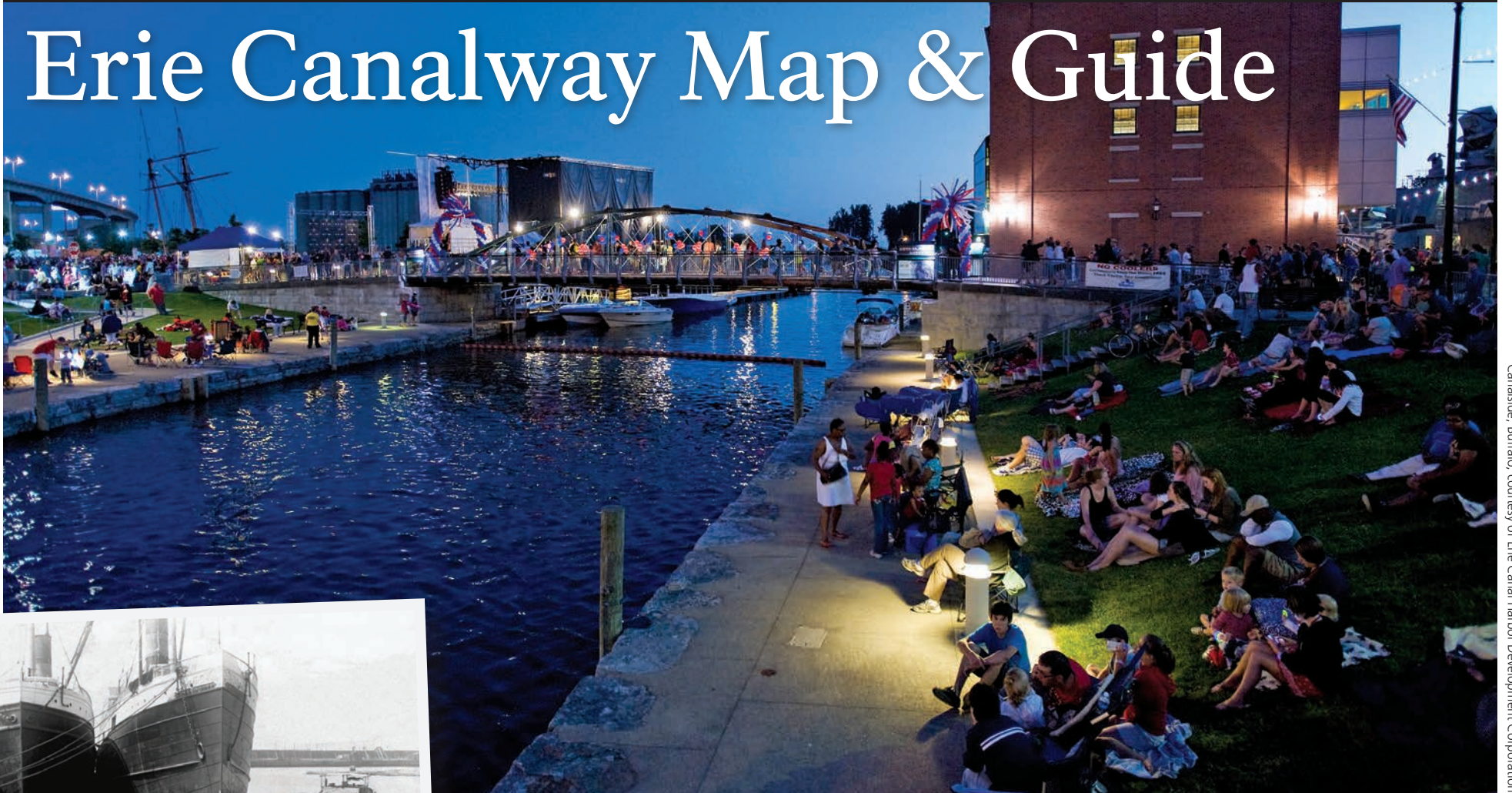




Erie Canalway Map & Guide



Canalside, Buffalo, courtesy of Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation



Buffalo Harbor, c.1890

100 Years: Let's Celebrate!

On August 25, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed the act creating the National Park Service. This "Organic Act" charged the Service with caring for national parks, monuments and reservations **"to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."**



The National Park Service celebrates 100 years of protecting and sharing America's most treasured lands in 2016. As one of the nation's 49 national heritage areas, Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor is proud to be part of the National Park family.

The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor was created by an act of Congress in 2000. That year marked the 175th Anniversary of New York State's creation and stewardship of the Erie Canal for commerce, transportation, and recreation. The Erie Canal, along with the Champlain, Oswego, and Cayuga-Seneca Canals established the network of waterways that connected the Atlantic Ocean with the Great Lakes, leading New York to become the "Empire State" and the Nation's premier commercial and financial center.

The opening of the Erie Canal in 1825 was considered a supreme engineering feat. At the time of construction, the Erie Canal was the largest public works project ever undertaken by a state. It created critical transportation and commercial routes for people and goods that shaped the settlement and growth of New York and the nation.

Today, you can still travel along this waterway network from New York City to the Great Lakes and beyond. You can still see the engineering feats that earned the canal the reputation as the 8th Wonder of the World. And you can still find what makes the Empire State *great*.

Explore the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and discover the enduring legacy of New York's canals!

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FIND YOUR ADV

Celebrate the National Park Service centennial right here in the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. Part bucket list, part challenge, our Top 10 list is a call to adventure and fun along 500 miles of waterway and trails. You don't have to do all of these in a single year—put them on your list now for fun and adventure for years to come.



Fairport, Sandi Osterwise

4 Learn and Sing All of the Lyrics to *Low Bridge Everybody Down*. We'll start you off: "I've got a mule and her name is Sal, fifteen miles on the Erie Canal." You sang it as a child in school, now is your chance to sing it again.

5 Pick Your Own Fifteen Miles on the Erie Canal to Explore. Draw a 15 mile radius from any starting point along the canal. We guarantee you'll find interesting historic and cultural sites, good food, and maybe even a surprise or two waiting around the next bend. Choose cycling or walking on the Erie Canalway Trail or take a Sunday drive for your 15-mile adventure.

1 Cruise the Canal. Take a boat tour, skipper a canal boat, or explore the waterway in your own vessel. To get the full experience, get on the water in each of the four canals that comprise the NYS Canal System: the Erie, Cayuga-Seneca, Oswego, and Champlain Canals.

3 Cycle or Walk the Entire Erie Canalway Trail. Whether you hike or cycle the 365-mile trail from Buffalo to Albany, you'll join the ranks of a growing number of End-to-Enders who are in for a big adventure and sense of accomplishment. You can also string together shorter segments to complete the journey.

2 Lock Through. Get onboard a boat and experience one or all of the 57 locks along the canal system. For a more exhilarating ride, lock through in a kayak or canoe.



Lockport, Robert Dunn

6 Visit the Big Six: See the historic structures that earned the Erie Canal a reputation as the 8th Wonder of the World and led to the Erie Barge Canal designation as a National Historic District. Don't miss the Waterford Flight; Lock 17, Little Falls; the dry docks at Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum, Chittenango; restored Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct, Camillus; the Lockport Flight; and the remains of the Schoharie, Montezuma, or Genesee Aqueducts.

7 Catch a Lift Bridge. There are 16 lift bridges along the Erie Canal in Western New York. Cross over on the pedestrian walkway when the lift bridge is up. You'll get a broad view from above as boats pass under the bridge.

8 Discover "Hidden Gems." Do a little exploring in canal towns and villages to discover local restaurants, unique shops, museums, world class art and architecture, nature preserves, beautiful murals, and other gems.



Oswego, Mary Ellen Barbeau

SELECTED 2016 CANAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS: (Find more events at www.eriecanalway.org)

| JUNE | | | JULY | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 Paddle Along the Mohawk, Schoharie Crossing SHS | 3-5 Fairport Canal Days, Fairport | 19 Canal Fest, Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum | 2 Waterford Steamboat Meet, Waterford | 9-10 Canal Days, Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site | 10-17 Cycle the Erie Canal, Buffalo to Albany | 17-24 Canal Fest of the Tonawandas, North Tonawanda and Tonawanda | 28-31 Oswego Harborfest, Oswego |

ADVENTURE



Tonawanda, John LaHood

9 Sample Locally-Made Products and Ethnic Fare. Try wine, beer, cheese, ice cream, baked goods, and fresh produce; or tour a winery, brewery, or farm to get a taste of locally-made fare. Seek out great ethnic food and regional specialties in the Corridor's many restaurants and pubs.

10 Celebrate with a Crowd. Attend one of the many canal-related festivals that take place each year. See the list below for some of our favorites and visit our website for details, links, and more: www.eriecanalway.org/explore/events



Holley, Ellen Riccobono

Find it at www.eriecanalway.org While you're here—or before you come—visit our new website to find your way to historic and cultural sites, nature preserves and parks, and great recreation using our interactive maps. Check our special galleries to learn about canal structures and vessels that you'll see when traveling. And discover itineraries, events, and much more to explore.

You can do that here too...

Pair your canal adventure with other activities, events, or passionate pursuits.

1. Listen to a canalside concert under a starry sky
2. Visit a lighthouse
3. Enjoy a wine and water weekend
4. Shop for unique gifts and artisan crafts
5. Visit four national parks (Fort Stanwix, Womens Rights, Saratoga, Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural)
6. Try stand-up paddle boarding
7. See a movie in a grand movie palace
8. Ride a historic carousel
9. Go camping
10. Eat wings in Buffalo
11. Discover what's on tap at a micro-brewery
12. Tour some of New York's best architecture
13. Go whitewater kayaking
14. Grab some binoculars and add to your bird life list
15. Play golf on a PGA course
16. Picnic at a state park
17. Get energized at a science museum
18. Go flatwater paddling
19. Pick your own apples...or berries or pears
20. See fireworks over the waterway
21. Explore the gorges and waterfalls of the Finger Lakes
22. Take a garden tour
23. Catch a prize-winning fish
24. Taste real maple syrup and see how it's made
25. Hunt for antiques
26. Tour the State Capitol
27. Go to the Great NYS Fair
28. Cycle the Canalway Trail
29. Enjoy great theater
30. Try Utica Greens, chicken riggies, and tomato pie
31. Compete in a 5K, marathon, or triathlon
32. Spend time with your kids
33. Get away from your kids
34. Get away from your parents
35. Gaze at a Monet (or a Renoir, Degas, Cassatt or other famous Impressionist paintings)
36. Take great photos...and submit them to our annual Photo Contest
37. Order Beef on Weck in the city where it was first made
38. Make a splash at a waterpark
39. Follow an on-road tour loop for a cycling adventure
40. Celebrate bird migration at a National Wildlife Refuge
41. Pick out fresh produce at a farmers market
42. See spectacular fall foliage
43. Enjoy a concert in a premier music hall
44. See animals from around the world at a zoo
45. Learn to water ski
46. Select your cider—hard or sweet
47. Paint a dramatic landscape in the Mohawk Valley
48. Watch wildlife
49. Take your family out to a ball game
50. Sample NY wines and tour a vineyard



Little Falls, Keith Boas

AUGUST

6

Oswego Paddlefest, Oswego

6-7

Tour the Towpath, DeWitt to Rome

8

Magic in Minetto, Minetto

8-14

Canal Days, Little Falls

13

Towpath Day, Camillus

12-21

Canal Splash!, multiple locations

20

Hudson Crossing Park's Cardboard Boat Race, Schuylerville

SEPTEMBER

9-11

Waterford Tugboat Roundup, Waterford

Past Is Present Along the Canal

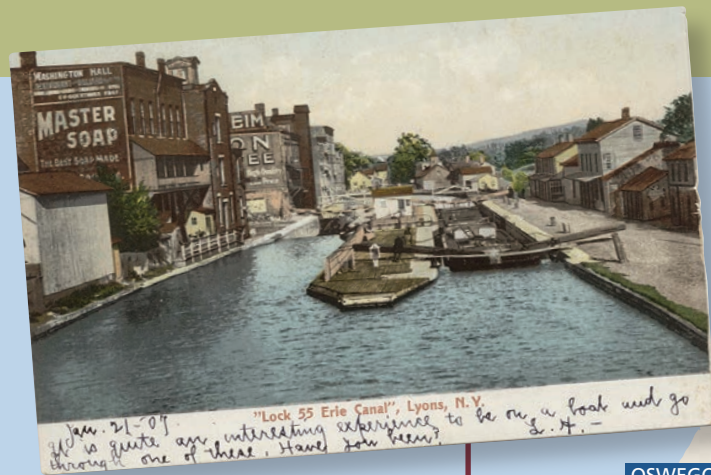
Travel throughout the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and you'll see that the past is very much present wherever you go. Growth and development from Albany to Buffalo was defined by the waterway and the diverse immigrant communities who worked and settled here. Look closer to discover the legacy of the canal across the state.

Sweet Spot

The next time you enjoy peppermint candy, think of Lyons on the Erie Canal. The fields and rolling hills around Lyons were once covered with peppermint plants. From 1841 to 1990, H.G. Hotchkiss Essential Oil Company crushed the leaves and refined especially pure peppermint oil. The oil was shipped around the globe and used to make food, candies, medicines, and perfumes.

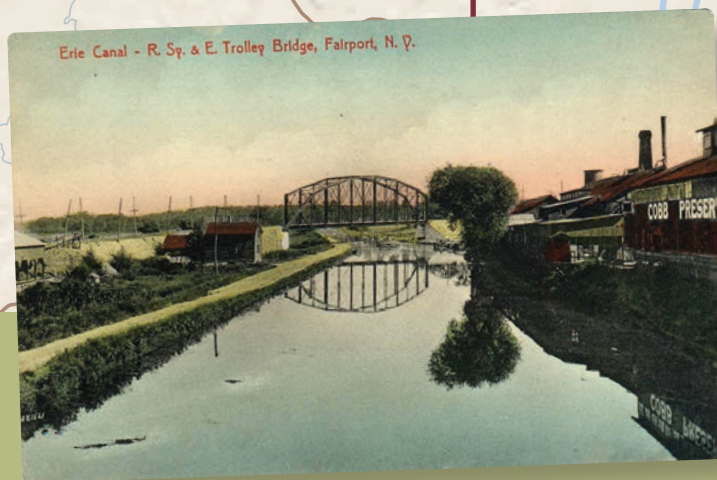
Side by Side

Erie Canal traffic grew so rapidly that the original 1825 Lockport Flight had to be replaced with larger chambers by 1842. The row on the left was replaced in 1915 by the two massive chambers that are in service today.



Just Add Water

Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo and many of the smaller towns and villages along the canal were among the "boom towns" that sprung up or greatly expanded after the Erie Canal opened in 1825. The Erie Canal became affectionately known as the Mother of Cities.



A "Fair Port"

Described as a "fair port" by early canal travelers, Fairport still lives up to its name. The Erie Canal transformed Fairport from a marshy hamlet to a thriving commercial center. Farmers brought their produce here to be shipped to urban markets by canal and rail. Fairport's canneries preserved local fruits and vegetables for their long journeys.

A Watery Past

The Erie Canal ran through downtown Utica until 1915, when it shifted to its present route north of the city. Oriskany Boulevard now runs on top of the old canal bed. You can still find traces of the city's watery past in buildings and businesses that line the boulevard.



A Working Waterway

The canal system was built to carry cargo from the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain to the sea. The canal is still a working waterway, recreational resource and scenic attraction. Look for tugs at canal festivals and working on the water today.



Worth its Weight

From 1850 to 1882, the Weighlock Building in Syracuse weighed, on average, four boats per hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Tolls collected paid for canal maintenance. The building has served as the Erie Canal Museum since 1962 and is the only remaining weighlock in the U.S.



A Big Lift

It once required five locks to lift or lower canal boats past Little Falls. Those were all replaced by today's massive Lock E17. Lifting boats more than 40 feet, it was the tallest lock in the world when it opened in 1915.

The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor in New York State

Getting There is Half the Fun

Pack up the car for a drive or camping trip. Get closer to the water by boat or bike. Or use your own two feet. There are many fun ways to explore the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.



Fort Plain

Become a “Canaller!”

What better way to experience America’s oldest continuously-operating canal than to get on the water! You can cruise in your own boat, take a boat tour, seek out an overnight excursion, or rent a self-skipped canal boat. The waterway is also great for kayaking and canoeing.

The New York Canal System includes four historic canals: the Erie, Champlain, Oswego and Cayuga-Seneca. Together, they create an inland waterway that spans 524-miles of upstate New York, connecting the Hudson River with Lake Champlain, Lake Ontario, Cayuga Lake, Seneca Lake, and Lake Erie via the Niagara River.

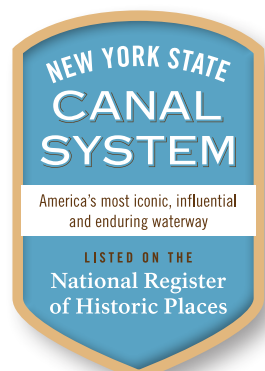
Canal travel offers a variety of scenery and experiences: cruising from village to village; traveling down dramatic rivers; navigating through towering locks; sampling local food and beverages. Canal towns are welcoming places. You’ll find dockside tie ups in many places where you can visit for a few hours or stay overnight. Many offer showers, restrooms, water, and electrical hook-ups, as well as information on places to eat, shop, and sight-see.

Boat launches are available in many locations, making it easy to enjoy the canal for a day or weekend excursion. You’ll need to purchase a pass from the NYS Canal Corporation to pass through a lock or under a lift bridge. You can purchase a Seasonal Pass, Ten-Day Pass or a Two-Day Pass online or in person at a number of locks and marinas throughout the canal system. To find out more, visit www.canals.ny.gov or call (518) 436-3055.



Greece, Keith Boas

In days of old, a canaller (sometimes pronounced “canawlller”) was someone who worked on the canal. Today, it’s more broadly applied to those who travel the waterway for pleasure. Find boat tours, charters, and rentals at www.eriecanalway.org/Explore



Did you know?

The New York Canal System is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The New York State Canal System is owned and operated by the New York State Canal Corporation. The canal is typically open for boating from May 1st through November 15th. For current information on locking fees, up-to-date Notices to Mariners, or to order the official Cruising Guide to the New York State Canal System, visit www.canals.ny.gov or call (518) 436-3055.

www.CycletheErieCanal.com

Find cycling resources and learn more about cycling along the Erie Canalway Trail



Lyons, Mark DeCracker



Canalway Trail, Keith Boas

Discover the Pleasure of Paddling

Load up your kayak, canoe or stand up paddle board and explore the waterway's many treasures. You'll be able to access all sorts of interesting canal sites and features that you can't reach by car. There are 125 launch sites along the waterway and several boater-biker-hiker facilities that allow overnight camping at canal parks. Find them at www.canals.ny.gov/maps.

Going through a lock is one of the unique aspects of paddling on the canal. Paddlers follow the same procedures as larger boats, holding onto rope lines attached to the lock wall to secure the boat while the water level is raised or lowered. Locking through is free for paddlers.

Keep in Mind

Even though it is a canal, there is noticeable current in most places. Plan accordingly. If you plan to launch and end at the same place for a day trip, go upstream for the first leg. It makes getting back at the end of the day much easier.

Make safety a priority!

Whether boating, fishing, or swimming, Brookfield Renewable wants to remind you and your family to be safe, especially near hydroelectric facilities, as water conditions can change quickly and without notice.

Remember these important safety tips:

- Pay attention to your surroundings and to water levels
- Respect all signage and warning signals
- Stay a safe distance away from dams, buoys and barriers
- Always wear a properly sized life jacket
- Dress for the right weather conditions
- Keep your loved ones informed of your plans and destination
- Use designated boat ramps to launch your boat
- Never dive into water unless you know how deep it is; jumping feet first is strongly recommended

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Hit the Trail

Enjoy great scenery, fascinating history, and unparalleled cycling on the Erie Canalway Trail. Extending 365-miles from Buffalo to Albany, the trail's course alongside the historic Erie Canal makes cycling here truly unique. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this living waterway adds distinctive flavor in the form of canal structures like locks and lift bridges, working tugs and other vessels, friendly vacationers in boats of all stripes, and canal communities that are intriguing and fun cycling destinations.

If you are new to the Erie Canalway Trail, try picking a segment to ride for an afternoon or day trip. You'll quickly discover how easy it is to follow and how much there is to see and do along the way.

More than three-quarters of the trail is off-road and relatively flat. On-road

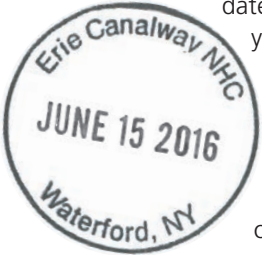
segments are well marked, making it easy to ride longer distances. The trail is a perfect destination for those seeking cycling adventures. Weekend trips and multi-day excursions are easy to plan. Find online maps and information about trail guides on our website www.eriecanalway.org and at www.CycleTheErieCanal.com.

Along the Champlain Canal, short off-road trails are connected by on-road NY Bike Route 9. The Glens Falls Feeder Canal Trail is a nine-mile trail along the historic feeder canal from Fort Edward to Glens Falls that is well worth the trip. The trail passes the Five Combines, an intact series of five locks, on the Old Champlain Canal in Fort Edward, and connects with the Warren County Bikeway in Glens Falls for another nine miles to Lake George.

| TRAIL SECTION | MILES | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------------------------------|-------|--|
| Erie Canal Heritage Trail | 120 | Buffalo to Lyons <i>Along the canal through Western Erie Canal towns.</i> |
| Old Erie Canal-Port Byron to Camillus | 28 | Schasel Park in Port Byron to Warners Road in Camillus <i>Follows old Erie Canal route through Central New York; traverses Camillus Erie Canal Park, which includes restored aqueduct at Nine Mile Creek.</i> |
| Old Erie Canal Historic State Park | 36 | Dewitt to Rome <i>Follows the old Erie Canal; Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum is on route.</i> |
| Rome to Utica | 14 | Rome to Utica <i>Follows the Erie Canal/Mohawk River with some lovely views along a largely shaded path.</i> |
| Mohawk Hudson Bikeway | 86 | Little Falls to Albany <i>Visit locks, historic and cultural sites, and canal towns. Short segments are easy to access for day trips.</i> |
| Glens Falls Feeder Canal Trail | 9 | Fort Edward to Glens Falls <i>Follows the 1832 feeder canal that supplied water to the Champlain Canal. Connects with the Glens Falls Bikeway to Lake George.</i> |

Passport to Your National Parks®

Record your visit to the Erie Canalway with special passport cancellation stamps available at selected cultural heritage sites. The free stamps are part of the Passport to Your National Parks® program, which enables visitors to collect stamps in a spiral-bound National Park Service Passport at national parks and NPS-affiliated areas nationwide. Look for stamp pads and stamps in each site's visitor center, gift shop, or headquarters. The stamp lists the site and the date as a memento of your visit. A special Kids' Passport® to Your National Parks Companion is also available from www.eparks.com/store or 1-877-628-7275.



Waterford, Max Kinter

Passport Sites in the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor (listed east to west)

Saratoga National Historical Park, Stillwater
General Philip Schuyler House, Schuylerville
Burden Iron Works Museum, Troy
Albany Institute of History & Art, Albany
Waterford Flight, Waterford
Schenectady County Historical Society Museum, Schenectady
Mabee Farm Historic Site, Rotterdam
Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, Fort Hunter
Arkell Museum, Canajoharie

Fort Stanwix National Historical Park, Rome
Canastota Canal Town Museum, Canastota
Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum, Chittenango
Erie Canal Museum, Syracuse
H. Lee White Marine Museum, Oswego
Camillus Erie Canal Park, Camillus
Seneca Museum of Waterways & Industry, Seneca Falls
Women's Rights National Historical Park, Seneca Falls

Historic Palmyra, Palmyra
Rochester Museum & Science Center, Rochester
Spencerport Depot and Canal Museum, Spencerport
Erie Canal Discovery Center, Lockport
Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village, Amherst
Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum, North Tonawanda
Theodore Roosevelt National Inaugural Site, Buffalo

2016 PHOTO CONTEST Share Your Perspective

Share your unique perspective on the sites and scenes of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor for our 2016 Photo Contest. Judges will select winning images in four contest categories: On the Water, Along the Trail, Canal Communities, and Classic Canal. Entries must be horizontal format; all winning images will be featured in our 2017 Erie Canalway calendar.

Deadline for submissions: **August 26, 2016**
 Download contest rules and an entry form: www.eriecanalway.org



Canastota, Tanya Kauffman



History on the Highway

If you are traveling on the NYS Thruway between Albany and Buffalo be sure to stop at the newest rest areas. Westbound between Exit 28 Fultonville and Exit 29 Canajoharie is Lock 13, where you can purchase New York products and relax along a highly scenic part of the canal. Eastbound between Exit 41 Waterloo-Clyde and Exit 40 Weedsport-Auburn is the Erie Canal Heritage Park at Port Byron. The park features the impressive remains of 1853 Lock 52 of the Old Erie Canal. Future plans include a visitor center and access to the fully restored 1895 Erie House saloon and boarding house, mule barn, and blacksmith shop that once served both canal travelers and locals.



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Connect with us!

Stay informed by signing up for our e-newsletter; volunteer for canal-related projects in your community; or make a donation to our not-for-profit Erie Canalway Heritage Fund to expand our good work.

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