



Erie Canalway News Release

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New Signs Link Historic Sites in Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor

Historic sites and museums serve as critical entry points for visitors

WATERFORD, NY- New signs that link historic sites and museums within the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor are now on display at sites from Albany to Buffalo. The large display signs encourage visitors to learn more about each site's connection to the canal. By using a consistent design, the signs enhance the visual sense that canal-related museums and cultural heritage sites are critical entry points to the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.

“Each site has something unique to offer—from aqueducts to architecture to fabulous collections,” said Beth Sciumeca, Executive Director of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. “We want visitors to view each site as one of many ‘gems on the necklace’ along the canal and become motivated to visit them all.”

Sites that participate in the Erie Canalway Partner Program worked with staff of the National Heritage Corridor to develop the signs, which include a map of the National Heritage Corridor along with historical and modern photos of each site.

A number of these sites also participate in the *Passport to Your National Parks* program, offering visitors a free special cancellation stamp to record their visit.

Visit the sites listed below to see their unique signs, and all of the wonderful things they have to offer. Or, visit our online gallery for a sneak preview from the comfort of your computer.

<http://eriecanalway.org/v2/gallery/gateway-signs/>

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ERIE CANALWAY SIGN LOCATIONS & PARTNER SITES [listed east to west]

Burden Iron Works Museum, Troy

www.hudsonmohawkgateway.org

Hours: most weekdays 10-6; other times by appointment; call first 518-274-5267

Eastern Gateway to the Canal System at Waterford Harbor, Waterford

<http://www.town.waterford.ny.us/waterford-visitors-center.html>

Hours: Locks and canal sites open daily

Mohawk Towpath Byway, Waterford/Cohoes to Schenectady

<http://www.mohawktowpath.org>

Hours: year round self-guided tours and recreational uses

Upcoming Events: 10/16 Annual Duathlon

Schenectady Museum & Suits-Bueche Planetarium, Schenectady

www.schenectadymuseum.org

Hours: Thurs & Fri 12-5, Sat & Sun 11-5

Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, Fort Hunter

www.nysparks.com

Hours: Erie Canalway Trail open; visitor center closed due to impacts from Tropical Storm Irene.

Arkell Museum at Canajoharie, Canajoharie

www.arkellmuseum.org

Hours: Mon-Fri 10-5; Sat & Sun 1-5

Fort Plain Free Library, Fort Plain

<http://www.ftplib.blogspot.com>

Hours: Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri 10-5; Thur 10-8:30; Sat 9-12

Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum, Chittenango

www.chittenangolandingscanalboatmuseum.com

Hours: Sat & Sun 1-4

Upcoming Events: 10/23 Erie Halloween Party

Erie Canal Museum, Syracuse

www.eriecanalmuseum.org

Hours: Mon-Sat 10-5; Sun 10-3

Upcoming events: 10/26 *Mule Day at the Erie Canal Museum*, open house and special tours; 10/29

Chestnuts at the Erie Canal Museum, special evening of classic 19th century contra dances;

Also, through 10/27: *American Chartres: Buffalo's Waterfront Elevators*, photographs by Bruce Jackson

Camillus Erie Canal Park, Camillus

www.eriecanalparkcamillus.com

Hours: daily, dawn to dusk; Sims Museum open Sat 12-4

Upcoming Events: 11/5 Miriam Monfredo, noted author, combines mystery thrillers with history centered in Seneca Falls and Civil War era, 1:30 pm, Camillus Town Hall

Seneca Falls Visitor Center and Seneca Museum, Seneca Falls

www.senecamuseum.com

Hours: Mon-Sat 10-4; Sun 12-4

Upcoming Events: 10/21 Dady Brothers, *Songs of the Erie Canal* 7pm; 12/10 It's a Wonderful Life Celebration

Montezuma Heritage Park & Richmond Aqueduct, Montezuma

<http://montezumaheritagepark.blogspot.com>

Hours: daily, sunrise to sunset; Upcoming Events: 10/8 Volunteer trail work day

Historic Palmyra Museums, Palmyra

www.historicpalmyra.com

Hours: Tues-Thurs 11-4

Upcoming Events: 10/10 Sibyl's 116th Birthday Party, 6:30 pm; 10/14-15 Cemetery Walks, 6:30 & 7:50 pm

Rochester Museum & Science Center, Rochester

www.rmhc.org

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5; Sun & Holidays 11-5

Upcoming Events: 10/28 Halloween Fun with Flashlight, 4:30 pm; 10/29 Bill Gormont's World of Magic, 1:30 and 3 pm

Rochester Public Library

www.libraryweb.org

or for Erie Canal information: <http://www.libraryweb.org/rochimag/canals/home.htm>

Hours: Sun 1-5 (Oct-May only), Mon 12-8, Tues-Fri 10-6, Sat 10-5 (closed Sat. July-Labor Day)

Upcoming Events: 10/15/2011-1/15/2012 *Rochester in the Civil War* (historical exhibit); 10/21-12/4 *Art of the Book* (art exhibit)

Spencerport Depot and Canal Museum, Spencerport

<http://www.spencerportdepot.com>

Hours: Fri-Sat 1-5pm until mid-Oct.

Erie Canal Discovery Center, Lockport

www.ErieCanalDiscoveryCenter.com

Hours: May-Oct 9-5; Nov-April by appointment

North Tonawanda History Museum, North Tonawanda

www.nthistorymuseum.org

Hours: Mon-Sat 10-4

Upcoming Events: 11/5 Lecture: *Matilda Joslyn Gage: Bringing Her Into History*, with Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner, 2 pm

Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum, North Tonawanda

www.carrouselmuseum.org

Hours: Wed-Sun 12-4

Upcoming Events: 10/21 Halloween Spooktacular; 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17 Santa at the Carrousel

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