

# Getting Here is Half the Fun

There's a lot to see and do in the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. But as you decide where to go, remember that getting there can be half the fun.

## Take to the Water

What better way to experience the oldest continuously operating canal in America than to get out on the water! There are numerous choices for hourly tours, overnight excursions, and do-it-yourself exploration. Consult our chart to find boat rentals and tours.

If you like boats, but prefer to enjoy them from shore, stop by one of the many canal harbors, visitor centers, or parks on the water. Many of the NYS Canal System's 57 locks include waterfront parks for picnicking, fishing, playing, or just sitting on the bank and watching boats. Tugboats, barges, and historic replica canal boats ply canal waters, alongside today's cruisers, motorboats, kayaks, and canoes.



Lockport

The NYS Canal System is typically open from May 1 through November 15. It 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.canals.ny.gov](http://www.canals.ny.gov) or by calling 1-800-4-CANAL-4 (1-800-422-6254).

## Take the Road Less Traveled

The New York State Thruway (I-90) roughly parallels the Erie Canalway route from Albany to Buffalo. Northway I-87 provides access from Albany to Whitehall. But to see the best parts of the Erie Canalway, you'll want to get off the Interstate!

State and county roads that hug the water more closely and thread through the hamlets, villages, and cities that grew along the waterways are the best way to access canal towns and sites.



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Try these routes:

- NY Rte 31 in western New York
- NY Rte 5 and 5S in the Mohawk Valley
- NY Rte 48 and Rte 481 along the Oswego Canal
- NY Rte 4 along the Champlain Canal

...and a host of smaller roads in between.

COMPANY/ LOCATION	TELEPHONE/ WEBSITE	CANOE/KAYAK RENTAL	HOURLY AND DAILY TOURS	SELF-SKIPPED CHARTER BOAT	OVERNIGHT/MULTI-DAY CRUISE	CHARTER W/CAPTAIN/CREW
<b>Champlain Canal</b>						
Carillon Cruises, <i>Whitehall</i>	802-897-5331 <a href="http://www.carilloncruises.com">www.carilloncruises.com</a>		•			•
Champlain Canal Tour Boats, <i>Schuylerville</i>	518-695-5609 <a href="http://www.champlaincanaltours.com">www.champlaincanaltours.com</a>		•		•	•
Lock 12 Marina, <i>Whitehall</i>	518-499-2049 <a href="http://www.visitwhitehall.com/lock12marina.html">www.visitwhitehall.com/lock12marina.html</a>	•				
<b>Mohawk-Hudson Region</b>						
The Boat House, <i>Schenectady</i>	518-393-5711 <a href="http://www.boathousecanoeskayaks.com">www.boathousecanoeskayaks.com</a>	•				
Captain's Choice, <i>Clifton Park, Troy</i>	518-470-4666; 518-872-3454 <a href="http://www.captainschoiceny.com">www.captainschoiceny.com</a>					•
Erie Canal Cruises, <i>Herkimer</i>	315-717-0350 <a href="http://www.eriecanalcruises.com">www.eriecanalcruises.com</a>		•			
Erie-Champlain Canal Boat Company, <i>Waterford</i>	518-577- 6363; 518-432-6094 <a href="http://www.eccboating.com">www.eccboating.com</a>		•	•		
<b>Central Region</b>						
Discovery Marine Services <i>Baldwinsville</i>	315-317-3694 <a href="http://www.discoverymarineservices.com">www.discoverymarineservices.com</a>		•			
Mid-Lakes Navigation Co., <i>Baldwinsville, Skaneateles</i>	315-685-8500; 800-545-4318 <a href="http://www.midlakesnav.com">www.midlakesnav.com</a>		•		•	
<b>Cayuga-Seneca Canal</b>						
Bon Voyage Adventures, <i>Geneva</i>	585-703-0031 <a href="http://www.roselummis.com">www.roselummis.com</a>		•			•
Canal Side Experiences, <i>Waterloo</i>	315-651-4443 <a href="http://www.canalside.net">www.canalside.net</a>	•	•	•		
Captain Bill's, <i>Watkins Glen</i>	607-535-4541 <a href="http://www.senecaharborstation.com">www.senecaharborstation.com</a>		•			
Finger Lakes Boat Rental, <i>Aurora</i>	315-364-8663 <a href="http://www.fingerlakesboatrental.com">www.fingerlakesboatrental.com</a>			•		
Finger Lakes Water Adventures, <i>Waterloo</i>	315-789-5520 <a href="http://www.fingerlakeswateradventures.com">www.fingerlakeswateradventures.com</a>		•	•		
Force Seven Charters, Inc., <i>Seneca Lake, Waterloo</i>	585-330-7440 <a href="http://www.forcesevencharters.com">www.forcesevencharters.com</a>		•		•	•
Fuzzy Guppies, <i>Waterloo</i>	315-539-8848 <a href="http://www.fuzzyguppies.com">www.fuzzyguppies.com</a>	•				
Liberty Boat Tours, <i>Seneca Falls, Geneva</i>	315-246-7608 ; 315-789-5520 (Geneva) <a href="http://www.libertyboattours.com">www.libertyboattours.com</a>		•			•
Tiohero Tours, <i>Ithaca</i>	866-846-4376 <a href="http://www.tioherotours">www.tioherotours</a>		•			•
<b>Western Region</b>						
Amherst Marine Center, <i>Amherst</i>	716-691-6707 <a href="http://www.amherstmarinecenter.com">www.amherstmarinecenter.com</a>			•		
Colonial Belle-Erie Canal Boat Tour, <i>Fairport</i>	585-223-9470 <a href="http://www.colonialbelle.com">www.colonialbelle.com</a>		•			•
Corn Hill Navigation, <i>Rochester, Pittsford</i>	585-662-5748 <a href="http://www.samandmary.org">www.samandmary.org</a>		•			•
Erie Canal Boat Company, <i>Fairport</i>	585-748-2628 <a href="http://www.eriecanalboatcompany.com">www.eriecanalboatcompany.com</a>	•				
Genesee Waterways Center, <i>Rochester</i>	585-328-3960 <a href="http://www.geneseewaterways.org">www.geneseewaterways.org</a>	•				
Lock 32 Whitewater Park, <i>Pittsford</i>	585-586-4330 <a href="http://www.geneseewaterways.org">www.geneseewaterways.org</a>	•				
Lockport Locks and Erie Canal Cruises, <i>Lockport</i>	800-378-0352; 716-433-6155 <a href="http://www.lockportlocks.com">www.lockportlocks.com</a>		•			•
Low Bridge Charters, <i>Fairport</i>	315-539-8034 <a href="http://www.lowbridgecharters.com">www.lowbridgecharters.com</a>			•		
Mid-Lakes Navigation: Macedon Landing, <i>Macedon</i>	315-986-3011 <a href="http://www.macedonlanding.com">www.macedonlanding.com</a>	•		•	•	
<b>Multiple Locations</b>						
American Canadian Caribbean Line, Inc., <i>Warren</i>	800-556-7450; 401-247-0955 <a href="http://www.accl-smallships.com">www.accl-smallships.com</a>				•	
Erie Canal Cruise Lines, <i>Cape Vincent</i>	800-962-1771 <a href="http://www.canalcruises.com">www.canalcruises.com</a>			•		
Mid-Lakes Navigation Co., <i>Skaneateles</i>	800-545-4318 <a href="http://www.midlakesnav.com">www.midlakesnav.com</a>				•	