E Mile 262.30 43.14022 -77.66584
Bridge E163, Chili Avenue (NY 33A)

E Mile 262.27 43.13990 -77.66562
Bridge E162A, pipeline

E Mile 262.26 43.13976 -77.66548
Bridge E162, Rochester & Southern/B&O Railroad

E Mile 262.24 43.13943 -77.66519
Bridge E161A, pipeline

E Mile 261.54 43.13083 -77.65820
Bridge E161, Brooks Avenue (NY 204)

E Mile 261.26 43.12775 -77.65456
Bridge E160, abandoned railroad bridge built for New York Central Railroad Falls Branch.

E Mile 261.02 43.12583 -77.65076
West Guard Lock
This guard lock protects the canal from flooding on the Genesee River. It marks the western approach to the Genesee River crossing.

E Mile 260.71 43.12317 -77.64566
Bridge E159, Scottsville Road (NY 383)

E Mile 260.61 43.12232 -77.64401
Bridge E158, abandoned Pennsylvania Railroad bridge

E Mile 260.58 43.12209 -77.64352
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  43.12187 -77.64311

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 boat-houses. 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.

43.12008 -77.63644

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 88) 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  43.12096 -77.64326

Genesee Rowing Club
Located on the south side under the expressway.
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 10 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.
PLACES OF INTEREST OFF THE WATER

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

43.15278 -77.58012

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

43.15769 -77.58818

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

43.12485 -77.62314

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

43.15254 -77.58746

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

43.15408 -77.60830

**Rochester Public Library**
115 South Avenue
Rochester, NY 14606
(585) 428-7300
roccitylibrary.org

43.15278 -77.58012

MORE INFORMATION about things to do is available from visitrochester.com or try our 4-day Erie Canal Sampler-Rochester itinerary. https://eriecanalway.org/explore/Plan-Visit

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**E Mile 260.30**
43.12063 -77.64069

Bridge E151, second of three pedestrian bridges to Genesee Valley Park.

**E Mile 260.29**
43.11971 -77.63893

Bridge E150, easternmost of three pedestrian bridges to Genesee Valley Park.

**E Mile 260.27**, south side
43.11978 -77.63945

Red Creek enters the canal here. Informal launch under the I-390 bridge.

**E Mile 260.13**
43.11834 -77.63622

Bridge E149, Moore Road/Main Drive
FACILITIES:
Water, restrooms. Low floating dock. Ample free parking. Distance from parking about 100 feet. Canoe and kayak rentals, instruction and rowing crews can be found here.

DOCKS ON THE GENESEE RIVER

43.13023 -77.63510

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

Brooks Landing
1500 South Plymouth Avenue
Rochester, NY 14611

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

43.14757 -77.61165

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

Three miles north of canal on the Genesee River.

FACILITIES:

LODGING

43.13002 -77.63547

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

E Mile 260.04  43.11760 -77.63478
Bridge E148, formerly a railroad bridge, now a pedestrian walkway.

E Mile 260.02  43.11747 -77.63453
Bridge E147, formerly a railroad bridge, now a pedestrian walkway.

E Mile 259.95  43.11688 -77.63334
East Guard Lock
The guard lock has a vertical lift gate that protects the canal from flooding on the Genesee River. The gate is usually left open during the boating season.

E Mile 259.88  43.11631 -77.63231
Bridge E146A, Kendrick Road

E Mile 259.37  43.11268 -77.62349
Bridge E146, West Henrietta Road/Mount Hope Avenue (NY 15)

E Mile 259.30  43.11232 -77.62213
Bridge E145B, I-390 ramp

E Mile 258.96  43.11041 -77.61605
Bridge E145, East Henrietta Road (NY 15A)

E Mile 258.95  43.11029 -77.61578
Bridge E144E, steam pipeline

E Mile 258.68  43.10884 -77.61087
Bridge E144D, I-390/I-590 westbound

E Mile 258.65  43.10868 -77.61034
Bridge E144C, I-390/I-590 eastbound

E Mile 258.14  43.10583 -77.60120
Bridge E144B, I-390 southbound

E Mile 258.09  43.10559 -77.60028
Bridge E144A, I-390 northbound

E Mile 258.07, north side  43.10561 -77.59972
Brighton Reserve Kayak Launch
Off South Clinton Avenue, Rochester

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

E Mile 258.03  43.10524 -77.59913
Bridge E144, Clinton Avenue South (CR 100)

E Mile 257.28, north side  43.10335 -77.58587
**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.

E Mile 257.00  43.09941 -77.58024
Bridge E143, South Winton Road (CR 98)
**Lock E33, Henrietta**

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

**LIFT:** 25.1 feet.

**FACILITIES:** Water, portable toilet, picnic tables, grills. Limited parking. Steep hand-launch pull-out on the north bank near the upper gates.

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

Designated Biker-Hiker-Boater site.

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

**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

Kings Bend

**Brighton Reserve Kayak Launch**  
E Mile 258.07

**Meridian Centre Park**  
E Mile 257.28

**Erie Canalway Trail**

**Bridge E142, Edgewood Avenue (CR 102)**  
43.09572 -77.56857

**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.**

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**E Mile 256.36**  
43.09572 -77.56857
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 Rochester. 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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PADDLING NOTE: Do not enter what appears to be the spillway on the south side. There is no Lock E31.

E Mile 255.07 43.09111 -77.54404
Bridge E141, Clover Street (NY 65)

E Mile 255.00, south side 43.09056 -77.54159

DEC Pittsford Boat Ramp
2800 Clover Street
Pittsford, NY 14534

FACILITIES: Concrete ramp. Parking for 10 cars. Overnight parking permitted; call (585) 586-1837. Distance from parking about 20 feet.

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

E Mile 254.94, south side 43.09022 -77.54122
Pittsford Crew Dock and Boathouses
Call (585) 234-7463 for information.

E Mile 254.74, north side 43.09072 -77.53779
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 43.09272 -77.52616
NYS Canal Maintenance Shops, Pittsford
Watch out for workboats near the entrance.

E Mile 254.00, north side 43.09356 -77.52403

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**Pittsford Launch**
3899 Monroe Avenue
Pittsford, NY 14534

**FACILITIES:** Accessible dock, ample parking.
No restrooms or facilities. Shops and restaurants are a short walk away.
The NYS Canal Maintenance Shops and Town of Pittsford Sewer Department are adjacent to the launch site.

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**E Mile 253.91**

Bridge E140, Monroe Avenue (NY 31)

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**E Mile 253.68**

Bridge E139, CSX railroad

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**E Mile 253.50**

Bridge E138, Main Street (NY 96)

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**E Mile 253.47, south side**

43.09175 -77.51373

**Port of Pittsford/Pittsford Canal Park**

22 North Main Street

(585) 586-9320
townofpittsford.org

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

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.

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:** Varies. Call ahead for daily schedule.

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Bridge E136, Mitchell Road

Guard Gate 10, Cartersville
To carry the Erie Canal over the valley of the Irondequoit Creek, the original engineers filled the space between three natural ridges with two man-made embankments. Completed in 1822, this section of the canal was a mile long. A new version of the Great Embankment was built for the Barge Canal, cutting straight across the valley with a culvert at its base to pass the creek. Paddlers along this section are well above ground level. Walkers and cyclists on the towpath look down into treetops and the valley below.

This gate along with the guard gate at Bushnell’s Basin to the east can isolate the channel across the embankment in the event of a leak. When open the gate has a clearance of 15.25 feet.

Great Embankment Park
631 Marsh Road
Pittsford, NY 14534

**FACILITIES:** Low dock and fixed dock. Parking for 20 cars. Distance from parking about 20 feet. Picnic tables, pavilion, playground, restrooms at lower level.
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.

LODGING

43.05968 -77.47241

Hilton Garden Inn
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

Perinton Park
E Mile 247.52

Fairport Crew Club Boathouse and Docks

Guard Gate 9, Bushnell’s Basin
E Mile 249.96

Kreag Road Park
E Mile 251.83

Hilton Garden Inn Rochester/Pittsford
E Mile 250.27

Bushnell’s Basin Docks and Canal Amenity Center
E Mile 250.63

Richardson’s Canal House (1818)

Great Embankment Park
E Mile 251.83

Guard Gate 10, Cartersville
E Mile 252.35

Town of Perinton Boat Launch/Ayrault Road Launch
E Mile 249.09

E Mile 250.63
Bushnell’s Basin Docks and Canal Amenity Center
610-624 Pittsford-Victor Road
Pittsford, NY 14534

**FACILITIES:** Electric, water, restrooms, showers. Concrete dock and low floating dock. Limited 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.

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<td><strong>FACILITIES:</strong> Restrooms, picnic tables, grills, pavilion, playground area. High dock. Ample parking. Distance from parking about 450 feet.</td>
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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**

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<td>perintonhistoricalsociety.org</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>Thomas Creek Wetlands Walk</strong></td>
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<td>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.</td>
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**Erie Canal–Fairport**

**PADDLECRAFT RENTALS**

E Mile 246.77 43.10269 -77.44306

*Erie Canal Boat Company*

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

Accessible dock. 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 and cycling through their partnership with Rochester Accessible Adventures.

**WATERWAY CRUISES**

E Mile 246.58 43.10070 -77.44075

*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:** Schedule varies. Call ahead.
Erie Canal–Fairport

E Mile 247.62, north side 43.09904 -77.45624
Fairport Crew Club Boathouse and Docks

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

E Mile 247.61 43.09989 -77.45616
Bridge E129, West Church Street (NY 31F)

E Mile 247.52, north side 43.10133 -77.45652

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

**FACILITIES:** Beach landing, high dock, restrooms, parking, picnic tables, pavilion.

E Mile 246.67 43.10157 -77.44188

**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.

E Mile 246.52 43.10060 -77.43932
Bridge E127, Parker Street

E Mile 246.11 43.09713 -77.43294
Bridge E126, Turk Hill Road (NY 31F)

E Mile 245.86 43.09479 -77.42927
Bridge E125A, pedestrian
This bridge links the Rochester, Syracuse and Eastern rail trail to the Erie Canalway Trail.

E Mile 244.33 43.08733 -77.40183
Bridge E-24, Lyndon Road (CR 44)

E Mile 243.77 43.07572 -77.37197

**Fairport Canal Harbor**

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

**FACILITIES:** Accessible hand-launch, narrow ramp and low docks at Erie Canal Boat Company on north side, west of Main Street liftbridge. Low fixed dock on opposite bank. Electric, water, and docks for larger vessels between Main and Parker Street bridges. Boater restrooms and showers nearby (keypad codes from dockmaster). Ample parking in lots on both sides of the canal; 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.

**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. Use caution.

E Mile 242.07 43.07507 -77.36138
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 provides access for paddlers via ramp or a low dock.

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**Erie Macedon Landing/Erie Canal Adventures**

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 provides access for paddlers via ramp or a low dock.

**Facilities:**
- Full-service commercial marina.
- Small fee for boat ramp. Kayak rentals and guided tours available.
- Lockmaster canal boat rentals from Erie Canal Adventures depart/return from the marina. Charters are available from mid-May to mid-October.

**Bridge E-22, Canandaigua Road**

**Facilities:**
- Water, portable toilet, picnic tables, grills, nature trail. Concrete ramp, fixed dock. 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.

The launch area is in an original section of the Erie Canal. Paddle around the island to get to the lock. 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).

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

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

**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.
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.
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.

Palmyra Canaltown Days is an annual festival celebrating the town’s canal heritage.

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The Historic Palmyra Museum Complex contains five museums that illuminate local history and the role of the Erie Canal.

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**FACILITIES:**

- Restrooms, picnic tables, pavilions, grills. Gravel ramp. Parking for 20 cars. Distance from parking about 20 feet. Launch is at the end of the park road.

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.

**Lock E29, Palmyra**

2685 NY 31<br>Palmyra, NY 14522<br>(315) 597-6981

**E Mile 236.04**

43.06526 -77.24871

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

Lock E29 and the adjacent Palmyra Aqueduct County 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.
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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**Bridge E118, Maple Avenue (CR 210)**

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**Palmyra Boat Launch**
End of Park Drive
Palmyra, NY 14522

**FACILITIES:** Concrete ramp and dock. Ample parking. Distance from parking about 20 feet.
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.

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 43.03991 -77.15423
Bridge E114, Port Gibson Road

E Mile 228.78, south side 43.045085 -77.13073

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

**FACILITIES:** Two concrete boat ramps and launch slide. Restrooms, picnic tables, grills. Parking for 15 cars. Distance from parking about 20 feet. Camping, swimming, wading, and alcohol are not allowed.

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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 43.05243 -77.12754
Bridge E113, Whitbeck Road (CR 224)

Port of Palmyra
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 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**

- **Newark Arcadia Historical Society and Museum**
  - 120 High Street
  - Newark, NY 14513
  - (315) 331-6409
  - newarkarcadiamuseum.org

- **Hoffman Clock Museum**
  - 121 High Street
  - Newark, NY 14513
  - (585) 586-2942
  - hoffmanclockmuseum.org
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.
Port of Newark/T. Spencer Knight Park
199 Van Buren Street
Newark, NY 14513
(315) 331-2705
newarknychamber.org

**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. Wayne ARC operates an ice cream shop and café across the street.

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.

**Lock E28B, Newark**
116 North Clinton Street
Newark, NY 14513
(315) 331-3296

**LIFT:** 12.0 feet.

**FACILITIES:** Portable toilet, picnic tables. Tie up at the lock walls.

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.
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
trailworks.org

The preserve covers 40 acres of mixed wetlands, woods, and fields. Outhouses and picnic tables; no water. No biking allowed.
E Mile 222.27 43.06249 -77.01983

**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*. 

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**LODGING**

43.024233 -77.03271

**Peppermint Cottage B&B**
336 Pleasant Valley Road
Lyons, NY 14489
(315) 946-4811
peppermintcottage.com

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E Mile 222.76, south side 43.06030 -77.01622
Trout Brook enters the canal on the south side just after the lock.

E Mile 221.36, north side 43.06320 -77.00366

**Miller’s Marina**
185 Water Street
Lyons, NY 14489
(315) 946-9363

**FACILITIES:** Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers. Low docks and concrete ramp.

Private marina; paddlers welcome.

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E Mile 221.33, north side 43.06329 -77.00266

**Abbey Park**
177 West Water Street
Lyons, NY 14489
(315) 946-5836

**FACILITIES:** Water, restrooms, picnic tables, grills, pavilion. Fixed dock and gravel boat ramp. Parking for 10 cars. Distance from parking about 20 feet. No swimming.

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 a good 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. Open dawn to dusk.

E Mile 221.01 43.06230 -77.99636

Bridge E101, Leach Road
(crosses directly above Lock 27)
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) 946-6252
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 two-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.
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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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**Lauraville Landing/Village of Clyde Docks**

Meadow Street
Clyde, NY 14433
(315) 923-3971

| FACILITIES: Restrooms, picnic tables, pavilion, electric, water. 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 203.23**  43.99908 -76.76421  
Bridge E91, Mays Point (NY 89)  

**Off the canal**  42.99152 -76.76975  

**Upper Mays Point Launch**  
NY Route 89, opposite South Mays Point Road  
Tyre, NY 13148  

Primitive bank launch on a dirt road parallel to Wiley Road and opposite Lock E25 that allows paddlers to put-in or take-out on an old oxbow of the Clyde River. While not on the canal, it is the best best place to launch in this area. Paddle west for 0.25 mile to an opening to the Erie Canal.

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**E Mile 203.44 to 203.11**  
The Clyde River will meet and leave the canal several times between here and Lock E25. (See page 120.) 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. There are two informal pull outs on both sides.

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**E Mile 205.59**  43.02094 -76.79851  
Bridge E92, Armitage Road (CR 105)  
Armitage Road marks the northern edge of the Montezuma National Wildlife Reserve. There is an informal pull-out and bank launch on the south bank, just west of the bridge.

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**Rivers Crossings Marina and Campground**  
508 NY 89 at May’s Point  
Savannah, NY 13146  
(315) 365-3000  
rccampground.com  

**FACILITIES:** Water, portable restrooms, showers. Dedicated dock and concrete ramp. Distance from parking about 100 feet. Kayak and canoe rentals.  
Private marina and RV Campground.

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Erie Canal–Clyde
table to a point where the marshes almost disappeared. In 1937, the federal government purchased 6,432 acres of former marshland to establish what would become Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge. Civilian Conservation Corps workers built dikes to hold the water at its former level and restore the wetlands. Today the refuge encompasses over 10,000 acres of swamps and pools and is a critical stopping place for migratory birds. In 1973 it was designated a National Natural Landmark by the Secretary of the Interior.

Off the canal 42.99660 -76.76123

**Mays Point Fishing Access**
South Mays Point Rd (Route 105A)
Tyre, NY 13148

It is possible to scramble down steep stone rip-rap to put-in or take-out on a branch of the Clyde River at a level below Lock E25.

DEC fishing access site.

E Mile 201.38 43.00288 -76.73192

**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 214.

**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.
E Mile 200.82, both sides  43.00942  -76.72037

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: Wood debris accumulates between the old arches. Exercise caution when paddling up to view the aqueduct remains.

Off the water  43.01062  -76.70383

Montezuma Heritage Park
8098 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 200.11** 43.01735 -76.71153
Bridge E90, NY 31

**E Mile 200.00, south side** 43.01763 -76.70959

**Montezuma Anchorage Paddle Camp**
447 Bridge Street
Montezuma, NY 13117
(315) 776-9999
montezumacamp.com


Private marina.

**E Mile 199.45, south side** 43.02789 -76.71509
Crane Brook enters from the south.

**E Mile 199.17, north side** 43.03190 -76.71902
A stream enters from the north.

**E Mile 198.93** 43.03688 -76.71847
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** 43.05601 -76.70056
Bridge E87, railroad

**E Mile 196.31, north side** 43.05949 -76.68561
A straight channel joins the canal at marker R508.

**E Mile 195.18** 43.06750 -76.66800
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.
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

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E Mile 195.16, north side  43.06816 -76.66815
Howland Island Wildlife Management Area

**FACILITIES:** Beach landing.
DEC fishing access site.

**PADDLING NOTE:** The closure of the Howland Island Bridge makes this launch very hard to reach by car.

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E Mile 194.78, north side  43.07132 -76.66190
Seneca River diverges from the Erie Canal at Haiti Island. To remain in the canal, stay to the south and look for buoys R500 and G499.

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E Mile 193.77, south side  43.07886 -76.64493
The Owasco Lake outlet joins the canal here.

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Seneca River Port Byron Boat Launch
Conquest Road (NY 38) at bridge
Port Byron, NY 13140

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

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E Mile 193.76, north side  43.07886 -76.64493
A branch of the Seneca River joins the canal here.

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E Mile 193.75  43.07928 -76.64472
Bridge E85, Conquest Road (NY 38)

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E Mile 192.72  43.07651 -76.62558
Bridge E84, O’Neil Road (CR 19B)

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E Mile 191.82, north side  43.07720 -76.58152
A branch of the Seneca River diverges from the canal here to form Frost Island.

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E Mile 191.25, north side  43.07852 -76.58152
A branch of the Seneca River diverges from the canal here to form Hickory 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

43.05042  -76.56228

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

CAMPING

E Mile 189.30, south side 43.07463  -76.56487
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 RV park. Restaurant on site.

E Mile 188.90, south side 43.07051  -76.55718
Weedsport Terminal Wall

E Mile 188.87 43.07069  -76.55663
Bridge E83, NY 34

Seneca River Fishing Access
At Bonta Road Bridge
Jordan, NY 13080

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

DEC fishing access site.

PADDLING NOTE: The site can be very muddy.

E Mile 186.60 43.07672  -76.51441
Bridge E81, Bonta Bridge Road

E Mile 184.70 43.10066  -76.49909
Bridge E80, River Road (CR 61)
CROSS LAKE

E Mile 183 43.10596 -76.48297
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 43.11120 -76.45825
Big Island
The canal takes a sharp turn south at the eastern tip of Big Island.

E Mile 181.85 43.10360 -76.44357
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 43.11299 -76.43882
Bridge E79, Plainville Road (CR 32)
The distance between Bridge E79 and Lock E24 in Baldwinsville is about 8 miles.

CAMPING

43.15022 -76.50253
Cross Lake Inn & Marina
81 Fire Lane 18
Cato, NY 13033
(844) 288-8274
crosslakeinnandmarina.com
3.4 miles north of the canal, on the west side of the lake.

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

43.13410 -76.47434
Sunset Park Campground
455 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 43.15801 -76.36032
Stay to the north side to pass Maloney Island within the canal channel.

E Mile 174.06 43.16145 -76.36308
Bridge E78A, NY 31 and NY 690
Cross Lake—Cross Lake

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Sunset Park Campground
State Ditch Cut
Plainville Road
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Jordan
Baldwinsville

There’s a lot going on in Baldwinsville and at Lock E24. It has a historic dam, a guard gate, and its own island. The lively waterfront includes shops and restaurants are a short walk away on both sides of the Seneca River.

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 that hosts a full summer schedule of concerts and events.

The Baldwinsville Rotary Club sponsors the annual Seneca River Days festival in June. A highlight of the event is the “anything that floats” boat race.

PLACE OF INTEREST
OFF THE WATER

43.15173  -76.33454

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

43.16247  -76.34708

Cooper’s Marina
2302 West Genesee Road (CR 370)
Baldwinsville, NY 13027
(315) 635-7371

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers, docks. Restaurants and convenience stores within walking distance.

Large private marina.
Mercer Memorial Park
1 North Street
Baldwinsville, NY 13027
(315) 635-9665

**FACILITIES:** Water, restrooms, picnic tables, grills, playground, gazebo. Car top launch, roller dock with launch slide and transfer bench, and beach landing. Parking for 10 cars. Free summer concerts in the gazebo.

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 Paper Mill Island near the amphitheater.

**PADDLING NOTE:** Follow the south (right) bank when approaching Lock E24 from upstream (the west) and aim for the tall guard gate at the head of the lock. Stay away from the line of safety buoys above the dam.
Lock E24 was the first operational Barge Canal lock. Construction dredges and workboats passed upstream in 1910, even though 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.

E Mile 172.36 43.15583 -76.33192
Bridge E78, Syracuse Street (NY 48)

E Mile 171.96 43.15343 -76.32537
Mill Island Trail
Baldwinsville, NY 13027
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.

E Mile 171.71 43.15019 -76.32321
Inlet to Fobes Island is on the north side.

E Mile 171.53, south side 43.14821 -76.32055
Baldwinsville Community Park (Lions Park)
Lion’s Parkway, off Maple Road (NY 48)
Baldwinsville, NY 13027
(315) 635-3521

FACILITIES: Toilets, pavilion, picnic tables, grills, playground. Ramp and car top launch with roller dock. Ample parking.

This launch provides access to a section of the Seneca River with great flatwater paddling and abundant wildlife.

E Mile 170.51 43.14164 -76.30537
Bridge E77, railroad

E Mile 167.88, north side 43.12506 -76.26529
J&S Marine
3558 Hayes Road
Baldwinsville, NY 13027
(315) 622-1095
jsmarinejim.com

Large private marina.

E Mile 167.40, north side 43.12741 -76.25757
Winds of Cold Springs Harbor Marina
3642 Hayes Road
Baldwinsville, NY 13027
(315) 622-2211
thewindsofcoldspringsharbor.webs.com

Large private marina.

E Mile 167.40, north side 43.12870 -76.25731
DEC Seneca River Boat Ramp
3654 Hayes Road
Baldwinsville, NY 13207

FACILITIES: Concrete ramp with dock, fishing platform, ample parking.

E Mile 167.18, south side 43.12368 -76.25576
Klein Island and Onondaga Lake Outlet
Barge Canal construction cut through a bend at the confluence of the Seneca River and Onondaga Lake Outlet to form Klein Island.

PADDLING NOTE: Bear south at buoy G285 to head toward Onondaga Lake and Syracuse or go straight ahead toward G283 to continue eastward on the Erie Canal.

CAUTION: There can be a LOT of powerboat and rowing shell activity in this area.