tours. The sightseeing cruises are one of my favorite past times in the 1,000 Islands. These can include stops at Boldt and/or Singer Castle, and Rock Island Lighthouse. There is a lot of history in this town, which makes it so interesting.

Boldt Castle

When I was younger, we would always take a trip to Boldt Castle to check out some of the island's history. The castle was built by the millionaire, George C. Boldt. The plan was to build a full-sized Rhineland-style castle on Heart Island for his wife, Louise. The castle was projected to have about 120-rooms, with a drawbridge and Italian gardens. Then in 1904, Boldt stopped all construction after his wife had died unexpectedly. Boldt never returned to the island and the castle remained vacant for 73 years. Since 1977, millions of dollars have been invested in the restoration of the Heart Island structures and the Yacht House on Wellesley Island.

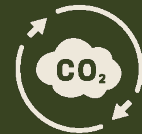




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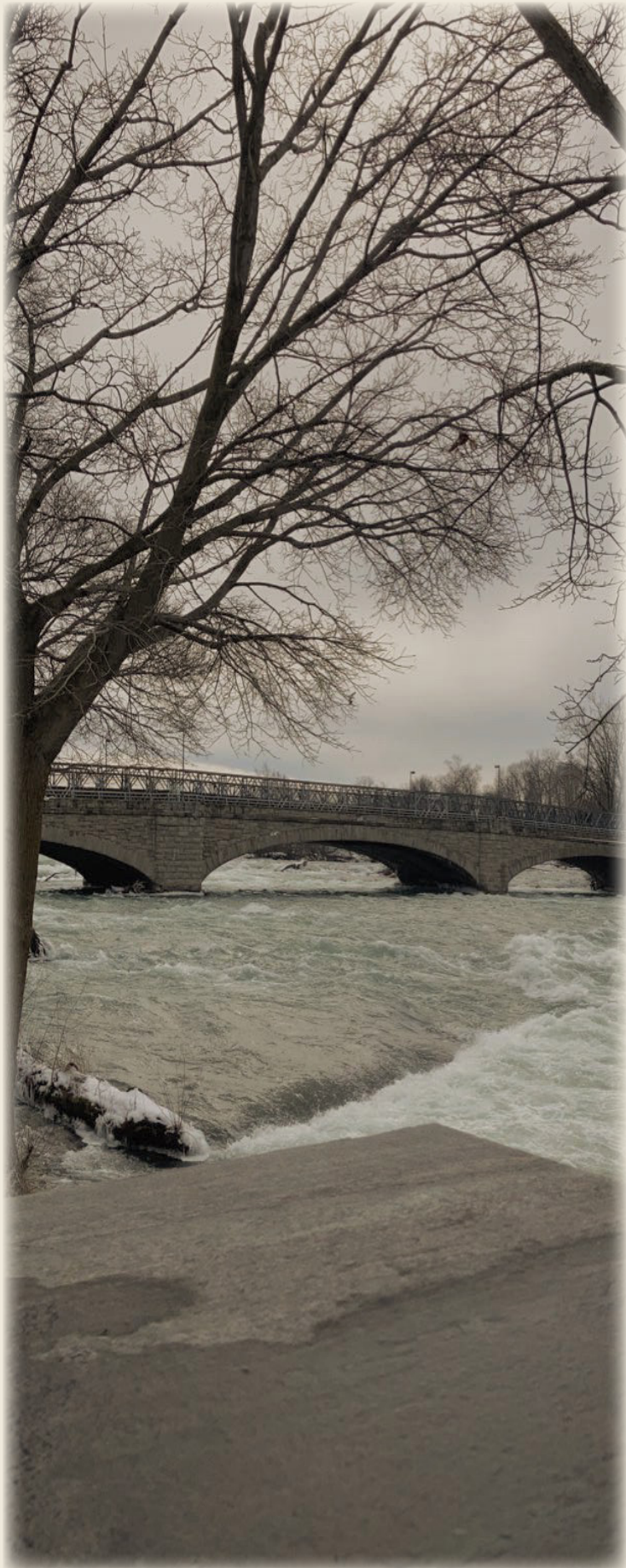


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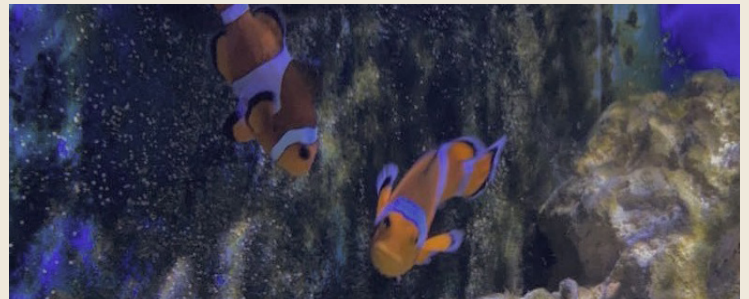
Honorary 8th Wonder of The World

Niagara Falls State Park | Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Niagara Falls: The commonly mistook Wonder of the World. I have only been there a handful of times, even though I lived only about an hour and a half away from the Falls when I was growing up. In recent years, I was finally able to make the trip up to the Falls again after several years of not visiting.

One of the best things about going to Niagara Falls is that the parking is free. However, you do have to pay for most of the attractions related to the park; The park is also open every day of the week.

One of the popular attractions is the Cave of the Winds. This tour will allow you to get closer to the Falls; You descend 175 feet into the Niagara Gorge and experience the power of the Falls from the Hurricane Deck. Another attraction, one of my favorites, is the Maid of the Mist. The Maid of the Mist is a boat tour that goes about the falls. This gives viewers a new perspective of the Falls, looking up as the water crashes downward from 50 feet above. However, the tickets for this attraction are quite pricey. My personal favorite thing to do at the park is hiking the trails. There are maps to follow, but I have never really followed any of them. I like to go my own way and explore the area and its natural beauty, considering this is not dangerous in any way.

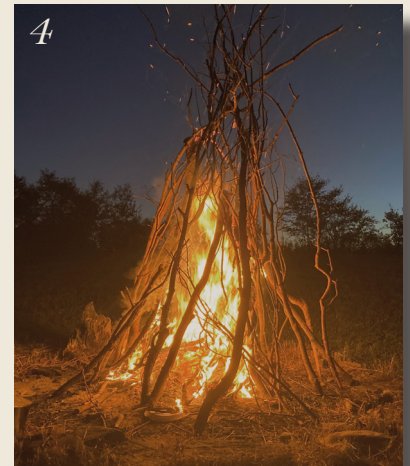
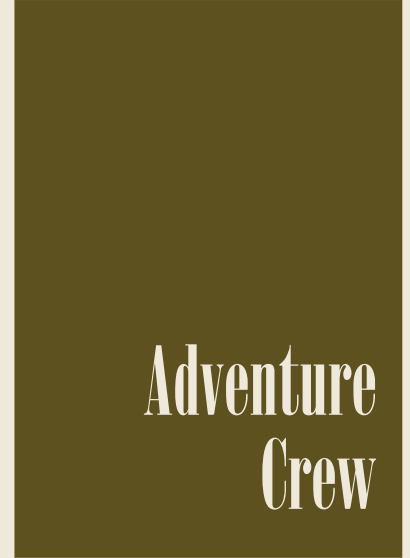
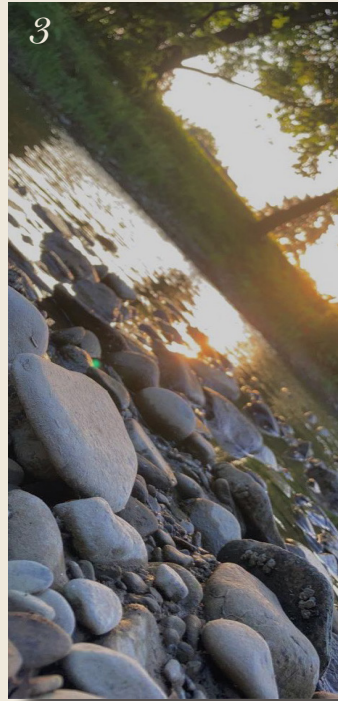


Wildlife Appreciation

The Aquarium of Niagara | Niagara Falls, N.Y.

If you drive about five minutes down the road, you will come across another fun attraction in Niagara Falls. The Aquarium of Niagara is open seven days a week and costs \$21.15 a ticket. The Aquarium of Niagara contains rescued marine mammals with all sorts of conditions from blindness to chronic seizures to missing flippers. When I went, I was able to watch a seal show and look around at all the amazing marine life, without spending more than the initial entrance fee.

On top of the initial entrance fee, there are also other activities/attractions that you can attend. You can pay \$84.95 for a Seal Encounter, as long as you are age 8 or older. During this, you are able to get a behind-the-scenes look at the care and training of their marine mammals and join the trainers on the beach to meet a seal. Also for \$84.95, you can experience a Penguin Encounter; This is the same idea as the Seal Encounter and you can participate as long as you are age 8 or older. The final experience is to become a Trainer for a Day (\$279.95), as long as you are age 12 or older. Becoming a trainer entails being able to spend the day with an aquarium trainer and taking a behind-the-scenes look at this career.



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2. Alexandria Bay, N.Y.
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3. Allegany, N.Y.
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4. Randolph, N.Y.
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