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Signs Installed Along the NYS Canalway Water Trail

(WATERFORD, NY) Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor has recently installed new signs to mark the NYS Canalway Water Trail at more than 140 launch sites along the Erie, Champlain, Cayuga-Seneca, and Oswego canals. The blue and yellow signs are intended to help paddlers identify safe put-in and take-out sites from the water and assist with wayfinding to launch sites from land.

"The NYS Canal System is among the state's greatest recreational assets. We're thrilled that these signs will welcome paddlers and make it easier for them to experience the history and beauty of the canals," said **Bob Radliff, Director of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor**.

Water trail signs are designed to work in tandem with the *NYS Canalway Water Trail Guidebook and Navigational Map Set* and the online www.nycanalmap.com. Paddlers can use these resources to plan a day trip, weekend adventure, or multi-day thru-paddle. www.eriecanalway.org/watertrail.

New York State Canal Corporation Director Brian U. Stratton said, "More and more New Yorkers are bringing their kayaks, paddleboards, water-bikes, and other non-motorized watercrafts to the waters of our Canal System, eager to explore the iconic waterways and natural beauty along the banks. These signs will help ensure visitors can access the water safely, and allow them to navigate the canals appropriately from their first paddle."

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ABOUT THE ERIE CANALWAY

Nearly 200 years after its construction, the Erie Canal remains an iconic symbol of American ingenuity and determination. The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor works to preserve the Nation's extraordinary canal heritage, promote the Corridor as a world-class tourism destination, and foster vibrant communities connected by more than 500 miles of waterway. It achieves its mission in partnership with the National Park Service, New York State agencies, non-profit organizations, local residents, and more than 200 communities across the full expanse of upstate New York.

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