

Go Where the Buffalonians Roam

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Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site and the Erie Canal

What do chicken wings, Theodore Roosevelt, Cheerios, and the Erie Canal have in common? Explore New York's second largest city and you'll quickly find out. Visit the site where Theodore Roosevelt took the oath of office, then head to the heart of the city transformed by the Erie Canal in 1825. When the canal opened, Buffalo became the hub of transportation, immigration, and commerce. Today, a renaissance taking place at Canalside, Buffalo's historic canal district, is making the waterfront one of western New York's most vibrant places to explore and enjoy. Choose from boating, cycling, and hiking options to add active adventure to your journey.

How far? Canalside is just two miles from Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural NHS. Consult your preferred map or map program for directions.



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Start your trip here ▼

Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site

641 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14202
(716) 884-0095

www.TRSite.org; www.nps.gov/thri

Immerse yourself in the sights, sounds and emotions surrounding the pivotal moment in our nation's history when in 1901 Theodore Roosevelt took the oath of office to become president of the United States. As governor of New York, T.R. championed modernization of the state's waterways, leading to the canal system that we use today. As president, he pushed for construction of the Panama Canal between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Discover how the enduring legacy of one of America's greatest presidents affects our lives today. Note that visits are by guided tour only. Reservations recommended, available online at TRSite.org. Check the website or call for tour times. If you are traveling with kids, be sure to pick up a Junior Ranger activity book.

Canalside

44 Prime Street
Buffalo, NY 14202
(716) 574-1537
www.canalsidebuffalo.com

Head to the waterfront for history, fun, and great recreation. The historic western terminus of the Erie Canal has become the centerpiece of waterfront revitalization in Buffalo. Stroll the site to see restored elements of the original Erie Canal Harbor, including Commercial Slip, the historic connection between the Erie Canal and the Great Lakes, and the wooden plank Central Wharf. Events, festivals, and boat tours are on tap throughout the summer season, while The Ice at Canalside offers skating, ice biking, hockey and curling in winter.



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Get Active! ▼

Choose from these great options for active recreation in this area:

Cycle the Erie Canalway Trail

The western end of the 365-mile trail across New York begins in downtown Buffalo at Canalside (near the Naval & Military Park Museum). The route follows the Niagara River, with scenic views and park facilities, including picnic tables and rest rooms at Riverside Park, about five miles from Canalside. For a longer ride, cycle 13 miles to Tonawanda, where today's Erie Canal connects with the Niagara River.

Paddle the Inner Harbor and Buffalo River

Launch your kayak, canoe, or standup paddle board at Canalside and paddle through "elevator alley," where Buffalo's giant historic grain elevators line the Buffalo River. Nowhere else will you get this unique perspective on Buffalo's history as one of the nation's busiest ports during the 1800s and 1900s. Rentals are available at:

- **BFLO Harbor Kayak:**
<http://bfloharborkayak.com>
- **Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper—**
Weekend bike, hike and paddle tours: <http://bnriverkeeper.org>

Take a Cruise

Get on the water for a narrated tour:

- **Buffalo River History Tours:**
<http://buffaloriverhistorytours.com>
- **Queen City Bike Ferry:**
www.queencityferry.com
- **Spirit of Buffalo:**
www.spiritofbuffalo.com
- **Buffalo Harbor Cruises:**
www.buffaloharbortours.com
- **moondanceCat:**
www.moondancecat.com



Explore More ▼

Buffalo Zoo

300 Parkside Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14214
(716) 837-3900
www.buffalozoo.org

Great for kids. The zoo includes an Erie Canal exhibit with heritage breeds of domestic farm animals of the 1800s including, of course, a mule.

Frank Lloyd Wright's Darwin Martin House Complex

143 Jewett Parkway
Buffalo, New York 14214
(716) 856-3858
www.darwinmartinhouse.org

Considered one of Frank Lloyd Wright's finest architectural achievements, this unique residential complex was built between 1903-05 for Buffalo businessman Darwin D. Martin. Restored and open for tours. Reservations recommended.

Preservation Buffalo-Niagara

716-852-3300
www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org

Offers regular tours of Queen City architectural gems and neighborhoods throughout the city.

Best Bet Dining Options ▼

Buffalo has lots of dining options. From Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural NHS, you can walk to Buffalo's famous Anchor Bar, home of the original Buffalo chicken wing, or to the historic Allentown neighborhood, where you'll find unique shops and restaurants. Bring a picnic or choose from several casual eateries at Canalside.

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TOURISM INFORMATION

www.visitbuffaloniagara.com

www.niagara-usa.com

Find other adventures in the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor at www.eriecanalway.org



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