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Tour of the Erie Canal brings in 500 bike riders

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It's not the Tour de France - it's the Tour of the Erie Canal. About 500 bike riders from almost 40 states, some as far away as Germany are riding along the Erie Canal today heading to Seneca Falls.

They are taking part in the annual Cycling the Erie Canal Bike Tour." The group left Buffalo on Sunday. They go 30 to 60 miles a day and plan to travel 400 miles before the trip ends.

Parks & Trails NY Executive Director Robin Dropkin said, "The goal is to bring visibility to the Erie Canal way trail which, when it's complete, will be the longest intrastate trail in the country. It'll be 400 miles from Buffalo to Albany and it is already a great draw for bicycle tourists but it really will become I think an international Mecca for bicycle tourism when it's completed."

The trip is organized by Parks and Trails New York and will end this Sunday in Albany.

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