

Inn to Inn Touring along the Eric Canalway Trail

Syracuse to Little Falls



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Parks & Trails New York is a statewide non-profit membership organization that works to expand, protect and promote a network of parks, trails, and open spaces throughout the state for use and enjoyment by all. Parks & Trails New York is working with the New York State Canal Corporation to help communities plan, develop and promote new segments of the Canalway Trail and provide technical support to the volunteer Canalway Trails Association New York (CTANY).



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New York State Canal System
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The New York State Canal System, operated by the New York State Canal Corporation, is a navigable 524-mile inland waterway that crosses upstate New York. The Canal System features numerous parks and recreation areas along the Erie Canalway Trail. The NYS Canal Corporation is promoting the completion of all segments of the Erie Canalway Trail along the 524-mile canal system.



This Inn to Inn Touring brochure is intended to help promote the development of the Canalway Trail and trail-related heritage tourism along the Erie Canal System.

Spend an overnight or a week discovering country inns and historic villages along 82 miles of New York's premier historical and recreational trail.

Almost two hundred years ago, miles 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. What once was a thoroughfare of commerce is now a haven for recreation.

The Erie Canalway Trail in Onondaga, Madison, Oneida and Herkimer Counties

More than 82 miles of trail, with many access points, stretch from Dewitt (east of Syracuse) to Little Falls, crossing through historic areas, bustling canal towns, and serene rural landscapes. The trail is steeped in history, including active and abandoned canal locks, aqueducts, and forts that date back to the era of the French and Indian War. Museums along the way bring canal history to life. Just east of Syracuse, is the Old Erie Canal State Historic Park, a 36-mile linear park, managed by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, where you can experience the Erie Canal as it was in the 19th century. Gaming in Verona, mining for diamonds in Herkimer and a zoo and brewery tour in Utica are examples of the wide variety of activities available along the Erie Canalway Trail.

Choose a segment or enjoy the entire trail. Hikekeepers along the route will welcome you with gracious hospitality at the end of each days adventure.



Bike Shops

- (A) **Land's Ski and Bike Shop**
106 Towne Drive, Fayetteville, NY 13066
(315) 683-0014 or 683-0012
- (B) **Dick Sonne's Cycle, Fitness and Ski**
4465 Commercial Drive, New Hartford, New York 13413
www.dicksosomes.com • (315) 786-7106
- (C) **Schuss Ski and Bicycle Shop**
4502 Commercial Drive, New Hartford, NY 13413
www.schussshop.com • (315) 738-1129
- (D) **Welch's Bicycle and Ski**
1048 Whitesboro Street, Utica, NY 13502
(315) 724-4728
- (E) **Welch's Bicycle and Ski**
28 Auburn Avenue, Utica, NY 13051
(315) 724-5999
- (F) **Dick's Wheel Shop**
411 Mohawk Street, Herkimer, NY 13350
www.dickswholesale.com • (315) 866-5571

Visitor Centers and Visitor Information:

- ♦ **Green Lakes State Park**
7900 Green Lakes Road, Fayetteville, NY 13066
www.nystateparks.state.ny.us • (315) 637-6111
- ♦ **Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum**
710 Lakeport Road, Chittenango, NY 13137
<http://www.chittenangolandingsailingcanalboatmuseum.com>
(315) 687-3801
- ♦ **Canastota Chamber of Commerce**
222 South Peterboro Street, Canastota, NY 13032
www.canastota.org • (315) 697-3677
- ♦ **Canastota Canal Town Museum**
122 North Canal Street, Canastota, NY 13032
(315) 697-3451
- ♦ **Erie Canal Village**
5789 Rome New London Road, Rome, NY 13440
<http://www.eriecanalvillage.net> • (315) 339-7755
- ♦ **Onondaga County**
www.onidacounty.org • (800) 234-4797
- ♦ **Madison County**
www.madisoncountytourism.com • (800) 684-7320
- ♦ **Oneida County**
www.oneidacounty.ny.us • (800) 426-3132
- ♦ **Herkimer County**
www.herkimercountychamber.com • (877) 984-4636

TIPS for Planning Your Trip

- **Bicycle helmets** are required by NYS Law for children under age 14. We encourage all riders to wear helmets.
- **The trail surface** includes on-road sections and hard-packed stone dust.
- **Fat-tired or hybrid type bicycles** are appropriate for this trail.
- **Additional trail and trip planning information** can be found in the following books:
Cycling the Erie Canal - A guide to 400 miles of adventure and history along the Erie Canalway Trail. Parks & Trails New York (518) 434-1583 (www.ptny.org)
- **Cycling Along the Canals of New York** - By Louis Rossi (www.villessepress.com)
- **Erie Canal Bicyclist & Hiker Guide** - By Harvey Botzman, Cyclotour Books. To order call (585)244-6157.
- **Many 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 & Breakfasts about transportation, parking, attractions, and restaurants along the Erie Canalway Trail.
- **Maps and additional information on the Erie Canalway Trail** are available from the New York State Canal Corporation. Two other "Inn to Inn Touring Along the Erie Canalway Trail" brochures - one covering the trail from Lockport to Palmyra and another covering Albany, Schenectady and Montgomery counties - are available from Parks & Trails New York at www.ptny.org or New York State Canal Corporation 1(800) 4CANALA, www.nysecanals.gov.

