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A Guide to Retiring on the North Fork of Long Island



There is never a shortage of things to do...

...or places where you can do nothing at all.



Life on the North Fork



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THE NORTH FORK BY THE NUMBERS

Greenport Village
Population: 2,224

The North Fork
Population: 43,540
(1,476,091 metro area/Suffolk County)

The North Fork
Square Miles: 158

A popular tourist destination, the North Fork is home to Long Island's Wine Country and is the inspiration behind New York's farm-to-table culinary movement. With rolling vineyards, acres of farmland, and shorelines everywhere you turn, there is much to appreciate in this beautiful location.

The new residents who are moving to the North Fork may have spent summers on Long Island as children and young adults. Older adults are finding the North Fork to be an affordable and desirable retirement destination.



Long Island Wine Country

“When you visit the Long Island Wine Region, you share in the pride that we have for our people, our land and the culture that make us unique.”
– Long Island Wine Council

Long Island is one of America’s most diverse wine growing regions, producing desirable, high-quality wines. With a wide range of grapes that successfully grow in Long Island’s cool maritime climate, the region produces wine with moderate alcohol, intense aromatics, and crisp acidity.

Bedell Cellars

Bedell Cellars is a pioneering, family-owned winery in the Long Island wine growing region on the North Fork. Bedell is dedicated to quality and creativity in everything they do. With a commitment to sustainable farming, Bedell has hand-crafted red and white wines in small batches for thirty-four years, using methods that define the regional style.

Castello di Borghese Vineyard & Winery

Long Island’s oldest vineyard took root in 1973 and broke ground for the 50+ other vineyards and wineries that now shape the region. In 1999, the vineyard was renamed Castello di Borghese (Castle of the Borgheses) and continues a legacy of producing superb, sophisticated wines.

Clovis Point Vineyard and Winery

Clovis Point Vineyard and Winery crafts small lot artisanal wines in an environment that is rich with charm. The tasting room features a sweeping pastoral view of neatly organized vine rows and bucolic cornfields, providing a comfortable backdrop to engage with friends and knowledgeable staff. Clovis Point’s uniqueness lies in very delicate difference of the microclimate found at its location near the Peconic Bay. The warm salty breezes provide an extended ripening period, resulting in a wine that is both a complex and truthful expression of the area.



Long Island Wine Country

Duck Walk Vineyards

Duck Walk Vineyards is one of the most well-known names in quality wine on Long Island. Covering 140 scenic acres and producing some 5,000 cases of awarding winning wine each year, Duck Walk Vineyards has become a staple on one of the most famed growing regions in the country. A stark contrast to some of the other vineyard tasting rooms you'll find on the South Fork, it's no surprise that people looking to avoid city vibes choose it as their go to vino destination for time spent on the East End.

Jamesport Vineyards

This longstanding, three-generation vineyard offers world class wines, a wood fired pizza oven, and a great outdoor space. Gather here to enjoy live music on the weekends. Jamesport Vineyards is known for providing a unique, hands-on, food and wine experience. Its winemaking production takes place behind large picture windows that surround the tasting room. Jamesport Vineyards strives to create wines that show the characteristics of beauty that are encapsulated by grapes in the Long Island maritime climate.

Jason's Vineyard

Jason's Vineyard was planted in 1996 using only the finest clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, Chardonnay, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Jason pioneered the dense spacing of vines on the North Fork. Visitors enjoy wine tasting around the Argonaut-shaped tasting bar, complete with sails, epitomizing the legend of Jason and the Argonauts. Jason's Vineyard also offers a covered patio area and live music outside, in-season.



Kontokosta Winery

On a 62-acre waterfront farm in Greenport, Kontokosta Winery is a sustainable, wind-powered, operation that is producing wine that is as honest as it is inviting. Overlooking the vineyard to the south and the bluff of Long Island Sound to the North, Kontokosta Winery provides a true sense of the North Fork. Guests are encouraged to purchase vintages and sample family-made blends in the midst of agrarian bliss.

Lenz Winery

Lenz Winery is currently celebrating its 40th anniversary. With Eric Fry as winemaker and Sam McCullough as vineyard manager, the Lenz Winery's reputation is sustained, not only as one of the original North Fork wineries, but one that has consistently produced rich, complex, food-friendly wines that only get better with age.



Lieb Cellars

Lieb Cellars was founded in 1992 and covers 85 acres of vineyards on Long Island's North Fork. The winery is best known for its fruit-forward dry wines, including its acclaimed Reserve Pinot Blanc, which has been named as one of America's top wines by The Wall Street Journal. Visitors can stop at the winery's rustic-chic tasting bar and sample the company's award-winning wines, paired with snacks like locally-produced cheese boards.

Long Island Wine Country

Macari Vineyards

Macari Vineyards was established in 1995. Joseph Macari Jr. is considered a pioneer in the movement towards natural farming on Long Island. All grapes are strictly farmed without herbicide. Homemade compost is used as fertilizer and organic and biodynamic principles are weaved throughout the farming process. Macari offers a wide variety of red and white wines.

Mattebella Winery

Mattebella Vineyards is a small family farm located on the North Fork of Long Island, New York. They make wines of the highest quality that pair well with a wide variety of food. Their sustainable practices combined with hand-crafted winemaking allows them to consistently produce wines that reflect the exceptional terroir.

Old Field Vineyard

In 1996, Christian and his wife, Rosamond Phelps, purchased the Old Field Vineyard from his family. They planted Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Pinot Noir wine grapes. From these grapes, they are crafting premium red, white, and sparkling wines.

Pellegrini Vineyards

Bob Pellegrini and his wife, Joyce, were pioneers in the Long Island wine community. After partnering in a small vineyard in the 80's, they quickly realized the potential of the North Fork region. In 1991, the Pellegrini's purchased their own vineyard. This state-of-the-art facility combines the best of modern winemaking technology yet honors Bob's design passion for Old World traditions.

Pindar Vineyards

Pindar Vineyards encompasses more than 500 scenic acres with 17 varieties of grapes that turn into some 23 varietals and proprietary blends. Producing 70,000 cases of wine a year, Pindar is the largest vineyard on Long Island. Wines vary from dry to sweet, sparkling to dessert.



Raphael Wine

Utilizing gravity flow and a natural winemaking philosophy, Raphael wines are produced sustainably, utilizing controlled fermentation with little fining and filtration resulting in wines that purely express the local terroir. Their mission is to produce ripe, fruit-driven wines that exhibit a marriage of depth, finesse, elegance, and balance – the flavors of the North Fork – provided first by the terroir and secondly, by the dedicated, impassioned attention of the winemaking team.

RGNY Wine

The doors of RGNY's Tasting Room are always open to anyone who is looking to immerse themselves in the ever-changing world of wine. Mexican heritage brings a unique perspective to this family-owned and operated business. The result is a new, but thoughtful, take on winemaking.

Rose Hill Vineyards

Rose Hill Vineyards, a winery, vineyard, and Farmhouse Inn, is set in a 125-year-old barn, which has been passed down by generations of Long Island farmers. With a nod to the past and a vision for the future, Rose Hill offers the experience of a winery and inn that incorporates great wine and great hospitality on the North Fork of Long Island.

Sherwood House Vineyards

Located in Jamesport, North Fork's Sherwood House Vineyards has welcomed guests to enjoy their classic, approachable wines and bespoke setting for more than two decades. Here is a place of conviviality, family, and friends with a variety of interesting wines.



Eating & Drinking Around Town



Inspired by the bounty of local farms, vineyards, and fisheries, the North Fork's farm-to-table culinary movement is here to stay. From fine dining to casual pubs, there's something for everyone...

Agave Grill and Cantina

Agave Grill and Cantina serves fresh Mexican/American food. It offers an array of classic cantina-style fare in a white tablecloth dining room with modern, homey vibes. Experience Mexican flavors without leaving Greenport!

American Beech

American Beech is a modern American restaurant inspired by the farming, fishing and viticulture industries of the North Fork and the eclectic cultures and cuisines of the surrounding regions. The menu showcases market-fresh and local ingredients of the highest quality designed to be an everyday neighborhood restaurant with something for everyone.

Andy's

This relaxed family-friendly pub is known for craft beer, seafood, burgers and televised sports. It's the perfect place to bring your family, grab a bite, watch a game and enjoy.

Billy's By the Bay

Fresh seafood and lobster restaurant, located in Greenport in the beautiful Brewers Yacht Yard. They offer welcoming, friendly service in a casual Key West atmosphere.

Claudio's

Opened in 1845, today, Claudio's is actually four restaurants in one: Claudio's, Claudio's Waterfront, Crabby Jerry's and a Pizza Spot! All four offer locally-sourced ingredients, including seafood, produce, and wine. Families can visit Claudio's by foot, car, or boat!





Farmstands & More

Lavender by the Bay

Since 2002, Lavender by the Bay has been New York's premier lavender farm. They offer locally produced lavender products shipped anywhere in the world. Guests visiting the farm can walk through the fields of lavender. There is also a farm store with a variety of lavender products.

Sang Lee Farms

This long-standing farm offers Fresh-Lee-Cut® Certified Organic vegetables, and deliciously prepared products at their farm stand, local farmer's markets on eastern Long Island and through their Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program.

For the Beer Lovers

Greenport Harbor Brewing Company

Beer lovers must stop for a pint at the popular Greenport Harbor Brewing Company. Stop at their Peconic location for a cold IPA and a Brewhouse Burger, courtesy of their creative on-site restaurant.

Lucharitos

Located in the heart of the beautiful Village of Greenport, Lucharitos delivers freshly prepared Baja-style Mexican eats at affordable prices. Flavorful tequila drinks, cold Mexican beers, and local craft brews are on tap and pair well with the laughs and smiles of their team members.

Noah's

For over a decade, Chef Noah Schwartz and his wife, Sunita Schwartz, have served visitors to the North Fork of Long Island "farm to fork" fare sourced from local farmers and fisherman.

Olive Branch Restaurant & Bar

Take in views of the Harbor at this warm restaurant with patio seating that serves classic, hearty Mediterranean dishes and Turkish wines.

PORT Waterfront Bar & Grill

Locals love this low-key seaside outpost offering an array of fresh seafood and pub fare, along with an extensive wine list and great cocktails.

Stirling Sake

This authentic Japanese restaurant offers sushi, sashimi, ceviche, and ramen noodles along with sake flights.

The Frisky Oyster

Behind the modern facade is a creative American bistro boasting local ingredients and a hipster vibe. The Frisky Oyster offers imaginative cuisine in a sophisticated atmosphere. The menu is updated daily to showcase the most exceptional, local ingredients.

The Halyard

The Halyard Restaurant at Sound View Greenport sits directly on the Long Island Sound and is helmed by acclaimed chef Stephan Bogardus. The restaurant celebrates the region's food offerings — direct from foragers and farmers, growers, and fishermen.

The Great Outdoors

Whether sailing the Long Island Sound or clamming in Peconic Bay waters, the North Fork is a seaside destination. Public beaches and park preserves are sprinkled throughout Greenport and neighboring hamlets, offering some of the best kayaking and fishing around. The Peconic Landing fitness team takes advantage of these resources regularly, offering clamming and kayaking trips each summer, and weekly nature walks and hikes.

Bug Lighthouse

Originally built in 1870, the Long Beach Bar “Bug” Lighthouse helps mariners navigate around the hazardous sandbar located between Orient Harbor and Gardiner’s Bay, its bright beacon welcoming them to the protected waters of Peconic Bay. Bug Light is a shining symbol of the community’s dedication to keeping their maritime heritage alive.

Horton Point Lighthouse

Horton Point Light is a lighthouse in the hamlet of Southold. The current lighthouse was built and the tower was first lit in 1857. The lighthouse sits on a bluff 60 feet above Long Island Sound and is built out of granite and brick. Horton Point Lighthouse is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is a popular site for locals and tourists alike. The grounds are open year-round, while the lighthouse itself is open seasonally.

Orient Beach State Park

Orient Beach State Park, located on the eastern tip of the North Fork of Long Island, is a natural wonderland of waterfront with 45,000 feet of frontage on Gardiner’s Bay. Its natural beauty earned designation as a National Natural Landmark in 1980. Patrons come to the park primarily for relaxing, picnicking, enjoying the peaceful outdoors, and various recreation activities. Visitors can swim in the bay, fish from shore, go kayaking, windsurfing, and stand-up paddle boarding, go hiking or biking, or walk a nature trail. The park has pavilions available for private parties and a small refreshment stand.



Get Out!

There is perhaps no greater draw to the North Fork than its outdoor scene — and scenery. Whether you're a beachgoer or you're more comfortable with your feet on the pavement, whatever your adventure level may be, there's something to do. A sampling:

Hiking

Long Island is home to many hiking trails with beautiful views. A favorite is Ruth Oliva Preserve which overlooks Dam Pond in East Marion.

Camping

From beachfront campsites in the dunes to wooded parks overlooking the bays and waterways, camping on the North Fork is an unforgettable outdoor experience. Nearby options include the Eastern Long Island Kampground, McCann Campground, and Cliff and Ed's Campground.

Biking and Walking

There is no shortage of trails on the North Fork and surrounding areas. The Riverfront Trail is a half-mile long boardwalk trail that follows the Peconic River into downtown Riverhead. There's also Wildwood State Park in Wading River that offers 12 miles of paved and unpaved trails.

The Lay of the Land

The New York Times says the North Fork has the feel of a long-established hometown, one with tranquil beaches, vineyards, harbors, great restaurants, mom-and-pop stores and its own opera house.

While this region of Suffolk County provides access to some of the nation's most impressive coastlines, it also offers plenty of opportunity for rest and relaxation, with luxury spas, golf, dining and shopping.



With six miles of trails and a half-mile of private beach, Peconic Landing is an outdoor adventure in itself. Members and visitors can enjoy walking, biking and swimming while gazing out on the Connecticut shoreline and a wide variety of wildlife.

Cultural Arts, Museums & More

Nestled amongst the quaint villages, picturesque waterways, and open landscapes of the North Fork, you'll find a diverse array of fine arts, music, museums, educational opportunities, and more. It truly is the best of both worlds!

Custer Institute

Established in 1927, the Custer Institute and Observatory is Long Island's oldest public observatory. Open every Saturday from dusk until midnight, volunteers give tours of the facilities and the night sky through their powerful telescopes. Custer has a library, museum, and gift shop and offers frequent lectures, classes, concerts, art exhibits, and other special events.

East End Seaport Museum

The East End Seaport Museum on the historic Greenport waterfront explores the rich maritime heritage of Long Island's East End. It has a 750-gallon saltwater aquarium and seasonally-changing exhibits.

Hallockville Museum Farm

Hallockville Museum Farm takes Long Island visitors back to its family farming roots and explore their relevance today. Fun for all ages, the Museum Farm offers tours, classes, workshops, fairs, and festivals throughout the year!

Peconic Landing Sculpture Garden

The North Fork's only Sculpture Garden, this outdoor gallery features 18 different works sprinkled throughout Peconic Landing's campus. Established in 2010, it is home to regional, national and internationally recognized artists showcasing a diversity of material, techniques, and content. Their exhibition, Art Without Barriers: What you Hear Is What You See, is all about accessibility, with a particular focus on the visually impaired. The garden features descriptive audio, enabling people of various abilities to experience art in creative ways.



North Fork Community Theatre

The North Fork Community Theatre promotes the study of and awareness for the dramatic arts. And further to foster interest in and to promote the undertaking of dramatic art endeavors in the community. The Theatre affords the residents of all ages from the Town of Southold and surrounding communities an opportunity to participate in plays and productions.

Oysterponds Historical Society

Oysterponds Historical Society celebrates and shares the culture and heritage of the North Fork through education, exhibition and scholarship and by collecting, preserving and interpreting the history of the Orient and East Marion community, and its place in national history.

Southold Historical Society

The Southold Historical Society is one of the leading cultural institutions located on the North Fork of Long Island. Founded in 1960, the Society is dedicated to preserving the history of the North Fork and surrounding region.

Southold Indian Museum

The Southold Indian Museum is dedicated to study and education surrounding archaeology and natural history of the area. The Museum is owned and operated by the Incorporated Long Island Chapter of the New York State Archaeological Association and displays ancient pottery, jewelry and more.

The Railroad Museum of Long Island

The Railroad Museum of Long Island is a railway museum dedicated to the history of the railroad systems flowing in and out of Long Island. The museum contains model trains, actual equipment and other train memorabilia.

The Suffolk Theater

Since 1933, The Suffolk Theater, located in downtown Riverhead, has provided diverse programming for all ages, from live entertainment, music and plays to movies and catered affairs.



Brecknock Hall

This historic gem on Peconic Landing's sprawling campus is a popular destination for weddings, cultural events, and educational programs.

Cultural Arts, Museums & More

Art Galleries Around Town

Alex Ferrone Photography Gallery

The Alex Ferrone Gallery exhibits and sells contemporary fine art works by mid-career and emerging artists with an emphasis on photo-based art, paintings, and mixed media works. Fine art admirers and collectors can meet their exhibiting artists at special events including public receptions, Gallery Talks, and workshops.

VSOP Projects

VSOP Projects is a contemporary art gallery and project space located in Greenport Village, on Long Island's North Fork. their year-round program of solo and group exhibitions serves as a platform for an evolving, international roster of emerging artists and designers.

William Ris Gallery

Established in 1966, William Ris Gallery houses exciting exhibitions of paintings, photographs, collages, sculptures and mixed media artworks created by various accomplished East End artists. The Gallery also offers interior design services and space for special events.



HOW THE NORTH FORK RANKS

The Cost of Living Index is based around the U.S. average of 100: below 100 is lower than the U.S. average and above is higher. Here's how the North Fork compares to some other cities in New England.

East Hampton, NY	488
Montauk, NY	283
New York City, NY	187
North Fork, NY	153
Washington DC	152

Source: Sperling's Best Places



If you choose to retire on the North Fork of Long Island, don't expect to have too much down time. The North Fork is a popular summer destination for tourists and residents alike seeking access to the breathtaking beaches — and an escape from the hustle and bustle of larger metro areas.

The North Fork is approximately 75 miles east of New York City at the tip of Long Island. It is surrounded by the Peconic Bay and the Long Island Sound.

Need to get out of town for the weekend? You're also a few hours from the beautiful Catskill Mountains of New York or a ferry ride away from bustling cities, like Providence and Boston, and the infamous New England foliage.

Getting To Know The North Fork

NOW FOR A CHECK ON THE WEATHER

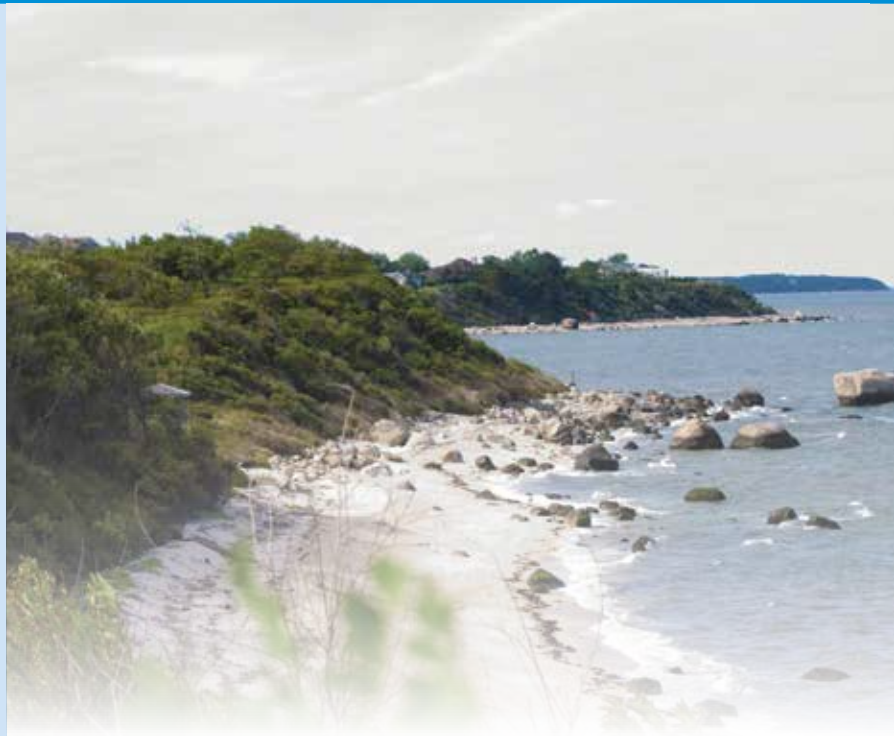
Sunny Days: 180+

Average High in Summer: 80

Average High in Winter: 45

Snow: Occasional

If you like to experience all of the seasons without temperature extremes, the North Fork is the place for you. Residents and tourists alike can enjoy the sunshine of Florida all summer (without the humidity) and the changing of the leaves in the fall.



Getting Around

The Hampton Jitney is Long Island's premier motorcoach company, with daily trips between the North Fork and New York City.

Long Island MacArthur Airport (ISP) is just 50 miles from Greenport and serves Southwest, American, and Frontier airlines. It was rated by USA Today as one of the country's best small airports.

The Long Island Rail Road offers daily service to the North Fork from Penn Station in Manhattan and Atlantic Terminal in Brooklyn.

The Cross Sound Ferry offers year-round vehicle and passenger service between the North Fork and New London, for easy access to Connecticut casinos and beautiful New England landscapes.



Healthcare

Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital is an acute care community hospital committed to delivering excellence in patient care on the North Fork. Centers of excellence include Medical-Surgical, Advanced Ambulatory Care, Behavioral Health, Emergency, Geriatric, Diagnostic Services, Physical Therapy and Gastrointestinal Services.

Founded in 1951 as Central Suffolk Hospital, **Peconic Bay Medical Center** is the largest hospital in eastern Suffolk County. They offer advanced healthcare services for the 250,000+ residents of the Riverhead area, eastern central Suffolk County and Long Island's North Fork.

Peconic Landing in Greenport is also in the planning stages of a wellness center expansion in partnership with Stony Brook University Hospital that will soon offer specialists to the greater East End community. It is expected to break ground in 2021.

Spas

There's no better backdrop to a relaxing spa day than the coastal End End. For self-care at the spa, check out the **Spa and Salon at East Wind** in nearby Wading River. Members at Peconic Landing can also enjoy massage therapy and beauty services right on campus.

Golf

Open to the public, **Island's End Golf Course** is an 18-hole facility located in the heart of Wine Country on the North Fork of Long Island. At 6,700 yards with four selections of tee boxes, this course offers a pleasurable round of golf that can be played in a reasonable amount of time by both the novice and skilled player. All Peconic Landing members have special privileges at Island's End.



Our Mission

Peconic Landing is a community that provides a vibrant and fulfilling lifestyle through choice and opportunity. We encourage our members to pursue their interests and passions to the fullest for continued growth toward successful living.



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