

ONONDAGA LAKE AND THE SYRACUSE REGION



Willow Bay at Onondaga Lake Park

Follow the path where mules once trod and where the mighty Erie Canal gave rise to cities, towns, and industries in the 1800s.

Like many upstate cities, Syracuse grew along the banks of the canal. The route shifted north to the bed of the Seneca River during the early 1900s. Syracuse remained connected to the canal via Onondaga Lake. You'll find the influence of the canal's heyday in the Syracuse region in the city's architecture and at local historic sites, museums, and at the Old Erie Canal State Historic Park.

Onondaga Lake is sacred to the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) people. The Onondaga Nation (people of the hills) are keepers of

the central fire of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, made up of the Seneca, Tuscarora, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, and Mohawk nations. The canal and water trail pass through their ancestral lands.

In the early 1900s, factory workers from Syracuse used to flock to beaches, parks, and dance halls along the shores of Onondaga Lake. But by 1940, swimming had been banned due to a combination of industrial discharge and untreated sewage. Onondaga Lake became notorious as the most polluted lake in America. Today, massive cleanup efforts have improved water quality dramatically. Swimming is now permitted in the northern portion.





PLACES OF INTEREST OFF THE WATER



Old Erie Canal State Historic Park

parks.ny.gov

Thirty-six miles of the original Erie Canal, stretching from DeWitt, just east of Syracuse, to New London and the outskirts of Rome, features five stone arch aqueducts and a number of historic structures. The park includes the Erie Canalway Trail, which follows the old towpath and is suitable for bicycling, walking, and running. Paddling is an option in certain sections of the park. (See pages 134-135.)

PADDLING NOTE: Launch sites are being developed at the Cedar Bay Picnic Area, Poolsbrook Widewater, Manlius Center, and Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum. A paddling guide is available at tourthetowpath.com.

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Camillus Erie Canal Park

5750 Devoe Road
Camillus, NY 13031
(315) 488-3409
eriecanalcamillus.com

Located along the Old Erie Canal, the park features Sims Store Museum and the award-winning 1842 Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct, which was restored and rewatered in 2009. Narrated boat tours are conducted May through October.

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Canastota Canal Town Museum

122 Canal Street
Canastota, NY 13032
(315) 697-5002
canastota-canal.com

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Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum

717 Lakeport Road
Chittenango, NY 13037
(315) 687-3801
chittenangolanding.org

Restored dry docks, replica canal boat, blacksmith shop, and exhibits illustrate what life was like on the Erie Canal in the 1800s. The museum offers bike and kayak rentals.

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Erie Canal Museum

318 Erie Boulevard East
Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 471-0593
eriecanalmuseum.org

Extensive collection and exhibits on all facets of the Erie Canal. Housed in the only remaining Weighlock Building (1850) where canal boats were weighed when traveled through Syracuse.

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Skä•noñh—Great Law of Peace Center

6680 Onondaga Lake Parkway
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 453-6767
skanohcenter.org

A Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Heritage Center focuses on the story of the Onondaga Nation of central New York.

43.08795 -76.22522

Amphitheater at Lakeview

490 Restoration Way
Syracuse, NY 13209
(315) 435-5100
asmsyracuse.com

An outdoor concert venue on Onondaga Lake. Lakeview Point Landing has an access point for paddlers to reach the amphitheater.

43.04473 -76.14893

Everson Museum of Art

401 Harrison Street
Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 474-6064
everson.org

Notable for its collection of American paintings, renowned ceramics and video art. The building was designed by I.M. Pei.

Green Lakes State Park

7900 Green Lakes Road
Fayetteville, NY 13066
(315) 637-6111
nysparks.com/parks

The park includes two aquamarine glacial lakes surrounded by upland forest. Swimming beach, paddlecraft rentals, 18-hole golf course, 10 miles of trails, camping. A pedestrian bridge over the Old Erie Canal links trails with the Empire State Trail through Old Erie Canal State Park.

MORE INFORMATION about things to do in the Syracuse area, including dining and lodging, is available at **madisontourism.com** and **visitsyracuse.com**.

Use our 3-day Erie Canal Sampler-Syracuse Itinerary to experience many cultural, arts, and culinary attractions in Syracuse and Central New York. **<https://eriecanalway.org/explore/Plan-Visit>**

LODGING

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Aloft Syracuse Inner Harbor

310 West Kirkpatrick Street
Syracuse, NY 13204
(315) 422-1700
marriott.com

Onondaga Lake Park

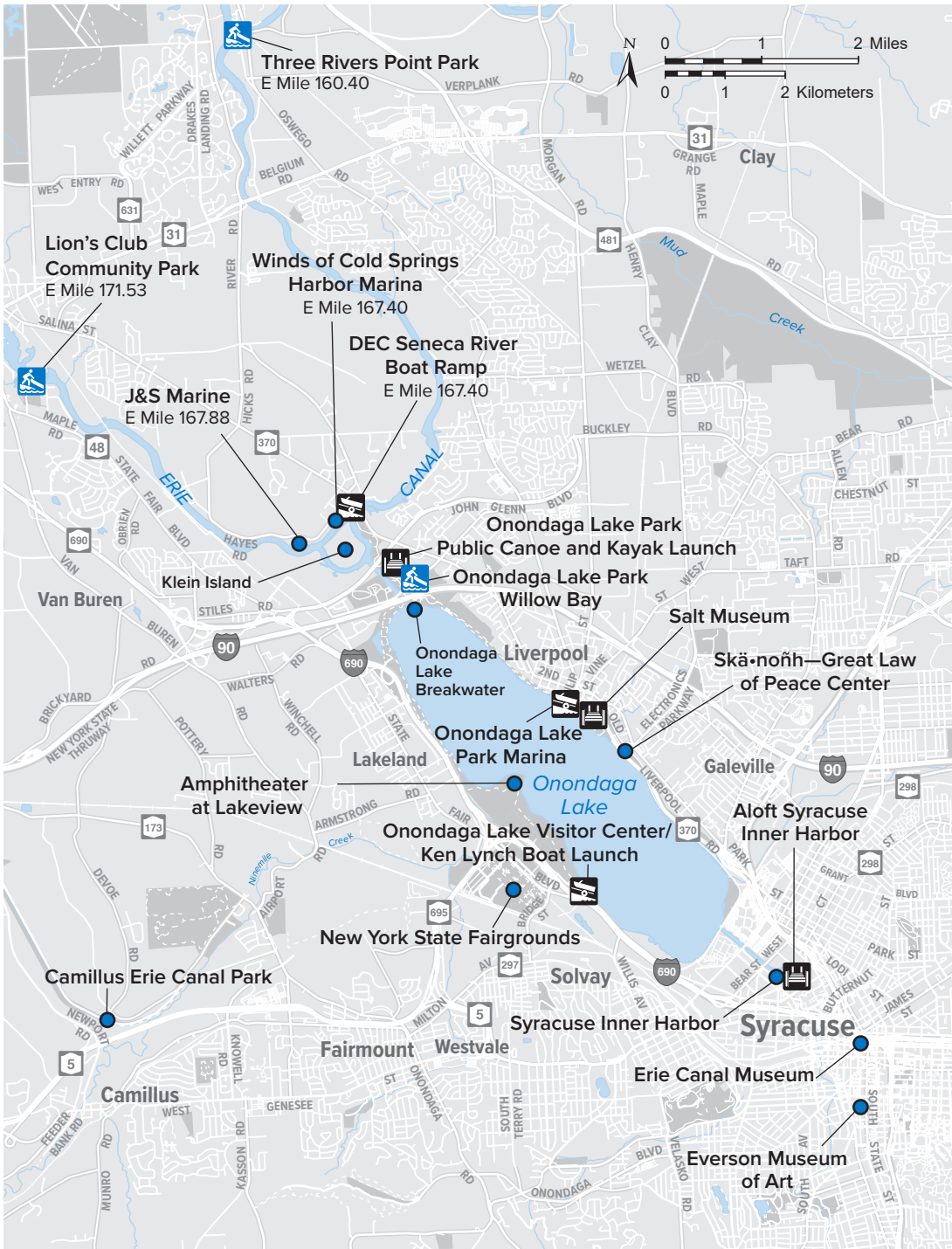
Headquarters at 106 Lake Drive
(off Onondaga Lake Parkway, NY 370)
Liverpool, NY 13088
(315) 453-6712
onondagacountyparks.com

Often called the “Central Park of Central New York,” this county park is a 7.5-mile linear greenway with many trails and recreational facilities. It is located on both sides of the north end of Onondaga Lake.

There are several parking areas and informal hand-launch sites at gravel beaches along the east side of the lake. The Willow Bay section of the park has parking, restrooms, and picnic shelters. There is also an informal beach launch at the west end of the Long Branch Road bridge over Onondaga Lake Outlet with parking nearby. The Onondaga Lake Park marina in Liverpool has the only paved boat ramp on the lake (\$10 fee per launch).

PADDLING NOTE: There can be a lot of traffic on the narrow Onondaga Lake Outlet, including powerboats, jet skis, and rowing shells. The floating docks and boathouses of Syracuse University and the Syracuse Chargers on the east side of the outlet are off limits.

Erie Canal–Onondaga Lake and the Syracuse Region



Onondaga Lake 43.12031 -76.24786

 Onondaga Lake Outlet Launch

2152 Onondaga Lake Parkway
Liverpool, NY 13090

FACILITIES: Roller dock, gravel beach landing about 350 feet north, ample parking

DRIVING NOTE: This section of Onondaga Lake Parkway is one-way. The entrance is off Cold Springs Road north of John Glenn Boulevard near the Wegman's Good Dog Park. The exit is on Long Branch Road.

Onondaga Lake 43.11527 -76.24075

 Willow Bay

The gravel beach at Onondaga Lake Park's Willow Bay unit is a good place to launch paddlecraft and a great place to watch sunsets over the water or fireworks at the State Fair.

FACILITIES: Beach landing, restrooms, picnic pavilions, ample parking.

Onondaga Lake 43.10025 -76.20938

 Onondaga Lake Park Marina

99 Vine Street
Liverpool, NY 13088

FACILITIES: Paved ramp (fee) restrooms, showers.

Onondaga Lake 43.09928 -76.20738

 Salt Museum

106 Lake Drive
Liverpool, NY 13088

Salt springs bubble to the surface near Syracuse. Converting brine into salt and salt-based chemicals became a major industry. Canal boats carried the product far and wide and salt tolls and taxes helped pay

for the canal's construction and enlargement. The Salt Museum is housed in the last surviving boiling block, where brine that had concentrated in shallow pans under the sun was purified and dried into crystals.

FACILITIES: Dock, restrooms, exhibits.

Onondaga Lake 43.07274 -76.20450

 **Onondaga Lake Visitor Center/
Ken Lynch Boat Launch**

280 Restoration Way
Syracuse, NY 13209
(315) 552-9751
lakecleanup.com

FACILITIES: Viewing deck, restrooms, concrete ramp south of the center, hand-launch beach on the north side. Visitor Center with exhibits on the restoration of Onondaga Lake after more than a century of industrial abuse.

Onondaga Lake 43.06050 -76.16360

Syracuse Inner Harbor

328 West Kirkpatrick Street
Syracuse, NY 13204
(315) 663-2100
thesyracuseinnerharbor.com

Located at the south end of Onondaga Lake, this area is under development as a new urban neighborhood with unique waterfront access linking the city to the lake.

E Mile 167.10 43.12998 -76.25343

Bridge E73, Cold Springs Road (NY 370)

E Mile 162.39 43.17565 -76.27641

Bridge E72, Belgium Road (NY 31)

E Mile 160.45 43.20131 -76.28037

Three Rivers Junction with Oswego Canal

The Oneida River and the Seneca River merge here to become the Oswego River. The Oswego River and Canal and river flow north for some 23 miles, ending at the port of Oswego on Lake Ontario.

Paddlers who stay on the Erie Canal will be heading upstream for the first time since leaving Buffalo. The Oneida River drops about 11 feet between the outlet of Oneida Lake at Brewerton and its confluence with the Seneca and Oswego rivers at Three Rivers. The “Rome Summit” between locks E21 and E20, east of Oneida Lake, crosses the drainage divide between the St. Lawrence and Hudson basins.

E Mile 160.40, south side 43.20061 -76.27941

 Three Rivers Point Park

8892-8898 Gaskin Road
Clay, NY 13041
(315) 652-3800

FACILITIES: Informal hand launch. Picnic shelters, portable toilets. Ample parking.

The former Three Rivers Terminal is now a waterfront park on the site of the Three Rivers Inn, a once famous dance hall.

E Mile 160.34 43.20151 -76.27793

Bridge E71, Oswego Road (CR 57)

E Mile 160.32 43.20158 -76.27760

Bridge E70, CSX railroad

OSWEGO CANAL

The Oswego Canal connects the Erie Canal at Three Rivers to the Oswego Harbor at Lake Ontario. Though the Oswego is the canal system’s shortest segment, it has long provided a critical connection to Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River. The Oswego River’s bays and back channels are well suited for canoeing and kayaking, as well as fishing and birdwatching. Visitors from around the world are drawn to Oswego’s active port, renowned for its festivals and exceptional sport fishing.

Water Trail sites along the Oswego Canal can be found starting on page 241.

E Mile 159.42, south side 43.21044 -76.26622

 DEC Oneida River Fishing Access Site (Bonstead Road Launch)

Bonstead Road (Under NY 481 Bridge)
Clay, NY 13041

FACILITIES: Ramp. Parking for 10 cars; 24-hour overnight parking permitted.

E Mile 159.40 43.21097 -76.26661

Bridge E69A, NY 481

E Mile 159.30, north side 43.21377 -76.26345

At buoy R206, the Oneida River branches off to the north into a long loop that reenters the canal in about 0.75 miles. During the Barge Canal construction, the loop was cut off by the Big Bend Cut; the land along the loop became known as Horseshoe Island.

E Mile 158.31	43.21653 -76.24735
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Bridge E69, Horseshoe Island Road

E Mile 158.21, north side	43.21680 -76.24584
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The Oneida River meets the canal again after looping around Horseshoe Island.

E Mile 158.18, south side	43.21431 -76.24570
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Pirates Cove Marina

9170 Horseshoe Island Road
Clay, NY 13041
(315) 695-3901
piratescovemarina.com

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers, RV camping. Ramp. Parking. Restaurant.

Large private marina.

E Mile 156.54, north side	43.20575 -76.21824
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River Edge Mansion Bed and Breakfast

1 CR 10
Pennellville, NY 13132
(315) 695-3021
riveredgemansion.com

The restored Greek Revival mansion built in 1818 by George Casper von Schroepfel is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Dedicated dock.

E Mile 156.50	43.20489 -76.21774
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Bridge E68, Morgan Road (CR 10)

E Mile 156.33, south side	43.20517 -76.21401
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Mud Creek enters the canal.

E Mile 156.29, south side	43.20518 -76.21395
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The south wall of the Oak Orchard Lock of the 1840 Oneida River Improvement is visible on the south bank.

E Mile 155.15, south side	43.20993 -76.21035
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The Oneida River rejoins the canal.

E Mile 154.75, south side	43.21656 -76.20618
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The Morgan Cut on a loop of the Oneida River forms Glosky Island. To remain in the canal channel, stay to the north.

E Mile 154.45, south side	43.22217 -76.20235
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The Oneida River rejoins the canal.

E Mile 154.10, north side	43.23535 -76.20418
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The Oneida River leaves the canal to form a large loop. To stay in the canal channel, paddle straight ahead (east) under the Black Creek Road bridge into the Anthony Cut. Caughdenoy Dam, at the north end of this artificial island, maintains the level of Oneida Lake.

E Mile 154.01	43.23619 -76.20278
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Bridge E67, Black Creek Road (CR 239)

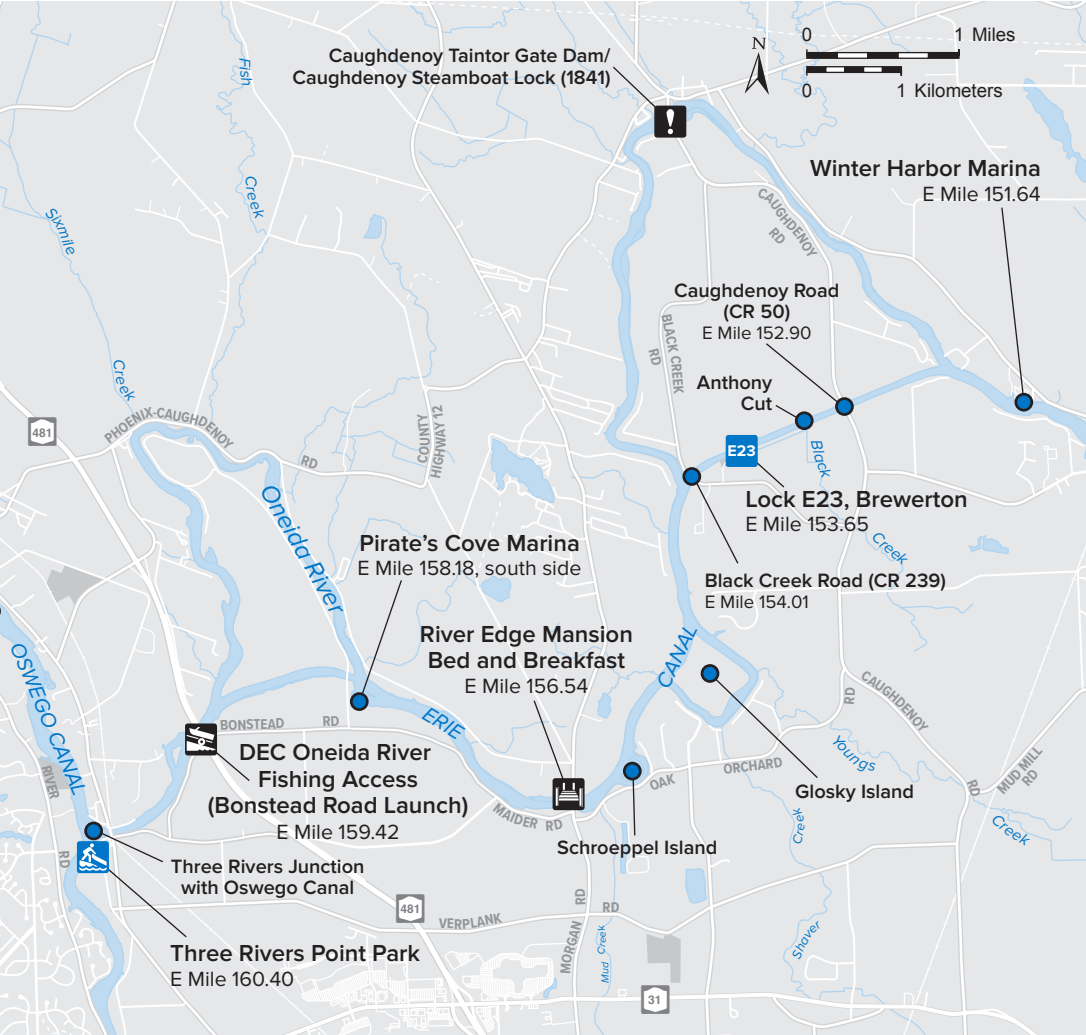
E Mile 153.65	43.23879 -76.19634
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Lock E23, Brewerton

6908 Black Creek Road
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 676-4171

LIFT: 6 feet 9 inches.

FACILITIES: Portable toilets, picnic tables, grills. Tie up at the wooden piers on both sides at the eastern end of the lock.



Lock E23 is the busiest lock on the entire NYS Canal System. Its location between Oneida Lake and the Oswego and Cayuga-Seneca canals and the Finger Lakes means it gets a lot of pleasure boat and commercial traffic. The lock has a guard gate integrated into its eastern end. The original hydroelectric powerhouse still generates electricity for lock machinery.

Designated Biker-Hiker-Boater site.

E Mile 152.90	43.24306 -76.18303
Bridge E66, Caughdenoy Road (CR 50)	

E Mile 152.17, north side	43.24696 -76.16952
The Oneida River rejoins the canal.	

E Mile 151.64, north side 43.24371 -76.15965

Winter Harbor Marina

604 CR 37
Central Square, NY 13036
(315) 676-9276
winterharborllc.com

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers. Fixed docks; no ramp.

Private marina.

E Mile 151.10, south side 43.23963 -76.15009

Ess-Kay Yards

5307 Guy Young Road
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 676-2711
ess-kayyards.com

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

Private marina.

PLACE OF INTEREST OFF THE WATER

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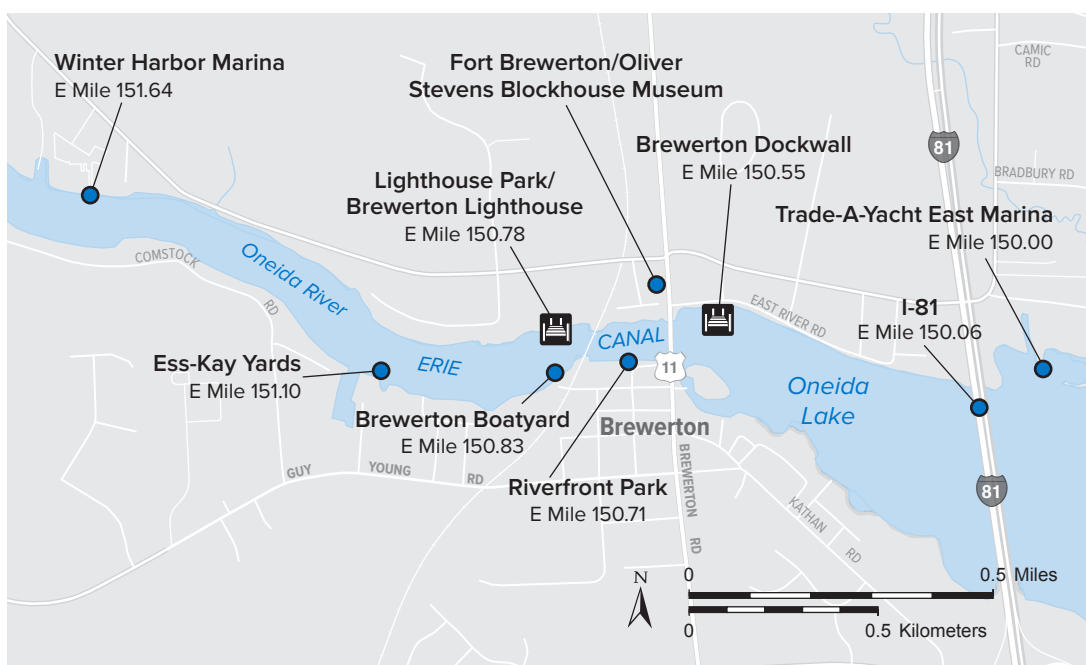
Fort Brewerton/Oliver Stevens Blockhouse Museum

9 US 11
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 668-8801
fortbrewerton.net

Fortified house built in 1794 near Old Fort Brewerton. The historic park next to the museum is where Fort Brewerton was located. The fort is gone but the original earthworks around it are still visible.

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: June, July, and August:
Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



E Mile 150.83, south side 43.23964 -76.14442

Brewerton Boatyard

5405 Bennett Street
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 676-3762
brewertonboatyard.com

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

Private marina.

E Mile 150.78, north side 43.24067 -76.14442

 Lighthouse Park

CR 37 off US Route 11
Brewerton, NY 13029

The Brewerton Lighthouse is one of the Three Sisters—three candlestick lighthouses constructed during the Barge Canal expansion to guide navigation on Oneida Lake. The lighthouse is 85 feet tall and was first lit in the summer of 1917; it is still in use. The Town of Hastings has turned the area around the lighthouse into a small park with two docks, portable toilets, and a picnic pavilion. Ample parking, distance to the dock approximately 300' along a paved path

E Mile 150.72 43.24035 -76.14330

Bridge E65, CSX railroad

E Mile 150.71, south side 43.23992 -76.14203

Riverfront Park

5449 Bennett Street
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 699-5233

FACILITIES: Portable toilet, picnic tables. There is an informal pull-out at the east end of the wall, near the concrete gaging station, otherwise high walls make this park difficult for paddlers to access. Ample parking. Shops and restaurants in Brewerton are a short walk away.

E Mile 150.58 43.24044 -76.14063

Bridge E64, Brewerton Road (US 11)

E Mile 150.55, north side 43.24095 -76.13914

 Brewerton Dockwall

East River Road
Brewerton, NY 13029

FACILITIES: Electric. Fixed and floating dock with informal beach landing on shore. Parking for 12 cars. Dining and shopping are a short walk away.

The Brewerton Dock wall replaces a collapsed pier that was built in 1911.

E Mile 150.06 43.23762 -76.13056

Bridge E63A, I-81
Oneida Lake begins to the east of this bridge. Parts of six counties and 69 communities are in the watershed. The lake takes its name from the Oneida Nation that historically occupied the region around the lake.

Oneida Lake



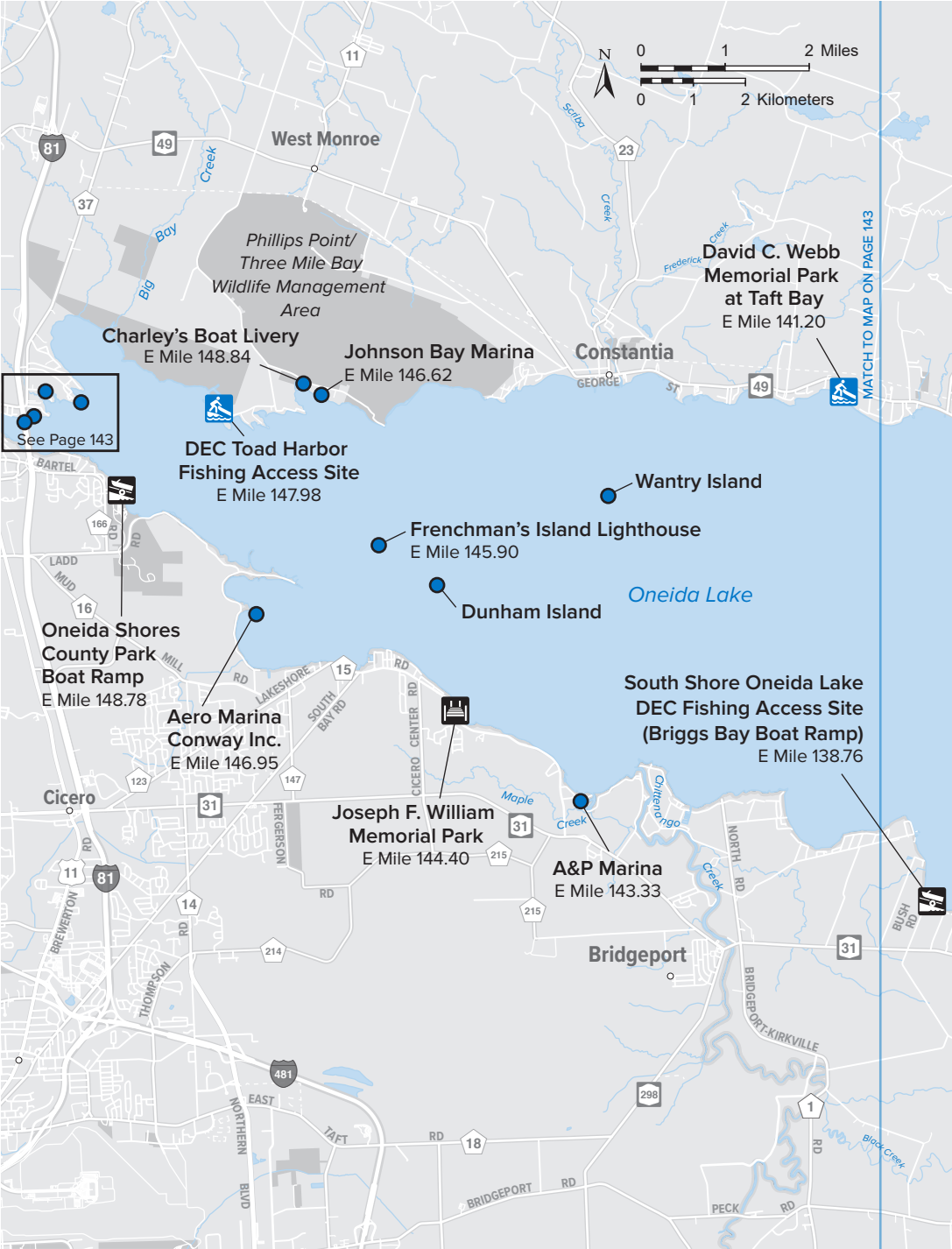
The largest lake entirely within New York State, Oneida Lake is about 21 miles long, five miles wide, and covers about 80 square miles. Oneida Lake is a popular vacation spot. During the summer months, it is full of people and boats, swimming, fishing, sailing, cruising, water skiing and wake boarding. Be alert to other boats and wakes; look out for swimmers and water toys, fishing lines, and tow ropes.

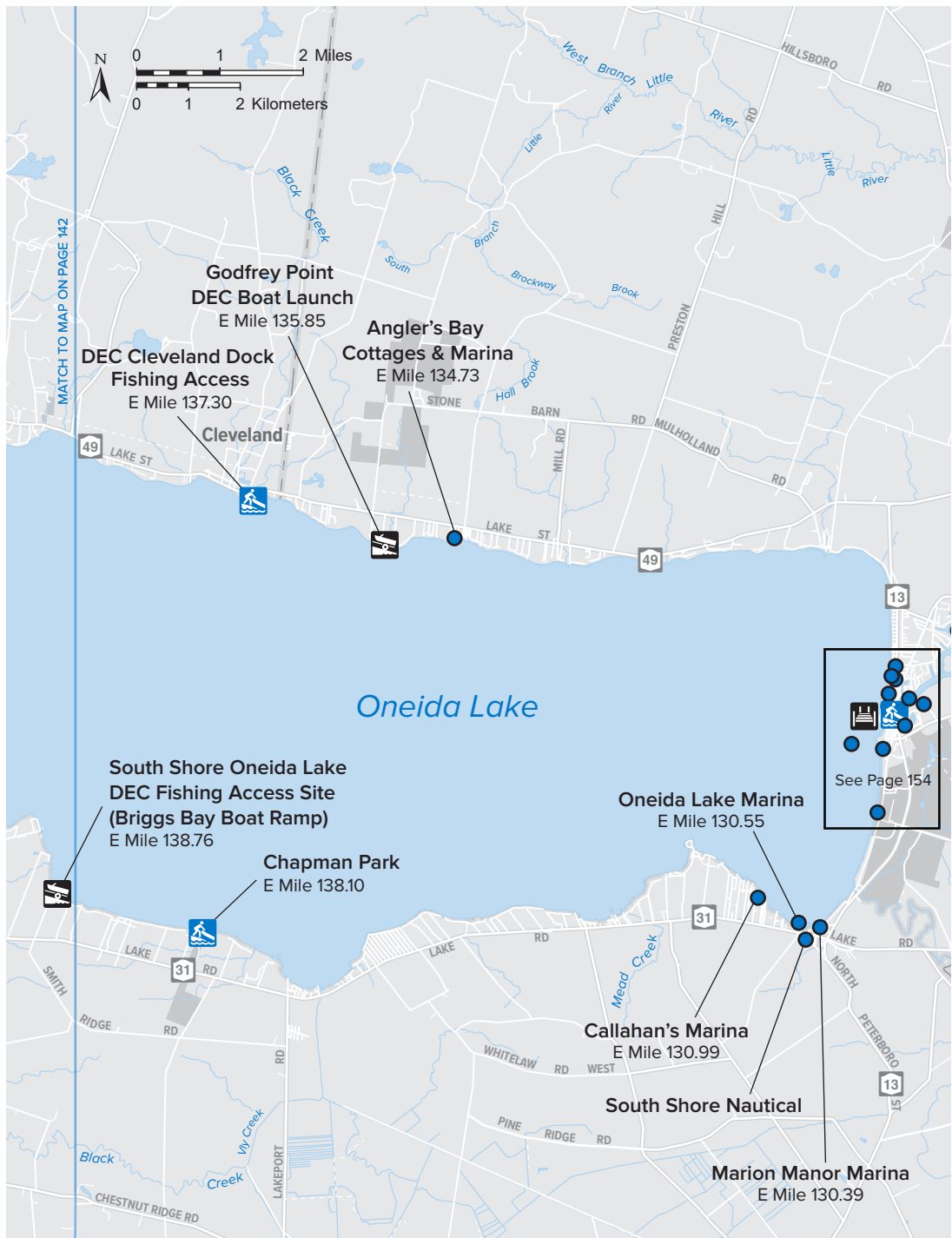
PADDLING NOTE: Take extra precautions when crossing Oneida Lake. Plot your travel route in advance and share it with someone. Always wear a life jacket.

The Erie Canal channel goes straight across the lake and is marked by spar buoys. Following it from one end of the lake to the

other will take between five and six hours—longer if the wind is against you—with no place to land. For all but the most experienced paddlers, following the channel is neither the safest nor most enjoyable option. Bad weather with lightning, dangerous winds, waves, and fog can come up suddenly on the lake. The prevailing wind comes out of the west and can build big waves on a fairly shallow lake by the time it reaches Sylvan Beach at the eastern end. It is safest for paddlers crossing the lake to leave Brewerton in the early morning, before winds build during the day.

Most paddlers opt to follow the shoreline to the north or south. Both routes have their charms—use the descriptions here to decide which route to take.





NORTH SHORE

E Mile 150.00 43.23993 -76.12851

Trade-A-Yacht East Marina

CR 37

Brewerton, NY 13029

(315) 676-3531

tradeayacht.com

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers. Car top launch, concrete ramp. Secure parking. Private marina.

E Mile 149.73, buoy 136 43.24401 -76.12599

Bradbury's Boatel

57 Bradbury Road (CR 37)

Brewerton, NY 13029

(315) 676-7060

FACILITIES: Electric, water, portable restrooms, showers. Concrete ramp. Restaurant. Large private marina.

E Mile 149.50 43.24230 -76.11802

Big Bay Marina

155 Camic Road

Central Square, NY 13036

(315) 676-2223

bigbaymarina.com

FACILITIES: Electric, water, portable restrooms. Concrete ramp. Restaurant. Camping. Large private marina. Day launch fee.

E Mile 147.98 43.24159 -76.08723

 DEC Toad Harbor Fishing Access Site*

8174-8236 Shaw Road

West Monroe, NY 13167

FACILITIES: Car top launch, beach landing. Parking for 15 cars.

43.256247 -76.060790

Phillips Point/Three Mile Bay Wildlife

Management Area

McCloud Drive

Central Square, NY

Once known as Toad Harbor Swamp, this WMA covers 3,966 acres, much of which is a low-land swamp. Few areas are more than 30 feet above the level of Oneida Lake. It is an excellent spot for birdwatching. It can be accessed from the Toad Harbor Fishing Access Site.

E Mile 148.84 43.24605 -76.06845

Charley's Boat Livery

82 McCloud Road

West Monroe, NY 13167

(315) 668-6341

oneidalakefishin.com

Campsite with dedicated dock. Distance from parking 300 feet.

E Mile 146.62 43.24386 -76.06485

Johnson Bay Marina

136 McCloud Road

West Monroe, NY 13167

(315) 561-3909

FACILITIES: Portable restrooms. Concrete ramp. Private marina.

E Mile 144.14 43.22812 -76.00010

Wantry Island

This island, along with nearby Little Island and Long Island, are designated as an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society. Common terns nest on the islands. To avoid disturbing nest sites, do not land on these islands. Wantry Island is privately owned.

* Public boat launches on Oneida Lake are indicated with an asterisk.

SOUTH SHORE

E Mile 141.20 43.24348 -75.94629

David C. Webb Memorial Park at Taft Bay

State Route 49
Bernhards Bay, NY 13028
constantiany.org/park-recreation
(315) 623-9206

FACILITIES: Informal beach landing at east end of park, swimming beach, toilets, showers, picnic pavilions, playground, sports fields.

E Mile 137.30 43.23123 -75.88130

DEC Cleveland Dock Fishing Access Site*

69 State Route 49
Cleveland, NY 13042

FACILITIES: Car top launch, beach landing, picnic tables, wheelchair accessible fishing pier. Ample parking.

Cleveland Terminal was built as a harbor of refuge for canal boats crossing the stormy lake.

E Mile 135.85 43.22380 -75.84995

Godfrey Point DEC Boat Launch*

End of Drive 8
Cleveland, NY 13042

FACILITIES: Portable toilet. Concrete ramp. Parking for 40 cars. Overnight parking permitted; 24-hour limit.

E Mile 134.73 43.22526 -75.83337

Angler's Bay Cottages

103 Drive 17
Cleveland, NY 13042
(315) 675-3662
fishoneida.com/cottages

Vacation cottages with dedicated dock.
Kayak and stand-up paddleboard rentals.

E Mile 148.78 43.22804 -76.10880

Oneida Shores County Park Boat Ramp*

9400 Bartell Road
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 676-7366
Camping: (315) 676-4943
onondagacountyparks.com/parks/oneida-shores-park

FACILITIES: Eight-lane ramp with floating docks, water, restrooms, showers, picnic shelters and tables, grills, swimming beach. Kayak rentals. 50 camping spaces. Fees for vehicle entry, boat launch, and camping.

E Mile 146.95 43.20824 -76.07831

Aero Marina Conway Inc.

9080 Beach Road, Short Point Bay
Brewerton, NY 13029
(315) 699-7736
aeromarina.com

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers. Ramp; low dock. Small launch fee. Ample parking.

Large private marina.

E Mile 145.90 43.21962 -76.05118

Frenchman's Island Lighthouse

The island, roughly 0.50 mile long, is part of the Three Mile Bay WMA. The lighthouse is 85 feet tall, is one of three built in 1917, and is still in use. Access the island from the long pier on the south shore. A loop trail runs from the pier to the lighthouse and back. No access to the lighthouse. The island has a lot of poison ivy; stay on the trail. No camping; no fires.

E Mile 145.50 43.20289 -76.01823

Dunham Island

SOUTH SHORE

E Mile 144.40 43.19544 -76.03507

 Joseph F. William Memorial Park*

7033 Lakeshore Road
Cicero, NY
(315) 699-5233
cicero.recdesk.com/

FACILITIES: Roller dock, beach landing, swimming beach, water, restrooms, showers, picnic pavilions, fishing pier.

E Mile 143.33 43.17813 -76.00526

A&P Marina

7512 West Murray Drive
Cicero, NY 13039
(315) 699-7732

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers. Concrete ramps.

Large private marina.

E Mile 142.80 43.18357 -75.99332

Chittenango Creek empties into Oneida Lake.

E Mile 138.76 43.16257 -75.92684

 Oneida Lake South Shore DEC Fishing Access Site (Briggs Bay Boat Ramp)*

End of Bush Road
Bridgeport, NY

FACILITIES: Portable toilet. Multi-lane ramp with floating docks. Ample parking for cars and trailers. Overnight parking; 24-hour limit.

E Mile 138.10 43.15652 -75.89100

 Chapman Park

1463 NY 31
Bridgeport, NY 13030
(315) 687-3471
sullivan.recdesk.com

FACILITIES: Beach landing on either side of fishing pier, restrooms, picnic pavilions, playground, Distance from water to parking about 200 feet along a paved path.

E Mile 130.99 43.16257 -75.76106

Callahan's Marina

9089 Callahan Drive
Canastota, NY 13032
(315) 697-7470
callahansmarina.com

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, picnic area. Concrete ramp.

Large private marina.

E Mile 130.55 43.15881 -75.75077

Oneida Lake Marina

713 NY 31
Canastota, NY 13032
(315) 697-4867
oneidalakemarina.com

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers, picnic area. Concrete ramp.

Large private marina.

E Mile 130.39 43.15844 -75.74562

Marion Manor Marina

Corner NY 13 and NY 31
Canastota, NY 13032
(315) 762-4810
onemarinas.com

FACILITIES: Restrooms. Concrete ramp. Private marina.

E Mile 129.92 43.16451 -75.73757

Oneida Creek enters the lake.

* Public boat launches on Oneida Lake are indicated with an asterisk.



Verona Beach Lighthouse

E Mile 130.50 43.19482 -75.72857

Verona Beach State Park*

6541 Lakeshore Road South
Verona Beach, NY 13162
(315) 762-4463
parks.ny.gov

Verona Beach State Park covers 1,735 acres on the eastern shore of Oneida Lake. The kayak launch has a car top launch and beach landing. Parking for five cars. Distance from parking is about 20 feet. No facilities at the launch area, but restrooms, water, picnic tables, grills, and a restaurant are at the beachfront area. The park has 46 campsites. Registration is required for camping in New York State parks. Although walk-ins are accepted on a first-come basis, camping reservations are strongly suggested (newyorkstateparks.reserveamerica.com).

E Mile 129.70 43.18919 -75.73113

Verona Beach Lighthouse

Located at the foot of Fourth Avenue, this 85-foot lighthouse is one of three built during the Barge Canal expansion. It was first lit in 1917 to mark the entrance to the Barge Canal from the eastern end of Oneida Lake. The lighthouse is still in use as an automated beacon. A small park around the lighthouse is open to the public. To visit, land on the sandy beach. For more information, visit Verona Beach Lighthouse Association at lighthousefriends.com.

SYLVAN BEACH



The Erie Canal at Sylvan Beach

Frank Forte

Sylvan Beach is a lively summer resort area with many restaurants, nightlife spots, and shops in easy walking distance of the pier. Beaches and fishing areas are nearby. Sylvan Beach holds an annual Canal Fest in early August.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact the Village of Sylvan Beach at (315) 762-4844 or **sylvanbeachny.com**.

PLACE OF INTEREST OFF THE WATER

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Sylvan Beach Amusement Park

112 Bridge Street
Sylvan Beach, NY 13157
(315) 762-5212
sylvanbeachamusementpark.com

LODGING

43.19878 -75.72989

Sunset Cottages

801 Park Avenue
Sylvan Beach, NY 13157
(315) 762-4093
sunsetcottages.vacations

0.3 miles from Sylvan Beach Dock Wall.
Vacation cottages.

43.20130 -75.72834

Carbone's Restaurant, Bar, and Suites

1208 Main Street
Sylvan Beach, NY 13157
(315) 762-4280
carbonesbeachsidesuites.com

0.4 miles from Sylvan Beach Dock Wall.
Motel with ice cream stand.

43.20187 -75.72926

Kathy's Guest Houses

Sylvan Beach, NY 13157
(518) 423-9381
sylvanbeachlodging.biz

0.5 miles from Sylvan Beach Dock Wall.
Guest houses at several locations on Park
Avenue in Sylvan Beach.

43.20357 -75.72831

Oneida Lake Inn

1509 Main Street (NY 13)
Sylvan Beach, NY 13157
(315) 761-0000
oneidalakeinn.com

0.5 miles from Sylvan Beach Dock Wall.

PADDLECRAFT RENTALS

43.15651 -75.74953

 South Shore Nautical

3728 NY 31
Canastota, NY 13032
(315) 391-9213
southshorenautical.com

Kayak and stand-up paddleboard sales
and rentals. Marine store with extensive
range of supplies and products. A very
popular Coneheads Caribbean ice
cream stand and barbecue truck are
open here in the boating season.

43.19689 -75.73095

Sylvan Beach

Sunset Avenue
Sylvan Beach, NY 13157

FACILITIES: Bathhouse has free public rest-
rooms and showers. Swimming beach. Walking
distance to amusement park and other
attractions and amenities in Sylvan Beach.



E Mile 129.50	43.19467 -75.72985
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Sylvan Beach Breakwater

The Sylvan Beach breakwater is a jetty built of rocks, timber, and concrete in 1907.

PADDLING NOTE: The breakwater angles from northeast to southwest along the north bank of the canal as it enters the lake. It can be deceptive when approaching from the lake. Stay well south of marker R106 at the tip of the breakwater.

E Mile 129.19	43.19482 -75.72857
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Verona Beach Car Top Launch

End of Willow Drive (Under NY 13 bridge)
Verona Beach, NY 13162

No facilities, parking for 10 cars.

E Mile 129.15, south side	43.19327 -75.72599
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Snug Harbour Marina

NY RR 13
Verona Beach, NY 13162
(315) 762-0112
onemarinas.com

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers, picnic area. Concrete ramp.

Private marina.

Off the canal	43.19798 -75.72724
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Squires Landing Public Access

Corner of 6th and Clifford Avenues
Sylvan Beach, NY
(315) 762-4844 (Village Clerk)

Beach landing with dock on side channel 0.2 mile north of canal.

E Mile 128.92, south side	43.19703 -75.72155
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Holmes Marina

2523 Oneida Street
Verona Beach, NY 13162
(315) 762-4232
holmesmarina.com

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers, picnic area. Concrete ramp.

Private marina.

E Mile 128.44, north side	43.20234 -75.71288
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Fish Creek leads to the campgrounds listed on the following page.

E Mile 128.19	43.20229 -75.71221
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Bridge E61, Cove Road

E Mile 126.04	43.20586 -75.67015
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Bridge E60, Higginsville Road (CR 50A)

E Mile 125.28, north side	43.20943 -75.65261
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The remains of a dam on Wood Creek are visible. The mouth of the creek is partially obstructed by debris.

For centuries, before the Erie Canal opened in 1825, tiny Wood Creek was one of North America's principal routes for commerce, trade, and warfare. Travelers crossed Oneida Lake, pushed their boats up Wood Creek as far as water levels would allow, carried their cargo over land for eight miles, and reloaded on the Mohawk River in what is now the city of Rome.

CAMPING ON FISH CREEK

43.20989 -75.71358

Hidden Point Campground

1010 Waterview Drive
Sylvan Beach, NY 13308
(315) 762-0547
hiddenpointcampground.com

Located 0.6 miles north on Fish Creek.
RV park and campground with dedicated dock.

43.20820 -75.70830

Paradise Cove Campground

7201 Cove Road
Durhamville, NY 13054
(315) 762-0210
paradisecovecampground.net

Located 0.8 miles north on Fish Creek.
RV park and camping with dedicated dock.

43.22013 -75.70275

 The Landing Campground

2796 Kellogg Road
Blossvale, NY 13308
(315) 245-9951
thelandingcampground.com

Located 2 miles north on Fish Creek.
RV park and camping with dedicated dock.
Kayak rentals.

43.22313 -75.69866

Ta-Ga-Soke Campgrounds

7820 Higginsville Road
Blossvale, NY 13308
(315) 245-1744
ta-ga-soke.com

Located 2.4 miles north on Fish Creek.
RV park and camping with dedicated dock.

43.22798 -75.67816

Treasure Isle RV Park

3132 Haskins Road
Blossvale, NY 13308
(315) 225-5553
treasureislervpark.com

Located 4 miles north on Fish Creek.
RV park and camping with dedicated dock.

E Mile 124.74

43.20950 -75.64492

Lock E22, New London

3692 Wood Creek Road
Rome, NY 13440
(315) 336-4329

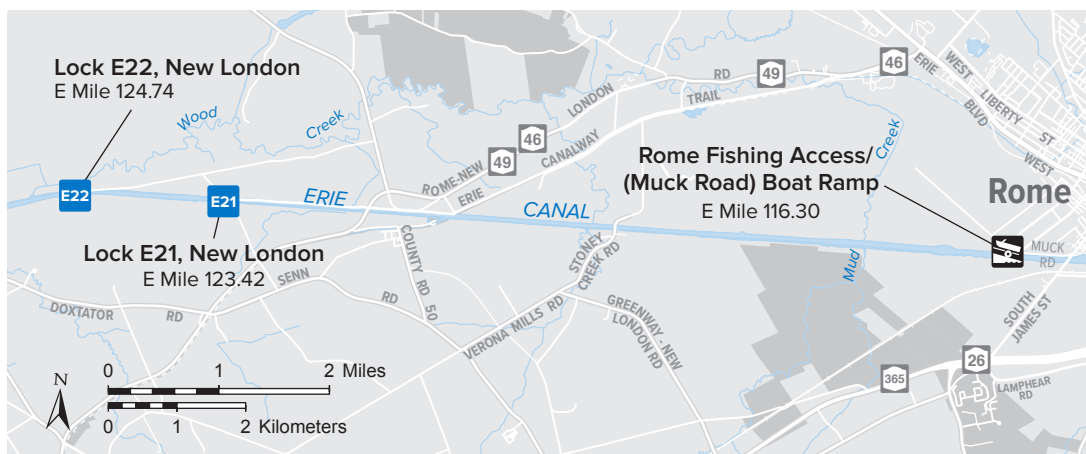
LIFT: 25.1 feet.

FACILITIES: Small plastic floating dock at upstream end, portable toilets, picnic tables.
Designated Biker-Hiker-Boater site.

E Mile 123.45

43.20835 -75.62245

Bridge E59, Lock Road
This bridge is closed to traffic.



E Mile 123.42	43.20877 -75.61856
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Lock E21, New London

7176 Lock Road
Rome, NY 13440
(315) 336-8229

LIFT: 25.0 feet.

FACILITIES: Portable toilets. Facilities are difficult for paddlers to access at this location due to vertical canal walls.

Lock E21 is at the western end of the Rome Summit Level, the high point where the Erie Canal crosses from the Mohawk River into the Lake Ontario drainage basin. The upstream elevation is 420.4 feet; the downstream elevation is 395.4 feet.

The footbridge over the lock carries the Erie Canalway Trail from one side of the canal to the other. The lock is within the Old Erie Canal State Historic Park, which preserves a 36-mile stretch of the enlarged Erie Canal more or less as it appeared in 1862, when the enlargement was completed.

Designated Biker-Hiker-Boater site.

E Mile 122.10	43.20776 -75.59265
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Bridge E58A, New London Road (NY 46)

E Mile 123.48, south	43.20696 -75.57871
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New London Junction Lock Dry Dock
Rome NY 13440

The remains of the old New London Junction Lock are visible on the south bank. The original Erie Canal traced a route at the base of the hills south of here. It was rerouted in the early 1900s to cut straight across Oneida Lake. To connect the towns along a section of the old route to the new, a junction lock was built here in 1910. After traffic on the old Erie Canal ceased, the lock was converted to a dry dock and is still occasionally used by the New York State Canal Corporation. The entrance wall is still intact and paddlers can tie up at it. Do not enter the fenced-off areas.

E Mile 119.85	43.20565 -75.54833
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Bridge E57, Stoney Creek Road (CR 60A)

ROME

Discover why all roads lead to Rome when it comes to water, transportation, and settlement in this part of New York State.

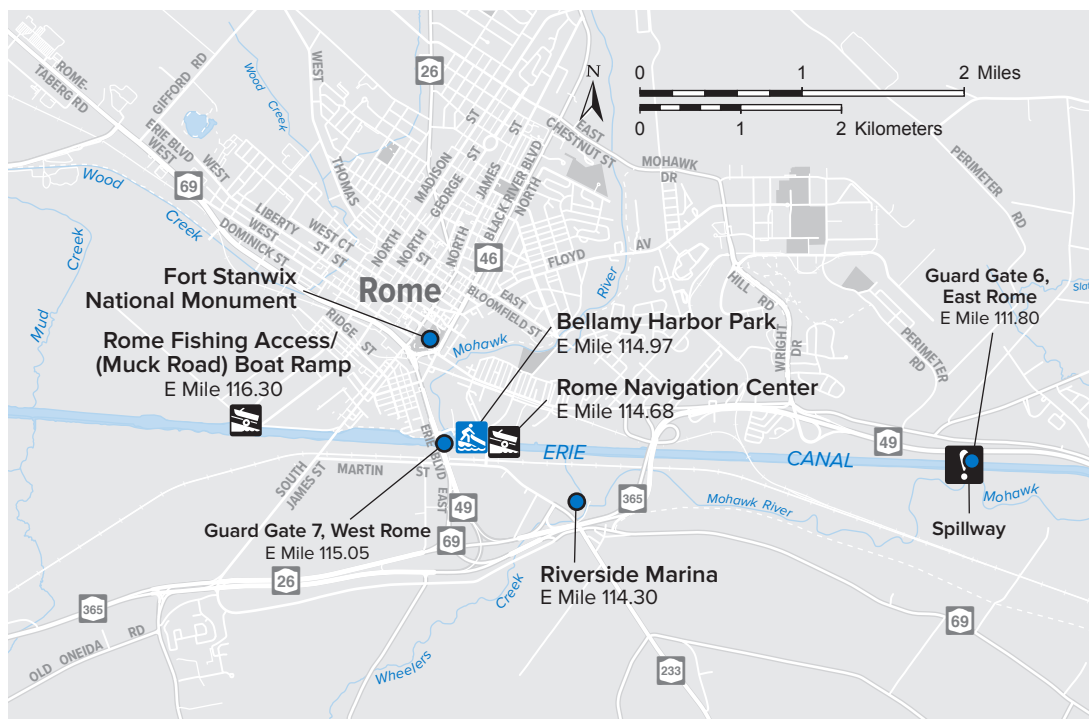
For millennia, a six-mile portage path between the Mohawk River and the Hudson River to the east and Wood Creek and Lake Ontario to the west was known by the Native Americans as the Great Carrying Place or the Oneida Carrying Place. The European settlement that would later become the city of Rome grew up around this ancient trade route. One of the earliest canals in the country was built along this route by Western Inland Lock Navigation Company, chartered in 1792. The first shovelful of dirt for the Erie

Canal was turned in Rome on July 4, 1817.

By 1820, 66 miles of the Erie Canal between Utica and Syracuse had been completed.

This section, called the Long Level because it was relatively flat and needed no locks, was immediately put into operation. The Enlarged Erie Canal followed a more northerly route through Rome during the 1840s. (Its path is covered by Erie Boulevard today.) The Barge Canal, built during the early 20th century, followed yet another path across the southern outskirts of Rome.

The best place to launch a kayak or canoe trip in this area is Bellamy Harbor Park.



PLACE OF INTEREST OFF THE WATER



43.21059 -75.45529

Fort Stanwix National Monument

100 North James Street
Rome, NY 13440
(315) 338-7730
nps.gov/fost

The British built a fort here in 1758 to control the eastern end of the Oneida Carry. Captured by American forces during the Revolution, it was besieged in 1777 by British troops who were trying to move from Canada to the Hudson River by way of the Oswego River, Oneida Lake, and the Mohawk River. Today's fort is a replica, built on the original site.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

More information about things to do in the Rome area, including dining and lodging, is available at oneidacountytourism.com.

E Mile 116.30, north side 43.20285 -75.47796

Rome Fishing Access/Muck Road

Boat Ramp

Muck Road, opposite South Madison Street
Rome, NY 13440

FACILITIES: Concrete ramp, fixed dock. Parking for 20 cars; overnight parking with 24-hour limit. Distance from parking about 20 feet. Crew teams practice here.

DEC fishing access site.

E Mile 115.74 43.20185 -75.46700

Bridge E55, South James Street

E Mile 115.08 43.20124 -75.45401

Bridge E52A, Erie Boulevard (NY 46/49/69)
Erie Boulevard was built over the remains of the Enlarged Erie Canal.

E Mile 115.05 43.20126 -75.45348

Guard Gate 7, West Rome
Gates normally left open during the navigation season.

The Mohawk River spills over a retention dam and enters the canal from the north, just east of the guard gate. The footbridge that crosses the Mohawk can be reached from Bellamy Harbor Park.

E Mile 114.97, north side 43.20177 -75.45243

Bellamy Harbor Park

Mill Street at the Canal
Rome, NY 13440
(315) 339-7656
romenewyork.com

FACILITIES: Picnic tables. The gravel beach is at the confluence of the Mohawk River and the canal at the west end of the park. Parking for 10 cars. Distance from parking about 100

feet. Most shops and restaurants in Rome are on the north side of the canal within walking distance.

E Mile 114.79	43.20106 -75.44827
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Bridge E51, Mill Street

E Mile 114.68, north side	43.20142 -75.44618
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 Rome Navigation Center

Mill Street, east of bridge
Rome, NY 13440

FACILITIES: Concrete ramp, high fixed dock. Water, restrooms, showers, laundry, and picnic area. Parking. Dining nearby.

The Hamilton College Jason P. Andris Boathouse is located here.

E Mile 114.3, south side	43.19599 -75.43733
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Riverside Marina

6787 Martin Street
Rome, NY 13440
(315) 617-3278
riversidemarina.slantpower.com

0.3 miles south of canal

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers. Private marina.

E Mile 113.80	43.20051 -75.42862
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Bridge E50B, NY 49 and NY 365 westbound

E Mile 113.77	43.20051 -75.42862
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Bridge E50A, NY 49 and NY 365, eastbound

E Mile 113.18	43.20014 -75.41637
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Bridge E50, Mohawk, Adirondack and Northern Railroad (MHWa)

E Mile 111.80	43.19946 -75.38904
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Guard Gate 6, East Rome
Gates generally left open throughout the navigation season.

Guard Gate 6 can be lowered to isolate the land-cut canal section from here to Lock E20 at Marcy. The spillway on the south bank, just upstream of the guard gate, dumps water from the canal into the natural bed of the Mohawk River. From here to Frankfort the canal runs in a comparatively straight channel along the north side of the valley, passing through locks E20 and E19, while the river meanders to the south.

E Mile 108.92, south side	43.17934 -75.33828
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Nine Mile Creek Spillway

Located within the Oriskany Flats State Wildlife Management Area, the spillway is 965 feet long and was constructed in 1913 to release excess water from the canal into the Mohawk River. The Nine Mile Creek enters the canal on the north side. Water from the West Canada Creek is stored in Hinckley Reservoir and sent into the canal as needed by a feeder that crosses the divide between West Canada and Nine Mile creeks.

PADDLING NOTE: Watch out for strong currents near the spillway. Stay to the north side of the canal. Do not attempt to enter Oriskany Flats WMA from this point.

Mile 107.70, south side

Oriskany Flats Wildlife Management Area
The Mohawk River flows through Oriskany Flats WMA. No direct access to the canal.

NOTE: Hunting is permitted here; exercise appropriate caution during hunting seasons.



E Mile 107.68 43.16779 -75.32383

Bridge E49, Oriskany Road (CR 32)

E Mile 105.63 43.14625 -75.29618

Bridge E48A, NY 291

E Mile 105.32 43.14275 -75.29118

 Lock E20, Whitesboro (Marcy)

9028 River Road
Marcy, NY 13403
(315) 736-4617

LIFT: 16 feet.

FACILITIES: Water, portable restrooms, picnic tables, pavilions. Car top launch with low floating dock. Distance from parking about 250 feet. Ample parking. The park has a viewing platform to get a good look at boats passing though the lock.

PADDLING NOTE: Workboats are often tied up by the repair center wall on the south side, just before the western end of the lock.

E Mile 104.62 43.13634 -75.28105

Bridge E47B, New York State Thruway I-90

E Mile 104.40 43.13469 -75.27773

Bridge E47A, Mohawk Street (CR 30)

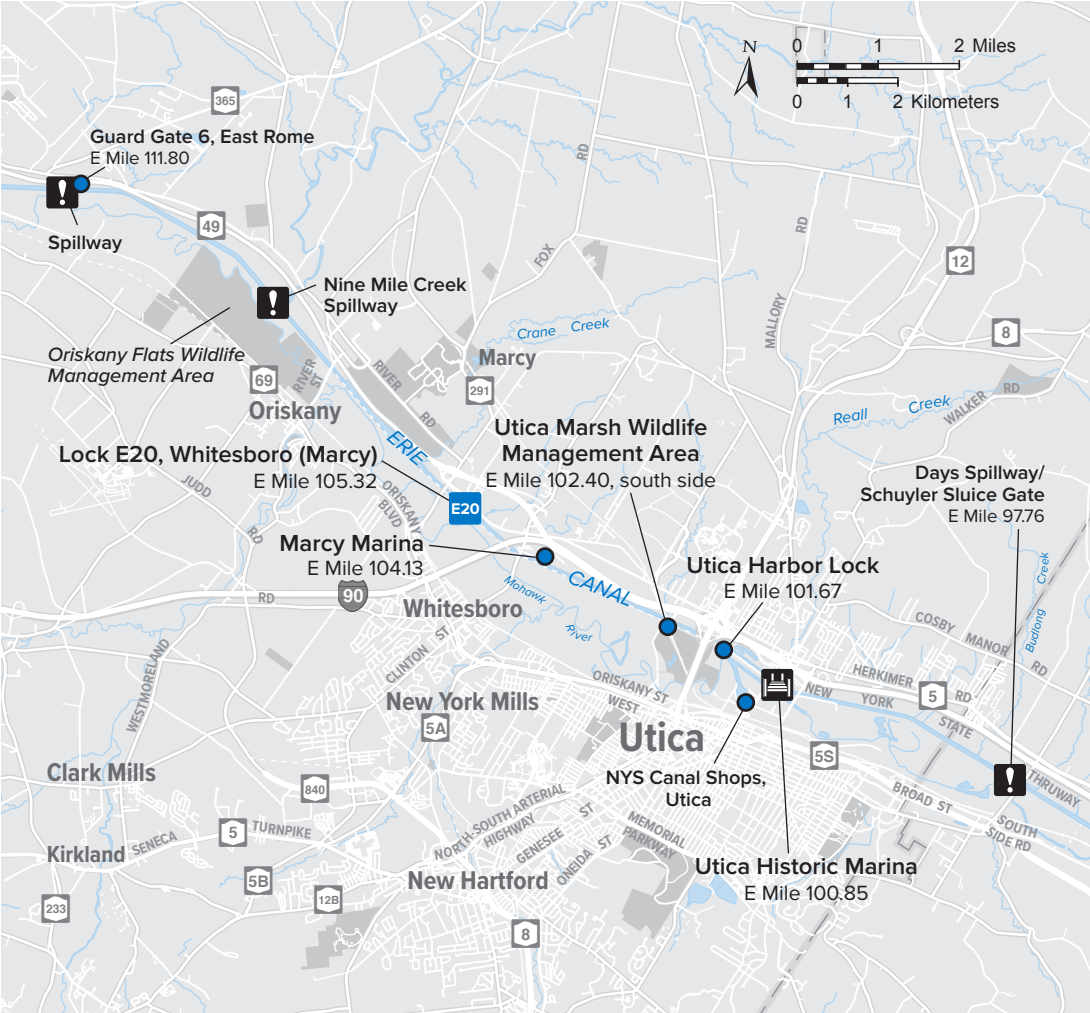
E Mile 104.13, north side 43.13327 -75.27268

Marcy Marina

200 Scharbach Drive
Marcy, NY 13403
(315) 736-7617

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms.
Concrete ramp, low dock.

Private marina.



Mile 102.40, south side 43.12318 -75.24318

Utica Marsh Wildlife Management Area
Barnes Avenue off Oriskany Avenue
Utica, NY 13502
(315) 866-6330

This unique urban wetland covers 213 acres on the south side of the canal, extending about 0.75 miles along the bank. It is bordered by the Erie Canal on the north and the Mohawk River to the south. The WMA has

hiking trails, a wildlife viewing area, and two observation towers. No swimming or camping.

E Mile 102.44 43.12312 -75.24233

Bridge E46, MHW railroad

E Mile 101.88 43.12029 -75.23363

Bridge E44C, NY 8 and NY 12

E Mile 101.80	43.11976 -75.23200
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Bridge E44B, I-790 northbound exit ramp

E Mile 101.80	43.11936 -75.23082
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Bridge E44D, NY 5 exit ramp

E Mile 101.67, south side	43.11761 -75.22796
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Utica Harbor Lock

PADDLING NOTE: Do not attempt to enter the harbor. Tying up at the entrance wall is allowed, but be aware of workboats and barges.

Utica Harbor Lock is the only lock on the NYS Canal System that is outside the main channel. The upper gate slides vertically. A NYS Canal Corporation maintenance facility is at the east end. Long polluted by effluent from adjacent coal gas works, the harbor is now clean and undergoing redevelopment.

The original Erie Canal brought commerce and prosperity to Utica. The Barge Canal enlargement ran north of the city's commercial district and textile mills, however, and cut it off from the canal. To keep the city from being completely marooned, Utica Harbor was built to improve access to the Barge Canal. The harbor was completed in 1918.

E Mile 101.42, south side	43.11602 -75.22490
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Utica Tower
87-99 Harbor Lock Road West
Utica, NY 13502

The open-steel Utica Tower stands 125 feet high on a 24-foot-square base.

E Mile 100.90	43.11221 -75.21592
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Bridge E44A, Genesee Street

E Mile 100.85, south side	43.11137 -75.21489
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Utica Historic Marina

16 Harbor Lock Road
Utica, NY 13502
(315) 732-0116
aquavinorestaurant.com

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, fixed dock. The Aqua Vino restaurant occupies the marina building.

E Mile 100.54	43.10981 -75.20964
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Bridge E43, Leland Avenue

E Mile 97.76, south side	43.09459 -75.15831
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Days Spillway/Schuyler Sluice Gate

PADDLING NOTE: Warning buoys mark off the area around the spillway. Do not enter this area—currents can be strong. Paddle to the north side.

Constructed in 1912, the concrete spillway is approximately 150 feet long with four sluice gates/drain gates at the eastern end. It allows excess water to spill from the canal into the Mohawk River.

E Mile 97.54	43.09369 -75.15530
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Bridge E42, Dyke Road (CR 37)

E Mile 95.16	43.07560 -75.11522
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A 98-foot-long retention dam on the north side and a spillway on the south control Sterling Creek. The spillway carries excess water about 0.50 mile southwest to the Mohawk River.

PADDLING NOTE: Currents can be strong near the spillway when the water level is high. Stay to the north side.



E Mile 95.04 43.07377 -75.11384

Lock E19, Frankfort (Schuyler)

2960 NY 5
Schuyler, NY 13340
(315) 733-5041

LIFT: 21.0 feet.

E Mile 94.92 43.07277 -75.11298

Bridge E40, CSX railroad
Even though from a distance this railroad truss bridge appears to be part of the eastern lock gate, it isn't. It's just very close to it. A box periscope mounted on the footbridge below the gates allows the lock operator to see boats approaching from downstream under the railroad truss.

E Mile 92.51 43.05147 -75.07629

Bridge E39, Moss Road

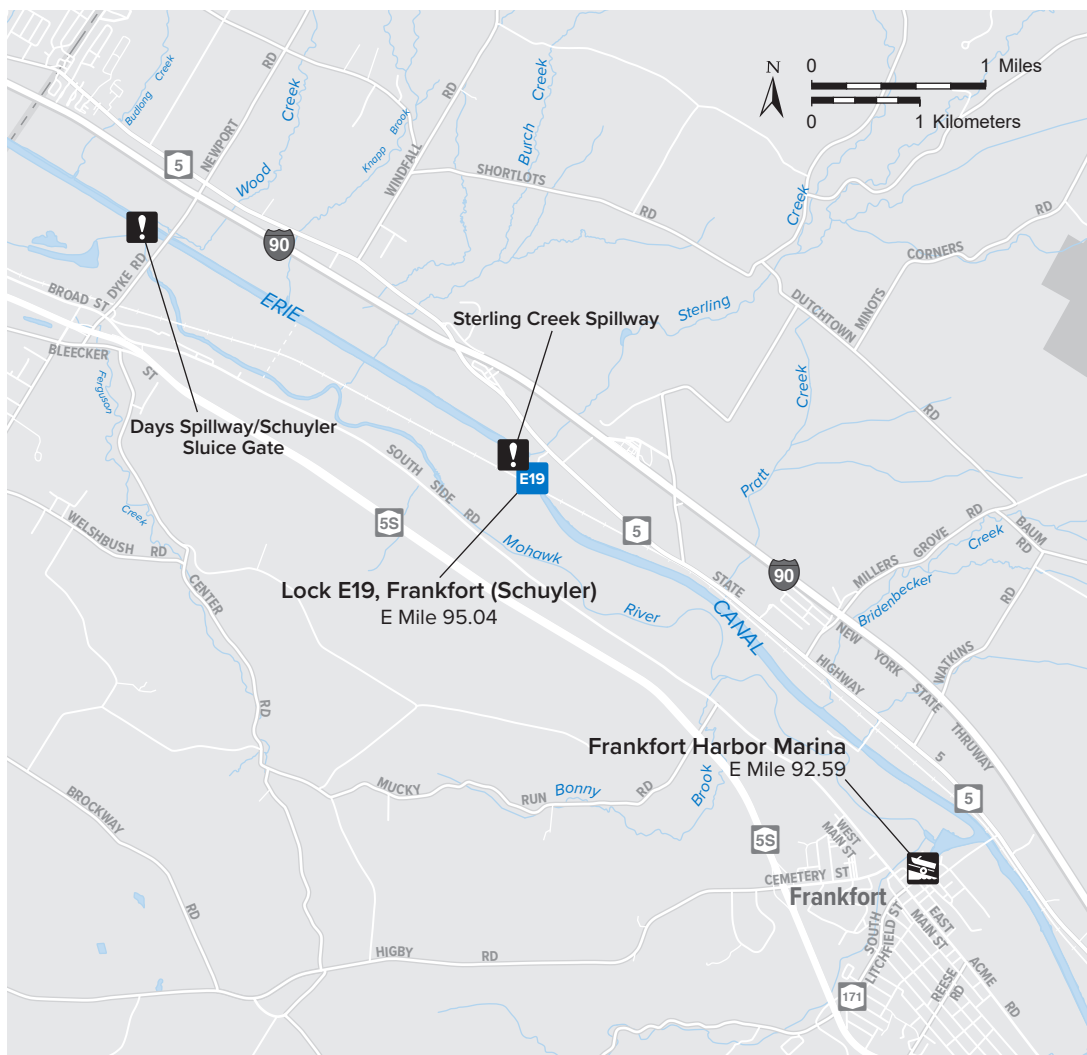
E Mile 92.59, south side 43.04402 -75.06285

Inlet to Frankfort Harbor Marina; the harbor is 0.3 miles south, formed by the confluence of Moyer Creek and the Mohawk River.

E Mile 95.59 43.04120 -75.06935

** Frankfort Harbor Marina**

143 Marina Drive at Fox Street
Frankfort, NY 13340
(315) 895-7651
villageoffrankfortny.org



FACILITIES: Water, restrooms, showers, picnic tables, pavilion. Concrete ramp and floating dock. Parking for 40 cars. Overnight parking allowed; call (315) 895-7651. Distance from parking about 20 feet. Shops and restaurants at the harbor and in Frankfort are a short walk away.

E Mile 91.60 43.04358 -75.06193

Bridge E38, Railroad Street

ILION

Eliphalet Remington II built his first hand-forged rifle in 1816. He went on to found the Remington Arms Company which moved to Ilion on the Erie Canal in 1828 and has been here ever since. It is possible that Remington is the oldest manufacturer in the U.S. still making its original product. The company maintains a museum at the factory in Ilion.

The Illion Marina is the best place to launch a paddle trip or take out to access sites and services in town.

**PLACE OF INTEREST
OFF THE WATER**

43.01333 -75.03173

**Remington Museum and
Country Store**

14 Hoefler Avenue
Ilion, NY 13357
(315) 895-3200
remington.com/about-us

E Mile 89.15 43.02120 -75.03029

Bridge E37A, Central Avenue (NY 51)

E Mile 89.07, south side 43.01952 -75.02817

 Ilion Marina and RV Park

190 Central Avenue
Ilion, NY 13357
(315) 894-9421
ilionny.com/recreation

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers, picnic tables, restaurant, camping (fee). Over 500 feet of bulkhead wall, with floating dock and concrete ramp. Ample parking.

Shops, restaurants, and the Remington Museum are within walking distance. Use the underpass with sidewalks that carry NY 51 under NY 5S.

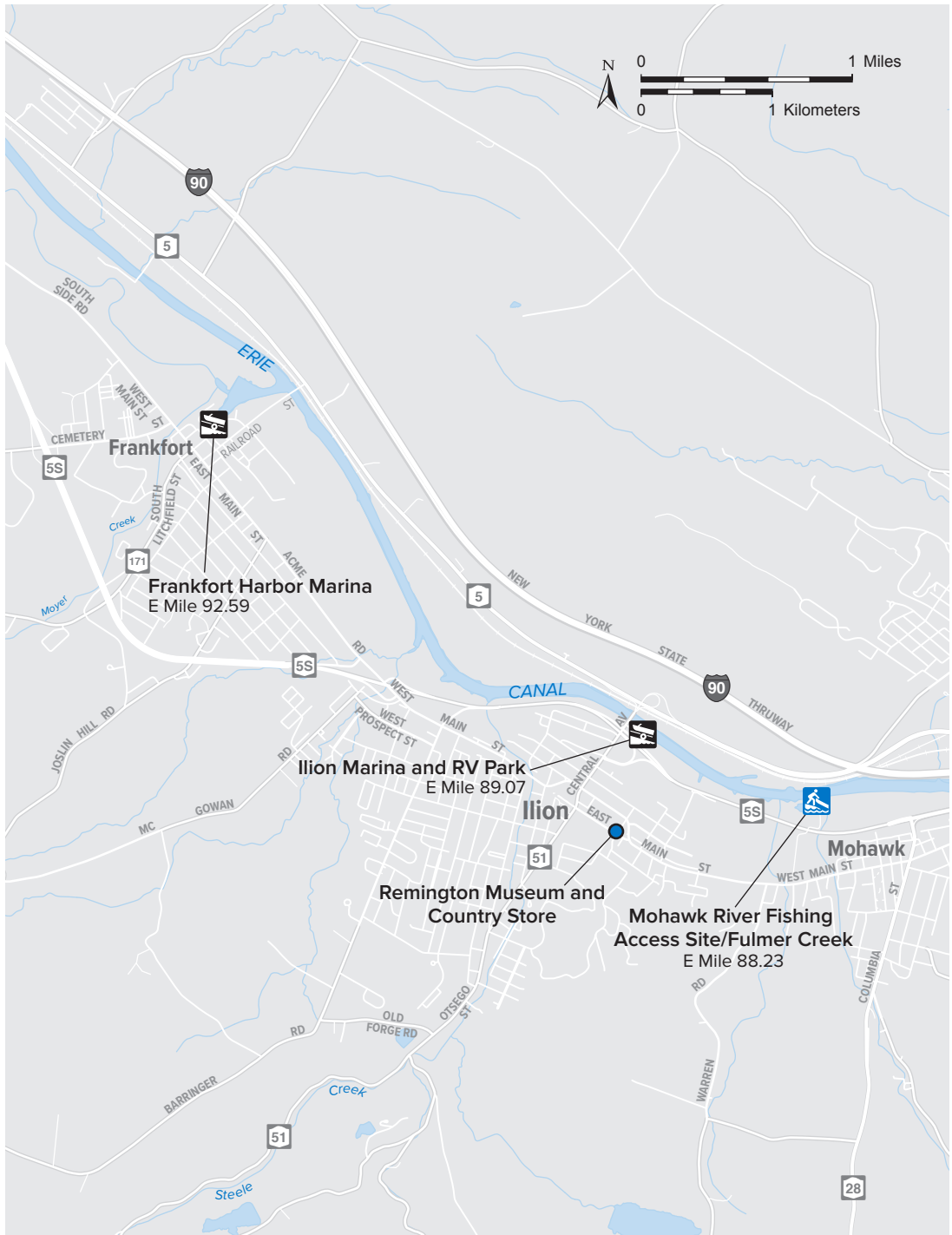
E Mile 88.23, south side 43.01542 -75.01298

 **Mohawk River Fishing Access Site/
Fulmer Creek**

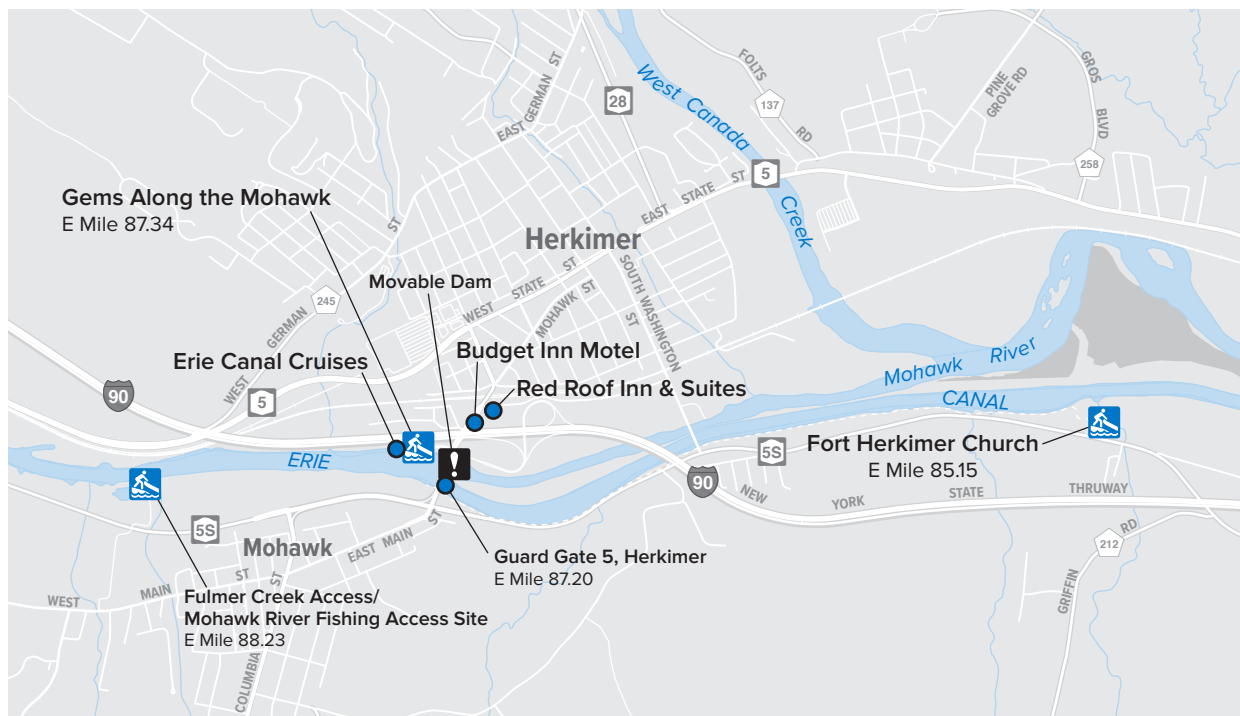
Off NY 5S near Mohawk Soccer Field

FACILITIES: Hand launch. Parking for five cars. This site could be blocked for dredging once every one to two years.

DEC fishing access site.



HERKIMER



The area around Herkimer was first settled in the 1720s by refugees from the Palatinate, a war-torn region in the southwest Rhine region of what is today Germany. About 3,000 were sent by the British to their colony in New York in 1710. In 1723, 100 heads of families became the first Europeans to acquire land west of Little Falls, along both sides of the Mohawk River in what is now Herkimer County. The county, town, and village are named for Nicholas Herkimer, a son of Palatine settlers who rose to the rank of general during the American Revolution. Herkimer was mortally wounded at the Battle of Oriskany in 1777 while leading a column of militia to relieve besieged American forces at Fort Stanwix. His 1764 riverfront home below Little Falls is directly accessible from the water trail.

PLACES OF INTEREST OFF THE WATER

Within the town is Herkimer's Historic Four Corners, where North Main Street meets Court Street. Four historic buildings are seen here: The **1884 Herkimer County Historical Society**, the **1834 Herkimer County Jail**, the **1873 Herkimer County Courthouse**, and the **1834 Herkimer Reformed Church**. Tours of the Historical Society Museum are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays in July and August 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



LODGING

43.01820 -74.99264

Budget Inn Motel

715 Mohawk Street
Herkimer, NY 13350
(315) 866-6080
budgetinn.com

Located 0.2 miles from the Gems Along the Mohawk marina.

43.01875 -74.99150

Red Roof Inn & Suites

100 Marginal Road
Herkimer, NY 13350
(315) 866-0490
redroof.com

Located 0.3 miles from Gems Along the Mohawk marina.



Lynn Cleveland

Gems Along the Mohawk, Herkimer

WATERWAY CRUISES

E Mile 87.34, north side
43.01708 -74.99612

Erie Canal Cruises

Gems Along the Hudson
800 Mohawk Street
Herkimer, NY 13350
(315) 717-0077
eriecanalcruises.com

Daily sightseeing cruises during the canal navigation season; specialty cruises some evenings. A replica Erie Canal stump puller is on display near the dock.

ADMISSION: Fee. Reservations strongly suggested.

E Mile 87.34, north side 43.01704 -74.99812

Gems Along the Mohawk

800 Mohawk Street
Herkimer, NY 13350
(315) 717-0077
gemsalongthemohawk.com

FACILITIES: Water, restrooms. Car top launch with terraced steps at western end. Ample parking. Distance from parking about 500 feet. Gems Along the Mohawk brings together a group of retail shops, a Mohawk Valley Visitor's Center, and a restaurant. It's also the home of the sightseeing boats of Erie Canal Cruises. Shops and restaurants in the town of Herkimer are nearby, on the north side of the New York State Thruway I-90.

E Mile 87.23 43.01548 -74.99481

Bridge E36, Mohawk Street/East Main Street
(NY 28)

E Mile 87.20	43.01536 -74.99445
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Guard Gate 5, Herkimer

The guard gate protects the land-cut channel along the south bank between here and Lock E18. It is normally raised throughout navigation season. A movable bridge-type dam and spillway on the north bank maintain the canal pool level and allow excess water to flow into the natural bed of the Mohawk River.

PADDLING NOTE: Hug the south shore and paddle through the guard gate into the canal channel. Bundles of timber pilings were driven into the riverbed to keep barges from being swept toward the dam and spillway, but they are spaced too far apart to provide protection for paddlecraft. There is a line of buoys on a safety cable in front of the dam and spillway, but currents can be swift in this area.

E Mile 87.19	
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Plantation Island Wildlife Management Area German Flatts, NY

The large island begins at the guard gate. Squeezed between the Erie Canal and the Mohawk River, the WMA covers approximately 200 acres. Hunting is permitted on the island; do not land there during the hunting season. No trails or facilities; no swimming or camping. Watch out for poison ivy.

E Mile 86.47	43.01677 -74.98086
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Bridge E34B, New York State Thruway I-90

E Mile 86.36	43.01740 -74.97911
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Bridge E34A, South Washington Street

E Mile 85.15, south side	43.01809 -74.95406
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Fort Herkimer Church

575 NY 5S
Mohawk, NY 13407

FACILITIES: Beach landing, gazebo, picnic tables. Parking for 15 cars. Distance to parking is 300 feet.

This intersects with the Erie Canalway Trail/
Empire State Trail.

The church was built in 1753 and expanded in 1812. During the Revolutionary War, a stone stockade known as Fort Herkimer was built around the church. The fort was dismantled during the Erie Canal expansion in 1840 and the stones were used in the construction. The remains of a waste weir (used to drain surplus water from the canal) are about 400 feet north of the church. The church was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. The grounds are open, but the interior is not open to the public. It can be reached from the Erie Canalway Trail.

E Mile 83.19	43.01619 -74.91691
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Lock E18, Jacksonburg

1043 NY 5S
Mohawk, NY 13407
(315) 823-2419

LIFT: 20.0 feet.

FACILITIES: Scramble up a rocky shore upon the upstream approach wall, south side. No mooring on the eastern end of the lock.

PADDLING NOTE: Sections of the Mohawk River bypass Lock E18 and Lock E16. These reaches are fun to explore and can even be used to create paddle loops. Be aware, however, that when water levels are low, you may have to drag or carry your boat. When water levels are high, they may cover hazards such as downed trees and snags.

The Mohawk River rejoins the canal on the north side just to the east of the lock, supplemented by flow from West Canada Creek.