

# East Aurora, New York

*The happiness of this life depends less on what befalls you than the way in which you take it.*  
~Elbert Hubbard

## **Brief History of East Aurora, NY**

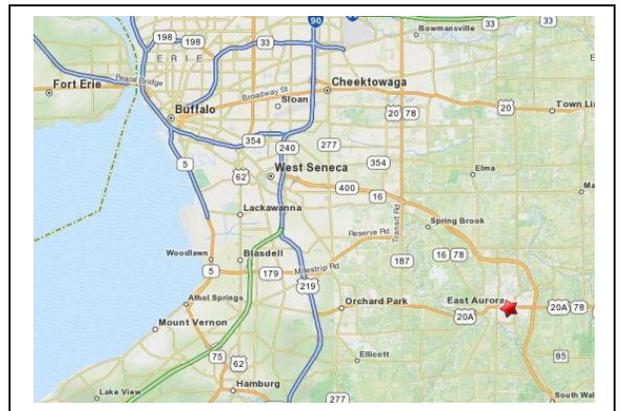
East Aurora was founded in 1804, and was then incorporated in 1874. Many people since then have opened fun businesses, restaurants, and attractions in the village. Even President Millard Fillmore has lived and worked there.

## **Location and Driving Directions**

From the Buffalo Niagara International Airport:

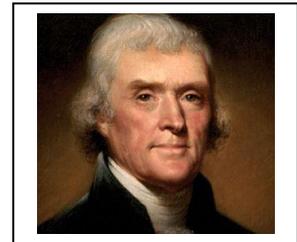
- 1.) Turn left (East) onto Geness St./NY-33 for 1.6 miles.
- 2.) Go south onto transit Rd./NY-78 for 7.2 miles.
- 3.) Merge onto NY-400 S/Aurora Expy S toward E. Aurora and continue for 8.0 miles.
- 4.) Then take the US-20A/NY-78 exit toward East Aurora.
- 5.) Finally, go west on E. Main St./US-20A W/NY-78 for 0.7 miles into the village of East Aurora.

It is approximately 18 miles/ 25 minutes from the airport.



## **Who was president when this town was founded?/ Political environment in America at the time.**

This village was founded around the time Thomas Jefferson was president. The United States had seventeen states, and Lewis and Clark set out to explore the new land purchased by Thomas Jefferson known as the Louisiana Purchase.



## **Oldest businesses/largest business today.**

The oldest business may be Tony Rome's Globe Hotel and Restaurant, which started in the early 1800s. It is one of the oldest businesses still located in its original spot. <http://www.tonyromesea.com/>

Vidler's 5 & 10 was started in 1930 by Robert S. Vidler, who originally started it as The Fair Store. Neighbors however, were wondering if the business would ever survive the Great Depression. They were able to get through it with hard work and financial sacrifice. His two sons, Robert Jr. and Edward Vidler, worked with their father and helped make the store grow. Vidler's 5 & 10 has been one of the largest 5 & 10 shops in the world. <http://www.vidlers5and10.com/>



Fisher-Price was founded in 1930 by Herming Fisher, Irving Price, his wife Margret Evans Price, and Helen Schelle. With much toy-making experience, they started up Fisher-Price. Ever since the business started, they have brought joy to kids for many generations. <http://www.fisherpricetoystore.com/landing.aspx>



### City Government

East Aurora elects a mayor and six trustees that each serve a two-year term.

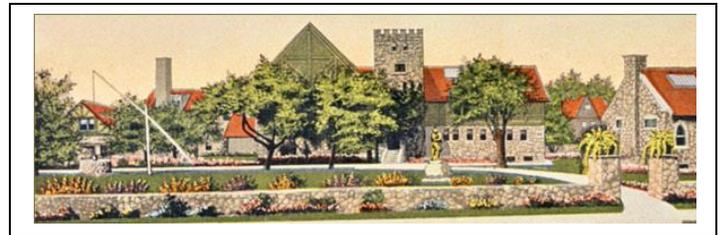
### Historic attractions, Festivals, and Events.



Visit the house that the thirteenth president, Millard Fillmore built for his bride, Abigail; and that he lived at when he opened his law office on Main Street.

<http://www.buffaloah.com/a/EastAur/shearer/mus/tc.html>

Enjoy the exciting Roycroft community, founded by philosopher, author, and publisher, Elbert Hubbard, who died during the sinking of the Lusitania. The Roycroft Campus still has nine of the original fourteen buildings, including the Print Shop, Copper Shop, the Furniture Shop, the Chapel, and the Inn.



<http://roycroftcampuscorporation.com/>



Knox Farm state park was originally the country estate of the Knox family, including Seymoor H., the original owner of the Buffalo Sabers.

<http://nysparks.com/parks/163/details.aspx>

East Aurora has many fun events throughout the year. If you like music, you'll love the East Aurora Music Fest, which happens in June. They also have a fun street festival sidewalk sale every summer. If you're not sure which restaurant to try first, come to the Taste of East Aurora in September to sample some of the delicious food. The Roycroft has a summer and winter festival, featuring the work of Roycroft artisans.

East Aurora Music festival: <http://www.eamusicfest.com/>

East Aurora Chamber of Commerce: <http://eanycc.com/>

Roycrofters at Large Association: <http://ralaweb.com/>

### **Where to Stay in East Aurora**

If you wish to stay in East Aurora, a good place to go is the Roycroft Inn, the Green Glen Bed & Breakfast, or the Hampton Inn.

The Roycroft Inn:

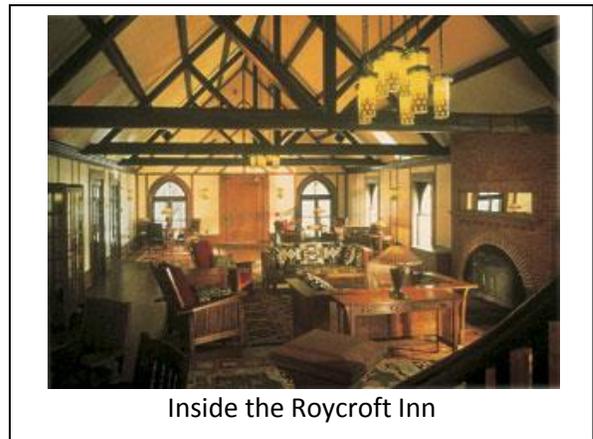
<http://www.roycroftinn.com/>

Green Glen Bed and Breakfast:

<http://www.greenglenbb.com/>

The Hampton Inn in East Aurora:

<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/new-york/hampton-inn-east-aurora-BUFEAHX/index.html>

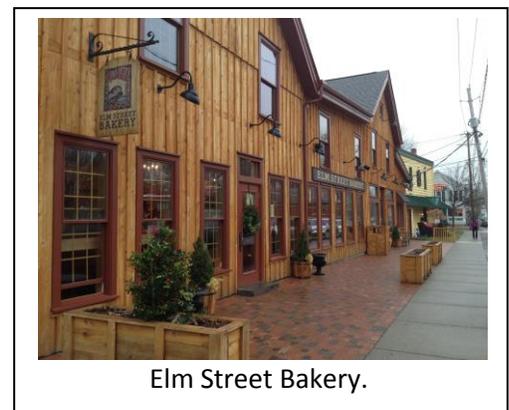


Inside the Roycroft Inn

### **Why you would want to visit this town**

All of the above things mentioned are just a few of the fun places East Aurora has to offer. They have many attractions, such as an ice skating rink and an old movie theater, and many fun places to shop and eat.

Elm street bakery, Taste, Riley Street Station (An old train station), and Rick's on Main have delicious food; and after dinner, stop for ice cream at The Little Red Caboose.



Elm Street Bakery.

### **Additional link you may wish to visit:**

More information on East Aurora:

<http://www.east-aurora.ny.us/visitors/history/>