

Take to the Water

The centerpiece of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor is the canal itself—variously regarded as an engineering marvel, the Internet of its day, and the waterway that opened the continent. New York’s canal system has been in continuous operation since 1825. That’s longer than any other constructed transportation system on the North American continent.

Over 500 miles of interconnected canals, rivers, and lakes are typically open from May 1 to November 15. On-water activities include cruising, rowing, canoeing and kayaking, powerboating, and fishing. Consult our chart to find boat rentals and tours.



Champlain Lock 5

The New York State Canal System is owned and operated by the New York State Canal Corporation, a subsidiary of the New York State Thruway Authority. Current information on fees for boating through the locks, up-to-date notices to mariners, and the official *Cruising Guide to the New York State Canal System* may be found at www.nyscanals.gov or by calling 1-800-4-CANAL-4 (1-800-422-6254).

Maintaining Sanctuary

Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor is much more than just a recreational destination. It is a sanctuary of historical, cultural, and natural resources—and home to 2.7 million New Yorkers. Conserving our heritage is up to all of us. Help us maintain the Erie Canalway’s treasures for all to use and enjoy.

- Don’t dump waste or trash into the canal or along the Canalway Trail.
- Discharge all sanitary waste at onshore marine pumpout facilities. The canal system is a designated No Discharge Zone.
- Clean your boat and drain the bilge, live well, and engine cooling system before moving it from one water body to another to prevent the spread of invasive species.
- Get involved locally by helping with canal clean up or trail improvement projects.



Canal Clean Sweep, April

COMPANY/ LOCATION	TELEPHONE/ WEBSITE	CANOE/KAYAK RENTAL	HOURLY/DAILY TOURS	SELF-SKIPPED CHARTER BOAT	OVERNIGHT CRUISE	CHARTER W/CAPTAIN & CREW
Champlain Canal						
Carillon Cruises, <i>Whitehall</i>	802-897-5331 www.carilloncruises.com		•			•
Champlain Canal Tour Boats, <i>Schuylerville</i>	518-695-5609 www.champlaincanaltours.com		•		•	
Lock 12 Marina, <i>Whitehall</i>	518-499-2049 www.visitwhitehall.com/lock12marina.html	•				
Mohawk-Hudson Region						
The Boat House, <i>Schenectady</i>	518-393-5711 boathousecanoeskayaks.com	•				
Captain’s Choice, <i>Clifton Park, Troy</i>	518-470-4666; 518-756-8042 www.captainschoiceny.com					•
Erie Canal Cruises, <i>Herkimer</i>	315-717-0350 www.eriecanalcruises.com		•			
Erie-Champlain Canal Boat Company, <i>Waterford</i>	518-577- 6363; 518-432-6094 www.eccboating.com				•	
Central Region						
Discovery Marine Services <i>Baldwinsville</i>	315-317-3694 www.discoverymarineservices.com		•			
Mid-Lakes Navigation Co., <i>Baldwinsville, Skaneateles</i>	315-685-8500; 800-545-4318 www.midlakesnav.com		•	•	•	
Seaway Navigation and Tours, <i>Brewerton</i>	315-934-4157 www.seawaynavigationandtours.com		•			•
Cayuga-Seneca Canal						
Canal Side Experiences, <i>Waterloo</i>	315-651-4443 www.canalside.net	•	•	•		
Captain Bill’s, <i>Watkins Glen</i>	607-535-4541 www.senecaharborstation.com		•			
Finger Lakes Boat Rental, <i>Cayuga</i>	315-364-8663 www.fingerlakesboatrental.com			•		
Finger Lakes Water Adventures, <i>Waterloo</i>	315-789-5520 www.fingerlakeswateradventures.com		•	•		
Fuzzy Guppies, <i>Waterloo</i>	315-539-8848 www.fuzzyguppies.com	•				
Liberty Boat Tours, <i>Seneca Falls, Geneva</i>	315-246-7608 ; 315-789-5520 (Geneva) www.libertyboattours.com		•			•
Western Region						
Amherst Marine Center, <i>Amherst</i>	716-691-6707 www.eriecanal.com			•		
Bon Voyage Adventures, <i>Spencerport</i>	585-703-0031 www.roselummis.com		•			•
Canal Princess Charters, <i>Tonawanda</i>	716-693-2752 www.canalprincess.com			•		
Colonial Belle—Erie Canal Boat Tour, <i>Fairport</i>	585-223-9470 www.colonialbelle.com		•			
Corn Hill Navigation, <i>Rochester, Pittsford</i>	585-262-5661 samandmary.org		•			
Erie Canal Boat Company, <i>Fairport</i>	585-748-2628 www.eriecanalboatcompany.com	•				
Genesee Waterways Center, <i>Rochester</i>	585-328-3960 www.geneseewaterways.org	•				
Lock 32 Whitewater Park, <i>Pittsford</i>	585-586-4330 www.geneseewaterways.org	•				
Lockport Locks and Erie Canal Cruises, <i>Lockport</i>	800-378-0352; 716-433-6155 www.lockportlocks.com		•			•
Low Bridge Charters, <i>Fairport</i>	315-539-8034 www.lowbridgecharters.com			•		
Mid-Lakes Navigation: Macedon Landing, <i>Macedon</i>	315-986-3011 www.macedonlanding.com	•		•	•	
Multiple Locations						
American Canadian Caribbean Line, Inc., <i>Warren</i>	800-556-7450; 401-247-0955 www.accl-smallships.com				•	
Erie Canal Cruise Lines, <i>Cape Vincent</i>	800-962-1771 www.canalcruises.com			•		
Force Seven Charters, Inc., <i>Clifton Springs</i>	585-330-7440 www.forcesevencharters.com					•