

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.

ROCHESTER



Phil Scallia

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.

43.15278 -77.58012

George Eastman House and Museum

900 East Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607
(585) 271-3361
eastman.org

43.15769 -77.58818

Memorial Art Gallery of the University of Rochester

500 University Avenue
Rochester, NY 14607
(585) 276-8900
mag.rochester.edu

43.12485 -77.62314

Mount Hope Cemetery

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

43.15278 -77.58012

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

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>

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

PADDLECRAFT SALES

43.17595 -77.52219

Oak Orchard Canoe Kayak Experts

1350 Empire Boulevard (NY 404)
Rochester, NY 14609
(585) 288-5550
oakorchardcanoe.com

43.67260 -77.36954

REI

450 East Henrietta Road
Rochester, NY 14620
(585) 242-0787
rei.com

Located at Citygate on the Erie Canal.

PADDLECRAFT RENTALS

43.12271 -77.63654

 **Genesee Waterways Center**

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

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

 **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: Electric, water, restrooms. Car top launch. Restaurants, shops, and attractions nearby.

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**

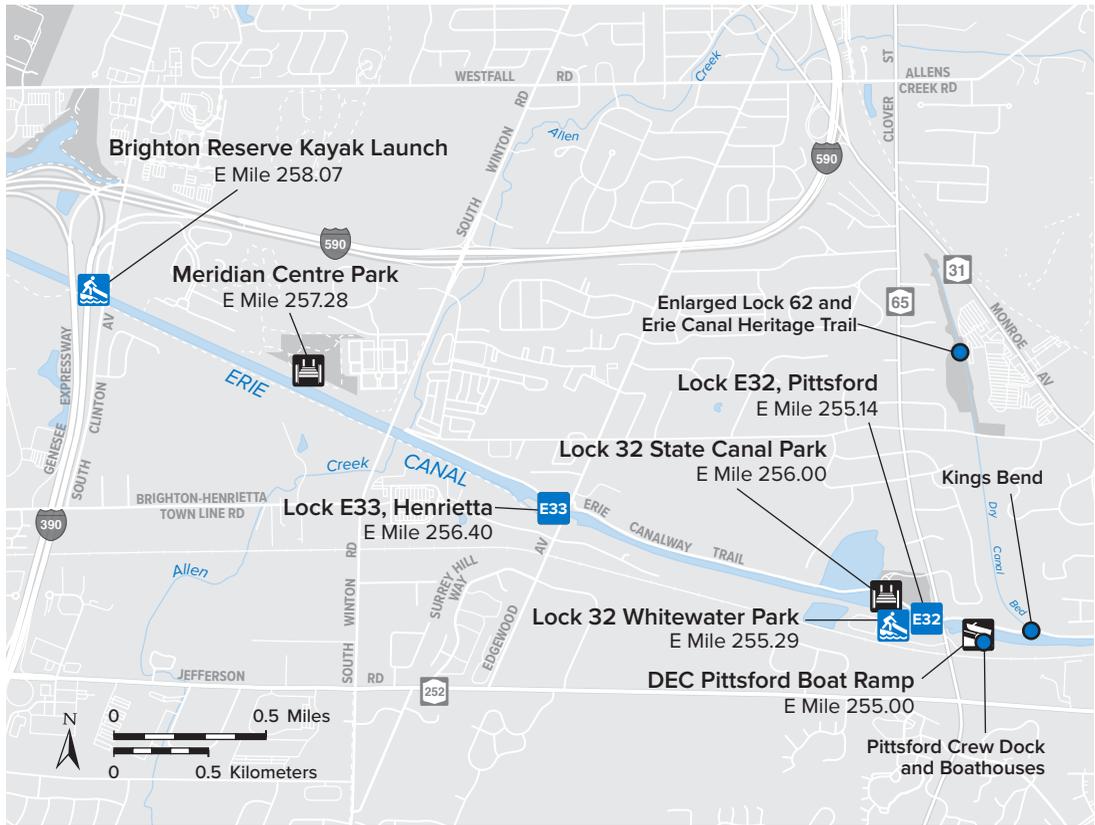
2025 Meridian Centre Boulevard
Rochester, NY 14618
(585) 784-5250
townofbrighton.org

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)



E Mile 256.40, south side 43.09594 -77.56942

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.

E Mile 256.40 43.09258 -77.55166

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.

E Mile 256.36 43.09572 -77.56857

Bridge E142, Edgewood Avenue (CR 102)

PITTSFORD



Frank Forte

Pittsford

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 Rochesterville. 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.

LODGING

43.09223 -77.51507

Canal Lamp Inn B&B

27 North Main Street
Pittsford, NY 14534
(585) 381-4351
canallampinn.com

43.09383 -77.51492

Del Monte Lodge Renaissance Rochester Hotel & Spa

41 North Main Street
Pittsford, NY 14534
(585) 381-9900
marriott.com

E Mile 256.00, north side 43.09214 -77.54769

 **Lock 32 State Canal Park**

2759 Clover Street
Pittsford, NY 14534
(585) 586-1837

FACILITIES: Floating dock. Viewing platform.
Ample parking. Portable toilet.

E Mile 255.14, south side 43.09115 -77.54691

 **Lock 32 Whitewater Park**

2797 Clover Street
Pittsford, NY 14534
(585) 328-3960
lock32.com

The spillway for Lock E32 has been converted into a 600-foot whitewater kayaking course operated by the Genesee Waterways Center. The course drops 25 feet from the height of the lock and contains holes, pools, boils, slalom gates, and a lot of frothy water. GWC members can access the course; kayak, canoe and SUP rentals; kayaking instruction is available. Parking and viewing area are near the launch platform.

NOTE: Operations are weather dependent. The park may be closed on days with heavy rain, thunderstorms, or because water needs to held back to avoid flooding downstream.

Designated Biker-Hiker-Boater site.

E Mile 255.14 43.09120 -77.54490

Lock E32, Pittsford

2785 Clover Street
Pittsford, NY 14534
(585) 586-1837

LIFT: 25.1 feet.

FACILITIES: Tie up for large vessels on the south upstream approach wall. Unimproved pull-out for hand-launch boats on north side near upstream bullnose.

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.

E Mile 254.94, south side 43.09022 -77.54122

Pittsford Crew Dock and Boathouses
Call (585) 234-7463 for information.

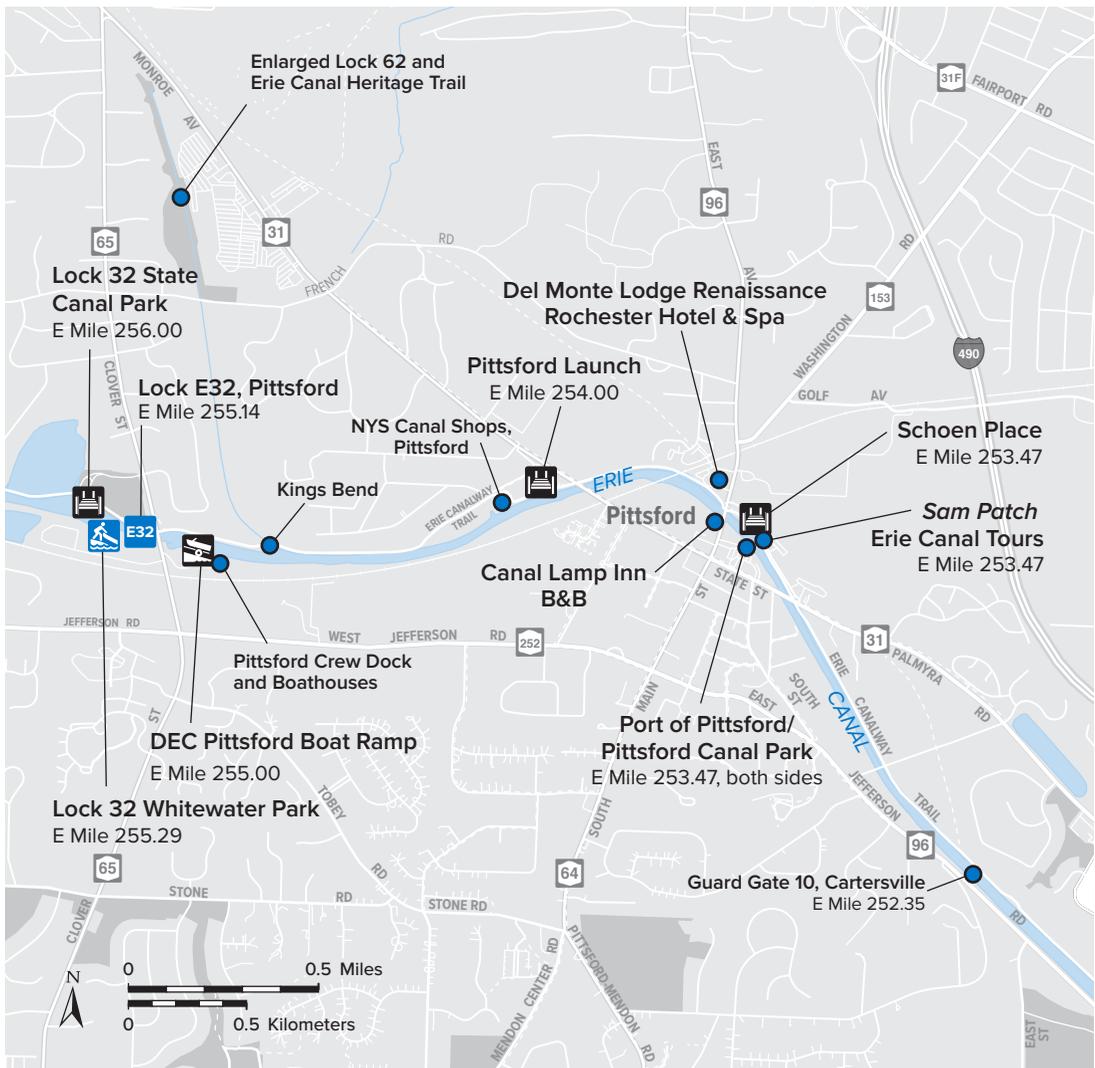
PADDLING NOTE: Crews teams from the rowing club use this area for practice and have priority. Exercise caution to avoid collisions.

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

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.

E Mile 253.91 43.09341 -77.52229

Bridge E140, Monroe Avenue (NY 31)

E Mile 253.68 43.09307 -77.51763

Bridge E139, CSX railroad

E Mile 253.50 43.09259 -77.51467

Bridge E138, Main Street (NY 96)

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.

E Mile 253.47, north side 43.09203 -77.51324

 **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.

E Mile 253.47 43.09203 -77.51324

Sam Patch Erie Canal Tours

12 Schoen Place
Pittsford, NY 14534
(585) 662-5748
samppatch.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.

E Mile 252.72 43.08945 -77.51122

Bridge E136, Mitchell Road

E Mile 252.35 43.09917 -77.50111

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.

E Mile 251.83, north side 43.07404 -77.49319

 **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.

BUSHNELL'S BASIN



Bushnell's Basin

Keith Boas

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

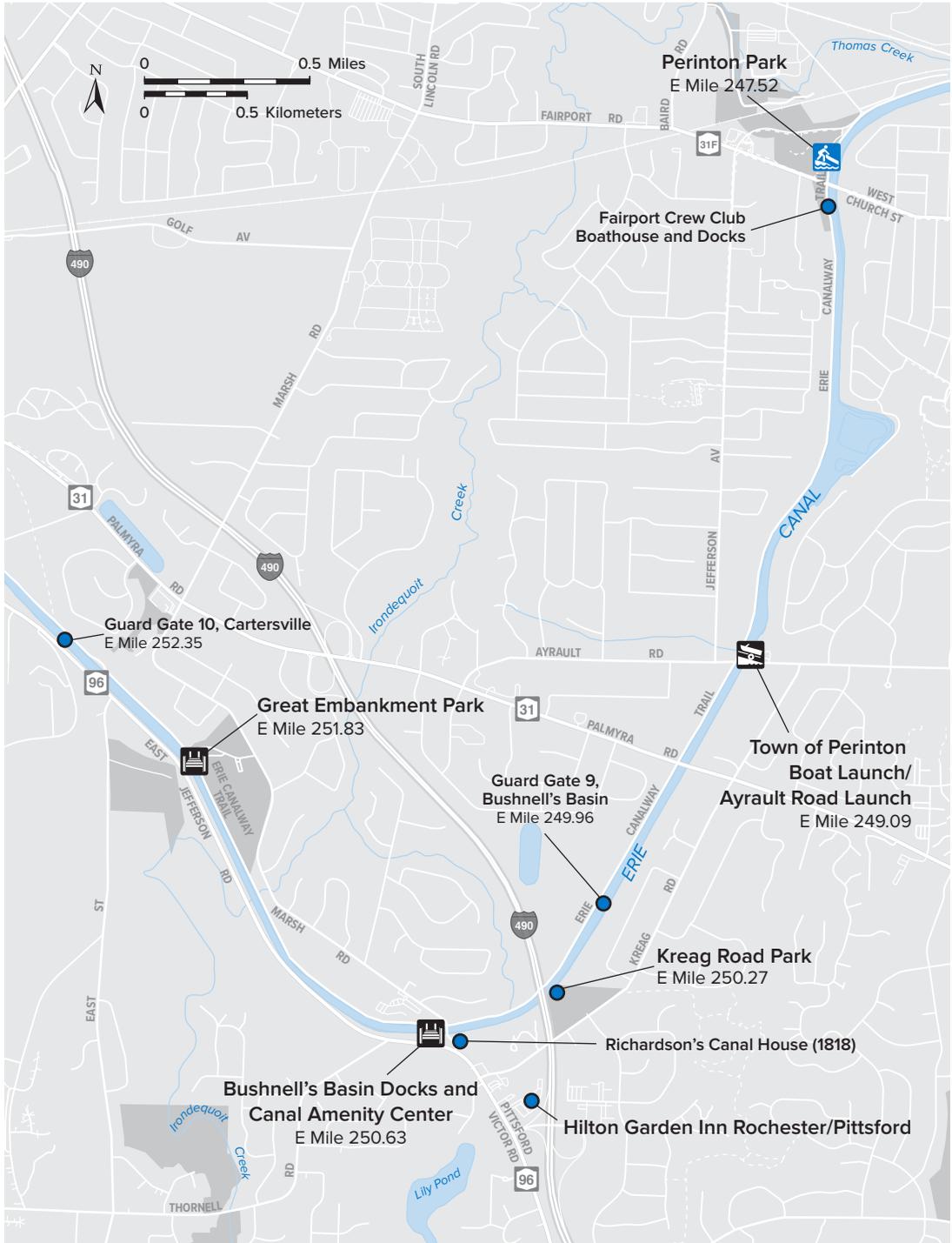
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**Hilton Garden Inn
Rochester/Pittsford**

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



E Mile 250.63, south side	43.06250 -77.47855
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 **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.

E Mile 250.60	43.06262 -77.47767
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Bridge E133, Marsh Road (CR 38)

E Mile 250.29	43.06421 -77.47225
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Bridge E131A, Eastern Expressway (I-490)

E Mile 250.27	43.06450 -77.47138
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 **Kreag Road Park**

555 Kreag Road
Pittsford, NY 14534
(585) 223-5050
perinton.org

FACILITIES: Restrooms, picnic tables, grills, pavilion, playground area. High dock. Ample parking. Distance from parking about 450 feet.

E Mile 249.96	43.06838 -77.46847
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Guard Gate 9, Bushnell’s Basin

E Mile 249.47	43.07441 -77.46405
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Bridge E131, Palmyra Road (NY 31)

E Mile 249.32	43.07643 -77.46270
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Bridge E130A, water pipeline

E Mile 249.12	43.07906 -77.46067
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Bridge E130, Ayrault Road (CR 21)

E Mile 249.09, south side	43.07940 -77.46011
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 **Town of Perinton Boat Launch/Ayrault Road Launch**

426 Ayrault Road
Fairport, NY 14450

FACILITIES: Portable toilet. Concrete ramp. Parking for 12 cars. Distance from parking about 20 feet. No overnight parking.

FAIRPORT



Sandi Osterwise

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

43.10040 -77.44422

Perinton Historical Society

18 Perrin Street
Fairport, NY 14450
(585) 223-3989
perintonhistoricalsociety.org

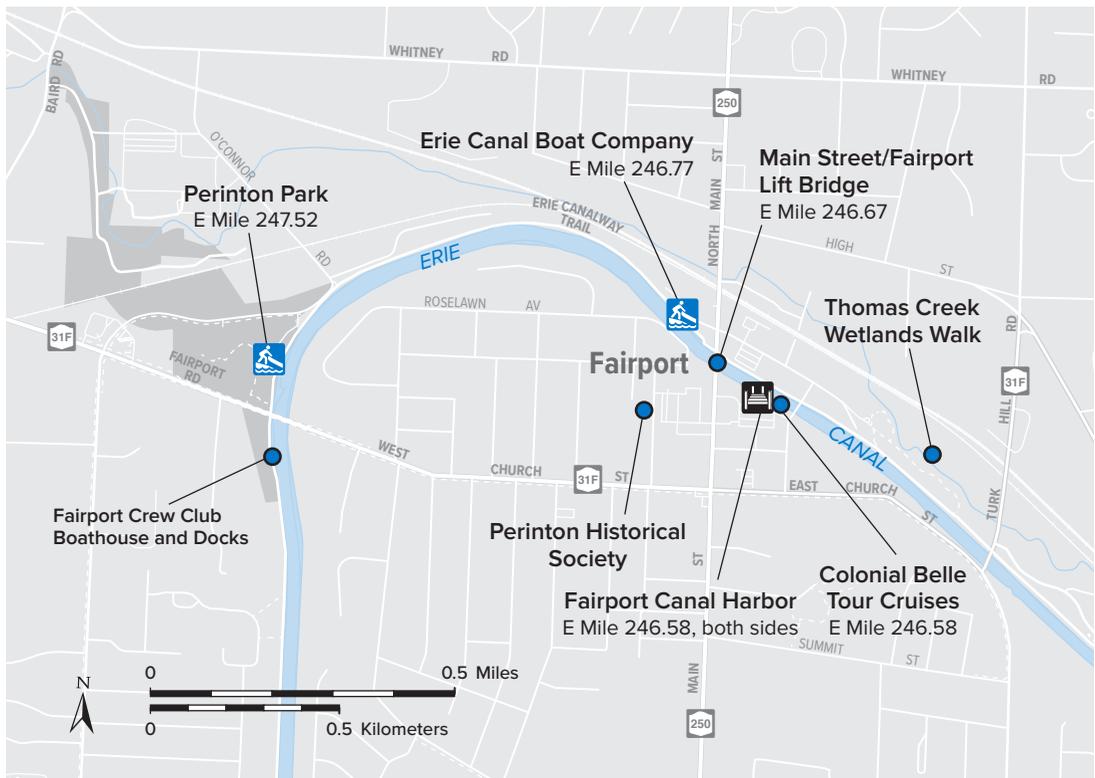
The Perinton Historical Society operates the Fairport Historical Museum. Both are housed in the town’s former library, a landmark building in the Palladian/Georgian Revival or Neoclassical style built in 1937.

43.09957 -77.43483

Thomas Creek Wetlands Walk

43 Liftbridge Lane East
Fairport, NY 14450

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.



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 246.58, both sides 43.10072 -77.44019

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. Shops and restaurants are within easy walking distance of both sides of the canal.

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 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

Numbered buoys mark the canal channel from this point east.

E Mile 242.07 43.07507 -77.36138

Bridge E-23, Wayneport Road (CR 206)

MACEDON

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.

CAMPING

E Mile 240.38 43.07712 -77.32804

Red's Twilight on the Erie RV Resort

1100 Marina Parkway
Macedon, NY 14502
(315) 986-7337
twilightrv.com

E Mile 240.13, south side 43.07631 -77.32303

Erie Macedon Landing/Erie Canal Adventures

1125 Marina Parkway
Macedon, NY 14502
(315) 986-3011
eriecanaladventures.com

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.

E Mile 239.98 43.07697 -77.32055

Bridge E-22, Canandaigua Road

E Mile 239.02 43.07333 -77.30188

Lock E30, Macedon

10 NY 350
Macedon, NY 14502
(315) 986-5631

LIFT: 16.4 feet.

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).

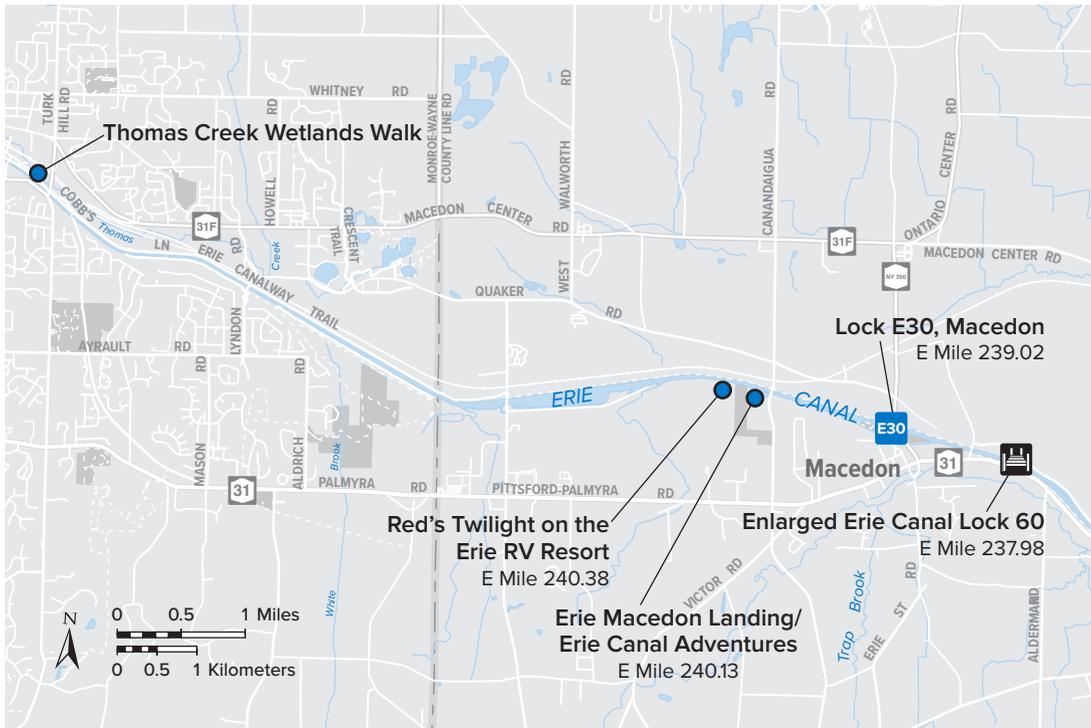
E Mile 238.93 43.07321 -77.30064

Bridge E121, Ontario Center Road (NY 350)
This bridge is supported by the downstream approach walls of Lock E30.

E Mile 238.59 43.07201 -77.29403

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.



E Mile 238.34 43.07120 -77.28954

Bridge E120, O’Neil Road/Quaker Road

E Mile 237.98, north side 43.07022 -77.28247

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.

E Mile 236.54 43.06355 -77.25824

Bridge E119, Walworth Road (CR 208)

PALMYRA

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.

PLACES OF INTEREST OFF THE WATER

43.00697 -77.22623

Hill Cumorah Visitor Center

603 NY 21

Palmyra, NY 14522

(315) 597-5851

churchofjesuschrist.org

Hill Cumorah is approximately 4.4 miles south of the Port of Palmyra Marina.

43.06456 -77.22951

HISTORIC PALMYRA MUSEUM COMPLEX

132 Market Street

Palmyra NY 14522

(315) 597-6981

historicpalmyrany.com

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

Palmyra Historical Museum

132 Market Street

Palmyra, NY 14522

Erie Canal Depot Museum

136 Market St.

Palmyra, NY 14522

William Phelps General Store and Home Museum

140 Market Street

Palmyra, NY 14522

The Print Shop Museum

140 Market Street

Palmyra, NY 14522

Alling Coverlet Museum

122 William Street

Palmyra, NY 14522

LODGING

43.06283 -77.23422

Canaltown Bed & Breakfast

119 Canandaigua Street
 Palmyra, NY 14522
 (315) 597-5553
 canaltownbnb.com

Located 0.50 mile from the Port of Palmyra Marina.

43.06386 -77.23545

Liberty House Bed & Breakfast

131 West Main Street
 Palmyra, NY 14522
 (315) 597-0011
 libertyhousebb.com

Located 0.50 mile from the Port of Palmyra Marina.

E Mile 236.04 43.06526 -77.24871

Lock E29, Palmyra

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

LIFT: 16.0 feet.

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 235.81, south side 43.06515 -77.24407

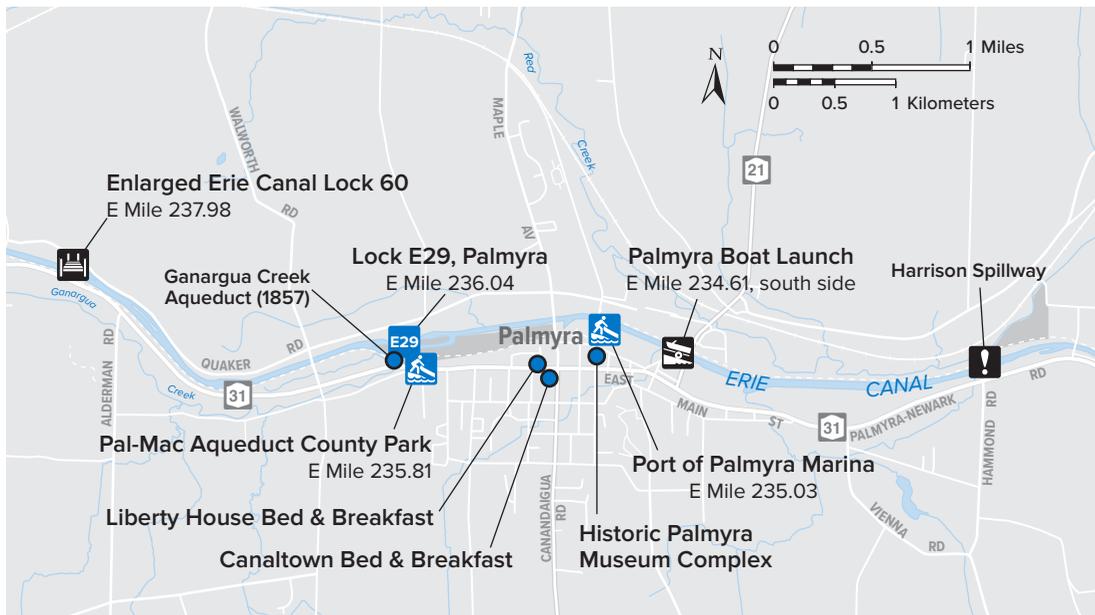
 **Pal-Mac Aqueduct County Park**

527 West Main Street
 Ganargua Creek at western end
 Palmyra, NY 14522
 (315) 946-5836

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.



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.

E Mile 235.28 43.06710 -77.23399

Bridge E118, Maple Avenue (CR 210)

E Mile 235.06 43.06735 -77.22956

Bridge E117, Division Street

E Mile 235.03, south side 43.06651 -77.22879

 **Port of Palmyra Marina**

2667 NY 31
 (just east of Division Street Bridge)
 Palmyra, NY 14522
 (315) 597-4807
 palmyrany.com

FACILITIES: Wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers. Car top launch, terraced steps. Parking for 30 cars. Muddy Waters Café is right on the canal at Division Street. From the marina, it’s an easy walk to the shops, restaurants, and history museums of Palmyra.

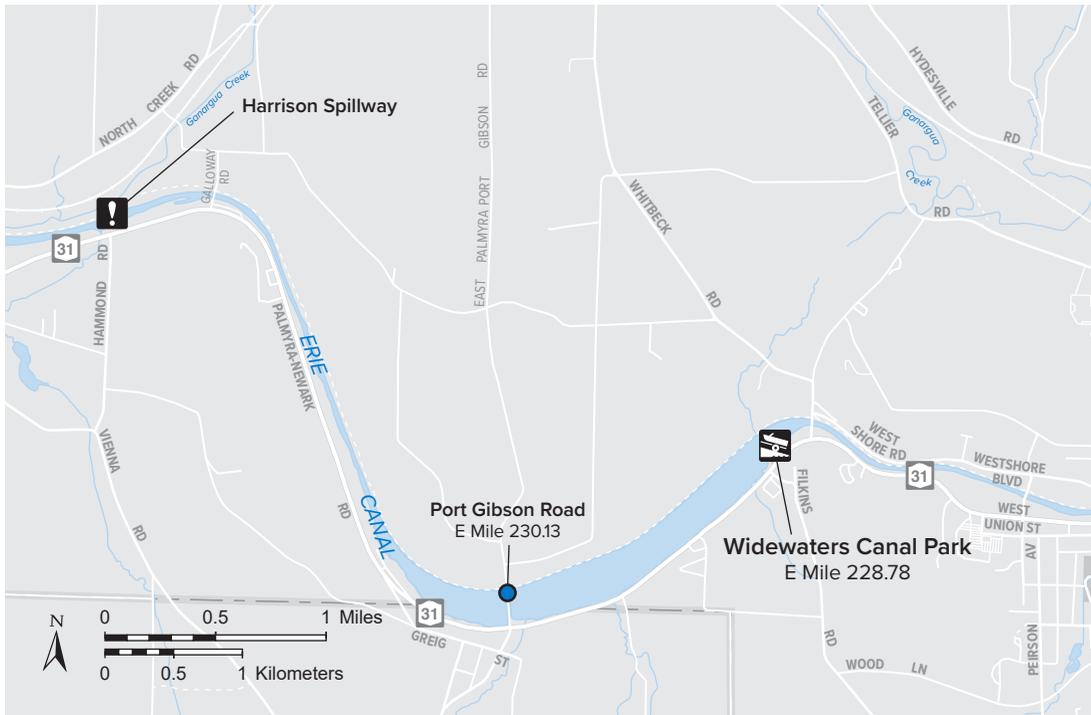
E Mile 234.61, south side 43.06495 -77.22134

 **Palmyra Boat Launch**

End of Park Drive
 Palmyra, NY 14522

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

Erie Canal–Palmyra



E Mile 234.56 43.06482 -77.22043

Bridge E116, Palmyra-Marion Road (NY 21)

E Mile 233.00, north side 43.06813 -77.18563

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.

E Mile 232.54 43.06618 -77.18147

Bridge E115, Galloway Road

E Mile 230.30

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
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.

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)

Keith Boas



Port of Palmyra

NEWARK



Port of Newark

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

43.04420 -77.09746

**Newark-Arcadia Historical Society
and Museum**

120 High Street
Newark, NY 14513
(315) 331-6409
newarkarcadiamuseum.org

43.04461 -77.09740

Hoffman Clock Museum

121 High Street
Newark, NY 14513
(585) 586-2942
hoffmanclockmuseum.org

E Mile 226.68, both sides 43.04767 -77.09318

🏢 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.

E Mile 226.66 43.04748 -77.09264

Bridge E110, East Avenue/Veteran’s Memorial Bridge
Don’t miss the extensive murals painted on the north abutment of the Veteran’s Memorial Bridge.

E Mile 226.38 43.04722 -77.08733

Bridge E109, abandoned Pennsylvania Rail Road bridge

E Mile 226.25 43.04696 -77.08467

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.

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.

E Mile 226.21 43.04685 -77.08382

Bridge E108, North Clinton Street

E Mile 224.65 43.05810 -77.05902

Bridge E106, CSX railroad

E Mile 223.70 43.06587 -77.04387

Bridge E105, County House Road

E Mile 222.46, south side 43.06604 -77.02693

Enlarged Erie Canal Lock 56

The remains of Enlarged Erie Canal Lock 56 are on the south side, about half a mile before Lock E28A. Also known as the Poor House Lock because it was near the county home (now the site of the county jail), this lock was built in 1849, extended in 1888, and superseded by the Barge Canal in 1915. The stone lock chambers and associated structures are in fairly good shape and the site still holds some water. An old brick house nearby was once a grocery but is now a private residence.

E Mile 222.30

The silver dome of the 1854 Wayne County Courthouse in the village of Lyons comes into view.

LYONS



Mark DeCracker

Paddlers near Lyons

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

43.06285 -77.99621

H.G. Hotchkiss Peppermint Museum

95 Water Street
 Lyons, NY 14489
 (315) 946-4596
 lyonsheritagesociety.org

43.06499 -77.03949

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.

LODGING

43.024233 -77.03271

Peppermint Cottage B&B

336 Pleasant Valley Road
Lyons, NY 14489
(315) 946-4811
peppermintcottage.com

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*.

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.

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)

E Mile 220.99 43.06223 -76.99612

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.

E Mile 220.82, south side 43.06116 -76.99406

 **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.

E Mile 220.80, north side 43.06150 -76.99287

 **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.

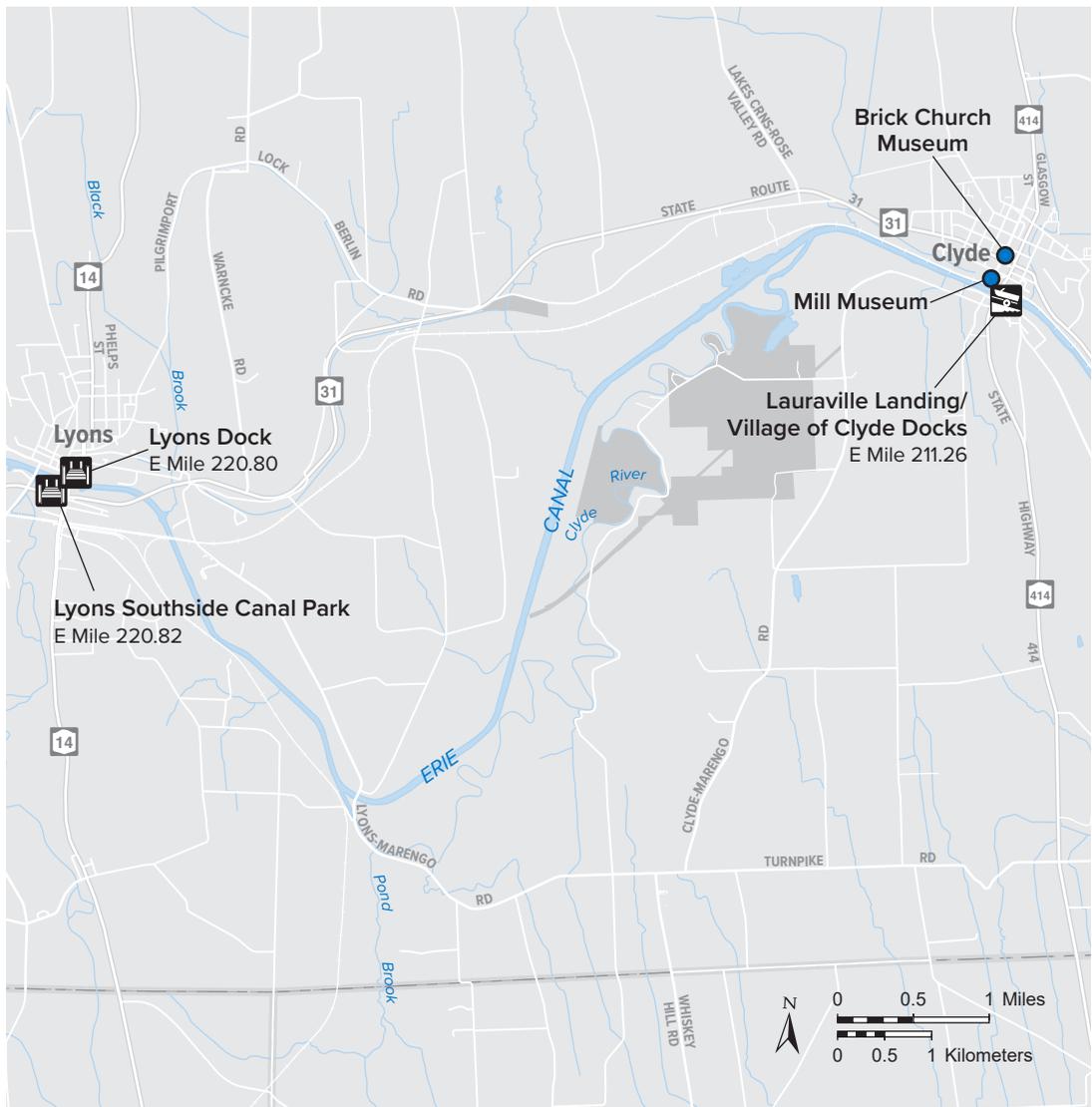
E Mile 220.77 43.06094 -77.99207

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.



E Mile 220.27 43.05986 -76.98252

Bridge E99A, Forgham Street (NY 31)

E Mile 219.94 43.05615 -76.97873

Bridge E99, CSX railroad

E Mile 218.67 43.04220 -76.96370

Bridge E97, abandoned railroad

E Mile 217.76 43.03208 -76.95376

Bridge E96, Lyons-Marengo Road (CR 344)

CLYDE

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 Glasgow Street (NY 414) bridge on foot instead.

E Mile 211.32 43.08107 -76.87170
 Bridge E94, Glasgow Street (NY 414)

E Mile 211.26, south side 43.08049 -76.87057

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.

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.

43.08479 -76.87081

Brick Church Museum

31 North Park Street
 Clyde, NY 14433
 (315) 923-7150

43.08256 -76.87259

Mill Museum

14 Sodus Street
 Clyde, NY 14433
 (315) 923-7150

E Mile 209.36 43.06473 -76.84146
 Bridge E93, abandoned railroad

E Mile 209.12, south side 43.06148 -76.83969

Lock E26 Car Top Launch

11500 Lock Road, about 750 feet upstream of the lock
 Clyde, NY 14433
 (315) 923-9720

FACILITIES: Hand launch. Parking for five cars. Distance from parking about 20 feet.

E Mile 208.94	43.05905 -76.83818
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Lock E26, Clyde

11500 Lock Road
Clyde, NY 14433
(315) 923-9720

LIFT: 6 feet.**FACILITIES:** Tie up at walls on south side above and below the lock.**PADDLING NOTE:** Warning buoys support a cable that marks off the area around the movable dam. Do not enter this area.

E Mile 209.44 to 203.11	
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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.

E Mile 205.59	43.02094 -76.79851
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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.

E Mile 203.67, north side	43.00258 -76.76999
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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.

E Mile 203.23	43.99908 -76.76421
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Bridge E91, Mays Point (NY 89)

Off the canal	42.99152 -76.76975
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 **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 place to launch in this area. Paddle west for 0.25 mile to an opening to the Erie Canal.

E Mile 203.11	42.99878 -76.76178
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Lock E25, Mays Point

546 South Mays Point Road
Savannah, NY 13146
(315) 365-3241

LIFT: 6 feet.

A vast marshland used to extend from Mays Point and Cayuga Lake outlet to Cross Lake. These wetlands along the Clyde and Seneca rivers posed major challenges to canal builders. Channels cut through the thick, waist-deep mud would fill back in overnight. When work began in the summer of 1818, many of the workers recruited to do the digging were infected by the malaria-carrying mosquitoes that swarmed in the marshes; others were felled by typhus and other illnesses. When cold weather killed off the mosquitoes for the season and froze the mud, the pace quickened and this section of the canal was completed in the spring of 1819.

Soon after the canal opened, new settlers pressed the state to drain the marshes so the rich underlying soil could be farmed. Barge Canal construction in the bed of the Seneca River during the early 1900s lowered the water

Erie Canal—Clyde

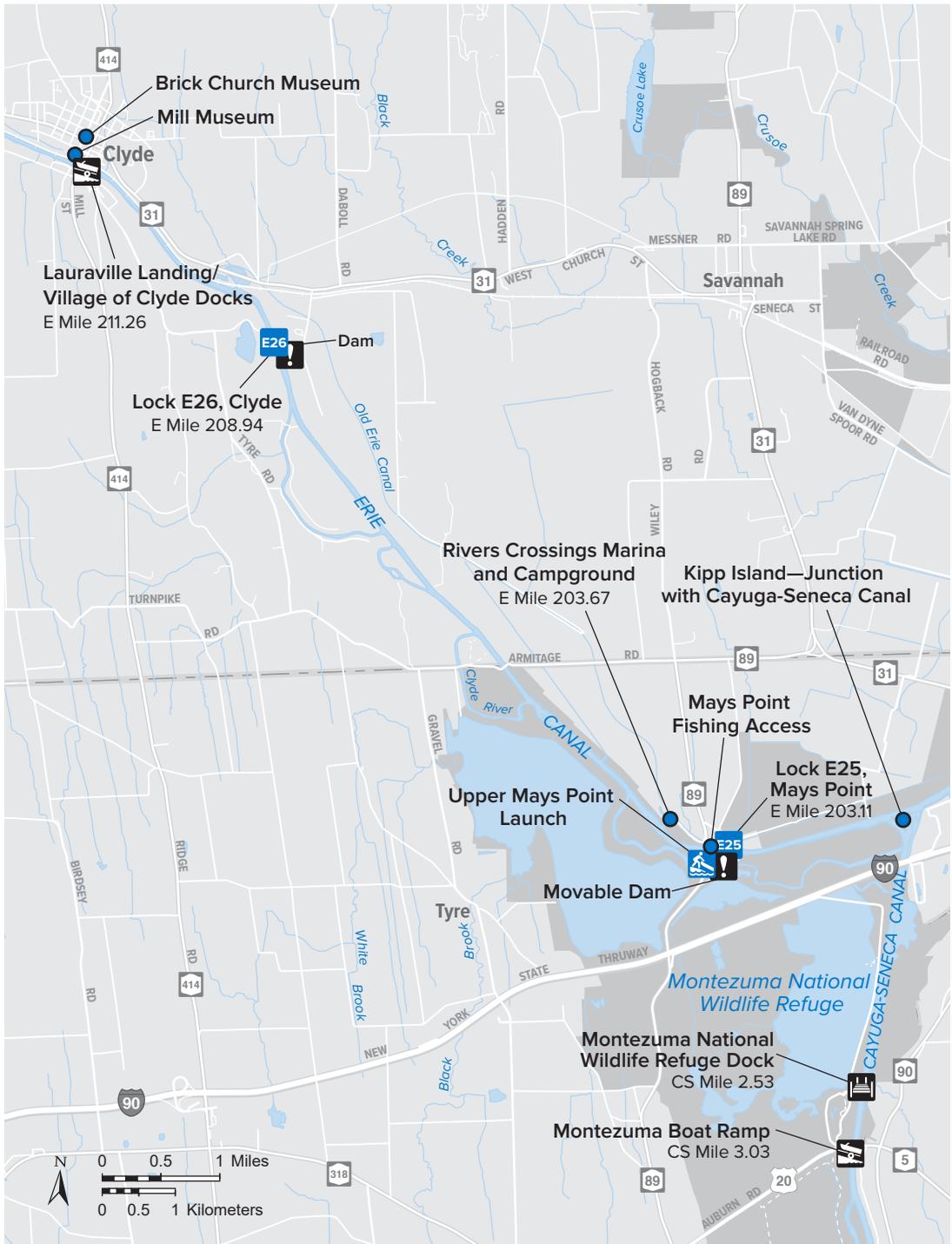


table to a point where the marshes almost disappeared. In 1937, the federal government purchased 6,432 acres of former marshland to establish what would become Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge. Civilian Conservation Corps workers built dikes to hold the water at its former level and restore the wetlands. 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.

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.

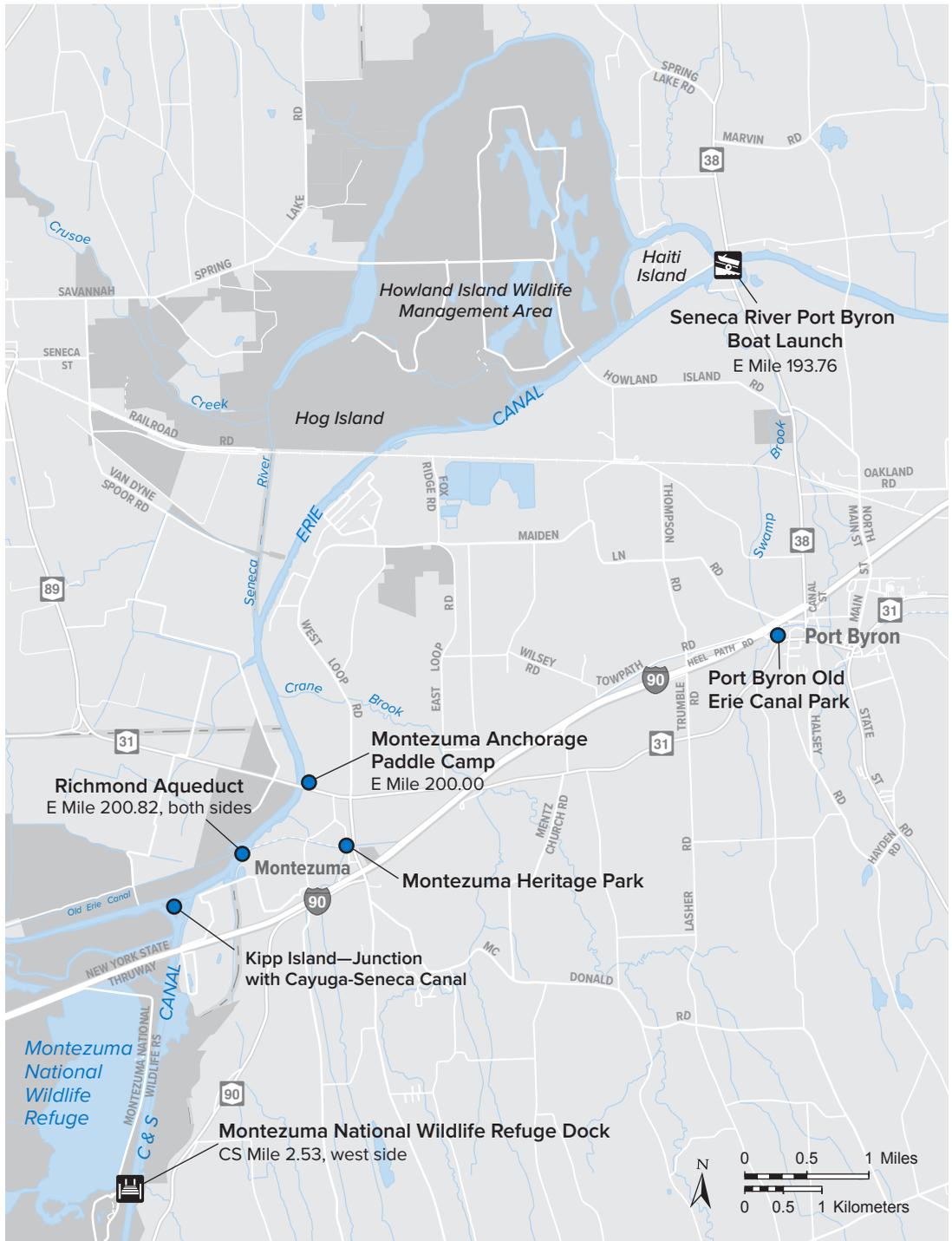
Off the water 43.01062 -76.70383

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

FACILITIES: Electric, water, portable restrooms, camping. Floating docks, ramp. Ample parking.

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.



Richard Jordan

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

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.

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.

E Mile 193.77, south side 43.07681 -76.64825

The Owasco Lake outlet joins the canal here.

E Mile 193.76, south side 43.07886 -76.64493

 **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.

E Mile 193.76, north side 43.07886 -76.64493

A branch of the Seneca River joins the canal here.

E Mile 193.75 43.07928 -76.64472

Bridge E85, Conquest Road (NY 38)

E Mile 192.72 43.07651 -76.62558

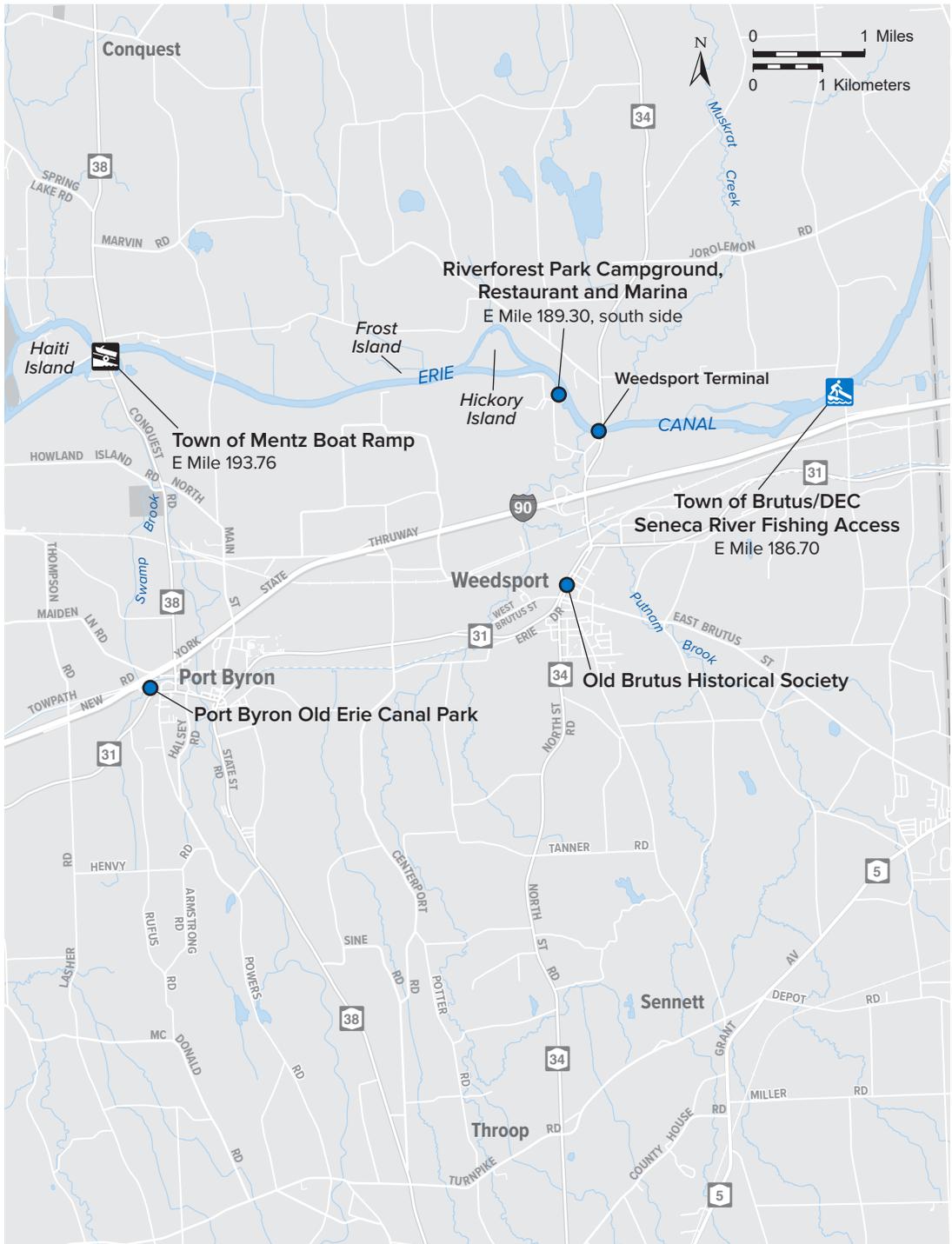
Bridge E84, O'Neil Road (CR 19B)

E Mile 191.82, north side 43.07720 -76.58660

A branch of the Seneca River diverges from the canal here to form Frost Island.

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.

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

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

E Mile 186.70, south side 43.07606 -76.51452

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.

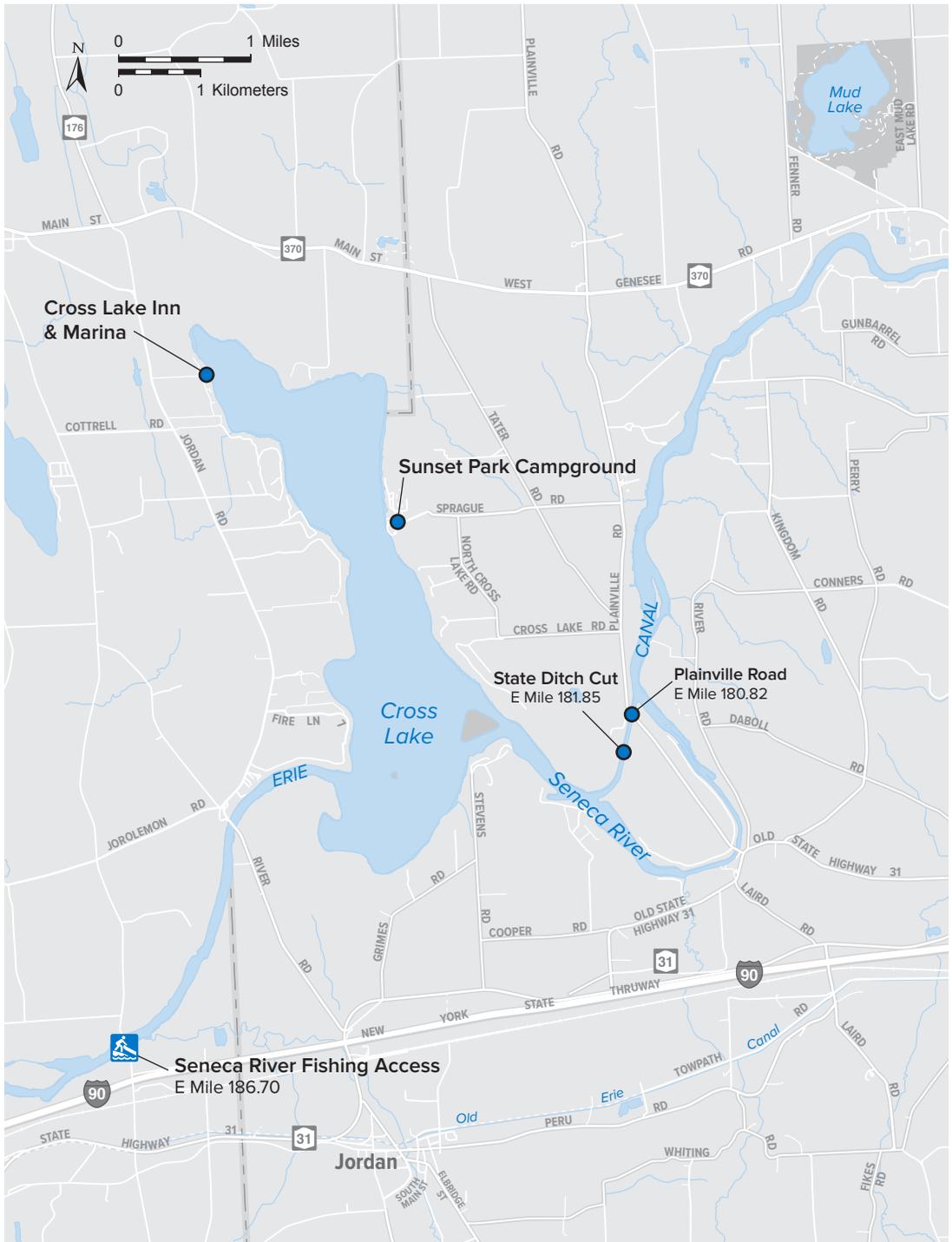
FACILITIES: Dedicated dock. Camping. Distance from parking about 0.15 miles.

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



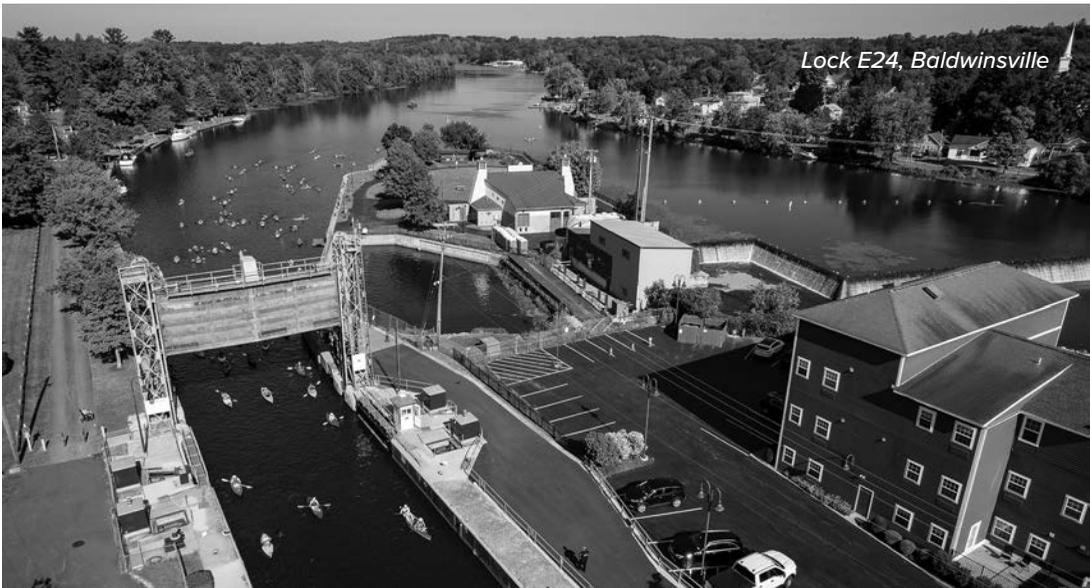
BALDWINSVILLE

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.



Lock E24, Baldwinsville

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

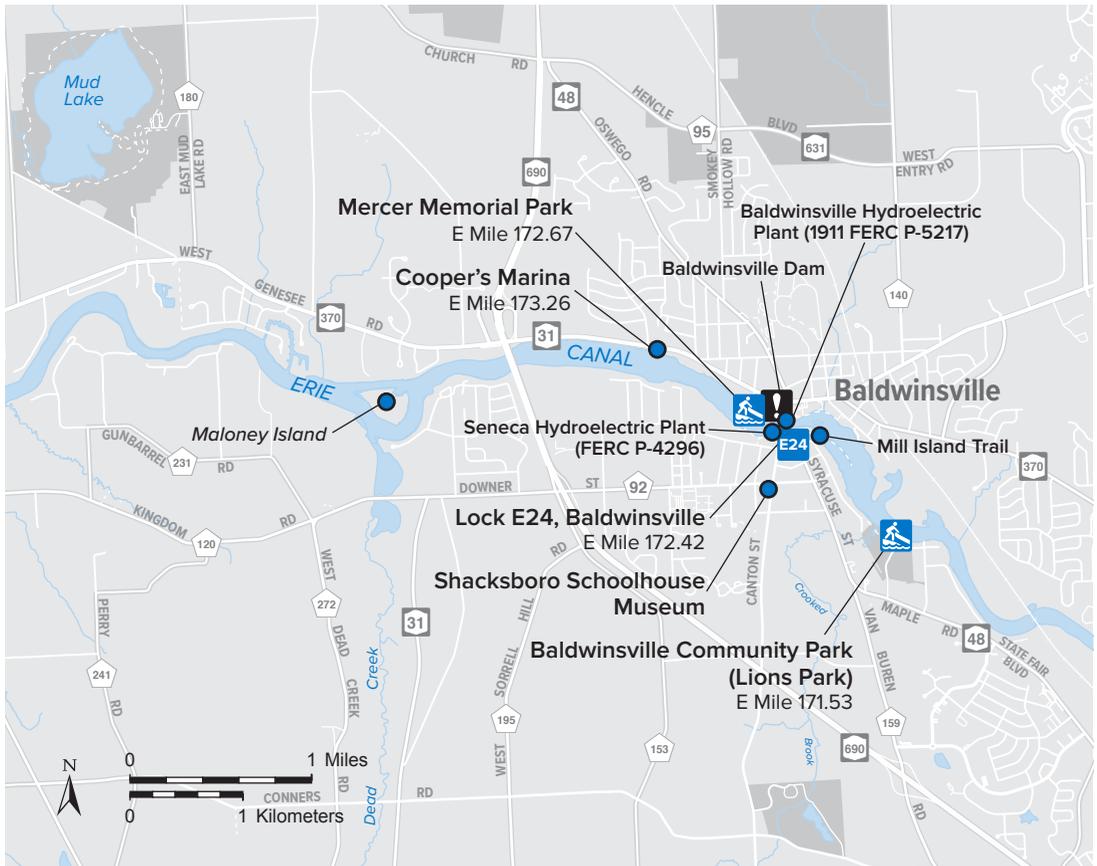
E Mile 173.26, north side 43.16247 -76.34708

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.



E Mile 172.67, north side 43.15798 -76.33680

 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.

E Mile 172.42 43.15583 -76.33280

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.

Erie Canal–Baldwinsville

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

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers. Floating docks, ramp.

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

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers, camping. Tiki Bar, paddlecraft rentals. Beach landing, concrete ramp, and dock.

Large private marina.

E Mile 167.40, north side 43.12870 -76.25731

DEC Seneca River Boat Ramp

3654 Hayes Road
Baldwinsville, NY 13027

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.