



The Fifth Annual Canalway Trail Celebration
Saturday, June 7, 2008, National Trails Day
“Join Us on the Trail”

(Events listed by county. All events take place
on Saturday, June 7 unless otherwise noted.)

Albany County

“Discover the Trails” (Cohoes)

What: Explore the trails of the Hudson-Mohawk Heritage Area. The Cohoes Visitor center in the Cohoes Music Hall at 58 Remsen Street will offer information and self-guided tours.

When: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Where: Cohoes Visitor Center, 58 Remsen Street

Sponsor: City of Cohoes, Cohoes Local Development Corporation and Riverspark

Contact: Emily Shover, 518-237-0507

eshover@ci.cohoes.ny.us

Web: www.ci.cohoes.ny.us

Erie County

“Brass Ring Thing VIII - A Renaissance Faire” Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum (Tonawanda)

What: Enjoy a family event of swashbuckling sword duels, dangerously accurate knife and axe throwers, gentle lords, beautiful ladies, medieval songsters and skillful jugglers. Games include catapults, castle bounce, dragon swing, pillow joust, rat pucking, sheep throwing, dragon spears and more. New this year are Shakespeare snippets with audience participation. Artisans will be demonstrating their crafts.

When: 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Where: Museum at 180 Thompson St. in Tonawanda

Sponsor: Carousel Society of the Niagara Frontier, Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum & the Society for Creative Anachronism

Contact: Vicki Prager, 716-693-1885

director@carrouselmuseum.org

Web: www.carrouselmuseum.org

Herkimer County

“Mohawk Village-wide Garage Sale”

What: Explore approximately 100 garage sales, with food, maps, & raffles available at the Mohawk Fire Station.

When: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Where: Throughout the village; start at the Fire Station

Sponsor: Village of Mohawk, Alexander Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary

Contact: June McPherson, 315-866-0202

Madison County

“Canal Boat Building of Yesteryear”- Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum

What: Boat-building demonstrations, tours of the historic site, visit museum.

When: Noon – 4:00 PM

Where: Boat Museum within Old Erie Canal State Historic Park, 7010 Lakeport Rd

Sponsor: Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum

Contact: Joan DiChristina, 315-687-3801

Web: www.chittenangocanalboatmuseum.com

“Creek Walk Kiosk Dedication” (Chittenango)

What: Dedication ceremony for a new trailhead kiosk for the Chittenango Creek Walk to honor Eagle Scout Jacob Burleigh, who built it as his Eagle Scout project.

When: 11:00 AM, SUNDAY, June 8

Where: Future trailhead for Creek Walk, Phase 1, on Genesee St across from the library

Sponsor: Village of Chittenango and Neighborhood Trail Committee

Contact: Donna Lynch, 315-687-3936

chittcreekwalk@yahoo.com

“A Canal Town History Along the Erie Towpath”

What: A walk through 10 interactive galleries of Canal Town history, culture and folklore.

When: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, self-guided

Where: Canastota Canal Town Museum, 122 Canal Street in Canastota.

Sponsor: Canastota Canal Town Museum

Contact: Joe DiGiorgio, 315-697-2567

jdigiorgio@twcnny.rr.com

Web: www.canastota.com/organization.asp?key=43

“Day on the Canal” (Bouckville)

What: Tours of the historic Chenango Canal by bus or horse & buggy, rubber duck race on the canal, treasure hunt for youngsters, music and food at the Cottage Museum.

When: 2:00 PM

Where: the Cottage Museum on Rte 20 where it crosses the canal in Bouckville

Sponsor: Chenango Canal Association

Contact: Diane Van Slyke, 315-893-7910

towpath@twcny.rr.com

Web: www.chenangocanal.org

Monroe County

“Canalway Trail Celebration Concert” (Brockport)

What: The Golden Eagle String Band from SUNY Brockport presents a concert of canal (and other) music on the canal aboard the *Rose Lummis* canal tour boat (free). The *Rose Lummis* also will offer one-hour canal cruises at a discounted price of \$10 starting at 11:30 AM before and after the concert.

When: Concert 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Where: Outside the Welcome Center in Harvester Park, on the banks of the canal at the corner of Water Street and Park Avenue.

Sponsor: Village of Brockport

Contact: Maria Casteneda or Leslie Ann Morelli, 585-637-5300

bkptvc@frontiernet.net

Web: www.brockportny.org

“Junction Lock History Walk” (Greece)

What: 1.5-mile hike along Erie Canalway Trail to the 1918 Junction Lock and 1823 culvert from Clinton’s Ditch. Learn about the history of Greece and the canal. Why is it called Henpeck Park?

When: 10:00 AM

Where: Henpeck Park, 2901 Ridgeway Avenue and Elm Grove Road, Greece.

Sponsor: Greece Erie Canal Society

Contact: Keith Kroon, 585-225-0688

GreeceErieCanal@aol.com

“Guided Bike Ride” (Rochester)

What: Bike along the Erie Canalway Trail, Genesee Riverway and Genesee Valley Greenway trails; helmet required.

When: 6:00 PM, TUESDAY, June 3

Where: Genesee Valley Park pool parking lot, 131 Elmwood Avenue

Sponsor: City of Rochester

Contact: Stacey Estrich, 585-428-8820

estrichs@cityofrochester.gov

“Traverse the Trails at Meridian Centre Park” (Brighton)

What: Come explore the history of the Erie Canal in Brighton. Then test your outdoor navigation skills on a fun scavenger hunt to help unlock the mysteries of our natural surroundings at Meridian Centre Park. Our newly expanded trail system connects to the Erie Canal, so you can extend your walk or head back to the park and finish up with an ice cold glass of lemonade. This day will prepare you for future explorations in the many beautiful parks that Brighton has to offer. Families are welcome.

When: 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Where: Meridian Centre Park, 700 Meridian Ctr Blvd

Sponsor: Town of Brighton

Contact: Rebecca Cotter, 585-784-5260

rcotter@rochester.rr.com

Web: www.townofbrighton.org

“Eastside Hop to Palmyra Bicycle Ride” (Fairport)

What: 23 miles of level bike riding along the stone dust Canalway Trail loop from Fairport to Palmyra and back, with food/beverage stop in Palmyra.

When: 9:30 AM

Where: Perinton Community Park on Rte 31F & O’Connor Rd

Sponsor: The Rochester Bicycling Club

Contact: Richard DeSarra, 585-461-5363
rdscomm@rochester.rr.com

Web: www.RochesterBicyclingClub.org

“Fairport Canal Days Festival”

What: Fairport’s premier annual arts & crafts festival features 300 artisans, boat rides on the canal, entertainment, fireworks (Friday evening), traditional & ethnic food vendors, and more.

When: Friday, June 6 – Sunday, June 8

Where: Along and near Main Street on both sides of the canal; park at Minerva Deland School off Hulbert Ave; shuttles available from there

Sponsor: Village of Fairport and numerous businesses

Contact: Nancy Ragus, 585-234-4323
info@fairportcanaldays.com

Web: www.fairportcanaldays.com

“2nd Annual ‘Butcher, Baker, Candlestick Maker’” (Adams Basin)

What: Stop by and meet the local butcher, baker and candlestick maker and shop for locally produced goods. On the inn porch, browse among the wares of Designed Elegance Pastry Shoppe, Taste of Texas Barbecue, handmade quilts by Judy Nichols, and other local artists; enjoy canal music while strolling the beautiful grounds of the Adams Basin Inn; tours of the inn and lift bridge.

When: 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Where: Adams Basin Inn on the towpath, 425 Washington Street in Adams Basin, between Brockport and Spencerport

Sponsor: Adams Basin Inn

Contact: Pat and David Haines, 585-352-9869
haines24@hotmail.com or hainesp@t@hotmail.com

Web: www.adamsbasininn.com

“Canal Trail Day” (Gates)

What: Walk or bike the Canalway Trail in the heart of the Town of Gates from Lyell Ave to Buffalo Rd & back (2 miles).

When: 10:00 AM – noon

Where: Parking lot for the trail on Lyell Avenue in Gates

Sponsor: Gates Democratic Committee

Contact: Susan Swanton, 585-247-0142
sswanton@rochester.rr.com

Web: www.gatesdemocrats.com

“National Trails Day” (Town of Ogden)

What: Group bike ride on the Canalway Trail between the Gillette Road bridge and the Village of Spencerport; possibility to go farther if desired.

When: 10:00 AM

Where: Gillette Rd bridge over canal

Sponsor: Monroe County Trails, Shops at Barefoot Landing

Contact: Denny Marra, 585-317-3282

DJM26@msn.com

“Men’s Leadership Council Spring Rally” (Rochester)

What: Clean up and trim along the Canalway Trail, along the Genesee River, near Brooks Landing and the University of Rochester.

When: Noon – 4:00 PM

Where: Brooks Landing on the Genesee River

Sponsor: Men’s leadership Council of Western New York, Friends of the Genesee River

Contact: Ken Warner, 585-288-3440

kwarner@uniconrochester.com

Montgomery County

“Biking from Lock 15 to Lock 16” (Fort Plain)

What: Bike trip along the Canalway Trail from Lock 15 in Fort Plain to Lock 16 in Mindenville and back; riverside picnic included.

When: 9:00 AM

Where: Meet at Lock 15 in Fort Plain; call for directions

Sponsor: Fort Plain Activities Council

Contact: Fred Leiber, 518-993-3087

fmliieber@roadrunner.com

“National Trails Day Walking Tour” (Fort Hunter)

What: Enjoy a walking tour along the Towpath Trails of the old Erie Canal to learn about the historical & archaeological treasures of the Fort Hunter area and Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site.(Fee)

When: 1:00 PM, Saturday, MAY 31

Where: Schoharie Crossing Visitor Center

Sponsor: Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site

Contact: Tricia Shaw, 518-829-7516

tricia.shaw@oprhp.state.ny.us

Web: www.nysparks.com

Niagara County

“Lockport Cave and Underground Boat Ride”

What: An exciting historical guided tour through America’s past. Explore the historic Erie Canal Locks 67-71, constructed in 1838, view ruins from an earlier industrial age, walk through a 1,600 ft water tunnel blasted out of solid rock in the 1850s, and enjoy an underground boat to view geological formations.

When: Noon to 4:00 PM

Where: 2 Pine Street (at the Erie Canal) in Lockport

Sponsor: City of Lockport

Contact: Clancy Burkwit, 716-438-0174

lockportcave@verizon.net

Web: www.lockportcave.com

Oneida County

“Discover a 19th Century Waste Weir – Erie Canal Village” (Rome)

What: A costumed interpreter will present a program on the history of the waste weir at Erie Canal Village, the only working weir on the historic Enlarged Erie Canal. A demonstration of the weir will follow the program.

When: 1:00 PM

Where: Museum Shop at Erie Canal Village, 5789 New London Road (Routes 46 & 49)

Sponsor: Erie Canal Village

Contact: Melody Milewski, 315-337-3999

mandm2000@twcny.rr.com

Web: www.eriecanalvillage.net

Onondaga County

“Onondaga Lake Day – Onondaga Lake Park”

What: Free public information and celebration day focusing upon environmental and recreational attributes of Onondaga Lake including the signature shoreline trails of Onondaga Lake Park; narrated historical tram tour at 10:00 AM; regular tram service also is narrated.

When: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Where: Onondaga Lake Park, 6790 Onondaga Lake Trail, Liverpool

Sponsor: Onondaga County Parks & the Onondaga Lake Partnership

Contact: Leiko Benson, 315-453-6712

leikobenson@ongov.net

Web: www.lake.onondaga.ny.us

“Hit the Trail & Museum Open House” (Camillus)

What: Celebrate the re-opening of the trail for biking & hiking and the canal for boat rides at the Erie Canal First Enlargement. Come to the museum open house and view exhibits such as the 1845 lock shanty, the 132-year old outhouse, the 1820 lock site and Pill's Homestead foundation.

When: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Where: Camillus Erie Canal Park on Devoe Road in Camillus

Sponsor: Camillus Erie Canal Park

Contact: David & Liz Bebee, 315-488-3409

dwbbeebe@versizon.net

Web: www.eriecanalcamillus.com

Oswego County

“Canal Days” (Phoenix)

What: Friday -A day of old-fashioned crafts, from candle and butter making to spinning and blacksmithing; also canal boat and Bridge House Museum tours. Saturday – Bridge House open for tours; free lemonade & coffee; apple pie available; Dockside Restaurant open for breakfast and lunch.

When: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Friday, June 6; 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Saturday, June 7

Where: Henley Park, Lock Island in the center of Phoenix

Sponsor: The Bridge House Brats, Village of PhoenixPhoenix Central Schools, G.P.I.A.

Contact: Cathy Lee, 315-695-2710

Web: www.bridgehousebrats.us

“Enjoy the Park, Enjoy the River” (Minetto)

What: Stop by and enjoy the beauty of Minetto’s River View Park on the Oswego River & Canal with its walkway & flowers; have a picnic; launch your canoe or kayak for a paddle. Limited docking available near Lock 5. Historic Battle Island is nearby.

When: All day

Where: Town of Minetto Memorial River View Park

Sponsor: Town of Minetto

Contact: Jennifer Allen, 315-342-4421

clerk@townofminetto.net

“Trail Day at Great Bear” (Fulton)

What: Hike, mountain bike or walk your dog on miles of trails and the canal towpath on the Oswego Canal at the Great Bear Recreational Area; view intricate stonework of the old lock system.

When: All day

Where: Rte 57 & Great Bear Rd between Fulton and Phoenix

Sponsor: Friends of Great Bear, City of Fulton, Town of Volney

Contact: Richard Drosse, 315-343-4565

rdrosse@twcny.rr.com

Web: <http://web.mac.com/oswegocountygreen>

Saratoga County

“Join Us on the Knox Trail” (Schuylerville)

What: Beautification and dedication of Knox Trail Pocket Park. Saturday: “Planting party” to plant flowers, clean beds and boxes; bring gardening tools & plants or mulch to share. Sunday: Dedication & unveiling of new sculpture, with refreshments.

When: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM on Saturday; 1:30 PM on Sunday

Where: Knox Trail Pocket Park, Rte 4 & Starks Knob Rd just north of Schuylerville

Sponsor: Hudson Crossing Park, Towns of Saratoga & Northumberland & The Turning Point Rotary Club

Contact: Marlene Bissell, 518-859-1462

abissell@nycap.rr.com

Web: www.hudsoncrossingpark.org

“Champlain Canal Trail Ribbon Cutting & Tour” (Halfmoon)

What: Last year the Halfmoon Trails Advisory Committee held a ground breaking ceremony for construction of a trail along old Champlain Canal Towpath from Brookwood Road north. Now come and see the results of construction at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Champlain Canal Trail! There also will a history tour of the new trail.

When: 10:00 AM – noon; rain date will be June 14.

Where: Brookwood Rd and Rte 4 & 32 near the town’s water treatment plant

Sponsor: Town of Halfmoon & the Trails Advisory Committee

Contact: Henrietta O’Grady, 518-371-8374

hograde@nycap.rr.com

Web: www.townofhalfmoon.org

“Walk Along the Flight” (Waterford)

What: Walk along the Waterford Flight, the highest set of lift locks in the world, and witness the operation of the locks.

When: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Where: Waterford Harbor Visitor Center at One Tugboat Alley in Waterford to Lock 6

Sponsor: Town of Waterford

Contact: Richard Hurst, 518-233-9123

whvc@nycap.rr.com

Web: www.town.waterford.ny.us

Schenectady County

“Canalway Trail Craft Fair” (Rotterdam)

What: Fair with quality crafts, Native American jewelry & food booth; also tour the Native American Museum and gift shop.

When: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Where: Keepers of the Circle, 1180 Main St, Rotterdam Junction

Sponsor: Keepers of the Circle, Inc.

Contact: Jessica LaPam, 518-887-2590

“Clean up of City of Schenectady Section of the Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Trail”

What: Join in a trail maintenance day, including trash clean up to trimming brush. Take a walk and lend a hand for as long as you want. Bring work gloves.

When: 9:00 AM – noon

Where: Intersection of Seneca Street & the Bike-Hike Trail in Schenectady

Sponsor: Schenectady Chapter of ADK, Friends of the Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Trail, & Eastern Mountain

Contact: Howard Halstead, 518-393-0558

halstead@ieee.org (email preferred)

Schoharie County

“Leopold Education Project Teacher Workshop” (Esperance)

What: Based on the writings of Aldo Leopold, the LEP curriculum was developed to teach the public about our ties to the natural world and to provide leadership in conserving natural resources. LEP seeks to instill a respect & admiration for the land, leading to an ecologically literate citizenry with a consciousness of the earth and its inhabitants. Materials are sponsored by NYS DEC and include: Teacher's Guide: Lessons in a Land Ethic (21 activities in more than 80 pages); *A Sand County Almanac* and Task Cards. This workshop is appropriate for formal and non-formal educators of grades K-12. Pre-registration required.

When: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Where: Landis Arboretum

Sponsor: Wildlife Learning Company & Landis Arboretum

Contact: Susan O’Handley, 607-293-6043

susan@wildlearn.com

Web: www.wildlearn.com

Seneca County

“Trail Walk with Your Camera” (Seneca Falls)

What: Walk the Frank J. Ludovico Sculpture Trail and photograph the art and beauty of the trail and Cayuga-Seneca Canal, then submit your photos at the Seneca Museum for possible display during the summer.

When: all day

Where: Bridge Street entrance to the trail in Seneca Falls

Sponsor: Seneca Museum of Waterways & Industry, 89 Fall Street in Seneca Falls

Contact: Wilhelmina Pasmucans, 315-568-8204

“Fifth Annual Wildflowers & Wine Festival” (Seneca Falls)

What: Tours of Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge, with a stop at Montezuma Winery, live animal programs, planting wildflower seeds, activities for children, educational exhibits, talk about monarch butterflies, unveiling of the Winery’s new Monarch wine (sales benefit restoration of/education about Montezuma Wetlands Complex), opening of the Wildflowers of Montezuma Art Show.

When: 12:00 noon to 5:00 PM, SUNDAY, JUNE 15

Where: Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge, 3395 US Rt. 20

Sponsor: Friends of the Montezuma Wetlands Complex and Montezuma Winery

Contact: Mike Morgan, 315-568-5987

mrm66@cornell.edu

Web: www.friendsofmontezuma.org/wine.html or www.montezumawinery.com

Warren County

“Annual Feeder Canal Canoe and Kayak Race” (Queensbury)

What: Take part in a 5-mile canoe/kayak race on the canal or just enjoy watching it.

When: Registration 9:00 – 11:30 AM; race starts at noon

Where: The dam at Feeder Canal Park on Richardson St in Queensbury

Sponsor: The Feeder Canal Alliance

Contact: Jeanne Williams, 518-792-5363

info@feedercanal.com

Web: www.feedercanal.com

Washington County

“Fort Edward Exercises Together (FEET) Trail Kickoff”

What: Walk and scavenger hunt on the Feeder Canal Trail

When: 12:00 noon to 3:00 PM (scavenger hunt at 1:00 PM)

Where: McIntyre Park on McIntyre St (from Rt 4, go east on Case St to its end, turn right on McIntyre)

Sponsor: FEET

Contact: Mary Riley-Jacome, 518-408-2339

mrjacome@albany.edu

Wayne County

“Community Pride Day” (Newark)

What: Clean up the canal banks & trails, village streets, and other areas; followed by food and live music from 1:00 – 3:00 at T. Spencer Knight Park on the canal.

When: 10:00 AM, Saturday, MAY 10

Where: In the parking lot on the south side of T. Spencer Knight Park near the Nesbitt & Williams office; refreshments provided as crews receive assignments

Sponsor: Village of Newark, Cub Scouts, and numerous local businesses

Contact: Lee Mikewicz, 315-331-4773 x 114 or 331-4770

lmikewicz@villageofnewark.com

“Newark Family Festival & Rose Parade”

What: Weekend-long festivities in downtown Newark with live music, crafts, food. The Firemen’s Rose Parade is Saturday at 1:00 and the famous “duck race” at 2:30, with a gigantic fireworks display at 9:30.

When: JUNE 13–15; Friday, 5:00 -9:00 PM, all day Saturday; Sunday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Where: Along the main streets of Newark and by the canal at T. Spencer Knight Park

Sponsor: Village of Newark & Fire Department

Contact: Lee Mikewicz, 315-331-4773 x 114 or 331-4770

lmikewicz@villageofnewark.com

“Family Bike Ride” (Palmyra)

What: Four mile ride for adults & children. Snack & drinks provided along with tips and bike inspection.

When: 11:00 AM

Where: Rte. 21 in Palmyra

Sponsor: Palmyra Pathways, Village of Palmyra, Breen’s IGA Market

Contact: Dale Oswald, 315-507-4279

doswald4@rochester.rr.com

Web: www.geocities.com/palmyrapathways/

“Trail Clean Up” (Palmyra)

What: Clean up and beautify the Canalway Trail in Palmyra.

When: 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Where: Port of Palmyra Marina near Division St canal bridge

Sponsor: Palmyra Pathways, Village of Palmyra, Breen’s IGA Market

Contact: Pat Nolan, 315-597-2566

pnolan@rochester.rr.com

“Nature/Historical Walk” (Palmyra)

What: A guided 1.8-mile walk along the old canal from the marina, circling the wetlands to Aquaduct Park.

When: 11:30 AM, 12:00 noon, and 1:30 PM

Where: Port of Palmyra Marina near Division St canal bridge

Sponsor: Palmyra Pathways, Village of Palmyra, Breen’s IGA Market

Contact: Jamie Hemmings, 585-388-3476

hemmingsJG@Corning.com

“Serious Biker’s Cycling Tour” (Palmyra)

What: 16-mile ride on the Canalway Trail and backroads toward Newark and back to marina.

When: 1:00 PM

Where: Port of Palmyra Marina near Division St canal bridge

Sponsor: Palmyra Pathways, Village of Palmyra, Breen's IGA Market

Contact: Dale Oswald, 315-507-4279

doswald4@rochester.rr.com

“Runner’s Erie Canalway Tour” (Palmyra)

What: 5.8 mile run at a 10-minute pace to Galloway’s Bridge and back.

When: 1:30 PM

Where: Port of Palmyra Marina near Division St canal bridge

Sponsor: Palmyra Pathways, Breen's IGA Market

Contact: Jamie Hemmings, 585-388-3476

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