

The Empire State Carousel as New York State History

As visitors to The Farmers' Museum in beautiful Cooperstown, NY, explore the Country Fair exhibit, the bright lights, brilliant colors, and cheerful music of one of the museum's most unique treasures—the Empire State Carousel—greet them. Guests of all ages are invited to climb aboard one of the many handcrafted animals and enjoy a carefree ride to traditional carousel music. Riders and onlookers alike appreciate the carousel's beauty and observe that each figure and panel of the carousel represents an important facet of New York's history and culture. Indeed, the carousel offers all visitors a fun and relaxing activity while presenting countless lessons about people, places, and events in New York's proud heritage.

The Empire State Carousel provides a distinctly "New York" experience for all who come to visit. Far from being the typical static museum exhibit, the carousel both delights and educates visitors on important facets of the state of New York. Each animal on the carousel represents a species found in the state while showcasing the handiwork of New York folk artists. The carousel also displays hand-carved images of the state's most famous citizens and bears the names of many of New York's notable towns and cities. As an important aspect of the overall visitor experience at The Farmers' Museum, the carousel offers opportunities to celebrate and learn about the state of New York in a fun and unique way. The Empire State Carousel may even be considered a museum of its own-- a museum you can ride on!