

Erlandson and Luensman Overview Parks to Reopen May 5, 2021

The Chautauqua County Department of Public Facilities (DPF) Division of Parks and Recreation has announced that Luensman Overview Park and Erlandson Overview Park will open to the public on May 5, 2021.

John R. Luensman Overview Park is located on Thayer Road in the Town of Portland. It is situated at the top of the Lake Erie escarpment with a view of the lake plain, villages along the north shore and the Canadian south shore.

Tom Erlandson Overview Park is located on Oak Hill Road in the Town of Carroll. The park is at an elevation of 2,080 feet, making it the second highest elevation in the county. It offers a panoramic view of the surrounding countryside, including Chautauqua Lake to the west, Onoville valley to the east, and the Allegheny Mountains to the south.

Both parks will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to dusk from May 5, 2021 through November 1, 2021, but will not have any restroom facilities open at this time. The DPF will continue to monitor CDC and local health department guidance on when the restroom facilities can be opened. Additionally, no large gatherings or organized events will be permitted unless it is approved by the County DPF, which will require that all NY FORWARD requirements be followed with plans filed with NYS and the County DPF. For additional information and inquires, they can be made to the phone number below.

For more information about parks and trails that are operated and maintained by the Chautauqua County Department of Public Facilities, please visit <https://chqgov.com/parks-and-trails/parks-trails> or www.hikechautauqua.com , or call (716) 661-8417.