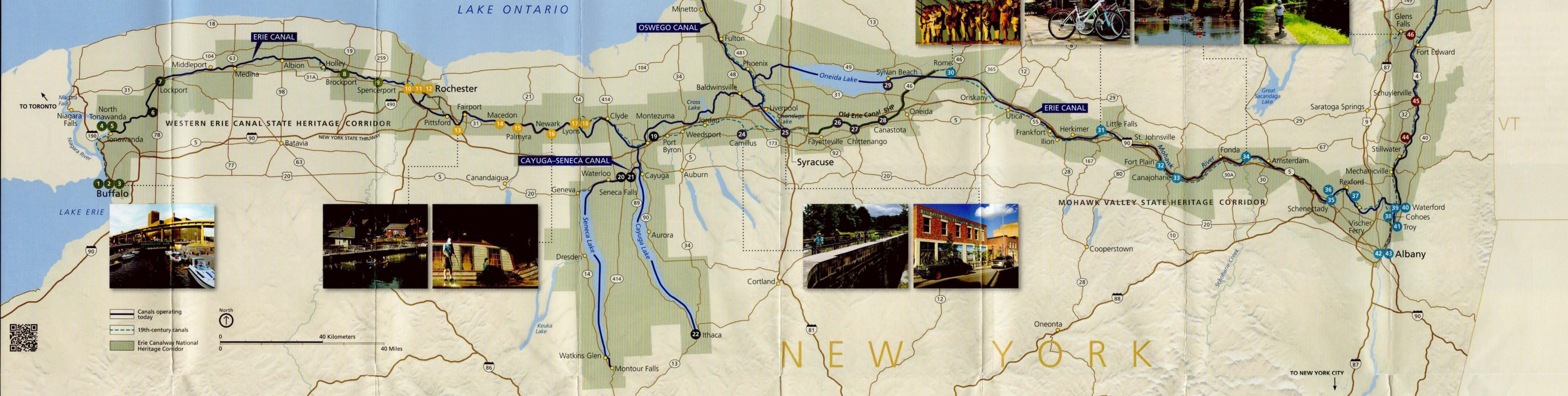




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When the Erie Canal opened, it quickly became a "must do" travel experience. People marveled at the canal's locks and low bridges, and encountered colorful characters, lively adventures, and hometown hospitality all along the way. You can too.



Use the map and directory to locate heritage sites and museums. Additional sites of interest and trip planning information are available at [www.eriecanalway.org](http://www.eriecanalway.org).

**Coding:**

- Passport Site
- ▲ Historic Canal Structure
- ◆ Open Year-Round
- ❖ Open Seasonally/Limited Winter Hours
- ★ Erie Canalway Heritage Award\*
- ☆ Erie Canalway Heritage Award Honorable Mention

\*The Erie Canalway Heritage Award of Excellence recognizes significant places in the Erie Canalway where people have come together to preserve and share our heritage and make the National Heritage Corridor a vibrant place to live, work, or visit.

- WESTERN ERIE**
- 1 **Canalside, Buffalo;** (716) 328-0320; [www.canalsidebuffalo.com](http://www.canalsidebuffalo.com)  
Buffalo's historic canal terminus features several fully restored facets of the original Erie Canal Harbor, including the "Commercial Slip," which served as the historic juncture between the Erie Canal and the Great Lakes. Events, festivals, and boat tours throughout the summer season. Ice skating on replica canals in winter. ▲ ◆
  - 2 **Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site, Buffalo;** (716) 884-0095; [www.trsite.org](http://www.trsite.org)  
Theodore Roosevelt began his presidential journey in Buffalo, NY on September 14, 1901. Exhibits and guided tour will immerse you in the sights, sounds and emotions surrounding this pivotal moment in our nation's history and reveal how the enduring legacy of one of America's greatest presidents affects our lives today. ● ◆
  - 3 **Delta Sonic Heritage Farm at the Buffalo Zoo, Buffalo;** (716) 837-3900; [www.buffalozoo.org](http://www.buffalozoo.org)  
This family-friendly exhibit recreates a farm on the Erie Canal in the 1850s. The homestead features heritage breeds of domestic animals and a historic replica of an Erie Canal lock. ◆ ☆

- 4 **North Tonawanda History Museum, North Tonawanda;** (716) 213-0554; [www.nthistorymuseum.org](http://www.nthistorymuseum.org)  
Showcases the heritage of North Tonawanda and its role as a shipping and manufacturing center on the historic Erie Canal and Niagara River in the 19th and 20th centuries. Guided and self-guided history walks and tours, publications, and events throughout the year. ◆
- 5 **Herschell Carousel Factory Museum, North Tonawanda;** (716) 693-1885; [www.carouselmuseum.org](http://www.carouselmuseum.org)  
The Allan Herschell Company produced carousels and amusement rides from the late 1800s through the 1960s, many of which were shipped on the Erie Canal. This National Register site includes the original woodworking shop, Wurlitzer music roll shop, a collection of hand-carved carousel animals, two operating carousels, band organs and an outdoor Kiddieland. ● ❖
- 6 **Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village, Amherst;** (716) 689-1440; [www.bnhv.org](http://www.bnhv.org)  
Recreated 19th century settlement with museum, 10 historic buildings, and reproduction blacksmith shop. Kids can enjoy the Erie Canal exhibit with fun, hands-on activities, a replica canal packet boat, and a miniature street of shops. Guided tours, exhibits, special events, and school programs available. ● ◆
- 7 **Erie Canal Discovery Center and Lockport Flight of Five, Lockport;** (716) 439-0431; [www.niagarahistory.org](http://www.niagarahistory.org)  
Start your visit to Lockport here. The interactive interpretive center showcases the history of the Erie Canal and the famous "Flight of Five" Lockport Locks. It's a short walk to the Canalside District, the renowned 1800s locks, and the similarly remarkable Barge Canal Locks 34 and 35. Boat tours, Canalway Trail, and other attractions nearby. ● ▲ ◆ ★
- 8 **Village of Brockport/Canalfront Welcome Center, Brockport;** (585) 637-5300 (Village office); (585) 637-1000 (Welcome Center); [www.brockportny.org](http://www.brockportny.org)  
This canal village serves as a museum without walls, showcasing how the canal influenced settlement, architecture, industry, and tourism. Begin your visit at the Canalfront Welcome Center. Services for boaters and cyclists include restrooms, water and electrical hookups, showers, internet, bikes to lend, and information on attractions and walking and cycling tours. ❖ ★
- 9 **Spencerport Depot and Canal Museum, Spencerport;** (585) 352-0942; [www.spencerportdepot.com](http://www.spencerportdepot.com)  
Inviting visitor center and small museum on the Erie Canal housed in a restored 1908 Trolley Depot. Rest in the Depot's rocking chairs, borrow books, use the WiFi, and browse local history exhibits. Restrooms with showers available. ● ◆ ☆

- ROCHESTER-EAST TO CAYUGA-SENECA**
- 10 **Rochester Museum & Science Center, Rochester;** (585) 271-4320; [www.rmssc.org](http://www.rmssc.org)  
Explore science and technology and its impact—past, present and future—on our lives. Canal-themed exhibits include: hands-on Erie Canal lock model; impacts of canal building on Native Americans; and Flight to Freedom: Rochester's Underground Railroad. ● ◆ ☆
  - 11 **Rochester Public Library, Rochester;** (585) 428-8370; [www.libraryweb.org/rochimag/gallery1a.html](http://www.libraryweb.org/rochimag/gallery1a.html)  
The library's collection includes many original documents about the Erie Canal. An extensive online collection shares images and maps about the impact of the Erie Canal in Rochester and surrounding areas. ◆
  - 12 **Mount Hope Cemetery, Rochester;** (585) 461-3494; [www.fomh.org](http://www.fomh.org)  
America's oldest municipally-owned Victorian cemetery and the final resting place of many people associated with the Erie Canal, Underground Railroad, and Women's Rights. Tours offered May-Oct. ◆
  - 13 **Bushnell's Basin Boat Dock and Canal Amenity Center, Perinton;** (585) 223-5050; [www.perinton.org/Departments/Parks/parks/](http://www.perinton.org/Departments/Parks/parks/)  
The historic hamlet of Bushnell's Basin features canalside shops and restaurants, amenities for boaters and cyclists, and trail access. ❖ ☆
  - 14 **Enlarged Erie Lock 60 and Gallups Change Bridge, Macedon;** (585) 667-1510; [www.macedontown.net/s2](http://www.macedontown.net/s2)  
The remains of impressive double Lock 60, built in 1841, have been preserved through a 25-year community volunteer effort. Located within a one-mile stretch along the Erie Canal and Canalway Trail that features numerous preserved canal structures from the 1800s. Located off Quaker Road between Walworth and O'Neill Roads. ▲ ★
  - 15 **Historic Palmyra, Palmyra;** (315) 597-6981; [www.historicpalmyra.com](http://www.historicpalmyra.com)  
Five museum sites preserve and showcase a unique collection of local artifacts and stories. Explore the impact of the Erie Canal on the Village of Palmyra since 1821 at the William Phelps General Store, Historic Museum, Palmyra Print Shop, Erie Canal Depot, and Alling Coverlet Museum. Group tours welcome. ● ◆ ☆
  - 16 **T. Spencer Knight Park and Visitor Center, Newark;** (315) 331-2705; <http://theewarkchamber.org>  
The park and visitor center on the Erie Canal feature a series of four stunning murals depicting scenes of Erie Canal history. Self-guided walking tours and boater facilities available. Easily accessed from the Erie Canalway Trail. ● ❖

- 17 **Historical Murals of Lyons, Lyons;** [www.muralmania.org](http://www.muralmania.org)  
Outdoor murals showcase community and canal heritage throughout western and central New York. The mural epicenter is in the Village of Lyons, where you'll discover more than ten murals. Also look for murals painted in the 1930s-40s inside post offices throughout the Corridor. ◆ ☆
  - 18 **Trail of Hope, Lyons;** [www.lyonsny.com/trail-of-hope.html](http://www.lyonsny.com/trail-of-hope.html)  
Fully-accessible quarter-mile trail designed to enable people of all ages and abilities to experience nature. The trail meanders through themed gardens and a shaded woodland overlooking Black Brook, which is part of Clinton's Ditch, the first Erie Canal. ❖ ☆
- CAYUGA-SENECA**
- 19 **Montezuma Heritage Park, Montezuma;** (315) 776-4656; [www.montezumahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.montezumahistoricalsociety.org)  
Hike original towpath trails to view the Richmond Aqueduct and other historic canal sites in the 140-acre nature park. Built from 1849 to 1857, the original aqueduct had 31 massive arches to support the canal as it crossed the Seneca River. Nine of these arches and their related piers and abutments remain today. ◆
  - 20 **Seneca Museum of Waterways & Industry and Seneca Falls Visitor Center, Seneca Falls;** (315) 568-1510; [www.senecamuseum.com](http://www.senecamuseum.com)  
Three floors of exhibits illustrate how the Seneca River and the Cayuga-Seneca Canal powered the rise of industry, fostered cultural development, and spread social reform. ● ◆
  - 21 **Women's Rights National Historical Park, Seneca Falls;** (315) 568-0024; [www.nps.gov/wori](http://www.nps.gov/wori)  
Seneca Falls is the birthplace of the women's rights movement in 1848. Park includes the site of the First Women's Rights Convention, as well as the homes of three of the convention's organizers. ● ◆
  - 22 **The History Center in Tompkins County, Ithaca;** (607) 273-8284 x5; [www.thehistorycenter.net](http://www.thehistorycenter.net)  
Extensive historical collection includes both images and archives on the history of the canal in southern Cayuga Lake—a highly valuable resource for researchers, teachers, students, and genealogists. ◆
- OSWEGO CANAL**
- 23 **H. Lee White Maritime Museum at Oswego, Oswego;** (315) 342-0480; [www.hlwm.org](http://www.hlwm.org)  
The only U.S. maritime museum on Lake Ontario preserves and shares the diverse history of the Oswego River Basin, Oswego Canal and Lake Ontario. Located in the "Historic Maritime District," it consists of indoor and outdoor exhibits, galleries, gift shop, and a fleet of historic vessels on the West First Street Pier. ◆

- CENTRAL NEW YORK**
- 24 **Camillus Erie Canal Park, Camillus;** (315) 488-3409; [www.eriecanalcamillus.com](http://www.eriecanalcamillus.com)  
Located along the Old Erie Canal and today's Canalway Trail, the park features Sims Store Museum, a replica canal side store circa 1856, and the 1842 Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct, which was restored and rewatered in 2009. The park also includes a dry section of Clinton's Ditch, replica lock tender's shanty, and other outdoor displays. Boat rides in summer. ● ▲ ◆ ★
  - 25 **Erie Canal Museum, Syracuse;** (315) 471-0593; [www.eriecanalmuseum.org](http://www.eriecanalmuseum.org)  
Extensive collection and exhibits on all facets of the Erie Canal. Housed in the only remaining Weighlock Building (1850) where canal boats were weighed during the days when they traveled through the center of Syracuse on the Erie Canal. ● ▲ ◆
  - 26 **Old Erie Canal State Historic Park, DeWitt to Rome;** (315) 637-6111; [www.nysparks.com](http://www.nysparks.com)  
The park consists of 36 miles of the Enlarged Erie Canal—complete with several historic aqueducts and bridges—between DeWitt and New London on the outskirts of Rome. The Canalway Trail follows the old towpath and is suitable for hiking, bicycling, paddling, fishing, and snowmobiling. ▲ ◆ ☆
  - 27 **Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum, Chittenango;** (315) 687-3801; [www.chittenangoland.com](http://www.chittenangoland.com)  
This center for canal boat building and repair in the 19th and 20th centuries has been fully restored. You'll see 100-foot long stone dry docks, a replica canal boat, and exhibits related to life on the canal in the 1800s. Located along the towpath Erie Canalway Trail. Bike rentals available. Bike tours by appointment. ● ▲ ◆ ★
  - 28 **Canastota Canal Town Museum, Canastota;** (315) 697-5002; [www.canastota-canal.com](http://www.canastota-canal.com)  
Located beside a remnant of the Old Erie Canal, the museum is filled with authentic memorabilia, art, and other exhibits featuring Canastota's contribution to the canal. Across the street is a visitors' park with historical murals and informative kiosks; easily accessed from the Canalway Trail. ● ▲ ◆
  - 29 **Verona Beach Lighthouse, Verona Beach;** (315) 382-7890; [www.veronabeachlighthouse.org](http://www.veronabeachlighthouse.org)  
Fully restored and functioning 85-foot lighthouse completed in 1917 to guide Barge Canal traffic on the east end of Oneida Lake. Located six miles north from Thruway Exit 34 just off Rte. 13 near the Village of Sylvan Beach. ▲ ◆ ☆

- MOHAWK HUDSON**
- 30 **Fort Stanwix National Historical Park, Rome;** (315) 336-3126; [www.nps.gov/fost](http://www.nps.gov/fost)  
This 1777 frontier fort tells stories of the nations that fought for control of the Oneida Carrying Place, Mohawk Valley, homelands of the Six Nations Confederacy, and the rich resources of North America. ● ◆
  - 31 **Canal Place, Little Falls;** (315) 823-4309 (Antiques Center); [www.cityoflittlefalls.net](http://www.cityoflittlefalls.net)  
Historic stone mills along the Erie Canal house an antiques center, boutique shops, and restaurants. Events throughout the summer. A short walk or bike ride to Lock 17 and Moss Island National Natural Landmark. ▲ ◆ ★
  - 32 **Mohawk Valley Villages, Fonda, Fultonville, Canajoharie, Palatine Bridge, Fort Plain, Nelliston, and St. Johnsville**  
Sample small town life and friendly hospitality in Mohawk Valley villages that grew up along the original Erie Canal. Several have historic districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Enjoy historic sites, local food and crafts, antique-hunting, and village and waterfront parks. Pick up information at the Regional Visitors Center at Canajoharie, 89 Church Street, and Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett Street, Fort Plain. Explore by boat, bike, or car—the villages are connected by the canal, Canalway Trail, and routes 5 and 55. ● ◆
  - 33 **Arkell Museum at Canajoharie, Canajoharie;** (518) 673-2314; [www.arkellmuseum.org](http://www.arkellmuseum.org)  
Impressive American Art Museum located on the Erie Canal/Mohawk River. Includes works by Winslow Homer, George Inness, Georgia O'Keeffe, and leading American Impressionists. Many paintings and prints feature views of the Mohawk River and Erie Canal. Exhibitions change throughout the year. ● ◆
  - 34 **Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, Fort Hunter;** (518) 829-7516; [www.nysparks.com](http://www.nysparks.com)  
See the remains of the impressive Schoharie Aqueduct and locks from 1825 and 1841. Hike, bike, and picnic on the banks of the present-day canal. Tour the visitor center and partially-restored canal store at historic Lock 28. ● ▲ ◆
  - 35 **mIScI, Schenectady;** (518) 382-7890; [www.misci.org](http://www.misci.org)  
Museum of Innovation and Science celebrates science, invention, and imagination and explores the area's rich technological heritage. Canal-related programs include historic district cell phone tour; (518) 387-3028. ◆

- 36 **Schenectady County Historical Society Museum & Mabee Farm Historic Site, Schenectady and Rotterdam;** (518) 887-5073; [www.schenectadyhistorical.org](http://www.schenectadyhistorical.org)  
Learn about the impact of the Erie Canal on Schenectady at the history museum, located in the city's historic Stockade District. The Institute holds diverse collections related to the Erie Canal, including paintings, drawings, and historical objects. Research library and online resource collection of primary source materials related to the Erie Canal. ● ◆
- 37 **Mohawk Towpath National Scenic Byway, Clifton Park;** (518) 371-7548; [www.mohawktowpath.org](http://www.mohawktowpath.org)  
Travel this 26-mile route along the Mohawk River/Erie Canal from Waterford and Cohoes to Schenectady. You'll find a variety of things to see and do along the way while you discover the role that local communities played in the westward expansion of the country and in the Industrial Revolution. Audio tour: (518) 649-9990. ▲ ◆ ☆
- 38 **Falls View Park and School Street Hydroelectric Facility, Cohoes;** [www.friendsofcohoesfalls.org](http://www.friendsofcohoesfalls.org)  
The park overlooks the spectacular 75-foot Cohoes Falls on the Mohawk River. Stairs and a hiking path leading to the base of the falls are open in the summer (conditions dependent). Located in the heart of the Harmony Mills Historic District of Cohoes. ▲ ★
- 39 **Eastern Gateway to the Canal System at Waterford Harbor, Waterford;** (518) 233-9123; [www.town.waterford.ny.us](http://www.town.waterford.ny.us)  
The eastern gateway to the Erie Canal showcases many canal sites of interest, including the Waterford Flight, Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center, and Old Champlain Canal. Annual events include Canal Fest in May, Steamboat Meet in July, and Tugboat Roundup in September. ● ▲ ❖
- 40 **Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center, Waterford;** (518) 238-0809; [www.waterformuseum.com](http://www.waterformuseum.com)  
Located in the 1830s Hugh White homestead along the Old Champlain Canal, the museum's permanent exhibit, Born of Two Rivers, features the history of Waterford. Inquire about education programs and rotating exhibits related to local history and the canal. ▲ ◆
- 41 **Burden Iron Works Museum, Troy;** (518) 274-5267; [www.hudsonmohawkgateway.org](http://www.hudsonmohawkgateway.org)  
Constructed between 1881 and 1882 in the Romanesque Revival style, the former office of the Burden Iron Works contains an extensive exhibit on Troy's industrial history throughout the 19th century. Walking tours also available. Call ahead to visit or schedule a tour. ● ◆

- CHAMPLAIN CANAL**
- 42 **Albany Institute of History & Art, Albany;** (518) 463-4478; [www.albanyinstitute.org](http://www.albanyinstitute.org)  
Showcases a premier collection of art and historical artifacts documenting life and culture of the Upper Hudson Valley region. The Institute holds diverse collections related to the Erie Canal, including paintings, drawings, and historical objects. Research library and online resource collection of primary source materials related to the Erie Canal. ● ◆
  - 43 **NYS Museum, Library, and Archives, Albany** (518) 474-5877 (Museum); [www.nysm.nysed.gov](http://www.nysm.nysed.gov) (518) 408-1934 (Archives); [www.archives.nysed.gov](http://www.archives.nysed.gov)  
Science, history, education, and art exhibits of state, national and international importance at the museum. The Archives and Library hold an extensive collection of maps, engineering records, journals, and other documents related to the Erie Canal. ◆
  - 44 **Saratoga National Historical Park, Stillwater;** (518) 670-2985; [www.nps.gov/sara](http://www.nps.gov/sara)  
On pastoral bluffs above the Hudson River, pivotal Revolutionary War battles fought here ended in an American victory. Drive or bicycle the battlefield's scenic 10-mile tour road, hike historic paths, see the film and museum and enjoy year-round special events. The park also includes the country estate of General Philip Schuyler, one of the earliest proponents of canal building in New York. ● ◆
  - 45 **Hudson Crossing Park, Schuylerville;** [www.hudsoncrossingpark.org](http://www.hudsoncrossingpark.org)  
Hudson Crossing Park is centered on and around Champlain Canal Lock 5 Island just north of Schuylerville. It features over two miles of waterfront trails, picnic sites, children's play garden, boat access, and links to the Old Champlain Canal towpath. ▲ ◆ ★
  - 46 **Glens Falls Feeder Canal Trail, Glens Falls to Fort Edward;** (518) 792-5363; [www.feeder canal.org](http://www.feeder canal.org)  
Constructed in 1824 and widened 1832, the Feeder Canal still remains in service to supply water from the Hudson River to the Champlain Canal. Its 14 surviving lock chambers retain the smaller dimensions of Clinton's Ditch. A nine-mile bike path and walking trail provide access to the feeder canal from the Town of Queensbury through Glens Falls to Fort Edward. ▲
  - 47 **Whitehall Heritage Area Visitor Center, Whitehall;** (518) 499-1155; [www.whitehall-chamber.org](http://www.whitehall-chamber.org)  
Sited in a 1917 canal terminal building, over 4,000 artifacts and photos on display highlight two main themes of Whitehall's history: transportation and defense. ▲ ❖