

The Borscht Belt Historical Marker Project is a group of locals, artists & historians dedicated to identifying and commemorating the history of the Borscht Belt, a celebrated era in American Jewish life. Beyond the Borscht Belt, the era's crossover and impact on American culture is unmeasured!

Our mission is the creation of a large-scale interpretive historic marker trail of 20 dual-sided markers enhanced with photographs and QR codes. The historic trail will span the towns and villages where over 500 documented Borscht Belt hotels and 50,000 bungalows once thrived. When complete it will be complimented by a self-guided audio tour traversing Sullivan County and parts of Ulster County.

As of our inception there were **no** historical markers to indicate where this famed era took place. Our goals are to take our audience on a "literal roadmap through history" while producing an educational, adventurous project that cements the Borscht Belt in its enduring physical space. Juxtaposed with the Catskill's natural beauty, the permanent marker trail and audio tour encourages people to venture out into landscape and visit the various towns that once comprised the famed era.

A multi-disciplinary venture, the Borscht Belt Historical Marker Project has a wide range of public programs & curated initiatives from film screenings to exhibits, tours, author, literary, comedic, community & musical events. Our public programs aim to expand upon the marker experience, furthering history, education & dialogue. Join us at our 2024 dedications!

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