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Plan The Ultimate Throwback Weekend In Beacon, New York



Story Screen, a drive in movie theater in Beacon New York. CHRIS SZABO

There's something undeniably nostalgic about going to see a movie at the drive-in. The cars, the concessions, even the commercials that play beforehand. Not to mention the fact that in Covid-19 times, it's the perfect socially distanced activity to indulge in. I never realized how much I yearned for these simple pleasures until I learned that *The Big Lebowski* was being screened at a new Drive In theater up in Beacon, New York. It was as good of an excuse as any to break-up my regularly programmed weekend quarantine-routine and enjoy a bit of—dare I say—*normalcy*.

There's something of a [revival in drive in movie theaters](#) across the country right now, and if you haven't been out to experience the magic that comes with seeing a drive in movie, well there's no time like the present.

Set in a cozy park in right in the heart of town, [Story Screen Drive In](#) launched earlier this summer as an outdoor alternative to the theater's brick and mortar location on Main Street. It's been a big hit for locals and city-kids like me looking to safely partake in some movie-going fun. And yes, even though I've probably seen *The Big Lebowski* more times that I care to admit, there's something about watching Jeff Bridges a.k.a The Dude live out his white Russian infused days bowling and scheming that's just downright necessary right now in a way that the dude would definitely abide.

If you're looking for a little reprieve, there are plenty of ways to enjoy a weekend in Beacon in a safe, and socially distanced way. From a visit to the recently reopened Dia: Beacon which reopened to the public recently and an old school soda shop on Main Street to Wonderbar's art-deco inspired cocktails and the coolest Drive In movie theater in town, here's how to plan the ultimate throwback weekend in Beacon, New York.

Know Before You Go



S'mores and frozen hot chocolate at Hudson Valley Marshmallow Company on Main Street in Beacon, New York. HUDSON VALLEY MARSHMALLOW COMPANY

Set in the Hudson Valley, Beacon is roughly 54 miles, or just over a 1.5 hour drive from New York City. Currently in the fourth and [final stage of Covid-19 reopening](#), many restaurants are available for dine-in, however most have plenty of space for outdoor seating.

The Hudson Valley has seen a few drive in theaters pop up this summer, most recently in the heart of Beacon, [Story Screen](#) theater is truly something special. Set in The Park at USC, this cozy venue can host a total 35 cars per screening and costs \$10 per adult and \$8 per child. The [movie lineup](#) changes every week and typically includes two screenings per night at 8pm and 10pm (ET). Upcoming films include none other than *Back To The Future* and *Raiders of The Lost Ark*.

Where To Eat



Lunch at The Roundhouse in Beacon, New York. THE ROUNDHOUSE

If you happen to be in Beacon Friday-Sunday, don't miss [Smoke On The Water](#), the Roundhouse Hotel's summer BBQ pop-up serving up everything from smoked brisket to racks of St. Louis ribs. [The Patio](#) restaurant's waterfall-side setting is a serene enough spot for delicious drinks and appetizers, just be prepared to wait a few minutes for a table once the evening rush hits.



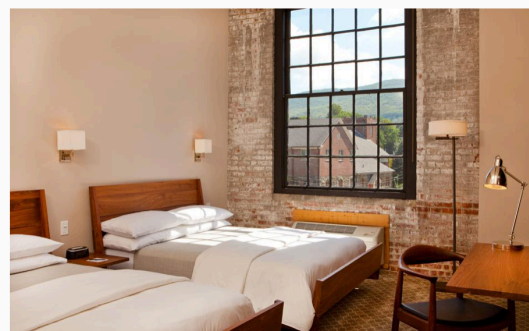
To-go cocktails and popcorn at Wonderbar in Beacon, New York WONDERBAR

For some killer craft cocktails, look no further than art-deco inspired [Wonderbar](#) where award-winning beverage director Lynnette Marrero of Speed Rack and former Death & Co. alum Jessica Gonzalez are serving up some of the best libations in town. You really can't go wrong with any of the drinks on offer here, but this writer's personal favorite, Queens Road, is an aged rum cocktail with orange, lemon, honey, ginger and bitters mixed to sweet and savory perfection. Pro tip: Wonderbar also offers all of their drinks in a cute to-go glass carafe which can be sipped in the comfort of your socially distanced choosing.

A little further up Main Street, [Homespun Foods](#) serves up some delicious gourmet classics for lunch and dinner along with a robust organic wine menu all in a charming garden-side setting.

The cherry on top, [Glazed Over Donuts](#) is an absolute can't miss for their sweet creations along with new donut ice cream sandwich. Finally, for something uniquely Beacon, [Hudson Valley Marshmallow Company's](#) frozen hot chocolate and fire roasted s'mores are the throwback jam you don't want to miss.

Where To Stay



A room in The Roundhouse hotel in Beacon, New York THE ROUNDHOUSE

You have some options when it comes to overnight accommodations in Beacon, however set along the Fishkill Creek, [The Roundhouse](#) offers upscale digs in a former 1800's factory setting. The hotel is currently adhering to strict [Covid-19 cleaning protocols](#) including a contactless continental breakfast delivery right to your room as well as a mandatory mask policy in all public areas.