

On Road Alternative Routes for Portions of Erie Canalway Trail affected by Embankment Work and Trail Rehabilitation, June 2019

The NYS Canal Corporation is working on canal embankments in Western New York from Middleport to Brockport. Heavy equipment has disturbed the Canalway Trail. Work is underway to repair impacted sections, but it takes time for new trail surfacing to settle. Caution signs and warnings are not in place at many impacted sections. **Cyclists should strongly consider alternative routes.**

Here are on road routes, listed west to east, for sections where repairs are ongoing. **Please use caution** when cycling on portions of the trail near construction areas and on-road routes.

Main Street lift bridge, Middleport, Niagara County (canal mile 308.9) to Marshall Road, Town of Ridgeway, Orleans County (mile 305.6)

- Cross Main Street lift bridge, Middleport
- Left (east) on State Street / Telegraph Road / Rt 31E
- Continue on Telegraph Road/31E into Medina.

Marshall Road, Town of Ridgeway (mile 308.9) to Prospect Street lift bridge / Rt. Rte. 63, Medina (mile 304.1)

- South on Marshall Road across canal.
- East on Telegraph Road/West Center Street/Rt 31E.
- Left (north) on Ohio St., past hospital to Commercial Street.
- Right (east) on Commercial St to Prospect Ave.
- Left (north) on Prospect Avenue, across lift bridge.
- Right (east) onto trail.

Bates Road, Medina (mile 302.6) to Knowlesville Road (mile 299.5)

- Exit trail at boat launch near Medina Guard Gate.
- Cross canal on Bates Road Bridge (mile 302.6).
- Left (east) on Telegraph Road, past Beals Road. [NOTE: there is no access to trail at the Beals Road bridge.] ,
- Slight left, then left (north) on Culvert Road.
- Pass through culvert under canal.
- Right (east) on Portage Road.
- Rejoin trail at Knowlesville lift bridge (mile 299.5)

Knowlesville (mile 299.5) to Eagle Harbor (mile 296.5)

- Cross Knowlesville lift bridge to south bank of canal.
- Right (east) on Presbyterian Road. Re-cross canal [No trail access at Presbyterian Road bridge]
- Right (east) on Eagle Harbor-Knowlesville Road (CR79).
- [It may be possible to rejoin trail at north end of Allens Bridge Road bridge if work between there and Eagle Harbor is done. Otherwise, stay on road to Eagle Harbor.]

- Rejoin trail at Eagle Harbor lift bridge (mile 296.4)

Eagle Harbor (mile 296.5) to Butts Road, Albion (mile 291.7)

- Cross Eagle Harbor lift bridge to south bank of canal.
- Left (east) on Albion-Eagle Harbor Road (CR2).
- [It may be possible to rejoin the trail via a rough access road at the NE corner of the Gaines Basin Road bridge, if work between there and Albion is complete. Otherwise, stay on CR2.]
- [Limited trail access at NE end Lattins Farm Road bridge (mile 294.3).]
- Albion-Eagle Harbor merges with State School Road to become West State Street on the outskirts of Albion. Continue east on State Street, past Main Street and Orleans County Courthouse, to end.
- Left (north) on Butts Road, cross canal. Steep access to trail an NE corner of Butts Road Bridge.
- [Also possible to access trail at north ends of Main Street lift bridge mile 293.2) or Ingersoll Street lift bridge (mile 293.0), if work east of there is complete. Otherwise, stay on State Street. Brown Street bridge (mile 292.4) is closed to vehicles and lacks trail access.]

RESOURCES

- cycletheeriecanal.com -- the definitive website for the Canalway Trail that includes an interactive map.
- [Cycling the Erie Canal Guidebook](#) from Parks & Trails New York is a comprehensive guide to cycling the Canalway Trail.
- Free trail maps are available from the NYS Canal Corporation. Call 1-800-4CANAL4 (1-800-422-6254) to request one.