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Web site on Erie Canal Trail is tops

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Bicyclists, runners and walkers frequent the Erie Canalway Trail, but the trail's Web site may soon see increased traffic of its own.

The site - www.ptny.org/bikecanal - has been named as "Best Travel and Tourism Site for Trails" by the national organization American Trails.

The site, developed by the nonprofit Parks and Trails New York, was noted for how it helps people plan a trip along the historic canal.

The "planning a visit" tab on the right-hand margin allows visitors to choose a themed itinerary, discover things to do along the way or mark facilities they might need on their trip. Once on the site, visitors can order a guidebook to the trail.

The Web site was funded by grants from the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and the state Department of Economic Development.

View the other Web site winners at www.americantrails.org. Click on "Winners of the American Trails 2008 Web site Contest."

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