Lock E24, Baldwinsville
8 Syracuse Street
Baldwinsville, NY 13027
(315) 635-3101

**LIFT:** 11.0 feet.

**FACILITIES:** Floating docks along the upstream approach wall on the south side and at Papermill Island near the amphitheater.

**PADDLING NOTE:** When approaching Lock E24 from the west, look for a line of buoys that marks off the dam and holds up a safety cable to keep boats from going over. Do not enter this area. To avoid the dam area and cross-currents from the hydroelectric plants on each end of the dam at the western end of the lock, stay to the south, starting at the tip of Paper Mill Island.

Lock E24 was the first lock to be opened on the Barge Canal. Workboats for the construction passed through in 1910. At that point, the electric operating machinery hadn’t been delivered. The valves and gates had to be moved by hand-powered chain hoists, blocks and tackle, and horses.

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**E Mile 170.51**
**Bridge E77, railroad**

**E Mile 167.88, north side**
**43.125058 -76.265285**

**J&S Marine**
3558 Hayes Road
Baldwinsville, NY 13027
(315) 622-1095
jsmarinejim.com

**FACILITIES:** Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers. Floating docks, ramp.

Large private marina.

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**E Mile 167.18, south side**
**43.123678 -76.255762**

**Klein Island and Onondaga Lake Outlet**
The Erie Canal connects to the Syracuse Inner Harbor via a dredged channel at the northern outlet of Onondaga Lake. Watch out for power boats and rowing teams practicing in the outlet canal. New York State owns most of the north shore of Klein Island; the rest is privately owned. The south side of the canal on both sides of Klein Island is Onondaga Lake Park. Stone breakwaters extend into the lake on either side of the outlet.

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Inlet to Fobes Island is on the north side.
ONONDAGA LAKE AND THE SYRACUSE REGION

Follow the path where mules once trod and where the mighty Erie Canal gave rise to cities, towns, and industries in the 1800s. When the canal was enlarged in 1918, the route changed, leaving Syracuse connected to the canal via Onondaga Lake. You’ll find the influence of the canal’s heyday in the Syracuse region in the city’s architecture and at local historic sites, museums, and at the Old Erie Canal State Historic Park.

In the early 1900s, factory workers from Syracuse used to flock to beaches, parks, and dance halls along the shores of Onondaga Lake. But by 1940, swimming had been banned due to a combination of industrial discharge and untreated sewage. Onondaga Lake became notorious as the most polluted lake in America. Today, massive cleanup efforts have improved water quality dramatically. Swimming is now permitted in the northern portion.

**Onondaga Lake Park**
106 Lake Drive (off Onondaga Lake Parkway, NY 370)
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 453-6712
onondagacountyparks.com

Often called the “Central Park of Central New York,” this county park is a 7.5 mile linear greenway with many trails and recreational facilities. It is located on both sides of the north end of Onondaga Lake.

There are several parking areas and informal hand-launch sites at gravel beaches along the east side of the lake at the north end. The Willow Bay section of the park has parking, restrooms, picnic shelters, and seasonal paddlecraft rentals. There is also an informal beach launch at the west end of the Long Branch Road bridge over Onondaga Lake Outlet with parking nearby. The Onondaga Lake Park marina in Liverpool has the only paved boat ramp on the lake ($10 fee per launch).

**PADDLING NOTE:** There can be a lot of traffic on the narrow Onondaga Lake Outlet, including powerboats, jet skis, and rowing shells. The floating docks and boathouses of Syracuse University and the Syracuse Chargers on the east side of the outlet are off limits.

**PADDLECRAFT RENTALS**

43.116589 -76.240310

Willow Bay Rentals
3853 Long Branch Road
Liverpool, NY 13090
(315) 672-8439
longbranchparkkayakpaddleboardrentals willowbay.com

A seasonal paddlecraft rental concession operated by Camillus Kayak Shop at the Willow Bay section of the park (north end just east of the breakwater). Ample parking.

**LODGING**

43.060639 -76.162576

**Aloft Syracuse Inner Harbor**
310 West Kirkpatrick Street
Syracuse, NY 13204
(315) 422-1700
marriott.com
### PLACES OF INTEREST OFF THE WATER

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#### Camillus Erie Canal Park
5750 Devoe Road  
Camillus, NY 13031  
(315) 488-3409  
eriecanalcamillus.com

Located along the Old Erie Canal, the park features Sims Store Museum and the award-winning 1842 Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct, which was restored and rewatered in 2009. Narrated boat tours are conducted May through October.

#### Erie Canal Museum
318 Erie Boulevard East  
Syracuse, NY 13202  
(315) 471-0593  
eriecanalmuseum.org

Extensive collection and exhibits on all facets of the Erie Canal. Housed in the only remaining Weighlock Building (1850) where canal boats were weighed during the days when they traveled through the center of Syracuse on the Erie Canal.

#### Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum
717 Lakeport Road  
Chittenango, NY 13037  
(315) 687-3801  
clcbm.org

Restored dry docks, replica canal boat, blacksmith shop, and exhibits related to life on the Erie Canal in the 1800s make this a highly engaging site. The museum offers bike and kayak rentals for exploring the Old Erie Canal State Park.

#### Old Erie Canal State Historic Park
parks.ny.gov

Thirty-six miles of the original Erie Canal, five stone arch aqueducts, and a number of other historic structures remain in service here, delivering water from upland reservoirs to today’s canal. Stretching from DeWitt, just east of Syracuse, to New London and the outskirts of Rome, Old Erie Canal State Park offers a view of the scale and character of the ditch that opened a continent. The park includes the Erie Canalway Trail, which follows the old towpath and is suitable for bicycling, walking, and jogging. Paddling is an option in certain sections of the park. (See pages 136-137.)

**PADDLING NOTE:** Launch sites are being developed at the Cedar Bay Picnic Area, Poolsbrook Widewater, Manlius Center, and Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum. A paddling guide is available at tourthetowpath.com.

#### Canastota Canal Town Museum
122 Canal Street  
Canastota, NY 13032  
(315) 697-5002  
canastota.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
More information about things to do in the Syracuse area, including dining and lodging, is available at madisontourism.com and visitsyracuse.com.
Winds of Cold Springs Harbor Marina
3642 Hayes Road
Baldwinsville, NY 13027
(315) 622-2211
thewindsofcoldspringsharbor.webs.com


Large private marina.

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 River. The Oswego River’s bays and back channels are well suited for canoeing and kayaking, as well as fishing and birdwatching. Visitors from around the world are drawn to Oswego’s active port, renowned for its festivals and exceptional sport fishing.

Water Trail sites along the Oswego Canal can be found starting on page 223.

Three Rivers Junction with Oswego Canal

The Oneida River and the Seneca River merge here to become the Oswego River. The southern end of the Oswego Canal meets the Erie Canal here. The Oswego Canal and river flow north for some 23 miles, ending at the port of Oswego on Lake Ontario.

Paddlers who stay on the Erie Canal will be heading upstream for the first time since leaving Buffalo. The Oneida River drops about 11 feet between the outlet of Oneida Lake at Brewerton and its confluence with the Seneca and Oswego rivers at Three Rivers. The “Rome Summit” between locks E21 and E20, east of Oneida Lake, crosses the drainage divide between the St. Lawrence and Hudson basins.
Clay Boat Ramp (Bonstead Road Launch)
Beneath NY 481 Bridge, off Bonstead Road
Clay, NY 13041

**FACILITIES:** Ramp. Parking for 10 cars; 24-hour overnight parking permitted. Distance from parking about 20 feet.
DEC fishing access point.

Bridge E69A, NY 481

River Edge Mansion Bed and Breakfast
1 CR 10
Pennellville, NY 13132
(315) 695-3021
riveredgemansion.com

The restored Greek Revival mansion built in 1818 by George Casper von Schroeppel is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Dedicated dock.

Bridge E68, Morgan Road (CR 10)

Mud Creek enters the canal.

The south wall of the Oak Orchard Lock of the 1840 Oneida River Improvement is visible on the south bank.

Bridge E68, Morgan Road (CR 10)

A loop in the Oneida River, cut off by the canal, forms Schroeppel Island. Stay to the north of the island to remain in the canal channel.

The Oneida River rejoins the canal.

Pirates Cove Marina
9170 Horseshoe Island Road
Clay, NY 13041
(315) 695-3901
piratescovemarina.com


Large private marina.
The Oneida River leaves the canal to form a large loop. To stay in the canal channel, paddle straight ahead (east) under the Black Creek Road bridge into the Anthony Cut. Caughdenoy Dam, at the north end of this artificial island, maintains the level of Oneida Lake.

**Lock E23, Brewerton**
6908 Black Creek Road
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 676-4171

**LIFT:** 6 feet 9 inches.
**Erie Canal—Brewerton**

**FACILITIES:** Portable toilet, picnic tables, grills. Tie up at the wooden piers on both sides at the eastern end of the lock.

Lock E23 is the busiest lock on the entire NYS Canal System. Its location between Oneida Lake and the Oswego and Cayuga-Seneca canals and the Finger Lakes means it gets a lot of pleasure boat and commercial traffic. The lock has a guard gate integrated into its eastern end. The original powerhouse still generates electricity for lock machinery.

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**Bridge E66, Caughdenoy Road (CR 50)**

E Mile 152.90 43.243059 -76.183026

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**Winter Harbor Marina**

604 CR 37
Central Square, NY 13036
(315) 676-9276
winterharborllc.com

**FACILITIES:** Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers. Fixed docks; no ramp.

Private marina.

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**Ess-Kay Yards**

5307 Guy Young Road
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 676-2711
ess-kayyards.com

**FACILITIES:** Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers. Fixed docks, ramp.

Private marina.

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**Brewerton Boatyard**

5405 Bennett Street
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 676-3762
brewertonboaytard.com

**FACILITIES:** Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers. Concrete ramp.

Private marina.

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**Brewerton Lighthouse Car Top Launch**

CR 37 off US Route 11
Brewerton, NY 13029

The Brewerton Lighthouse is one of the Three Sisters—three candlestick lighthouses constructed during the Barge Canal expansion to guide navigation on Oneida Lake. The lighthouse is 85 feet tall and was first lit in the summer of 1917; it is still in use. Brewerton has turned the area around the lighthouse into a small park with two low docks. The lighthouse is not open to the public.

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**Riverfront Park**

5449 Bennett Street
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 699-5233

**FACILITIES:** Portable toilet, picnic tables. High walls make this park difficult for paddlers to access. Ample parking. Shops and restaurants in Brewerton are a short walk away.
PLACE OF INTEREST
OFF THE WATER

Fort Brewerton/Oliver Stevens Blockhouse Museum
9 US 11
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 668-8801
fortbrewerton.net

Fortified house built in 1794 near Old Fort Brewerton. The historic park next to the museum is where Fort Brewerton was located. The fort is gone but the original earthworks around it are still visible.

ADMISSION: Free
HOURS: June, July, and August: Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

E Mile 150.55, north side 43.240948 -76.139144

Brewerton Dockwall
East River Road
Brewerton, NY 13029


The Brewerton Pier wall replaces a collapsed pier that dated back to 1911.

E Mile 150.55, south shore 43.239066 -76.139970

Denman’s Island; private residences.

E Mile 150.06 43.237619 -76.130564

Bridge E63A, I-81
Oneida Lake begins to the east of this bridge. Parts of six counties and 69 communities are in the watershed. The lake takes its name from the Oneida Nation that historically occupied the region around the lake.
The largest lake entirely within New York State, Oneida Lake is about 21 miles long, five miles wide, and covers about 80 square miles. Oneida Lake is a popular vacation spot. During the summer months, it is full of people and boats, swimming, fishing, sailing, cruising, water skiing and wake boarding. Be alert to other boats and wakes; look out for swimmers and water toys, fishing lines, and tow ropes.

**PADDLING NOTE:** Take extra precautions when crossing Oneida Lake. Plot your travel route in advance and share it with someone. Always wear a life jacket.

The Erie Canal channel goes straight across the lake and is marked by spar buoys. Following it from one end of the lake to the other will take between five and six hours—longer if the wind is against you—with no place to land. For all but the most experienced paddlers, following the channel is neither the safest nor most enjoyable option. Bad weather with lightning, dangerous winds, waves, and fog can come up suddenly on the lake. The prevailing wind comes out of the west and can build big waves on a fairly shallow lake by the time it reaches Sylvan Beach at the eastern end. It is safest for paddlers crossing the lake to leave Brewerton in the early morning, before winds build during the day.

Most paddlers opt to follow the shoreline to the north or south, putting in and taking out from the many marinas, launches, and beaches on both shores. Both routes have their charms—use the descriptions here to decide which route to take.
NORTH SHORE

E Mile 150.00  43.239927 -76.128510

Trade-A-Yacht East Marina
CR 37
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 676-3531
tradeayacht.com

Private marina.

E Mile 149.73, buoy 136  43.244008 -76.125990

Bradbury’s Boatel
57 Bradbury Road (CR 37)
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 676-7060

Large private marina.

E Mile 149.50  43.242300 -76.118019

Big Bay Marina
155 Camic Road
Central Square, NY 13036
(315) 676-2223
bigbaymarina.com

Large private marina. Day launch fee.

E Mile 147.98  43.241590 -76.087230

Toad Harbor Fishing Access Site*

FACILITIES: Car top launch, beach landing. Parking for 15 cars. Distance from parking about 35 feet.
DEC fishing access site.

E Mile 148.84  43.246046 -76.068454

Charley’s Boat Livery
82 McCloud Road
West Monroe, NY 13167
(315) 668-6341
oneidalakefishin.com

Campsite with dedicated dock. Distance from parking 300 feet.

E Mile 146.62  43.243858 -76.064847

Johnson Bay Marina
136 McLoud Road
West Monroe, NY 13167
(315) 561-3909

FACILITIES: Portable restrooms. Concrete ramp. Private marina.

Phillips Point/Three Mile Bay Wildlife Management Area
McCloud Drive
Central Square, NY

Once known as Toad Harbor Swamp, this WMA covers 3,966 acres, much of which is a lowland swamp. Few areas are more than 30 feet above the level of Oneida Lake. It is an excellent spot for birdwatching. It can be accessed from the Toad Harbor Fishing Access Site and the Constantia Car Top Launch.

E Mile 146.01  43.239404 -76.050152

Constantia Car Top Launch*
Constantia, NY 13044

FACILITIES: Car top launch, beach landing. Parking for 15 cars. Distance from parking about 20 feet.
DEC fishing access site.

* Public boat launches on Oneida Lake are indicated with an asterisk.
NORTH SHORE

E Mile 144.14  43.228124  -76.000102

Wantry Island
This island, along with nearby Little Island and Long Island, are designated as an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society. Common terns nest on the islands. To avoid disturbing nest sites, do not land on these islands. Wantry Island is privately owned.

E Mile 137.30  43.231229  -75.881299

* Cleveland Terminal Car Top Launch*
**FACILITIES:** Car top launch, beach landing. Parking for 20 cars. Distance from parking about 50 feet.

DEC fishing access site.

Cleveland Terminal was built as a harbor of refuge for canal boats crossing the stormy lake. For many years it was home port to National, a powerful state tugboat that patrolled Oneida Lake to help other vessels in distress.

E Mile 135.85  43.223799  -75.849950

* Godfrey Point Boat Ramp*
**FACILITIES:** Portable toilet. Concrete ramp. Parking for 40 cars. Overnight parking permitted; 24-hour limit. Distance from parking about 100 feet.

DEC fishing access site.

E Mile 134.73  43.225255  -75.833365

**Angler’s Bay Cottages**
103 Drive 17
Cleveland, NY 13042
(315) 675-3662
fishoneida.com/cottages

Vacation cottages with dedicated dock. Kayak and stand-up paddleboard rentals. Distance from parking about 200 feet.

SOUTH SHORE

E Mile 148.78  43.228040  -76.108800

* Oneida Shores County Park Boat Ramp*
9400 Bartell Road
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 676-7366
Camping: (315) 676-4943
onondagacountyparks.com/parks/oneida-shores-park

**FACILITIES:** Water, restrooms, showers, picnic tables, grills, swimming beach. Kayak rentals. Park camping nearby. Ramp with small launch fee. Parking for 40 cars; small fee for overnight parking. Distance from parking 20 feet.

E Mile 146.95  43.208238  -76.078309

**PADDLECRAFT RENTALS**
43.116589  -76.240310

* Oneida Shores County Park Rentals*
9400 Bartell Road
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 676-7366
Camping: (315) 676-4943
onondagacountyparks.com/parks/oneida-shores-park

Seasonal paddlecraft rentals

E Mile 146.95  43.208238  -76.078309

**Aero Marina Conway Inc.**
9080 Beach Road, Short Point Bay
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 699-7736
aeromarina.com

**FACILITIES:** Electric, water, restrooms, showers. Ramp; low dock. Small launch fee. Ample parking. Distance from parking about 50 feet.

Large private marina.
E Mile 145.90  43.219618 -76.051182

**Frenchman’s Island Lighthouse**
The island, roughly 0.50 mile long, is part of the Three Mile Bay WMA. The lighthouse is 85 feet tall, is one of three built in 1917, and is still in use. Access the island from the long pier on the south shore. A loop trail runs from the pier to the lighthouse and back. No access to the lighthouse. The island has a lot of poison ivy; stay on the trail. No camping; no fires.

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E Mile 145.50  43.202892 -76.018229

**Dunham Island**

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E Mile 143.33  43.178133 -76.005262

**A&P Marina**
7512 West Murray Drive
Cicero, NY 13039
(315) 699-7732

**FACILITIES:** Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers. Concrete ramps.

Large private marina.

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E Mile 142.80

**Chittenango Creek empties into Oneida Lake.**

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E Mile 138.76  43.162571 -75.926835

* **Briggs Bay Boat Ramp***
End of Bush Road
Bridgeport, NY

**FACILITIES:** Portable toilet. Ramp. Parking for 40 cars. Overnight parking permitted; 24-hour limit. Distance from parking about 20 feet.

DEC fishing access site.

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E Mile 130.99  43.162568 -75.761064

**Callahan’s Marina**
9089 Callahan Drive
Canastota, NY 13032
(315) 697-7470
callahansmarina.com

**FACILITIES:** Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, picnic area. Concrete ramp.

Large private marina.

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E Mile 130.55  43.158813 -75.750767

**Oneida Lake Marina**
713 NY 31
Canastota, NY 13032
(315) 697-4867
oneidalakemarina.com

**FACILITIES:** Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers, picnic area. Concrete ramp.

Large private marina.

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E Mile 130.39  43.158439 -75.745620

**Marion Manor Marina**
Corner NY 13 and NY 31
Canastota, NY 13032
(315) 762-4810
marionmanor.com

**FACILITIES:** Restrooms. Concrete ramp.

Private marina.

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E MILE 129.92  43.164512 -75.737574

**Oneida Creek enters the lake.**

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* Public boat launches on Oneida Lake are indicated with an asterisk.
Sylvan Beach is a lively summer resort area with many restaurants, nightlife spots, and shops in easy walking distance of the pier. Beaches and fishing areas are nearby. Sylvan Beach holds an annual Canal Fest in early August.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**
Contact Sylvan Beach Tourism at (866) 795-2322 or sylvanbeachny.com.

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**PLACE OF INTEREST**

**OFF THE WATER**

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**Sylvan Beach Amusement Park**
112 Bridge Street
Sylvan Beach, NY 13157
sylvanbeachamusementpark.com
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<td>3728 NY 31, Canastota, NY 13032</td>
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<td>southshorenautical.com</td>
<td>Kayak and stand-up paddleboard sales and rentals. Marine store with extensive range of supplies and products. A very popular Coneheads Caribbean ice cream stand and barbecue truck are open here in the boating season.</td>
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Verona Beach Lighthouse
Located at the foot of Fourth Avenue, this 85-foot lighthouse is one of three built during the Barge Canal expansion. It was first lit in 1917 to mark the entrance to the Wood Creek Canal from the eastern end of Oneida Lake. The lighthouse is still in use as an automated beacon. A small park around the lighthouse is open to the public. To visit, land on the sandy beach. For more information, visit Verona Beach Light-house Association at lighthousefriends.com.

Verona Beach State Park*
6541 Lakeshore Road South
Verona Beach, NY 13162
(315) 762-4463
parks.ny.gov

Verona Beach State Park covers 1,735 acres on the eastern shore of Oneida Lake. The kayak launch has a car top launch and beach landing. Parking for five cars. Distance from parking is about 20 feet. No facilities at the launch area, but restrooms, water, picnic tables, grills, and a restaurant are at the beachfront area. The park has 46 campsites. Registration is required for camping in New York State parks. Although walk-ins are accepted on a first-come basis, camping reservations are strongly suggested (newyorkstateparks.reserveamerica.com).

Sylvan Beach Breakwater
The Sylvan Beach breakwater is a jetty built of rocks, timber, and concrete in 1907.

PADDLING NOTE: The breakwater angles from northeast to southwest along the north bank of the canal as it enters the lake. It can be deceptive when approaching from the lake. Stay well south of marker R106 at the tip of the breakwater.

E Mile 129.18 43.195143 -75.728467
Bridge E63, Main Street (NY 13)

E Mile 129.15, south side 43.193269 -75.725992
Snug Harbour Marina
RR 13
Verona Beach, NY 13162
(315) 762-0112
snug-harbour.com

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers, picnic area. Concrete ramp.
Private marina.

E Mile 128.93, north side 43.197991 -75.725031
Mariner’s Landing
705 Pioneer Avenue
Sylvan Beach, NY 13157
(315) 762-0112
marinerslandingmarina.com

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers. Concrete ramp.
Private marina.

E Mile 128.92, south side 43.197032 -75.721547
Holmes Marina
2523 Oneida Street
Verona Beach, NY 13162
(315) 762-4232
holmesmarina.com

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers, picnic area. Concrete ramp.
Private marina.
### CAMPING ON FISH CREEK

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<td>Located 0.6 miles north on Fish Creek. RV park and campground with dedicated dock.</td>
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<td>Paradise Cove Campground</td>
<td>(315) 762-0210</td>
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<td>Located 0.8 miles north on Fish Creek. RV park and camping with dedicated dock.</td>
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<td>The Landing Campground</td>
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<td>Located 2 miles north on Fish Creek. RV park and camping with dedicated dock. Kayak rentals.</td>
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<td>Ta-Ga-Soke Campgrounds</td>
<td>(800) 831-1744</td>
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<td>Treasure Isle RV Park</td>
<td>(315) 245-5228</td>
<td>treasureislervpark.com</td>
<td>Located 4 miles north on Fish Creek. RV park and camping with dedicated dock.</td>
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E Mile 128.44, north side
Fish Creek leads to the campgrounds listed on the opposite page.

E Mile 128.19
Bridge E61, Cove Road

E Mile 126.04
Bridge E60, Higginsville Road (CR 50A)

E Mile 125.28, north side 43.209434 -75.652608
The remains of a dam on Wood Creek are visible. The mouth of the creek is partially obstructed by debris.

For centuries, before the Erie Canal opened in 1825, tiny Wood Creek was one of North America’s principal routes for commerce, trade, and warfare. Travelers crossed Oneida Lake, pushed their boats up Wood Creek as far as water levels would allow, carried their cargo over land for about eight miles, and reloaded on the Mohawk River in what is now the city of Rome.

E Mile 124.74 43.209499 -75.644919
Lock E22, New London
3692 Wood Creek Road
Rome, NY 13440
(315) 336-4329
LIFT: 25.1 feet.
FACILITIES: Tie up at the walls on either end of the lock.

E Mile 123.45
Bridge E59, Lock Road
This bridge is closed to traffic.

E Mile 123.42 43.208770 -75.618560
Lock E21, New London
7176 Lock Road
Rome, NY 13440
(315) 336-8229
LIFT: 25.0 feet.
FACILITIES: Portable toilets. Tie up at the walls on either end of the lock. Facilities are difficult for paddlers to access at this location due to steep canal walls.
Erie Canal—New London

Lock E21 is at the western end of the Rome Summit Level, the high point where the Erie Canal crosses from the Mohawk River into the Lake Ontario drainage basin. The upstream elevation is 420.4 feet; the downstream elevation is 395.4 feet.

The footbridge over the lock carries the Erie Canalway Trail and the Old Erie Canal Towpath Trail from one side of the canal to the other. The lock is within the Old Erie Canal State Historic Park, which preserves a 36-mile stretch of the enlarged Erie Canal more or less as it appeared in 1862, when the enlargement was completed.

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New London Junction Lock Dry Dock
Rome NY 13440

The remains of the old New London Junction Lock are visible on the south bank. The original Erie Canal traced a route at the base of the hills south of here. It was rerouted in the early 1900s to cut straight across Oneida Lake. To connect the towns along a section of the old route to the new, a junction lock was built here around 1918. After traffic on the old Erie Canal ceased, the lock was converted to a dry dock and is still occasionally used by the New York State Canal Corporation. The entrance wall is still intact and paddlers can tie up at it. Do not enter the fenced-off areas.
Discover why all roads lead to Rome when it comes to water, transportation, and settlement in this part of New York State.

For millennia, a six-mile portage path between the Mohawk River and the Hudson River to the east and Wood Creek and Lake Ontario to the west was known by the Native Americans as the Great Carrying Place or the Oneida Carrying Place. The European settlement that would later become the city of Rome grew up around this ancient trade route. One of the earliest canals in the country was built along this route by Western Inland Lock Navigation Company, chartered in 1792. The first shovelful of dirt for the Erie Canal was turned in Rome on July 4, 1817. By 1820, 66 miles of the Erie Canal between Utica and Syracuse had been completed. This section, called the Long Level because it was relatively flat and needed no locks, was immediately put into operation. The Enlarged Erie Canal followed a more northerly route through Rome during the 1840s. (Its path is covered by Erie Boulevard today.) The Barge Canal, built during the early 20th century, followed yet another path across the southern outskirts of Rome.

The best place to launch a kayak or canoe trip in this area is Bellamy Harbor Park.
E Mile 116.30, north side 43.202889 -75.477959

Rome (Muck Road) Boat Ramp
Rome, NY 13440

FACILITIES: Ramp, floating dock. Parking for 20 cars; overnight parking with 24-hour limit. Distance from parking about 20 feet.
DEC fishing access site.

E Mile 115.74 43.201848 -75.467002
Bridge E55, South James Street

E Mile 115.08 43.201244 -75.454014
Bridge E52A, Erie Boulevard (NY 46/49/69) Erie Boulevard was built over the remains of the Enlarged Erie Canal.

E Mile 115.05 43.201263 -75.453484
Guard Gate 7, West Rome Gates normally left open during the navigation season.

The Mohawk River spills over a retention dam and enters the canal from the north, just east of the guard gate. The footbridge that crosses the Mohawk can be reached from Bellamy Harbor Park.

Herb Philipson’s
1899 Black River Boulevard
Rome, NY 13440
(315) 336-1300 herbphilipsons.com
Kayaks and equipment, sporting goods.

Fort Stanwix National Monument
100 North James Street
Rome, NY 13440
(315) 338-7730 nps.gov/fost

The British built a fort here in 1758 to control the eastern end of the Oneida Carry. Captured by American forces during the Revolution, it was besieged in 1777 by British troops who were trying to move from Canada to the Hudson River by way of the Oswego River, Oneida Lake, and the Mohawk River. Today’s fort is a replica, built on the original site.

For More Information:
More information about things to do in the Rome area, including dining and lodging, is available at oneidacountytourism.com.
**Bellamy Harbor Park**
Mill Street at the Canal
Rome, NY 13440
(315) 339-7656
romenewyork.com

**FACILITIES:** Picnic tables. A wheelchair-accessible kayak launch and a gravel beach are at the confluence of the Mohawk River and the canal at the west end of the park. Kayak rentals are based in the canal terminal freight house. Parking for 10 cars. Distance from parking about 50 feet. Most shops and restaurants in Rome are on the north side of the canal within walking distance. A bike share station is also located at the park, making it easy to access services in town.

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**Bridge E51, Mill Street**

**Rome Navigation Center**
Mill Street, east of bridge
Rome, NY 13440

**FACILITIES:** Water, restrooms, showers, laundry, and picnic area. Parking. Dining nearby.

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**Riverside Marina**
6806 Martin Street
Rome, NY 13440
(315) 337-5199
riversidemarina.slantpower.com

0.3 miles south of canal

**FACILITIES:** Electric, water, restrooms, showers. Private marina.

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**Guard Gate 6, East Rome**
Gates generally left open throughout the navigation season.

Guard Gate 6 can be lowered to isolate the land-cut canal section from here to Lock E20 at Marcy. The spillway on the south bank, just upstream of the guard gate, dumps water from the canal into the natural bed of the Mohawk River. From here to Frankfort the canal runs in a comparatively straight channel along the north side of the valley, passing through locks E20 and E19, while the river meanders to the south.

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**Nine Mile Creek Spillway**
Located within the Oriskany Flats State Wildlife Management Area, the spillway is 965 feet long and was constructed in 1913 to release excess water from the canal into the Mohawk River. The Nine Mile Creek enters the canal on the north side. Water from the West Canada Creek is stored in Hinckley Reservoir and sent into the canal as needed by a feeder that crosses the divide between West Canada and Nine Mile creeks.

**PADDLING NOTE:** Watch out for strong currents near the spillway. Stay to the north side of the canal. Do not attempt to enter Oriskany Flats WMA from this point.
**Mile 107.70, south side**

Oriskany Flats Wildlife Management Area

The Mohawk River flows through Oriskany Flats WMA. To paddle here, use the hand launch at the eastern end on River Street off NY 49. No access to the canal.

**NOTE:** Hunting is permitted here; exercise appropriate caution during hunting seasons.

**E Mile 107.68** 43.167792 -75.323831

Bridge E49, Oriskany Road (CR 32)

**E Mile 105.63** 43.146245 -75.296182

Bridge E48A, NY 291

**E Mile 105.32** 43.142749 -75.291179

**Lock E20, Whitesboro (Marcy)**

9028 River Road

Marcy, NY 13403

(315) 736-4617

**LIFT:** 16 feet.

**FACILITIES:** Water, restrooms, picnic tables, camping at Lock 20 State Canal Park on the north side. Car top launch with low dock. Distance from parking about 250 feet. Ample parking. The park has a viewing platform to get a good look at boats passing through the lock.

**PADDLING NOTE:** Workboats are often tied up by the repair center wall on the south side, just before the western end of the lock.

**E Mile 104.62** 43.136343 -75.281047

Bridge E47B, New York State Thruway I-90

**E Mile 104.40** 43.134686 -75.277732

Bridge E47A, Mohawk Street (CR 30)

**E Mile 104.13, north side** 43.133265 -75.272677

**Marcy Marina**

200 Scharbach Drive

Marcy, NY 13403

(315) 736-7617

**FACILITIES:** Electric, water, restrooms. Concrete ramp, low dock.

Private marina.

**E Mile 102.40, south side** 43.123179 -75.243183

**Utica Marsh Wildlife Management Area Boat Ramp**

Barnes Avenue off Oriskany Avenue

Utica, NY 13502

**FACILITIES:** Concrete ramp. Ample parking.

This unique urban wetland covers 213 acres on the south side of the canal, extending about 0.75 miles along the bank. It is bordered by the Erie Canal on the north and the Mohawk River to the south. The WMA has hiking trails, a wildlife viewing area, and two observation towers. No swimming or camping.

**E Mile 102.44** 43.123122 -75.242325

Bridge E46, MHWA railroad

**E Mile 101.88** 43.120285 -75.236364

Bridge E44C, NY 8 and NY 12

**E Mile 101.80** 43.119758 -75.231998

Bridge E44B, I-790 northbound exit ramp

**E Mile 101.80** 43.119363 -75.230815

Bridge E44D, NY 5 exit ramp
E Mile 101.67, south side  43.117614 -75.227958

Utica Harbor Lock

**PADDLING NOTE:** Do not attempt to enter the harbor. Tying up at the entrance wall is allowed, but be aware of workboats and barges.

Utica Harbor Lock is the only lock on the NYS Canal System that is outside the main channel. The upper gate slides vertically. A NYS Canal Corporation maintenance facility is at the east end of Utica Harbor. Long polluted by effluent from adjacent coal gas works, the harbor is now clean.

The original Erie Canal brought commerce and prosperity to Utica. The Barge Canal enlargement ran north of the city’s commercial district and textile mills, however, and cut it off from the canal. To keep the city from being completely marooned, Utica Harbor was built to improve access to the Barge Canal. The harbor was completed in 1918.
### Erie Canal–Utica

- **E Mile 101.42, south side**
  - 43.116023 -75.224901
  - Utica Tower
  - 87-99 Harbor Lock Road West
  - Utica, NY 13502
  - The open-steel Utica Tower stands 125 feet high on a 24-foot-square base.

- **E Mile 100.90**
  - 43.112208 -75.215917
  - Bridge E44A, Genesee Street

- **E Mile 100.85, south side**
  - 43.111373 -75.214888
  - Utica Historic Marina
  - 16 Harbor Lock Road
  - Utica, NY 13502
  - (315) 732-0116
  - aquavinorestaurant.com
  - **FACILITIES:** Electric, water, restrooms, floating dock. The Aqua Vino restaurant occupies the marina building.

- **E Mile 100.54**
  - 43.109806 -75.209639
  - Bridge E43, Leland Avenue

- **E Mile 97.76, south side**
  - 43.094588 -75.158312
  - Days Spillway/Schuyler Sluice Gate
  - **PADDLING NOTE:** Warning buoys mark off the area around the spillway. Do not enter this area—currents can be strong. Paddle to the north side.
  - Constructed in 1912, the concrete spillway is approximately 150 feet long with four sluice gates/drain gates at the eastern end. It allows excess water to spill from the canal into the Mohawk River.

- **E Mile 97.54**
  - 43.093693 -75.155300
  - Bridge E42, Dyke Road (CR 37)

- **E Mile 95.16**
  - 43.075596 -75.115220
  - A 98-foot-long retention dam on the north side and a spillway on the south control Sterling Creek. The spillway carries excess water about 0.50 mile southwest to the Mohawk River.
  - **PADDLING NOTE:** Currents can be strong near the spillway when the water level is high. Stay to the north side.

- **E Mile 95.04**
  - 43.073770 -75.113839
  - **Lock E19, Frankfort (Schuyler)**
  - 2960 NY 5
  - Schuyler, NY 13340
  - (315) 733-5041
  - **LIFT:** 21.0 feet.
  - **FACILITIES:** Picnic tables. Tie up at the western lock wall on the south side. A floating dock is on the north side about 100 feet above the upstream lock gates.

- **E Mile 94.92**
  - 43.072769 -75.112980
  - Bridge E40, CSX railroad
  - Even though from a distance this railroad truss bridge appears to be part of the eastern lock gate, it isn’t. It’s just very close to it. A box periscope mounted on the footbridge below the gates allows the lock operator to see boats approaching from downstream under the railroad truss.

- **E Mile 92.51**
  - 43.051467 -75.076288
  - Bridge E39, Moss Road

- **E Mile 92.59, south side**
  - 43.044023 -75.062853
  - Inlet to Frankfort Harbor Marina; the harbor is 0.3 miles south, formed by the confluence of Moyer Creek and the Mohawk River.
Frankfort Harbor Marina
143 Marina Drive at Fox Street
Frankfort, NY 13340
(315) 895-7651
villageoffrankfortny.org

FACILITIES: Water, restrooms, showers, picnic tables, pavilion. Concrete ramp and floating dock. Parking for 40 cars. Overnight parking allowed; call (315) 895-7651. Distance from parking about 20 feet. Shops and restaurants in Frankfort are a short walk away.

DEC fishing access point.

Bridge E38, Railroad Street
Eliphalet Remington II built his first hand-forged rifle in 1816. He went on to found the Remington Arms Company which moved to Ilion on the Erie Canal in 1828 and has been here ever since. It is possible that Remington is the oldest manufacturer in the U.S. still making its original product. The company maintains a museum at the factory in Ilion.

The Illion Marina is the best place to launch a paddle trip or take out to access sites and services in town.

**PLACE OF INTEREST
OFF THE WATER**

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| 43.013330 -75.031734 | **Remington Museum and Country Store**  
Catherine Street  
Ilion, NY 13357  
(318) 895-3304  
remington.com/about-us | | |

**FACILITIES:** Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers, picnic tables, restaurant, camping (fee). Over 500 feet of bulkhead wall, with low dock and concrete ramp. Ample parking.

Shops, restaurants, and the Remington Museum are within walking distance. Use the underpass with sidewalks that carry NY 51 under NY 5S.

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| 43.015416 -75.012979 | **Fulmer Creek Access**  
Off NY 5S near Mohawk Soccer Field | | |

**FACILITIES:** None. Hand launch. Parking for five cars.

DEC fishing access point with accessible fishing dock.
The area around Herkimer was first settled in the 1720s by refugees from the Palatinate, a war-torn region in the southwest Rhine region of what is today Germany. About 3,000 were sent by the British to their colony in New York in 1710. In 1723, 100 heads of families became the first Europeans to acquire land west of Little Falls, along both sides of the Mohawk River in what is now Herkimer County. The county, town, and village are named for Nicholas Herkimer, a son of Palatine settlers who rose to the rank of general during the American Revolution. Herkimer was mortally wounded at the Battle of Oriskany in 1777 while leading a column of militia to relieve besieged American forces at Fort Stanwix. His 1764 riverfront home below Little Falls is directly accessible from the water trail.

Within the town is Herkimer’s Historic Four Corners, where North Main Street meets Court Street. Four historic buildings are seen here: The 1884 Herkimer County Historical Society, the 1834 Herkimer County Jail, the 1873 Herkimer County Courthouse, and the 1834 Herkimer Reformed Church. Tours of the Historical Society Museum are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays in July and August 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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Located 0.2 miles from the Gems Along the Mohawk marina.

Located 0.3 miles from Gems Along the Mohawk marina.
### WATERWAY CRUISES

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<td><strong>Erie Canal Cruises</strong> 800 Mohawk Street Herkimer, NY 13350 (315) 717-0077 eriecanalcruises.com Daily sightseeing cruises during the canal navigation season; specialty cruises some evenings. A replica Erie Canal stump puller is on display near the dock. <strong>ADMISSION:</strong> Fee. Reservations strongly suggested.</td>
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Guard Gate 5, Herkimer

The guard gate protects the land-cut channel along the south bank between here and Lock E18. It is normally raised throughout navigation season. A movable bridge-type dam and spillway on the north bank maintain the canal pool level and allow excess water to flow into the natural bed of the Mohawk River.

**PADDLING NOTE:** Hug the south shore and paddle through the guard gate into the canal channel. Bundles of timber pilings were driven into the riverbed to keep barges from being swept toward the dam and spillway, but they are spaced too far apart to provide protection for paddlecraft. There is a line of buoys on a safety cable in front of the dam and spillway, but currents can be swift in this area.

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Fort Herkimer Church
575 NY 5S
Mohawk, NY 13407

The church was built in 1753 and expanded in 1812. During the Revolutionary War, a stone stockade known as Fort Herkimer was built around the church. The fort was dismantled during the Erie Canal expansion in 1840 and the stones were used in the construction. The remains of a waste weir (used to drain surplus water from the canal) are about 400 feet north of the church. The church was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. The grounds are open, but the interior is not open to the public. The site is visible from the waterway but not accessible; it can be reached from the Erie Canalway Trail.

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Lock E18, Jacksonburg
1043 NY 5S
Mohawk, NY 13407
(315) 823-2419

**LIFT:** 20.0 feet.

**FACILITIES:** Tie up on the western wall, south side. No mooring on the eastern end of the lock.

**PADDLING NOTE:** Sections of the Mohawk River bypass Lock E18 and Lock E16. These reaches are fun to explore and can even be used to create paddle loops. Be aware, however, that when water levels are low, you may have to drag or carry your boat. When water levels are high, they may cover hazards such as downed trees and snags.

The Mohawk River rejoins the canal on the north side just to the east of the lock, supplemented by flow from West Canada Creek.