



## Ticket to Ride PROGRAM GUIDELINES

**Ticket to Ride** offers transportation and educational program funding for schools across New York State. By supporting bus and tour fees, the program makes it possible for schools to take advantage of first-rate educational field trips to designated museums and historic sites throughout the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.

### The program is designed to:

1. Reinforce classroom learning about the Erie Canal with hands-on experiences at authentic canal sites.
2. Provide greater access to New York's rich historic and cultural sites for rural and urban students from varying environments and demographic backgrounds.
3. Improve critical thinking skills and recall of information by offering place-based, hands-on, and experiential learning opportunities to expand and enhance classroom teaching.
4. Inspire students to consider what their generation might accomplish with the kind of vision, hard work, and spirit of innovation that were hallmarks of canal building in New York.
5. Each tour site presents a unique local story, enhancing the statewide story of the Erie Canal and connecting to NYS Education Standards for history/social studies, science, math, technology, and arts. For example, your students may:
  - Gain first-hand knowledge about how boats and cargo were weighed (Erie Canal Museum, Syracuse);
  - See the remains of one of the largest aqueducts from the 1800s (Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, Fort Hunter);
  - Climb alongside the famous Flight of Five Locks (Erie Canal Discovery Center, Lockport).

*The Erie Canal Learning Hub, including Ticket to Ride, is a joint initiative of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and the New York State Canal Corporation, with additional support from the National Park Foundation and the National Park Service.*



## PROGRAM DETAILS

### **What schools are eligible?**

Any school located within New York State is eligible to participate once per school year, subject to available funding. *The program is open to all grades K-12.* Schools may schedule field trips for an entire grade level which must be submitted in a single reservation, even for multi-day trips.

### **Is the program competitive?**

**No.** Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis until available funds are exhausted. *Erie Canalway reserves the right to limit the amount of support provided, if any, to a school or district based on distance traveled.*

### **Is registration required?**

**Yes.** Schools must register with Erie Canalway at least two weeks prior to your anticipated tour dates. A registration form is available online <https://eriecanalway.org/learn/teachers/registration-form>. *Teachers are encouraged to submit a registration as soon as possible after confirming a field trip date with the tour provider. Funding is confirmed based on the order in which completed Registration forms are received.*

### **Who makes arrangements with the host tour site?**

**The school makes tour arrangements directly with the tour provider.** Erie Canalway does not facilitate any tour booking. Schools must confirm tour dates with the provider prior to applying for Ticket to Ride funding.

### **Where do we go? What sites host tours?**

Erie Canalway Ticket to Ride includes only the approved sites listed on pages 4-5. These sites include as part of their program: a trained curator, educator, or historian; formal docent program; approved tour script reflecting New York State Education standards; as well as demonstrated experience providing school tours.

### **Who pays the tour fee?**

- Erie Canalway will pay up to **\$7 per student** directly to the tour provider once the field trip is complete.
- At the completion of a field trip, the tour provider will submit an invoice to Erie Canalway. Invoices must contain the name and address of the tour site, name of participating school, tour date, number of students, and total amount of tour fee.
- Teachers, chaperones, bus drivers, and other adults are not eligible for payment of tour fees through Ticket to Ride.

### **Who pays the bus fees?**

- Erie Canalway pays for transportation including mileage and bus driver costs following the completion of the tour.
- Schedule your bus through your district's established process. The costs of District owned and rented "yellow" school buses are eligible for reimbursement.
- The school **must submit an estimate for bus services with its registration.**
- At the conclusion of the tour the school must **submit a final invoice** for payment. Include school name and address for payment, tour site, date of tour, and total amount due. Final invoices **must be received by July 31<sup>st</sup>**. After this date, payments will be based on the estimated costs provided at the time of registration and no adjustments will be made.

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EDUCATIONAL TOUR PROVIDER	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
<p><b>Albany Institute of History &amp; Art</b>            (518) 463-4478  <a href="mailto:moonj@albanyinstitute.org">moonj@albanyinstitute.org</a>  <a href="http://www.albanyinstitute.org">www.albanyinstitute.org</a></p>	Albany	<p>Students will examine the connection between the Hudson River School landscape paintings and environmentalism. Paintings and primary sources will be analyzed to reveal how artists like Thomas Cole expressed concerns about industrialization and promoted the preservation of nature. Online resources are available to extend the on-site lesson.</p>
<p><b>Arkell Museum at Canajoharie</b>            (518) 673-2314  <a href="mailto:malexander@arkellmuseum.org">malexander@arkellmuseum.org</a>  <a href="http://www.arkellmuseum.org/schoolprograms">www.arkellmuseum.org/schoolprograms</a></p>	Canajoharie	<p>Explore the impact of the Erie Canal on industry and the arts in the Mohawk Valley. Students will see the museum's impressive collection of paintings, which include works by Winslow Homer, George Inness, Mary Cassatt, and more than a dozen paintings of the Mohawk River and Erie Canal.</p>
<p><b>Liz and Dave Beebe Camillus Erie Canal Park</b>            (680) 800-5298  <a href="mailto:Lwiles@townofcamillus.com">Lwiles@townofcamillus.com</a>  <a href="http://www.eriecanalcamillus.org/">www.eriecanalcamillus.org/</a></p>	Camillus	<p>Experience the Enlarged Erie Canal by boat, walk the towpath, stop at the overlook of Clinton's Ditch, explore how locks work, and visit the 1850s Sims Store and museum. Tours last approximately 2.5 hours and then have a picnic in the covered pavilion. School tours are available May and June as well as September and early October.</p>
<p><b>Feeder Canal &amp; Towpath Trail</b>            (518) 792-5363  <a href="mailto:director@feedercanal.org">director@feedercanal.org</a>  <a href="http://feedercanal.org/">http://feedercanal.org/</a></p>	Hudson Falls	<p>Take a step back in time at the Howard Raymond Field School at the Historic Coal Silos in Hudson Falls. Get an inside look at two restored 1900s coal silos and exhibits located along the Feeder Canal. The interactive program includes a short history of the Feeder Canal with amazing vintage photos, Canal kid stories, and hands-on STEAM activities like canal water testing and observation under microscopes, working a pulley system and seeing a working 1900s coal cart. Weather permitting students can walk the Towpath Trail to "build" a canal boat alongside the impressive Five Combines (Locks) built in 1845, the last multi-lock site in NYS.</p>
<p><b>Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum</b>            (315) 687-3801  <a href="mailto:coordinator@clcbm.org">coordinator@clcbm.org</a>  <a href="http://www.clcbm.org/index.html">www.clcbm.org/index.html</a></p>	Chittenango	<p>Located on the old Erie Canal, 90-foot-long cargo boats were built and repaired on this site during the 19th and 20th centuries. Activities may include participating in an archeological dig for canal artifacts, exploring boat building techniques, and doing daily tasks of canal families in the 1800s.</p>
<p><b>Corn Hill Navigation: Sam Patch and Riverie Boat Tours</b>            (585) 662-5748  <a href="http://www.cornhillnav.org">www.cornhillnav.org</a>  <a href="mailto:info@cornhillnav.org">info@cornhillnav.org</a></p>	Rochester	<p>Corn Hill Navigation has two vessels that offer on-the-water educational experiences: <i>Sam Patch</i>, a replica packet boat located on the Erie Canal in Pittsford, and <i>Riverie</i>, located on the Genesee River at Corn Hill Landing in downtown Rochester. Educators can choose from three programs: History of the Erie Canal with Lock Cruise aboard <i>Sam Patch</i> (ideal for 4th grade), Environmental Education on the Genesee River aboard <i>Riverie</i> (ideal for 5th Grade), and a Guided Birding Cruise (all ages &amp; either vessel).</p>
<p><b>Erie Canal Discovery Center</b>            (716) 434-7433  <a href="mailto:annmarie@niagarahistory.org">annmarie@niagarahistory.org</a>  <a href="http://www.niagarahistory.org/discovery-center">www.niagarahistory.org/discovery-center</a></p>	Lockport	<p>The Center showcases the history of the Erie Canal and the famous "Flight of Five" Lockport Locks with a tour and activity. Students will learn about challenges that had to be overcome to build the locks and compare the canal of the 1800s with today's canal by visiting the Lockport Flight. <b>A boat ride is not included.</b></p> <p><i>(Note: Registrations made through the Niagara County Historical Society)</i></p>

<p><b>Erie Canal Museum</b> (315) 471-0593 <a href="mailto:fieldtrips@eriecanalmuseum.org">fieldtrips@eriecanalmuseum.org</a> <a href="http://www.eriecanalmuseum.org">www.eriecanalmuseum.org</a></p>	Syracuse	Explore the nation's only remaining Weighlock building, where canal boats were weighed, while discovering how the Erie Canal transformed the state and the nation. Students can board a full-sized canal boat replica and follow the historic route of the canal through Downtown Syracuse learning about historic canal side architecture and events like the Jerry Rescue.
<p><b>Historic Palmyra</b> (315) 597-6981 <a href="mailto:historicpalmyra@gmail.com">historicpalmyra@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.historicpalmyra.com/">www.historicpalmyra.com/</a></p>	Palmyra	Explore Historic Palmyra's 5 Museums: <b>The Palmyra Historical Museum</b> , 23 themed rooms housed in an 1826 hotel, <b>The Erie Canal Depot</b> , see the stalls where the mules stayed, Captain's Cabin and more. <b>The Palmyra Print Shop</b> showcases printing in Palmyra. <b>The Wm. Phelps General Store and Family Residence</b> , one family owned and operated from 1868-1940 when the doors were closed forever leaving all the original products on the shelves. <b>The Alling Coverlet Museum</b> houses the largest collection of coverlets in the US.
<p><b>miSci</b> (518) 382-7890 x 228 <a href="mailto:reservations@misci.org">reservations@misci.org</a> <a href="http://www.misci.org/Educators-and-groups">www.misci.org/Educators-and-groups</a></p>	Schenectady	Discover the Erie Canal through a hands-on, inquiry-based learning experience that explores the science, technology, and history of innovation in Upstate New York. Students will understand the physics behind the workings of the Canal, including friction, buoyancy, and Pascal's Law. Using the engineering process, participants build a lock model based on the Erie Canal's lock system.
<p><b>Rochester Museum and Science Center</b> (585) 271-4552 x376 <a href="mailto:edamercy@rmsc.org">edamercy@rmsc.org</a> <a href="https://rmsc.org/educators/search">https://rmsc.org/educators/search</a></p>	Rochester	Explore a wide range of historical and STEM-based experiences that connect Rochester's past and present. Operate a replica Erie Canal lock, watch centuries fly by in the Old Rochester 1838 augmented reality experience, and build a contraption to assist in laying the canal's foundations. Discover how the Erie Canal helped freedom seekers on the Underground Railroad, learn about how the indigenous Haudenosaunee people of Rochester used area waterways, and get inspired by learning about local heroines who started businesses, fought for equal rights, and inspired change along the Canal path.
<p><b>Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site</b> (518) 829-7516 <a href="mailto:SchoharieCrossing@park.ny.gov">SchoharieCrossing@park.ny.gov</a> <a href="https://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/schohariecrossing/details.aspx">https://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/schohariecrossing/details.aspx</a></p>	Fort Hunter	Students will see the evolution of the Erie Canal from 1800s to today, including locks, prism, towpath and the remains of the Schoharie Aqueduct. We talk about engineering challenges of building a "water bridge" to take canal boats over the Schoharie Creek. Program includes the use of primary documents and inquiry discussion to understand the canal story.
<p><b>Seneca Museum of Waterways and Industry</b> (315) 568-1510 <a href="mailto:director@senecamuseum.com">director@senecamuseum.com</a> <a href="https://sfheritagetourism.com/">https://sfheritagetourism.com/</a></p>	Seneca Falls	The museum showcases the history of Seneca Falls, Seneca County, and the Finger Lakes region, illustrating how the Seneca River and the Cayuga-Seneca Canal powered the rise of industry and fostered the spread of social reform movements.
<p><b>Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence</b> (518) 621-7793 <a href="mailto:urhpcr@localnet.com">urhpcr@localnet.com</a> <a href="https://undergroundrailroadhistory.org/">https://undergroundrailroadhistory.org/</a></p>	Albany	Near what used to be Lock 1 on the Erie Canal, visit the place where Freedom Seekers stopped, the Vigilance Committee met, and Underground Railroad activists lived and conducted their activities. Experience their efforts to abolish slavery in New York and in the nation. Dress in period attire, sit on historic furniture, read, and discuss historic documents, investigate period artifacts. Learn about the contemporary connections of this first civil rights movement with us today.