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**Bridge E163, Chili Avenue (NY 33A)**

**Bridge E162A, pipeline**

**Bridge E162, Rochester & Southern/B&O Railroad**

**Bridge E161A, pipeline**

**Bridge E161, Brooks Avenue (NY 204)**

**Bridge E160, abandoned railroad bridge built for New York Central Railroad Falls Branch.**

**West Guard Lock**

Gates at each end of this chamber are left open during the navigation season, except when the river is unusually high. This guard lock protects the canal from flooding on the Genesee River. It marks the western approach to the Genesee River crossing.

**Bridge E159, Scottsville Road (NY 383)**

**Bridge E158, abandoned Pennsylvania Railroad bridge**

**Bridge E157, Westernmost of three arched pedestrian bridges leading to Genesee Valley Park. The bridges were designed by Olmsted Brothers, the successor firm of the famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted.**
GENESEE RIVER

E Mile 260.55 43.121872 -77.643108

The Genesee River flows from south to north, rising in Pennsylvania’s Allegheny Plateau and emptying into Lake Ontario at Rochester. Originally, the Erie Canal crossed the Genesee on a stone aqueduct in downtown Rochester. In the early 20th century, the canal was re-routed through a deep rock cut south of the city. Canal access continues by way of the Genesee Arm, a three-mile long navigable channel that extends north from here at the Genesee Crossing to Corn Hill Landing and Court Street Dam.

PADDLING NOTE: Cross-currents at the crossing can be strong after storms in the Genesee headwaters. Dredges are often at work here clearing river-borne gravel. This area also sees a lot of use by rowing shells and sculls based at nearby boathouses. They have right-of-way.

The Genesee Arm of the Erie Canal provides a pleasant side trip through Genesee Valley Park and the University of Rochester campus to Corn Hill Landing at the edge of downtown Rochester. Buoys mark the winding channel. Just remember that you will be paddling against the current on your way back.

Corn Hill Landing is the downstream limit of navigation. Court Street Dam is about 1,000 feet below that. From there the river passes under the 1842 aqueduct before plunging 278 feet to the level of Lake Ontario over three large waterfalls. The 96-foot drop at High Falls is about 0.75 mile below Corn Hill Landing. Viewing platforms and a pedestrian bridge over the gorge offer some great views of the falls.

Genesee Valley Park
1000 East River Road
Rochester, NY 14623
(585) 753-7275

Genesee Valley Park lines both sides of the river at the confluence. Designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, who had previously designed Manhattan’s Central Park and Boston’s Emerald Necklace, the 800-acre park offers two golf courses, picnic pavilions, a pool, and playing fields. It is the main access point for the extensive network of hiking and biking trails in the Rochester area. The nonprofit Genesee Waterways Center (see page 84) manages the city dock and boathouse on the west bank of the river, just north of the canal crossing.

The Genesee Valley Greenway extends south from here to the Village of Cuba in Allegheny County. The 90-mile corridor follows the route of the old Genesee Valley Canal (operated from 1840-1878) and the bed of the old Rochester branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad. For more information on paddling, hiking, and biking along the upper Genesee River, see Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway at fogvg.org.

E Mile 260.40 43.120959 -77.643263

Genesee Rowing Club
Located on the south side under the expressway. Paddlers may use this dock.
The Erie Canal created boom towns all along its length, but none boomed more than Rochester. In 1821, the population was 2,500. Waterfalls on the Genesee River powered numerous flour mills; Rochester was known as the Flour City. In the first ten days after the Erie Canal opened in 1825, Rochester flour mills shipped 40,000 barrels of flour east to Albany and New York City. By 1834, Rochester had about 20 flour mills that shipped 500,000 barrels of flour a year, and in those nine years the population grew to 13,500.

The city developed numerous cultural and educational institutions and became a center of Abolitionism, with numerous safe houses on the Underground Railroad. It was also a center for the women’s suffrage movement. The Susan B. Anthony House, a National Historic Landmark, is on Madison Street.

A massive 800-foot aqueduct carried the canal over the Genesee. The original 1821 aqueduct leaked, and in 1842 it was replaced by a larger one slightly to the north. The second aqueduct crossed the river on seven arches, each spanning 52 feet. The aqueduct stayed in operation until the Barge Canal enlargement in 1918 moved the path of the canal south of the city center. The canal trough was covered and repurposed as the city’s subway and the aqueduct became the base of the current Broad Street Bridge. Aqueduct Park between East Main and Court streets on the west side provides a good vantage point.

A number of historic sites and cultural institutions in Rochester have Erie Canal associations and collections.
Rochester is the third-largest city in New York and offers a very wide range of shops, restaurants, activities, and events.

**George Eastman House and Museum**
900 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607
(585) 271-3361
eastman.org

**Memorial Art Gallery of the University of Rochester**
500 University Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607
(585) 276-8900
mag.rochester.edu

**Mount Hope Cemetery**
1133 Mount Hope Avenue
Rochester, NY 14620
(585) 461-3494
fomh.org

**Rochester ARTWalk**
900 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607
(585) 473-5787
rochesterartwalk.org

**Rochester Museum & Science Center**
657 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607
(585) 271-4320
rmsc.org

**Rochester Public Library**
115 South Avenue
Rochester, NY 14606
(585) 428-8370
roccitylibrary.org

**MORE INFORMATION** about things to do in the Rochester area is available from [visitrochester.com](http://visitrochester.com).

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**E Mile 260.30** 43.120632 -77.640692
Bridge E151, second of three pedestrian bridges to Genesee Valley Park.

**E Mile 260.29** 43.119709 -77.638931
Bridge E150, easternmost of three pedestrian bridges to Genesee Valley Park.

**E Mile 260.27, south side** 43.119784 -77.639446
Red Creek enters the canal here.

**E Mile 260.13** 43.118340 -77.636218
Bridge E149, Moore Road/Main Drive

**E Mile 260.04** 43.117599 -77.634784
Bridge E148, formerly a railroad bridge, now a pedestrian walkway.
**PADDLECRAFT SALES**

43.175953 -77.522193

**Oak Orchard Canoe Kayak Experts**  
1350 Empire Boulevard (NY 404)  
Rochester, NY 14609  
(585) 288-5550  
oakorchardcanoe.com

43.672600 -77.369540

**FACILITIES:** Water, restrooms. Ramp and low dock. Ample free parking. Distance from parking about 100 feet. Canoe and kayak rentals and instruction.

**PADDLECRAFT RENTALS**

43.122709 -77.636538

**Genesee Waterways Center**  
149 Elmwood Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14611  
(585) 328-3960  
geneseewaterways.org

**FACILITIES:** Water, restrooms. Ramp and low dock. Ample free parking. Distance from parking about 100 feet. Canoe and kayak rentals and instruction.

**DOCKS ON THE GENESEE RIVER**

43.130225 -77.635095

**Brooks Landing**  
South Plymouth Avenue  
Rochester NY

**FACILITIES:** Electric, water, 175-foot bi-level dock suitable for tie-up, but not launch. Restaurants, shops, and attractions nearby.

43.147568 -77.611654

**Corn Hill Landing**  
290 Exchange Boulevard  
Rochester, NY 14608  
(585) 325-7116  
cityofrochester.gov

3 miles north of canal on the Genesee River.

**FACILITIES:** Electric, water, restrooms. Car top launch. Restaurants, shops, and attractions nearby.

**LODGING**

43.130020 77.635469

**Staybridge Suites Rochester University**  
Brooks Landing  
1000 Genesee Street  
Rochester, New York 14611  
(585) 527-9110  
staybridge.com

The Brooks Landing dock is 50 feet from the hotel.
### Erie Canal–Rochester

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#### Bridge E147, formerly a railroad bridge, now a pedestrian walkway.

#### East Guard Lock
The guard lock has vertical lift gates at either end. They protect the canal from flooding on the Genesee River. The gates are usually left open during the boating season.

#### Bridge E146A, Kendrick Road

#### Bridge E146, West Henrietta Road/Mount Hope Avenue (NY 15)

#### Bridge E145B, I-390 ramp

#### Bridge E145, East Henrietta Road (NY 15A)

#### Bridge E144E, steam pipeline

#### Citygate on the Erie Canal
East Henrietta Road
Rochester, NY 14620
(585) 475-1000
citygaterochester.com

**FACILITIES:** Park settings, woodland trails, walking paths, and public boat, kayak, and canoe access along the Erie Canal. Restaurants and shops, including REI, are located here.

#### Brighton Reserve Kayak Launch
Off South Clinton Avenue, Rochester

**FACILITIES:** Car top launch and dock. Parking for 30 cars. Distance from parking about 150 feet.

#### Bridge E144, Clinton Avenue South (CR 100)

#### Meridian Centre Park
2025 Meridian Centre Boulevard
Rochester, NY 14618
(585) 784-5250
townofbrighton.org

**FACILITIES:** Water, restrooms. Boating and fishing dock provides access to park facilities from the water, but is too far from road to be used as a launch.

A 24-acre park with trails and sports fields.

#### Bridge E143, South Winton Road (CR 98)
**Lock E33, Henrietta**

1205 Edgewood Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14618  
(585) 244-2150

**LIFT:** 251 feet.

**FACILITIES:** Water, portable toilet. Tie up for larger vessels at the approach wall on the south side at the western end. Hand-launch pull-out on the north bank near the upper gates.

**PADDLING NOTE:** Do not enter the spillway area on the south side.

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**Lock E32, Pittsford**  
E Mile 255.14

**Lock 32 State Canal Park**  
E Mile 256.00

**Lock 32 Whitewater Park**  
E Mile 255.29

**DEC Pittsford Boat Ramp**  
E Mile 255.00

**Enlarged Lock 62 and Erie Canal Heritage Trail**

**Kings Bend**

**Brighton Reserve Kayak Launch**  
E Mile 258.07

**Meridian Centre Park**  
E Mile 257.28

**Erie Canalway Trail**

A causeway carrying the Erie Canalway Trail past the Widewaters Turning Basin is on the north side. The partially submerged remains of old wooden barges can be seen in the basin.
Settled in the late 1700s, Pittsford is one of a few western New York communities that pre-dates the Erie Canal. The canal improved shipping for Pittsford area farmers and caused explosive growth in nearby Rochesterville. Wealthy Rochester residents established country houses, estates and gentlemen’s farms around Pittsford during the late 19th and early 20th centuries in efforts to escape the industrial city’s summer heat and filth.

Today, Pittsford is a suburb of Rochester and a lively summer village on the Erie Canal. The original village is a walkable district of shops and restaurants. Schoen Place has restaurants and shops right on the canal. The closest place to launch or take out is the DEC Pittsford Boat Ramp.

**PADDLING NOTE:** Be aware of other boats near Pittsford. It’s a busy area with tour boats, cruisers, crew teams and paddlers.

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Lock 32 State Canal Park
2759 Clover Street
Pittsford, NY 14534

**FACILITIES:** Dock. Ample parking. Portable toilet.

Lock 32 Whitewater Park
2797 Clover Street
Pittsford, NY 14534
(585) 328-3960
lock32.com

The spillway for Lock E32 has been converted into a 600-foot whitewater kayaking course operated by the Genesee Waterways Center. The course drops 25 feet from the height of the lock and contains holes, pools, boills, slalom gates, and a lot of frothy water. It’s the only man-made whitewater park in New York State. Only GWC members can access the course; kayaking instruction is available. Parking and viewing area are near the launch platform.

**NOTE:** Operations are weather dependent. The park may be closed on days with heavy rain, thunderstorms, or because water needs to held back to avoid flooding downstream.

Lock E32, Pittsford
2785 Clover Street
Pittsford, NY 14534
(585) 586-1837

**LIFT:** 25.1 feet.

**FACILITIES:** Tie up for large vessels on the south upstream approach wall. Unimproved pull-out for hand-launch boats on north side near upstream bullnose.

**PADDLING NOTE:** Do not enter what appears to be the spillway on the south side. There is no Lock E31.

Bridge E141, Clover Street (NY 65)

**PADDLING NOTE:** Crews from the rowing club use this area for practice and have priority. Exercise caution to avoid collisions.

King’s Bend
The original Erie Canal and the enlarged Erie Canal took a sharp bend northward at this point toward downtown Rochester. An 1837 painting by George Harvey in the collections of the University of Rochester’s Memorial Art Gallery, “Pittsford on the Erie Canal, A Sultry Calm,” shows a packet boat coming around this bend.

Enlarged Erie Canal Lock 62 is about a mile to the north. The remains of the double-chambered lock can still be seen in 19-acre Lock 62 Canal Park, operated by the town of Pittsford. The first chamber dates to 1856; the second was completed in 1873. The lift was nine feet. The Lock 62 Trail branches from the Erie Canal Heritage Trail about 0.30 miles east of Lock E32 and follows the path of the old Erie Canal to the park.
E Mile 254.15 | 43.092721 -77.526161
NYS Canal Maintenance Shops, Pittsford
Watch out for workboats near the entrance.

E Mile 253.91 | 43.093409 -77.522292
Bridge E140, Monroe Avenue (NY 31)

E Mile 253.68 | 43.093071 -77.517626
Bridge E139, CSX railroad

E Mile 253.50 | 43.092587 -77.514672
Bridge E138, Main Street (NY 96)
Port of Pittsford/Pittsford Canal Park
22 North Main Street
(585) 586-9320
townofpittsford.org

**FACILITIES:** Electric, picnic tables. Restrooms available at public library on State Street. Shops and restaurants in the historic village of Pittsford and Schoen Place are a short walk.

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**Schoen Place**
Pittsford, NY 14534

**FACILITIES:** Electric, water, restrooms. Long concrete dock is low but not suitable for paddlers; ample parking nearby. Shops and restaurants are steps away.

The large tower with multiple windows is a flour mill dating to 1882, now converted to office space. The tall, round red structure is a restored coal tower from the early 1900s, now occupied by the Village Coal Tower Restaurant. The Lock 32 Brewing Company has a tasting room here. Numerous other restaurants and shops are in Northfield Common just to the west.

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**Sam Patch Erie Canal Tours**
12 Schoen Place
Pittsford, NY 14534
(585) 662-5748
sampatch.org

The *Sam Patch* tour boat is operated by Corn Hill Navigation, a not-for-profit company dedicated to providing education about the Erie Canal. It’s named for a historic daredevil who successfully jumped from Niagara Falls but failed to survive a 125-foot jump from the High Falls of the Genesee River in Rochester in 1829. *Sam Patch* offers daily cruises on the Erie Canal and throughout the boating season.

**TICKET FEE.** Reservations suggested.

**CRUISE TIMES:** Cruises leave at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. daily; during the summer months an additional cruise leaves at 4 p.m.

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**Great Embankment Park**
631 Marsh Road
Pittsford, NY 14534

**FACILITIES:** Restrooms. Low fishing dock. Parking for 10 cars. Distance from parking about 20 feet.
Halfway between Pittsford and Fairport, Bushnell’s Basin was once a widewater area where canal boats could turn around. John Harwell and his son Oliver purchased land abutting the basin and built a general store, warehouse, and boatyard. Harwell also served as contractor for the first embankment over the nearby Irondequoit Creek. The area became a bustling headquarters as the Great Embankment rose. Later, William Bushnell bought the Harwells’ enterprises and built a complex of more boatyards, warehouses, stables, and stores. In the 20th century, Bushnell’s Basin became a suburb of Rochester, but the canal’s early influence is still seen clearly today.

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Rochester/Pittsford  
800 Pittsford-Victor Road  
Pittsford, NY 14534  
(585) 248-9000  
hilton.com |

About 0.4 of a mile from the Bushnell Basin docks.
**Erie Canal–Bushnell’s Basin**

**Bushnell’s Basin Docks and Canal Amenity Center**
Pittsford-Victor Road
Pittsford, NY

**FACILITIES:** Electric, water, restrooms, showers. Concrete dock and low dock. Ample parking. Distance from parking about 100 feet. Information about overnight parking is at the dockmaster’s office in the adjacent gas station. Ice cream, restaurants, a brewery, and convenience stores are within walking distance of the docks at Bushnell’s Basin. Richardson’s Canal House, in a historic tavern building dating back to 1818, is on the waterfront just to the east of the Marsh Road bridge.

**PADDLING NOTE:** Bushnell’s Basin is a popular stop for recreational boaters. Exercise caution to avoid collisions and wakes.

**Ayrault Road/Erie Canal Boat Launch**
426 Ayrault Road
Fairport, NY 14450

**FACILITIES:** Portable toilet. Concrete ramp. Parking for 12 cars. Distance from parking about 20 feet. Call (585) 223-5050 for overnight parking.

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**Bridge E133, Marsh Road (CR 38)**

**E Mile 250.60** 43.062619 -77.477666

**Bridge E131A, Eastern Expressway (I-490)**

**E Mile 250.27** 43.064498 -77.471378

**Kreag Road Park**
555 Kreag Road
Pittsford, NY 14534
(585) 223-5050
perinton.org

**FACILITIES:** Restrooms, picnic area. Low dock. Ample parking. Distance from parking about 450 feet.
FAIRPORT

Fairport takes its name from a traveler in 1829, who said this village was a “fair port” in which to stay. Today, the village is compact and walkable and contains many well-preserved Victorian homes and buildings. During the boating season, free evening concerts are offered on weekends at Vincent G. Kennelley Park on the south side. The very popular annual Canal Days arts and music festival takes place the beginning of June.

PLACES OF INTEREST OFF THE WATER

**Perinton Historical Society**
18 Perrin Street
Fairport, NY 14450
(585) 223-3989
perintonhistoricalsociety.org

The Perinton Historical Society operates the Fairport Historical Museum. Both are housed in the town’s former library, a landmark building in the Palladian/Georgian Revival or Neoclassical style built in 1937.

**Thomas Creek Wetlands Walk**
Liftbridge Lane East
Fairport, NY 14450

A 13-acre recreation and historical site tucked away on the north side of the canal about 0.10 mile east of the Parker Street Bridge, easily accessible from the Erie Canalway Trail. Thomas Creek and Irondequoit Creek run through the park. An elevated boardwalk and observation platform make this a good spot for nature viewing. An art installation near the entrance features a large sundial made of stones salvaged from the enlarged Erie Canal Lock 58, built in 1849. The lock was one of three closely spaced locks at Newark that lifted boats 24 feet in less than 0.25 mile.

LODGING

**Twenty Woodlawn Bed & Breakfast**
20 Woodlawn Avenue
Fairport, NY 14450
(585) 377-8224
twentywoodlawnbedandbreakfast.com

About 0.40 miles from the Fairport docks.
Erie Canal–Fairport

**Fairport Crew Club Boathouse and Docks**

**PADDLING NOTE:** Crews from the rowing club use this area for practice and have priority. Exercise caution.

**Bridge E129, West Church Street (NY 31F)**

**Perinton Park**

99 O’Connor Road
Fairport, NY 14450
(585) 223-5050
perinton.org

**FACILITIES:** Low dock, restrooms, parking.

**PADDLECRAFT RENTALS**

**Erie Canal Boat Company**

7 Liftbridge Lane West
Fairport, NY 14450
(585) 748-2628
eriecanalboatcompany.com

Boat rentals and guided paddling trips. The company also operates the Adaptive Paddling and Cycling Center (APACC) to enable people with disabilities to enjoy recreational paddling.

**Bridge E128, Main Street/Fairport Lift Bridge (NY 250)**

The Fairport lift bridge is famed for its unusual configuration. Built in 1914 as part of the Barge Canal, it carries Main Street across the canal at a 32-degree angle, and slopes southwest to northeast. The bridge is lower on the north side than the south; one side of the bridge is longer than the other. The bridge is an irregular decagon; no two angles on it are the same, and no corners are square. Pedestrian staircases are at the eastern side on each end. Clearance closed: 7 feet. Clearance opened: 16 feet 3 inches. Call (585) 223-9412 for service.

**WATERWAY CRUISES**

**Colonial Belle Tour Cruises**

400 Packetts Landing
Fairport, NY 14450
(585) 223.9470
colonialbelle.com

Sightseeing cruises on the Erie Canal aboard the *Colonial Belle*, the largest tour boat operating on the Erie Canal.

**TICKET FEE.** Reservations suggested.

**SCHEDULE:** Tuesday through Saturday, three departures daily, at 12 noon, 2:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, two departures, 12 noon and 2:30 p.m. Lunch and dinner available for additional fee.
E Mile 246.58, both sides  43.100720 -77.440189

Fairport Canal Harbor
Main Street
Fairport, NY 14450
(585) 223-0313
village.fairport.ny.us

Facilities: Electric, water, restrooms, showers. Dock, low dock, car top launch and beach landing at Erie Canal Boat Company at western end, north side. Ample parking; small fee for overnight parking. Dockmasters are on duty daily, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Shops and restaurants are within easy walking distance of both sides of the canal.

Paddling Note: Fairport is a very popular stop during the boating season. The harbor is often crowded with power boats. The canal is lined by vertical walls through town. The easiest place for paddlers to launch or take-out is at Erie Canal Boat Company, west of the lift bridge. Use caution.

E Mile 246.52  43.100604 -77.439319
Bridge E127, Parker Street

E Mile 246.11  43.097127 -77.432941
Bridge E126, Turk Hill Road (NY 31F)

E Mile 245.86  43.094793 -77.429269
Bridge E125A, pedestrian
This bridge links the Rochester, Syracuse and Eastern rail trail to the Erie Canalway Trail.

E Mile 244.33  43.087332 -77.401826
Bridge E-24, Lyndon Road (CR 44)

E Mile 243.77  43.075722 -77.371965
Numbered buoys mark the canal channel from this point east.

E Mile 242.07  43.075072 -77.361375
Bridge E-23, Wayneport Road (CR 206)
Like most towns along this route, the Erie Canal was an important factor in the settlement and growth of Macedon. Lock 30 Canal Park is a good place to launch a paddle trip in this area. The park allows camping and provides access for paddlers via ramp or a low dock.

**CAMPING**

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**Macedon**

E Mile 239.02 43.073330 -77.301880

**Lock E30, Macedon**

10 NY 350
Macedon, NY 14502
(315) 986-5631

**LIFT:** 16.4 feet.

**FACILITIES:** Water, portable toilet, picnic tables, camping, nature trail. Car top launch. The kayak dock is equipped with an overhead stability bar for safe and easy launching of canoes and kayaks. Parking for 25 cars. Distance from parking about 100 feet. Shops and restaurants in Macedon are an easy walk of one-quarter mile from Lock E30. Follow Railroad Avenue to Erie Street North to reach Main Street.

As you paddle west out of the launch area you are in an original section of the Erie Canal. Good day trip options from Lock 30 include heading east to historic Lock 60 (1.7 miles); Palmyra Macedon Aqueduct Park at Lock 29 (3.9 miles); or Port of Palmyra Marina (4.7 miles).

E Mile 238.93 43.073211 -77.300636

**Bridge E121, Ontario Center Road (NY 350)**

This bridge is supported by the downstream approach walls of Lock E30.

E Mile 238.59 43.072013 -77.294028

**Bridge E120A, pipeline**

The pipeline carries plastic pellets from railroad cars on the north bank to a factory on the south side, where they are molded into drinking cups. When the pipeline is in operation, you may hear a rattling sound.

E Mile 239.98 43.076974 -77.320551

Bridge E-22, Canandaigua Road
Enlarged Erie Lock 60

Just after you pass under the truss bridge for O’Neil Road, look to the north for the sign indicating Enlarged Erie Lock 60. You can land at the floating dock and explore this park centered on an especially well-preserved example of an Enlarged Erie Canal lock. Opened in 1841 as a single lock with a 10-foot lift, it was later doubled in 1874 and lengthened in 1888. This lock was abandoned in 1914 and replaced by Lock E30. Walk along the towpath and look for the places where tow ropes wore grooves into the limestone blocks. From here, you can backtrack west along the Erie Canalway Trail for about half a mile to reach the remains of the Enlarged Erie Canal Change Bridge No. 39.

Bridge E120, O’Neil Road/Quaker Road

E Mile 238.34  43.071198 -77.289540

E Mile 237.98, north side  43.070219 -77.282473

Bridge E119, Walworth Road (CR 208)

E Mile 236.54  43.063552 -77.258235
The Erie Canal transformed Palmyra from a cluster of cabins along Ganargua Creek (known at the time as Mud Creek) into a bustling village. Malt houses on the canal bank converted locally grown barley into a product that was used by breweries and distilleries across the state. Three companies manufactured packing, a flexible material used to seal joints and moving parts in steam engines and piping, which was sold throughout the world.

Known locally as the Queen of Canal Towns, the buildings and streets of downtown Palmyra retain much of the character of a thriving 19th-century canal community. You can easily access amenities and museums from the Port of Palmyra Marina.

Palmyra is also the epicenter of Mormon history. Joseph Smith discovered the golden tablets that became the Book of Mormon in 1823 at Hill Cumorah, only a few miles outside of town. Learn about the events that occurred on and near the Hill Cumorah in the 1820s and visit a number of Mormon historic sites.

The annual Palmyra Pirate Weekend is held the second weekend of August. Palmyra Canaltown Days is an annual festival held the third weekend of September.

**PLACES OF INTEREST OFF THE WATER**

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Hill Cumorah is approximately 4.4 miles south of the Port of Palmyra Marina.

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The Historic Palmyra Museum Complex contains five museums that illuminate local history and the role of the Erie Canal.
Lock E29, Palmyra
2685 NY 31
Palmyra, NY 14522
(315) 597-6981

**LIFT:** 16.0 feet.

**FACILITIES:** Use Pal-Mac Park.

Lock E29 and the adjacent Palmyra Aqueduct Park (also known as Pal-Mac Park because it straddles the town line between Palmyra and Macedon) pack a lot of canal history into just about three acres.

Look for Mud Creek entering the canal just downstream of the lock on the south side—it’s the paddling entry to the Pal-Mac Aqueduct County Park. This park contains three fascinating pieces of canal history: the Aldrich Change Bridge, the remains of the Mud Creek aqueduct, and a short section of the Enlarged Erie Canal. All can be seen within an easy one-half mile walk along the section of the Erie Canal Heritage Trail that runs through the park.

Pal-Mac Aqueduct County Park
555 West Main Street
Ganargua Creek at western end
Palmyra, NY 14522
(315) 946-5836

**FACILITIES:** Restrooms, picnic tables, grills. Ramp. Parking for 20 cars. Distance from parking about 20 feet.

Although it has been moved several times, the Aldrich Towpath Change Bridge is one of the oldest metal bridges in the country. It is also one of the earliest examples of a truss bridge based on designs by the pioneering civil engineer Squire Whipple. It was originally erected over the Erie Canal in Rochester with ingenious approach ramps that allowed mules to change from one side to the other without having to disconnect their tow ropes.

Paddle up to Ganargua Creek (south side just downstream of the lock) about 0.25 mile to see the remains of the 1857 aqueduct. Stone arches that once carried the towpath are now part of the Erie Canalway Trail; stone piers to the north originally supported the aqueduct’s wooden trunk. The trunk was removed around 1916 as part of Barge Canal construction and replaced with a concrete spillway on the upstream end of the aqueduct. The spillway makes an impressive waterfall.
E Mile 236.04 to Mile 226.25

**PADDLING NOTE:** From Lock 29 in Palmyra to Lock 28B in Newark is almost exactly 10 miles. As you paddle, look for drumlins, a common landform in central New York. These rounded, low hills made of glacial debris were left behind by the last Ice Age. Drumlins reflect the direction of glacial flow: they have an oval shape blunter at their northern end and more elongated at their southern end.

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E Mile 235.28  43.067104 -77.233987
Bridge E118, Maple Avenue (CR 210)

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E Mile 235.06  43.066510 -77.228787
Port of Palmyra Marina
2667 NY 31
(just east of Division Street Bridge)
Palmyra, NY 14522
(315) 597-4807
palmyrany.com

**FACILITIES:** Wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers. Car top launch, terraced steps. Parking for 30 cars. Muddy Waters Café is right on the canal at Division Street. From the marina, it’s an easy walk to the shops, restaurants, and history museums of Palmyra.

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E Mile 234.61, south side  43.064953 -77.221340
Palmyra Boat Launch
End of Park Drive
Palmyra, NY 14522

**FACILITIES:** None. Ramp. Parking on road for six cars. Distance from parking about 20 feet.
Eerie Canal–Palmyra

E Mile 234.56  43.064822  -77.220427
Bridge E116, Palmyra-Marion Road (NY 21)

E Mile 233.00, north side  43.068125  -77.185628
Ganargua Creek, which entered the canal just below Lock E29, returns to its natural course here, dropping over twin spillways on the north bank. You’ll see it again when it rejoins the canal in Lyons. Metal pony truss bridges carry the Erie Canalway Trail across the spillways.

**PADDLING NOTE:** Use caution here and stay away from the spillway.

E Mile 232.54  43.066180  -77.181474
Bridge E115, Galloway Road

E Mile 230.00
As you approach the hamlet of Port Gibson, the white spire of the United Methodist Church comes into view on the south side. You are near the Widewaters, an area over 900 feet wide and about a mile and a half long. This was created as part of the Barge Canal expansion in the early 1900s. The new channel was about one-quarter mile to the north of the Enlarged Erie southern embankment. To avoid leaving Port Gibson literally high and dry, the area in between was flooded to create an artificial lake.

**PADDLING NOTE:** Stay to the north side of the canal in this area. The south shore has many summer cabins and there’s a lot of small craft activity, fishing, and swimming.
E Mile 230.13  43.039914 -77.154225
Bridge E114, Port Gibson Road

E Mile 228.78, south side  43.0450851 -77.130725

Widewaters Canal Park
5271 NY 31
Newark, NY 14513
(315) 946-5836
co.wayne.ny.us

FACILITIES: Restrooms, picnic tables, grills.
Two concrete boat ramps. Parking for 15 cars.
Distance from parking about 20 feet. Camping is allowed with a free permit (call or email in advance). Swimming, wading, and alcohol are not allowed.

E Mile 227.00
The Widewaters narrow back down to the normal canal width in about two-tenths of a mile, just before the Whitbeck Road (CR 224) bridge. After the bridge, the canal curves southward.

E Mile 228.52  43.052429 -77.127535
Bridge E113, Whitbeck Road (CR 224)
Newark grew from settlements initially formed by workers and their families who came to dig the Erie Canal. The opening of the canal and the New York Central Railroad nearby brought shipping, manufacturing, and prosperity to Newark.

The Port of Newark Marina/T. Spencer Knight Park and Visitor Center is an excellent place to launch a paddle trip or find information and services. In the summer, the Music on the Erie program brings bands to the park every Friday night from July to September.

**PLACES OF INTEREST OFF THE WATER**

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Look underneath the bridge for the two murals depicting rose gardens. Newark was once called the Rose Capital of the World because the famed rose growers Jackson & Perkins had nurseries here.
FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers, laundry. Located between the Veteran’s Memorial Bridge (East Avenue) and the North Main Street Bridge on both sides of the water, this free marina has 1,200 feet of bulkhead and a floating dock. Free parking. Village restaurants and shops are within easy walking distance.

Don’t miss the extensive murals painted on the north abutment of the Veteran’s Memorial Bridge.

Why is this lock designated Lock 28B? Barge Canal engineers originally planned a single lock at Lyons with a lift of 31.5 feet, but the route changed slightly by the time construction contracts for this section were awarded in 1910. Splitting the single high lift in two avoided the expense of modifying existing railroad bridges along the new route. The numbering system for the rest of the Erie had been established since 1903. In this instance, it was easier to call the locks 28A and 28B than to renumber all the others.

The well-preserved stone chambers of Enlarged Erie Canal Lock 59, complete with a rare surviving locktenders’ shanty, are in a pocket park across the street from Lock E28B. Lock 59 was the uppermost of three closely spaced locks in a neighborhood called Lockville.

The silver dome of the 1854 Wayne County Courthouse in the village of Lyons comes into view.
The fields and rolling hills around Lyons were once covered with peppermint plants. They stretched as far as the eye could see, releasing a scent that canal travelers could smell for miles. Lyons was the peppermint capital of the world. From 1841 to 1900, H.G. Hotchkiss Essential Oil Company crushed the leaves and refined pure peppermint oil. The oil was shipped around the globe and used to make food, candies, medicines, and perfumes.

Today, Lyons is the seat of Wayne County. The centerpiece of the town is the Broad Street-Water Street Historic District. Most of the buildings date from the 1830s to the 1890s. You’ll find amenities and restaurants, as well as many wonderful murals throughout the town. Lyons holds a Peppermint Days festival every July.

**PADDLING NOTE:** Although Lock 27 is closest to downtown shops, it is not the best place to put in or take out due to steep access from the canal. A better place to launch or take out is Abbey Park, one-half mile walk on the Erie Canalway Trail from the center of town.
**PLACES OF INTEREST OFF THE WATER**

**H.G. Hotchkiss Peppermint Museum**
95 Water Street
Lyons, NY 14489
(315) 946-4596
lyonsheritagesociety.org

**Blue Cut Nature Center**
7210 NY 31
Lyons, NY 14489
(315) 946-5830
lyonsheritagesociety.org

The preserve covers 40 acres of mixed wetlands, woods, and fields. Outhouses and picnic tables; no water. No biking allowed.
Lock E28A, Lyons
7665 Dry Dock Road
Lyons, NY 14489
(315) 946-4410

LIFT: 19.5 feet.

FACILITIES: Tie up at the lock walls or find the protected inlet on the south side of the canal just east of the lock walls. This area has ample roadside parking along NY 31.

A retired buoy boat is on display in the park area adjacent to the lock. This 1927 vessel was once used to service and refuel the lighted buoys in the days of oil lamps.

Lyons Dry Dock
Located on the north side alongside Lock E28A, the Lyons Dry Dock is one of three NYS Canal Corporation dry docks. The dry dock has gates like those of a lock. Boats needing hull repairs, maintenance, or winter storage float in and the water is drained out, leaving the boat resting on blocks. This is a very busy area during the canal season. At any given time, you can see work being done on tugboats, dredges, derrick boats, and many other vessels. Several historic boats are based here, including the 1911 steam-powered Dipper Dredge No. 3.

E Mile 222.76, south side 43.060303 -77.016219
Trout Brook enters the canal on the south side just after the lock.

E Mile 221.36, north side 43.063198 -77.003660
Miller’s Marina
185 Water Street
Lyons, NY 14489
(315) 946-9363


Private marina; paddlers welcome.

Abbey Park
117 West Water Street
Lyons, NY 14489
(315) 946-5830


This little park at the confluence of the canal and Ganargua Creek (Mud Creek) is the best place to launch a paddling trip near Lyons. It is also the best place for paddlers to pull-out to access amenities in Lyons, which is a half mile walk on the Erie Canalway Trail from the park. The abutments of Ganargua Creek Aqueduct are visible at the north end of the park.

E Mile 221.01 43.062303 -77.996364
Bridge E101, Leach Road
(crosses directly above Lock 27)
Erie Canal–Lyons

**Lock E27, Lyons**
1 Leach Road
Lyons, NY 14489
(315) 946-4062

**LIFT:** 12.5 feet.

**FACILITIES:** Power boats tie up at the lock walls or at the Lyons terminal wall just east of the lock on the north side.

**PADDLING NOTE:** Exercise caution when approaching the lock from the west. The spillway on river right has a strong draw and can be hard to see from upstream. Below the lock, the combined flow of the Canandaigua Lake Outlet and water over the spillway can generate a lot of turbulence.

**Lyons Southside Canal Park**
NY 14/31 (intersection behind McDonald’s)
Lyons, NY 14489
lyonstown.com

**FACILITIES:** Electric, picnic tables. Boat dock.

The Town of Lyons operates this small park on the site of the Lyons canal terminal.

**Lyons Dock**
Water Street
Lyons, NY 14489
(315) 946-6206
lyonsny.com

**FACILITIES:** Electric, wi-fi, water, picnic tables, restrooms, showers. Large floating dock.

The Village of Lyons operates this dock just east of Lock E27. The dock is 500 feet long, with an 80-foot low floating dock, but it requires a 2-foot step up for paddlers to access the dock. Free restrooms and showers are available from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the fire station up a steep hill from the dock. It’s a short walk to shops and restaurants.

**Bridge E100, Geneva Street (NY 14)**

**PADDLING THE CLYDE**

When the canal was enlarged in 1918, it took advantage of existing rivers when possible. In this next stretch, you will be paddling on the canalized Clyde River. The Clyde River flows east for about 27 miles to become a major tributary of the Seneca River in the Cayuga marshes. The Clyde was heavily altered by Barge Canal construction, with a comparatively straight channel dredged through winding bends. Remnants of the river survive, winding through wetlands along the south side of the canal. It joins and diverges from the navigation channel at several points along the way, providing opportunities for paddlers to explore loops and oxbows.

To stay in the Erie Canal channel, follow the green and red buoys; the meandering river sections have no markers. Be aware that large portions get clogged with vegetation and debris during summer months. The section between Lyons and the Village of Clyde can be paddled alone or as a loop with the canal. Be cautious near Lock 25; the Clyde channel ends in a movable dam about 200 yards south of the lock.
E Mile 220.27 43.059856 -76.982516
Bridge E99A, Forgham Street (NY 31)

E Mile 220.80 43.059856 -76.982516
Lyons Dock

E Mile 220.82 43.059856 -76.982516
Lyons Southside Canal Park

E Mile 219.94 43.056146 -76.978729
Bridge E99, CSX railroad

E Mile 218.67 43.042199 -76.963705
Bridge E97, abandoned railroad

E Mile 218.76 43.032082 -76.953761
Bridge E96, Lyons-Marengo Road (CR 344)
Called Lauraville when it was founded as a single blockhouse in 1722, this little village became Clyde in 1835, named by a nostalgic Scottish engineer for its similarity to his hometown on the River Clyde. (A replica of the blockhouse is east of the village on NY 31.) Clyde was once noted for glass manufacturing. Today, it’s a quiet residential town. Shops and restaurants are in the business district on the north side of the canal. The village is locally known for its annual carnival and fireworks display every August 15, sponsored by the Clyde Fire Department. The best place to launch a paddling trip here is from Lauraville Landing/Village of Clyde docks on the south side of the canal.

**PADDLING NOTE:** Do not attempt to access the business district by paddling to the north side of the canal. Active and busy railroad tracks run between the canal and village center here. Dock on the south side and carefully cross the Glassgow Street (NY 414) bridge on foot instead.

**PLACES OF INTEREST OFF THE WATER**

The Galen Historical Society operates two museums in Clyde. Check in advance for admission fees and hours by visiting galenhistoricalsociety.org.

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**FACILITIES:** Portable toilets, picnic tables, pavilion. Low dock and boat ramp. Parking for 10 cars. Distance from parking about 50 yards. Camping allowed with free permit; call the village office at (315) 923-3971 during business hours.
E Mile 208.94 43.059050 -76.838179

**Lock E26, Clyde**
11500 Lock Road
Clyde, NY 14433
(315) 923-9720

**LIFT:** 6 feet.

**FACILITIES:** Tie up at walls on south side above and below the lock.

**PADDLING NOTE:** Warning buoys support a cable that marks off the area around the movable dam. Do not enter this area.

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E Mile 209.44 to 203.11

The Clyde River will meet and leave the canal several times between here and Lock E25. (See page 112.) Through this stretch, remnants of both the original Erie Canal and the Enlarged Erie Canal can sometimes be glimpsed on the north side of the canal channel.

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E Mile 205.59 43.020942 -76.798506

Bridge E92, Armitage Road (CR 105)
Armitage Road marks the northern edge of the Montezuma National Wildlife Reserve.

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E Mile 203.67, north side 43.002577 -76.769994

**Oak Orchard Marina and Campground**

NY 89 at May's Point
Savannah, NY 13146
(315) 365-3000
oakorchard.com

**FACILITIES:** Water, portable restrooms, showers. Dedicated dock and concrete ramp. Distance from parking about 100 feet.

Private marina and campground.

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E Mile 203.23 43.999079 -76.764209

Bridge E91, Mays Point (NY 89)
**Kipp Island**

Kipp Island marks the entrance to the Cayuga-Seneca Canal. To stay in the Erie Canal, paddle to the north of the island, looking for channel buoys R548 and R546 and G545, G543, and G541.

The western end of the Seneca River Crossing Canals Historic District begins here; the eastern end is in the Town of Montezuma. The district includes the Enlarged Erie Canal prism (dating 1849-1857) and remnants of the original Erie Canal. The district was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2005.

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**CAYUGA-SENECA CANAL**

The Cayuga-Seneca Canal is the gateway to the Finger Lakes, connecting the Erie Canal at Montezuma to 92 miles of canalized rivers and lakes, including the Seneca River and Cayuga and Seneca Lakes. The region includes Seneca Falls, celebrated as the birthplace of the women's rights movement, Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge, and the Finger Lakes Region, renowned for its natural beauty, elegant architecture, vineyards, and world-class cultural and recreational attractions.

Water Trail sites along the Cayuga-Seneca Canal can be found starting on page 206.

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**MONTEZUMA**

**Watch for Wildlife**

This next stretch of the canal passes through the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge. The 9,800-acre wetland complex is a premier waterfowl watching site and provides prime nesting, feeding, and resting habitat for migratory birds. Warbler and songbird migration peaks in mid-May. Mid-September to mid-November is peak viewing of up to 50,000 Canada geese and 150,000 ducks. Watch for great blue herons, ospreys, eagles, and swallows all summer long.

You can also access the refuge from the Cayuga-Seneca Canal. Dock at the seasonal floating dock and go ashore to walk the one-mile Seneca Trail loop and stop in the visitor center and store.

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**Richmond Aqueduct**

The remains of the Richmond Aqueduct are on both sides of the canal here. The original Erie Canal crossed the Seneca River on a slackwater just downstream, with towing animals walking on a wooden trestle. When the canal was enlarged during the 1840s and 1850s, engineers decided to move the channel to higher ground and build an aqueduct to carry the canal across the flood-prone river. Named for Van Rensselaer Richmond, the engineer who designed it, the aqueduct was the second largest on the Enlarged Erie Canal (the Lower Mohawk Aqueduct at Crescent was the longest). It spanned the river with 31 stone arches that were 11 feet high and 22 feet wide. The completed aqueduct was 86 feet wide and almost 900 feet long. The Barge Canal enlargement dredged the river to 12 feet deep and made the aqueduct obsolete. During the winter of 1917, the central part of
the aqueduct was removed to allow boats to pass on the newly canalized river. On the Cayuga County side (east), seven arches remain. On the Seneca County (west) side, three arches can still be seen.

**PADDLING NOTE:** Woody debris accumulates between the old arches. Exercise caution when paddling up to view the aqueduct remains.

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### Montezuma Heritage Park
8115 High Street
Montezuma, NY 13117
(315) 776-8844
montezumahistoricalsociety.org

A pullout near the Richmond Aqueduct will enable you to access the park. Plans are underway for an improved landing at this site.

The Richmond Aqueduct and other remnants of canal history are preserved in this park. Trails within the 140-acre park lead to the remains of Lock 62 from the original Erie Canal, to an old drydock, and to some sections of the old towpath.
Erie Canal–Montezuma

E Mile 198.93  43.036882 -76.718467
The Seneca River and Erie Canal diverge at Hog Island. To remain in the Erie Canal, stay to the south side and look for buoys R524 and R522 and G521.

E Mile 197.06  43.056008 -76.700561
Bridge E87, railroad

E Mile 196.31, north side  43.059488 -76.685614
A straight channel joins the canal at marker R508.

E Mile 195.18  43.067504 -76.668002
Bridge E86, Howland Island Road (CR 139)
This bridge is closed to traffic but can be crossed by foot. Park in the lot on Carncross Road in Savannah.

E Mile 195.16, north side  43.068160 -76.668149
Howland Island Wildlife Management Area

PORT BYRON OLD ERIE CANAL HERITAGE PARK

The Erie Canal Lock 52 complex is located in the Village of Port Byron, about 3.3 miles south of the NY 38 bridge. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1998. The Canal Society of New York State operates the 18-acre Port Byron Old Erie Canal Heritage Park. The park includes old Erie Canal Lock 52, built in 1853 as part of the canal enlargement. When the canal was enlarged again in 1917 to become the Barge Canal, the path was moved to the Seneca River to the north, bypassing the lock and the Village of Port Byron. The park, the Erie House tavern (a rare surviving example of a once typical lock-side business), a blacksmith shop, and a mule barn, are all original to the site. There is a modern visitor center with restrooms. While it is not directly accessible from the water, it can be reached directly from New York State Thruway (I-90) east and from NY 31.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, visit newyorkcanals.org

E Mile 193.76, south side  43.078861 -76.644932

Town of Mentz Boat Ramp
Conquest Road (NY 38) at bridge

FACILITIES: Car top launch, ramp. Parking for 30 cars; overnight parking with 24-hour limit. Distance from parking about 20 feet.

E Mile 193.76, north side  43.07886 -76.64493
A branch of the Seneca River joins the canal here.
E Mile 193.75  43.079283  -76.644718  
Bridge E85, Conquest Road (NY 38)  

E Mile 192.72  43.076505  -76.625577  
Bridge E84, O’Neil Road (CR 19B)  

E Mile 191.82, north side  43.077200  -76.581519  
A branch of the Seneca River diverges from the canal here to form Hickory Island.  

E Mile 191.25, north side  43.078515  -76.586602  
A branch of the Seneca River diverges from the canal here to form Frost Island.
WEEDSPORT

The Erie Canal once passed through the center of Weedsport, but the Barge Canal bypassed the village. The old Erie Canal is now Erie Drive (NY 31). Today the village is about 1.25 miles south of the canalized Seneca River. The name comes from the Weed brothers, who built a basin on the Erie Canal in 1818. The surrounding town of Brutus was established in 1827; the Village of Weedsport was incorporated in 1831.

PLACE OF INTEREST
OFF THE WATER

43.050423 -76.562283

Old Brutus Historical Society
8943 North Seneca Street
Weedsport, NY 13166
(315) 834-9342
oldbrutushistorical.org

CAMPING

E Mile 189.30, south side
43.074632 -76.564865

Riverforest Park Campground, Restaurant and Marina
9439 Riverforest Road
Weedsport, NY 13166
(315) 834-9458
riverforestpark.org

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers, camping. Low dock, concrete ramp. Ample parking. Distance from parking about 500 feet.

Private marina and campground. Restaurant on site.

E Mile 188.87
43.070693 -76.556631
Bridge E83, NY 34

E Mile 186.70, south side
43.076059 -76.514520

Town of Brutus/DEC Seneca River Fishing Access
At Bonta Road Bridge
Jordan, NY 130

FACILITIES: Car top launch and beach landing. Parking for 15 cars. Distance from parking about 350 feet. No camping.

DEC fishing access point.

PADDLING NOTE: The site can be very muddy.

E Mile 186.60
43.076718 -76.514414
Bridge E81, Bonta Bridge Road

E Mile 184.70
43.100657 -76.499089
Bridge E80, River Road (CR 61)
CROSS LAKE

E Mile 183 43.105960 -76.482965

Straddling Cayuga and Onondaga counties, Cross Lake is about 4.5 miles long and covers 1,947 acres. The Erie Canal runs through the south end of the lake for about 1.35 miles. Follow buoys to stay in the channel. Little Island is to the south of the channel; Big Island is to the north. These islands and the water around them are the Cross Lake Islands Wildlife Management Area. No camping or swimming is allowed in the WMA.

PADDLING NOTE: Waterfowl hunting is permitted on Cross Lake. Exercise caution during hunting season from mid-September to the end of October.

E Mile 182.65 43.111195 -76.458245

Big Island
The canal takes a sharp turn south at the eastern tip of Big Island.

E Mile 181.85 43.103599 -76.443567

State Ditch Cut
Follow buoys into the State Ditch Cut, a shortcut that carries the canal across a long oxbow on the Seneca River bypassing the old river hamlet of Jack’s Reef. The Cut is about 0.90 miles long. The Seneca River joins it at mile 180.95.

E Mile 180.82 43.112989 -76.438824

Bridge E79, Plainville Road (CR 32)
The distance between Bridge E79 and Lock E24 in Baldwinsville is about 8 miles.

CAMPING

43.150221 -76.502533

Cross Lake Inn & Marina
81 Fire Lane 18
Cato, NY 13033
(315) 626-6718
crosslakeinnandmarina.com

3.4 miles north of the canal, on the west side of the lake.

FACILITIES: Electric, restrooms, showers, snack bar, camping. Concrete ramp, low docks, and boat slips. Distance from parking about 400 feet.

43.134101 -76.474339

Sunset Park Campground
456 Sprague Road
Memphis, NY 13112
(315) 635-6450
sunsetparkcampground.com

Two miles north of the canal, on the east side of the lake.

FACILITIES: Dedicated dock. Camping. Distance from parking about 0.15 miles.

E Mile 174.81 43.158011 -76.360322

Stay to the north side to pass Maloney Island within the canal channel.

E Mile 174.06 43.161447 -76.363083

Bridge E78A, NY 31 and NY 690
There’s a lot going on in Baldwinsville and at Lock E24. It’s got a historic dam, a guard gate, its own island, a two-lane traffic bridge, and a long breakwater. The lively waterfront includes shops and restaurants on Paper Mill Island a short walk away on both sides of the canal. Additional amenities are nearby.

Lock E24 is separated from the Seneca River on the north by Paper Mill Island. A paper mill once stood here, but it has been replaced by an outdoor amphitheater at the western end of the island. The amphitheater hosts a full summer schedule of free concerts and other events. Also on the island parallel to the lock is the restored Red Mill Inn, originally built as a flour mill in 1828 but converted to a hotel around 2005.

The Baldwinsville Rotary Club sponsors the annual Seneca River Days festival every June. A highlight of the event is the “anything that floats” boat race. The Baldwinsville Oktoberfest is held every September.
PLACE OF INTEREST
OFF THE WATER

Shacksboro Schoolhouse Museum
46 Canton Street (at McHarrie Park)
Baldwinsville, NY 13017
(315) 638-2452
shacksboromuseum.com

E Mile 173.26, north side  43.162467 -76.347082
Cooper’s Marina
2302 West Genesee Road (CR 370)
Baldwinsville, NY 13027
(315) 635-7371
coopersmarina.com

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers. Low dock. Restaurants and convenience stores within walking distance.
Large private marina.

E Mile 172.67, north side  43.157978 -76.336800
Mercer Memorial Park
1 North Street
Baldwinsville, NY 13027
(315) 635-9665

FACILITIES: Water, restrooms, picnic tables, grills. Car top launch and beach landing. Parking for 10 cars. Distance from parking about 20 feet.
Free summer concerts in the gazebo.

LODGING

The Red Mill Inn
4 Syracuse Street (Paper Mill Island)
Baldwinsville, NY 13027
(315) 635-4871
theredmillinn.com
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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**Bridge E78, Syracuse Street (NY 48)**

**E Mile 172.36**
43.155831 -76.331921

Downstream end of the island that separates the canal channel from the Seneca River, the Mill Island Trail leads to the tip of the breakwater.

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**Mill Island Trail**

Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Inlet to Fobes Island is on the north side.

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**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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**Lions Club Community Park**

Lion’s Parkway, off Maple Road (NY 48)
Baldwinsville, NY 13027

**FACILITIES:** Portable toilets, pavilion, picnic tables, grills. Car top launch with roller dock for wheelchair access. Parking for ten cars.

The kayak launch provides easy access to the Seneca River. This portion of the river provides great flat water paddling with the opportunity to view many species of wildlife.

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**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.