

## By the Numbers Syracuse

Syracuse is located at the crossroads of two interstate highway systems, east/west I-90 the New York State Thruway, and north/south I-81.

### AREA:

Onondaga County ..... 780 sq. mi.  
City of Syracuse ..... 26 sq. mi.

**TERRAIN:** Rolling hills and flat plains

**ALTITUDE:** 364 - 681 feet Elevation: 414 feet

**CLIMATE:** Four seasons

### CONTINENTAL MEAN AVERAGE TEMPERATURE:

January ..... 24 degrees  
April ..... 46 degrees  
July ..... 71 degrees  
September ..... 62 degrees

### POPULATION:

	City of Syracuse	Onondaga County
1990	163,860	468,973
2000	146,435	458,336
2008	139,070	452,633

Over 136 million people live within a 750 mile radius of Syracuse, including over 50 percent of the population of Canada and the United States.

### MILEAGE TO MAJOR CITIES:

Albany, NY 136	Montreal, Quebec 248
Baltimore, MD 299	New York, NY 253
Binghamton, NY 75	Niagara Falls, NY 165
Boston, MA 299	Philadelphia, PA 255
Buffalo, NY 147	Pittsburgh, PA 342
Chicago, IL 665	Rochester, NY 85
Cleveland, OH 330	Toronto, Ontario 248
Hartford, CT 236	Washington, DC 350

### OF NOTE:

- More than 50 state, county and city parks and several nature centers
- 40 golf courses (more than any other area in the Northeast)
- 40 museums and galleries, including the nationally known Everson Museum of Art, designed by I.M. Pei
- The Carrier Dome, home of Syracuse University athletics, is the only domed stadium in the northeast
- Alliance Bank Stadium seats 11,000 spectators and is home to the Syracuse Chiefs
- The New York State Fair, the longest running state fair in the country, annually attracts nearly 1 million people from across the Northeast.

**SOURCE:** CenterState Corporation for Economic Opportunity

## ONONDAGA LAKE PARK

Onondaga Lake Parkway (Route 370 W.), Liverpool.  
6 a.m.-sunset (+ ½ hour after sunset);  
(315) 453-6712; [www.onondagacountyparks.com](http://www.onondagacountyparks.com)

**GET MOVING:** Help! It has been a long drive or a long meeting or the kids are cranky. Fresh air and exercise might be just the remedy. Join the locals and head for Onondaga Lake Park located a few minutes north of downtown Syracuse and Carousel Center, where you can run, walk, rollerblade or cross-country ski from dawn to dusk on miles of vehicle-free, paved trails.

## ONONDAGA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MUSEUM & RESEARCH CENTER

321 Montgomery St., Syracuse.

(315) 428-1864; [www.cnyhistory.org](http://www.cnyhistory.org)

**Research hours:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday-Friday or by appointment Monday and Tuesday afternoons only.

Closed Saturday-Tuesday.

**Museum hours:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

**HISTORIC INSPIRATION:** Home to one of the nation's largest regional collections, the OHA Museum celebrates the area's events, architecture, sports legends, industries, transportation and recreation in five major themed areas. Experience the recently renovated Onondaga Historical Association, housed in historic 1906 building in downtown Syracuse. The OHA Research Center, open for public research, houses 2 million archival photos, maps, cemetery records and other documents pertaining to Onondaga County history.

## ROSAMOND GIFFORD ZOO AT BURNET PARK

One Conservation Place, Syracuse;

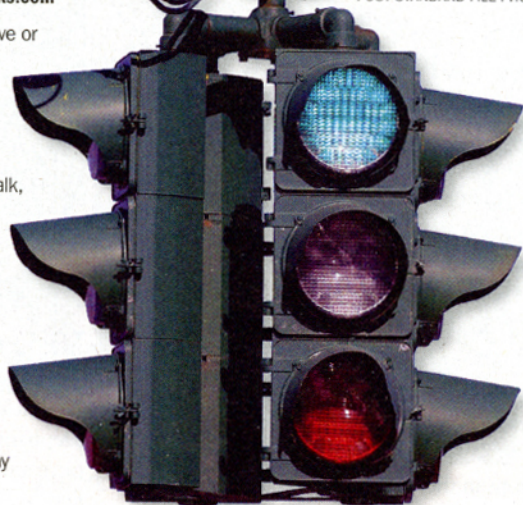
Gift Shop & Jungle Café;

(315) 435-8511; [www.rosamondgiffordzoo.org](http://www.rosamondgiffordzoo.org)

**LIONS AND TIGERS AND MORE!:** Considered one of the best mid-sized zoos in America and home to more than 700 animals, the zoo offers year round fun for children and adults. Visit the recently opened

## TIPP HILL TRAFFIC LIGHT.

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Asian Elephant Preserve. The half-mile outdoor trail offers views of penguins, wolves, tigers, bears and more. Indoors, visitors will see lions, primates and an open-air aviary that showcases dozens of birds.

## TIPPERARY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD & THE UPSIDE DOWN TRAFFIC LIGHT

Corner of Tompkins Street and Milton Avenue, Syracuse.

**AN IRISH TIME OUT:** Visit Syracuse's West-Side neighborhood, "Tipp Hill." The area was settled by Irish Erie Canal workers and later Irish immigrants, especially those from County Tipperary. Story has it that "the good sons of Ireland" didn't want a traffic light, first installed in the mid-1920s, with "British" red on top of "Irish" green. Kids known now as the "Stonethrowers" pelted and broke the light and several replacements. The City of Syracuse finally agreed to place the green light on top and the "green light of Ireland" has shown proudly at that corner ever since.



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THE CARRIER DOME can host over 34,000 Syracuse University basketball fans.