

Where to stay during the September 6th Old Fort Niagara festivities

There are few accommodations near the Old Fort Niagara site; however, lodging offers abound in the city of Niagara Falls, N.Y. which is less than a 15 mile trip via the scenic and rarely busy Robert Morris State Parkway. While in the process of planning the event, a number of hotels were visited. Based on our observations, here are some suggestions:

Camping

1. Overnight camping is not permitted at the Old Fort Niagara Park, however if there are 12 or more volunteers, it could be arranged for them to sleep in the Stone Fort, built by the French in 1726. Let us know if you are a candidate. (No extra charge for spectral apparitions.)
2. Less than 3 miles to the East is “Four Mile Creek State Park.” There you can spend the night in a funny looking edifice they call a Yurt. It looks like a gazebo that’s been winterized. They also have nearly 300 camping sites some of which can accommodate the biggest campers. Contact information is 1055 Lake Road, Youngstown, NY 14174 Phone: (716) 745-3802 - See more at: <http://nysparks.com/parks/6/details.aspx#sthash.Un95kXfn.dpuf>
3. Also nearby is Joseph Davis State Park. It appears to have camping, however, the phone number listed is not in service and “NYS Parks Reserve America” claims it does not exist. (Your State Government in action)
4. In addition to numerous other commercial campgrounds in the area, there is a KOA at 1250 Pletcher Road, Youngstown NY 14171 –Tel 716-754-8013
<http://koa.com/campgrounds/niagara-falls-north/overview/>
5. Also please see #2 under Hotels and Motels.

Hotels & Motels

1. Closest to the fort entrance is a small Mom and Pop motel called “The Youngstown Motel,” 365 Second Street, Youngstown NY 716 745-9906. Can’t tell you much more than that.
<http://www.youngstownmotel.net/>
2. A couple of miles east of Four Mile Creek State Park is the “Lakeview Motel and Cottages.” 2000 Lake Rd, Youngstown, NY 14174 (716) 791-8668. It not only is conveniently located, but appears both clean and well cared for. A bonus is that part of the property sits right on the lake, with a view of Toronto on a clear day. They rent motel rooms, cabins and cottages.
<http://lakeviewmotelandcottage.com/>
3. The Portage House Motel is located at 280 Portage Road, Lewiston, New York 14092 Reservations: (716) 754-8295. I suggest you read the recent reviews on the web. From reading them, it appears that they cater to fishermenand only fisherman. Book at your own risk ;(
4. Most economical might be the Riverside Motel in Youngstown. It is a quaint 1950s motel located at 160 S Water St, Lewiston, NY 14092 Tel. (716) 754-4101 Reviews are mixed but prices seem quite reasonable. Expect small rooms, decorated in a manner reminiscent of when the interstate highway system was new. <http://riverside.vpweb.com/>

The remaining hotels are situated in the City of Niagara Falls, NY

5. “Comfort Inn - The Point,” 1 Prospect Pointe, Niagara Falls NY 14303. Phone: (716) 284-6835. If you are looking for a full service hotel with close proximity to the falls, this is probably the place for

you. It is just across the street from Niagara Falls State Park. The staff works hard to make your stay memorable. <http://www.comfortintheporte.com/>

6. “Sheraton Inn at the Falls” 300 Third Street Niagara Falls, NY 1-716-285-3361 Another great place that has all the amenities! Situated a hop, skip and jump from the casino if that is your forte. <http://sheratonatthefalls.com/>
7. “Quality Hotel and Suites at the Falls,” 240 First Street, Niagara Falls, NY 240 First Street, Niagara Falls, NY Phone: (716) 282-1212 Also very near casino and walking distance to the falls. Minimal parking. They accept pets, which means either they are really good at cleaning, or you just might find pet hair in your room. http://www.qualityinn.com/hotel-niagara_falls-new_york-NY600
8. “Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites,” 110 Buffalo Ave, Niagara Falls, NY 14303, Telephone (716) 285-2521. We suggest you pick ANY hotel but this one. Yes, it was the off season but, there was wear & tear visible everywhere. The words “very rough” came to mind. The free parking is great but, the signs that indicate they will not be held responsible for any damage or theft from vehicles makes one wonder. Thumbs down! <http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/niagara-falls/iagba/hoteldetail>

I hope this has been a help to some of you.

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