

# The Saratoga Race Course - Accessible By Land Or Sea

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For more than 150 years, the Saratoga Race Course has been a major tourist attraction not only for thoroughbred horse racing fans but for tourists from up and down the Hudson River corridor looking for a unique, historic experience. The "Track", as it is locally known, takes visitors back in time to 1800s ambience and charm, yet contains all the 21st century accoutrements needed for a first-class racing experience. This year's meet commences on Friday, July 21 and runs through Monday, September 4, 2017.

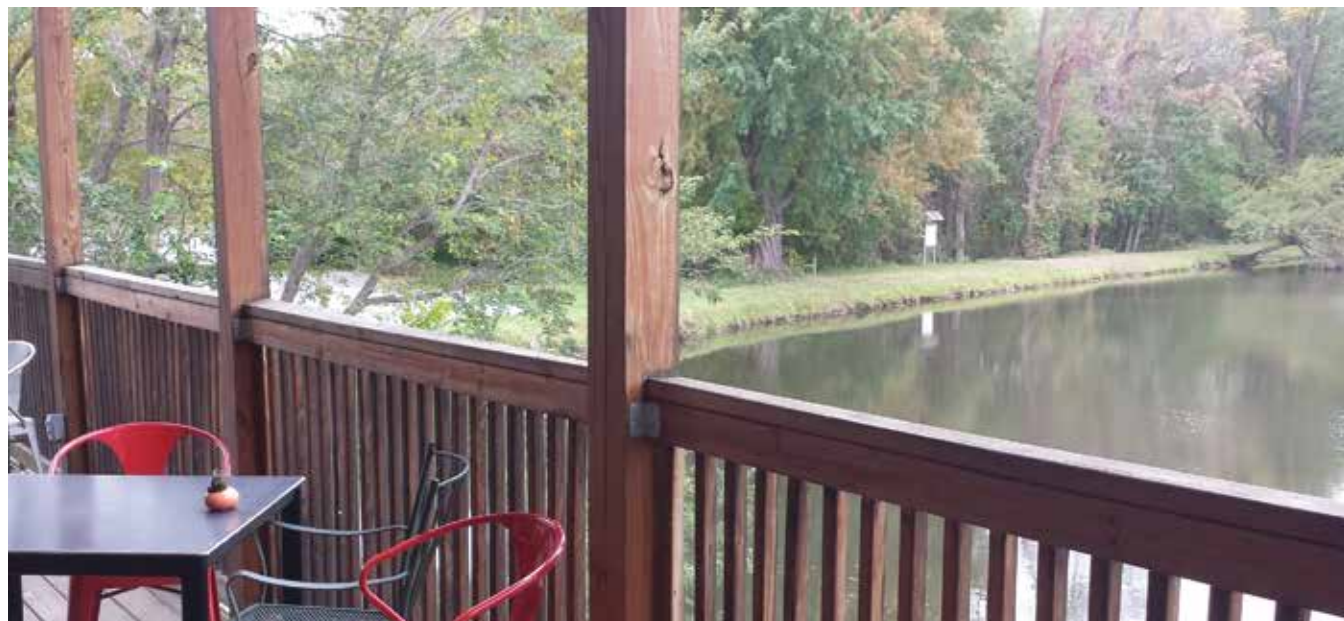
The Saratoga Race Course is operated by the New York Racing Association (NYRA), one of the largest thoroughbred horse racing organizations in the US and the cornerstone of New York State's horse racing industry, which is responsible for more than \$2.1 billion in annual economic impact and more than 17,000 jobs.

Motorists driving up from the Hudson Valley can reach the Saratoga Race Course by taking I-87 through Albany and across the Mohawk River. Exit 14 is just a short distance from the parking lots. Boaters can also reach the Track, by cruising up the Champlain Canal (Hudson River north of Troy) to the village of Schuylerville, and staying at "Saratoga's Harbor", the Schuyler Yacht Basin. One of the Saratoga Springs taxi services can get you there, and coming soon, ride sharing services like Uber and Lyft will be made available in upstate New York for the first time! Whether by land or sea, this may be the best year yet to spend time at the Saratoga Race Course!

For more information on the Saratoga Race Course please visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.southern-saratoga.org"](http://www.southern-saratoga.org) www.southern-saratoga.org, stop at the Southern Saratoga Information Center on the I-87 Northway at Exit 9 or call (518) 371-3763.



Former Mahopac Resident Lynn Kass is one of the friendly faces awaiting travelers at the Southern Saratoga Information Center, at the Clifton Park Rest Area right on I-87 heading north from Albany. The Center is maintained by the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County and is well stocked with information on are venues and events.



This view of the old Champlain Canal off the deck at Schuylerville's Revolution Café serves as a reminder that history is everywhere in upstate New York and Saratoga County. The Battle of Saratoga took place 240 years ago, and for more than 150 of those years, the Saratoga Race Course has been in existence!



A longstanding tradition at the Saratoga Race Course, low cost seating out behind the paddock area is popular with people of all ages and incomes. It's a unique way to have a party! There is grandstand style seating in the Clubhouse as well. The annual Travers Stakes will be on August 26, 2017.





The entrance to the Schuyler Yacht Basin. [www.schuyteryachtbasin.com](http://www.schuyteryachtbasin.com), 518-695-3193, Saratoga's Harbor for many, many years.

