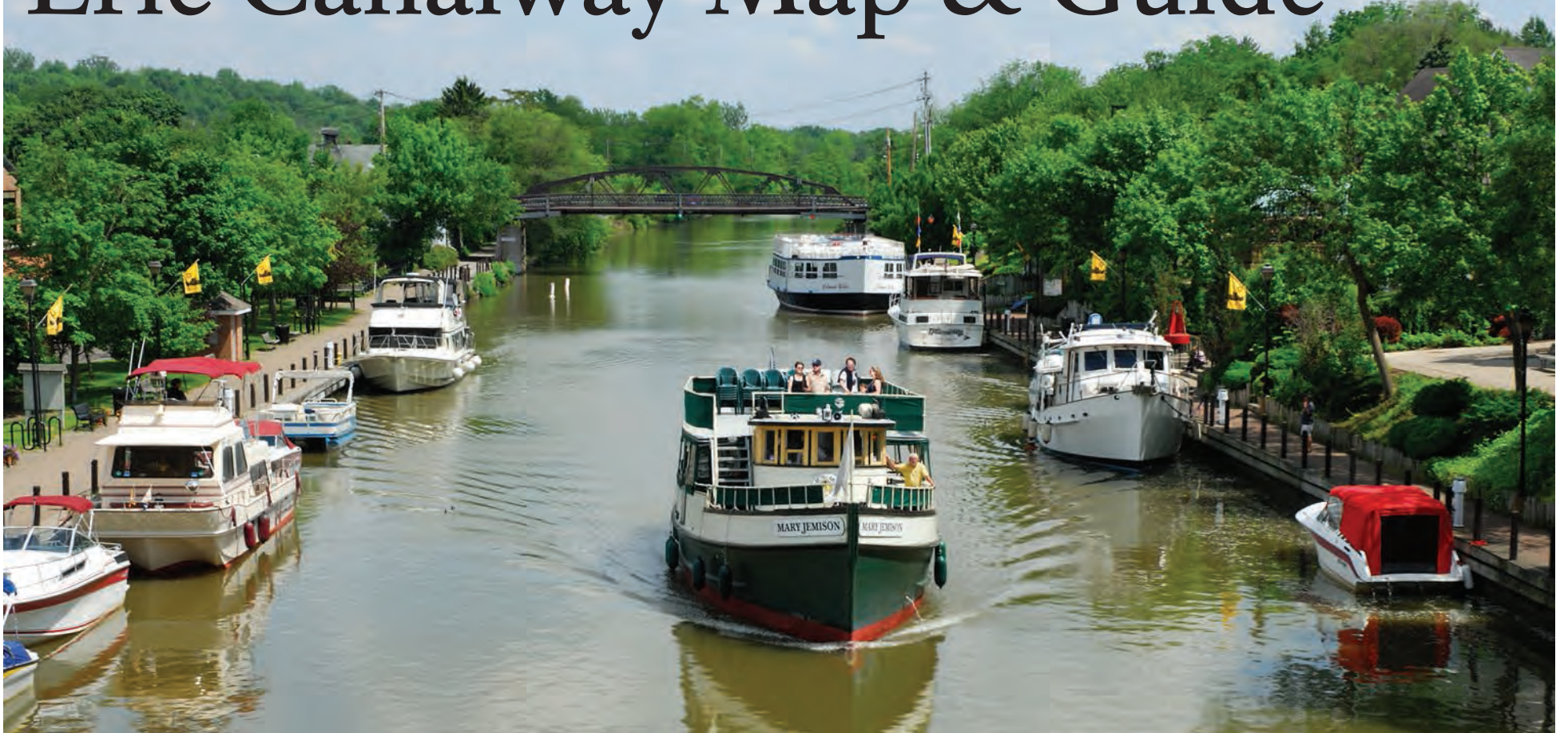




Erie Canalway Map & Guide 2012



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Explore. Learn. Discover.

The opening of the Erie Canal in 1825 cleared the way for goods, people, and ideas to flow from New York City to the Great Lakes and beyond. Travelers 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. Discover for yourself what you can't read in a history book: New York's legendary canals—where exceptional scenery, history, culture, and adventure await. Here are a few of the things you'll want to explore:

Today's Canals

Rent a canal boat for a few hours or a weeklong vacation, step on board a tour boat, or explore in your own cruiser, kayak or canoe.

Original Towpath-Era Canals and Engineering Marvels

Find historic structures from the 1800s, as well as locks, lift bridges, and guard gates still in use today.

Erie Canalway Trail

Enjoy unparalleled cycling and hiking along the 365-mile Erie Canalway Trail, which follows both active and bypassed sections of the Erie Canal—much of it along the canal's former towpath.

Canal Communities

Stroll through villages, towns, and cities whose canal waterfronts still open onto historic Main Streets with one-of-a-kind shops, restaurants, and cultural attractions.

Festivals and Events

Join hundreds of thousands of residents and visitors who celebrate their canal heritage each year with great food, music, and family fun activities.

Nature & Scenic Beauty

Capture the moment! The canals of New York State traverse some of New York's most picturesque countryside and nature preserves—perfect for birdwatching, photography, painting, or just enjoying a quiet refuge.

Getting Here

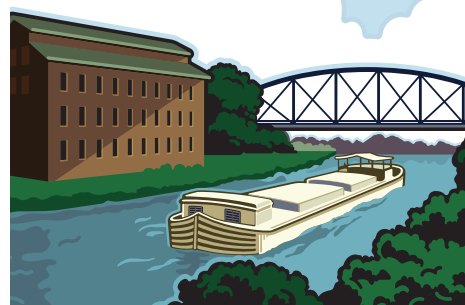


The New York State Thruway (I-90) and Amtrak parallel the Erie Canal from Albany to Buffalo. Northway I-87 provides access to the Champlain Canal from Albany to Whitehall. But to see the best parts of the Erie Canalway, you'll want to get off the Interstates.

State and county roads thread through the hamlets, villages, and cities that grew along the waterways and provide the best access to canal towns and sites.

Try these routes:

- NY Rte 31 in western New York
 - NY Rte 5 and 5S in the Mohawk Valley
 - NY Rte 48 and County Rte 57 along the Oswego Canal
 - NY Rte 4 along the Champlain Canal
- ...and a host of smaller roads in between.



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Get On Board!

Steve Baldwin / Studio Astute. Inset: Lock 25, Paul McPherson



The New York State Canal System forms the spine of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. More than 500 miles of interconnected canals, rivers, and lakes are typically open to navigation from May 1 to November 15.

You'll see tour boats, cruisers, kayaks, and crew teams, alongside the New York State Canal Corporation's blue and yellow work boats and other historic vessels. There are numerous choices for hourly tours, overnight excursions, and do-it-yourself exploration. Consult our chart to find boat rentals and tours. You can also load up your own kayak or canoe to explore the waterway. Find the latest information about access points and amenities using the **Interactive NYS Canalway Water Trail Map:** www.canals.ny.gov/exvac/watertrail.html

If you like boats, but prefer to enjoy them from shore, stop by one of the many canal harbors, visitor centers, or parks on the water. Many of the NYS Canal System's 57 locks include waterfront parks for picnicking, fishing, playing, or just sitting on the bank and watching boats.

The NYS Canal System is owned and operated by the New York State Canal Corporation, a subsidiary of the New York State Thruway Authority. Purchase a copy of the official **Cruising Guide to the New York State Canal System** for a complete list of services for boaters and information about navigating the canal. Current information on fees for boating through the locks and up-to-date notices to mariners may be found at www.canals.ny.gov or by calling 1-800-4-CANAL-4 (1-800-422-6254).



In the Wake of Irene and Lee: Use Caution

While Tropical Storms Irene and Lee caused massive flooding and unprecedented damage along the Mohawk River section of the Erie Canal in 2011, the canal will be open, weather permitting, for a full navigational season.

The New York State Canal Corporation recommends caution when boating between Locks 6 and 14 in the eastern Erie Canal. Shoreside restoration, as well as continuing repairs to locks and other structures will be ongoing throughout the season.

Many private and municipal marinas experienced extensive damage as well. Boaters traveling to the New York State Canal System this year should call ahead to verify docking facilities are operational and advertised amenities, such as fuel, water and electric, are available.

For more information, visit www.canals.ny.gov

COMPANY/ LOCATION	TELEPHONE/ WEBSITE	CANOE/KAYAK RENTAL	HOURLY AND DAILY TOURS	SELF-SKIPPED CHARTER BOAT	OVERNIGHT/MULTI- DAY CRUISE	CHARTER W/CAPTAIN/CREW
Erie Canal: Mohawk-Hudson Region						
The Boat House, <i>Schenectady</i>	518-393-5711 www.boathousecanoeskayaks.com	•				
Erie Canal Cruises, <i>Herkimer</i>	315-717-0350 www.eriecanalcruises.com		•			•
Erie-Champlain Canal Boat Company, <i>Waterford</i>	518-577-6363; 518-432-6094 www.eccboating.com		•	•		
Erie Canal: Central Region						
Camillus Erie Canal Park, <i>Camillus</i>	315-488-3409 www.eriecanalcamillus.com		•			
Discovery Marine Services, <i>Baldwinsville</i>	315-317-3694 www.discoverymarineservices.com					•
Mid-Lakes Navigation Co., <i>Baldwinsville, Skaneateles</i>	315-685-8500; 800-545-4318 www.midlakesnav.com		•		•	
Erie Canal: Western Region						
Amherst Marine Center, <i>Amherst</i>	716-691-6707 www.amherstmarinecenter.com			•		
Colonial Belle—Erie Canal Cruises, <i>Fairport</i>	585-223-9470 www.colonialbelle.com		•			•
Corn Hill Navigation, <i>Rochester, Pittsford</i>	585-662-5748 www.samandmary.org		•			•
Erie Canal Boat Company, <i>Fairport</i>	585-748-2628 www.eriecanalboatcompany.com	•				
Genesee Waterways Center, <i>Rochester</i>	585-328-3960 www.geneseewaterways.org	•				
Lock 32 Whitewater Kayaking Park, <i>Pittsford</i>	585-586-4330; 585-328-3960 www.geneseewaterways.org	•				
Lockport Locks and Erie Canal Cruises, <i>Lockport</i>	800-378-0352; 716-433-6155 www.lockportlocks.com		•			•
Low Bridge Charters, <i>Fairport</i>	585-944-1764 www.lowbridgecharters.com			•		
Mid-Lakes Navigation: Macedon Landing, <i>Macedon</i>	315-986-3011 www.midlakesnav.com	•		•	•	
Cayuga-Seneca Canal						
Canal Side Experiences, <i>Waterloo</i>	315-651-4443 www.canalside.net	•	•	•		
Captain Bill's, <i>Watkins Glen</i>	607-535-4541 www.senecaharborstation.com		•			•
Cruise-USA, <i>Union Springs</i>	228-424-3768 www.cruise-usa.com			•		
Erie Canal Cruise Lines, <i>Seneca Falls</i>	800-962-1771 www.canalcruises.com			•		
Finger Lakes Boat Rental, <i>Aurora</i>	315-364-8663 www.fingerlakesboatrental.com			•		
Finger Lakes Boat Tours, <i>Geneva</i>	585-703-0031 http://www.fingerlakesboattours.com		•			•
Finger Lakes Water Adventures, <i>Waterloo</i>	315-789-5520 www.fingerlakeswateradventures.com		•	•		
Force Seven Charters, Inc., <i>Seneca Lake, Waterloo</i>	585-330-7440 www.forcesevencharters.com		•		•	•
Fuzzy Guppies, <i>Waterloo</i>	315-539-8848 www.fuzzyguppies.com	•				
Liberty Boat Tours, <i>Seneca Falls, Geneva</i>	315-246-7608 ; 315-789-5520 (Geneva) www.libertyboattours.com		•			•
Tiohero Tours, <i>Ithaca</i>	607-697-0166 www.tioherotours.com		•			•
Champlain Canal						
Carillon Cruises, <i>Whitehall</i>	802-897-5331 www.carilloncruises.com		•			•
Champlain Canal Tour Boats, <i>Schuylerville</i>	518-695-5609 www.champlaincanaltours.com		•		•	•
Multiple Locations						
Blount Small Ship Adventures, <i>Warren, RI</i>	800-556-7450; 401-247-0955 www.blountsmallshipadventures.com				•	
Mid-Lakes Navigation Co., <i>Skaneateles</i>	800-545-4318; 315-685-8500 www.midlakesnav.com				•	



Seek Adventure: Become an End to End Rider

365 miles: no problem. Join the growing number of cyclists who count riding across New York on the Erie Canalway Trail among their adventurous accomplishments. You can take advantage of excellent guide books and online trip planning maps to help you create an itinerary that suits your interests (see *Erie Canalway Trail Resources* below).

Walk! Cycle! Jog! The Erie Canalway Trail is waiting for you.

Take your kids or friends or relatives or even just the dog. No matter how you go, take pleasure in getting out along the water on the Erie Canalway Trail. The 365-mile trail is mostly level and closely parallels much of the Erie Canal from Albany to Buffalo; more than three-quarters is off-road on former canal towpaths or rail bed.

Great for exercise or an evening stroll, the trail is also a perfect way to access all sorts of interesting canal sites that you might miss in a car. You can visit Western New York's canal villages with their distinctive lift bridges; see the 1800s canal and aqueducts in Central New York; or explore locks and historic canal remnants in the Mohawk Valley.

Short off-road trails along the Champlain Canal are also available in Waterford, Halfmoon, and Schuylerville, and work to extend the route from Waterford to Whitehall is underway. The Glens Falls Feeder Canal Trail is a seven-mile trail along the historic feeder canal from Glens Falls to Fort Edward. The trail passes the Five Combines, an intact staircase of five stone locks near Fort Edward.



Erie Canalway Trail Resources

- **Cycling the Erie Canal**—A guide to 400 miles of adventure and history along the Erie Canalway Trail—Available from Parks & Trails New York, www.ptny.org/guidebook, 518-434-1583. Also check PTNY's interactive Cycling the Erie Canal website: www.ptny.org/bikecanal.
- **Erie Canalway Trail Map**—Free from the New York State Canal Corporation, (800)-4CANAL4 or (518) 436-3055, www.canals.ny.gov/exvac/trail/index.html.
- **Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Trail Map**—Free from Friends of the Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Trail, www.mhbht.org.
- **Glens Falls Feeder Canal Trail**—Map and information from the Feeder Canal Alliance, www.feeder canal.com.

If you don't want to go it alone, sign up for the summer's biggest cycling event: **Cycling the Erie Canal, July 8–15, 2012**. Organized by Parks & Trails New York, this supported group ride attracts 500 cyclists of all ages and from all over the country. The eight-day ride begins in Buffalo and ends in Albany. Shorter weekend options are also available.

Cycling the Erie Canal 2012

- Sunday, July 8: Buffalo to Medina
- Monday, July 9: Medina to Pittsford
- Tuesday, July 10: Pittsford to Seneca Falls
- Wednesday, July 11: Seneca Falls to Syracuse
- Thursday, July 12: Syracuse to Rome
- Friday, July 13: Rome to Canajoharie
- Saturday, July 14: Canajoharie to Scotia
- Sunday, July 15: Scotia to Albany

To join the ride, contact Parks and Trails New York: 518-434-1583; eriecanaltour@ptny.org; www.ptny.org/canaltour. PTNY can also connect you with community greeters and rest stop hosts should you'd like to welcome riders to your area.

TRAIL SECTION	REGION	MILES	CONNECTIONS	SURFACE	NOTES
Erie Canal Heritage Trail	Western	114	Buffalo to Newark	paved, stone dust	Great cycling along the canal through Western Erie Canal towns.
Old Erie Canal- Port Byron to Camillus	Central	28	Schasel Park in Port Byron to Warners Road in Camillus	stone dust	Follows old Erie Canal route through Central New York; traverses Camillus Erie Canal Park, which includes restored aqueduct at Nine Mile Creek.
Old Erie Canal State Park	Central	36	Dewitt to Rome	stone dust	Follows old Erie Canal through original canal towns; Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum is on route.
Rome to Utica	Mohawk Valley	14	Rome to Utica	paved, stone dust	Short on-road segment through Rome; off-road trail picks up again south of the canal on Rte. 69.
Mohawk Hudson Bikeway	Mohawk Valley and Capital Region	86	Little Falls to Albany	paved, stone dust	Trail offers opportunities to visit locks, canal towns and historic sites along the way.
Glens Falls Feeder Canal Trail	Champlain	7	Fort Edward to Glens Falls	stone dust	Follows the historic feeder canal for the Champlain Canal.

Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor

Begin your journey in the east, west, or smack in the middle, you can't go wrong. The canal system and the Erie Canalway Trail connect the canal's treasures like gems on a necklace.



Chart Your Course to Great Heritage Sites

Discover our canal heritage at Erie Canalway Heritage Award-winning sites and Passport to National Park sites. Special passport stamps are available at 21 locations, each one telling a different part of the canal story. Collect them all for a complete experience and memories to last a lifetime.

Find more great sites to visit online:
www.eriecanalway.org/explore.htm



Passport to Parks Sites in the National Heritage Corridor (*) and Erie Canalway Heritage

Buffalo Zoo – Delta-Sonic Heritage Farm * , Buffalo	(716) 837-3900 www.buffalozoo.org
Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site * , Buffalo	(716) 884-0095 www.nps.gov.thri
Amherst Museum * , Amherst	(716) 689-1440 www.amherstmuseum.org
Erie Canal Discovery Center * * , Lockport	(716) 439-0431 www.niagarahistory.org
Village of Brockport & Canalfront Welcome Center * , Brockport	(585) 637-5300 www.brockportny.org
Spencerport Depot & Canal Museum * * , Spencerport	(595) 352-0942 www.spencerportdepot.com
Riverwalk Underground Railroad History Tours * , Rochester	(585) 482-5192 www.akwaabatours.org
Corn Hill Navigation * , Rochester	(585) 662-5748 www.samandmary.org
Rochester Museum & Science Center * , Rochester	(585) 271-1880 www.rmhc.org
Historic Palmyra Museums * * , Palmyra	(315) 597-6981 www.historicpalmyrany.org



Heritage Award Winners (★) listed West to East

T. Spencer Knight Park and Visitor Center ★ , Newark	(315) 331-4770 www.villageofnewark.com/attractions.cfm	Canal Place ★ , Little Falls	(315) 823-1077 www.cityoflittlefalls.net
Historical Murals of Lyons ★ , Lyons	(315) 573-8170 www.muralmania.org	Fort Plain Free Library and Visitor Center ★ , Fort Plain	(518) 993-4646 www.ftplib.blogspot.com
Seneca Falls Visitor Center and Seneca Museum ★ , Seneca Falls	(315) 568-1510 www.senecamuseum.com	Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site ★ , Fort Hunter	(518) 829-7516 www.nysparks.state.ny.us
Women's Rights National Historical Park ★ , Seneca Falls	(315) 568-0024 www.nps.gov/wori	Schenectady County Historical Society, History Museum & Mabee Farm ★ , Schenectady	(518) 374-0263 www.schist.org
Camillus Erie Canal Park ★ ★ , Camillus	(315) 488-3409 www.eriecanalcamillus.com	Mohawk Towpath Scenic Byway ★ , Waterford/Cohoes to Schenectady	(518) 371-7548 www.mohawktowpath.homestead.com
Erie Canal Museum ★ , Syracuse	(315) 471-0593 www.eriecanalmuseum.org	School Street Hydroelectric Facility and Cohoes Overlook Park ★ , Cohoes	(518) 743-2018 www.friendsofcohoesfalls.org
Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum ★ ★ , Chittenango	(315) 687-3801 www.clcbm.org	Waterford Flight – Harbor Visitor Center ★ , Waterford	(518) 233-9123 www.town.waterford.ny.us
Canastota Canal Town Museum ★ , Canastota	(315) 697-5002 www.canastota-canal.com	Burden Iron Works Museum ★ , Troy	(518) 274-5267 www.hudsonmohawkgateway.org
Verona Beach Lighthouse ★ , Verona Beach	(315) 363-6799 www.veronabeachlighthouse.org	Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region ★ , Albany	(518) 432-4432 www.ugrworkshop.com
Fort Stanwix National Historical Park ★ , Rome	(315) 338-7730 www.nps.gov/fost	Saratoga National Historical Park ★ , Saratoga	(518) 664-9821 www.nps.gov/sara/



Regional Flavor

Canillus, Cathy White

Experience the unique flavor and heritage of each region of the National Heritage Corridor.



Aimee Lefever

Western Erie

The Western Erie Region features the longest section of the canal that still follows its original path and retains its historic relationship to the communities and landscapes along its banks. As you travel by land or water, you will find village Main Streets, lift bridges, farm fields, and 20th century locks alongside historic lock ruins, canal engineering marvels, and cobblestone and local sandstone buildings.



Central New York

The “keepers of the original Erie Canal” are alive and well in Central New York, despite routing changes that redirected canal traffic from their front doors during the Barge Canal era in 1918. Communities from Rome to Syracuse to Port Byron are among those that showcase their Erie Canal heritage, which can be enjoyed at many locations. Likewise, “newer” canal communities along the current canal route from Sylvan Beach through Baldwinsville offer year-round recreation along the canal and Oneida Lake.



Mohawk & Hudson Valleys

The Erie Canal once officially began in Albany, turned west at Cohoes and snaked alongside the Mohawk River. Today, the channelized Mohawk River is the Erie “Barge” Canal. The region’s location along two mighty rivers and the canal turned it into America’s industrial powerhouse and original “tech valley” in the 1800s. You’ll find the region’s legacy of culture, arts, academics, and architecture matched by the extraordinary scenic landscapes of both river valleys.



Cayuga-Seneca Canal

The Cayuga-Seneca Canal is the gateway to the Finger Lakes, connecting the Erie Canal at Montezuma to 92 miles of canalized rivers and lakes, including the Seneca River and Cayuga and Seneca Lakes. The region include Seneca Falls, celebrated as the birthplace of the women’s rights movement, Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge, and the Finger Lakes Region, renowned for its natural beauty, elegant architecture, wine country, and world-class cultural and recreational attractions.



Oswego County Tourism

Oswego Canal

The Oswego Canal connects the Erie Canal at Three Rivers to Oswego Harbor at Lake Ontario. Though the Oswego is the canal system’s shortest segment, it has long provided a critical connection to Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence Seaway. The Oswego River’s bays and back channels are well suited for boating, fishing, birdwatching, canoeing, and kayaking. Visitors from around the world are drawn to Oswego’s active port, renowned for its festivals and exceptional sport fishing.



Champlain Canal

The Champlain Canal begins at its junction with the Erie Canal in Waterford and runs north to Whitehall, where it connects with Lake Champlain, offering a path for waterborne commerce from the Adirondacks, Vermont, and eastern Canada. History enthusiasts especially treasure the region for its critical role in battles of European exploration, conquest, and imperial conflict, including the French & Indian Wars, American Revolution, and War of 1812.

Join the Fun at Festivals and Events



Dale Ewa Gelfand

2012 Photo Contest

Capture the unique character of the Erie, Cayuga-Seneca, Oswego, and Champlain Canals and their surrounding communities for the 2012 Erie Canalway Photo Contest. Judges will select winning images in the following contest categories:

- Bridges, Buildings, and Locks
- For the Fun of It
- On the Water
- The Nature of the Canal

We'll feature winning entries in the 2013 Erie Canalway calendar.

Deadline for submissions:
September 7, 2012.

Official contest rules and an entry form can be downloaded at:
www.eriecanalway.org.

Hundreds of thousands of residents and visitors celebrate their canal heritage at a variety of canal-related festivals and events each year. From concerts on the canal to sporting events to historic re-enactments, there's something happening every weekend throughout the canal season from May through November.

Find a local and regional calendar-of-events:
www.canals.ny.gov/exvac/calendar/index.html

New York Heritage Weekend, May 19–20

Celebrate New York's incredible heritage at one of the many venues offering special programs, tours, free admission, discounts and more. www.heritageweekend.org

Canal Splash!, August 12–14

Choose from a wide variety of guided walks, bike tours, and cruises, museum and gallery exhibits, canoe and kayak paddles, and canal-side festivals and performances to celebrate the history, culture, and recreational appeal of the NYS Canal System and Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. www.canals.ny.gov



Andy Olenick/Fotoworks

Canal Schooner *Lois McClure*, 2012 Tour, September–October

Lois McClure, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum's unique replica of an 1862 sailing canal boat, will visit the Oswego Canal, eastern Erie Canal, and Champlain Canal as part of a four month journey on the interconnected waterways of Canada, New York, and Vermont. Find a schedule of tour stops and events at: www.lcmm.org

New York State Canal Conference, Sept. 30–Oct. 2, Oswego

Join canal enthusiasts, historians, developers, elected officials and others to exchange ideas and learn more about New York's canal system. www.newyorkcanals.org

Try a Taste of History

Canal Society of New York State



Crunch into a juicy apple. Enjoy your favorite ice cream flavor. Savor a micro-brew or a glass of Finger Lakes wine. Browse fresh produce at a local farmers market or farm stand. When you're in the Erie Canalway corridor, you'll be sampling a bit of the region's agricultural heritage.

The relatively flat lands and river valleys that became the canal route were equally well suited to farming in New York. Grain, apples, hops, celery, root crops, and specialty products like peppermint oil manufactured from mint were among the top crops produced and shipped along the canal in the 1800s.

Though agricultural products are no longer transported on the canal, farming continues to shape the landscape, economy, and local flavor of the canalway corridor.



Apples

Shipped by the barrel on the canal in the 1800s, apples are still New York's leading fruit crop. Look for farm tours, apple festivals, and pick-your-own orchards or toast the region's apple growers with a glass of fresh cider. www.nyapplecountry.com/azapples.htm

Beer & Wine

By the 1850s, New York was the leading producer of hops in the nation with 80 percent of the hop crop coming from Central New York. Sample today's brews at the Madison County Hop Fest (9/15/12) or find micro-breweries throughout the region using the Empire State Brewery Trail. www.iloveny.com/brewerytrails/index.html

Grapes were first grown for wine near Seneca Lake in the 1860s. Today, they are the second largest fruit crop in the state. Visit Finger Lakes Wine Country to sample what the region has to offer. www.fingerlakeswinecountry.com

Dairy

Summer is the perfect time for New York's #1 agricultural product—dairy milk—especially when it's turned into ice cream. Sample locally-made ice cream and frozen custard at dairy bars and local ice cream parlors. You can also find locally-made yogurt and artisan cheeses.



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Farmer's Markets

During the heyday of the canals in the 1800s, general stores and farm stands at nearly every lock enabled canal travelers to restock fresh produce, food and other supplies as they travelled across the state. Today, you'll still find some of the best seasonal fruits, vegetables, and flowers at waterfront farmer's markets throughout the canal corridor. www.agriculture.ny.gov/AP/CommunityFarmersMarkets.asp
www.localharvest.org/farmers-markets

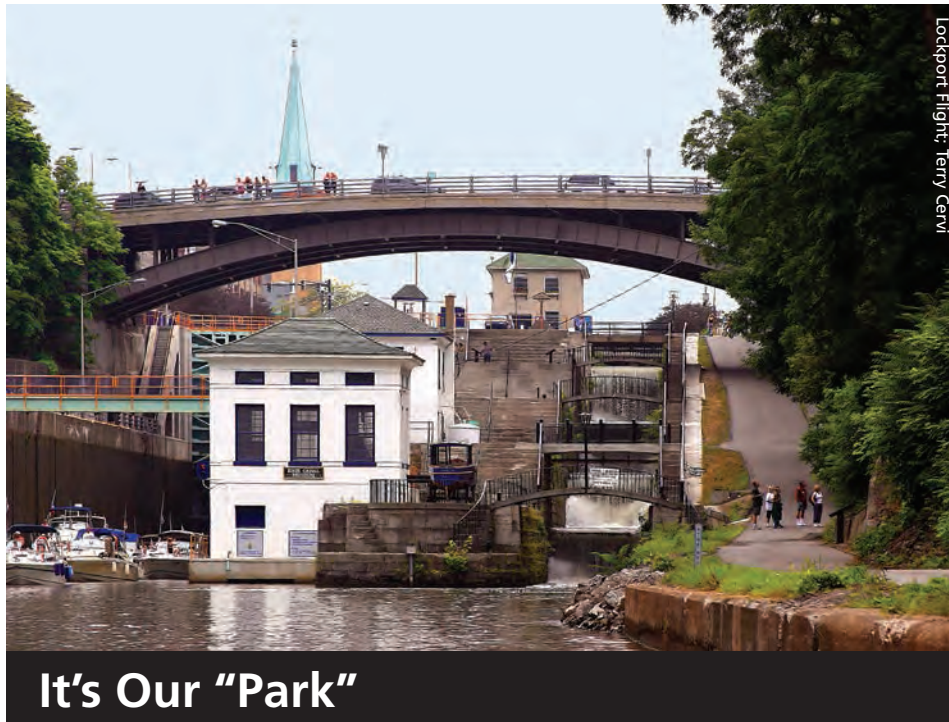
Enjoy Summer SAFELY!

Brookfield Renewable Energy Group invites you to share a summer of fun swimming, boating, and fishing. But remember to play it safe on the waterways. Particularly along river segments, conditions can change quickly and without notice. We ask you to take precautions! Avoid dams and structures, such as powerhouses and substations. Observe all signs, warning signals, sirens and barriers.

Remember to **WEAR IT NEW YORK!**

Brookfield encourages everyone to wear a personal flotation device when recreating on or near the water. Always check water conditions before you recreate. One source is www.h2oline.com.

www.brookfieldrenewable.com



It's Our "Park"

The exceptional scenery, history, culture, and natural resources along New York's Canal System earned the 524-mile network of waterways and the communities along its shores Congressional designation as a National Heritage Corridor in 2000. The designation recognizes the significance of New York's canals to the state and nation.

The federal government does not own or manage national heritage area lands as it does with traditional national parks. Because the Erie Canalway consists of both public and private lands, it is up to all of us to ensure that canals, towpaths, structures, and other historical and natural features remain preserved and accessible to everyone.

The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission and staff, in partnership with the National Park Service, collaborate with communities and organizations to preserve and interpret our heritage, invite visitors to explore what makes us unique, and ensure a vibrant future for the 2.7 million New Yorkers who call the Erie Canalway home.



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Schuylerville Cardboard Boat Race, Jim McKnight



Take the Kids!

Spending special time together is a favorite pastime of any child. There are lots of ways to share a fine afternoon or an entire vacation in the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. Here are our top five >>

1. **Take a Boat Trip.** Kids especially love the experience of going through locks or under lift bridges. See our list on page 2 for canal tours and boats for hire.
2. **Cycle on the Erie Canalway Trail.** The off-road trail is a great, safe place to ride. From budding two-wheelers to teens ready for a multi-day trip, the trail offers options to suit every skill level.
3. **Experience Hands on History.** Most canal-related history museums offer special programs and hands-on displays for children. Call ahead for a calendar-of-events or to ask about kid-friendly activities.
4. **Go Fish!** Cast your line in the canal itself, or in smaller streams and lakes throughout the Corridor. Common catches include walleye, northern pike, small and large mouth bass, and panfish. Check fishing regulations and advisories before you go: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7917.html>
5. **Cultivate a Sense of Wonder.** Enjoy swimming, hiking, and nature study at state parks, nature preserves, and National Natural Landmarks. You'll find dramatic waterfalls, lakes, trails, and vast wetlands full of bird life.



Friend Sal the Mule! www.facebook.com/ErieCanalway

Sal the Mule is out of retirement and into the 21st Century. Friend a mule to get **Sal's Photo of the Week** and other fresh scoops from the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.

