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Erie Canalway Passport to Your National Parks © Sites Announced

Stamps to be available at 16 new sites throughout the National Heritage Corridor

WATERFORD (5/13/09)- Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor announced today 16 cultural heritage sites selected to participate in the Passport to Your National Parks © program. The sites will join five existing National Park sites in the National Heritage Corridor where visitors can collect free cancellation stamps in a special spiral-bound National Park Service Passport.

Millions of people participate each year in visiting hundreds of national parks and NPS-affiliated areas nationwide and recording their experiences with the free cancellation stamps. Passport to Your National Parks © is coordinated by Eastern National, a National Park Service partner, in cooperation with the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.

“Collecting passport stamps will encourage people to visit multiple sites, each one telling a different part of the canal story,” explained Lori Solomon-Duell, Erie Canalway Director of Heritage Tourism. “By linking sites along the Erie Canalway, the passport program offers visitors a more complete experience and memories to last a lifetime.”

Passport Stamps will be available **starting June 18, 2009**. Additional details about Passport sites are available at: www.eriecanalway.org. National Park Service Passports are available online at www.eparks.com/store and at National Park Service visitor centers. A Kids’ Passport ® To Your National Parks Companion is also available.

The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor is one of 49 federally designated National Heritage Areas. Its purpose is to help preserve and interpret the historical, natural, scenic, and recreational resources reflecting its national significance and to help foster revitalization of canal-side communities.

Erie Canalway Passport Sites (listed regionally from west to east):

Western Region

- Theodore Roosevelt National Inaugural Site, Buffalo
- Amherst Museum, Amherst
- Erie Canal Discovery Center, Lockport
- Spencerport Depot and Canal Museum, Spencerport

- Corn Hill Navigation, Pittsford & Rochester
- Rochester Museum and Science Center, Rochester
- Riverwalk Underground Railroad Tour (AKWAABA), Rochester
- Historic Palmyra, Palmyra
- T. Spencer Knight Park, Village of Newark Visitor Center, Newark

Central New York Region

- Camillus Erie Canal Park & Sims' Store Museum, Camillus
- Erie Canal Museum, Syracuse
- Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum, Chittenango

Cayuga-Seneca Canal Region

- Seneca Museum of Waterways and Industry, Seneca Falls
- Women's Rights National Historical Park, Seneca Falls

Mohawk and Hudson Valley Region

- Fort Stanwix National Historical Park, Rome
- Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, Fort Hunter
- Schenectady County Historical Society, History Museum & Mabee Farm Historic Site, Schenectady & Rotterdam
- Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Visitor Center, Peebles Island State Park, Waterford
- RiverSpark Visitor Center and Burden Iron Works Museum, Troy
- Underground Railroad History Tour, Albany

Champlain Region

- Saratoga National Historical Park, Stillwater

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