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.

Like many upstate cities, Syracuse grew along the banks of the canal. The route shifted north to the bed of the Seneca River during the early 1900s. Syracuse remained 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.

Onondaga Lake is sacred to the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) people. The Onondaga Nation (people of the hills) are keepers of the central fire of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, made up of the Seneca, Tuscarora, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, and Mohawk nations. The canal and water trail pass through their ancestorial lands.

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.
### Old Erie Canal State Historic Park

Old Erie Canal State Historic Park
parks.ny.gov
Thirty-six miles of the original Erie Canal, stretching from DeWitt, just east of Syracuse, to New London and the outskirts of Rome, features five stone arch aqueducts and a number of historic structures. The park includes the Erie Canalway Trail, which follows the old towpath and is suitable for bicycling, walking, and running. Paddling is an option in certain sections of the park. (See pages 134-135.)

**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.

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### Camillus Erie Canal Park

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.

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### Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum

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

Restored dry docks, replica canal boat, blacksmith shop, and exhibits illustrate what life was like on the Erie Canal in the 1800s. The museum offers bike and kayak rentals.

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### Erie Canal Museum

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 when traveled through Syracuse.

43.09353  -76.19716

### Skâ•noñh—Great Law of Peace Center

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6680 Onondaga Lake Parkway
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 453-6767
skanonhcenter.org

A Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Heritage Center focuses on the story of the Onondaga Nation of central New York.

43.08795  -76.22522

### Amphitheater at Lakeview

Amphitheater at Lakeview
490 Restoration Way
Syracuse, NY 13209
(315) 435-5100
asmsyracuse.com
Onondaga Lake Park
Headquarters at 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. The Willow Bay section of the park has parking, restrooms, and picnic shelters. 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.

**Everson Museum of Art**
401 Harrison Street
Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 474-6064
everson.org

Notable for its collection of American paintings, renowned ceramics and video art. The building was designed by I.M. Pei.

**Green Lakes State Park**
7900 Green Lakes Road
Fayetteville, NY 13066
(315) 637-6111
nysparks.com/parks

The park includes two aquamarine glacial lakes surrounded by upland forest. Swimming beach, paddlecraft rentals, 18-hole golf course, 10 miles of trails, camping. A pedestrian bridge over the Old Erie Canal links trails with the Empire State Trail through Old Erie Canal State Park.

**MORE INFORMATION** about things to do in the Syracuse area, including dining and lodging, is available at madisontourism.com and visitsyracuse.com.

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**An outdoor concert venue on Onondaga Lake.** Lakeview Point Landing has an access point for paddlers to reach the amphitheater.

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Onondaga Lake 43.12031 -76.24786

**Onondaga Lake Outlet Launch**
2152 Onondaga Lake Parkway
Liverpool, NY 13090

**FACILITIES:** Roller dock, gravel beach landing about 350 feet north, ample parking

**DRIVING NOTE:** This section of Onondaga Lake Parkway is one-way. The entrance is off Cold Springs Road north of John Glenn Boulevard near the Wegman's Good Dog Park. The exit is on Long Branch Road.

Onondaga Lake 43.11527 -76.24075

**Willow Bay**
The gravel beach at Onondaga Lake Park's Willow Bay unit is a good place to launch paddlecraft and a great place to watch sunsets over the water or fireworks at the State Fair.

**FACILITIES:** Beach landing, restrooms, picnic pavilions, ample parking.

Onondaga Lake 43.10025 -76.20938

**Onondaga Lake Park Marina**
99 Vine Street
Liverpool, NY 13088

**FACILITIES:** Paved ramp (fee) restrooms, showers.

Onondaga Lake 43.09928 -76.20738

**Salt Museum**
106 Lake Drive
Liverpool, NY 13088

Salt springs bubble to the surface near Syracuse. Converting brine into salt and salt-based chemicals became a major industry. Canal boats carried the product far and wide and salt tolls and taxes helped pay for the canal's construction and enlargement. The Salt Museum is housed in the last surviving boiling block, where brine that had concentrated in shallow pans under the sun was purified and dried into crystals.

**FACILITIES:** Dock, restrooms, exhibits.

Onondaga Lake 43.07274 -76.20450

**Onondaga Lake Visitor Center/ Ken Lynch Boat Launch**
280 Restoration Way
Syracuse, NY 13209
(315) 552-9751
lakecleanup.com

**FACILITIES:** Viewing deck, restrooms, concrete ramp south of the center, hand-launch beach on the north side. Visitor Center with exhibits on the restoration of Onondaga Lake after more than a century of industrial abuse.

Onondaga Lake 43.06050 -76.16360

**Syracuse Inner Harbor**
328 West Kirkpatrick Street
Syracuse, NY 13204
(315) 663-2100
thesyracuseinnerharbor.com

Located at the south end of Onondaga Lake, this area is under development as a new urban neighborhood with unique waterfront access linking the city to the lake.
Erie Canal—Clay

E Mile 167.10 43.12998 -76.25343
Bridge E73, Cold Springs Road (NY 370)

E Mile 162.39 43.17565 -76.27641
Bridge E72, Belgium Road (NY 31)

E Mile 160.45 43.20131 -76.28037

Three Rivers Junction with Oswego Canal
The Oneida River and the Seneca River merge here to become the Oswego River. The Oswego River and 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.

E Mile 160.40, south side 43.20061 -76.27941

Three Rivers Point Park
8892-8898 Gaskin Road
Clay, NY 13041
(315) 652-3800


The former Three Rivers Terminal is now a waterfront park on the site of the Three Rivers Inn, a once famous dance hall.

E Mile 160.34 43.20151 -76.27793
Bridge E71, Oswego Road (CR 57)

E Mile 160.32 43.20158 -76.27760
Bridge E70, CSX railroad

OSWEGO CANAL

The Oswego Canal connects the Erie Canal at Three Rivers to the 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 241.

E Mile 159.42, south side 43.21044 -76.26622

DECA Oneida River Fishing Access Site (Bonstead Road Launch)
Bonstead Road (Under NY 481 Bridge)
Clay, NY 13041

FACILITIES: Ramp. Parking for 10 cars; 24-hour overnight parking permitted.

E Mile 159.40 43.21097 -76.26661
Bridge E69A, NY 481

E Mile 159.30, north side 43.21377 -76.26345

At buoy R206, the Oneida River branches off to the north into a long loop that reenters the canal in about 0.75 miles. During the Barge Canal construction, the loop was cut off by the Big Bend Cut; the land along the loop became known as Horseshoe Island.
The south wall of the Oak Orchard Lock of the 1840 Oneida River Improvement is visible on the south bank.

E Mile 155.15, south side 43.20993 -76.21035
The Oneida River rejoins the canal.

E Mile 154.75, south side 43.21656 -76.20618
The Morgan Cut on a loop of the Oneida River forms Glosky Island. To remain in the canal channel, stay to the north.

E Mile 154.45, south side 43.22217 -76.20235
The Oneida River rejoins the canal.

E Mile 154.10, north side 43.23535 -76.20418
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. Caughedenoy Dam, at the north end of this artificial island, maintains the level of Oneida Lake.

E Mile 154.01 43.23619 -76.20278
Bridge E67, Black Creek Road (CR 239)

E Mile 153.65 43.23879 -76.19634

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


Large private marina.

E Mile 158.18, south side 43.21431 -76.24570

**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 Schroeppeal is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Dedicated dock.

E Mile 156.54, north side 43.20575 -76.21824

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

ticket@eriecanalway.org

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

E Mile 158.31 43.21653 -76.24735
Bridge E69, Horseshoe Island Road

E Mile 158.21, north side 43.21680 -76.24584
The Oneida River meets the canal again after looping around Horseshoe Island.
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 hydroelectric powerhouse still generates electricity for lock machinery.

Designated Biker-Hiker-Boater site.
**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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**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.
Erie Canal—Brewerton

E Mile 150.83, south side  43.23964  -76.14442

**Brewerton Boatyard**
5405 Bennett Street
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 676-3762
brewertonboatyard.com

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

E Mile 150.78, north side  43.24067  -76.14442

**Lighthouse Park**
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. The Town of Hastings has turned the area around the lighthouse into a small park with two docks, portable toilets, and a picnic pavilion. Ample parking, distance to the dock approximately 300’ along a paved path.

E Mile 150.72  43.24035  -76.14330

Bridge E65, CSX railroad

E Mile 150.71, south side  43.23992  -76.14203

**Riverfront Park**
5449 Bennett Street
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 699-5233
brewertonboatyard.com

**FACILITIES:** Portable toilet, picnic tables. There is an informal pull-out at the east end of the wall, near the concrete gaging station, otherwise high walls make this park difficult for paddlers to access. Ample parking. Shops and restaurants in Brewerton are a short walk away.

E Mile 150.58  43.24044  -76.14063

Bridge E64, Brewerton Road (US 11)

E Mile 150.55, north side  43.24095  -76.13914

**Brewerton Dockwall**
East River Road
Brewerton, NY 13029

**FACILITIES:** Electric. Fixed and floating dock with informal beach landing on shore. Parking for 12 cars. Dining and shopping are a short walk away.

The Brewerton Dock wall replaces a collapsed pier that was built in 1911.

E Mile 150.06  43.23762  -76.13056

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.** Both routes have their charms—use the descriptions here to decide which route to take.
Erie Canal–Oneida Lake

Charley’s Boat Livery
E Mile 148.84

Johnson Bay Marina
E Mile 146.62

DEC Toad Harbor Fishing Access Site
E Mile 147.98

Frenchman’s Island Lighthouse
E Mile 145.90

Aero Marina
Conway Inc.
E Mile 146.95

Oneida Shores County Park Boat Ramp
E Mile 148.78

David C. Webb Memorial Park at Taft Bay
E Mile 141.20

Wantry Island

Dunham Island

Oneida Lake

South Shore Oneida Lake
DEC Fishing Access Site (Briggs Bay Boat Ramp)
E Mile 138.76

Joseph F. William Memorial Park
E Mile 144.40

A&P Marina
E Mile 143.33

Bridgeport
Erie Canal–Oneida Lake

Godfrey Point
DEC Boat Launch
E Mile 135.85

DEC Cleveland Dock
Fishing Access
E Mile 137.30

Angler's Bay
Cottages & Marina
E Mile 134.73

Oneida Lake

South Shore Oneida Lake
DEC Fishing Access Site
(Briggs Bay Boat Ramp)
E Mile 138.76

Chapman Park
E Mile 138.10

Oneida Lake Marina
E Mile 130.55

Callahan’s Marina
E Mile 130.99

South Shore Nautical

Marion Manor Marina
E Mile 130.39

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NORTH SHORE

E Mile 150.00  
43.23993 -76.12851

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

Private marina.

E Mile 149.73, buoy 136  
43.24401 -76.12599
Bradbury’s Boatel
57 Bradbury Road (CR 37)
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 676-7060

Large private marina.

E Mile 149.50  
43.24230 -76.11802
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  
43.24159 -76.08723
DEC Toad Harbor Fishing Access Site*
8174-8236 Shaw Road
West Monroe, NY 13167

FACILITIES: Car top launch, beach landing. Parking for 15 cars.

E Mile 149.84  
43.24605 -76.06845
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  
43.24386 -76.06485
Johnson Bay Marina
136 McCloud Road
West Monroe, NY 13167
(315) 561-3909

FACILITIES: Portable restrooms. Concrete ramp.
Private marina.

E Mile 144.14  
43.22812 -76.00010
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.

* Public boat launches on Oneida Lake are indicated with an asterisk.
E Mile 141.20 43.24348 -75.94629

David C. Webb Memorial Park at Taft Bay
State Route 49
Bernhards Bay, NY 13028
constantiany.org/park-recreation
(315) 623-9206

**FACILITIES:** Informal beach landing at east end of park, swimming beach, toilets, showers, picnic pavilions, playground, sports fields.

E Mile 137.30 43.23123 -75.88130

DEC Cleveland Dock Fishing Access Site*
69 State Route 49
Cleveland, NY 13042

**FACILITIES:** Car top launch, beach landing, picnic tables, wheelchair accessible fishing pier. Ample parking.

Cleveland Terminal was built as a harbor of refuge for canal boats crossing the stormy lake.

E Mile 135.85 43.22380 -75.84995

Godfrey Point DEC Boat Launch*
End of Drive 8
Cleveland, NY 13042

**FACILITIES:** Portable toilet. Concrete ramp. Parking for 40 cars. Overnight parking permitted; 24-hour limit.

E Mile 134.73 43.22526 -75.83337

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.

E Mile 148.78 43.22804 -76.10880

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:** Eight-lane ramp with floating docks, water, restrooms, showers, picnic shelters and tables, grills, swimming beach. Kayak rentals. 50 camping spaces. Fees for vehicle entry, boat launch, and camping.

E Mile 146.95 43.20824 -76.07831

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.

Large private marina.

E Mile 145.90 43.21962 -76.05118

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.

E Mile 145.50 43.20289 -76.01823

Dunham Island
E South Shore

E Mile 144.40 43.19544 -76.03507

**Joseph F. William Memorial Park***
7033 Lakeshore Road
Cicero, NY
(315) 699-5233
cicero.recdesk.com/

**FACILITIES:** Roller dock, beach landing, swimming beach, water, restrooms, showers, picnic pavilions, fishing pier.

E Mile 143.33 43.17813 -76.00526

**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.

E Mile 142.80 43.18357 -75.99332

Chittenango Creek empties into Oneida Lake.

E Mile 138.76 43.16257 -75.92684

**Oneida Lake South Shore DEC Fishing Access Site (Briggs Bay Boat Ramp)**
End of Bush Road
Bridgeport, NY

**FACILITIES:** Portable toilet. Multi-lane ramp with floating docks. Ample parking for cars and trailers. Overnight parking; 24-hour limit.

E Mile 138.10 43.15652 -75.89100

**Chapman Park**
1463 NY 31
Bridgeport, NY 13030
(315) 687-3471
sullivan.recdesk.com

**FACILITIES:** Beach landing on either side of fishing pier, restrooms, picnic pavilions, playground, Distance from water to parking about 200 feet along a paved path.

E Mile 130.99 43.16257 -75.76106

**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.

E Mile 130.55 43.15881 -75.75077

**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.

E Mile 130.39 43.15844 -75.74562

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

**FACILITIES:** Restrooms. Concrete ramp. Private marina.

E Mile 129.92 43.16451 -75.73757

Oneida Creek enters the lake.

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

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 Barge 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 Lighthouse Association at lighthousefriends.com.
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 the Village of Sylvan Beach at (315) 762-4844 or sylvanbeachny.com.

PLACE OF INTEREST
OFF THE WATER

43.19655 -75.72994

Sylvan Beach Amusement Park
112 Bridge Street
Sylvan Beach, NY 13157
(315) 762-5212
sylvanbeachamusementpark.com
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| **Carbone’s Restaurant, Bar, and Suites** |
| 1208 Main Street |
| Sylvan Beach, NY 13157 |
| (315) 762-4280 |
| carbonesbeachsidesuites.com |
| 0.4 miles from Sylvan Beach Dock Wall. Motel with ice cream stand. |

| **Oneida Lake Inn** |
| 1509 Main Street (NY 13) |
| Sylvan Beach, NY 13157 |
| (315) 761-0000 |
| oneidalakeinn.com |
| 0.5 miles from Sylvan Beach Dock Wall. |

**PADDLECRAFT RENTALS**

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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.

**Sylvan Beach**

Sunset Avenue
Sylvan Beach, NY 13157

**FACILITIES:** Bathhouse has free public restrooms and showers. Swimming beach. Walking distance to amusement park and other attractions and amenities in Sylvan Beach.
**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.

**Verona Beach Car Top Launch**
End of Willow Drive (Under NY 13 bridge)
Verona Beach, NY 13162

No facilities, parking for 10 cars.

**Snug Harbour Marina**
NY RR 13
Verona Beach, NY 13162
(315) 762-0112
onemarinas.com

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

Private marina.

**Squires Landing Public Access**
Corner of 6th and Clifford Avenues
Sylvan Beach, NY
(315) 762-4844 (Village Clerk)

Beach landing with dock on side channel 0.2 mile north of canal.

**Holmes Marina**
2523 Oneida Street
Verona Beach, NY 13162
(315) 762-4232
holmesmarina.com

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Private marina.

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<td>3132 Haskins Road&lt;br&gt;Blossvale, NY 13308&lt;br&gt;(315) 225-5553&lt;br&gt;treasureislervpark.com</td>
<td>Located 4 miles north on Fish Creek. RV park and camping with dedicated dock.</td>
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**FACILITIES:** Small plastic floating dock at upstream end, portable toilets, picnic tables. Designated Biker-Hiker-Boater site.

**LIFT:** 25.1 feet.
E Mile 123.42  43.20877  -75.61856

Lock E21, New London
7176 Lock Road
Rome, NY 13440
(315) 336-8229

LIFT: 25.0 feet.

FACILITIES: Portable toilets. Facilities are difficult for paddlers to access at this location due to vertical canal walls.

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 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.

Designated Biker-Hiker-Boater site.

E Mile 122.10  43.2076  -75.59265
Bridge E58A, New London Road (NY 46)

E Mile 123.48, south  43.20696  -75.57871
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 in 1910. 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.

E Mile 119.85  43.20565  -75.54833
Bridge E57, Stoney Creek Road (CR 60A)
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.
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.

**PLACE OF INTEREST**

**OFF THE WATER**

43.21059, -75.45529

**Fort Stanwix National Monument**

100 North James Street

Rome, NY 13440

(315) 338-7730

nps.gov/fost

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

More information about things to do in the Rome area, including dining and lodging, is available at oneidacountytourism.com.

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**Rome Fishing Access/Muck Road Boat Ramp**

Muck Road, opposite South Madison Street

Rome, NY 13440

**FACILITIES:** Concrete ramp, fixed dock. Parking for 20 cars; overnight parking with 24-hour limit. Distance from parking about 20 feet. Crew teams practice here.

DEC fishing access site.

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**Bridge E55, South James Street**

43.20185, -75.46700

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.

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**Bellamy Harbor Park**

Mill Street at the Canal

Rome, NY 13440

(315) 339-7656

romenewyork.com

**FACILITIES:** Picnic tables. The gravel beach is at the confluence of the Mohawk River and the canal at the west end of the park. Parking for 10 cars. Distance from parking about 100
feet. Most shops and restaurants in Rome are on the north side of the canal within walking distance.

**E Mile 114.79** 43.20106 -75.44827
Bridge E51, Mill Street

**E Mile 114.68**, north side 43.20142 -75.44618

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

**FACILITIES:** Concrete ramp, high fixed dock. Water, restrooms, showers, laundry, and picnic area. Parking. Dining nearby.

The Hamilton College Jason P. Andris Boathouse is located here.

**E Mile 114.3**, south side 43.19599 -75.43733

**Riverside Marina**
6787 Martin Street
Rome, NY 13440
(315) 617-3278
riversidemarina.slantpower.com

0.3 miles south of canal

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

**E Mile 113.80** 43.20051 -75.42862
Bridge E50B, NY 49 and NY 365 westbound

**E Mile 113.77** 43.20051 -75.42862
Bridge E50A, NY 49 and NY 365, eastbound

**E Mile 113.18** 43.20014 -75.41637
Bridge E50, Mohawk, Adirondack and Northern Railroad (MHWA)

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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.

**E Mile 108.92**, south side 43.17934 -75.33828

**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. No direct access to the canal.

**NOTE:** Hunting is permitted here; exercise appropriate caution during hunting seasons.
E Mile 107.68: Bridge E49, Oriskany Road (CR 32)

E Mile 105.63: Bridge E48A, NY 291

E Mile 105.32: Lock E20, Whitesboro (Marcy)

**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: Bridge E47B, New York State Thruway I-90

E Mile 104.40: Bridge E47A, Mohawk Street (CR 30)

**LIFT:** 16 feet.

**FACILITIES:** Water, portable restrooms, picnic tables, pavilions. Car top launch with low floating dock. Distance from parking about 250 feet. Ample parking. The park has a viewing platform to get a good look at boats passing though the lock.

**Marcy Marina**

200 Scharbach Drive

Marcy, NY 13403

(315) 736-7617

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

Private marina.
Mile 102.40, south side 43.12318 -75.24318
Utica Marsh Wildlife Management Area
Barnes Avenue off Oriskany Avenue
Utica, NY 13502
(315) 866-6330

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 43.12312 -75.24233
Bridge E46, MHWA railroad

E Mile 101.88 43.12029 -75.23363
Bridge E44C, NY 8 and NY 12
E Mile 101.80 43.11976 -75.23200
Bridge E44B, I-790 northbound exit ramp

E Mile 101.80 43.11936 -75.23082
Bridge E44D, NY 5 exit ramp

E Mile 101.67, south side 43.11761 -75.22796
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. Long polluted by effluent from adjacent coal gas works, the harbor is now clean and undergoing redevelopment.

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.

E Mile 101.42, south side 43.11602 -75.22490
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 43.11221 -75.21592
Bridge E44A, Genesee Street

E Mile 100.85, south side 43.11137 -75.21489

**Utica Historic Marina**
16 Harbor Lock Road
Utica, NY 13502
(315) 732-0116
aquavinorestaurant.com

**FACILITIES:** Electric, water, restrooms, fixed dock. The Aqua Vino restaurant occupies the marina building.

E Mile 100.54 43.10981 -75.20964
Bridge E43, Leland Avenue

E Mile 97.76, south side 43.09459 -75.15831
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 43.09369 -75.15530
Bridge E42, Dyke Road (CR 37)

E Mile 95.16 43.07560 -75.11522
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.
### Lock E19, Frankfort (Schuyler)

2960 NY 5  
Schuyler, NY 13340  
(315) 733-5041

**LIFT:** 21.0 feet.

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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.

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Inlet to Frankfort Harbor Marina; the harbor is 0.3 miles south, formed by the confluence of Moyer Creek and the Mohawk River.

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**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 at the harbor and in Frankfort are a short walk away.

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**Bridge E38, Railroad Street**

| E Mile 91.60 | 43.04358 -75.06193 |

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**Lock E19, Frankfort (Schuyler)**

E Mile 95.04
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 Ilion 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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**Ilion Marina and RV Park**

190 Central Avenue
Ilion, NY 13357
(315) 894-9421
ilionny.com/recreation

**FACILITIES:** Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers, picnic tables, restaurant, camping (fee). Over 500 feet of bulkhead wall, with floating 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.

**Mohawk River Fishing Access Site/ Fulmer Creek**

Off NY 5S near Mohawk Soccer Field

**FACILITIES:** Hand launch. Parking for five cars. This site could be blocked for dredging once every one to two years.

DEC fishing access site.
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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Budget Inn Motel
715 Mohawk Street
Herkimer, NY 13350
(315) 866-6080
budgetinn.com

Located 0.2 miles from the Gems Along the Mohawk marina.

Red Roof Inn & Suites
100 Marginal Road
Herkimer, NY 13350
(315) 866-0490
redroof.com

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

E Mile 87.34, north side
43.01704 -74.99812

**Gems Along the Mohawk**
800 Mohawk Street
Herkimer, NY 13350
(315) 717-0077
gemsalongthemohawk.com

**Erie Canal Cruises**
Gems Along the Hudson
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.

**ADMISSION:** Fee. Reservations strongly suggested.

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**FACILITIES:** Water, restrooms. Car top launch with terraced steps at western end. Ample parking. Distance from parking about 500 feet. Gems Along the Mohawk brings together a group of retail shops, a Mohawk Valley Visitor’s Center, and a restaurant. It’s also the home of the sightseeing boats of Erie Canal Cruises. Shops and restaurants in the town of Herkimer are nearby, on the north side of the New York State Thruway I-90.
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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Plantation Island Wildlife Management Area
German Flatts, NY

The large island begins at the guard gate. Squeezed between the Erie Canal and the Mohawk River, the WMA covers approximately 200 acres. Hunting is permitted on the island; do not land there during the hunting season. No trails or facilities; no swimming or camping. Watch out for poison ivy.

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Bridge E34B, New York State Thruway I-90

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Bridge E34A, South Washington Street

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Fort Herkimer Church
575 NY 5S
Mohawk, NY 13407

**FACILITIES:** Beach landing, gazebo, picnic tables. Parking for 15 cars. Distance to parking is 300 feet.

This intersects with the Erie Canalway Trail/Empire State Trail.

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. It can be reached from the Erie Canalway Trail.

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Lock E18, Jacksonburg
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Mohawk, NY 13407
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**LIFT:** 20.0 feet.

**FACILITIES:** Scramble up a rocky shore upon the upstream approach 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.