



# Friday June 15, 2019

NEWS  
of the DAY



## Goodbye Albany! — On to Cooperstown & Buffalo

### What's HAPPENING

The SILENT AUCTION is over! If you were a lucky auction bidder, please make sure you have paid for and picked up your treasures!

### How's the WEATHER



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### Daily QUESTION

How long does it take to drive to Cooperstown from Albany? What should I look for to enhance my experience?

**ANSWER:** It takes about 90 minutes using various routes. The drive is lovely through rolling hills, past farms, through villages and is full of history. (See page 2 for two facts)

### Lots of Walk Participants!

★ Portsmouth, NH 418 ★

★ Danvers, MA 409 ★ Springfield 429★

The Empire State Capital Volkssporters are so glad you journeyed to our northeast corner of the United States to Walk Thru History. As the 21st AVA Biennial Convention winds down and walkers anticipate the 22nd Convention slated to be held in 2021, we wish one and all safe travels and wonderful adventures!

### Convention Walks are not over, yet!

Post-Convention walks, that is. The walk in Cooperstown, located in the Leatherstocking Region of New York State is beautiful! The Niagara Frontier Volkssport Club eagerly awaits our arrival to enjoy Buffalo where we will see the western terminus of the Erie Canal and great architecture.



More information is available at <https://www.niagaravolkssportclubs.org/walk-thru-history-2019-convention.html>



## 2019 AVA CONVENTION

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## Cooperstown

The Cherry Valley massacre was an attack by British and Iroquois forces on a fort and the village of Cherry Valley in eastern New York on November 11, 1778, during the American Revolutionary War. It has been described as one of the most horrific frontier massacres of the war. Today, the Town of Cherry Valley, including the little village of the same name, is home to approximately 1250 residents!

During the 19th Century, the Cooperstown area was known for hops and brewing. Vast fortunes were made until a 1910 mildew blight obliterated the industry. Today, the industry is undergoing a revival with blight-resistant hops.

### What's so important about Cooperstown

On August 9, 1779, during the Revolutionary War, General James Clinton opened a dam he had built at the outlet of Otsego Lake, which are the headwaters of the Susquehanna River. This allowed the river level to be raised and become navigable, thus allowing about 2000 men and 200 bateaux to meet General John Sullivan in Tioga, New York. Together, on August 29th, they defeated the Tories and Indians at the Sullivan-Newton Campaign, also known as the Battle of Newtown, New York (near Elmira).

Today, Cooperstown is a picturesque village on Otsego Lake, (also known as Cooperstown Lake and Glimmerglass), best known for the Baseball Hall of Fame and Doubleday Field. Equally important, this village was a home of James Fenimore Cooper, you will see his grave and statue along the walk route. In addition, look for the Farmer's Museum, the Fenimore Art Museum, the Smithy, many well-kept old homes and hotels and The Deerslayer!

### James Fenimore Cooper

Perhaps the best-known resident of this village was James Fenimore Cooper, born on September 15, 1789 in Burlington, New Jersey. James' father, William, had purchased a patent of 10,000 acres in 1786. In 1790, the family moved to the frontier that became Cooperstown. After a time at Yale University and many subsequent adventures, James became a prolific American writer of over forty fiction and nonfiction books as well as journals and letters. Many people have read the Leatherstocking tales of Natty Bumppo: Leatherstocking, Hawkeye, the Trapper, Pathfinder and Deerslayer, as well as The Pioneers (or The Sources of the Susquehanna), a book where concerns about environmental stewardship prevail today. Cooper's 1826 book, The Last of the Mohicans: A Narrative of 1757, was adapted into a movie in 1992.

## On Your Way to Buffalo... Catch Up With Sal

The Niagara Frontier Club highly recommends the Lockport Seasonal which starts at Tom's Diner at 11 Main St. It is on the Erie Canal and boasts the marvel of engineering in its day Famous Flight of Five lifts to get over the last big elevation rise before Buffalo. There is also a wonderful Erie Canal Museum in the town. Lockport is about 30 miles from Buffalo and 21 miles to Niagara Falls.

