

NEW YORK STATE CANAL SYSTEM

Designated as the US's 23rd National Heritage Corridor, the New York State Canal System belongs to the ranks of America's most treasured historical resources. This historic 524-mile waterway is a legacy that was born more than 175 years ago, and today offers unique travel products to delight the international traveler, young and old alike.

For those interested in history and culture there are numerous quaint Canal-side towns and communities, many reflecting their emergence in the mid-1800's. There are also opportunities to discover local crafts, antique shops and excellent local cuisine.

For biking and hiking enthusiasts, the New York State Canalway Trail System offers 240 miles of existing multiuse, recreational trails across upstate New York. Major segments are adjacent to the waterways of the New York State Canal System or follow remnants of the historical original canals of the early 1800's that preceded today's working Canal System.

The Canalway Trail System comprises four major segments: the 100-mile Erie Canal Heritage Trail in Western New York; the 36-mile Old Erie Canal State Park Trail in Central New York; the 60-mile Mohawk-Hudson Bikeway in the eastern Capital Region, and the eight-mile Glen Falls Feeder Canal Trail in the foothills of the Adirondacks near Lake George.

The New York State Canal Corporation's long-range goal for the Canalway Trail System is to create a cross-State network of multi-use trails that will span nearly 500 miles across upstate New York, paralleling major portions of the New York State Canal System.

Completion is expected within the next few years and will provide both urban and rural trails to meet the needs of both visitors and local residents alike.

Further information may be found on the following website
www.canals.state.ny.us .