

**Halseyville**

Halseyville was settled by young Nicoll Halsey who built a grist mill on his father's (Silas) land where Turnpike Road crossed Taughannock Creek leading to the 'big falls in the woods'. The 1829 Federal style country mansion reflects Halsey's prosperity, his property extending to the woods and fairgrounds (the farm's horse track). Part of local legend is the house's attic where Judge Halsey hosted secret Masonic meetings. The Schoolhouse on the hilltop and the businesses below were torn down during the depression.

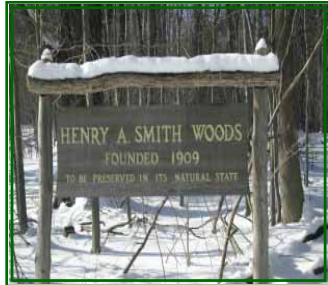


Photo courtesy of Halsey House Bed & Breakfast Inn

\*Halsey House Bed & Breakfast Inn will not be open for touring.

**The Turnpike (Route 96)** was devised as a cross-state toll road, built and operated by private companies, predecessor to the Thruway. Seneca County's turnpike operated from Ithaca to Geneva from 1810 until 1823. Cheap inter-lake travel by steamer such as the one at Frontenac made it unprofitable. Company officers Halsey and Camp petitioned to make the toll road public.

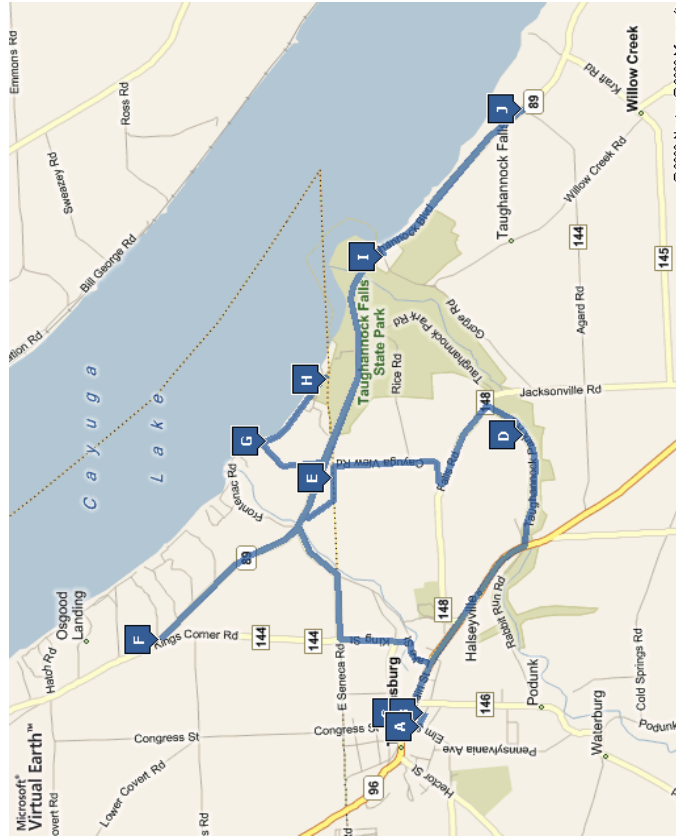
**Smith Woods** was remarkable even in the 1700's. Called the Pine Woods, it covered the higher land between Halseyville and Trumansburg. A wet-area depression in the southwest corner probably discouraged Halsey from clearing it, maintaining it as a wood lot and then later selling to Henry A. Smith to repay a mortgage debt.



Given to the people in 1909 it is now managed by Cayuga Nature Center and open to the public.

**The Fairgrounds**

is the present home of the Union Agricultural and Horticultural Society of Ulysses, Covert and Hector, begun in 1851. In 1872 the Society received the 20 acre parcel from Nicoll Halsey's son who dreamed of having the finest half-mile track in the state. Note the old alley of trees on the southwest side, and across the street parallel with the road.



**MAP KEY**

- A. Juniper Hill — 16 Elm. St.
- B. St. James Church — 17 Whig St.
- C. Masonic Temple — 59 E. Main
- D. Jay Seaman Studio — 3170 Taughannock Park Rd.
- E. McAneny House — 9797 Savercool Rd.
- F. Romano Pottery Studio — 9458 Route 89
- G. Maguire House — 9687 Frontenac Rd.
- H. Oak Harbor — 5259 Oak Harbor Rd.
- I. Taughannock Farms Inn — 2030 Gorge Rd.
- J. New Park — 1500 Taughannock Blvd. (Open 4:00—5:00 pm)

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Welcome to the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Festival. Once again, specially chosen sites are open to tell 'the Trumansburg story'. The self-guided **ALONG THE TRAIL** tour begins at Treman's Village on the east side of Trumansburg Creek where settler, Abner Treman in 1797 built a crude home, and later a grist mill (recently excavated southeast of the bridge). Drop in from 1-4pm to any of the sites in the Village and east to Halseyville, south to Taughannock. Final refreshment stop is New Park from 4-5pm. At sundown the party begins at the fairgrounds with a bonfire, live music and fireworks.



**9458 Route 89**

**La Romano Pottery Studio** is located in the big red barn, original home of the Trumansburg Craft Fair going on this weekend. Storm damage in 1983 forced its move to the

school. The land is Barzillia King's homestead "where the stagecoach stopped for good water." Vera's pottery is inspired by her native Roman roots and the sea.

**3170 Taughannock Park Rd.**

**Jay Seaman Studio** tucked in the woods opposite the upper waters of Taughannock Creek is behind the family's tower-house. Samples of his expertise as a finished carpenter, artist and sculptor are showcased here and at Oak Harbor, Maguire House, New Park and St. James Church.



**17 Whig Street**

**St. James the Apostle Church** on Whig St. has new cherry double entry doors designed and hand-carved by local artist Jay Seaman. The shell pattern replicates the clam shell James the Apostle marked the

path for pilgrims to follow in the 1<sup>st</sup> century. One of four early Village churches, it was rebuilt after a fire in 1949.



**16 Elm Street**

**Juniper Hill B&B** and art gallery of American Impressionist paintings and antiques is a luxuriously updated Federal Colonial Revival style mansion modeled after the Governor's Palace in Williamsburg. Built in 1921 for entrepreneur William Biggs, the mansion dominated the hill at the top of Whig Street next to the school, housed in different buildings from 1844 to 1924. The hill is now shared with Juniper Manor, a senior housing complex.

**9797 Savercool Road**

**McAneny House** sits on a nine acre parcel of King's military lot 100 and is actually two houses joined together as late as 1870. The view of pasture land and fields, lake, and neighboring farms captures a glimpse of 19th century rural Trumansburg. Enjoy the tranquil surroundings, and collections found in the house.



**59 East Main Street**

**The Masonic Temple** was the Trembly Hotel, later Cornell House, built in 1871 on land vacant after a fire. Never successful, it was sold to the Masons in 1917. The Order's check-board history forced them to meet secretly from 1826 to 1850. Explore every nook from the cellar to ballroom and the meeting rooms with historic displays and furnishings.



**2030 Gorge Road**

**Taughannock Farms Inn** and restaurant was built in 1873 as a summer house. The Inn is surrounded by Taughannock Gorge, the most visited site in the Finger Lakes. Tour rooms many with original furnishings. Explore the Jones family cemetery (behind the Inn) and Taughannock, Point, which was acquired by the State in 1925 from a reluctant Jones descendent.

**9687 Frontenac Road**

**Maguire House** is a new Shingle home construction part of the emerging development on Cayuga Lake. Drive through Camp Barton (c. 1925) once a commercial area developed by Trumansburg's pioneer McLallen-King family. It has changed little since 1900 when boat transportation petered out leaving behind quaint camps and relic docks.



**1500 Taughannock Blvd.**

**New Park** is screened from Taughannock Boulevard by a wood fence, boulders and pines beckoning the visitor to this hide-away complete with comfortable cabins designed by conference center owner, Jamie

Kehoe. Enjoy the natural beauty and quiet in this park-like setting enhanced with sculptures created by local artist, Jay Seaman.

**5259 Oak Harbor Rd.**

**Oak Harbor** between Taughannock and Frontenac Falls is a recently developed portion of the King military lot settled after the Revolutionary War. Mature trees and gradual slopes offer ideal building lots with a lake view. Kate Seaman of Warren Realty shows this beautifully furnished home, sister to the one north of New Park.

