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A statewide 2,500-member non-profit citizens' organization dedicated to protecting and promoting New York's parks and to helping communities create new park lands, such as greenways, rail trails, and heritage corridors. NYPCA is helping Canal Communities to plan and develop the Canalway Trail, in partnership with the NYS Canal Corporation and the NPS Rivers & Trails program.

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Rivers & Trails works with local citizen groups to revitalize nearby rivers, preserve valuable open spaces, and develop local trail and greenway networks – all resources that add value by linking a community together.

This brochure, and the Inn-to-Inn touring project, are intended to help promote the development of the Canalway Trail, and to promote trail-related heritage tourism along the Canal System.



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The NYS Canal Corporation is promoting completion of the Canalway Trail along the 524-mile system. Some 40% of the trail has been completed to date.

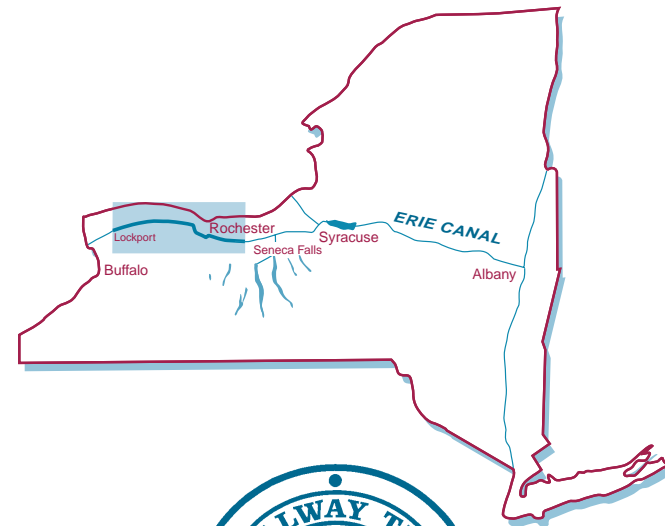
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Inn to Inn Touring along the Erie Canalway Trail

*Lockport to Palmyra
New York*



*Spend an overnight or a week discovering
country inns and historic villages along 85 miles of
New York's premier historical and recreational trail.*



One hundred years ago mules pulled barges and packet boats along the towpath of the Erie Canal. They moved produce from western frontier farms to the populated eastern cities and carried pioneers on their journey westward.

Today, the pioneers who travel the canal and its towpath wear hiking boots or mount their trusty bikes. Others pilot or paddle their boats. Modern-day adventurers may either bring their own or rent when they arrive. What once was a thoroughfare of commerce is now a haven for recreation.



The Erie Canalway Trail Between Lockport and Palmyra



More than eighty-five miles of trail, with many access points, stretch from Lockport to Palmyra, crossing through unique historic areas, bustling canal towns, and serene rural landscapes. The trail is steeped in history, including active and abandoned canal locks, 16 lift bridges, unique sandstone and cobblestone buildings and much more. Museums along the way bring the canal history to life and tour boats offer waterborne experiences.

Choose a segment or enjoy the entire trail. Innkeepers along the route will welcome you with gracious hospitality at the end of each day's adventure.



Bike Shops

(see map on other side)

- A Bicycle Outfitters**
45 North Main Street, Brockport, NY 14420
716-637-9901
- B Sugars Bike Shop**
2139 North Union Street, Spencerport, NY 14559
716-352-8300 (rentals available)
- C Towpath Bike Shop**
7 Schoen Place, Pittsford, NY 14534
716-381-2808 (rentals available)
- D RV&E Bike and Skate**
40 North Main Street, Fairport, NY 14450
716-388-1350 (rentals available)
web site www.rvebike.com

Tips for Planning Your Trip

- ◆ **Bicycle helmets** are required by NYS law for children under age fourteen. We encourage all riders to wear helmets.
- ◆ **The trail surface** is mostly hard-packed stone dust. Sections of the trail are paved from Greece to Pittsford, and in Fairport. Some short sections are currently turf.
- ◆ **Fat-tire bicycles** are appropriate for this trail.
- ◆ **Detailed trail directions** and trip planning information can be found in the following books:

**Take Your Bike!
Family Rides in the Rochester Area**
by Rich & Sue Freeman
(www.footprintpress.com)

**Cycling Along the
Canals of New York**
by Louis Rossi (www.acompub.com)

**Erie Canal Bicyclist
& Hiker Route Guide**
by Harvey Botzman
(www.cyclotour.com)

- ◆ **Most Bed & Breakfasts do not allow pets,** smoking, or children under specified ages. Call ahead for reservations and to inquire about any special services required.
- ◆ **For additional information,** contact Bed and Breakfasts about transportation, parking, attractions, and restaurants along the Erie Canalway Trail.
- ◆ **Dates and hours of operation** of attractions along the Erie Canalway Trail vary throughout the year. Call ahead for the most current schedules.
- ◆ **Maps and additional information on the Erie Canalway Trail** are available from the New York State Canal Corporation. Call 1-800-4CANAL4 or www.canals.state.ny.us

◆ **Lockport Cave & Underground Boat Ride** offers boat rides through a man-made cave. (716-438-0174, daily tours June-Sept.)

◆ **Mid-Lakes Navigation Company** offers 3 day cruises from **Lockport** to **Syracuse** on the Emita II and has packet boats for hire. (800-545-4316, tours May-Oct.)

◆ Just two miles east of **Medina**, Culvert Road has the only **tunnel** allowing cars to drive under the Erie Canal.

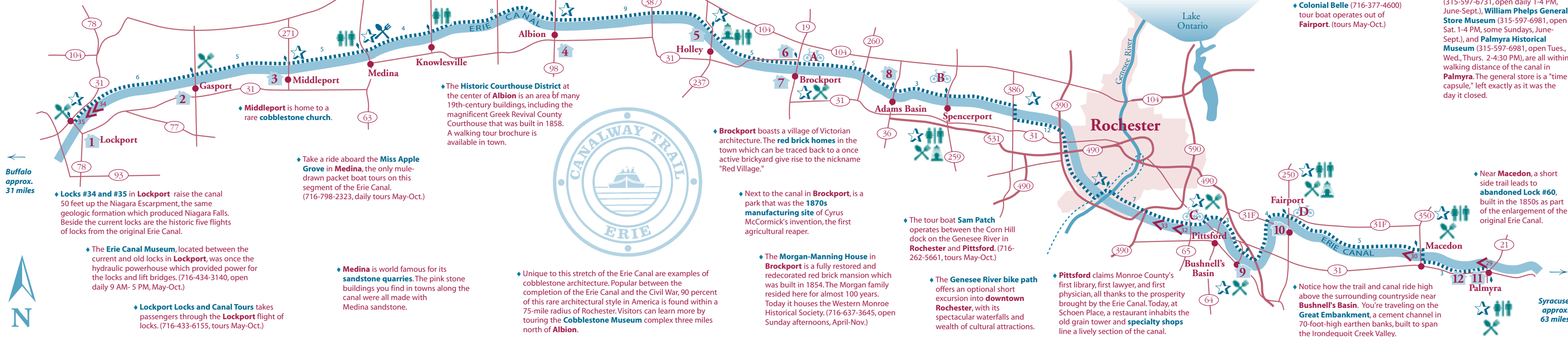
◆ A short walk or ride leads to **Holley's Waterfall Park** which, true to its name, includes a spectacular waterfall.

◆ The **Historical Railroad Museum** recently opened in a restored railroad depot (circa 1907) in **Holley**. It offers local lore and Erie Canal artifacts. (716-638-8188, open by appointment)

◆ The original Erie Canal looped north through the city of **Rochester**, crossing the Genesee River on an **800-foot aqueduct**. When the canal was widened and deepened into the Barge Canal in 1918, its route was redirected south of Rochester to its current location.

◆ **Fairport** has the only **slanted lift bridge** spanning the Erie Canal. Its village streets are lined with many interesting shops.

◆ In **Palmyra**, the trail passes over an **1856 aqueduct** that carried original Erie Canal waters over Ganargua Creek.



◆ **Middleport** is home to a rare **cobblestone church**.

◆ Take a ride aboard the **Miss Apple Grove** in **Medina**, the only mule-drawn packet boat tours on this segment of the Erie Canal. (716-798-2323, daily tours May-Oct.)

◆ **Medina** is world famous for its **sandstone quarries**. The pink stone buildings you find in towns along the canal were all made with Medina sandstone.

◆ **Lockport Locks and Canal Tours** takes passengers through the **Lockport** flight of locks. (716-433-6155, tours May-Oct.)

◆ The **Historic Courthouse District** at the center of **Albion** is an area of many 19th-century buildings, including the magnificent Greek Revival County Courthouse that was built in 1858. A walking tour brochure is available in town.

◆ **Brockport** boasts a village of Victorian architecture. The **red brick homes** in the town which can be traced back to a once active brickyard give rise to the nickname "Red Village."

◆ Next to the canal in **Brockport**, is a park that was the **1870s manufacturing site** of Cyrus McCormick's invention, the first agricultural reaper.

◆ The **Morgan-Manning House** in **Brockport** is a fully restored and redecorated red brick mansion which was built in 1854. The Morgan family resided here for almost 100 years. Today it houses the Western Monroe Historical Society. (716-637-3645, open Sunday afternoons, April-Nov.)

◆ Unique to this stretch of the Erie Canal are examples of cobblestone architecture. Popular between the completion of the Erie Canal and the Civil War, 90 percent of this rare architectural style in America is found within a 75-mile radius of Rochester. Visitors can learn more by touring the **Cobblestone Museum** complex three miles north of **Albion**.

◆ The tour boat **Sam Patch** operates between the Corn Hill dock on the Genesee River in **Rochester** and **Pittsford**. (716-262-5661, tours May-Oct.)

◆ The **Genesee River bike path** offers an optional short excursion into **downtown Rochester**, with its spectacular waterfalls and wealth of cultural attractions.

◆ **Pittsford** claims Monroe County's first library, first lawyer, and first physician, all thanks to the prosperity brought by the Erie Canal. Today, at Schoen Place, a restaurant inhabits the old grain tower and **specialty shops** line a lively section of the canal.

◆ Notice how the trail and canal ride high above the surrounding countryside near **Bushnell's Basin**. You're traveling on the **Great Embankment**, a cement channel in 70-foot-high earthen banks, built to span the Irondequoit Creek Valley.

◆ Near **Macedon**, a short side trail leads to **abandoned Lock #60**, built in the 1850s as part of the enlargement of the original Erie Canal.

Bed & Breakfast Inns

B & B Price Range:
\$ = \$50-75, \$\$ = \$60-100, \$\$\$ = \$100+

1 Hambleton House Bed & Breakfast \$
(0.5 mile from canal)
130 Pine Street, Lockport, NY 14094
716-439-9507 or 716-634-3650

A charming home, circa 1850, that blends the best of the past and present. Continental breakfast plus. 3 rooms.

2 Country Cottage (0.1 mile from canal) \$
7745 Rochester Road (Route 31),
Gasport, NY 14067 716-772-2251

This circa 1940 country Cape Cod home embraces a comfortable style and timeless good taste. Full country breakfast. 2 rooms.

3 Canal Country Inn (on the canal) \$
4021 Peet Street, Middleport, NY 14105
716-735-7572

This rare 1831 Federal Period brick home provides a traditional relaxing atmosphere inside and out. Docking with electric. Continental to full breakfast. 4 rooms, one with a fireplace.

4 Friendship Manor Bed & Breakfast \$
(0.8 mile from canal)
349 South Main Street, Albion, NY 14411
716-589-7973

A circa 1880 colonial home with an artful blend of Victorian-style furnishings and complementing antiques throughout. It has a swimming pool, tennis court, and 3 fireplaces. Continental breakfast plus. 3 rooms.

5 Rosewood Bed & Breakfast \$\$
(4 blocks from canal)
68 Geddes Street, Holley, NY 14470
716-638-6186, e-mail RosewdBnB@aol.com

This fully restored 1891 Victorian is perfect for a romantic getaway or tranquil business trip. Full gourmet breakfast. 5 rooms.

6 Portico Bed & Breakfast (1 mile from canal) \$\$
3741 Lake Road North, Brockport, NY 14420
716-637-0220

An award winning, circa 1850 Greek Revival Landmark mansion awaits those wanting a sense of the past combined with the freshness of something different. Three working fireplaces. Full Victorian breakfast. 3 rooms.

7 Victorian Bed & Breakfast (3 blocks from canal) \$\$
320 Main Street, Brockport, NY 14420
716-637-7519
email skehoe@po.brockport.edu
web site www.victorianbandb.com

Elegant but warm, describes this Queen Anne Victorian located in the center of Brockport's activity. Full, hearty breakfast. 8 rooms.

8 Canalside Inn (on the canal) \$\$
425 Washington Street, Adams Basin, NY 14410
716-352-6784

This is an early canal tavern in Greek revival style with

lots of antiques and artwork. It is listed on the National Registry of Historic Houses. All private baths. Dock for boats, canoes & kayaks. Full breakfast. 4 rooms.

9 Oliver Loud's Inn (on the canal) \$\$\$
1474 Marsh Road, Pittsford, NY 14534
(Bushnell's Basin)
716-248-5200, e-mail rchi@frontiernet.net
web site www.frontiernet.net/~rchi

Now located on the canal, this 1812 stagecoach Inn was moved here from the town of Egypt. It has reproduction furnishings and a fireplace in the common room. Continental breakfast is delivered to the room in a picnic basket. 8 rooms.

10 Twenty Woodlawn Bed & Breakfast \$\$
(0.4 mile from canal)
20 Woodlawn Avenue, Fairport, NY 14450
716-377-8224, web site www.nycanal.com/bandb/woodlawn/woodlawn.html

A quaint village Victorian home located on a quiet side

street, built in 1882. Many porches are available for relaxing and enjoying the cottage gardens. Full candlelight breakfast. Children welcome. 2 rooms.

11 Liberty House Bed & Breakfast \$\$
(0.25 mile from canal)
131 W. Main Street, Palmyra, NY 14522
315-597-0011
email untermail@msn.com
web site www.libertyhousebb.com

A splendid example of Victorian Italianate architecture featuring gingerbread, cupola, and wrap-around porch. Enjoy a full gourmet breakfast. 3 rooms.

12 The Gables of Palmyra (0.5 mile from canal) \$\$
223 West Main Street, Palmyra, N.Y. 14522
315-597-5977
email gablesofpalmyra@email.com

A stunning Queen Anne Victorian, artistically decorated and appointed for comfort. Full gourmet breakfast. 6 rooms.

Legend

- 8 Bed & Breakfast
- Bicycle Shop
- Restaurant
- Public Restrooms
- Attraction
- Public Shower
- 250 State Highway
- Trail
- Lock
- 4 Trail Mileage