



NIAGARA FALLS
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- The Observation Tower in the Niagara Falls State Park is all about the birds. It is installed with “bird-friendly” glass— 4-inch-wide white vertical stripes alternating with 2-inch-wide strips of glass. This striped design prevents birds from colliding into the tower.
- The American Rapids, the rapids above the falls, reach a maximum speed of 25 mph (40 km/h) before making an over 176 ft. (54 m) drop over the Niagara Falls into the Lower Niagara River. 3,160 tons of water flows over Niagara Falls every second. This accounts for 75,750 gallons of water per second over the American and Bridal Veil Falls and 681,750 gallons per second over the Horseshoe Falls.
- The American and Bridal Veil Falls were turned off in 1969 by the U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers to study the effects of erosion. The falls will eventually have to be turned off again so the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation can rebuild two, 115-year-old pedestrian bridges.
- Almost half of the hand carved wooden carousels still working in the U.S. and Canada can trace their origins to the Herschell Carrousel Factory in North Tonawanda.

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The Niagara River ecosystems support many of New York State's protected animal species, such as the Lake Sturgeon, Peregrine Falcon and American Bald Eagle.



- Since 1925, the Niagara Falls Illumination Board (NFIB) has provided nightly illumination of Niagara Falls for all to enjoy. In December 2016, the halogen lights that shine upon the Falls were given a \$4M makeover. They were replaced with energy-efficient LED lights, providing brighter and more robust colors.
- At Old Fort Niagara, military forces have continued to occupy the fort, from the French in 1726 to the U.S. Coast Guard today. This has made it one of the longest active military sites in the United States.
- Niagara Falls State Park, established in 1885, is the oldest State Park in the United States.

- In the early 1800s, the term “cocktail” was invented at Hustler’s Tavern (today’s Gallo Coal Fire Kitchen) in the historic Village of Lewiston. The owner’s specialty drink was a “gin mixture”, which she stirred with the tail feather of a stuffed cockerel.
- You guessed it, Goat Island is named after a goat! John Stedman, an early pioneer, kept a herd of goats on the island. Upon returning to the island after a terrible winter in the late 1700s, Stedman found all but one of the goats had died, thus giving the island its name.
- Niagara Falls is capable of producing over 4 million kilowatts of electricity, which is shared by the United States and Canada.

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The 2,400,000-kw Niagara Power Project was the largest hydropower complex in the Western World when it began operating in January 1961, less than three years after construction began. It was named an engineering marvel by the late President Kennedy.

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During peak seasons, the pilots of Rainbow Air Inc. fly 40 or more trips around the Niagara Falls every day. Helicopter rides last eight to ten minutes and climb up to 3,000 feet.



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