

The Canalway Trail

The New York State Canalway Trail System is a network of approximately 245 miles of multi-use trails across upstate New York. Major segments are adjacent to the New York State Canal System or follow parallel portions of the original canals of the 19th century. Cooperative initiatives with the New York State Canal Corporation, volunteers, local governments, Parks & Trails New York and federal and state agencies have created this great network of trails for public use.

When completed, the Canalway Trail will span more than 500 miles and connect numerous cities, towns, and villages along the Canal System, making it one of the longest multi-use recreational trails in the country.

Canalway Trail Maintenance

The Canalway Trail needs regular maintenance to keep it in good repair for biking, walking, and other trail activities. Grass needs to be mowed, brush cut, litter and weeds removed, and graffiti cleaned. In addition, some trail facilities need to be painted and repaired. State and local agencies are working hard to maintain the trail, but volunteers are needed to help with these activities and provide the care that will make this trail a world-class recreational resource.

You Can Help

The Canalway Trail Adopt-a-Trail program helps keep the trail clean and in good repair by encouraging volunteers to adopt sections of the trail in their communities. The Canalway Trails Association New York, in cooperation with the New York State Canal Corporation, organizes and guides volunteer work on the Canalway Trail.

Who Can Adopt a Trail?

Individuals, families, and organizations may adopt a mile or more of the Canalway Trail. It is a great community project for a scout or youth group, school, company, or service organization. Adopt-a-Trail signs recognizing the group or individuals will be furnished and erected at each end of the adopted trail segment. Volunteers who adopt a section of trail are able to work on their own schedule.

It's Fun!

Adopt-a-Trail groups can tackle many types of maintenance tasks, such as litter pick-up, mowing, trimming brush, removing fallen branches, raking and patching the trail surface, maintaining signs, painting, and landscaping.

Volunteers may become involved in trail planning, local trail map development, and environmental and historic education activities.

Volunteers may also be interested in participating in the Canalway Trails Association New York at the regional or state level.

New York State Canal System

The New York State Canal System is operated by the New York State Canal Corporation, a subsidiary of the New York State Thruway Authority. The New York State Canal System is a navigable 524-mile inland waterway that crosses upstate New York. The Canal System also features numerous parks and recreation areas along the Canalway Trail. For more information, call 1-800-4-CANAL-4 or visit www.canals.state.ny.us.



Parks & Trails New York

Parks & Trails New York is a statewide, not-for-profit organization that works to



expand, protect, and promote a network of parks, trail, and open spaces throughout the state for the use and enjoyment of all. For more information call (518)434-1583 or visit the website at www.ptny.org.

Canalway Trails Association New York

The Canalway Trails Association New York is a volunteer organization that works with citizens, state agencies and local municipalities to help keep the Canalway Trail a world-class multi-use recreational trail. The Canalway Trails Association promotes the completion and proper maintenance of the Canalway Trail and coordinates the Adopt-a-Trail Program.