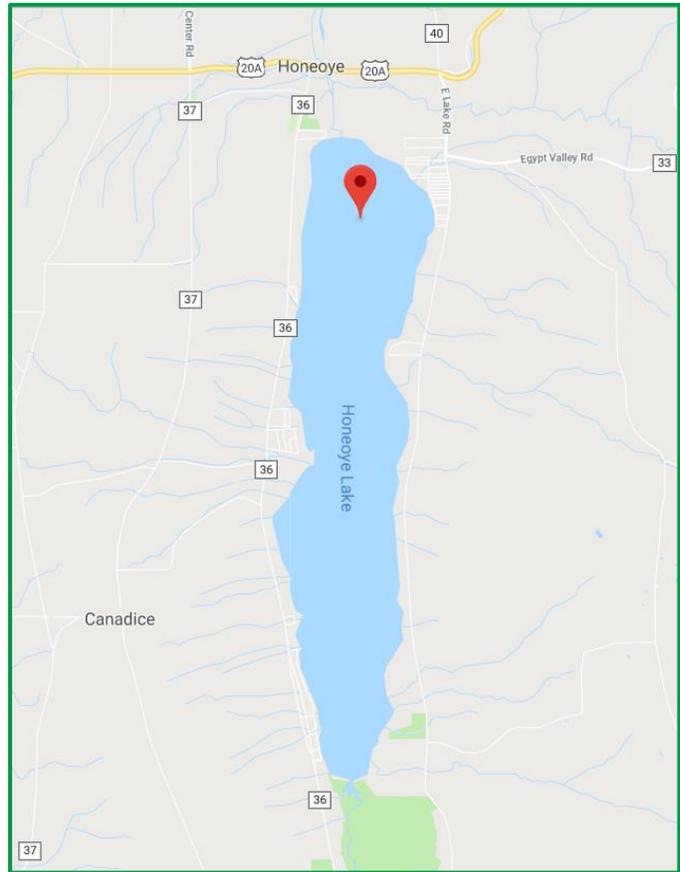


Honeoye Lake Fun Facts

- Elevation: 804 feet
- Surface Area: 1,772 acres
- Length: 4.5 miles
- Maximum width: 0.8 miles
- Maximum depth: 30 feet
- Honeoye Lake is the 2nd smallest Finger Lake (Canadice being the smallest.), and is the shallowest, making it one of the warmest.
- You can hike or bicycle the 19 miles around Honeoye Lake in a day!
- Honeoye Lake freezes completely in the winter, creating the perfect setting for ice fishing.
- In the Seneca language, “Honeoye” means “lying finger,” or “where the finger lies,” referring to a story of a Native American who, while picking berries, had his finger bitten by a rattlesnake. He then cut off his finger with a tomahawk and left it there.
- Most of the Lake is in the town of Richmond, and the hamlet of Honeoye is at the top of the lake.
- Archeological finds indicate that people have lived in Richmond and Honeoye for nearly 1000 years, preceding the Iroquois or the Algonquins.
- The town of Richmond has always been an agricultural community, with one of the earliest crops being wheat.
- A popular pastime on Honeoye Lake is fishing for walleye, bass, perch, and bluegill.
- The 1,550-acre Hollister Spencer Memorial Recreation Area, part of the New York state park system, lies at the south end of the Lake, is open year-round and offers hiking, cross-country skiing, and biking trails, and hunting.
- Also at the southern end of Honeoye Lake is Muller Field Station, operated by Finger Lakes Community College, which provides field-based education for academic programs, laboratory experiences, community outreach, and the opportunity to participate in or observe local research projects. College and university students, local K-12 students and their teachers, community members, environmental organizations and agencies are all welcome visitors.



For more information:

Honeoye Valley Association: <https://hvaweb.org/>

Early History of the Town of Richmond:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20120313045953/http://www.bluesom.com/gen/hist-richmond.htm>

Harriet Hollister Spencer State Recreation Area: <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/164/getting-there.aspx>

Muller Field Station: <https://www.flcc.edu/muller/index.cfm>

Visit Finger Lakes: <http://www.visitfingerlakes.com/about-the-finger-lakes/lakes/honeoye-lake/>