

Mile 107.70, south side

Oriskany Flats Wildlife Management Area
The Mohawk River flows through Oriskany Flats WMA. To paddle here, use the hand launch at the eastern end on River Street off NY 49. No access to the canal.

NOTE: Hunting is permitted here; exercise appropriate caution during hunting seasons.

E Mile 107.68 43.167792 -75.323831

Bridge E49, Oriskany Road (CR 32)

E Mile 105.63 43.146245 -75.296182

Bridge E48A, NY 291

E Mile 105.32 43.142749 -75.291179

 Lock E20, Whitesboro (Marcy)

9028 River Road
Marcy, NY 13403
(315) 736-4617

LIFT: 16 feet.

FACILITIES: Water, restrooms, picnic tables, camping at Lock 20 State Canal Park on the north side. Car top launch with low dock. Distance from parking about 250 feet. Ample parking. The park has a viewing platform to get a good look at boats passing though the lock.

PADDLING NOTE: Workboats are often tied up by the repair center wall on the south side, just before the western end of the lock.

E Mile 104.62 43.136343 -75.281047

Bridge E47B, New York State Thruway I-90

E Mile 104.40 43.134686 -75.277732

Bridge E47A, Mohawk Street (CR 30)

E Mile 104.13, north side 43.133265 -75.272677

Marcy Marina

200 Scharbach Drive
Marcy, NY 13403
(315) 736-7617

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms.
Concrete ramp, low dock.

Private marina.

Mile 102.40, south side 43.123179 -75.243183

 Utica Marsh Wildlife Management Area Boat Ramp

Barnes Avenue off Oriskany Avenue
Utica, NY 13502

FACILITIES: Concrete ramp. Ample parking.

This unique urban wetland covers 213 acres on the south side of the canal, extending about 0.75 miles along the bank. It is bordered by the Erie Canal on the north and the Mohawk River to the south. The WMA has hiking trails, a wildlife viewing area, and two observation towers. No swimming or camping.

E Mile 102.44 43.123122 -75.242325

Bridge E46, MHWa railroad

E Mile 101.88 43.120285 -75.233634

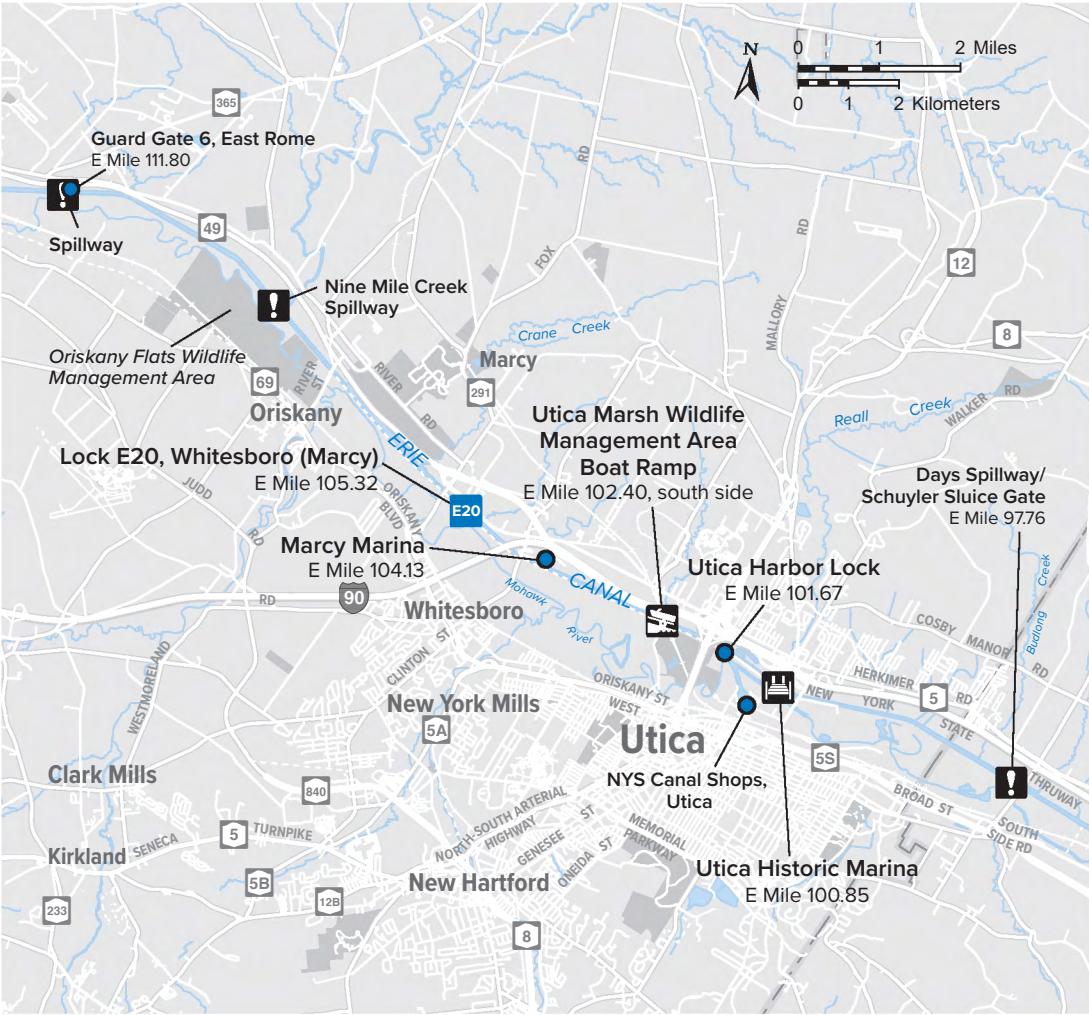
Bridge E44C, NY 8 and NY 12

E Mile 101.80 43.119758 -75.231998

Bridge E44B, I-790 northbound exit ramp

E Mile 101.80 43.119363 -75.230815

Bridge E44D, NY 5 exit ramp



E Mile 101.67, south side 43.117614 -75.227958

Utica Harbor Lock

PADDLING NOTE: Do not attempt to enter the harbor. Tying up at the entrance wall is allowed, but be aware of workboats and barges.

Utica Harbor Lock is the only lock on the NYS Canal System that is outside the main channel. The upper gate slides vertically. A NYS Canal Corporation maintenance facility is at the east end of Utica Harbor. Long

polluted by effluent from adjacent coal gas works, the harbor is now clean.

The original Erie Canal brought commerce and prosperity to Utica. The Barge Canal enlargement ran north of the city's commercial district and textile mills, however, and cut it off from the canal. To keep the city from being completely marooned, Utica Harbor was built to improve access to the Barge Canal. The harbor was completed in 1918.

E Mile 101.42, south side 43.116023 -75.224901

Utica Tower
87-99 Harbor Lock Road West
Utica, NY 13502

The open-steel Utica Tower stands 125 feet high on a 24-foot-square base.

E Mile 100.90 43.112208 -75.215917

Bridge E44A, Genesee Street

E Mile 100.85, south side 43.111373 -75.214888

 Utica Historic Marina

16 Harbor Lock Road
Utica, NY 13502
(315) 732-0116
aquavinorestaurant.com

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, floating dock. The Aqua Vino restaurant occupies the marina building.

E Mile 100.54 43.109806 -75.209639

Bridge E43, Leland Avenue

E Mile 97.76, south side 43.094588 -75.158312

Days Spillway/Schuyler Sluice Gate

PADDLING NOTE: Warning buoys mark off the area around the spillway. Do not enter this area—currents can be strong. Paddle to the north side.

Constructed in 1912, the concrete spillway is approximately 150 feet long with four sluice gates/drain gates at the eastern end. It allows excess water to spill from the canal into the Mohawk River.

E Mile 97.54 43.093693 -75.155300

Bridge E42, Dyke Road (CR 37)

E Mile 95.16 43.075596 -75.115220

A 98-foot-long retention dam on the north side and a spillway on the south control Sterling Creek. The spillway carries excess water about 0.50 mile southwest to the Mohawk River.

PADDLING NOTE: Currents can be strong near the spillway when the water level is high. Stay to the north side.

E Mile 95.04 43.073770 -75.113839

Lock E19, Frankfort (Schuyler)

2960 NY 5
Schuyler, NY 13340
(315) 733-5041

LIFT: 21.0 feet.

FACILITIES: Picnic tables. Tie up at the western lock wall on the south side. A floating dock is on the north side about 100 feet above the upstream lock gates.

E Mile 94.92 43.072769 -75.112980

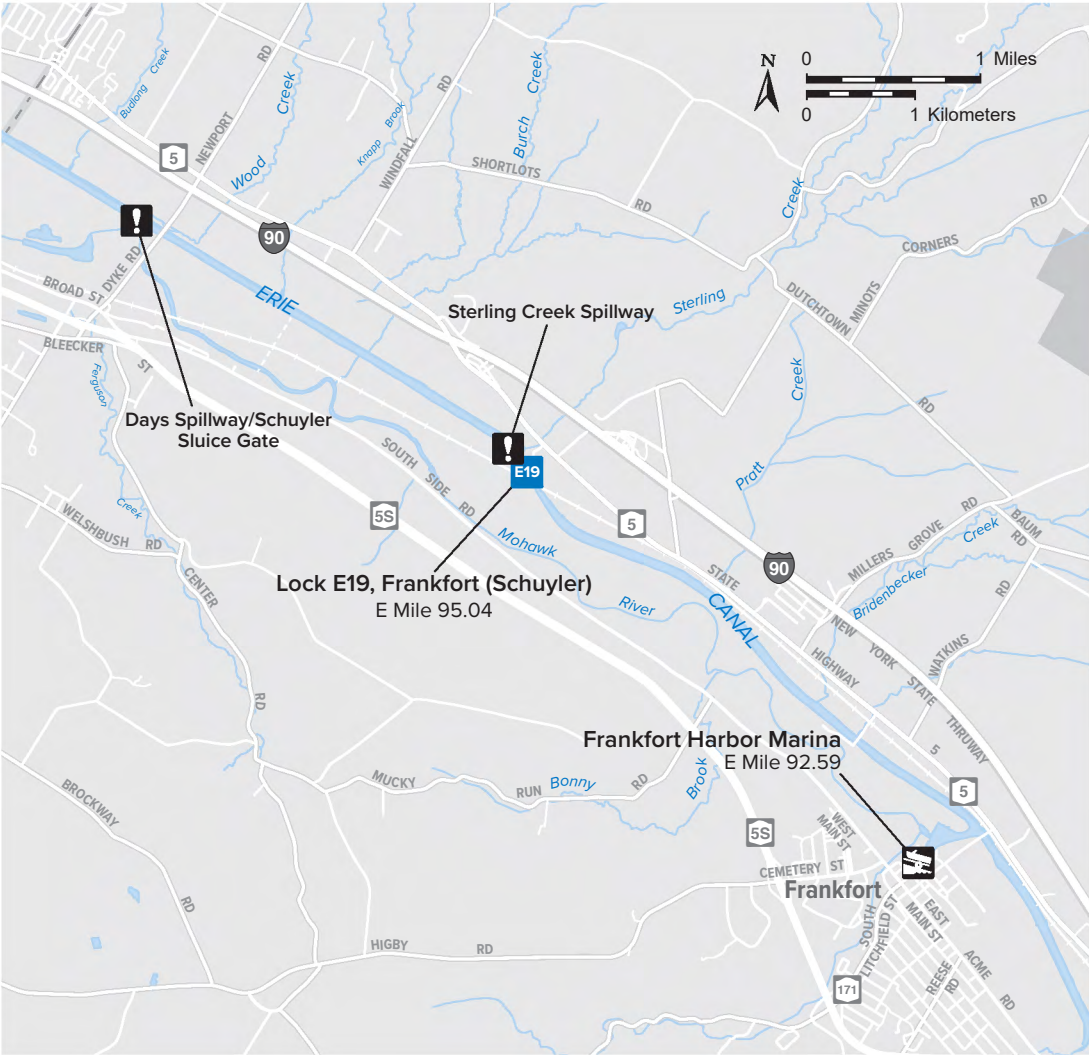
Bridge E40, CSX railroad
Even though from a distance this railroad truss bridge appears to be part of the eastern lock gate, it isn’t. It’s just very close to it. A box periscope mounted on the footbridge below the gates allows the lock operator to see boats approaching from downstream under the railroad truss.

E Mile 92.51 43.051467 -75.076288

Bridge E39, Moss Road

E Mile 92.59, south side 43.044023 -75.062853

Inlet to Frankfort Harbor Marina; the harbor is 0.3 miles south, formed by the confluence of Moyer Creek and the Mohawk River.



43.041802 -75.068649

 Frankfort Harbor Marina

143 Marina Drive at Fox Street
Frankfort, NY 13340
(315) 895-7651
villageoffrankfortny.org

FACILITIES: Water, restrooms, showers, picnic tables, pavilion. Concrete ramp and floating dock. Parking for 40 cars. Overnight

parking allowed; call (315) 895-7651. Distance from parking about 20 feet. Shops and restaurants in Frankfort are a short walk away.

DEC fishing access point.

E Mile 91.60 43.043578 -75.061927

Bridge E38, Railroad Street



ILION

Eliphalet Remington II built his first hand-forged rifle in 1816. He went on to found the Remington Arms Company which moved to Ilion on the Erie Canal in 1828 and has been here ever since. It is possible that Remington is the oldest manufacturer in the U.S. still making its original product. The company maintains a museum at the factory in Ilion.

The Ilion Marina is the best place to launch a paddle trip or take out to access sites and services in town.

**PLACE OF INTEREST
OFF THE WATER**

43.013330 -75.031734

**Remington Museum and
Country Store**
Catherine Street
Ilion, NY 13357
(318) 895-3304
remington.com/about-us

E Mile 89.15 43.021195 -75.030291

Bridge E37A, Central Avenue (NY 51)

E Mile 89.07, south side 43.019983 -75.029239

Ilion Marina and RV Park
190 Central Avenue
Ilion, NY 13357
(315) 894-9421
ilionny.com/recreation

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers, picnic tables, restaurant, camping (fee). Over 500 feet of bulkhead wall, with low dock and concrete ramp. Ample parking.

Shops, restaurants, and the Remington Museum are within walking distance. Use the underpass with sidewalks that carry NY 51 under NY 5S.

E Mile 88.23, south side 43.015416 -75.012979

Fulmer Creek Access
Off NY 5S near Mohawk Soccer Field

FACILITIES: None. Hand launch. Parking for five cars.

DEC fishing access point with accessible fishing dock.

HERKIMER



The area around Herkimer was first settled in the 1720s by refugees from the Palatinate, a war-torn region in the southwest Rhine region of what is today Germany. About 3,000 were sent by the British to their colony in New York in 1710. In 1723, 100 heads of families became the first Europeans to acquire land west of Little Falls, along both sides of the Mohawk River in what is now Herkimer County. The county, town, and village are named for Nicholas Herkimer, a son of Palatine settlers who rose to the rank of general during the American Revolution. Herkimer was mortally wounded at the Battle of Oriskany in 1777 while leading a column of militia to relieve besieged American forces at Fort Stanwix. His 1764 riverfront home below Little Falls is directly accessible from the water trail.

PLACES OF INTEREST
OFF THE WATER

Within the town is Herkimer’s Historic Four Corners, where North Main Street meets Court Street. Four historic buildings are seen here: The **1884 Herkimer County Historical Society**, the **1834 Herkimer County Jail**, the **1873 Herkimer County Courthouse**, and the **1834 Herkimer Reformed Church**. Tours of the Historical Society Museum are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays in July and August 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LODGING

43.018202 -74.992644

Budget Inn Motel
715 Mohawk Street
Herkimer, NY 13350
(315) 866-6080
budgetinn.com

Located 0.2 miles from the Gems Along the Mohawk marina.

43.01875 -74.991502

Red Roof Inn & Suites
100 Marginal Road
Herkimer, NY 13350
(315) 866-0490
redroof.com

Located 0.3 miles from Gems Along the Mohawk marina.



Gems Along the Mohawk, Herkimer

Lynn Cleveland

WATERWAY CRUISES

E Mile 87.34, north side
43.017080 -74.996123

Erie Canal Cruises

Gems Along the Hudson
800 Mohawk Street
Herkimer, NY 13350
(315) 717-0077
eriecanalcruises.com

Daily sightseeing cruises during the canal navigation season; specialty cruises some evenings. A replica Erie Canal stump puller is on display near the dock.

ADMISSION: Fee. Reservations strongly suggested.

E Mile 87.34, north side 43.017080 -74.996123

 Gems Along the Mohawk

800 Mohawk Street
Herkimer, NY 13350
(315) 717-0077
gemsalongthemohawk.com

FACILITIES: Water, restrooms. Car top launch with terraced steps at western end. Parking for five cars. Distance from parking about 500 feet. Gems Along the Mohawk brings together a group of retail shops, a Mohawk Valley Visitor’s Center, and a restaurant. It’s also the home of the sightseeing boats of Erie Canal Cruises. Shops and restaurants in the town of Herkimer are nearby, on the north side of the New York State Thruway I-90.

E Mile 87.23 43.015480 -74.994809

Bridge E36, Mohawk Street/East Main Street (NY 28)

E Mile 87.20 43.015363 -74.994452

Guard Gate 5, Herkimer

The guard gate protects the land-cut channel along the south bank between here and Lock E18. It is normally raised throughout navigation season. A movable bridge-type dam and spillway on the north bank maintain the canal pool level and allow excess water to flow into the natural bed of the Mohawk River.

PADDLING NOTE: Hug the south shore and paddle through the guard gate into the canal channel. Bundles of timber pilings were driven into the riverbed to keep barges from being swept toward the dam and spillway, but they are spaced too far apart to provide protection for paddlecraft. There is a line of buoys on a safety cable in front of the dam and spillway, but currents can be swift in this area.

E Mile 87.19

Plantation Island Wildlife
Management Area
German Flatts, NY

The large island begins at the guard gate. Squeezed between the Erie Canal and the Mohawk River, the WMA covers approximately 200 acres. Hunting is permitted on the island; do not land there during the hunting season. No trails or facilities; no swimming or camping. Watch out for poison ivy.

E Mile 86.47 43.016767 -74.980856

Bridge E34B, New York State Thruway I-90

E Mile 86.36 43.017397 -74.979113

Bridge E34A, South Washington Street

E Mile 85.15, south side 43.018092 -74.954055

Fort Herkimer Church

575 NY 5S
Mohawk, NY 13407

The church was built in 1753 and expanded in 1812. During the Revolutionary War, a stone stockade known as Fort Herkimer was built around the church. The fort was dismantled during the Erie Canal expansion in 1840 and the stones were used in the construction. The remains of a waste weir (used to drain surplus water from the canal) are about 400 feet north of the church. The church was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. The grounds are open, but the interior is not open to the public. The site is visible from the waterway but not accessible; it can be reached from the Erie Canalway Trail.

E Mile 83.19 43.016190 -74.916910

 Lock E18, Jacksonburg

1043 NY 5S
Mohawk, NY 13407
(315) 823-2419

LIFT: 20.0 feet.

FACILITIES: Tie up on the western wall, south side. No mooring on the eastern end of the lock.

PADDLING NOTE: Sections of the Mohawk River bypass Lock E18 and Lock E16. These reaches are fun to explore and can even be used to create paddle loops. Be aware, however, that when water levels are low, you may have to drag or carry your boat. When water levels are high, they may cover hazards such as downed trees and snags.

The Mohawk River rejoins the canal on the north side just to the east of the lock, supplemented by flow from West Canada Creek.

LITTLE FALLS

The City of Little Falls is a fun place to explore before, during, or after your paddle trip. Here you'll find an historic downtown with lots of shops and places to eat, the largest lock on the Erie Canal, and an island with unique geologic features that you can see from the water or explore on land.

The best place to launch or take out is from Little Falls Canal Harbor and Rotary Park. You can also rent a canoe or kayak there. From the park, walk across the bridge into town. The annual canal celebration takes place in early August.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: More information about things to do in the Little Falls region, including dining and lodging, is available at explorelittlefalls.com and herkimercountychamber.com/visit.

PADDLECRAFT RENTALS

E Mile 80.10, south side
43.034697 -74.865476

 **Little Falls Canal Harbor and Rotary Park**
125 Southern Avenue at the Erie Canal
Little Falls, NY 13365
(315) 823-1453
cityoflittlefalls.net

LODGING

43.040448 -74.859239

The Inn at Stone Mill
410 Canal Place
Little Falls, NY 13365
(315) 823-0208
theinnatstonemill.com

Inn and restaurant. Located 400 feet from Benton's Landing.

43.040633 -74.858653

Canal Side Inn
395 Canal Place
Little Falls, NY 13365
(315) 823-1170
canalsideinn.com

Inn and restaurant. Located 400 feet from Benton's Landing.

43.042206 -74.859458

Travelodge by Wyndham Little Falls
20 Albany Street
Little Falls, NY 13365
(315) 823-4954
travelodge.com

Located 0.2 miles from Benton's Landing.



Little Falls Canal Harbor and Rotary Park

E Mile 81.22, north side 43.025640 -74.882090

 **Little Falls Launch**
75 Riverside Industrial Parkway (western end)
Little Falls, NY 13365

FACILITIES: Picnic tables, pavilion. Concrete ramp and floating dock. Parking for 20 cars; 24-hour limit. Distance from parking about 20 feet.

DEC fishing access point. Accessible fishing dock.

E Mile 80.10, south side 43.034697 -74.865476

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125 Southern Avenue at the Erie Canal
Little Falls, NY 13365
(315) 823-1453
cityoflittlefalls.net

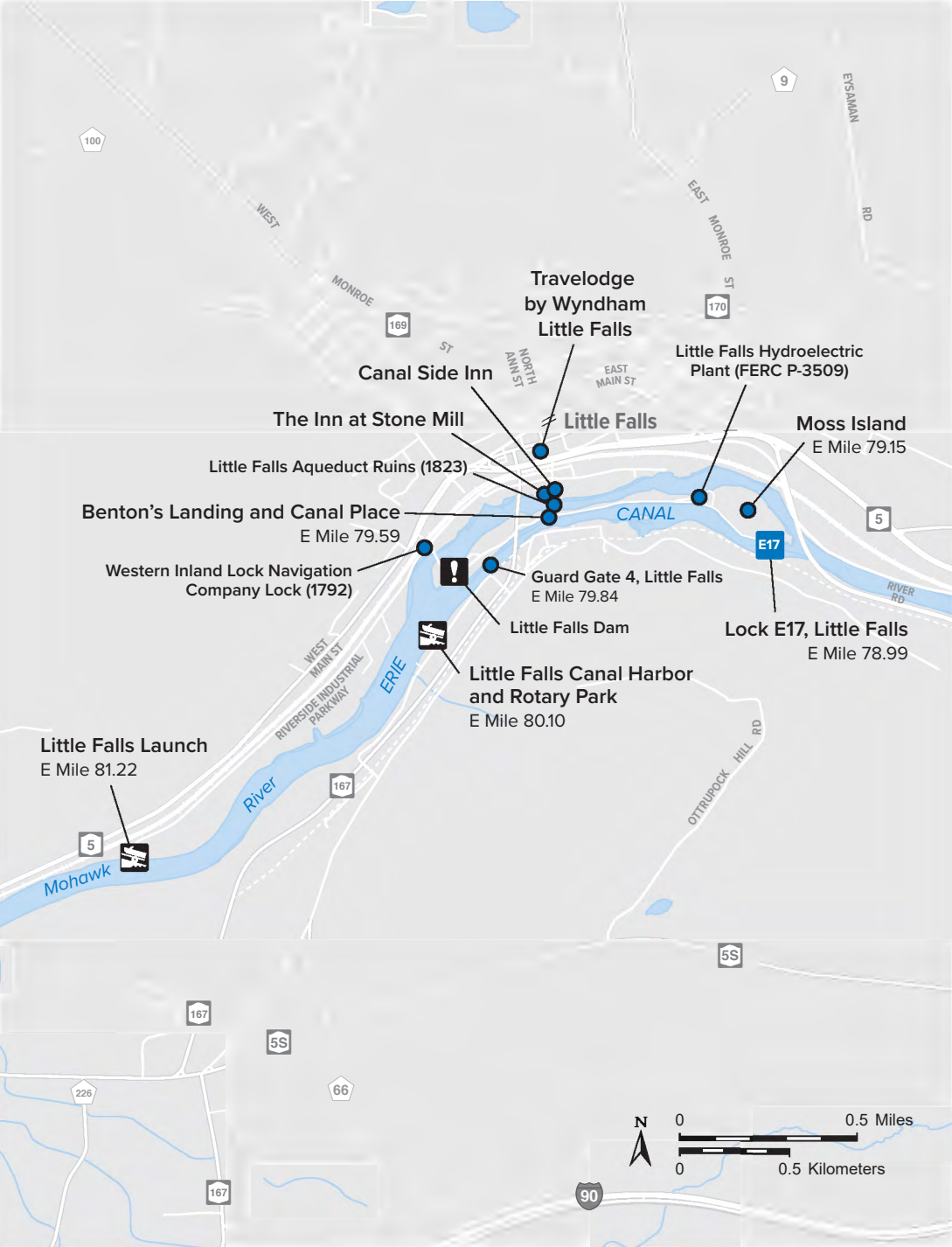
FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers, laundry, picnic tables and grills, camping. Kayak and canoe rentals. Concrete ramp at western end; low dock at eastern end. Ample parking. The facilities are housed in a repurposed 1921 Barge Canal freighthouse.

PADDLING NOTE: The next take-out with road access is at St. Johnsville, about 10 miles downstream.

E Mile 79.84, north side 43.035917 -74.865603

Two fixed crest dams span Mohawk River channels to either side of Hansen Island on the north side of the river.

PADDLING NOTE: Do not approach the dams or attempt to enter the rapids below. Hug the south bank below Little Falls Harbor/Rotary Park and pass under the guard gate.



E Mile 79.84 43.037560 -74.862237

Guard Gate 4, Little Falls
This guard gate protects Lock E17 from Mohawk River floodwaters by diverting them into the Little Falls rapids.

PADDLING NOTE: The canal from here to Lock E17 is lined by vertical concrete and rock walls on both sides. It is subject to surges and sudden changes in water level caused by operations of the lock and a hydroelectric plant.

E Mile 79.74 43.038602 -74.860688

Bridge E32A, NY 167
A segment of the chamber wall of old Lock 39, built in 1850, was incorporated into the north wall just to the west of the bridge.

E Mile 79.59, north side 43.039499 -74.858999

Benton's Landing and Canal Place
Mohawk Street and Mill Street
Little Falls, NY 13365
(315) 823-4309
littlefallsantiquecenter.com

FACILITIES: Use Rotary Park to access Canal Place.

Canal Place
Canal Place houses an expansive antiques center, boutique shops, and other businesses in two massive stone mill buildings dating to 1855. This vibrant destination also includes the Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts, several restaurants, and a park where events and festivals are frequently held.

Benton's Landing
The remains of a lateral aqueduct that once connected the old Erie Canal to Benton's Landing can be seen underwater to the east of the Mohawk Street bridge.

E Mile 79.2, north side 43.039990 -74.850794

Stay clear of the hydroelectric plant intake, marked by vertical bar racks and rack raking machine on north bank.

E Mile 79.15, north side 43.039777 -74.847913

Moss Island
Moss Island, an artificial island covering 14 acres, was created when the Erie Canal was built. The underlying rock of the island is syenite. Glacial meltwater from the last ice age scoured out numerous large, very deep potholes. Profile Rock, a formation in the shape of a human head, has been a prominent canalside feature since the 1820s; nearly half of it is now submerged by the water above Lock E17. The cliffs around Profile Rock are a popular place for rock climbing and bouldering. Moss Island was declared a National Natural Landmark in 1976. The island can be reached on foot from Lock E17 or from below the lock by paddling along the shoreline to the left once you leave the lock.

E Mile 78.99 43.038350 -74.846689

Lock E17, Little Falls
499 South Ann Street
Little Falls, NY 13365
(315) 823-0650

LIFT: 40.5 feet.
FACILITIES: Portable toilet, picnic tables. No docking on the upstream side of the lock. Facilities are difficult for paddlers to access at this location due to steep canal walls.

PADDLING NOTE: Because the large lock chamber holds more than six million gallons of water, locking through here takes a bit longer than usual, about 25 minutes.
Constructed in 1915, Lock E17 lifts and lowers boats 40.5 feet. It was once the highest



Herkimer Home State Historic Site, Little Falls

single lift lock in the world. The lock was built to help boats navigate around multiple drops and rapids that make up the “Little Falls” of the Mohawk River. Lock E17 is the only “shaft lock” on the system. The guillotine gate at the lower end moves vertically rather than swinging side-to-side. It is suspended by chains and counterweights. The view from the bottom of the chamber as it opens can be breathtaking for east-bound boaters but be prepared for drips as you pass underneath.

E Mile 78.87 43.038177 -74.844705

Bridge E30A, NY 169

E Mile 77.24, south side 43.027867 -74.815895

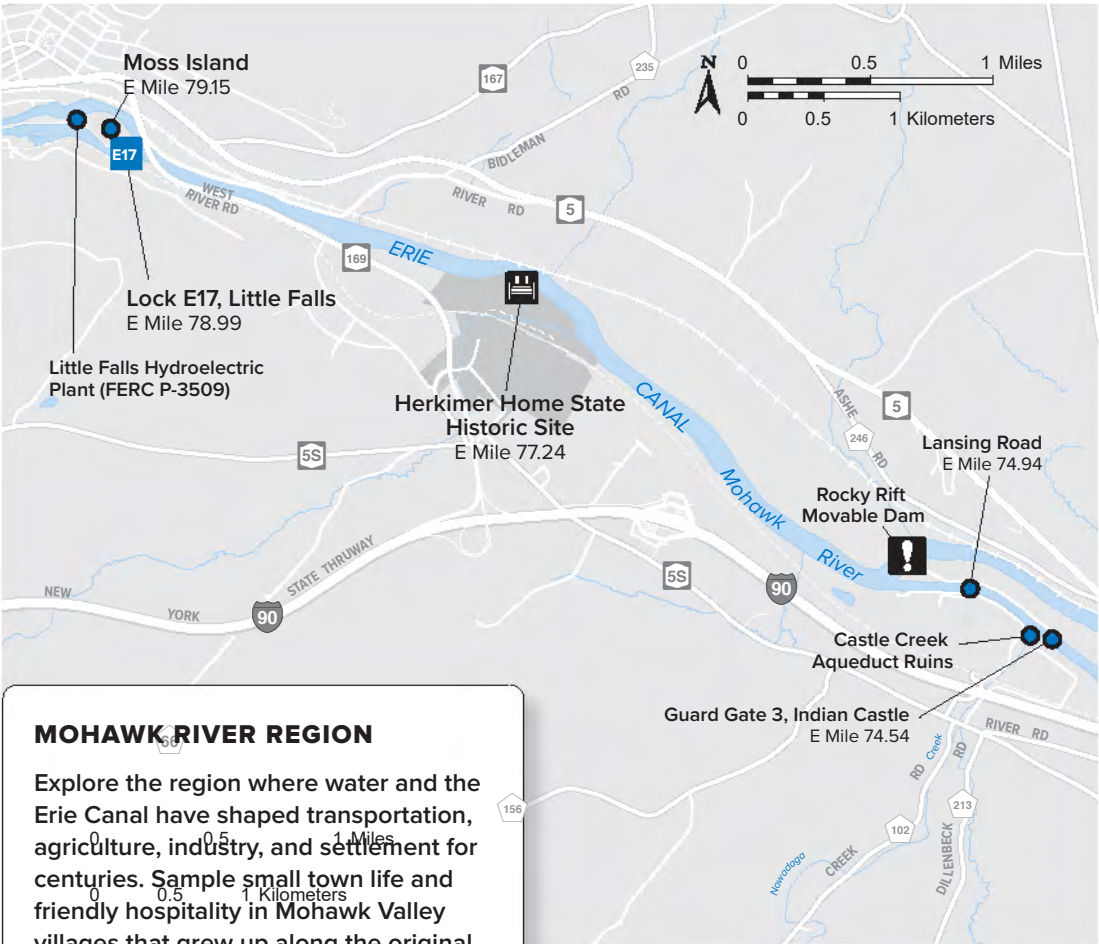
Herkimer Home State Historic Site
200 NY 169
Little Falls, NY 13365
(315) 823-0398
parks.ny.gov

FACILITIES: The site has a dedicated floating dock about 0.2 miles from the house. The site is directly on the Erie Canalway Trail. Picnic area and restrooms.

This 1764 Georgian-style mansion was home to Revolutionary War General Nicholas Herkimer, hero of the Battle of Oriskany. The beautiful landscape is very close to what General Herkimer would have seen.

ADMISSION: Fee.

HOURS: Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, Wednesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The grounds are open dawn to dusk year-round.



MOHAWK RIVER REGION

Explore the region where water and the Erie Canal have shaped transportation, agriculture, industry, and settlement for centuries. Sample small town life and friendly hospitality in Mohawk Valley villages that grew up along the original Erie Canal, including Fonda, Fultonville, Canajoharie, Palatine Bridge, Fort Plain, Nelliston, and St. Johnsville. Several have National Register Historic Districts with outstanding architecture. The villages are connected by the canal and the Erie Canalway Trail.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
More information about things to do along the Mohawk River, including dining and lodging, is available at visitmontgomerycounty.com.

E Mile 75.33, north side 43.014385 -74.783750

Rocky Rift Movable Dam

PADDLING NOTE: Warning buoys mark off the area around the dam. Do not enter this area—currents can be strong.

The Mohawk River splits off from the canal here and runs more or less parallel. It rejoins the canal below Lock E16.

E Mile 74.94 43.012431 -74.778675

Bridge E29, access road to Lansing Road

E Mile 74.54 43.009429 -74.772059

Guard Gate 3, Indian Castle
The stream entering the canal on the south side is Nowadaga Creek, also known as Castle Creek.

E Mile 72.53 42.995827 -74.737345

Bridge E28, River Road (CR 65)
This bridge is closed to traffic.

E Mile 71.45 42.992304 -74.717424

Bridge E27, River Road (CR 65)

E Mile 71.36, south side 42.992168 -74.715479

Remains of Enlarged Erie Canal Lock 34
The wall here is the only remaining piece of the Enlarged Erie Canal Lock 34. The chamber had a lift of 8.2 feet. It was enlarged again in the late 1880s to allow larger vessels to pass. Although the wall is too high for paddlers to dock, you can paddle up close to get a good look at the stonework.

E Mile 71.02 42.992258 -74.708579

Lock E16, St. Johnsville

171 Mindenville Drive
Fort Plain, NY 13339
(518) 568-2636

LIFT: 20.5 feet.

FACILITIES: Picnic tables, parking.

The Mohawk River, supplemented by the flow from East Canada Creek, rejoins the canal here on the north side just below the lock.

E Mile 69.57 42.993604 -74.680581

Bridge E26A, Bridge Street (CR 61)

E Mile 69.48, north side 42.994785 -74.678657

St. Johnsville Municipal Marina and Campground

16 West Main Street
St. Johnsville, NY 13452
(518) 568-7406
stjohnsville.com

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers, laundry, picnic tables, grills. Concrete ramp, low dock.

The marina offers full-service camping at the St. Johnsville campgrounds. To reach shops and restaurants in St. Johnsville, use the Bridge Street overpass to the west. Do not attempt to cross the active railroad tracks that run parallel to the canal on the north side here.

E Mile 68.74, south side 42.990914 -74.665878

Enlarged Erie Lock 33

St. Johnsville, NY 13452

FACILITIES: Dock, car top launch, beach landing. Parking for five cars. Distance from parking about 50 feet.

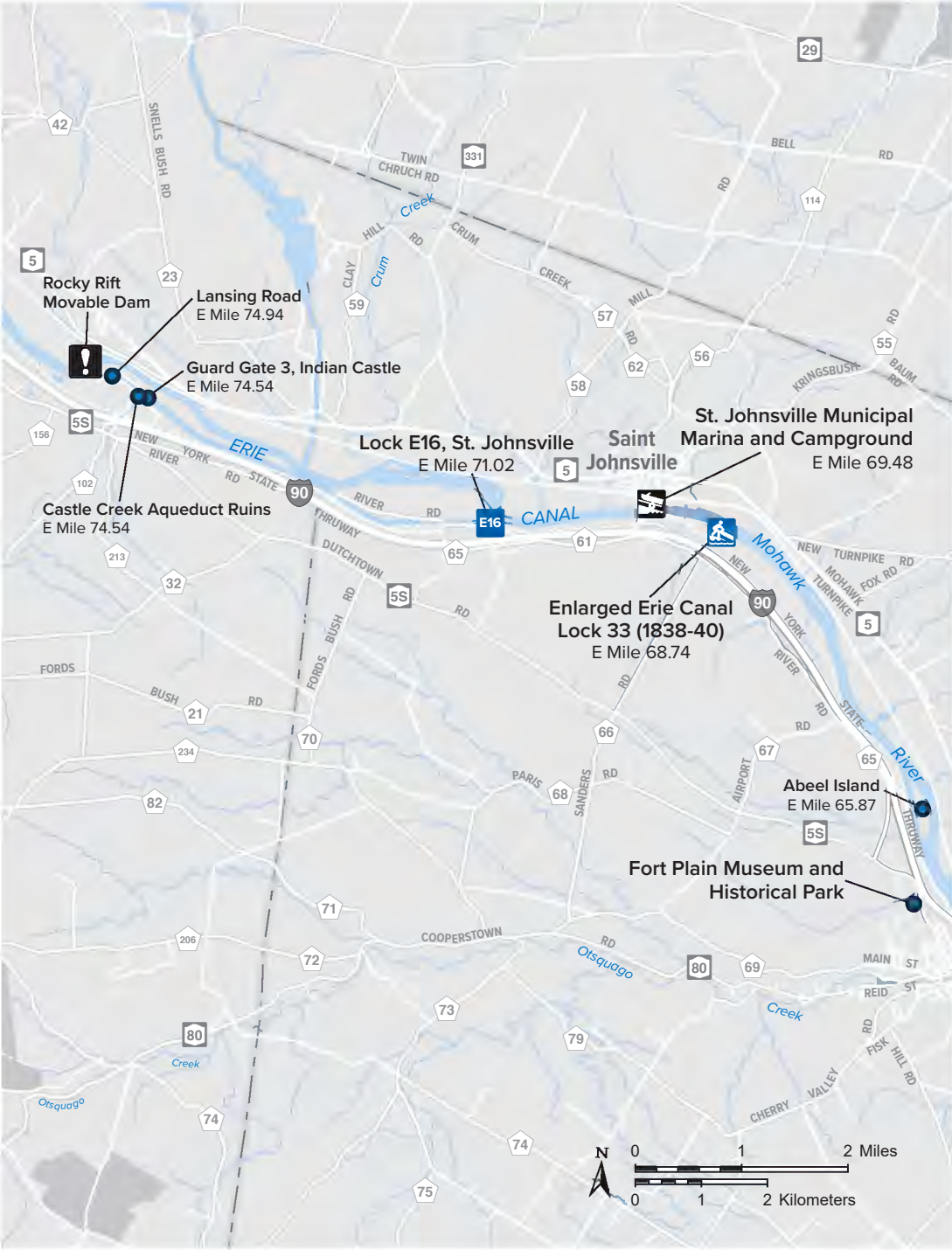
The remains of the old Lock 33 of the Erie Enlarged Canal at St. Johnsville can be seen here about 150 feet from the dock. The lock, with a six-foot lift, was built in the late 1830s; the south chamber was lengthened in 1888. The lock was abandoned around 1917 when the Barge Canal was completed in this section of the Mohawk Valley.

E Mile 66.36, north side 42.964347 -74.637460

Caroga Creek enters the canal.

E Mile 65.79 42.953676 -74.628928

Abeel Island. The main channel is on the north side of the island.



FORT PLAIN

The hilltop fort on the outskirts of town was built during the Revolutionary War. In later years the fort was largely demolished, but archaeology work starting in the 1960s unearthed many artifacts and uncovered the sites of numerous structures. The 75-acre site is now a museum.

The Village of Fort Plain boomed during the Erie Canal years as a textile and furniture center. The prosperity the canal brought can be seen in the Fort Plain Historic District, which includes the central business area and the surrounding residential neighborhoods. The district contains notable examples of Federal, Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Italianate, Second Empire, Queen Anne, and Beaux-Arts style architecture. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2012.

E Mile 64.30, south side 42.938640 -74.622050

 **Lock E15, Fort Plain**
84 Otsquago Club Road
Fort Plain, NY 13339
(518) 993-4161

LIFT: 8 feet.

FACILITIES: Water, portable toilets, picnic tables, grills, camping. Car top launch and beach landing. Parking for 20 cars. Distance from parking about 20 feet. Tie up at western or eastern walls, south side. Services in Fort Plain are within walking distance.

E Mile 63.87 42.933535 -74.617788

Bridge E25, River Street (NY 80)

PLACES OF INTEREST
OFF THE WATER

42.940133 -74.630266

**Fort Plain Museum and
Historical Park**

389 Canal Street
Fort Plain, NY 13339
(518) 993-2527
fortplainmuseum.org

The museum is about a mile from Lock E15 by way of the Erie Canalway Trail and local streets.

42.932195 -74.622555

Fort Plain Free Library

19 Willett Street
Fort Plain, NY 13339
(518) 993-4646
fortplainfreelibrary.org

The library also serves as a welcome center for visitors.

E Mile 63.78, north side 42.925130 -74.611270

 Nelliston Boat Ramp

Old Station Road
Nelliston, NY 13428

FACILITIES: Concrete ramp. Parking for 10 cars. Overnight parking permitted; 24-hour limit. Distance from parking about 20 feet.

DEC fishing access site with handicap-accessible fishing dock.



CANAJOHARIE

The name Canajoharie is derived from the Mohawk name Can-a-jor-ha, which means the “pot that washes itself.” The name refers to a geologic pothole at the base of a waterfall in Canajoharie Creek. The pothole is about 20 feet across and 10 feet deep.

For 118 years, Canajoharie was the home of Beech-Nut Nutrition Corporation. The company moved its operations to the nearby Town of Florida in 2009. Today plans are underway to redevelop the site.



Arkell Museum, Canajoharie

Phil Scalia

PLACE OF INTEREST
OFF THE WATER

42.907454 -74.571781

The Arkell Museum
2 Erie Boulevard
Canajoharie, NY 13317
(518) 673-2314
arkellmuseum.org

The Arkell is within easy walking distance of Riverfront Park.

The art collection is notable for seven Winslow Homer paintings, as well as works by Thomas Benton, Childe Hassam, John Singer Sargent, and many other important American artists.

E Mile 60.95, north side 42.909399 -74.577709

Lock E14, Canajoharie
28 Spring Street
Palatine Bridge, NY 13428
(518) 673-3314

LIFT: 8 feet.

PADDLING NOTE: There can be a strong current toward the movable dam. Stay along the north bank when approaching Lock E14. Do not attempt to land on the artificial island between the lock and dam.

ACCESS NOTE: Road access to Lock E14 is strongly discouraged because it requires crossing very busy railroad tracks at a spot without automatic gates or warning lights.

E Mile 60.69, south side 42.908990 -74.572490

 **Canajoharie Boat Ramp**
West of NY 10 bridge
Canajoharie, NY 13317
(607) 652-7366

FACILITIES: Concrete ramp. Parking for 20 cars. Overnight parking permitted; 24-hour limit. Distance from parking about 20 feet.

DEC fishing access site.

E Mile 60.61 42.909596 -74.570858

Bridge E24, Church Street (NY 10)

E Mile 60.55, south side 42.909259 -74.570477

 **Canajoharie Riverfront Park**
143 Church Street
Canajoharie, NY 13317
(518) 673-5512

FACILITIES: Picnic tables, pavilion. Floating dock, 300-foot concrete wall. Located at the junction of the Erie Canal and Canajoharie Creek, a trail leads to the Canajoharie boat

LODGING

42.906422 -74.574321

Erie Canal House
121 West Main Street
Canajoharie, NY 13317
(518) 381-0325
eriecanalhouse.com

Deluxe guest house located 0.4 miles from Riverfront Park.

A beautifully renovated 1853 Erie Canal mule barn accommodates up to six guests. Fully equipped kitchen. Free transfer and storage of kayaks.

42.903023 -74.575244

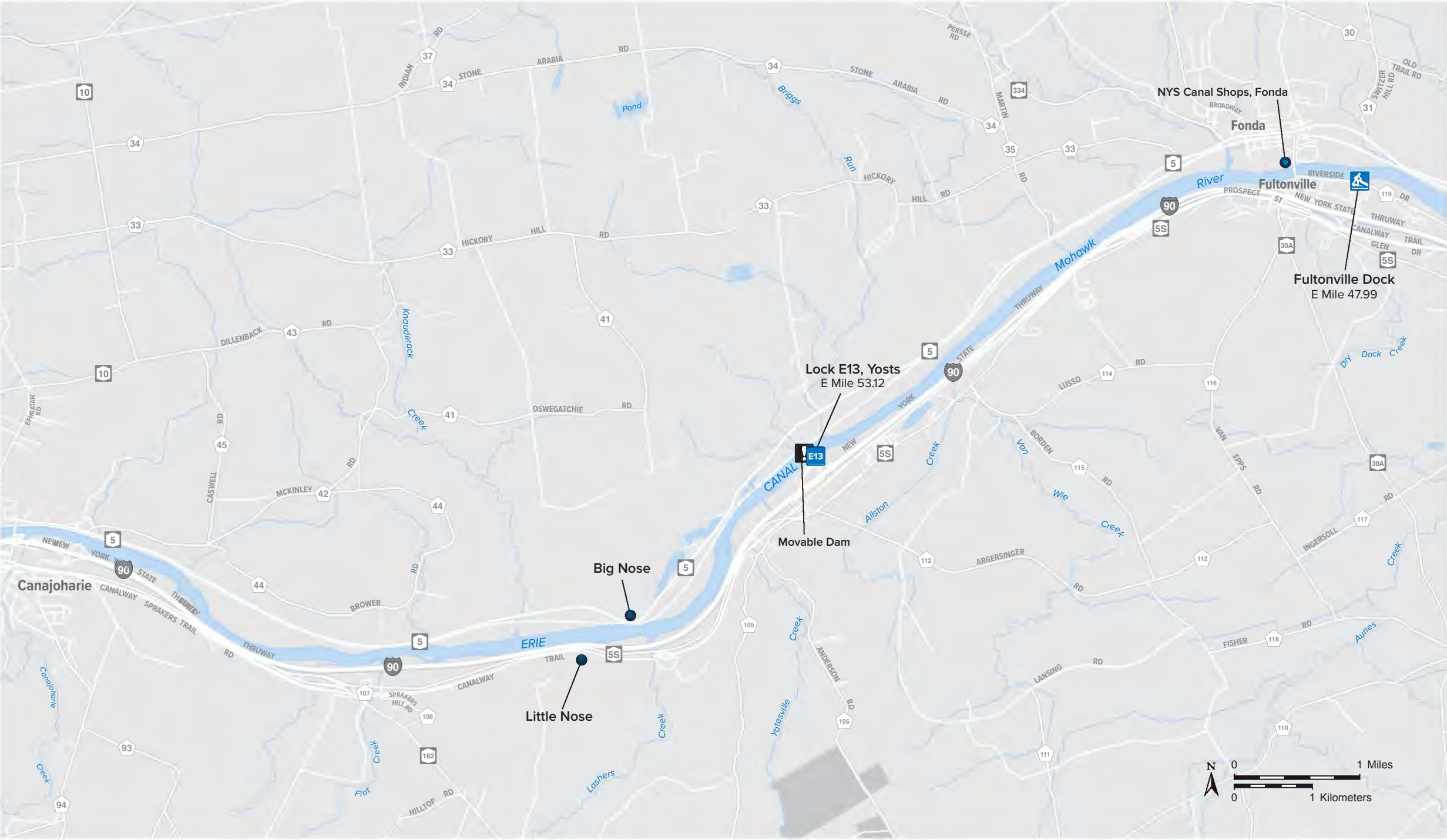
The Pineapple House
63 Otsego Street
Canajoharie, NY 13317
(518) 673-3923
pineapplehousebb.com

Bed and breakfast located 0.5 miles from Riverfront Park.

ramp on the western side of the NY 10 bridge. Shops, restaurants, and attractions are a short walk away.

E Mile 55.50, south side 42.895571 -74.481753

Little Nose
A 400-foot-tall cliff called Little Nose, created eons ago by an upthrown fault block from the underlying sedimentary bedrock, is on the south side. Big Nose, the other end of the fault, is about 0.5 miles downstream on the north side. Big Nose is 560 feet high. The Noses mark the gap between the Adirondack and Catskill mountains.



E Mile 53.12, south side 42.917718 -74.445558

Lock E13, Yosts

195 Old River Road
Fultonville, NY 12072
(518) 922-6173

LIFT: 8 feet.

FACILITIES: The Mohawk Valley Welcome Center is here, but access from the canal is prohibited.

PADDLING NOTE: There are two sunken World War I era concrete barges at the eastern end of the lock. The barges have mooring posts, but be very cautious about tying up here. Currents can be strong near the dam and spillway when the water level is high.

If you are traveling on the New York State Thruway I-90, the welcome center offers a good pit stop. The year-round site includes the lock and dam, a visitors center for the Mohawk Valley region, restrooms, a Taste, NY store featuring local food and beverages, historical exhibits, picnic tables, children’s play area (with climb-on mule), and charging stations for electric cars. A retired canal buoy boat is on display; kiosks provide additional information about Erie Canal history. The rest area is westbound at milepost 187 between New York State Thruway I-90 exit 29 in Canajoharie and exit 28 in Fultonville. There is no access to the rest area from the canal.

E Mile 48.76, north side 42.951302 -74.370770

NYS Canal Maintenance Shops, Fonda

FACILITIES: Camping is allowed in the village park.

The Fonda Shop canal maintenance complex has a 600-foot terminal wall.

The shops are enclosed by a fence but there is a rocky beach landing with an informal parking area outside the fence

between the east end of the wall and the South Bridge Street bridge. The complex is across the road from the Fonda Speedway and the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

E Mile 48.52 42.950275 -74.369359

Bridge E23, South Bridge Street (NY 30A)

E Mile 47.99, south side 42.949069 -74.359070

 Fultonville Dock

Riverside Drive and Scholte Avenue
Fultonville, NY 12072
(518) 853-3815

FACILITIES: Car top launch and low dock. Parking for two cars; distance from parking about 100 feet. Shops and fast food restaurants are nearby in the Village of Fultonville.

E Mile 43.90, south side 42.939599 -74.289979

 Schoharie Crossing Boat Ramp

Hartley Lane
Fort Hunter, NY 12069

0.13 miles up Schoharie Creek, south bank

FACILITIES: Portable toilet, picnic tables. Concrete ramp, low dock, beach landing. Parking for 20 cars; \$5 fee (honor box). Distance from parking about 20 feet.

DEC fishing access site.

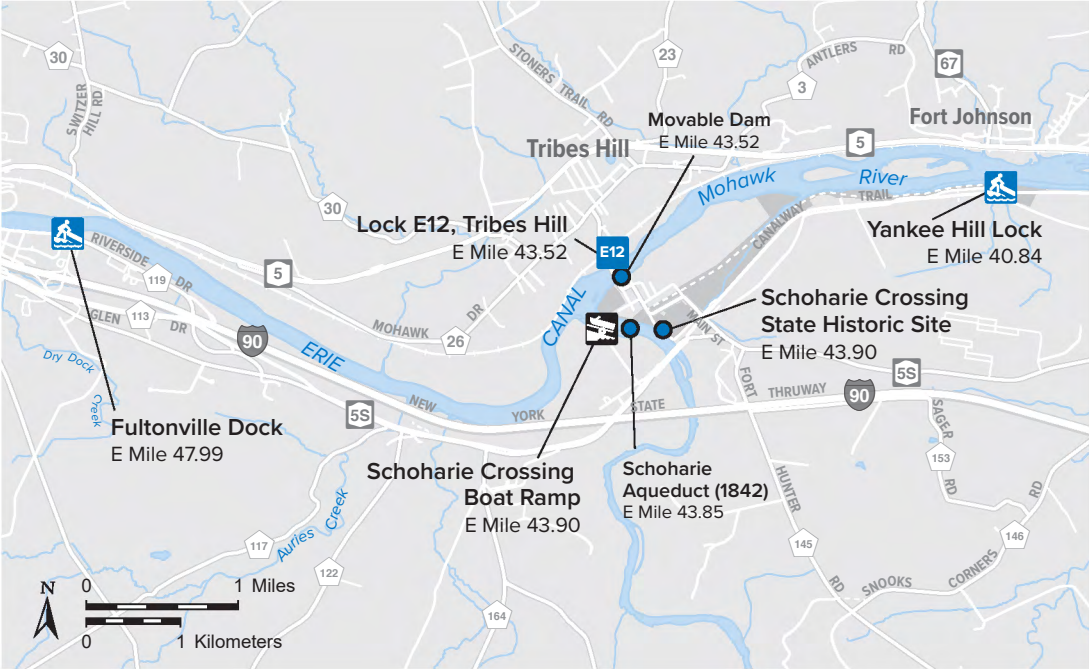
E Mile 43.90, south side 42.939481 -74.282016

Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site

129 Schoharie Street
Fort Hunter, NY 12069
(518) 829-7516
parks.ny.gov

0.56 miles up Schoharie Creek, north bank

PADDLING NOTE: The ruins of Schoharie Aqueduct can be approached while paddling



on the Schoharie Creek. The aqueduct is close to the mouth of the creek so you will be paddling upstream for just a short distance.

Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site is a fascinating look at more than 200 years of Erie Canal history. Within the boundaries of this 245-acre site are well-preserved structures including remains of the famed Schoharie Aqueduct and several stone locks.

ADMISSION: Free.

The visitor center on the north side of the creek just past the aqueduct has artifacts, exhibits, and restrooms.

VISITOR CENTER HOURS: May 1 through October 31, Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The grounds are open dawn to dusk year-round.

To cross the powerful and flood-prone Schoharie Creek, engineers of the original

Erie Canal used a dam to create a pool of slack water. The boats were towed across; the mules and horses were ferried to the other side. A later towpath bridge made the troublesome crossing somewhat less dangerous. When the canal was expanded in the 1830s, the route across Schoharie Creek was moved and an aqueduct with 14 stone masonry arches spanning 624 feet was built to carry boats across the creek. Completed in 1841, the aqueduct on the Enlarged Erie stayed in operation until 1916. It was abandoned after the Barge Canal opened. In the 1940s, the Army Corps of Engineers demolished the easternmost six arches to alleviate ice jams. Flooding and storms caused additional arches to collapse; only five of the 14 remain standing.

On land, trails on the east side of Schoharie Creek lead to a section of the original 1825 canal and to the remains of stone locks from the enlarged Erie Canal, dating to the 1840s. The preserved Empire Lock (old Lock 29) is a

side-by-side lock to allow boats going in opposite directions to lock through simultaneously. At the east end of the site are the well-preserved remains of Yankee Hill Lock (Enlarged Erie Lock 28), built in 1841, and the restored Putman Canal Store.

Schoharie Crossing was also the site of Fort Hunter, dating back to 1712. The fort was built next to a Mohawk Village called the Lower Castle that had 40 or 50 houses surrounded by a defensive palisade. The fort and settlement grew larger over the years, but were demolished in 1820 to make room for the Erie Canal. Artifacts from the fort and settlement can be seen in the visitors center.

E Mile 43.52, north side 42.945590 -74.288499

 Lock E12, Tribes Hill

177 Main Street
Tribes Hill, NY 12177
(518) 829-7331

LIFT: 11 feet.

FACILITIES: Car top launch and beach landing at the end of the upstream approach wall. Parking for 10 cars. Distance from parking about 35 feet.

PADDLING NOTE: The current from the movable dam can be strong. Stay to the north side when leaving or approaching the lock. The kayak launch here is one of the closest options for accessing the Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site. From Lock E12, cross the CR 27 bridge over the canal and continue on CR 27 (Main Street) for another 0.35 mile to Schoharie Street. Follow Schoharie Street for 0.14 mile to reach the visitors center.

E Mile 43.53 42.944867 -74.288489

Bridge E22, Main Street (CR 27)
This bridge goes over the top of the dam at Lock E12, one of only two movable dams on the Mohawk River to carry highway traffic (the other is in Rotterdam at Lock E9).

E Mile 44.10 42.953904 -74.263348

Upper Pepper Island. The canal channel is to the south.

E Mile 43.48 42.954480 -74.253671

Pepper Island, also known as Leppe Island or Island Number Ten. The canal channel is to the south.

E Mile 40.84, south side 42.952755 -74.238038

 Yankee Hill Lock

Queen Anne Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010

FACILITIES: Portable toilets, picnic tables, grills. Car top launch and floating dock. Parking for 20 cars. Distance from parking about 350 feet.

The eastern end of Schoharie Crossing contains the remains of Yankee Hill Lock (Enlarged Erie Canal Lock 28), about 200 feet south of the dock. Built in 1841 with a lift of eight feet, one of the lock chambers was lengthened in 1885. The restored Putman Canal Store houses an exhibit on the grocery stores of the old Erie Canal.

E Mile 40.29 42.954291 -74.226891

Robb Island. The canal channel is to the south.

AMSTERDAM



Amsterdam grew on the north bank of the Mohawk River. Nearby Chuctanunda Creek provided abundant waterpower for manufacturing. Amsterdam became the “Carpet City,” with massive Sanford and Shuttleworth mills turning out thousands of yards of floor coverings every day. Other factories produced brooms, paint, pearl buttons, and knitted underwear. The Erie Canal ran along the south side of the river through the hamlet of Port Jackson. The canal, and later railroads, carried wool, jute, and other raw materials to and finished products from Amsterdam’s manufacturers.

The best place to launch here is the South Side Launch in Port Jackson. There are a few eateries nearby. The Mohawk Valley Gateway Overlook Pedestrian Bridge connects this area with downtown Amsterdam.

PADDLECRAFT RENTALS

42.938630 -74.200029

Down by the River Kayak Rentals

Erie Terrace
Amsterdam, NY 12010
(518) 423-5254
downbytheriverkayakrentals.com

Launch site is the Port Jackson Boat Launch at E Mile 38.50, south side.

E Mile 39.29, north side 42.946620 -74.210099

Lock E11, Amsterdam

366 West Main Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010
(518) 843-2120

LIFT: 12 feet.

PADDLING NOTE: The current from the movable dam can be strong. Stay to the north side when leaving or approaching the lock.

Guy Park, a stone 1774 Georgian-style mansion adjacent to the lock, was built for Guy Johnson, the nephew of Sir William Johnson, the British superintendent for Indian affairs in colonial New York. The mansion later became a tavern and stagecoach stop. It was used as a field headquarters during Barge Canal construction and later became the Guy Park State Historic Site. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1973. The property was damaged by flooding in 2011 and is currently closed.

E Mile 39.13 42.943256 -74.207062

Bronson Island. The canal channel is to the north.

PADDLING NOTE: Exercise caution at the western end of the island. The water can be rough here, especially after recent rainfall.

E Mile 38.50, south side 42.938630 -74.200029

Port Jackson/South Side Launch

Erie Terrace off Gilliland Avenue
Amsterdam, NY 12010

FACILITIES: Concrete ramp, low dock. Parking for 15 cars; 24-hour limit. Distance from parking about 20 feet.

This is a launch site for Down by the River Kayak Rentals.

E Mile 38.15 42.935702 -74.194982

Bridge E19B, Mohawk Valley Gateway
Overlook Pedestrian Bridge

The Mohawk Valley Gateway Overlook Pedestrian Bridge spans 500 feet over the Mohawk River. The bridge connects the two sides of the city of Amsterdam and provides spectacular views over the river. On the north end, the bridge connects to Riverlink Park and downtown Amsterdam. On the south end, the bridge connects to the Erie Canalway Trail.

E Mile 38.06 42.934549 -74.193676

Bridge E19A, NY 30

E Mile 37.95, north side 42.933925 -74.191715

Amsterdam Riverlink Park

2 Front Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010
(518) 320-4868
amsterdamny.gov/our-city/things-to-do/city-parks

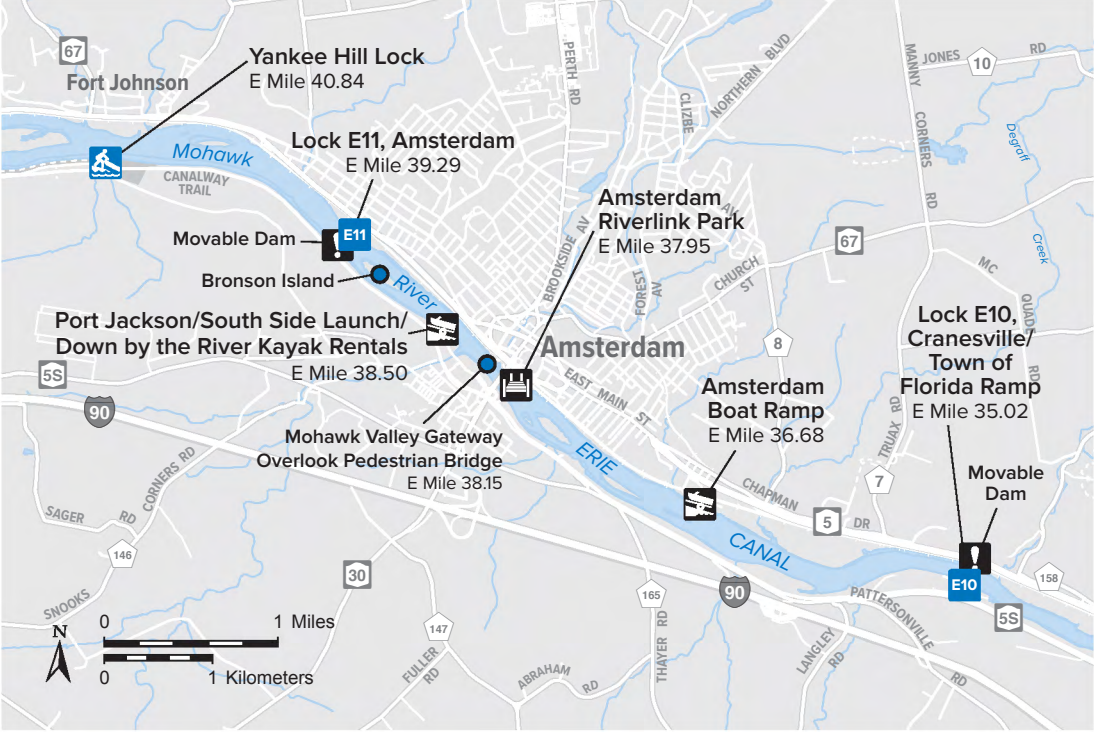
FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers, laundry, picnic tables, playground. Floating docks at the west end. Shops and restaurants in Amsterdam are a short walk away using the pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks.

E Mile 37.76 42.931187 -74.189317

Davey Island. The canal channel is to the north.

E Mile 37.27 42.926073 -74.181440

Giording Island. The canal channel is to the north.



E Mile 36.68, north side 42.923839 -74.171009

Amsterdam Boat Ramp

Quist Road off NY 5N
Amsterdam, NY 12010

FACILITIES: Concrete ramp, dock. Parking for 20 cars; 24-hour limit. Distance from parking about 20 feet.

DEC fishing access site.

E Mile 35.02, south side 42.917090 -74.140779

Lock E10, Cranesville

712 NY 5S
Amsterdam, NY 12010
(518) 887-5450

LIFT: 15 feet.

The Town of Florida ramp is at the far end of the eastern terminal wall.

PADDLING NOTE: The current from the movable dam can be strong. Stay to the south side when leaving or approaching the lock. A large stone quarry surrounds the site. No services are nearby.

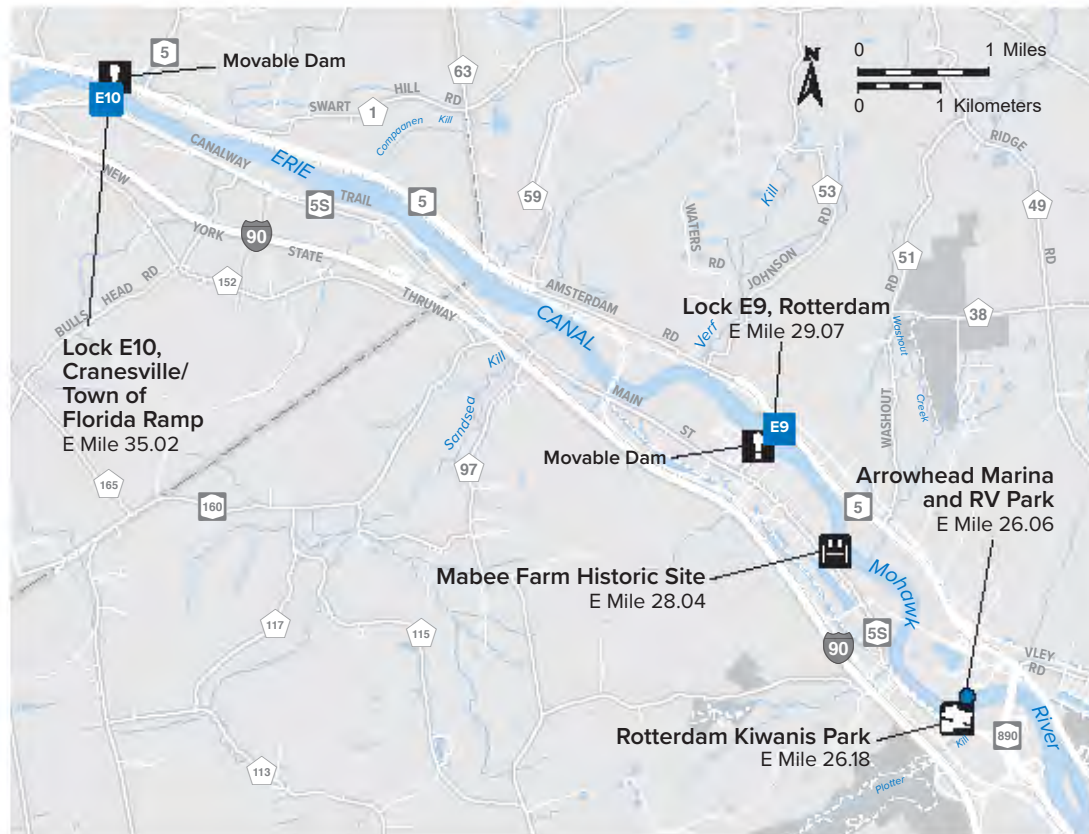
E Mile 34.83, south side 42.915880 -74.138319

Town of Florida Ramp

Eastern end of Lock E10
Amsterdam, NY 12010
(518) 887-5450

FACILITIES: Overnight parking permitted. Distance from parking about 50 feet.

DEC fishing access site.



E Mile 33.02	42.906476	-74.104457
Swart Island. The canal channel is to the south.		

E Mile 30.43	42.884737 -74.064888
Bridge E17, CSX railroad	

E Mile 29.08	42.878089 -74.042103
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Bridge E16, Bridge Street (NY 103)
This traffic bridge goes over the top of the dam at Lock E9, one of only two movable dams on the Mohawk River to carry highway traffic (the other is at Lock E12). NY 103 connects NY 5 on the north with NY 5S on the south. It is the shortest state road in New York.

E Mile 29.07, north side	42.878686	-74.041216
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 Lock E9, Rotterdam

9 State Canal Park Road (NY 103)
Rotterdam Junction, NY 12150
(518) 491-8205

LIFT: 15 feet.

FACILITIES: Car top launch is at the westernmost end of the lock wall. Parking for 10 cars. Convenience store within walking distance.

PADDLING NOTE: The current from the movable dam can be strong. Stay to the north side when leaving or approaching the lock. Sunken concrete barges built during World War I are at either end of the lock approach walls.



E Mile 28.04, south side	42.866269	-74.031818
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Mabee Farm Historic Site

1100 Main Street
Rotterdam Junction, NY 12150
(518) 887-5073
schenectadyhistorical.org

The oldest farm in the Mohawk Valley (1705), this site preserves Mohawk Valley heritage through historic buildings and extensive historical and archaeological collections. The grounds cover 36 acres with orchards, gardens, and trails. The site is also home to two reproduction 18th-century bateaux.

The site is accessible from the canal using the seasonal floating dock. Check ahead to be sure the dock is in place. Water and restrooms are available 24 hours a day at the farm site during the navigation season.

ADMISSION: \$8 adults; free for students and children.

HOURS: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

E Mile 27.11	42.857875 -74.021008
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Bridge E15, Boston & Maine Railroad

E Mile 26.18, south side	42.847149	-74.013790
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Rotterdam Kiwanis Park and Boat Ramp

1100 Sunrise Boulevard (NY 5S)
Rotterdam, NY 12306
(518) 355-7450
rotterdamny.org

FACILITIES: Water, portable toilet, pavilion, picnic tables, grills. Ramp. Parking for 40 cars. Distance from parking about 100 feet.

The Van Slyke/Plotter Kill Aqueduct was built around 1842 as part of the Enlarged Erie Canal to carry boats over a small gorge and creek. The aqueduct was in use until around 1915, when the Barge Canal enlargement moved the canal to the north. Today, the arches that carried the towpath are used to carry the Mohawk-Hudson Bikeway over the creek. The arches are visible from the waterway just to the east of the Kiwanis Park.

E Mile 26.06, north side 42.849240 -74.013071

Arrowhead Marina and RV Park

2 Van Buren Lane
Glenville, NY 12302
(518) 382-8966
arrowheadmrpv.com

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers, camping. Ramp and low dock.

Private marina.

E Mile 25.73 42.849945 -74.005773

Bridge E14A, I-890

E Mile 25.03 42.841039 -73.997821

Dalys Island, also known as Daleys Island.
The canal channel is to the north.

E Mile 24.10, north side 42.830700 -73.989400

 Maalwyck Park

300 Maalwyck Park Road (NY 5)
Glenville, NY 12302
(518) 688-1221

Just to the west of the movable dam at Lock E8

FACILITIES: Water, portable toilets. Ample parking.

E Mile 24.04, south side 42.829340 -73.991389

 Lock E8, Scotia (Rotterdam)

115 Rice Road
Rotterdam, NY 12306
(518) 346-4631

LIFT: 14 feet.

FACILITIES: Portable toilet, picnic tables. Tie up at the eastern or western walls. Informal beach launch at lower end of downstream approach wall. Parking for 12 cars. Distance from parking about 800 feet. No services are within walking distance.

PADDLING NOTE: The current from the movable dam can be strong. Stay to the south side when leaving or approaching the lock.

E Mile 23.42, south side 42.821329 -73.987088

Old Erie Canal Lock 23 (Alexander’s Lock) is 0.5 inland here, accessible from the Erie Canalway Trail near the intersection of Rice and Schermerhorn Roads. Exit the water trail below Lock E8 to access this historic site.

The lock dates from 1842 in the Enlarged era. It was bypassed by the Barge Canal and closed in 1918. Today, the site contains two side-by-side lock chambers and a rebuilt lockmaster’s shed. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2008.

E Mile 23.75 42.826348 -73.986735

Isle of the Oneidas. The canal channel is to the south.

E Mile 22.91, north side 42.816007 - 73.971865

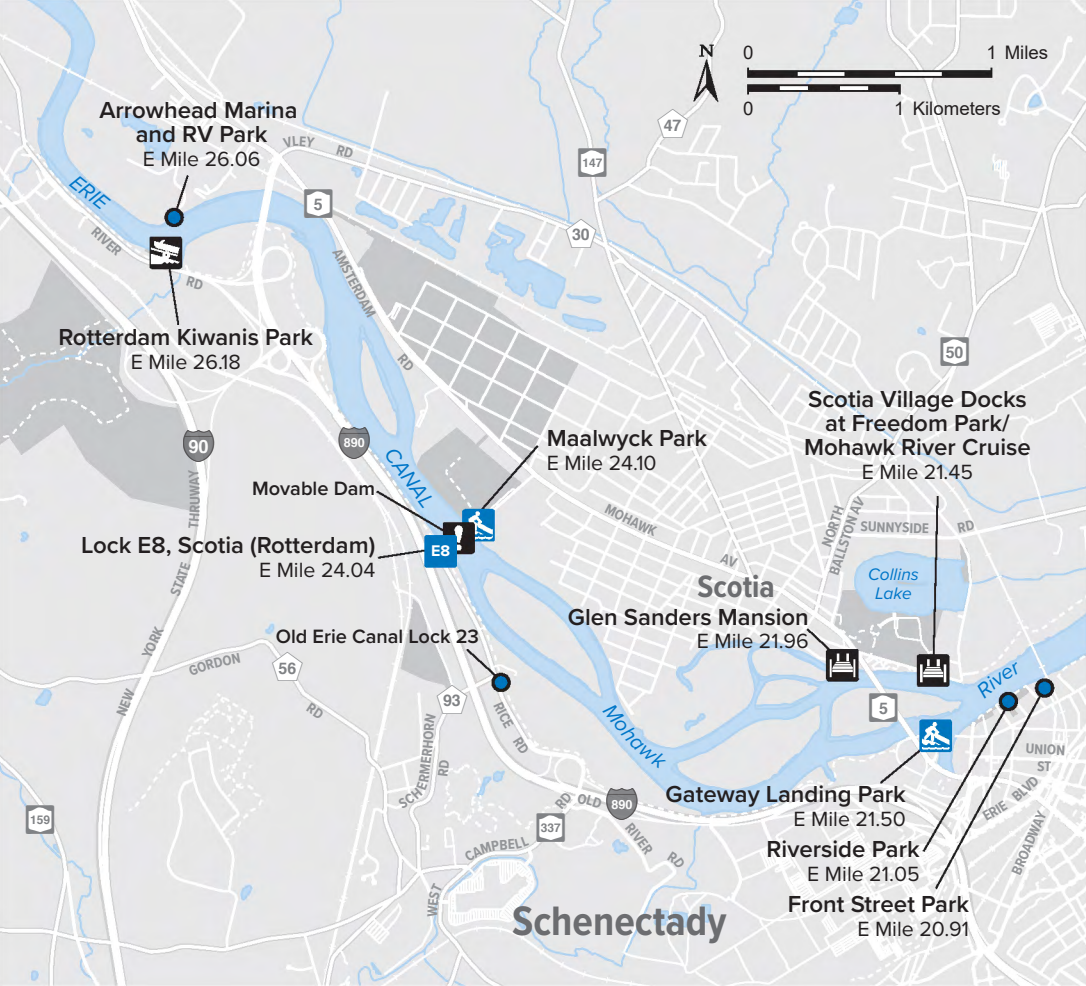
Isle of the Onondagas. The canal channel is to the south. The Mohawk River splits off from the canal at the Isle of the Onondagas and flows northward past the Isle of the Senecas and the Isle of the Mohawks.

E Mile 21.96, north side 42.822110 -73.959459

 Glen Sanders Mansion

1 Glen Avenue
Scotia, NY 12302
(518) 374-7262
glensandersmansion.com

Restaurant and inn with dedicated dock.
Distance from dock about 150 feet.



E Mile 21.94 42.818683 -73.959731

Isle of the Cayugas. The canal channel is to the south. Turn north to enter the Mohawk River channel that leads to the docks in Freedom Park.

E Mile 21.79, north side 42.821595 -73.953805

 Scotia Village Docks at Freedom Park

5 Schonowee Avenue
Scotia, NY 12302
(518) 374-1071
freedomparkscotia.com

FACILITIES: Water, restrooms, picnic tables. Low dock, beach landing, and parking near Jumpin Jack’s Drive-In (a favorite place for paddlers and a fixture at the park since 1952) to the east of the Western Gateway bridge.

PADDLING NOTE: To reach the docks, leave the Erie Canal and paddle north into the channel between Isle of the Onondagas and Isle of the Cayugas for about 0.50 mile if eastbound and between Isle of the Cayugas and the mainland for about 0.40 miles if westbound.

SCHENECTADY

Dutch settlers arriving along the Mohawk River in the mid-1700s encountered the Mohawk Nation of the Iroquois Confederacy. The area that is now Schenectady was known as Schau-naugh-ta-da, meaning “over the pine plains.” The name came to refer to the bend in the Mohawk River where the city of Schenectady grew.

For centuries, Schenectady had been a jumping-off point for west-bound travelers who moved overland from Albany to avoid rapids and falls on the lower Mohawk, then boarded boats to move further inland. The city was already a road transportation hub when the Erie Canal opened in 1825 and turned it into a canal hub as well. Rail transport was soon added to the region. Locomotive manufacturing began in the city in 1848; by 1901 the massive American Locomotive Company (ALCO) covered many acres along the waterfront. Starting in the 1880s, Thomas Edison’s General Electric Company was also a massive presence in the city. Schenectady became known as “The City That Lights and Hauls the World.”

Changes in the manufacturing economy put ALCO out of business in 1969 and reduced GE’s presence in the city. Starting in 2004, however, economic growth in the city has been strong. The land along the Mohawk River once occupied by ALCO has been revitalized to become Mohawk Harbor, a 60-acre mixed-use development.

Schenectady’s early history is preserved in the Historic Stockade District, which features dozens of Dutch and English Colonial houses dating from the 18th and 19th centuries. It is New York State’s first National Register historic district, designated in 1965.

Erie Canal history in the area can be seen along the Mohawk Towpath Byway, a network of local, county, state, and federal highways that follow the historic route of the Erie Canal from Waterford and Cohoes to Schenectady.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
More information about the Schenectady area can be found at **discoverschenectady.com**. Maps and more information about the byway are at **mohawktowpath.org**.

LODGING

42.826386 -73.931435

Courtyard Marriott at Mohawk Harbor
240 Harborside Drive
Schenectady, NY 12305
(518) 579-6620
marriott.com

Hotel at Mohawk Harbor. Distance to dock about 200 feet.

42.825684 -73.932223

The Landing Hotel at Rivers Casino & Resort
21 Rush Street
Schenectady, NY 12308
(518) 579-8840
thelandinghotelnyc.com

PADDLECRAFT RENTALS

42.825196 -73.933532

Upstate Kayak Rentals
Harborside Drive
Schenectady, NY 12305
(518) 209-1063
upstatekayakrentals.com

Several locations along the canal in the Capital Region. In Schenectady, it is located at Mohawk Harbor.

42.848571 -73.889814

The Boat House
2855 Aqueduct Road
Schenectady, NY 12309
(518) 393-5711
boathousecanoeskayaks.com

Canoe and kayak rentals and sales. Located in Aqueduct Park. Open seasonally. Closed Sundays.

WATERWAY CRUISES

42.821606 -73.953656

Mohawk River Cruise
22 Schonowee Avenue
Scotia, NY 12302
(518) 852-9130
mohawkrivercruise.com

One- and two-hour canal cruises in a glass-bottomed boat through Lock E7. Boats leave from Scotia Landing at Freedom Park and Mohawk Harbor.

E Mile 21.61 42.818337 -73.954341

Bridge E13, Western Gateway Bridge (NY 5)

E Mile 21.50, south side 42.817830 -73.951999

 **Gateway Landing/Rotary Park**
East of Western Gateway Bridge
Schenectady, NY 12303
(518) 386-2225

FACILITIES: Picnic tables, gazebo. Car top launch, floating dock, and beach landing. Parking for 20 cars. Distance from parking about 100 feet. Shops and restaurants are in the nearby Historic Stockade area, the oldest neighborhood in Schenectady and marked by Dutch and English 17th- and 18th-century buildings.

This park marks the mouth of the Binnekill, historic point of embarkation for batteaux and Durham boats heading up the Mohawk River in the days before the Erie Canal.

E Mile 21.05, south side 42.819830 -73.946085

Riverside Park
Washington and Ingersoll Streets
Schenectady, NY 12305

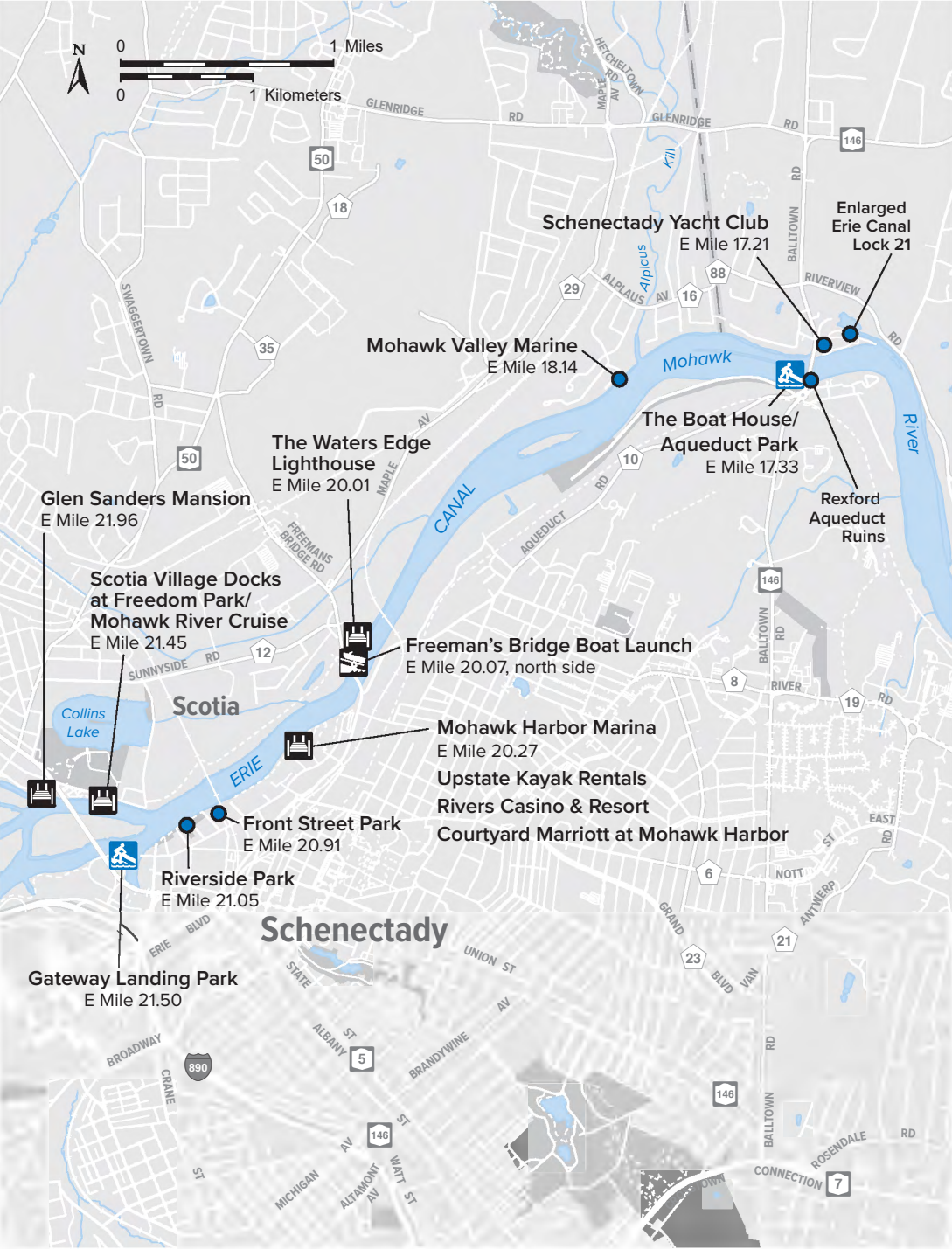
A promenade along Schenectady’s waterfront; this park offers access to the adjacent historic neighborhoods. Shops and restaurants are in the nearby Historic Stockade area of Schenectady.

E Mile 20.91, south side 42.820597 -73.943146

Front Street Park
157 Front Street
Schenectady, NY 12305

FACILITIES: Restrooms.

This waterfront park is adjacent to the Stockade District. No access from the water trail. Shops and restaurants are nearby.



E Mile 20.99 42.822128 -73.943486

Bridge E12, CSX railroad

E Mile 20.27, south side 42.825252 -73.933426

Mohawk Harbor

Schenectady, NY 12308

Mohawk Harbor, a 60-acre mixed-use development, stretches along the south side of the river for a mile. The community contains luxury apartments, high-tech offices, restaurants, hotels, and retail stores, along with the Rivers Casino & Resort. The water-front area offers public access for boating and links to the Mohawk-Hudson Hike-Bike Trail and Erie Canalway Trail. Mohawk Harbor was built on the vast workshops of the American Locomotive Company (ALCO). Steam, diesel, and electric locomotives were built here from 1848-1969.

E Mile 20.27, south side 42.825196 -73.933532

Mohawk Harbor Marina

Schenectady NY 12308

(518) 949-0220

themohawkharbor.com

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water. Low docks and dedicated kayak launch. Kayak rental from Upstate Kayak Rentals. Bike share program and easy access to Mohawk-Hudson Hike-Bike Trail and Erie Canalway Trail. Mohawk River Cruise boat docks here. Free trolley to downtown Schenectady.

E Mile 20.12 42.829714 -73.930388

Bridge E11, Freemans Bridge Road

E Mile 20.07, north side 42.831000 -73.930499

Freeman's Bridge Boat Launch

Freemans Bridge Road

Glenville, NY 12301

FACILITIES: Picnic tables. Floating dock, concrete ramp. Parking for 20 cars. Overnight parking permitted; 24-hour limit. Distance from parking about 50 feet.

DEC fishing access site with accessible dock.

E Mile 20.01, north side 42.831779 -73.930292

The Waters Edge Lighthouse

2 Freemans Bridge Road

Glenville, NY 12302

(518) 370-5300

thewatersedgelighthouse.com

Restaurant and lodging with dedicated dock. Distance from dock 100 feet.

E Mile 19.80 42.833631 -73.927372

Bridge E10, CP railroad

E Mile 19.57 42.840600 -73.918400

The canal channel is to the north of the island.

E Mile 18.14, north side 42.849845 -73.905591

Mohawk Valley Marine

47 Mohawk Avenue

Alplaus, NY 12008

(518) 399-2719

mohawkvalleymarine.com

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers. Concrete ramp.

Private marina.

E Mile 18.13, north side 42.850957 -73.903679

Alplaus Kill enters the Mohawk River.

E Mile 17.93 42.851510 -73.899490

The abutments from an old Schenectady Railway Company deck truss bridge are still in place. The bridge was built in 1904 and abandoned in 1941. The superstructure was removed in 1943 for scrap metal to be used in the war effort.

E Mile 17.33, south side 42.849350 -73.889830

Aqueduct Park

2855 Aqueduct Road
Schenectady, NY 12309
(518) 386-4504

FACILITIES: Portable toilet. Car top launch and low dock. Parking for 15 cars. Distance from parking about 200 feet.

E Mile 17.25 42.850275 -73.887932

Bridge E8, Balltown Road (NY 146)

E Mile 17.20 42.851001 -73.887432

Rexford Aqueduct Ruins
The ruins of the Rexford Aqueduct can be seen on both sides of the canal. Constructed in 1841 to carry the Enlarged Erie Canal over the Mohawk River, the central part was removed in 1915 to make way for the Barge Canal. The remaining stone arches supported a truss bridge until 1965, when the Balltown Road Bridge was opened. Today one arch remains on the north (Rexford) side and two on the south (Niskayuna) side.

E Mile 17.21, north side 42.852004 -73.886647

Schenectady Yacht Club

1676 NY 146
Rexford, NY 12148
(518) 384-9971
sycontheerie.com

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers. Low dock.

Private yacht club. The clubhouse is a converted former canal store built around 1900.

E Mile 16.91, north side 42.852724 -73.884204

Enlarged Erie Canal Lock 21 constructed in 1841 can be seen in a back channel of the Schenectady Yacht Club. This double-chambered lock was in use until 1916. Lock 21 is still in use today as the travel lift for the Schenectady Yacht Club.

E Mile 16.02, north side 42.849574 -73.878561

The spectacular Rexford Cliff borders the canal on the north for the next 1.2 miles.

E Mile 14.75, north side 42.826485 -73.859871

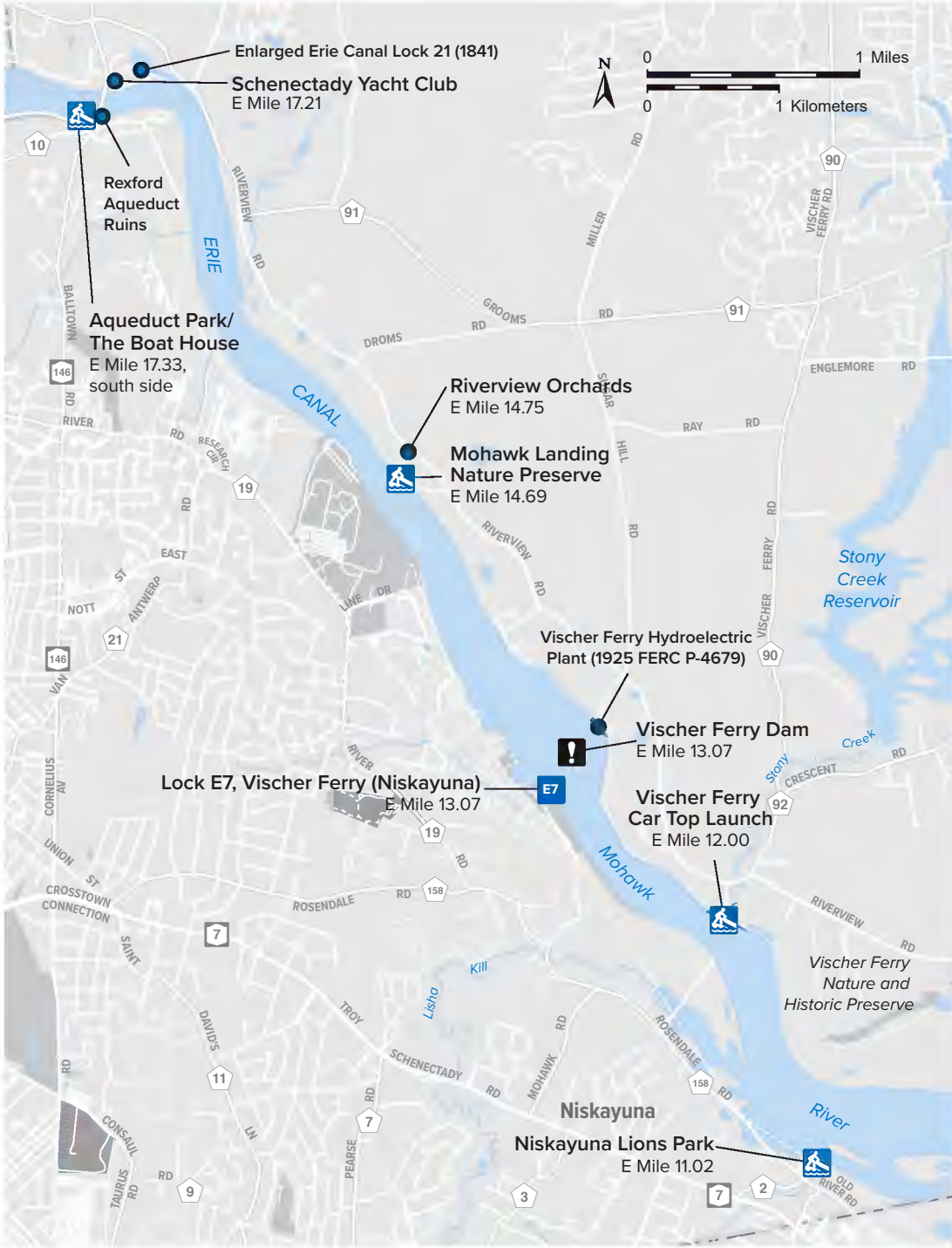
Riverview Orchards

660 Riverview Road
Rexford, NY 12148
(518) 371-2174
rivervieworchards.com

To access this historic Erie Canal farm, use the ramp at Mohawk Landing. From the parking area, walk west on Riverview Road for 0.18 miles.

Riverview Farm features locally produced foods and a bakery. Lots of activities for kids.

HOURS: Open every day 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. year-round.



E Mile 14.69, north side 42.824590 -73.860630

 Mohawk Landing Nature Preserve

Riverview Road
Clifton Park, NY 12065
(518) 371-6651
cliftonpark.org

FACILITIES: Hand launch, picnic tables.
Parking for 10 cars. Distance from parking
about 850 feet.

E Mile 13.14, south side 42.803349 -73.849040

 Lock E7 boat ramp

Lock 7 Road
Niskayuna, NY 12309

FACILITIES: Portable toilet, picnic tables, grills.
Ramp and low dock. Parking for 20 cars.
Overnight parking permitted; call (518) 374-7912.
Distance from parking about 20 feet.

The boat launch area is tucked away at the
base of an inlet behind the western lock wall.

E Mile 13.07, south side 42.803229 -73.847058

Lock E7, Vischer Ferry (Niskayuna)

1280 Lock 7 Road
Niskayuna, NY 12309
(518) 374-7912

LIFT: 27 feet.

FACILITIES: Tie up at the western or eastern
terminal walls or use the Lock E7 boat ramp.
Portable toilets, picnic tables and parking.

PADDLING NOTE: The dam spans the width
of the Mohawk River. The current above and
below the dam is strong. Do not approach
within 100 feet in either direction. Paddle
directly into the channel for Lock E7.

Vischer Ferry Dam extends from the lock
across the Mohawk River to rocky Goat
Island, along the width of the island, and then
to the powerhouse.

The Vischer Ferry Hydroelectric Plant is
the large, yellow-orange brick building on the
north bank of the Mohawk River. It was built
in 1925 and is still in operation.

Lock E7 has a 2,300-foot-long breakwater
between the river and the north lock wall to
provide protection from river currents for
vessels approaching from the east. The
breakwater was built using rubble from the
demolished Crescent Aqueduct.

The 107-acre Mohawk River State Park
adjoins Lock 7 Park.

E Mile 12.00, north side 42.794186 -73.831203

 Vischer Ferry Car Top Launch

End of Ferry Lane
Rexford, NY 12148

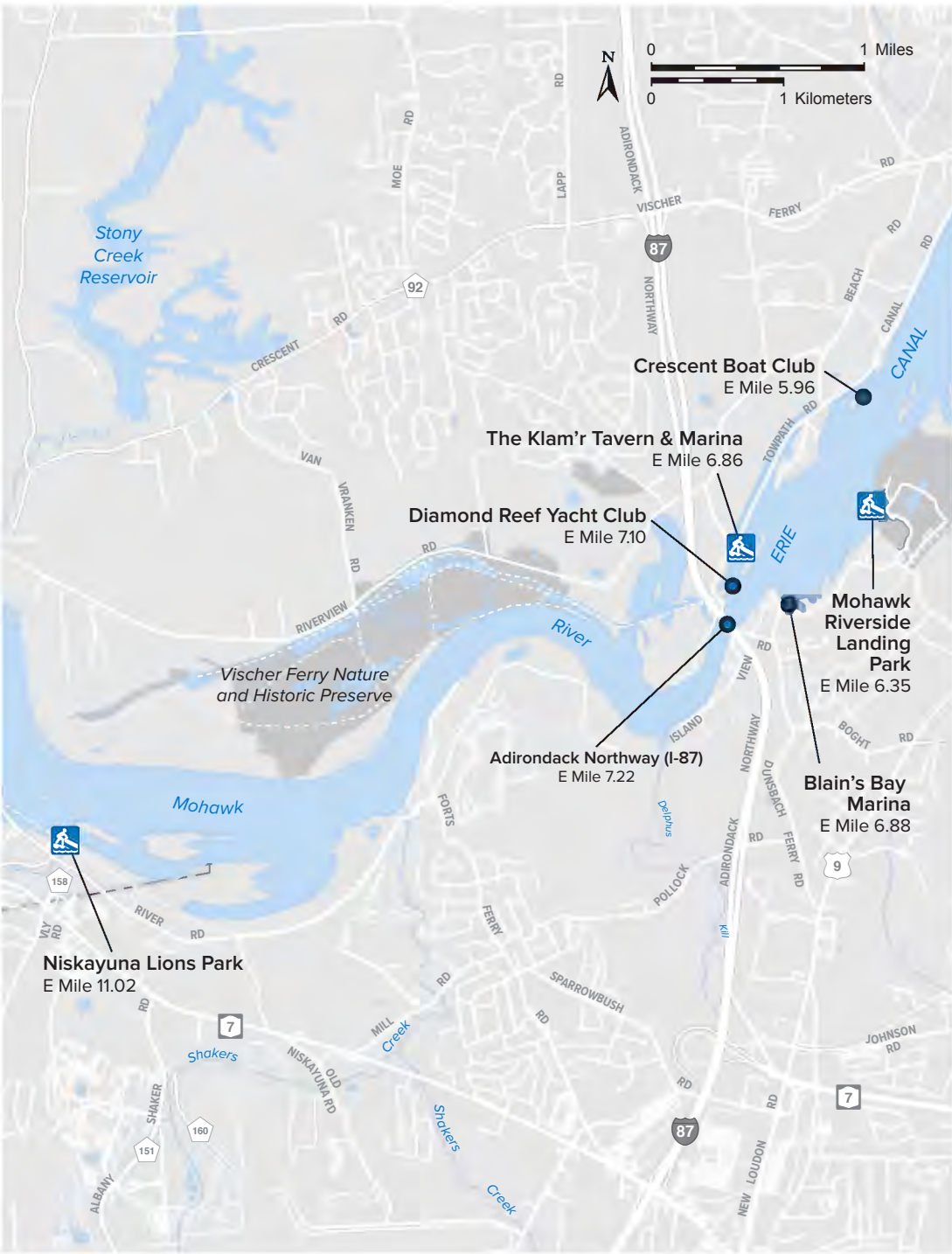
E Mile 12.14, north side 42.7934 -73.8303

Vischer Ferry Nature and Historic Preserve

Riverview Road
Rexford, NY 12148
(518) 371-6667
cliftonparkopenspaces.org

The preserve covers 740 acres and stretches
along the Mohawk River/Erie Canal for
approximately five miles. A dock and kayak
and canoe launch are located within the park
near Clute’s Dry Dock, however, the site is not
accessible from the water trail except during
periods on high to moderate water levels.

The preserve contains a number of historic
Erie Canal remains. At the main entrance on
Riverview Road at VanVranken Road is a rare
surviving iron “bowstring” truss bridge
designed by engineer Squire Whipple. This
one originally spanned the Erie Canal at
Fultonville. It was moved here in 1996 and is
now a footbridge crossing an original 1825
section of the Erie Canal and towpath. The
remains of the double-chamber Lock 19, built
in 1842 and enlarged in 1885 are at the



western end of the preserve. A footbridge links the two sides of the lock; a picnic area and observation platform are nearby.

Clute’s Dry Dock, dating from 1852 and abandoned in 1907, is about 1.0 mile east of the Whipple Bridge entrance to the preserve, on the south side of Riverview Road. Canal boats were built and repaired here, but all the workshops and other structures are long gone. The dry dock area is now a large pond. A dock and a kayak and canoe launch are in the dry dock area, however the site is only accessible from the water trail during periods of high to moderate water levels.

E Mile 11.02, south side 42.777509 -73.822890

 **Niskayuna Lions Park**
Rosendale Road
Niskayuna, NY 12309
(518) 386-4504

FACILITIES: Water, restrooms, picnic tables. Car top launch and beach landing. Parking for 20 cars. Distance from parking about 250 feet.

PADDLING NOTE: Thick floating mats of invasive water chestnut can make it difficult to reach this site from the water during late summer.

The Old Niskayuna Train Station, dating from 1834, is now an art exhibit space. The picnic area offers beautiful views of the Mohawk River.

E Mile 7.22 42.791590 -73.761381

Bridge E7A, Adirondack Northway (I-87)
Also known as the Thaddeus Kosciuszko Bridge or the Twin Bridges. Below the bridge to the east is Dunsbach Ferry, once the site of an important river crossing. In the 1920s, the hamlet was home to many barge canal captains.

E Mile 7.10, north side 42.794283 -73.760884

Diamond Reef Yacht Club
5 Clamsteam Road
Clifton Park, NY 12065
(518) 371-2716

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers. Low docks and concrete ramp.

Private yacht club.

E Mile 6.88, south side 42.794132 -73.755758

Blain’s Bay Marina
221 Dunsbach Ferry Road
Cohoes, NY 12047
(518) 785-6785

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers. Low dock and concrete ramp.

Private marina.

E Mile 6.86, north side 42.796760 -73.760020

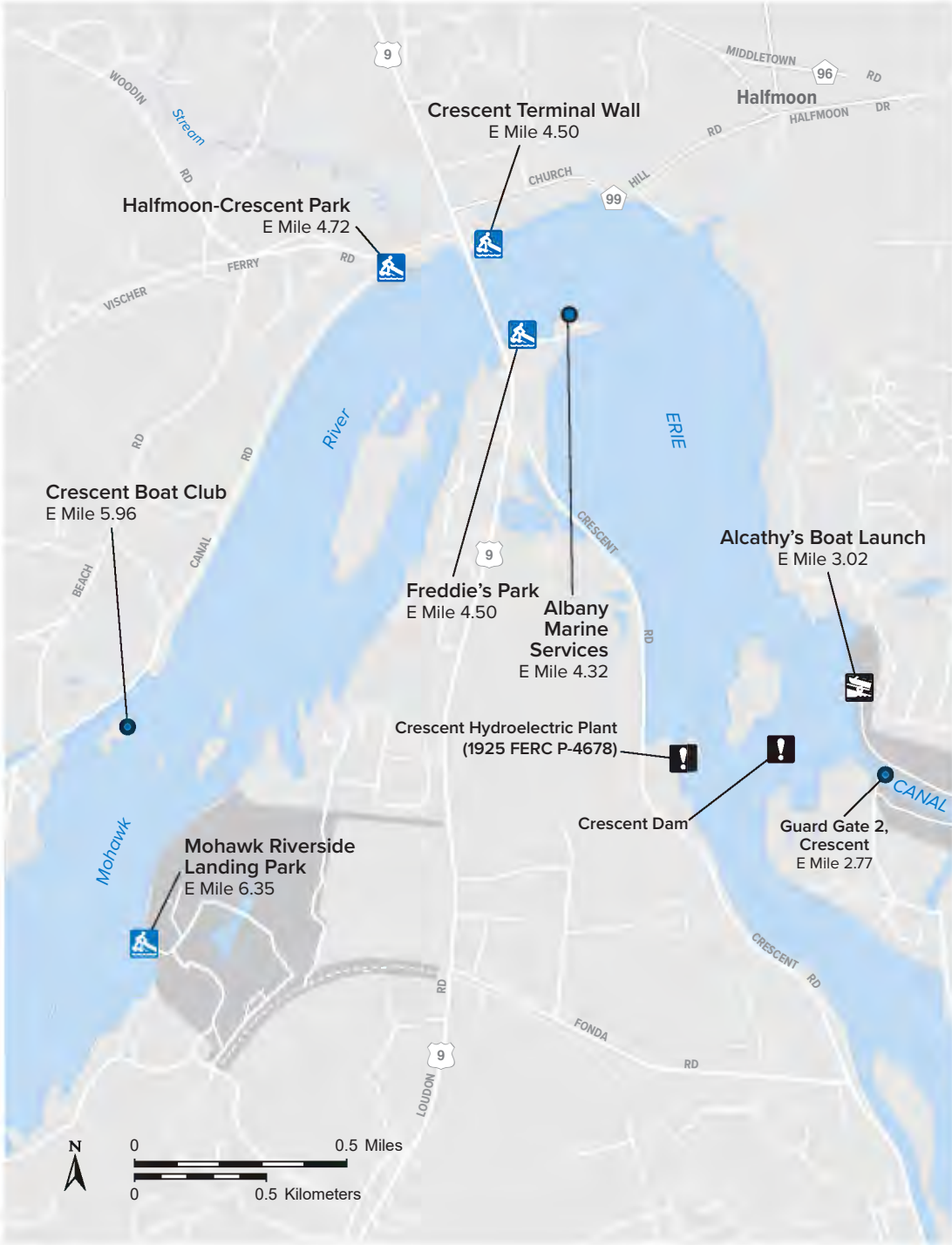
 **The Klam’r Tavern & Marina**
32 Clamsteam Road
Halfmoon, NY 12065
(518) 930-0577
theklamr.com

FACILITIES: Car top launch, beach landing. Parking for five cars. Distance from parking about 20 feet. Restaurant with dine-in or take-out menu.

E Mile 6.35, south side 42.799480 -73.747870

 **Mohawk Riverside Landing Park**
4071 River Road
Colonie, NY 12110
(518) 783-2760
colonie.org/departments/parksandrec

FACILITIES: Water, restrooms, picnic tables, grills. Car top launch, beach landing. Parking for 20 cars. Distance from parking about 20 feet.



E Mile 5.96, north side 42.806922 -73.748486

Crescent Boat Club

142 Canal Road
Halfmoon, NY 12065
(518) 371-9864
crescentboatclub.com

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers, picnic tables, grills, overnight RV parking.

Private yacht club.

E Mile 4.72, north side 42.822451 -73.735934

 Halfmoon-Crescent Park

1 Old Canal Road
Halfmoon, NY 12065

FACILITIES: Picnic tables. Car top launch, beach landing. Parking for eight cars. Distance from parking about 100 feet.

E Mile 4.55 42.821445 -73.731670

Bridge E6, Loudon Road (NY 9)

E Mile 4.50, north side 42.823199 -73.731399

 Crescent Terminal Wall

Terminal Road
Halfmoon, NY 12065

FACILITIES: Hand launch under development, portable toilets, convenience store nearby.

The ruins of the north abutments of the Crescent Aqueduct (officially, the Lower Mohawk River Aqueduct) can be seen at the west end of the wall. The Crescent Aqueduct was built in 1840 to carry the Enlarged Erie Canal across the Mohawk River to a 12-mile section that stretched west to the Rexford Aqueduct. It was the longest aqueduct on the Erie Canal—1,160 feet long with 26 arches. The aqueduct was removed in 1915 to allow boats to pass through the canalized river. Only the north and south abutments remain visible today.

E Mile 4.50, south side 42.820099 -73.729900

 Freddie’s Park

22 North Schermerhorn Road
Cohoes, NY 12047

FACILITIES: Picnic tables. Car top launch, beach landing. Parking for 10 cars. Distance from parking about 150 feet.

The water around the launch area is heavily vegetated. Remnants of the south abutments of the Crescent Aqueduct can be seen near the launch area.

E Mile 4.32, south side 42.820753 -73.727705

Albany Marine Services

1395 New Loudon Road
Cohoes, NY 12047
(518) 783-5333
albanymarine.wixsite.com/mysite

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers. Low docks, concrete ramp.

Private marina.

CAPITAL REGION

The Mohawk and Hudson Rivers meet here, near the second-largest waterfall in New York, the Cohoes Falls. See the eastern terminus of the Erie Canal and marvel at the engineering genius that unlocked waterway travel west from Albany. Start your paddle trip in Waterford. You’ll find a concentration of interesting sites and services, as well as good visitor information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

More information about things to do in the Capital Region, including dining and lodging, is available from **albany.org**.

WATERFORD

Waterford is the oldest continuously incorporated village in the United States. It is the eastern terminus of the Erie Canal and the southern terminus of the Champlain Canal. The opening of the Waterford Flight of Locks in 1915 transformed Waterford from a small village along the old Champlain Canal into the eastern gateway to the Erie Canal.

Waterford is home to the Tugboat Round-up held each September. It is the largest annual tugboat festival in the Northeast. The

annual Canal Fest is held in mid-May. A farmer’s market takes place on the canalfront promenade near the visitor center at Lock 2 on Sunday mornings during canal season.

Restaurants, shops and other services are within walking distance from the Lock 2 Visitor Center. The best places to launch are from the Waterford Point Boat Ramp, Peebles Island State Park, and Alcathy’s Boat Ramp above Lock 6.

PLACES OF INTEREST OFF THE WATER

42.789057 -73.708922

Cohoes Falls

North Mohawk Street
Cohoes NY 12047
friendsofcohoesfalls.org

The spectacular 85-foot Cohoes Falls on the Mohawk River is a must-see destination that was pivotal to construction of the Erie Canal and the industrialization of America. During the 1820s, engineers constructed 18 locks on the Erie Canal threading through Cohoes to lift and lower boats around the falls. The falls also supplied water power for Harmony Mills and other Cohoes textile companies. In 1915, the falls were harnessed for hydroelectric power at the School Street Hydroelectric Facility.

Falls View Park is located at the north edge of the Harmony Mills National Historic Landmark District on North Mohawk Street. This park is open May through November.

Open year round, Overlook Park on School Street is another spot to see the falls.

42.695071 -73.780909

The Waterford Historical Museum

2 Museum Lane
Waterford, NY 12188
(518) 238-0809
waterfordmuseum.com

42.793952 -73.67866

Old Champlain Canal Towpath

NY 32, Short 5th Street
Waterford NY 12188
(518) 237-0810

Beginning at Lock 2 Park, follow this walking and bike trail south for about one mile to see Old Champlain Canal Lock 4 and Lock 5, the old weigh lock, and several sidecut locks, all dating from the Enlarged era.



Stefanie Obkirchner

PADDLECRAFT RENTALS

42.785696 -73.677617

Upstate Kayak Rentals

Flight Lock Road
Waterford, NY 12188
(518) 209-1063
upstatekayakrentals.com

Kayak rentals, traveling adventures, and self-serve kayak rental hubs throughout the Capital Region. In Waterford, they are located at the Waterford Point Boat Ramp.

E Mile 3.02, north side 42.807890 -73.714510

 Alcathy's Boat Launch
(Flight Lock Road Boat Launch)

Western end of Flight Lock Road
Waterford, NY 12188

FACILITIES: Portable toilet at Guard Gate 2 (0.25 mile east on Flight Lock Road). Ramp, low dock, beach landing. Parking for 20 cars. Distance from parking about 25 feet.

DEC fishing access site.

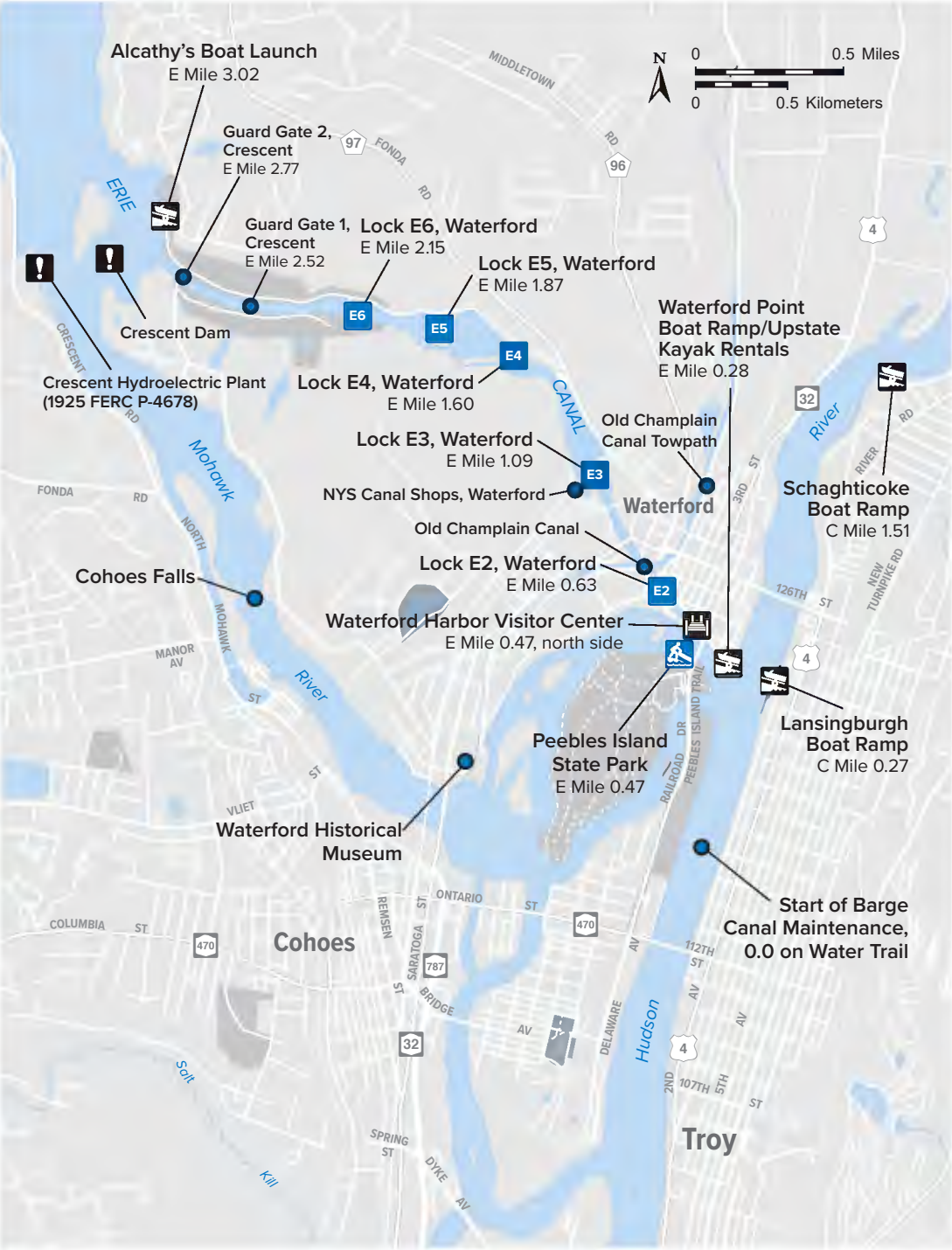
This launch is an outstanding starting point for paddling through the Waterford Flight of Locks. There are no services accessible to paddlers until Lock 2 at Waterford Harbor.

THE WATERFORD FLIGHT

PADDLING THE WATERFORD FLIGHT: Erie Canal Locks 2 through 6 make up the Waterford Flight, a set of five locks with a total lift of 169 feet in just over 1.5 miles. Until recently, these locks were the highest lift in the shortest span in the world. Paddling through the flight makes an outstanding half-day trip, with dramatic scenery, towering locks, and pleasant, easy paddling. Here are a few things of note to ensure a safe and enjoyable journey:

- Safety first! Always wear life jackets. Beware of large boats traversing through the Flight.
- Allow two to three hours to complete the trip and arrive at Waterford Harbor.
- We recommend putting in at Alcathy's and taking out at Waterford Point Boat Ramp. Leave a vehicle at the take out point to facilitate your return at the end.
- There are no services accessible to paddlers and no take-out points until you reach Waterford Harbor.
- This trip takes you through two guard gates and five locks. Each lock takes about 20 minutes. Call ahead to alert lock operators of your journey so they are prepared to open gates and locks.
- As you start out, stay to the right hand shoreline to enter the canal channel. You'll paddle through a 0.50-mile long deep rock cut carved in the greywacke shale that forms the crest of Cohoes Falls.
- Large stilling pools between the locks ensure an ample supply of water for the locks and prevent overflow as the massive chambers empty and fill. The slab-on-pier guide walls between Locks E6 and Lock E5 allow the free flow of water into and out of the stilling pools. Stay in the channel; do not attempt to get out and walk on the concrete slabs.

HISTORY OF THE WATERFORD FLIGHT: This remarkable engineering accomplishment was constructed between 1910 and 1915 to bypass the 85-foot barrier of Cohoes Falls on the Mohawk River. The original Erie Canal used 18 locks in Cohoes to lift and lower boats past the Great Falls of the Mohawk (as Cohoes Falls was known then). The Enlarged Erie Canal replaced those locks with 16 pairs of longer double locks following a slightly different route. Barge Canal engineers decided on a completely different approach. They used an Ice Age overflow channel that opened onto the Hudson River about 2.5 miles north of the falls. The five locks of the Waterford Flight, with lifts ranging from 32.5 to 34.5 feet, were completed in 1915.



E Mile 2.80, south side 42.805801 -73.718219

Crescent Dam, Cohoes
The massive Crescent Dam on the south side is visible. Built in 1911, the 1,922 foot long dam consists of two curved sections separated by a rocky island.

The Crescent Dam spans the Mohawk River; from this point to the junction with the Hudson River in Waterford, the Erie Canal is a true canal of locks and walls.

PADDLING NOTE: The current near the dam is strong. Do not approach within 100 feet. Paddle to the north to enter the walled canal.

E Mile 2.78 42.804888 -73.713492

Bridge E5, Flight Lock Road

E Mile 2.77 42.804896 -73.713357

Guard Gate 2, Crescent
Eastbound paddlers must call (518) 237-0833 or VHF 13 to open.

PADDLING NOTE: Guard Gate 2 is the entry point to the five interconnected locks that make up the Waterford Flight. Once you begin paddling this route, you must continue to the end.

E Mile 2.52 42.803407 -73.708912

Guard Gate 1, Crescent
Guard Gate 2 and Guard Gate 1 both protect the Waterford Flight from flooding and allow for maintenance and seasonal drawdowns. The role is so important that canal engineers put in two guard gates just a 0.25-mile apart. They raise and lower alternately to protect the flight. Be prepared for drips as you pass underneath.

E Mile 2.15 42.802860 -73.701729

Lock E6, Waterford
77 Flight Lock Road
Waterford, NY 12188
(518) 237-4014

LIFT: 33 feet.

FACILITIES: Portable toilet, picnic tables, viewing platform. Tie up at the western walls. Facilities are difficult for paddlers to access at this location due to steep canal walls.

E Mile 1.87 42.802159 -73.696289

Lock E5, Waterford
55 Flight Lock Road
Waterford, NY 12188
(518) 237-0821

LIFT: 33.3 feet.

The slab-on-pier guide walls between Lock E5 and Lock E4 allow the free flow of water into and out of the stilling pools.

E Mile 1.60 42.800779 -73.691420

Lock E4, Waterford
25 Flight Lock Road
Waterford, NY 12188
(518) 237-0818

LIFT: 34.5 feet.

E Mile 1.10, south side 42.794152 -73.687471

NYS Canal Maintenance Shops, Waterford
The entrance to the canal shops and drydock is on the south side. The shops repair NYS Corporation boats and locks in the eastern end of the system.

PADDLING NOTE: Do not enter the canal shops area. Watch out for workboats near the entrance.

E Mile 1.09 42.794859 -73.686130

Lock E3, Waterford

48 Washington Avenue
Waterford, NY 12188
(518) 237-0812

LIFT: 34.5 feet.

E Mile 0.97 42.793284 -73.685255

Bridge E4, CP railroad

E Mile 0.84 42.791589 -73.684201

Bridge E3, Saratoga Avenue (NY 32)

E Mile 0.63 42.789120 -73.681800

Lock E2, Waterford

NY 32, Short 5th Street
Waterford, NY 12188
(518) 237-0810

LIFT: 33.6 feet.

FACILITIES: Picnic tables. Facilities are difficult for paddlers to access at this location due to steep canal walls.

Lock E2 is the easternmost lock of the Erie Canal. The park on the north side of the lock is a good way to see the old Champlain Sidecut, a flight of five locks that provided an alternate link from the old Champlain Canal to the Hudson River. The stone lock chambers now serve as a spillway for Lock E2. This is a good place to compare the scale of 19th and 20th century canal structures side-by-side.

E Mile 0.57 42.788490 -73.680979

Bridge E2, 4th Street

PADDLING NOTE: The stretch from here to the Hudson can be one of the busiest places on the canal. Watch out for powerboats, tugs and barges.

E Mile 0.47, north side 42.787427 -73.679522

Waterford Harbor Visitor Center

One Tugboat Alley
Waterford, NY 12188
(518) 233-9123
town.waterford.ny.us

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers. Shops and restaurants in Waterford are a short walk away. Volunteers provide visitor information. Visitor Center can be accessed from the Waterford Point Boat Ramp 0.19 of a mile east.

E Mile 0.47 42.783985 -73.680702

Peebles Island State Park

1 Delaware Avenue
Waterford, NY 12188
parks.ny.gov

FACILITIES: Water, restrooms, picnic tables, grills, pavilion, hiking trails. Car top launch, beach landing. Parking for 40 cars. Open during daylight hours. Distance from parking about 535 feet. Shops and restaurants in Waterford are a short walk away over the Delaware Avenue Bridge.

The 90-acre Peebles Island State Park is located at the confluence of the Mohawk and Hudson Rivers. The park is accessible by a bridge over the Erie Canal or from the water using the launch on the east side of the Island on the Hudson River near the Observation Deck or the dock at the northern end of the island on the Erie Canal. Hiking trails around the island with cliffs, water views, and mature oak woodland. Peebles Island is headquarters to the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.

E Mile 0.41 42.786381 -73.679336

Bridge E1, 2nd Street (Peebles Island Road)



Richard Endres

E Mile 0.28, north side 42.785539 -73.677449

Waterford Point Boat Ramp

Confluence of Erie and Champlain Canals
Battery Park, First and Front Streets
Waterford, NY 12188

FACILITIES: Concrete ramp, low dock, beach landing. Parking for 10 cars; overnight parking permitted. Distance from parking about 20 feet. Walk to restrooms, showers, and information at the Waterford Harbor Visitor Center. Upstate Kayak Rentals is located here.

CHAMPLAIN CANAL

The Champlain region is rich in history, starting with Dutch and French explorations. It was a strategic location during the Revolutionary War. The Champlain Canal was a critical north-south transportation route that complemented the east-west Erie Canal.

Water Trail sites along the Champlain Canal can be found starting on page 238.

CAYUGA-SENECA CANAL

The Cayuga-Seneca Canal is the gateway to the Finger Lakes, connecting the Erie Canal at Montezuma to 92 miles of canalized rivers and lakes, including the Seneca River and Cayuga and Seneca Lakes. The region includes Seneca Falls, celebrated as the birthplace of the women’s rights movement, Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge, and the Finger Lakes Region, renowned for its natural beauty, elegant architecture, wine country, and world-class cultural and recreational attractions.

The canal follows the Seneca River upstream from the Erie Canal to the outlets of Cayuga Lake and Seneca Lake. This guide includes sites on the canal but not the lakes, which are each about 38 miles long.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

More information about things to do in the Cayuga-Seneca Canal area is available from **visitfingerlakes.com** and **fingerlakes.org**. For excellent information about the Finger Lakes region, check **IlovetheFingerLakes.com**.

MONTEZUMA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

US 20
Seneca Falls NY 13148
(315) 568-5987
fws.gov/refuge/montezuma/

The lower 5.5 miles of the Cayuga-Seneca Canal run along the edge of Montezuma NWR, from the Erie Canal to the NY 89 bridge. This 9,800-acre wetland complex is a premier waterfowl watching site. Warbler and songbird migration peaks in mid-May. Mid-September to mid-November is peak viewing of up to 50,000 Canada geese and 150,000 ducks. Watch for great blue herons, ospreys, eagles, and swallows all summer long.

CS Mile 0.01 43.002883 -76.731922

Kipp Island

This triangular island marks the junction of the Erie Canal and the Cayuga-Seneca Canal.

PADDLING NOTE: As you enter the Cayuga-Seneca Canal, you are paddling through the Montezuma NWR. The extensive marshlands and Lake Montezuma are visible on the west side.

The western end of the Seneca River Crossing Canals Historic District begins here; the eastern end is in the Town of Montezuma. The district includes the Enlarged Erie Canal prism (dating 1849-1857) and remnants of the original Erie Canal. The district was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2005.

CS Mile 0.54 42.997946 -76.730918
Bridge S1A, New York State Thruway (I-90)

CS Mile 2.53, west side 42.970228 -76.737120

Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge

Dock

Tyre, NY 13148

FACILITIES: The Seneca Trail leads from floating dock to outdoor exhibits, wildlife observation tower, restrooms, and refuge visitor center. Follow it to the north and then west to reach wildlife viewing areas, including an observation tower (0.2 miles) overlooking the Main Pool of Lake Montezuma. Continue on the trail to reach restrooms (0.3 miles) and the visitor center and Lodge Nature Store (0.4 miles).

The refuge loop road is open to one-way vehicle traffic during daylight hours. Pedestrian and bicycle access is prohibited during certain times of the year to avoid disturbing nesting wildlife.

CS Mile 2.97 42.962970 -76.737948
Bridge S1, Freebridge (US 20 and NY 5)

CS Mile 3.03, west side 42.962040 -76.738740

Montezuma Boat Ramp

US 20, opposite Montezuma NWR entrance Tyre, NY 13148

FACILITIES: Portable toilet. Concrete ramp; seasonal floating dock. Parking for 10 cars. Distance from parking about 20 yards. Overnight parking allowed; 24-hour limit. DEC fishing access site.

CS Mile 4.00 42.956551 -76.737731
Just before Lock CS1, the river divides into two channels. Stay to the east to reach the lock. The western channel ends with a dam.

CS Mile 4.04 42.947979 -76.734389

Lock CS1, Cayuga

6869 River Road
Cayuga, NY 13034
(315) 253-7523

LIFT: 7.5 feet.

FACILITIES: Tie up at the east wall on the south side of the lock or use the boat ramp at the southern end of the wall on the east side. Overnight parking is permitted.

PADDLING NOTE: Turbulence from the dam enters the canal below the lock on the west side. The area outside the channel is shallow and vegetated. Exercise caution.

To enter Cayuga Lake, continue straight ahead from the southern end of the lock. To enter the Cayuga-Seneca Canal, turn to the west. The large red and green buoy about 600 yards from the southern end of the lock is a good reference point for finding the canal. Pass it to starboard (right) to enter the canal;

pass it to port (left) to enter the lake channel. Look for buoys R54 and R56 to be sure you’re in the canal; look for buoys G33 and R34 to be sure you’re in the lake.

This lock is popularly known as Mud Lock because it was built on the soft soil of the Montezuma marsh.

42.896088 -76.753365

 **Cayuga Lake State Park**

2678 Lower Lake Road
Seneca Falls, NY 13148
(315) 568-5163
parks.ny.gov

Cayuga Lake State Park is about two miles south of the breakwater on the west shore. It has a boat ramp, swimming beach, showers, picnic pavilions, rental cabins with lake views, and a campground.

CS Mile 4.16, east side 42.946370 -76.733681

 **Lock CS1/Mud Lock Boat Ramp**

Aurelius, NY 13021

FACILITIES: Portable toilet, no camping. Ramp. Parking for five cars. Distance from parking about 20 yards. Overnight parking allowed; call (315) 253-7523 for more information.

DEC fishing access site.

CS Mile 4.17 42.944759 -76.734329

Soon after the Mud Lock Boat Ramp, the channel widens into a large triangular area. To enter Cayuga Lake/Cayuga-Seneca Canal, continue south; to continue on the Seneca River, bear west.

CS Mile 4.45, east side 42.942119 -76.733103

Cayuga Marina Outfitters

6721 River Road (NY 90)
Cayuga, NY 13034
(315) 252-5754
cayugamarinaoutfitters.com

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers. Boat launch.

Private marina with RV camping. Fee for parking and day use of boat ramp.

CS Mile 4.63, east side 42.939443 -76.732740

Lockview Marina

6655 River Road (NY 90)
Cayuga, NY 1303
(315) 255-2936
lockviewmarina.com

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers.

Private marina.

CS Mile 4.63 42.942549 -76.738822

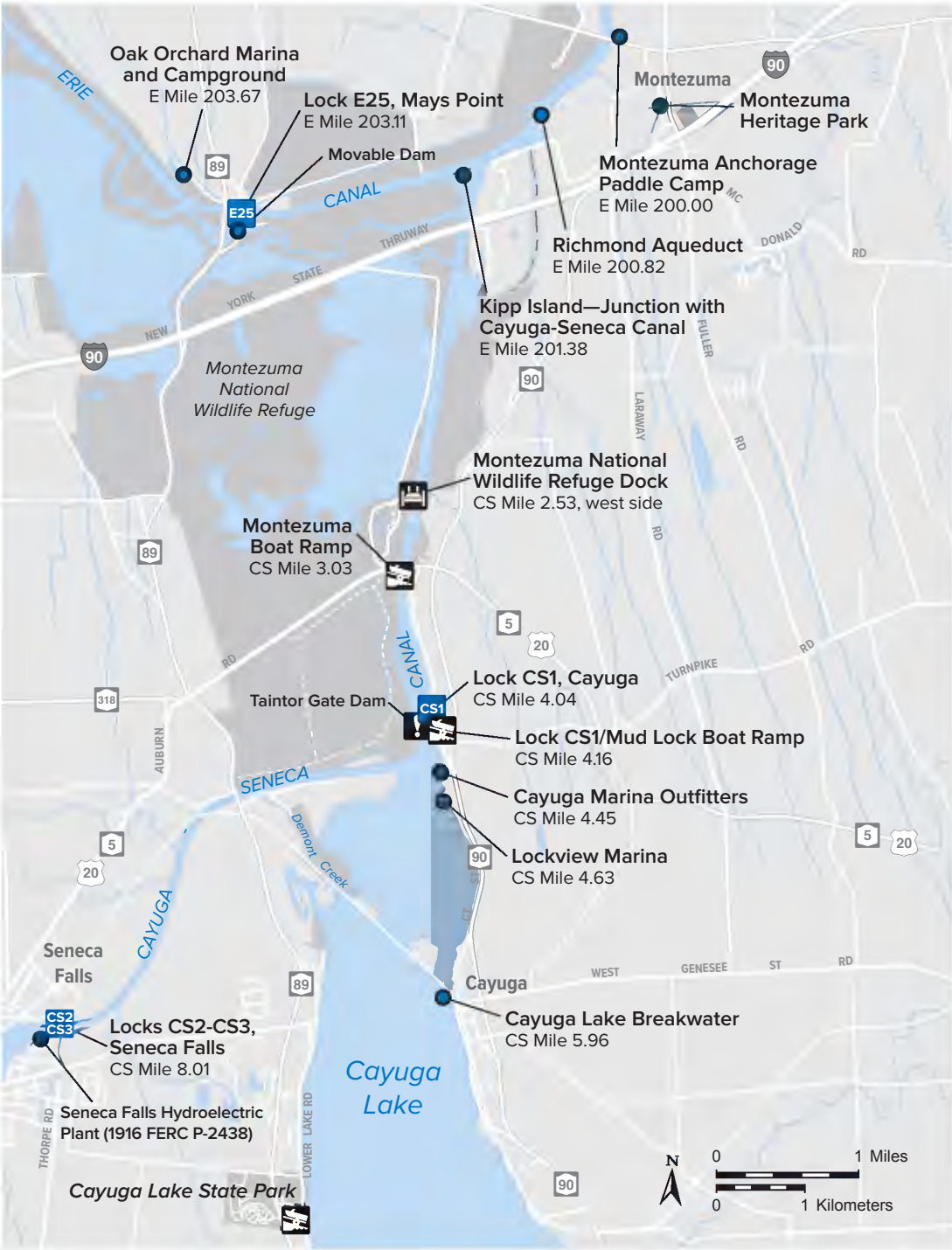
Enter the Seneca River/Cayuga-Seneca Canal. Look for buoys R54 and R56 to be sure you’re in the channel. For the next mile, the canal takes you through the wetlands of the Cayuga Lake State Wildlife Management Area. Combined Locks CS2 and CS3 are four miles upstream.

CS Mile 5.70 42.939117 -76.760809

Bridge S3 (NY 89)

CS Mile 5.99 42.937290 -76.765378

Bridge S4, Finger Lakes Railway (FGLK)
The FGLK is a short-line freight railroad with 167 miles of track serving six counties in the Finger Lakes region.



SENECA FALLS



The historic village of Seneca Falls is a good example of how canals brought cross-currents of industry and social change together in the 19th century. Seneca Falls was a major industrial center, with factories that made pumps and fire engines, textiles, and a wide range of iron products. The elegant houses of Seneca Falls reflect the prosperity generated by manufacturing and canal transportation. Seneca Falls was also a center for social reform. The Abolitionist movement and the Underground Railroad were strong forces; so was the Temperance movement. The movement for women’s rights, however, is the most recognized part of Seneca Falls’ history. On

July 19 and 20, 1848 the first Convention on Women’s Rights was held at the Wesleyan Chapel on Fall Street in Seneca Falls. Organized by Jane Hunt, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mary Ann M’Clintock and others, it was the birth of the Women’s Rights Movement. Today the Elizabeth Cady Stanton House, the Wesleyan Chapel, and other sites are part of the Women’s Rights National Historic Park. Seneca Falls hosts Women’s Rights Convention Days in July and a three-day Locktoberfest in October. Seneca Falls is an excellent starting or ending point for a paddling trip, with great places of interest, accommodations, and amenities.

PLACES OF INTEREST OFF THE WATER

42.910419 -76.795394

It’s a Wonderful Life Museum

32 Fall Street
Seneca Falls, NY 13148
(315) 568-5838
wonderfullifemuseum.com

42.908389 -76.808721

Ludovico Sculpture Trail

Bridge Street near West Bayard Street
Seneca Falls NY 13148
cnyhiking.com/LudovicoTrail.htm

42.910596 -76.797464

National Women’s Hall of Fame

76 Fall Street
Seneca Falls, NY 13148
(315) 568-8060
womenofthehall.org

42.915193 -76.794958

Seneca Falls Historical Society Museum

55 Cayuga Street
Seneca Falls, NY 13148
(315) 568-8412
sfhistoricalsociety.org

42.910056 -76.797801

Seneca Museum of Waterways and Industry

89 Fall Street
Seneca Falls, NY 13148
(315) 568-1510
senecamuseum.com

42.910249 -76.794493

Trinity Episcopal Church

27 Fall Street
Seneca Falls, NY 13148
(315) 568-5145
trinitychurchsenecafallsny.com

42.910779 -76.800144

Women’s Rights National Historic Park

136 Fall Street (Visitor Center)
Seneca Falls, NY 13148
(315) 568-0024
nps.gov/wori

CS Mile 8.01 42.914670 -76.786629

Locks CS2-CS3, Seneca Falls

9 Seneca Street
Seneca Falls, NY 13148
(315) 568-5797

LIFT: 24.5 feet each; combined lift 49 feet.

FACILITIES: Portable toilets, camping.
A floating dock is at the upstream end on the south side, near the lockhouse.

PADDLING NOTE: Water released below the lock through the tailrace of the hydroelectric plant on the north bank can cause cross-currents and turbulence. Be aware.

These two locks form a tandem lock, also known as a staircase lock. The upper gates of Lock CS2 are the lower gates of CS3. The only other similar locks on the NYS Canal System are Locks E35 and E34 in Lockport at the western end of the Erie Canal. A foot-bridge crosses the canal just below the gates between the two chambers and provides an excellent vantage point to watch boats go through the locks.

Locks CS2-CS3 and the adjacent dam and hydroelectric plant back up Van Cleef Lake, an artificial body of water that extends into the center of Seneca Falls. These locks replace an old five-lock canal that ran along the south bank of the Seneca River, bypassing the falls.

At mile 8.77 on the south wall, the remains of the old Cayuga-Seneca Canal Lock 5 are incorporated into the current canal.

At mile 8.98 on the north wall, the stone remains of an old Cayuga-Seneca guard lock can be seen.

CS Mile 8.65 42.909386 -76.795918

Bridge S6, Ovid Street (NY 414)

LODGING

42.914803 -76.793945

Barrister's Bed & Breakfast

56 Cayuga Street
Seneca Falls, NY 13148
(800) 914-0145
sleepbarristers.com

42.910736 -76.798892

The Gould Hotel

108 Fall Street
Seneca Falls, NY 13148
(315) 712-4000
thegouldhotel.com

42.902396 -76.833890

Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham

Seneca Falls
NY 5 and US 20
Seneca Falls, NY 13148
(315) 539-8438

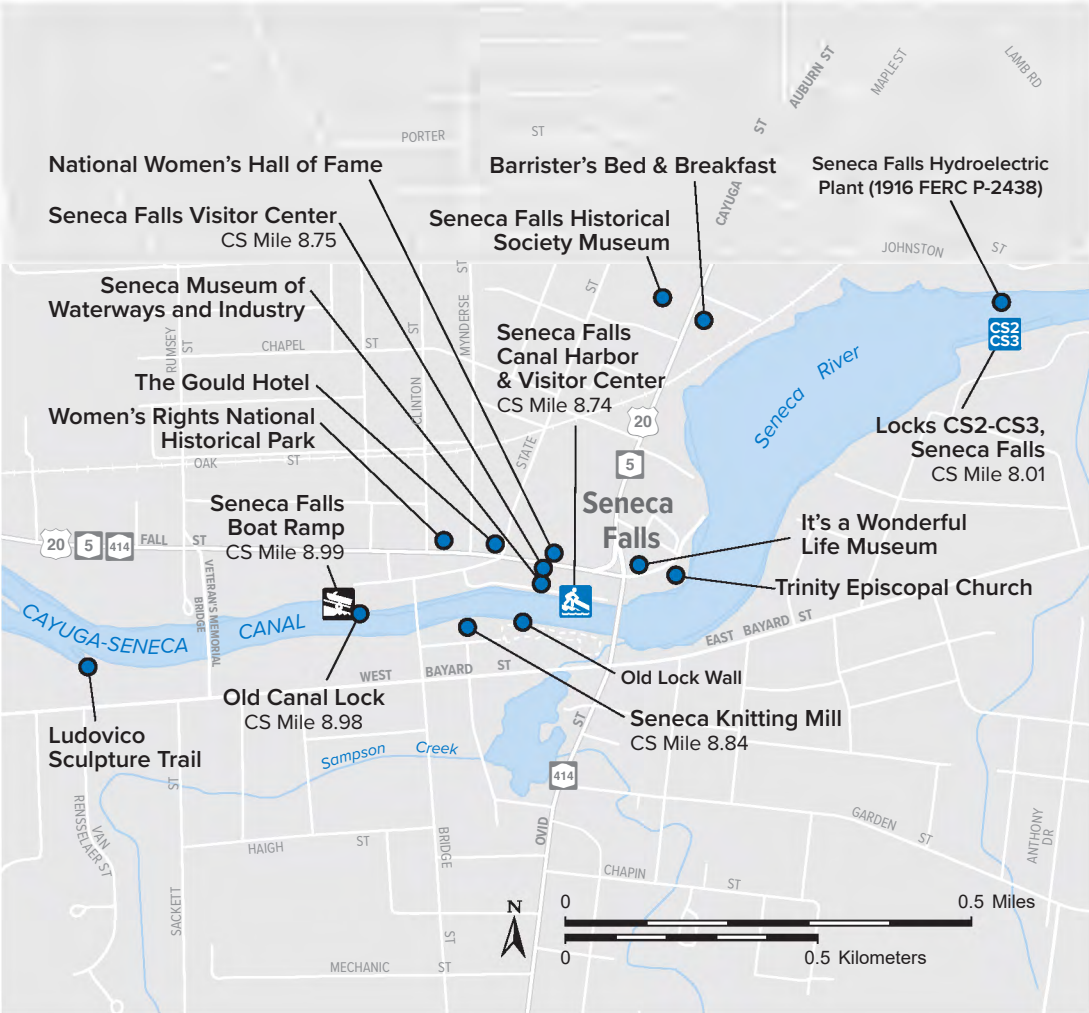
CS Mile 8.74, both sides 42.909740 -76.796918

Seneca Falls Canal Harbor

89 Fall Street
Seneca Falls, NY 13148
(315) 246-3231
senecafalls.com

FACILITIES: Electric, water. Floating dock, 400 feet of bulkhead.

The harbor is on both sides of the canal between the Ovid Street and the Bridge Street bridges. The floating dock is at the western end on the north side (access via Souhan Street). Shops, restaurants, historic sites, and most attractions are at the harbor or a short walk away. Ample parking, but the lots can get crowded during the summer.



CS Mile 8.75, north side 42.910056 -76.797801

Seneca Falls Visitor Center

89 Fall Street
Seneca Falls, NY 13148
(315) 568-1510
senecafalls.com

FACILITIES: Restrooms, showers, laundry, and other boater amenities.

Accessible by a short walk from the launch at Seneca Falls Canal Harbor, this is a good

starting point to explore Seneca Falls. Exhibits explain village and canal history, staff answer questions and provide referrals and information about local attractions.

HOURS: September through May, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. June through August, Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday January to March.



CS Mile 8.90 42.909390 -76.800817

Bridge S7, Bridge Street
This is said to be the model for the bridge in the movie “It’s A Wonderful Life.” The Village of Bedford Falls in the movie is said to be based on the village of Seneca Falls. A plaque on the bridge commemorates its role. A pedestrian walkway is on the east side.

CS Mile 8.99, north side 42.909603 -76.802605

 **Seneca Falls Boat Ramp**
Just past the Parks and Recreation Building at 35 Water Street
Seneca Falls, NY 13148

FACILITIES: None. Use the facilities at nearby Seneca Falls Canal Harbor. Ramp. No camping. Parking for 20 cars. Distance from parking about 20 yards. A skateboard park is just to the west of the dock area.

CS Mile 9.16 42.908915 -76.805912

Bridge S8, Rumsey Street
(Veterans Memorial Bridge)
Bear north to stay in the canal channel.

CS Mile 10.85 42.901676 -76.835783

Bridge S9, Mound Road (River Road connector)

CS Mile 11.71 42.900480 -76.852504

Bridge S10, Gorham Street

CS Mile 12.26 42.901394 -76.862758

Bridge S11, Washington Street (NY 96)

WATERLOO

The Village of Waterloo is the birthplace of the Memorial Day holiday. The first Memorial Day was held here in 1866 to honor the Civil War dead. Memorial Day became an official federal holiday in 1971. Today, Waterloo holds a three-day annual event called Celebrate Commemorate Memorial Day every May.

Waterloo residents were active in the social reform movements of the 19th century. Several houses in the village were stops on the Underground Railroad. Some of the planning for the first women’s right convention, held in Seneca Falls in 1848, took place here in the home of Quakers and activists Thomas

and Mary Ann M’Clintock. The women drafted the Declaration of Sentiments to be presented at the convention while seated around a mahogany tea table in the front parlor. That table is now on display at the Smithsonian Institution. The M’Clintock House and the nearby Hunt House, where additional planning took place, are now part of the Women’s Rights National Historical Park. Contact the park for hours.

The best place to launch in Waterloo is Oak Island Park, located just upstream from Lock CS4.

PLACES OF INTEREST OFF THE WATER

42.905446 -76.861669

M’Clintock House
14 East Williams Street
Waterloo, NY 13165
(315) 568-0024
nps.gov/wori

42.902304 -76.844325

Hunt House
401 East Main Street
Waterloo, NY 13165
(315) 568-2991
nps.gov/wori

LODGING

42.904897 -76.864828

The Gridley Inn
36 West Main Street
Waterloo, NY 13165
(315) 539-5192
thegridleyinn.com

WATERWAY CRUISES

42.869341 -76.938176

Finger Lakes Water Adventures
401 Boody’s Hill Road
Waterloo, NY 13165
(315) 789-5520
fingerlakeswateradventures.com

PADDLECRAFT RENTALS

42.892421 -76.917470

Canal Side Experiences

706 Waterloo-Geneva Road
Waterloo, NY 13165
(315) 781-6682
canalside.net

42.869341 -76.938176

Finger Lakes Water Adventures

Stivers Seneca Marine
401 Boody's Hill Road
Waterloo, NY 13165
(315) 789-5220
fingerlakeswateradventures.com

42.901228 -76.880846

Fuzzy Guppies

1278 Waterloo-Geneva Road
Waterloo, NY 13165
(315) 539-8848
fuzzyguppies.com

Located at Waterloo Harbor Campground

CS Mile 12.31 42.901230 -76.863749

Lock CS4, Waterloo

50 Washington Street
Waterloo, NY 13165
(315) 539-3242

LIFT: 14.5 feet.

FACILITIES: Facilities are difficult for paddlers to access at this location due to steep canal walls. Use Oak Island Park, just upstream.

PADDLING NOTE: Water exiting the tailrace of the hydroelectric plant on the north side of the lock can cause turbulence below. Movable Taintor gates on the hydro plant intake above the lock can also produce unpredictable currents. Exercise caution. Oak Island Park is directly ahead.

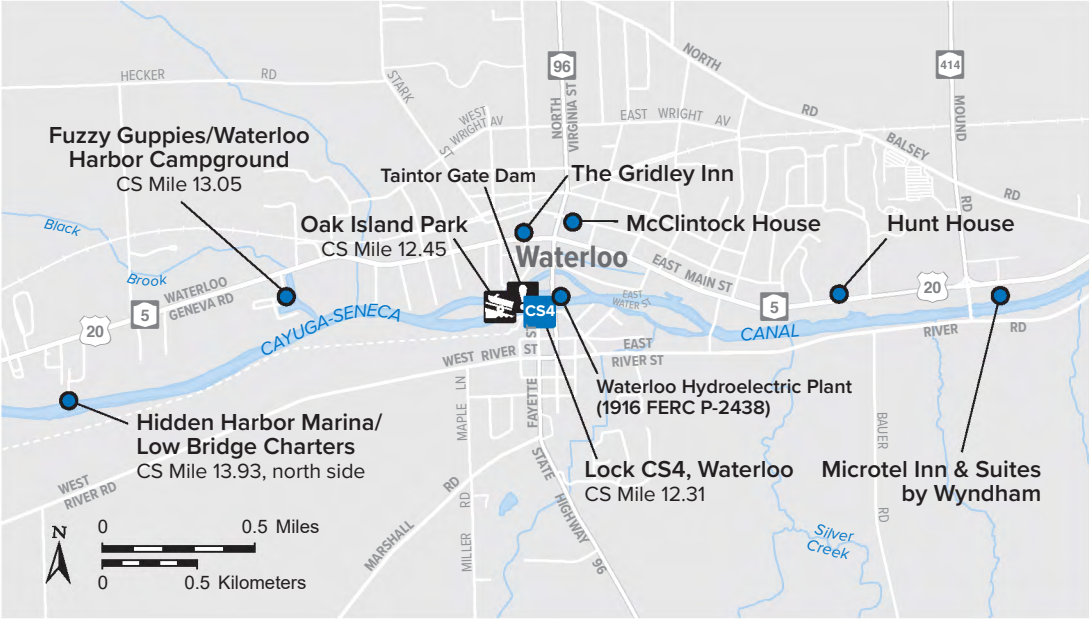
The American Civil War Memorial to the north across Locust Street commemorates the 58 men of Waterloo who died in the Civil War (1861-1865) and recognizes all the soldiers and sailors who gave their lives in the conflict.

CS Mile 12.45, north side 42.901334 -76.866265

Oak Island Park

1 Oak Street
Waterloo, NY 13165
(315) 539-9131
waterloony.com

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers, two pavilions. Floating dock, concrete ramp, ample parking. Shops and restaurants in Waterloo are within easy walking distance of the park.



CS Mile 13.05, north side 42.900827 -76.880131

Waterloo Harbor Campground

1278 Waterloo-Geneva Road
Waterloo, NY 13165
(315) 539-8848
waterlooharbor.com

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms. Follow the inlet about 250 yards to the marina. Private campground with dedicated dock. Distance from parking about 200 feet. Paddlecraft rentals from Fuzzy Guppies.

CS Mile 13.93, north side 42.896421 -76.894042

Hidden Harbor Marina

1076 Waterloo-Geneva Road
Waterloo, NY 13165
(315) 539-8034

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms. Floating dock. Low Bridge Charters leave from here.

Private marina.

CS Mile 15.41, north side 42.888869 -76.922535

Blue Heron Bay Marina

634-638 Waterloo-Geneva Road
Waterloo, NY 13165
(585) 328-7850
blueheronbaymarina.com

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers. Concrete ramp, floating dock. Private marina.

CS Mile 15.58, north side 42.887767 -76.924466

Inland Harbor Marina

608 Waterloo-Geneva Road
Waterloo, NY 13165
(315) 789-7255
inlandharborwaterloo.com

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers. Concrete ramp, floating dock. Large private marina; ample parking.

CS Mile 16.69, south side 42.874061 -76.936114

Barrett Marine

485 West River Road
Waterloo, NY 13165
(315) 789-6605
barrett-marine.com

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers. Concrete ramp, beach landing at western end on the canal, past the inlet. Large private marina.

Mile 16.91 42.872368 -76.937441

Bridge S12, gas pipelines

Mile 16.95 42.871618 -76.937589

Bridge S13, abandoned railroad

Mile 17.00 42.871060 -76.937861

Bridge S13A, NY 96A

Mile 17.02 42.870705 -76.938069

Bridge S14, FGLK railroad

CS Mile 17.08, south side 42.868566 -76.939045

Stivers Seneca Marine

401 Boody's Hill Road
Waterloo, NY 13165
(315) 789-5520
stiverssenecamarine.com

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers. Paddlecraft rentals and boat cruises through Finger Lakes Water Adventures. Concrete ramp, floating dock.

Large private marina.

CS Mile 17.10, north side 42.869726 -76.940808

 Seneca Lake State Park Marina

1 Lakefront Drive (park headquarters)
Geneva, NY 14456
(315) 789-2331
parks.ny.gov

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers, picnic tables, grills, pavilions. Ramp. Parking for 100 cars; overnight parking permitted. General admission fee for cars. Distance from parking about 20 yards. No camping.

CS Mile 17.20 42.866522 -76.943089

Seneca Lake

The canal and river open into Seneca Lake at a breakwater. Seneca Lake State Park covers 141 acres across the northern shore of the lake. Follow the top of the lake to reach the City of Geneva.

Seneca Lake is 33 miles long and an excellent place for paddling adventure. This book includes sites on the northern end of the lake. Information about paddling additional sites can be found at visitfingerlakes.com.

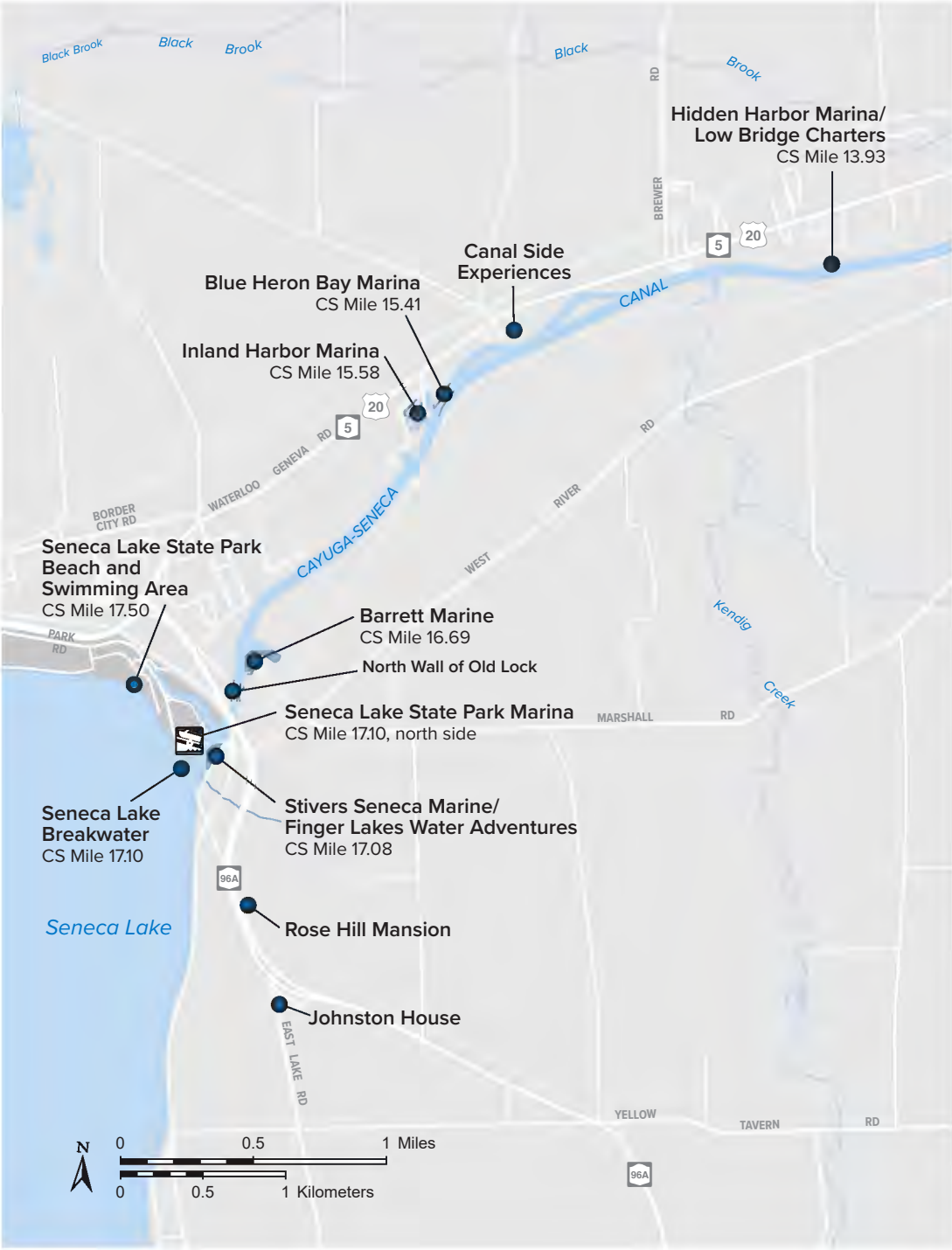
PADDLING NOTE: There is often a lot of powerboat activity at this end of the lake and winds out of the south can produce some big waves. Be aware and exercise good judgment when paddling.

CS Mile 17.50, east shore 42.872657 -76.945011

Seneca Lake State Park Beach and Swimming Area

1 Lakefront Drive (park headquarters)
Geneva NY 14456
(315) 789-2331
parks.ny.gov

PADDLING NOTE: Watch out for the buoys marking the swimming area. Beach landing is possible here.



GENEVA

Geneva rose at the northern end of Seneca Lake. It is at the head of the Cayuga-Seneca Canal, which connects the Finger Lakes to the Erie Canal, Great Lakes, and Atlantic Ocean. The canal had a significant impact on both agriculture and manufacturing here, and helped to fuel the city’s growth and wealth.

Today, Geneva is a major tourism hub offering a wide rage of activities. The best place to launch is near the Finger Lakes Welcome Center.

PADDLECRAFT RENTALS

42.812974 -76.976142

Roy’s Marina
4398 Clarks Point
Geneva, NY 14456
(315) 789-3094
roysmarina.net

PLACES OF INTEREST OFF THE WATER

42.867123 -76.984018

Smith Opera House
82 Seneca Street
Geneva, NY 14456
(315) 781-5483
thesmith.org

42.862098 -76.982983

Geneva Historical Society Museum
543 South Main Street
Geneva, NY 14456
genevahistoricalsociety.com

Located in the 1829 Prouty-Chew House.

42.861283 -76.937073

Rose Hill Mansion
3373 Route 96A
Geneva, NY 14456
(315) 789-5151
genevahistoricalsociety.com

This is a National Historic Landmark.

42.854992 -76.933149

Johnston House
3523 East Lake Road
Geneva, NY 14456
(315) 789-5151
genevahistoricalsociety.com



LODGING

42.848465 -76.979589

 Geneva on the Lake

1001 Lochland Road
Geneva, NY 14456
(315) 789-7190
genevaonthelake.com

Dedicated dock is 700 feet from hotel.

42.870477 -76.979653

 Hampton Inn Geneva

43 Lake Street
Geneva, NY 14456
(315) 781-2035
hamptoninn3.hilton.com

The hotel is about 0.4 mile from the Geneva waterfront docks.

42.866455 -76.979518

 Ramada Plaza Geneva Lakefront Resort

41 Lake Front Drive
Geneva, NY 14456
(315) 789-0400
wyndhamhotels.com

The hotel has its own dock and is about 300 feet from the Geneva waterfront docks.

CS Mile 17.84, west shore 42.870074 -76.977101

 Finger Lakes Welcome Center

35 Lake Front Drive
Geneva, NY 14456
(315) 787-0052
cityofgenevany.com

 Geneva Waterfront Docks

Geneva, NY 14456
(315) 789-7271
downtowngeneva.org/lakefront

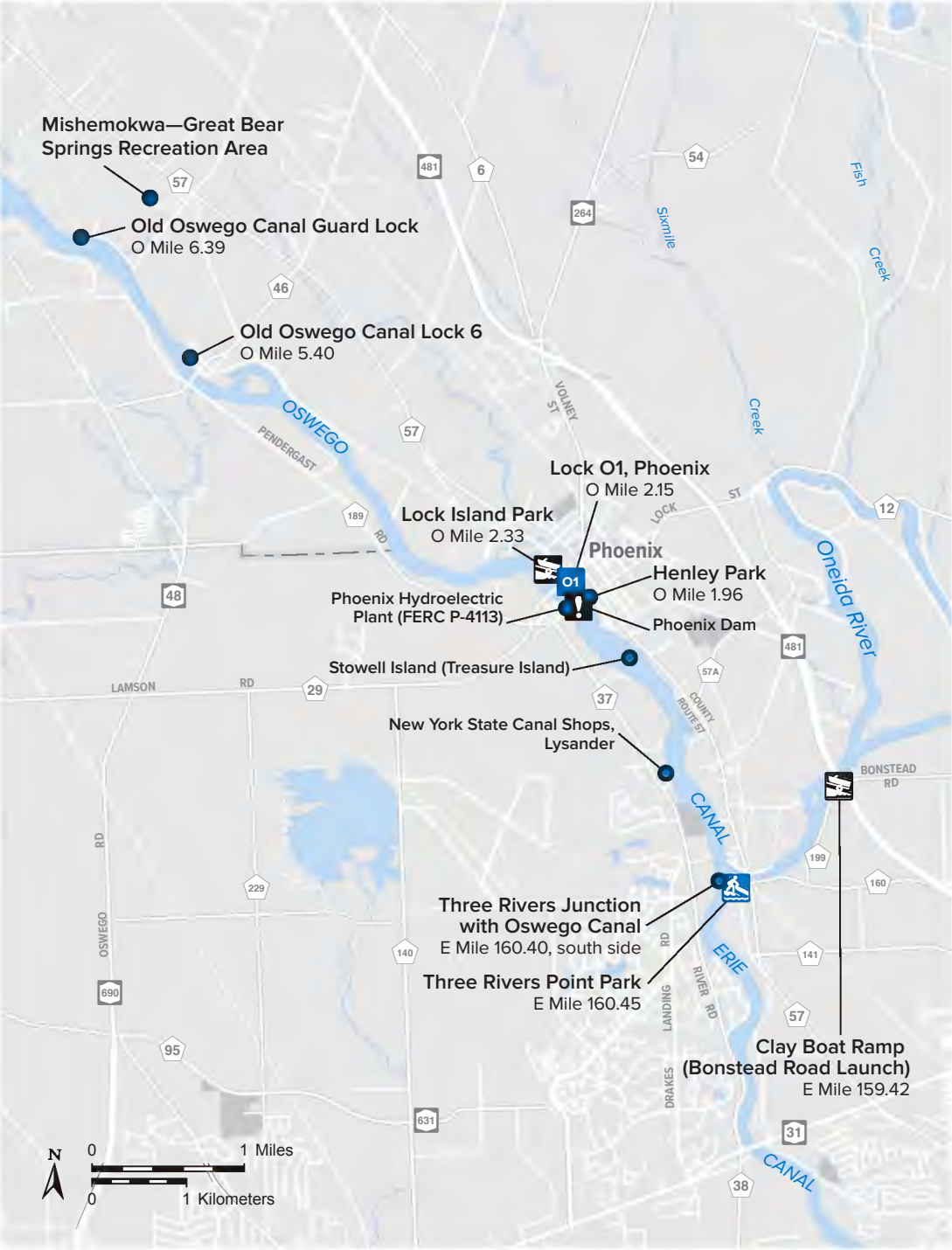
FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers. Kayak dock, ramp, floating dock. The waterfront has the Finger Lakes Welcome Center (with Taste NY market, café, wine-tasting bar, seasonal farmers’ market, information kiosk, playground), a pedestrian bridge, a lakeshore boardwalk, seawall seating areas, and docking facilities. The shops, restaurants, and attractions of Geneva are only a few blocks away from the dock area. The Long Pier, with the beloved Long Pier Ice Cream stand, is at the south end of the dock area.

OSWEGO CANAL

The Oswego Canal connects the Erie Canal at Three Rivers to Oswego Harbor at Lake Ontario. Though the Oswego Canal is fairly short, only 23 miles, it drops 188 feet and has long provided a critical connection to Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River. The Oswego River’s bays and back channels are well suited for boating, fishing, birdwatching, canoeing, and kayaking. Visitors from around the world are drawn to Oswego’s active port, renowned for its festivals and exceptional sport fishing.

The Oswego Canal originally started at its confluence with the Erie Canal in downtown Syracuse, across from the weigh lock building, now home to the Erie Canal Museum. From there it ran along the east shore of Onondaga Lake. From Phoenix down to the Lake Ontario, the canal used a succession of constructed channels with locks and river segments with towing paths along the east side of the Oswego River. Remnants of these 19th-century structures are common along the modern canal and are easily explored by paddlers.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
More information about things to do in the Oswego Canal area is available from visitoswegocounty.com.



PHOENIX

The Village of Phoenix dates back to the 1750s. Industry and commerce expanded when the Oswego Canal opened in 1828. In 1916, a massive fire destroyed 80 buildings along the waterfront. Most of the remaining buildings, now part of the Canal Waterfront District, date from 1917-1929.

Phoenix holds an annual Canal Day festival in June on Lock Island.

PADDLING NOTE: Lock Island Park at mile 2.33 is the best place to launch in Phoenix.

O Mile 1.96, east side 43.228101 -76.299113

Henley Park

Lock Street and State Street
Phoenix, NY 13135
(315) 695-1308
villageofphoenix-ny.gov

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers, pavilion. Facilities are difficult for paddlers to access at this location due to steep canal walls. Shops and restaurants are a short walk away.

The Bridge House Brats at the park are local teens who volunteer to assist boaters and tourists with errands and chores; bridgehousebrats.com.

O Mile 1.96, east side 43.227778 -76.298849

Bridge House Museum
55 State Street (at corner of Lock Street)
Phoenix, NY 13135
(315) 695-1308

The white, three-story bridge house was built in 1917 to contain the controls for a drawbridge over the Oswego River. The old bridge was removed in the 1980s and the control building became a small museum and visitor center. It contains a collection of artifacts relating to

To enter the Oswego Canal from the western junction with the Erie Canal, paddle straight ahead, keeping the double bridges for CR 57 and the CSX railroad on the right (east). The Oswego Canal channel entrance is marked by buoys G219 and R220 on the Erie Canal and buoy G1 on the Oswego Canal.

PADDLING NOTE: Red buoys on the Oswego River are on the east side of the channel, green buoys on the west.

O Mile 0.56, west side 43.203586 -76.282564

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 2-1 dock

O Mile 0.63, west side 43.211425 -76.288805

NYS Canal Maintenance Shops, Lysander
The Lysander Shops are responsible for maintenance of canal channels and structures on the Oswego Canal and the Erie Canal from Montezuma to Oneida Lake.

PADDLING NOTE: This is an active working dock during the canal season. Watch out for workboats.

O Mile 1.30, east side 43.222363 -76.293767

Stowell Island (also known as Treasure Island)
As the story goes, French missionaries in the area fled in the summer of 1658 and spent the night on the island. They left behind a cannon and a sack of gold. Neither has ever been found.

O Mile 1.80, west side 43.224477 -76.298946

The four concrete abutments that go halfway across the canal are the remains of a trolley bridge that once spanned the river.

the history of the Village of Phoenix and the Barge Canal.

ADMISSION: Free.

HOURS: July 1 through September 1: Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

O Mile 2.15	43.229390 -76.301200
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Lock O1, Phoenix
87 State Street
Phoenix, NY 13135
(315) 695-2281

LIFT: 10.2 feet.

FACILITIES: At Henley Park.

PADDLING NOTE: The lock has a low dam and a hydroelectric station on the west side. Exercise caution and stay to the east of the channel markers for the lock.

O Mile 2.19	43.229869 -76.302098
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Bridge O4, Culvert Street Lift Bridge
This movable bridge is controlled by the lock operator.

O Mile 2.33	43.230672 -76.304582
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Lock Island Park
Off Culvert Street/Lamson Road
Phoenix, NY 13135

FACILITIES: A boat ramp and low dock are at the northern (downstream) tip of the island. Portable toilets are nearby. Parking for 20 cars. Overnight parking allowed. Distance from parking about 20 feet.

O Mile 4.89	43.247140 -76.341594
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Walter Island

O Mile 5.27	
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Bridge O5, Himmansville Road (CR 46)

O Mile 5.40, east side	43.150051 -76.210774
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Old Oswego Canal Lock 6
Remains of Enlarged Oswego Canal Lock 6 (Himmansville Lock) can be found at the head of a side channel on the east side of the river, just downstream of the bridge opposite buoy G41.

O Mile 6.39, east side	43.261147 -76.362789
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**Old Oswego Canal Guard Lock/
Mishemokwa—Great Bear Springs
Recreation Area**

Remains of Old Oswego Canal and old Guard Lock 2 can be glimpsed at Mishemokwa—Great Bear Springs Recreation Area (original source of the bottled water of the same name). Paddlers can explore the section of the old canal and lock. Visit friendsofgreatbear.org for more information.

O Mile 7.43, west side	43.269513 -76.381813
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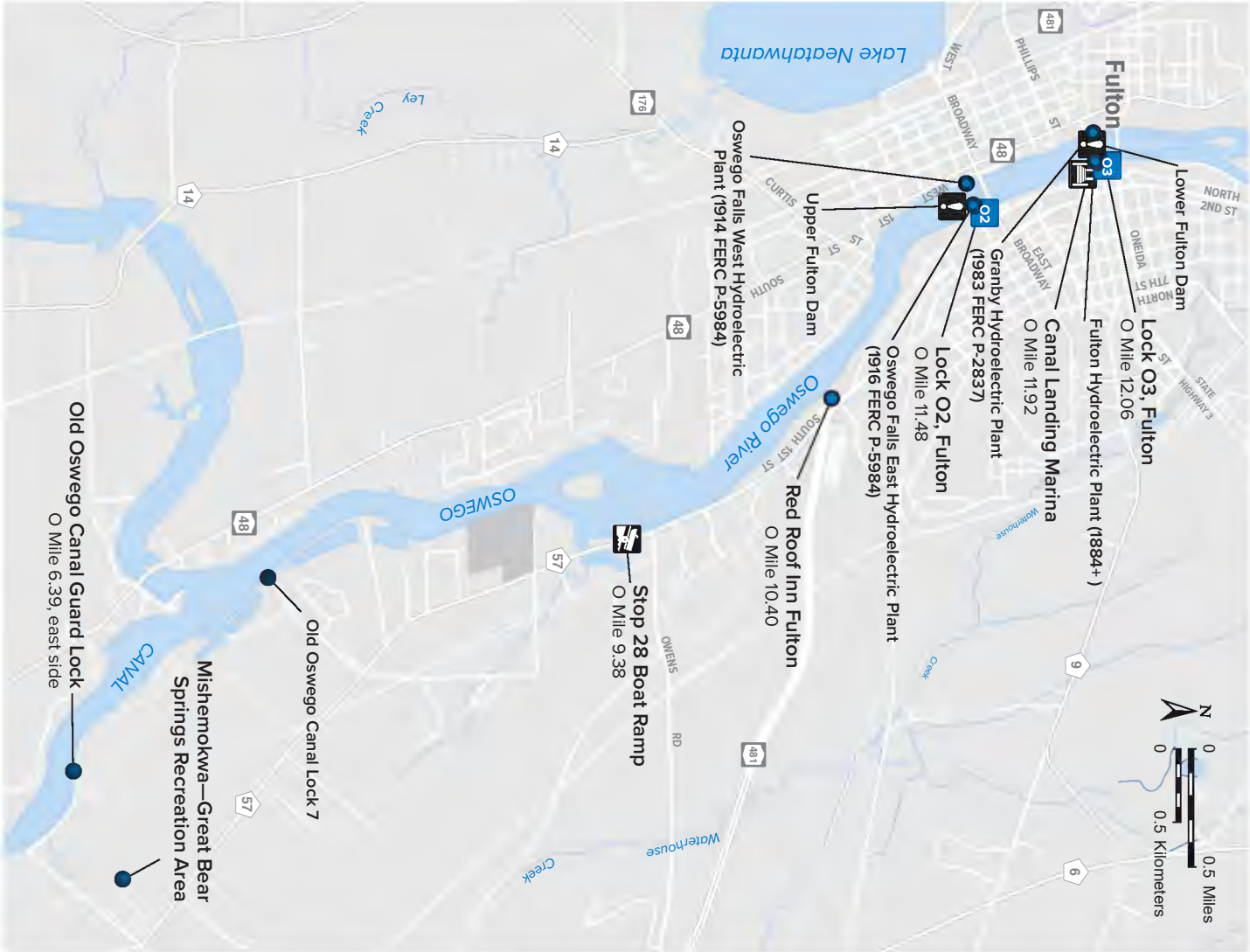
Ox Creek enters the canal from the west side.

O Mile 7.45, east side	43.273349 -76.382714
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Old Oswego Canal Lock 7
Remains of Enlarged Oswego Canal Lift Lock 7 (Morseman's Lock), near Fulton, NY, are visible in a side channel on the east side near buoy R58.

O Mile 7.95	43.280480 -76.383491
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The roar on Saturday evenings between buoys R54 and R64 comes from dirt track racers at Fulton Speedway on the east bank.



O Mile 9.38 43.291463 -76.390684

Big Island is on the west side. Paddle to the east to stay in the channel and avoid shallow water and snags.

O Mile 9.38, east side 43.295299 -76.386449

 Stop 28 Boat Ramp

Volney, NY 13069

FACILITIES: Gravel ramp and beach landing. Parking for 10 cars. Distance from parking about 20 feet.

O Mile 10.40, east side 43.307641 -76.398509

Red Roof Inn

930 South 1st Street
Fulton, NY 13069
(315) 593-2444
redroof.com

O Mile 11.48 43.316639 -76.414689

Lock O2, Fulton

304 South 1st Street
Fulton, NY 13069
(315) 592-4155

LIFT: 17.8 feet.

FACILITIES: Use facilities at Canal Landing Marina.

PADDLING NOTE: Hug the east (right) bank through Fulton. While there is a long approach wall above the lock, segments of it are open at and below the water’s surface. Be aware of cross-currents toward the Oswego Falls dam with hydroelectric plants at either end. Steer clear of the safety cable with orange buoys. Stay to the east side of the channel after leaving Lock O2 to stay on track for Lock O3.

Lock O2, the dam, and its two hydroelectric plants mark the site of Oswego Falls, a source of

waterpower starting in the 1800s. They were all built around 1914 as part of Barge Canal construction.

O Mile 11.49 43.316815 -76.414766

Bridge O7B, swing bridge

This bridge spans the lock chamber and is operated by the lock tender.

O Mile 11.52 43.317215 -76.414988

Bridge O8, Broadway (NY 3)

Locally known as the “Upper Bridge.”

O Mile 11.92, east side 43.323154 -76.417741

 Canal Landing Marina

22 South 1st Street
Fulton, NY 13069
(315) 598-4399
fulton.ny.gov

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers. Dock. Ample parking. Shops and restaurants are nearby.

O Mile 12.06 43.324219 -76.418649

Lock O3, Fulton

22 South 1st Street
Fulton, NY 13069
(315) 592-5349

LIFT: 27.0 feet.

FACILITIES: Use Canal Landing Marina.

PADDLING NOTE: Hug the wall along the east (right) bank between Lock O2 and Lock O3. The upstream bullnose on the west side of Lock O3 is unusually short, leaving little room to correct between the dam spillway and intake for the Fulton hydroelectric plant. A safety cable with buoys marks this area, but it can be uncomfortably close to the dam when the river is running fast and the wind is out of the south. Do not paddle into this area.

O Mile 14.80, east side 43.364353 -76.429811

Paddle under NY 481 opposite buoy G105 to enter an old Enlarged Oswego Canal lock.

O Mile 15.60

Battle Island

The island was the site of a battle between French and British forces in 1756. The island is made up of two segments. The smaller, original Battle Island on the southwest side is joined by a land segment called “New Island” from the east mainland, made by a canal cut when building the barge canal. Large old growth oak and hickory trees can be found on the island. Paddle to either side; the canal channel is on the east.

A cut can be found across from Battle Island Golf Course on the east side. There is an entrance and exit of the old Oswego Canal with Guard Lock 4 at that location. With the original rapids and elevation drop, the lock is a double lock twice the length of the regular locks and is accessible by canoes, kayaks and small cartop boats.

O Mile 18.16, west side 43.396182 -76.471502

 Riverview Memorial Park

Community Drive and NY 48
Minetto, NY 13126
(315) 598-4399
townofminetto.net

FACILITIES: Water, restrooms, showers, picnic tables. Floating docks. A concrete ramp for emergency vehicles is about 300 feet downstream. Paddlers may hand-launch only from the ramp. Parking for five cars. Distance from parking about 20 feet. Follow the canalside path north under the Minetto Bridge to reach nearby shops and restaurants.

Walls and artificial islands divide the river into three channels below the lock and dam. About 0.25 mile below the lock is a spillway that allows excess water from the center channel to spill into the navigation channel. The volume of water varies with operation of the lock, the hydro plants, and flow in the river itself and can sometimes change quite rapidly. Be aware and be prepared to make corrective strokes if the cross current pushes you toward the right bank.

There are hydroelectric plants at either end of the dam—Fulton on the east side, next to Lock O3, and Granby on the far bank. The Granby plant started operation in 1983 on the site of an earlier hydro plant. The area now occupied by the marina was the intake for a power canal that drove paper mills, machine works, and a huge flour mill along the east side of the river.

O Mile 12.10 43.324944 -76.418978

Bridge O9, Oneida Street

Locally known as the “Lower Bridge.”

O Mile 12.90, east side 43.335920 -76.415480

 Indian Point Landing

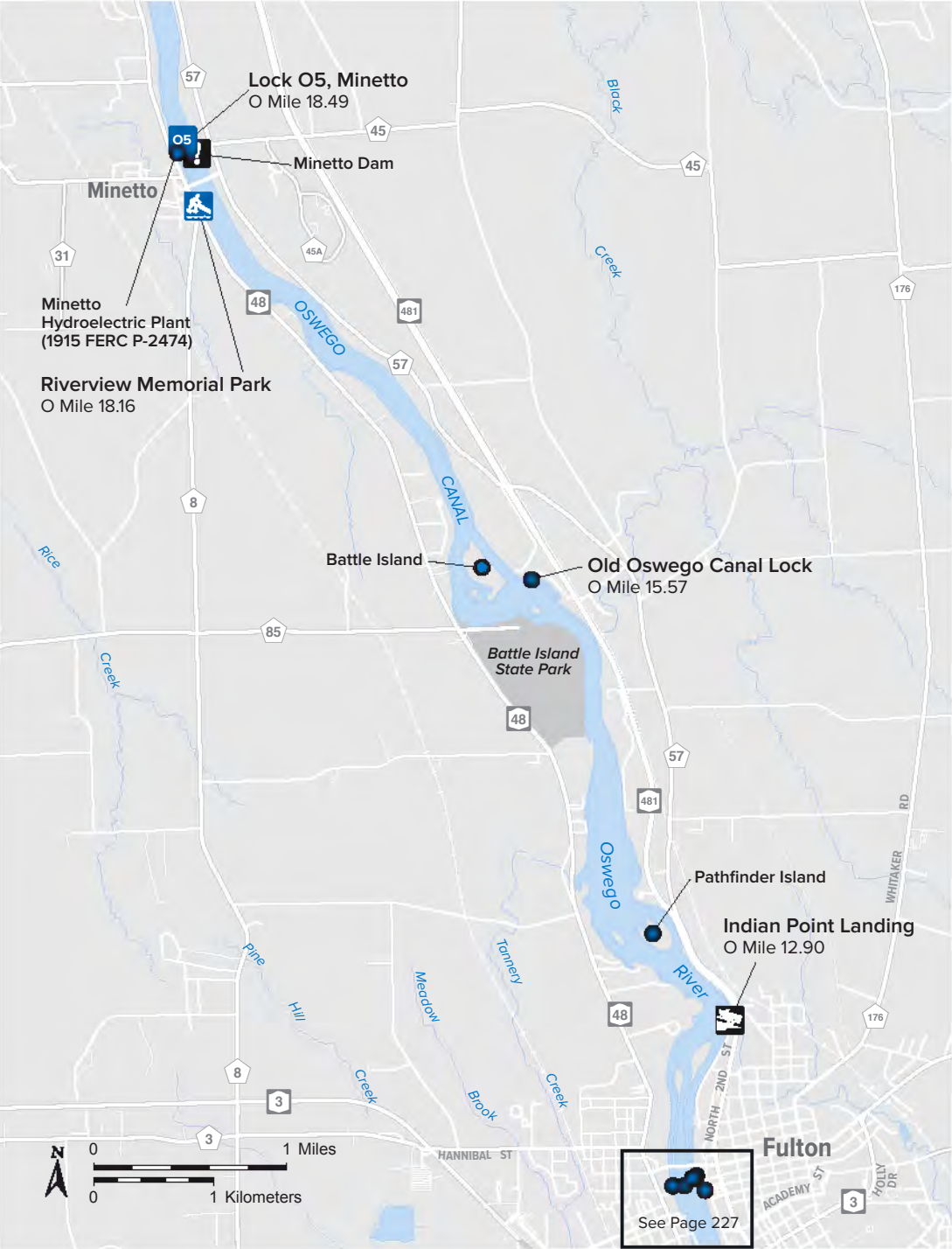
North 1st Street
Fulton, NY 13069

FACILITIES: Picnic tables, gazebo, grills. Ramp, dock, rocky beach landing. Parking for 20 cars and 10 vehicles with trailers; overnight parking permitted. Distance from parking about 20 feet.

O Mile 13.40 43.342290 -76.423547

Pathfinder Island

The island is named for the title character in the James Fenimore Cooper 1840 novel *The Pathfinder*. Much of the book takes place during a trip down the Oswego River. Paddle to the west of the island to stay in the channel.



Pete Pinkerton

Mile 18.27 43.398002 -76.471274

Bridge O10, Minetto Bridge Road (CR 57)
The eastern section of this bridge has three open spandrel concrete arches spanning the Oswego River. This bridge and others on the Oswego were originally designed to be operable, but the drawbridge machinery was never installed.

O Mile 18.49 43.400539 -76.473269

Lock O5, Minetto

2790 NY 48
Oswego, NY 13126
(315) 343-5232

LIFT: 18.0 feet.

FACILITIES: Use the Riverview Memorial Park dock.

PADDLING NOTE: The lock is on the west side of the river between the hydroelectric plant and the dam. Follow the marked channel to

stay on track for Lock O5 and to avoid the Minetto Dam. Buoys support a safety cable in front of the dam. The approach structures on either side above the lock are piers with timbers in between. Be very careful here—paddlers have found themselves pinned under these structures. Downstream of the lock, be prepared for turbulence from the hydroelectric plant tailrace on the left and the dam spillway on the right.

The Oswego Canal has no Lock 4. The original plans for the Barge Canal expansion called for a lock, but as the work progressed the engineers realized it wasn't needed. Rather than renumber all the plans, they simply left it out.

The Minetto lock, dam, and hydroelectric power plant were constructed in 1915.



OSWEGO

The City of Oswego has a long maritime history, from native peoples through some of the earliest European explorers and traders, colonial armies, and canallers to today’s international commerce by way of the Saint Lawrence Seaway. In 1828 the Oswego Canal established an all-water link between the Port of Oswego and the Erie Canal, allowing people and goods to travel between Lake Ontario and the Atlantic Ocean without having to carry goods past waterfalls.

The city is home to the State University of New York at Oswego, a campus with some 8,000 students. Oswego has an active arts scene, a wide range of bars, restaurants, and shops, and a long Lake Ontario shoreline ideal for boating and fishing.

In late July, Oswego sponsors the annual Harborfest, a four-day event featuring fireworks, food, rides, living history, and fun.

Paddlers can enjoy the unique beauty of the historic Oswego River as they pass through four canal locks during Oswego County’s annual Paddlefest. The recreational event offers three routes ranging from five to 13 miles. Paddlefest is sponsored by the H. Lee White Maritime Museum with support from law enforcement, fire and marine safety units and many volunteers.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, go to visitoswegony.com.

LODGING

43.459470 -76.509088

Best Western Oswego Hotel and Conference Center

26 East 1st Street
Oswego, NY 13126
(315) 342-4040
bestwestern.com

43.458268 -76.508599

Quality Inn and Suites Riverfront

70 East 1st Street
Oswego, NY 13126
(315) 343-1600

PADDLECRAFT RENTALS

43.463399 -76.515309

Oswego Expeditions

11 Lake Street
Oswego, NY 13126
(315) 561-0223
oswegoexpeditions.com

Kayak and bike rentals; guided paddling, biking, and walking tours.

PLACES OF INTEREST OFF THE WATER

43.465882 -76.508142

Fort Ontario State Historic Site

1 East 4th Street
Oswego, NY 13126
(315) 343-4711
parks.ny.gov

43.455514 -76.503729

**Richardson-Bates House Museum/
Oswego County Historical Society**

135 East 3rd Street
Oswego, NY, 13126
(315) 343-1342
rbhousemuseum.org

Located in Oswego’s Washington Square Historic District, the house is on the National Register of Historic Places.

43.463662 -76.504369

Safe Haven Holocaust Refugee Shelter Museum

Fort Ontario State Historic Site
2 East 7th Street
Oswego, NY 13126
(315) 342-3003
safehavenmuseum.com

43.473201 -76.516725

West Pierhead Lighthouse

facebook.com/OswegoLH/

This lighthouse stands at the entrance to Lake Ontario. Do not attempt to traverse the breakwater or access the lighthouse from the water. The best view of the lighthouse is from Lake Street.

43.473201 -76.516725

H. Lee White Maritime Museum

1 West 1st Street (on the pier)
Oswego, NY 13126
(315) 342-0480
hlwmm.org

MORE INFORMATION about the area including brochures are available that map out self-guided walking tours of Oswego’s Washington Square, downtown area, and Franklin Square Historic District is available from the Heritage Foundation of Oswego. Visit facebook.com/pg/oswegoheritagefoundation.



Pete Pinkerton

O Mile 21.78

43.444679 -76.494939

Lock O6, High Dam

300 East River Road
Oswego, NY 13126
(315) 343-9001

LIFT: 20.0 feet.

FACILITIES: Tie up at the north or south lock walls on the east side. Facilities are difficult for paddlers to access at this location due to steep canal walls.

PADDLING NOTE: Buoys support a safety cable in front of the dam. Do not paddle into this area. When leaving the lock, be prepared to encounter cross-currents and turbulence from the dam spillway. From the north end of Lock O6, stay to the east within the channel to avoid the Varick Dam and to stay on track for Lock O7 (0.56 miles north).

The High Dam Hydro Station on the west side was built in 1926 and is owned by the City of Oswego.

O Mile 22.45

43.450989 -76.504710

Lock O7, Oswego

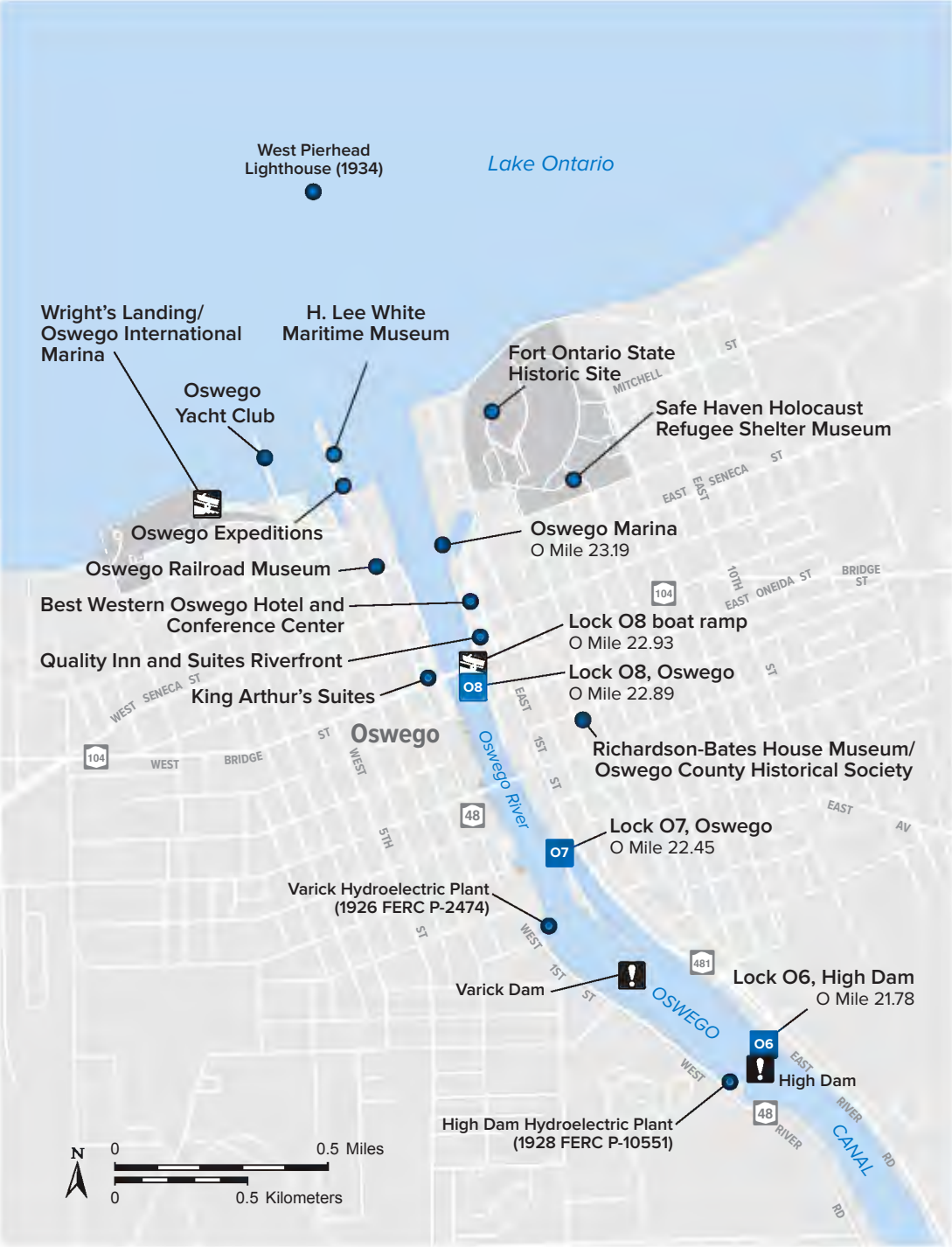
3 Leto Island
Oswego, NY 13126
(315) 343-6304

LIFT: 14.5 feet.

FACILITIES: Tie up at the south wall inside the inlet or at the north wall. Facilities are difficult for paddlers to access at this location due to steep canal walls. Lock O8 is 0.38 miles north.

PADDLING NOTE: The canal channel between Locks O7 and O8 runs behind a concrete wall that keeps it at a higher elevation than the river. It makes for an interesting view, but be aware of the open spillway sections about 600 feet below Lock O7 and just above Lock O8. The east bank between the locks is a park with pavilions, grills, and picnic tables.

Leto Island is on the west side of the lock. The Varick hydropower plant is on the far side of the river.



O Mile 22.64 43.453355 -76.506960

Bridge O12, Utica Street

O Mile 22.73 43.454471 -76.507596

Bridge O13, pedestrian
This former railroad bridge is now part of the Harbor Trail Walk. It connects to the Oswego River Walk on the west bank, which begins near the Varick hydropower plant and ends at the Oswego lakefront. The walkways on both sides are heavily used by anglers during salmon and steelhead runs.

O Mile 22.89 43.456589 -76.508780

Lock O8, Oswego

2 Canal View Drive
Oswego, NY 13126
(315) 343-0280

LIFT: 11.1 feet.

FACILITIES: Picnic tables, shelter, grills, dockside exhibit.

O Mile 22.92 43.457189 -76.509060

Bridge O14, Bridge Street (NY 104)

O Mile 22.93, east side 43.457300 -76.508920

Lock O8 Boat Ramp

Oswego, NY 13126

Located at the northern end of the lock under the supports for the Bridge Street bridge. Access by car from Canal View Drive.

FACILITIES: Ramp. Parking for five cars. Distance from parking about 20 feet.

PADDLING NOTE: The shore area around the ramp is rocky. This ramp is heavily used during the salmon run by drift boats fishing the rapids between Varick Dam and the lake. Be aware of traffic and that anglers/guides are often in a rush to get on or off the water.

O Mile 23.19, east side 43.461379 -76.510440

Oswego Marina

3 Basin Street
Oswego, NY 13126
(315) 342-0436
portoswego.com/marina

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers. Ramp, low dock. Ample parking. Large marina operated by the Port of Oswego Authority. The marina is a U.S. Customs entry location.

Lake Ontario, west side 43.464230 -76.518827

Oswego Yacht Club

19 Lake Street (on the pier)
Oswego, NY 13126
(315) 343-9459
oswegoyachtclub.org

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers. Low dock.

Public yacht club.

Lake Ontario, west side 43.462606 -76.521484

Wright's Landing/Oswego International Marina

29 Lake Street
Oswego, NY 13126
(315) 342-8186
oswegony.org/government/waterfront

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers, picnic tables, pavilion, grills. Car top launch, ramp, low docks. Ample parking. Distance from parking about 20 feet. Kayak rentals available.

CHAMPLAIN CANAL

The lowlands between Lake Champlain and the Hudson River have been a corridor for travel, trade, and warfare for centuries. This route linked the St. Lawrence River and Canada to the north and the Hudson River and Atlantic Ocean to the south. Generations of travelers carried their boats and cargo from the southern end of the lake at Whitehall to the head of small boat navigation on the Hudson at Fort Edward. The Champlain Canal, completed in 1823, opened an all-water passage.

The Champlain Canal enters the head of Lake Champlain at Whitehall. This is also the northern terminus of the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail. For more information on this water trail, see hudsonrivergreenwaywatertrail.org. For more information on paddling Lake Champlain, see lakechamplaincommittee.com.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Information about things to do in the Champlain Canal region, including dining and lodging, is available from capital-saratoga.com.

WHITEHALL

Originally called Skenesborough, Whitehall is located at the southern tip of Lake Champlain and at the northern end of a historic overland route to the Hudson River. This strategic location made Whitehall a center of early American transportation and defense. Although it is well inland, Whitehall calls itself the “Birthplace of the American Navy.” Benedict Arnold supervised construction of ships and gunboats here during the American Revolution and used them to fight the British fleet on Lake Champlain. Additional warships were built here during the War of 1812.

Whitehall solidified its position as a transportation hub between New York and Canada when the Champlain Canal opened in 1823. Merchants took advantage of faster, cheaper trade, and industries thrived.

Stop by the Whitehall Heritage Area Visitor Center next to the community park to learn more. A ramp and low dock at the southern end of the park are the best place to launch here.

PLACE OF INTEREST OFF THE WATER

43.552312 -73.390449

Skene Manor

8 Potters Terrace
Whitehall, NY 12887
(518) 499-1906
skenemanor.org

This Victorian Gothic-style mansion is set on a mountainside overlooking the town.

C Mile 60.86, west side 43.559372 -73.400811

Whitehall Marina

7 North Main Street
Whitehall, NY 12887
(518) 499-9700
newwhitehallmarina.com

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers, restaurant. Floating docks, cement ramp.

Large private marina.

C Mile 60.72 43.557271 -73.401007

Lock C12, Whitehall

21 Main Street
Whitehall, NY 12887
(518) 499-1700

LIFT: 15.5 feet.

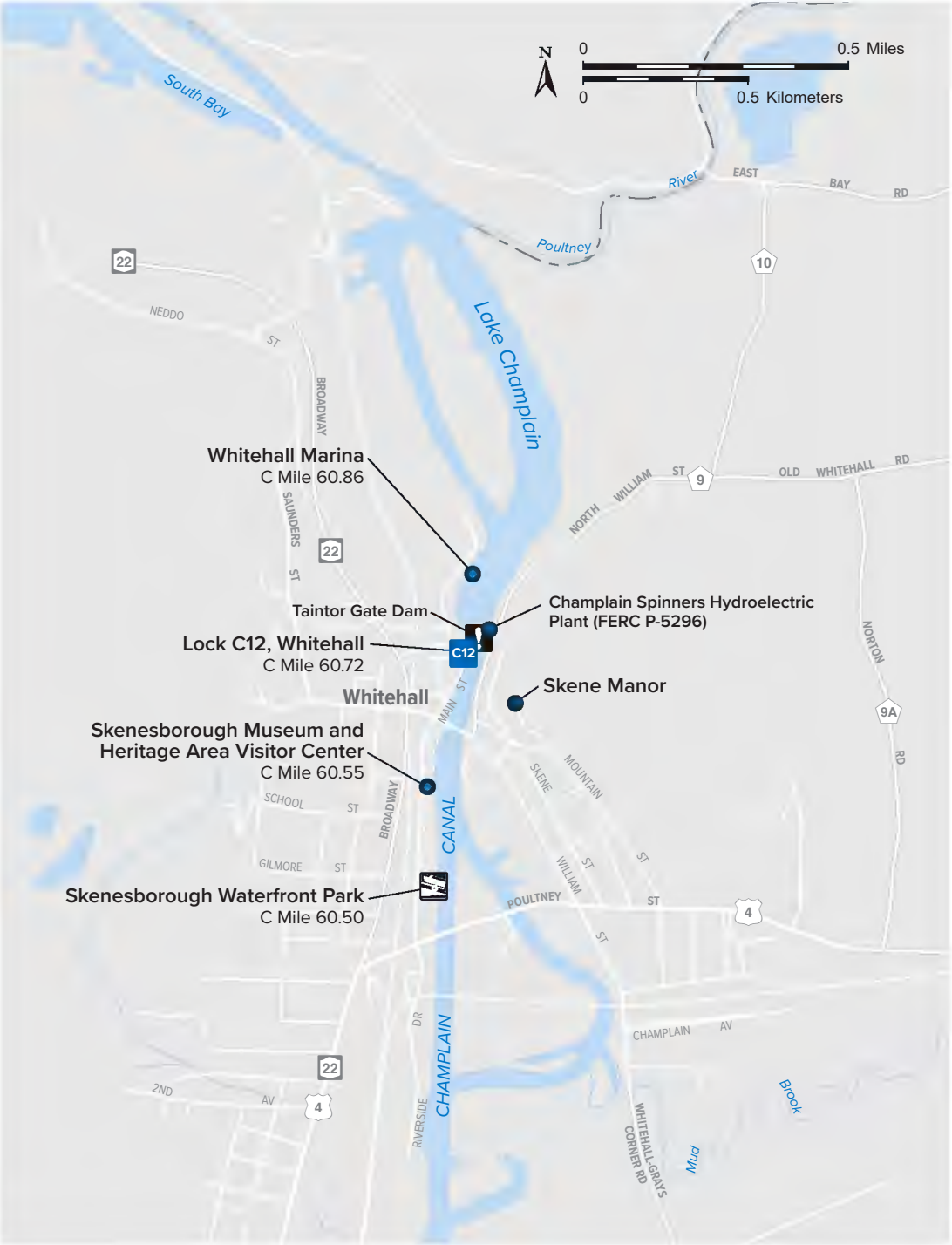
FACILITIES: Tie up at Whitehall Harbor wall to the south on the west side or use the Whitehall Marina to the north on the west side. Facilities are difficult for paddlers to access at this location due to steep canal walls.

PADDLING NOTE: Stay to the west side of the channel to enter the lock. Buoys support a safety cable above the dam. Do not paddle into this area.

Lock C12 marks the northern end of the Champlain Canal. Navigational aids north of the lock reverse here, with the red markers on the west side of the lake. Southbound paddlers will be going upstream from here to Lock C9 at C Mile 45.04.

C Mile 60.58 43.555201 -73.401559

Bridge C30, Saunders Street



C Mile 60.55 west side 43.555249 -73.402625

Skenesborough Museum and Heritage Area Visitor Center
Skenesborough Waterfront Community Park
37 Skenesborough Drive
Whitehall, NY 12887
(518) 499-0716 x1155

The museum is in a 1917 concrete canal terminal building with a distinctive tile roof. Exhibits include a 16-foot diorama describing the settlement of Skenesborough and the events of 1776, along with canal memorabilia and numerous other artifacts that reflect the area’s history as an important north-south transportation center. The visitor center has restrooms.

C Mile 60.50, west side 43.556749 -73.401718

Skenesborough Waterfront Park
58 Main Street
Whitehall, NY 12887
(518) 499-4071

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, picnic tables, grills, pavilion, gazebo. Concrete ramp and low dock at southern end. Parking for 10 cars; overnight parking permitted. Distance from parking about 20 feet. Shops, restaurants, and attractions in Whitehall are a short walk from the harbor.

C Mile 60.19 43.549590 -73.402100

Bridge C29, Poultney Street (US 4)

C Mile 60.07 43.547880 -73.402160

Bridge C28, Delaware & Hudson Railroad

C Mile 59.11, east side 43.545459 -73.402282

The Mettawee River enters the canal.

C Mile 55.51 43.484201 -73.424739

Bridge C27, Ryder Road

C Mile 54.28, west side 43.468220 -73.434939

Lock C11, Comstock
1678 North Old NY 4
Whitehall, NY 12887
(518) 639-8964

LIFT: 12.0 feet.

PADDLING NOTE: An overflow dam crosses the channel on the east side of the artificial island. Do not paddle into the dam channel. Turbulence from the dam can be strong on the downstream end of the lock.

C Mile 53.39, west side 43.459429 -73.441100

Comstock Boat Ramp
North Old NY 4
Fort Ann, NY 12827

FACILITIES: Dirt ramp. Parking for five cars. Distance from parking about 20 feet.

C Mile 53.42 43.456916 -73.441009

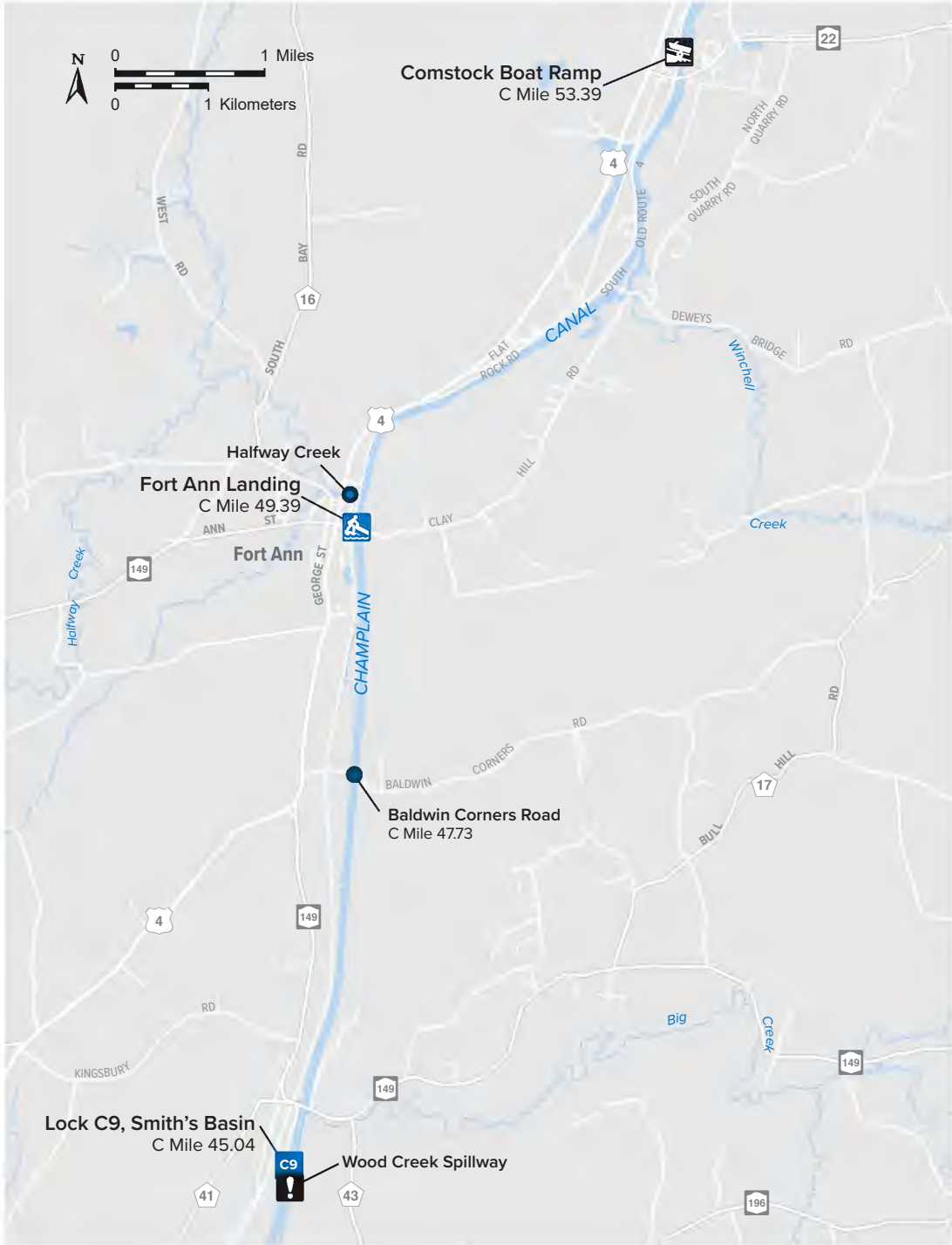
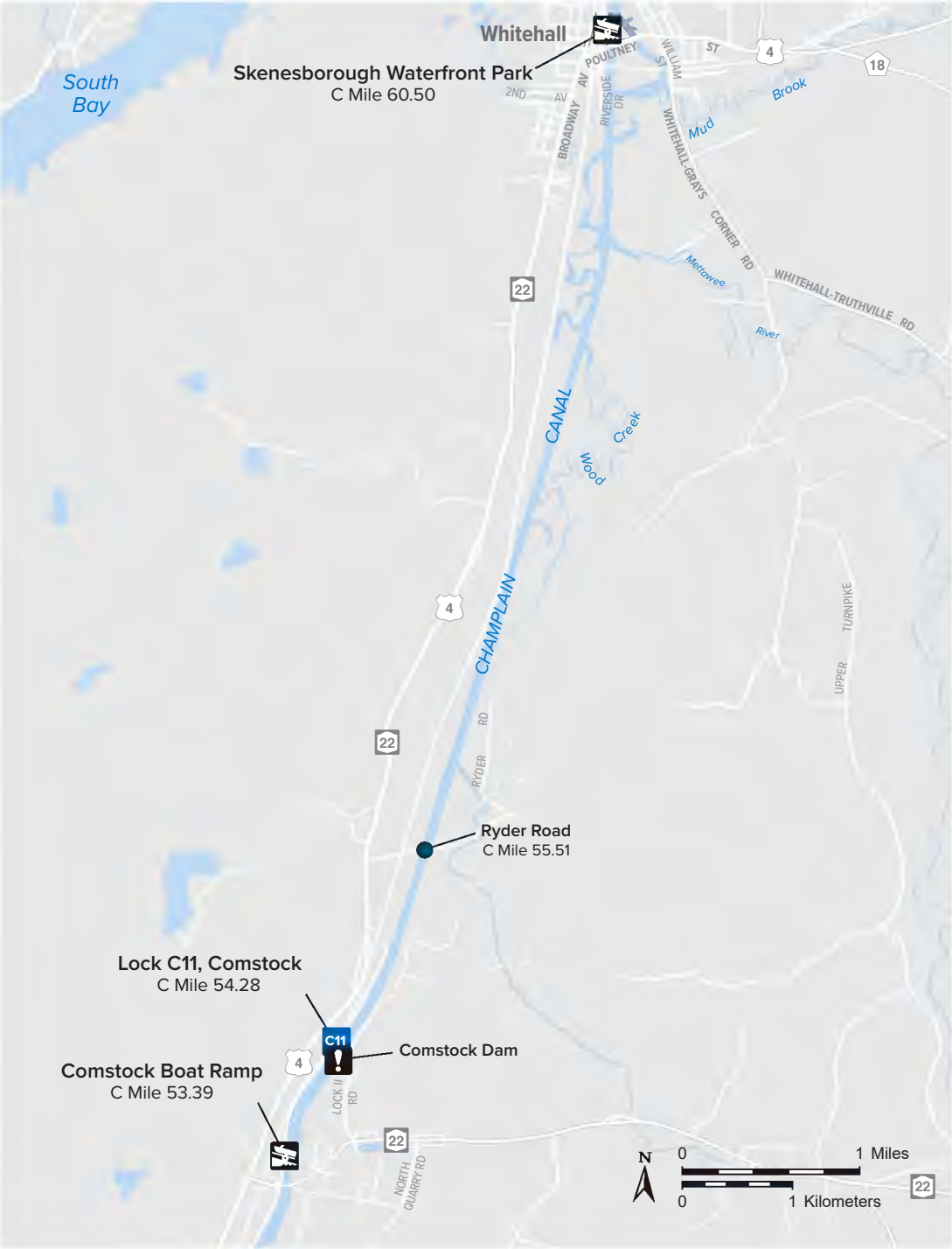
Bridge C25, NY 22

C Mile 52.00 43.436835 -73.450123

Dewey’s Bridge

C Mile 49.57, west side 43.416467 -73.484546

Halfway Creek, so named because it was halfway between Whitehall and Fort Edward on the old overland carry, joins the canal. It is possible to paddle nearly 1.4 miles up Halfway Creek from the canal to the base of Kanes Falls.



C Mile 49.39, west side 43.413980 -73.485240

 Fort Ann Landing

Just north of Clay Hill Road bridge
Fort Ann, NY 12827
(518) 639-8929

FACILITIES: Picnic tables and pavilion.
Floating dock. Wheelchair accessible launch.
Parking for 20 cars. Distance from parking
about 40 feet.

This is the best place to launch in Fort Ann.
Shops and restaurants are a short walk away—
look carefully before crossing the railroad
tracks. The remains of old Locks 16, 17, and 18
can be seen to the north and south of Ann
Street, paralleling Canal Street.

C Mile 49.37 43.413648 -73.484951

Bridge C23, Clay Hill Road

C Mile 47.73 43.390027 -73.486112

Bridge C22, Baldwin Corners Road
An informal, unmaintained launch from a
vegetated embankment is below this bridge.

C Mile 45.47 43.357818 -73.493551

Bridge C21, NY 149

C Mile 45.28, west side 43.355310 -73.495050

 Lock C9 Kayak Launch

Lock C9 Access Road off NY 149
Kingsbury, NY 12839

FACILITIES: None. Car top launch, beach
landing. Parking for five cars. Distance from
parking about 100 feet.

C Mile 45.04 43.351800 -73.495740

Lock C9, Smith’s Basin

2450 NY 149
Fort Ann, NY 12827
(518) 747-6021

LIFT: 16.0 feet.

FACILITIES: Restrooms, picnic tables,
camping.

PADDLING NOTE: Stay clear of the spillway
on the east bank above the lock.

Lock C9 marks the high point of the Champlain
Canal. The “Summit Level” between C9 and
C8 crosses the drainage divide between the
Champlain and Hudson basins. Lock 10 was
never built. As they developed designs in
1906, Barge Canal engineers found that they
could eliminate a chamber by increasing the
lifts of locks C9 and C11.

C Mile 43.45 43.331886 -73.510784

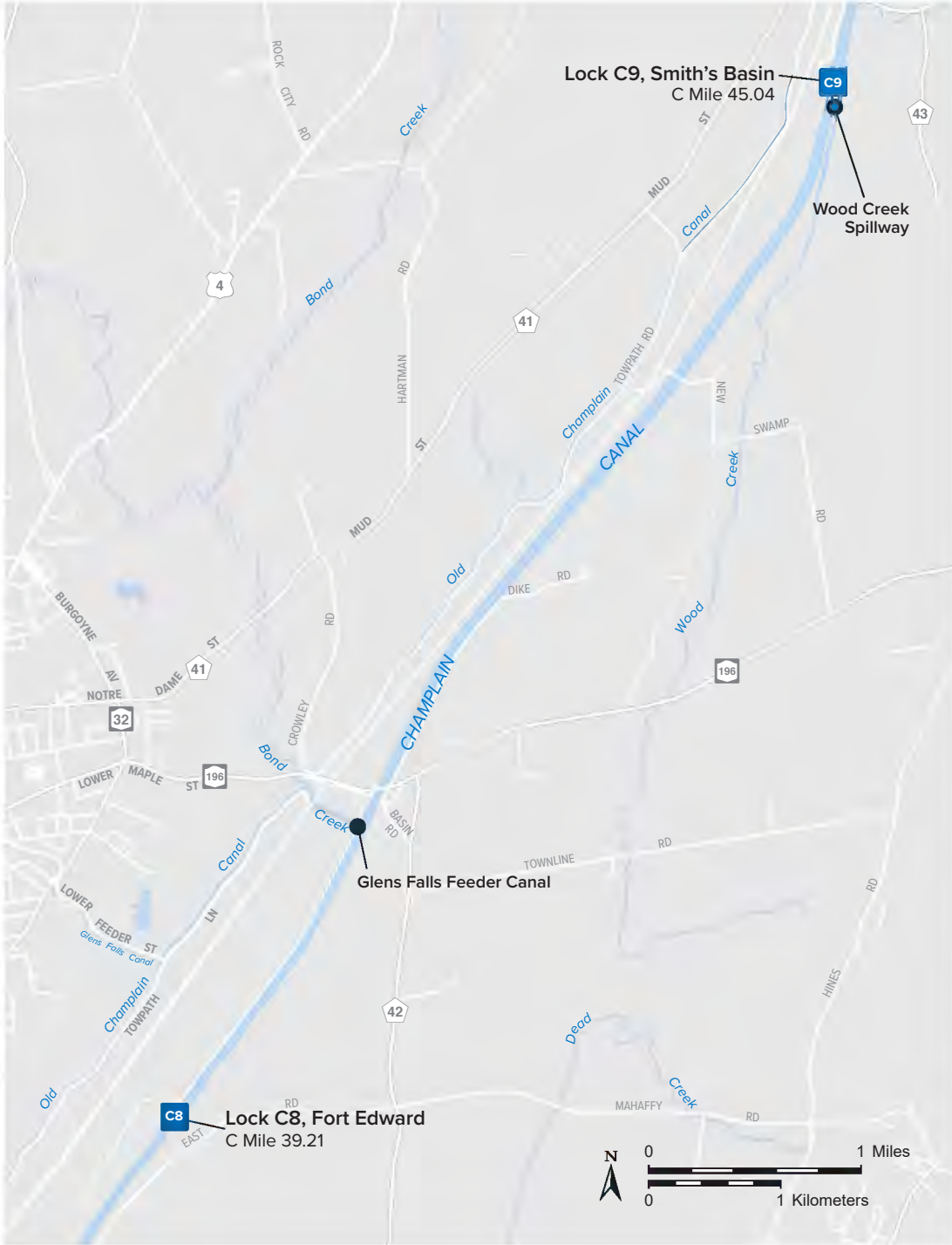
Bridge C19, New Swamp Road
An informal, unmaintained launch from a
vegetated embankment is below this bridge.

C Mile 41.04 43.304167 -73.539202

Bridge C18, Dunham Basin Road (NY 196)

C Mile 40.83, west side 43.301603 -73.541469

Glens Falls Feeder Canal
The Glens Falls Feeder Canal enters here,
supplying water to the summit level of the
Champlain Canal as it crosses the drainage
divide between the Hudson and Champlain/
St. Lawrence basins. A dam on the Hudson
above Glens Falls diverts water into a
seven-mile channel. First built during the 1820s,
the feeder canal was enlarged in 1832 to
accommodate boat traffic. Thirteen masonry
locks lifted and lowered boats past the
130-foot drop at Hudson Falls. One set, called



the Five Combines, raised and lowered boats 55 feet in about 0.25 mile. The lock chambers are still visible along the Glens Falls Feeder Canal Trail near Burgoyne Avenue in Hudson Falls. The feeder canal stopped passing boats during the 1930s, but it remains essential for delivering water to the Champlain Canal. A seven-mile stretch of Towpath Trail along the feeder is a popular outdoor destination for cycling and walking. Five miles of the feeder canal, from the dam in Queensbury to the takeout at Hudson Falls, can be paddled. For details, see the Feeder Canal Alliance at feedercanal.org.



Glens Falls Feeder Canal

C Mile 39.21 43.281999 -73.559119

Lock C8, Fort Edward

367 Lock 8 Way
Hudson Falls, NY 12839
(518) 747-5520

LIFT: 11.0 feet.

FACILITIES: Tie up at the walls to the north and south. Facilities are difficult for paddlers to access at this location due to steep canal walls.

From here south, water in the canal flows toward the Hudson River.

C Mile 38.82, west side 43.278970 -73.562796

Just to the south of Lock C8 is a General Electric dewatering facility. This site was built to dewater and process sediments contaminated with PCBs, dredged from the Hudson River below Hudson Falls and Fort Edward. This site will eventually be restored to become an industrial park.

PADDLING NOTE: Barges, tugs, and workboats may be active here. Exercise caution to avoid collisions and wakes. Do not attempt to land at this facility.

C Mile 38.37 43.272187 -73.568766

Bridge C17, East Street

C Mile 37.70 43.264131 -73.576138

Bridge C16, Argyle Street (NY 197)

FORT EDWARD

Located at the head of navigation on the Hudson River, Fort Edward has been a transportation hub for centuries. The British built a fort here in 1709 on a vital route between New York and Montreal.

The Champlain Canal opened here in 1823, creating a navigable link to the Adirondack Mountains, Vermont, and Quebec. Fort Edward residents built mills, foundries, and factories to manufacture goods from the vast quantities of timber, iron, and granite that flowed south on canal boats.

The Rogers Island Visitor Center is a good place to get information and launch a paddling trip in Fort Edward.

**PLACE OF INTEREST
OFF THE WATER**

43.261709 -73.580784

Old Fort House Museum
29 Broadway
Fort Edward, NY 12828
(518) 747-9600
oldforthousemuseum.com

C Mile 37.40, west side 43.260849 -73.580089

 Fort Edward Dock

Off Broadway (US 4)
Fort Edward, NY 12828

FACILITIES: Picnic tables. Car top launch, low dock. Parking for 12 cars. Distance from parking about 150 feet.

C Mile 37.31 43.259533 -73.580742

Bridge C14, Broadway (US 4)

C Mile 37.25, west side 43.258576 -73.581837

NYS Canal Maintenance Shops, Fort Edward
This is a repair and maintenance area with a stone-loading dock. It is not open to the public.

PADDLING NOTE: Watch out for barges and workboats in this area.

C Mile 37.03 43.256500 -73.584440

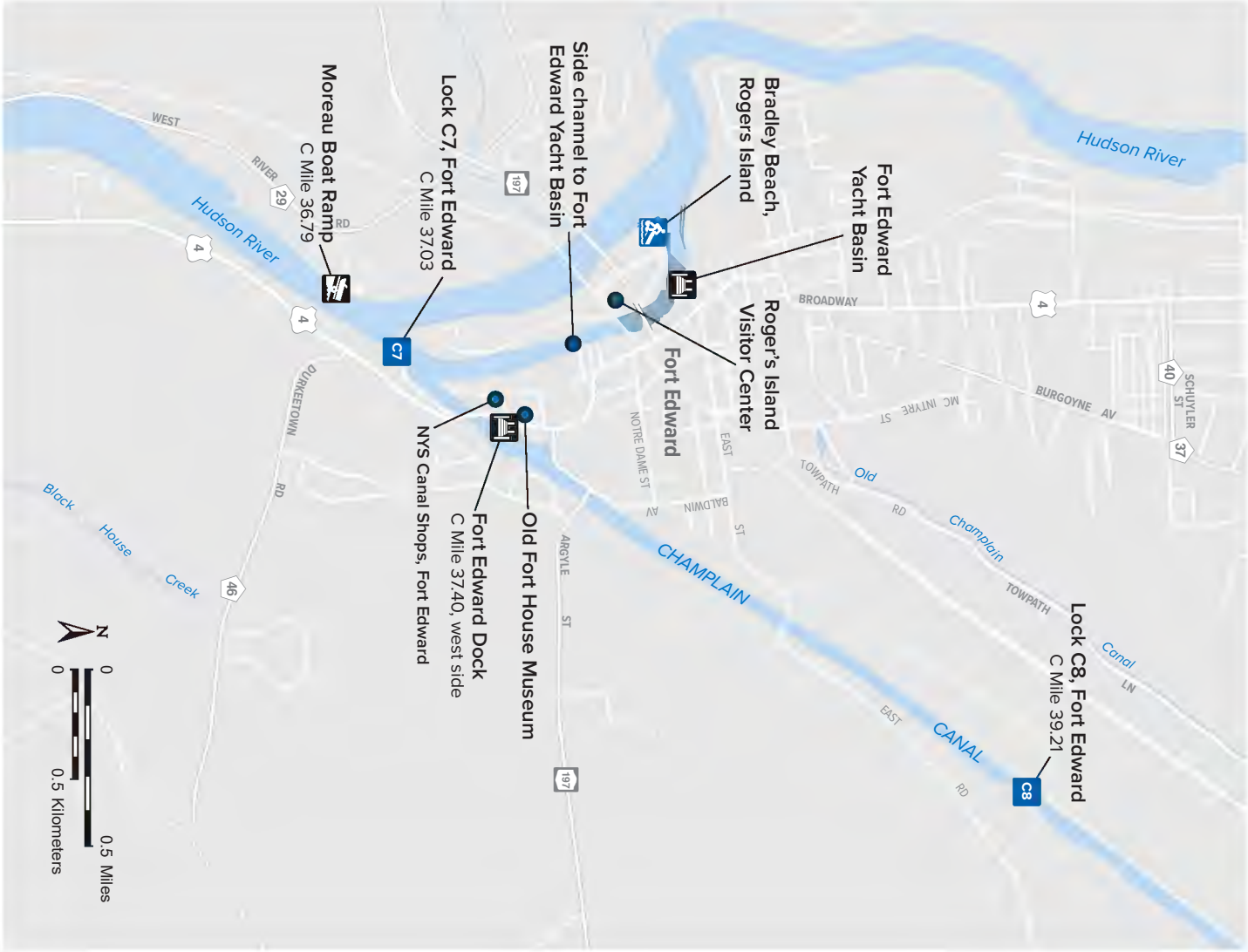
 Lock C7, Fort Edward

2579 US 4
Fort Edward, NY 12828
(518) 747-4614

LIFT: 10.0 feet.

FACILITIES: Tie up at the Fort Edward kayak launch on the south end.

Lock C7 is where the Champlain Canal joins the Hudson River. North of Lock C7, the canal is a dug channel. South of Lock C7, the canal is the canalized Hudson River. Buoys mark the channel from this point south.



ROGER'S ISLAND INLET

Rogers Island and the Fort Edward Yacht Basin are on a 0.10 mile-long branch of the Hudson River below Lock C7. To reach them, turn west (river right) immediately below the lock and head upstream between buoys G225 and R226.

43.268230 -73.587903

Fort Edward Yacht Basin

118 Broadway
Fort Edward, NY 12828
(518) 747-4023
villageoffortedward.com

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers, picnic tables. Shops and restaurants are nearby. Facilities are difficult for paddlers to access at this location due to vertical canal walls.

43.267080 -73.590900

Bradley Beach, Rogers Island

Bradley Avenue
Fort Edward, NY 12828
(518) 747-4023
villageoffortedward.com

FACILITIES: Picnic tables, grills. Rest-rooms at nearby ball field. Car top launch, beach landing. Parking for 10 cars. Distance from parking about 50 feet.

43.267080 -73.590900

Rogers Island Visitor Center

11 Rogers Island Drive
Fort Edward, NY 12828
(518) 747-3693
rogersisland.org

C Mile 36.79, west side 43.254109 -73.588049

Moreau Boat Ramp

1580 West River Road (CR 29)
Fort Edward, NY 12828

FACILITIES: Concrete ramp and low dock. Parking for 20 cars. Overnight parking permitted; 24-hour limit. Distance from parking about 20 feet.

DEC fishing access site.

C Mile 32.33 43.196170 -73.584258

Crocker's Reef dam and breakwater.

PADDLING NOTE: Stay to the east of the breakwater and enter the canal channel. Buoys support a safety cable that crosses the river and blocks access to the Crocker's Reef dam. Do not paddle into this area.

C Mile 31.84 43.189550 -73.581020

Guard Gate, Crocker Reef

This 55-foot-wide guard gate is suspended from lattice steel towers and is normally open throughout the navigation season. It was built in 1914 to protect the 2.25-mile land-cut section from here to Lock C6, allowing it to be drained in winter and for maintenance. It is the only guard gate on the Champlain Canal.

C Mile 31.01 43.177708 -73.579230

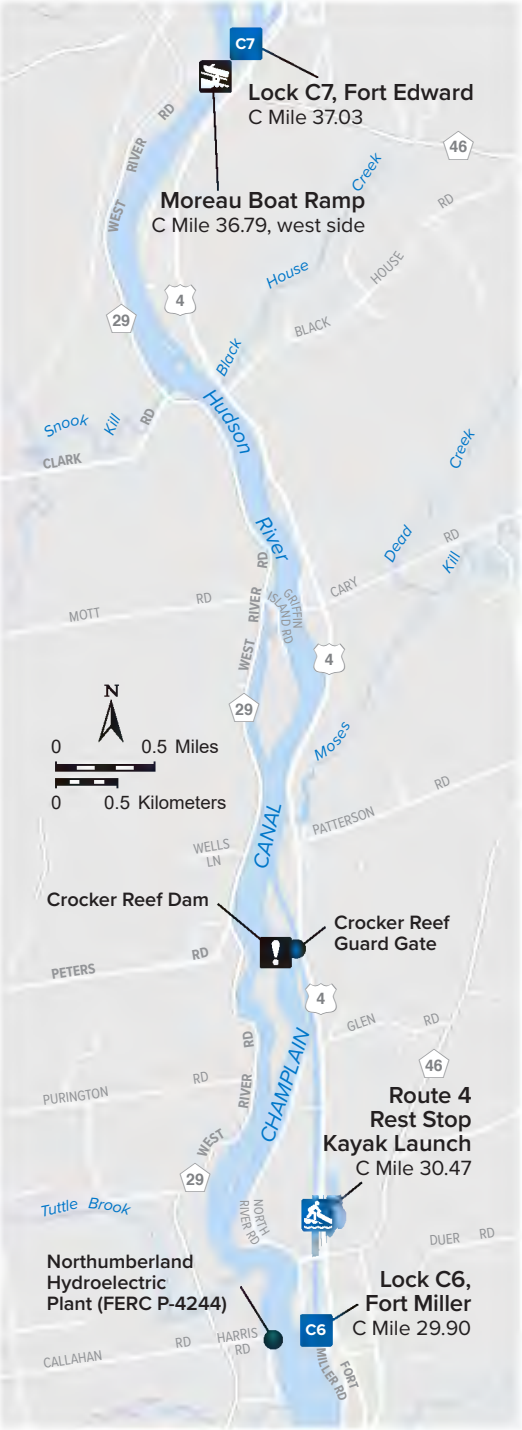
Bridge C13, North River Road (Payne's Bridge)

C Mile 30.47, east 43.169940 -73.579370

Route 4 Rest Stop Kayak Launch

US 4
Fort Edward, NY 12828

FACILITIES: Picnic tables. Car top launch, beach landing. Parking for 10 cars.



C Mile 30.26 43.166738 -73.579755

Bridge C12, Fort Miller Road (CR 46)

C Mile 29.90 43.161509 -73.579909

Lock C6, Fort Miller

11 Fort Miller Road
Fort Edward, NY 12828
(518) 695-3751

LIFT: 16.5 feet.

FACILITIES: Tie up at east side approach wall.

This was one of the first Barge Canal locks built. Construction started in 1905. The overgrown remains of Old Champlain Lock 13 from the Enlarged Canal can be seen near the upper wall on the east side.

C Mile 29.85 43.160868 -73.579928

Bridge C11, Lock Road

C Mile 29.77 43.159519 -73.579978

The land-cut section of the canal rejoins the Hudson River below the Fort Miller Dam.

PADDLING NOTE: River currents sweep from right to left as you exit the channel below the lock. Exercise caution. Cross the river and hug the west bank from here until you enter the land-cut channel above Lock C5.

C Mile 27.42 43.128765 -73.587015

Bridge C10, Northumberland Road (US 4)

PADDLING NOTE: Continue hugging the west (right) bank.

C Mile 27.07, east side 43.123689 -73.587014

Thompson Dam has a “V” shaped fixed crest. Portions of this dam and the land cut to the south date to the original Champlain Canal. The land cut is 0.9 mile long.

PADDLING NOTE: Stay to the west side of the channel as you approach the dam to enter the cut. Currents in this area are strong. A row of submerged cribs were built to keep barges away from the dam and guide them into the land cut, but they are spaced too far apart to provide protection to paddlers.

C Mile 26.28, east side 43.114200 -73.578480

Lock C5/Town of Northumberland Kayak Launch

Upper end of Lock C5.

FACILITIES: Car top launch, floating dock. Parking for 10 cars. Distance from parking about 200 feet. Other facilities at adjacent Hudson Crossing Park and Lock C5.

C Mile 26.26, east side 43.115003 -73.577763

Hudson Crossing Park

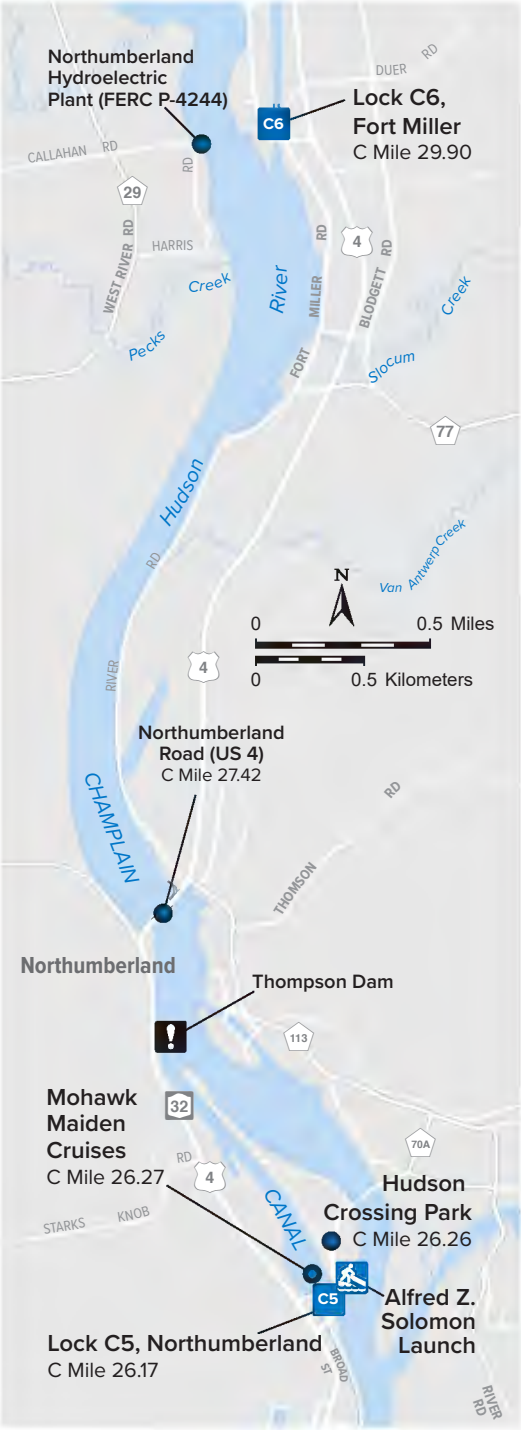
Lock Road (CR 42)
Schuylerville, NY 12871
(518) 350-7275
hudsoncrossingpark.org

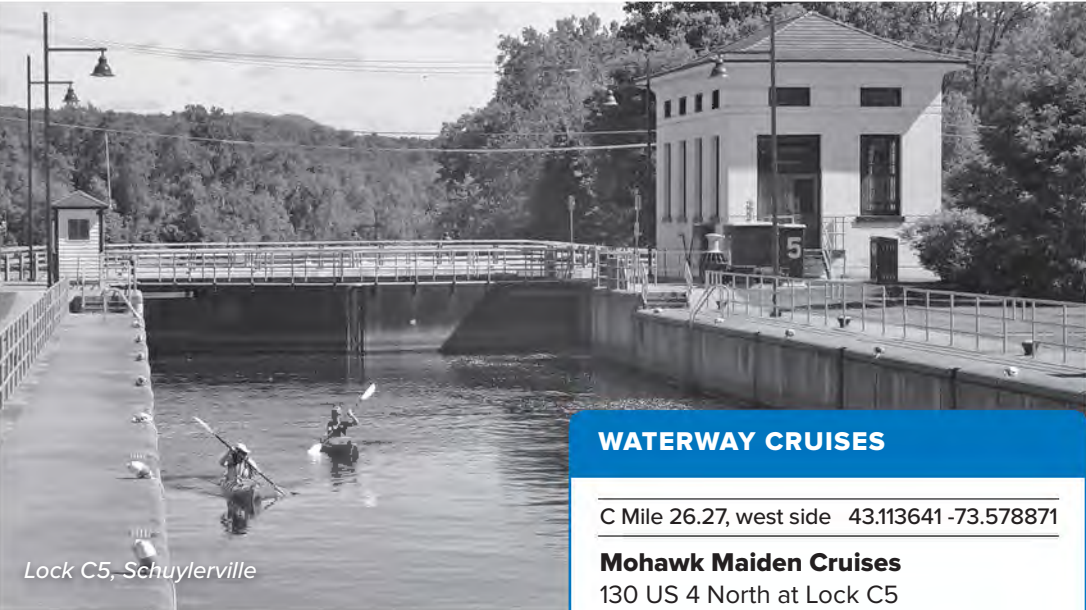
FACILITIES: The park features two hand-launch sites—a floating dock above Lock C5 (see above) and the Alfred Z. Solomon Launch on the Hudson River below the lock. Each is within a few hundred feet of the visitor parking lot at the lock. Additional facilities include restrooms, water, a picnic pavilion, play garden, sculpture walk, an extensive network of trails, and the historic Dix Bridge over the Hudson.

Just north of Schuylerville, Hudson Crossing Park is on the island formed by the Champlain Canal and the Hudson River at Lock C5.

The park has excellent fishing and birding sites and more than two miles of nature trails with panoramic Hudson River vistas and Champlain Canal overlooks.

Hudson Crossing Park holds a triathlon every June and a cardboard boat race in August.





Lock C5, Schuylerville

C Mile 26.17 43.112549 -73.577960

Lock C5, Northumberland

121 US 4 North
Schuylerville, NY 12871
(518) 695-3919

LIFT: 19.0 feet.

FACILITIES: See Hudson Crossing Park. The lock has its own picnic pavilion, a small building with exhibits on Champlain Canal history, and a 1927 buoy boat on display near the parking lot. The original hydroelectric plant for Lock C5 is still operational with direct current generators in the powerhouse by the lower gates.

A concrete junction lock next to the powerhouse provided a connection between the old towpath-era canal and new Barge Canal. It allowed boats to reach businesses in Schuylerville and remained in operation into the 1930s. Water still flows in the old channel as far as the Fish Creek Aqueduct, but culverts interrupt the route and are too low for canoes and kayaks to pass.

WATERWAY CRUISES

C Mile 26.27, west side 43.113641 -73.578871

Mohawk Maiden Cruises

130 US 4 North at Lock C5
Schuylerville, NY 12871
(518) 636-6146
mohawkmaidencruises.com

Terminal for *Caldwell Belle*, a 45-passenger sternwheel riverboat offering tour cruises on the upper Hudson River and Champlain Canal waterways. Check ahead for schedule, fares, and cruise itineraries.

Hudson River 43.113060 -73.576940

 Alfred Z. Solomon Launch

Hudson Crossing Park’s Riverwalk Sensory Trail leads from the visitor parking lot at Lock C5 to a gravel beach hand-launch on the Hudson River below the lock. The launch features boat racks and gear lockers (bring your own padlock).

C Mile 26.14 43.112006 -73.577593

Bridge C8, Lock C5 Road (CR 42)

Schuylerville



Schuyler House, Schuylerville

**PLACE OF INTEREST
OFF THE WATER**

43.095751 -73.581755

General Philip Schuyler House

4 Broad Street (US 4)
Schuylerville, NY 12871
(518) 670-2985
nps.gov/sara

The house is 0.50 mile inland.

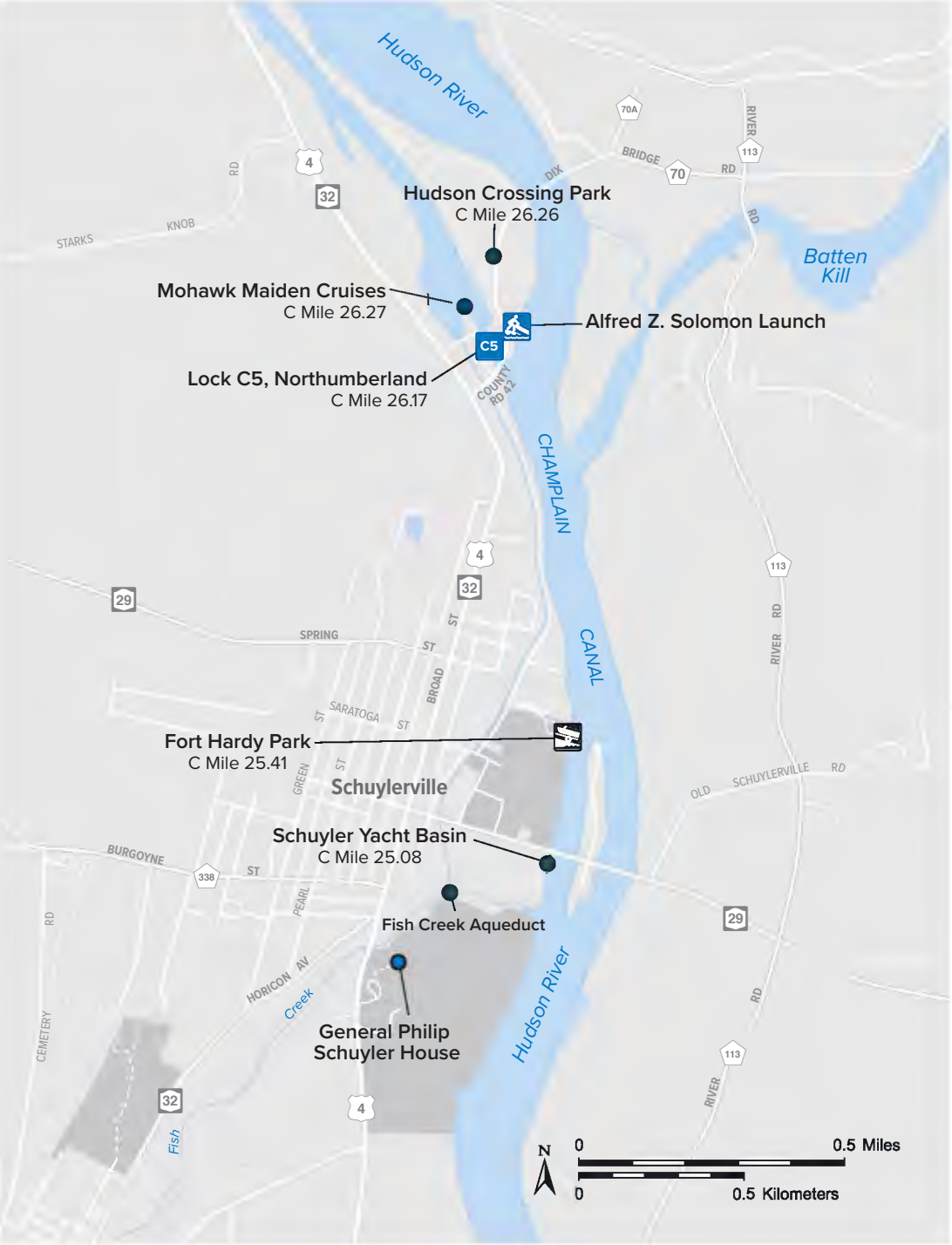
FACILITIES: Restrooms and water are located in the parking area for the Schuyler House along US 4.

To access the site from the water trail, take out at the Fort Hardy Park, cross over Ferry Street/NY 29, and follow the foot trail south. More direct access to the site may be gained by paddling up Fish Creek about 0.20 miles and landing along the shoreline just downstream of the pedestrian bridge. The bridge carries the foot trail south to the Schuyler House.

Situated on the west bank of the Hudson River about ten miles east of Saratoga Springs, Schuylerville, also known as Old Saratoga, was the site of the surrender of General John Burgoyne and the British Army following the Battles of Saratoga, the turning point of the American Revolution. Schuylerville contains several historic buildings that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, including the General Philip Schuyler House.

From here to Albany, the towpath-era Champlain Canal ran parallel to the Hudson River in a separate artificial channel at the edge of the valley wall. Today’s Barge Canal, opened in 1916, runs in the riverbed. The Barge Canal bypassed established boatyards, drydocks, and other businesses in Schuylerville that depended on waterfront access. The well-maintained Towpath Trail provides a great way to see the old next to the new.

Fort Hardy Park is a good place to launch in Schuylerville.



C Mile 25.41, west side 43.101970 -73.575430

Fort Hardy Park

Towpath Lane
Schuylerville, NY 12871

FACILITIES: Water, restrooms, picnic tables, grills, pavilion. Car top launch, boat ramp, beach landing, floating dock. Parking for 15 cars; Distance from parking about 150 feet. Restaurants, shops, and visitor information are within walking distance.

C Mile 25.13 43.098152 -73.573478

Bridge C7, Ferry Street (NY 29)

C Mile 25.08, west side, 43.098415 -73.575987

Schuyler Yacht Basin

On the channel behind Schuyler Island
1 Ferry Street
Schuylerville, NY 12871
(518) 695-3193

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers, restaurant.

Private marina.

C Mile 25.02, west side 43.096995 -73.576337

Mouth of Fish Creek

Opposite the southern tip of Schuyler Island. Paddlers can push about 0.25 mile up the Fish Creek to the aqueduct that used to carry the old Champlain Canal across the creek.

C Mile 21.48, west side 43.058967 -73.593540

Alcove Marina

AmVets Drive
Schuylerville, NY 12871
(518) 695-5652

FACILITIES: Ramp, restrooms, restaurant.

Private marina.

C Mile 20.37, west side 43.036110 -73.592220

Saratoga Boat Ramp

Off US 4 at north end of River Road,
opposite CR 113
Schuylerville, NY 12871

FACILITIES: None. Informal ramp, beach
landing. Parking for five cars.

**SARATOGA NATIONAL
HISTORICAL PARK**

648 NY 32
Stillwater, NY 12170
(518) 670-2985
nps.gov

This is where Americans fought
overwhelming odds to win a key
Revolutionary War victory against the
British in 1777. The British and their
allies were attempting to move south
on land and by boat, using the route
that is a water trail today. They were
blocked from proceeding forward by
Americans on Bemis Heights. Known
as one of the most important battles in
the last millennium, the victory drew
international allies to win America’s War
for Independence.

The battlefield unit of Saratoga
National Historical Park occupies the
high bluffs west of the river. Cannons at
the Great Redoubt and Bemis Heights
are visible in a few spots starting
around mile 18 for the next 2.0 miles
(between buoys G105 and G93).

C Mile 17.21, west side 42.994087 -73.609277

Stillwater Hudson Riverfront Park

9 US 4
Stillwater, NY 12170

FACILITIES: Portable toilet, picnic tables,
grills, pavilion. Car top launch, beach landing.
Parking for 10 cars. Distance from parking
about 200 feet.

Short trails carry the visitor around this small,
well-designed park. A great spot for paddlers
to stop and stretch your legs.

C Mile 12.18 42.937058 -73.649450

Bridge C6, Stillwater Bridge Road (CR 125)

The Stillwater fixed-crest dam crosses the
Hudson River 0.14 miles downstream. A
hydroelectric plant built in the 1980s is at the
west end of the dam.

PADDLING NOTE: Hug the east (river left)
bank and paddle under the bridge segment
spanning the land-cut channel. Do not paddle
under the multispan bridge to the west.

C Mile 11.76 42.932250 -73.654630

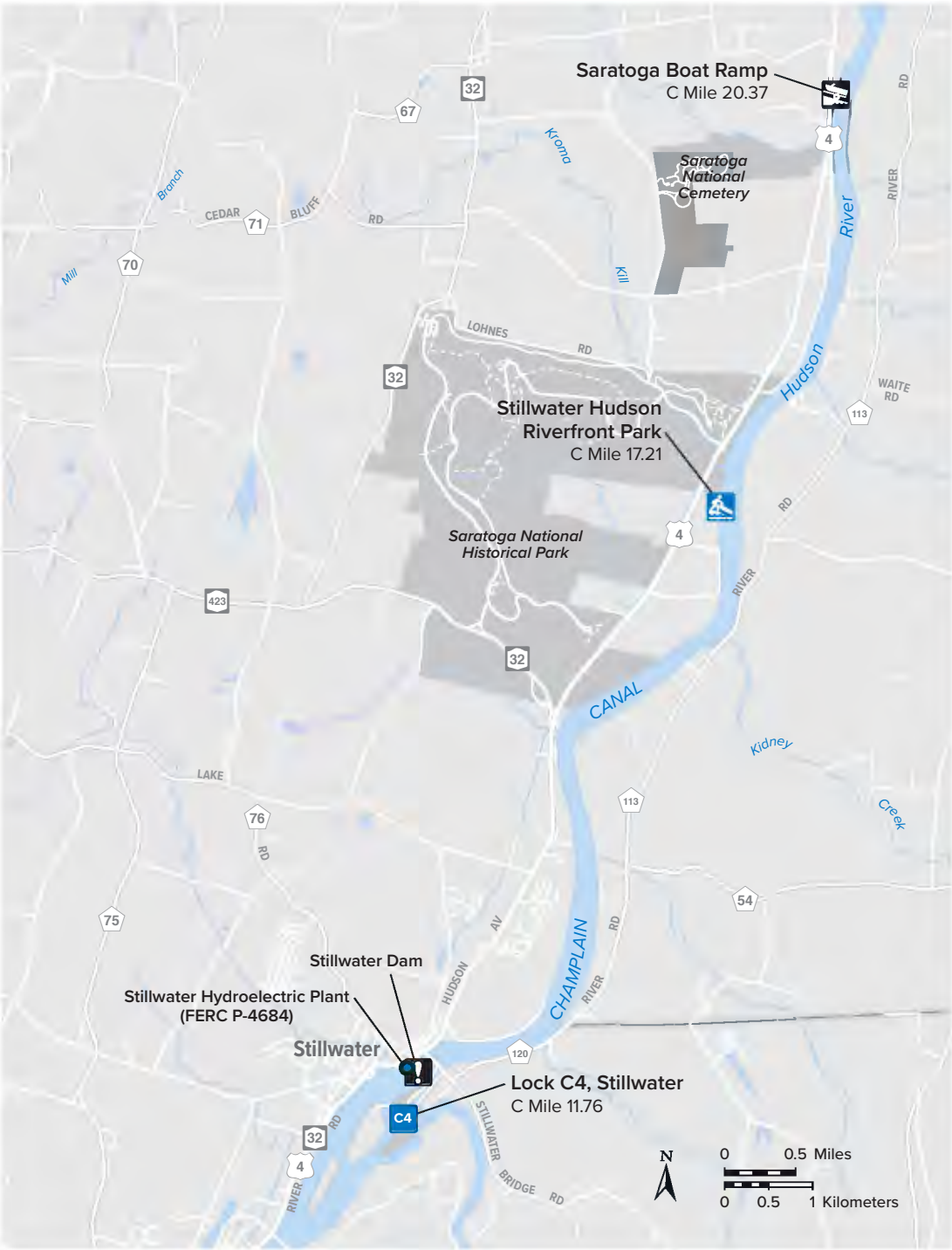
Lock C4, Stillwater

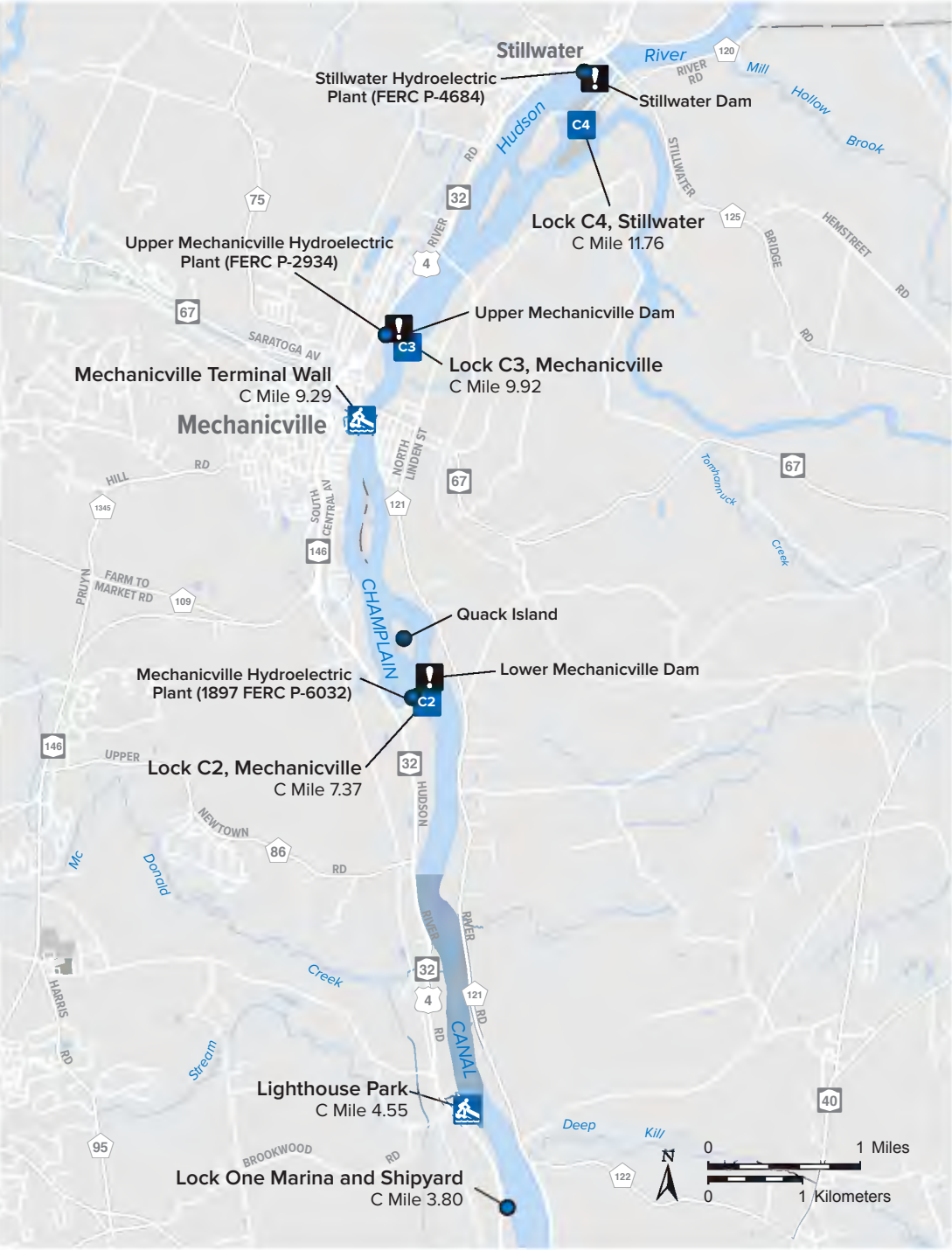
947 Stillwater Bridge Road
Schaghticoke, NY 12154
(518) 664-5261

LIFT: 16.0 feet.

FACILITIES: Portable toilet, picnic tables.
Tie up on the upstream west side at Lock 4
State Canal Park. A kayak launch with car
top launch and beach landing is at the lower
end of the lock on the east side. Parking for
five cars.

The confluence of the Hoosic River and the
Hudson River is about 0.30 mile below the
lock on the east side.





C Mile 10.51 42.919337 -73.671832

Bridge C5, Boston & Maine Railroad

C Mile 9.92 42.911820 -73.677650

Lock C3, Mechanicville

880 Knickerbocker Road
Schaghticoke, NY 12154
(518) 664-5171

LIFT: 19.5 feet.

FACILITIES: Tie up at the Mechanicville terminal wall south of the lock.

The Town of Schaghticoke provides a kayak launch with car top launch and beach landing at the lower end of the lock on the east side. Parking for five cars. Distance from parking about 500 feet.

PADDLING NOTE: Buoys support a safety cable in front of the dam at this lock. Do not paddle into this area. Piers and timbers above the lock were built to guide barges into the chamber. Water flows under these structures and it is possible for a small boat to get pinned. Stay to the east side (river left) of the channel as you enter the lock. The dam and powerplant can produce unpredictable cross currents immediately below the lock. Exercise caution until you are below the NY 67 bridge.

The lift on Lock C3 is the highest on the Champlain Canal. The dam was originally built to power paper mills on both sides of the river. During the Barge Canal construction the crest was raised.

C Mile 9.42 42.905448 -73.68255

Bridge C4A, Howland Avenue (NY 67)

C Mile 9.29, west side 42.904511 -73.683812

Mechanicville Terminal Wall

Terminal Street at the mouth of
Kayaderosseras Creek
Mechanicville, NY 12118
(518) 664-7791

FACILITIES: Electric, water, restrooms, showers, picnic tables, kayak racks. Kayak dock with car top launch is at the north end, behind City Hall. Parking for 15 cars. Distance from parking about 20 feet. Shops and restaurants are a short walk away.

Mechanicville is the smallest city in New York, with an area of just eight-tenths of a square mile.

Mile 9.00 42.899458 -73.683781

To stay in the canal channel, paddle to the east of the island.

Mile 8.05 42.885766 -73.680884

Quack Island

PADDLING NOTE: A large dam spans the Hudson River at Lock C2. To get into position for Lock C2, paddle to the west of Quack Island. The dam is 0.10 mile from the southern tip of the island. Do not enter the dam area.

C Mile 7.37 42.877859 -73.676310

Lock C2, Mechanicville

933A Hudson River Road
Mechanicville, NY 12118
(518) 664-4961

LIFT: 18.5 feet.

PADDLING NOTE: This lock bisects a rocky island located between the Mechanicville hydroelectric plant on the west and a large fixed-crest overflow dam on the east. Paddle directly into the lock. Do not approach the dam or the hydroelectric plant. Stone and

timber cribs, installed to guide barges into the lock, are spaced too far apart to provide protection for small craft.

The Mechanicville powerplant and dam were built in 1897 to provide electricity to General Electric and the American Locomotive Company (ALCO) plants in Schenectady. The Mechanicville plant is the oldest continuously operating power plant in the nation. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1989 and is open to visitors by appointment.

C Mile 7.32 42.877384 -73.675670
Bridge C-3, Lock C2 access road

C Mile 4.55, west side 42.838529 -73.671507

 **Lighthouse Park**
589 Hudson River Road
Halfmoon, NY 12065
(518) 371-7410 ext. 2530
townofhalfmoon-ny.gov

FACILITIES: Water, restrooms, picnic tables, grills, pavilion, kayak racks. Car top launch, beach landing, dock. Parking for 20 cars. Distance from parking about 200 feet.

This park connects to the Champlain Canalway Trail.

Mile 3.80, west side 42.829129 -73.666514

Lock One Marina and Shipyard
425 Hudson River Road
Waterford, NY 12188
(518) 238-1321
lockonemarinaandshipyard.com

FACILITIES: Electric, wi-fi, water, restrooms, showers. Concrete ramp, floating dock.
Private marina.

C Mile 3.55, west side 42.825498 -73.665191

 **Lock C1 Boat Ramp**
Upper end
Halfmoon, NY

FACILITIES: Portable toilet, picnic tables. Concrete ramp and floating dock. Parking for 30 cars. Overnight parking permitted; call (518) 237-8566.

C Mile 3.43 42.823990 -73.664270

Lock C1, Waterford
15 Lock One Road
Waterford, NY 12188
(518) 237-8566

LIFT: 14.3 feet.

FACILITIES: Tie up at the boat ramp at the northern end of the lock, west side.

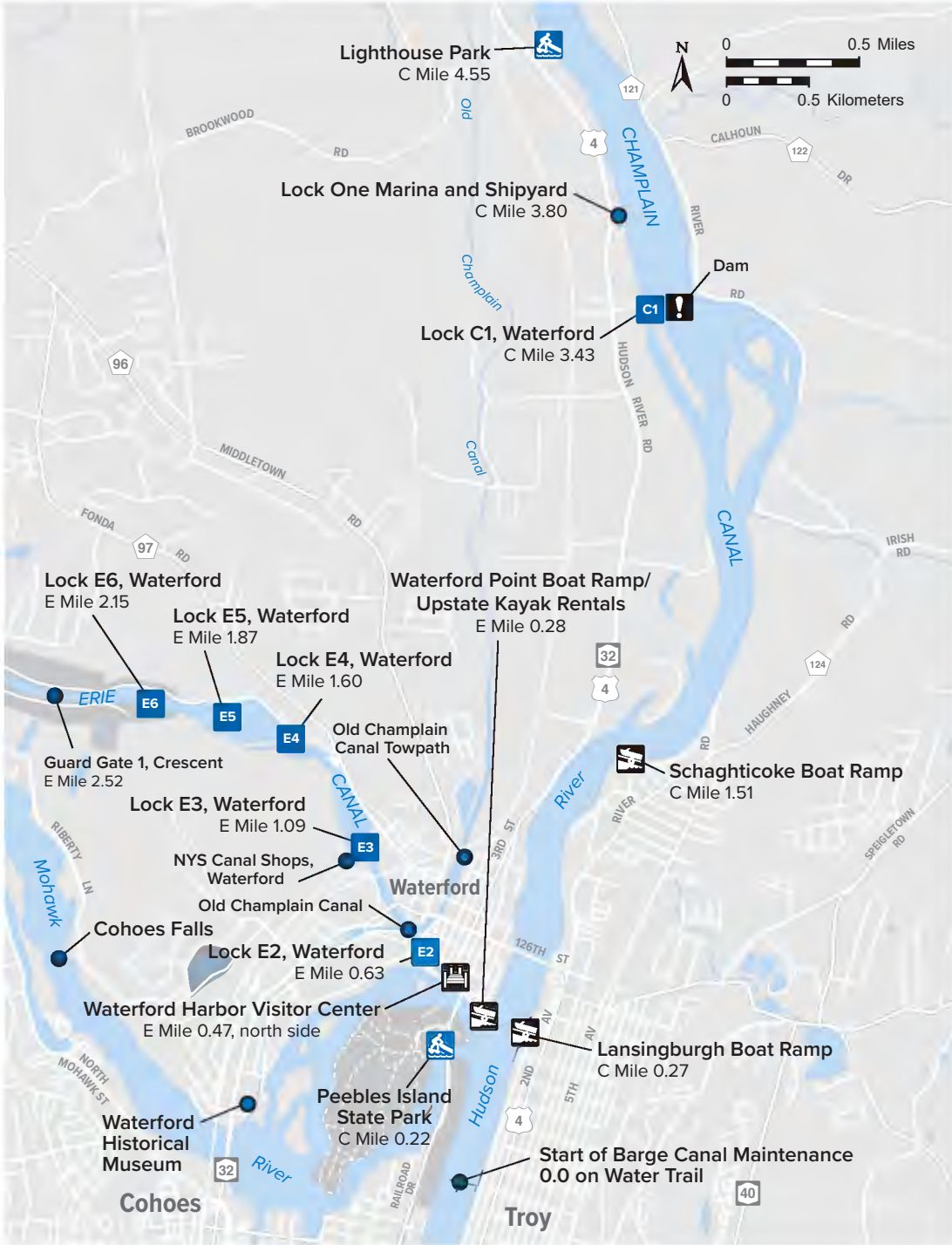
PADDLING NOTE: Do not enter the area above the dam. The southern end of the lock is protected from the turbulent water from the dam by a long, wide breakwater.

Lock C1 is located in an artificial cut on the western side of the Hudson River. A zig-zag dam spans the Hudson River and ends on the west at the artificial island created by the land cut. The eastern section of the dam is made up of six large Taintor gates, each 50 feet wide. They were said to be the largest in the world when they were installed in 1913.

C Mile 1.51, east side 42.799460 -73.666250

 **Schaghticoke Boat Ramp**
Off River Bend Road and Marion Avenue
Schaghticoke, NY 12154

FACILITIES: Beach launch. Parking for two cars. Distance from parking about 200 feet.
DEC fishing access site.



C Mile 0.56 42.788687 -73.673919

Bridge C2, 126th Street (US 4/Broad Street)

C Mile 0.28, north side 42.785539 -73.677449

Waterford Point Boat Ramp

Confluence of Erie and Champlain Canals
First and Front Streets
Waterford, NY 12188

FACILITIES: Concrete ramp, low dock, beach landing. Parking for 10 cars; overnight parking permitted. Distance from parking about 20 feet. Walk to restrooms, showers, and information at the Waterford Harbor Visitor Center.

Upstate Kayak Rentals

(518) 209-1063
upstatekayakrentals.com

Based at Waterford Point, a convenient location for paddlers to explore all the waterways of the Capital Region. Upstate Kayak Rentals has several self-serve kayak rental hubs throughout the Capital Region.

C Mile 0.27, east side 42.784629 -73.674399

Lansingburgh Boat Ramp

Foot of 123rd Street
Troy, NY 12182
(518) 235-7761

FACILITIES: None. Concrete ramp. Parking for 10 cars. Distance from parking about 20 feet. Shops and restaurants in North Troy are within walking distance.

C Mile 0.22, west side 42.786026 -73.680717

Peebles Island State Park

1 Delaware Avenue
Waterford, NY 12188
parks.ny.gov

FACILITIES: Water, restrooms, picnic tables, grills, pavilion, hiking trails during daylight hours. Car top launch, beach landing. Parking for 40 cars during daylight hours. Distance from parking about 535 feet. Shops and restaurants in Waterford are a short walk away over the Delaware Avenue Bridge.

The 90-acre Peebles Island State Park is located at the confluence of the Mohawk and Hudson Rivers. The park is accessible by a bridge over the Erie Canal or from the water using the launch on the east side of the island on the Hudson River near the Observation Deck or the dock at the northern end of the island on the Erie Canal. Hiking trails around the island with cliffs, water views, and mature oak woodland. Peebles Island is headquarters to the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.

PADDLING
RESOURCES



Peebles Island, Waterford

PADDLE ON! Additional Trails to Explore

The Canalway Water Trail is part of a growing system of water and land trails across New York State. Extend your adventures by connecting to the following trails.

NAME	DESCRIPTION	INFORMATION
DIRECT CONNECT REGIONAL WATER TRAILS		
Hudson River Greenway Water Trail	256 miles of National Water Trail from Lake Champlain to New York Harbor along the Hudson River and Champlain Canal. Connects with Erie Canal at Waterford.	hudsonrivergreenwaywatertrail.org
Lake Champlain Paddlers’ Trail	Includes more than 40 locations in New York and Vermont, providing access to more than 600 lakeshore and island campsites. Connects with Champlain Canal at Whitehall.	lakechamplaincommittee.org
Richelieu River	The Richelieu River flows north for 77 miles, connecting Lake Champlain with the Saint Lawrence River. Parks Canada operates the historic Chambly and Saint-Ours canals.	pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/qc/chambly
THROUGH-CONNECT REGIONAL WATER TRAILS		
Northern Forest Canoe Trail	740-mile trail runs from Old Forge, New York, to Fort Kent, Maine, following routes used by Native Americans, settlers, and guides. Connects with Lake Champlain and Champlain Canal.	northernforestcanoetrail.org
New York City Water Trail	160 square miles of rivers, bays, creeks, inlets, and the Atlantic Ocean in the five boroughs; connects with Hudson River.	nycwatertrail.org
Bronx River Blueway National Recreation Trail	8-mile navigable section of the Bronx River; connects with Hudson River.	paddle.bronxriver.org

NAME	DESCRIPTION	INFORMATION
OTHER CANALWAY LAND AND WATER TRAILS		
Erie Canalway Trail	360-mile off trail suitable for cycling and walking/hiking follows the Erie Canal from Buffalo to Albany; 80% off road.	cycletheeriecanal.org
Champlain Canalway Trail	62 miles from Waterford to Whitehall; mainly on road with some off road segments. Still in development.	champlaincanalwaytrail.org
Glens Falls Feeder Canal	9-mile canal and towpath from Glens Falls to Fort Edward suitable for cycling and walking. The upper five miles can be paddled.	feedercanal.org
Old Erie Canal State Park	36-mile park along the Enlarged Erie Canal; 10 miles from DeWitt to Chittenango suitable for paddling, all 36-miles open for cycling and walking.	tourthetowpath.com/boat-float
Empire State Trail	When completed in 2020, this 750-mile trail network will connect New York City to Canada and Buffalo to Albany, creating the longest multi-use state trail in the nation.	NY.gov/programs/empire-state-trail
FARTHER AFIELD		
National Trails System	Find National Scenic Trails, National Historic Trails, and National Recreation Trails throughout the U.S.	americantrails.org
National Water Trail System	Find National Water Trails throughout the U.S.	nps.gov/WaterTrails
Trail Finder	Interactive gateway to greenways and trails throughout the U.S.	trails.com

RENTALS

BUFFALO TO ROCHESTER

- Arrowhead Marina and Golf Club**
655 Gallup Road, Spencerport
(585) 352-5500
arrowheadgc.org
- BFLO Harbor Kayak**
1 Naval Park Cove, Buffalo
(716) 288-5309
bfloharborkayak.com
- Buffalo Harbor State Park**
1111 Fuhrmann Boulevard, Buffalo
(716) 822-1207
longboardsbeach.com
- Buffalo River Canoe and Kayak Outfitters**
900 Harlem Road, West Seneca
(716) 771-2995
alli-50.wixsite.com/buffaloriver
- Erie Canal Boat Company**
(585) 748-2628
eriecanalboatcompany.com
7 Liftbridge Lane West, Fairport
Market Street, Lockport
- Genesee Waterways Center**
149 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester
(585) 328-3960
geneseewaterways.org
- Longboard Paddle Company**
(716) 998-0949
longboardsbeach.com
Buffalo Harbor State Park
111 Fuhrmann Boulevard, Buffalo
Outer Harbor/Wilkeson Pointe
225 Fuhrmann Boulevard, Buffalo
- Paths, Peaks & Paddles, Inc.**
1000 Ellicott Creek Road, Tonawanda
(716) 213-0350
pathspeakspaddles.com

- Pedal & Paddle**
Manilla Place, Medina
(585) 866-9454
pedalmedina.com

Silo City Paddling Company
105 Silo City Row, Buffalo
(716) 997-2884
silocitypaddling.com

Water Bike Adventures
11 Young Street, Tonawanda
(716) 316-3905
waterbikeadventures.com

Water Bikes of Buffalo
Canalside, Buffalo
(716) 681-4643
waterbikesofbuffalo.com/
- ROCHESTER TO SYRACUSE

Mid-Lakes Marina/Mid-Lakes Navigation
1125 Marina Parkway, Macedon
(800) 545-4318/(315) 685-8500
midlakesnav.com/mid-lakes-marina
- CAYUGA-SENECA

Canal Side Experiences
706 Waterloo-Geneva Road, Waterloo
(315) 781-6682
canalside.net

Fuzzy Guppies
1278 Waterloo-Geneva Road, Waterloo
(315) 539-8848
fuzzyguppies.com

Roy’s Marina
4398 Clarks Point, Geneva
(315) 789-3094
roysmarina.net

- Stivers Seneca Marine/Finger Lakes Water Adventures**
401 Boody's Hill Road, Waterloo
(315) 789-5220
fingerlakeswateradventures.com

OSWEGO

Oswego Expeditions
11 Lake Street, Oswego
(315) 561 0223
oswegoexpeditions.com

Wright’s Landing/Oswego International Marina
29 Lake Street, Oswego
(315) 342-8186
facebook.com/WrightsLandingOswego

SYRACUSE TO LITTLE FALLS

Angler’s Bay Cottages
103 Drive 17, Cleveland
(315) 675-3662
fishoneida.com/oneidalakekayaksandsups

Bellamy Harbor Park
Mill Street at the Canal, Rome
(315) 339-7656
romenewyork.com/passive-parks

Oneida Shores Park
9400 Bartell Road, Brewerton
(315) 676-7366
onondagacountyparks.com/activity/rentals-boats/

Willow Bay Rentals
Long Branch Road, Liverpool
(315) 672-8439
longbranchparkkayakpaddleboardrentals
willowbay.com

- LITTLE FALLS TO ALBANY
- Down by the River Kayak Rentals**
Port Jackson Launch, Amsterdam
(518) 423-5254
downbytheriverkayakrentals.com

Little Falls Canal Harbor and Rotary Park
125 Southern Avenue at the Erie Canal, Little Falls
(315) 823-1453
cityoflittlefalls.net

The Boat House
2855 Aqueduct Road, Schenectady
(518) 393-5711
boathousecanoeskayaks.com

Upstate Kayak Rentals
(518) 209-1063
upstatekayakrentals.com
Harborside Drive, Schenectady
Flight Lock Road, Waterford

OUTFITTERS

Canoe, Kayak, and SUP outfitters are located throughout the New York State Canalway Corridor. There are independent specialty paddling shops and national chains. An Internet search will help you find ones near your location.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Paddling is a very social sport, with lots of national, regional, and local clubs and organizations. These clubs organize group trips, boat floats, and paddling events that are a great way to meet up with other paddlers, make new friends, and learn new skills. So many local paddling clubs are found along the Canalway Corridor that they can’t all be listed. These are the major national and regional organizations. (This list includes only the largest and most active groups.)

National and Regional Organizations

Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK)

814 Goggins Road
Lake George, NY 12845
Phone: 518-668-4447
adk.org

American Canoe Association (ACA)

503 Sophia Street, Suite 100
Fredericksburg, VA 22401
(540) 907-4460
americancanoe.org

Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC)

10 City Square
Boston, MA 02129
(617) 523-0636
outdoors.org

**Hudson River Greenway Water Trail
Hudson River Valley Greenway**

625 Broadway, 4th Floor
Albany, NY 12297
(518) 473-3835
hudsonrivergreenwaywatertrail.org

CAMPING ALONG THE CANALS

The NYS Canal Corporation has designated a number of Biker-Hiker-Boater Campsites along the canal system. These tent-only informal campsites have space for four tents, and offer potable water, portable toilets, picnic tables, and grills. Stays are limited to 48 hours. Contact the site in advance to make sure space is available.

Camping is permitted at most other canal locks on a case-by-case, first-come, first-served basis. Camping at these non-designated sites is limited to a maximum of four tents per night. Contact the Lock Operator in advance to determine if camping is permissible and where to set up. At most non-designated locks, the camping facilities are limited—drinking water and restrooms may not be available for overnight stays.

Biker-Hiker-Boater Campsites

Lock E15, Fort Plain

84 Otsquago Club Road
Fort Plain, NY 13339
(518) 993-4161

Lock E20, Whitesboro

9028 River Road
Marcy, NY 13403
(315) 736-4617

Lock E21, New London

7176 Lock Road
Rome, NY 13440
(315) 336-8229

Lock E30, Macedon

10 Route 350
Macedon, NY 14502
(315) 986-5631

Lock C5, Schuylerville

121 US 4N
Schuylerville, NY 12871
(518) 695-3919

Waterford Harbor Canal Visitor Center

1 Tugboat Alley
Waterford, NY 12188
(518) 233-9123

Holley Canal Park

Holley, NY 14470
(585) 638-6456

Other Camping Locations

Several state parks near the canals offer full-amenity tent and RV camping for a modest fee. Reservations are strongly suggested. Call 800-456-CAMP or check newyorkstateparks.reserveamerica.com.

Verona Beach State Park

6541 Lakeshore Road South
Verona Beach, NY 13162
(315) 762-4463
46 campsites

Cayuga Lake State Park

2678 Lower Lake Road
Seneca Falls, NY 13148
(315) 568-5163
264 campsites

Green Lakes State Park

7900 Green Lakes Road
Fayetteville, NY 13066
(315) 637-6111
142 campsites

Many other public campgrounds near the canals are operated by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Check parks.ny.gov for a searchable listing.

Additional private campgrounds directly on the canal system are mentioned in the mile-to-mile site listings of this book.

CANALWAY CORRIDOR TOURISM OFFICES

ALBANY COUNTY
Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau (ACCVB)
 25 Quackenbush Square
 Albany, NY 12207
 (518) 434-1217
 albany.org

CAYUGA COUNTY
Cayuga County Office of Tourism
 131 Genesee Street
 Auburn, NY 13021
 (800) 499-9615
 tourcayuga.com

ERIE COUNTY
Visit Buffalo Niagara
 Visitor Center
 Brisbane Building
 403 Main Street (corner of Washington and Clinton Streets)
 Buffalo, NY 14203
 (800) 283-3256
 visitbuffaloniagara.com

HERKIMER COUNTY
Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce
 420 East German Street
 Herkimer, NY 13350
 (877) 984-4636
 herkimercountychamber.com

MADISON COUNTY
Madison County Tourism, Inc.
 PO Box 1029
 Route 20 Brooks Hall
 Morrisville, NY 13408
 (800) 684-7320
 madisontourism.com

MONROE COUNTY
Visit Rochester
 45 East Avenue, Suite 400
 Rochester, NY 14604
 (800) 677-7282
 visitrochester.com

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
Montgomery County Tourism
 1166 Riverfront Center
 Amsterdam, NY 12010
 (800) 743-7337
 visitmontgomerycountyny.com

NIAGARA COUNTY
Destination Niagara USA
 10 Rainbow Boulevard
 Niagara Falls, NY 14303
 (877) FALLS-US
 niagarafallsusa.com

Lockport Visitor Center
 24 Church Street
 Lockport, NY 14094
 (716) 439-0431
 discoverlockport.com

ONEIDA COUNTY
Oneida County Tourism
 PO Box 551
 Utica, NY 13503
 (800) 426-3132
 oneidacountytourism.com

ONONDAGA COUNTY
Visit Syracuse
 115 West Fayette Street
 Syracuse, NY 13202
 (800) 234-4797
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GETTING TO THE CANALS

The NYS Canal System is easily accessible within a few hours’ drive from these major cities:

- From New York City and Boston:** The eastern part of the canal corridor is just a three-hour drive north of New York City and a three-hour drive west from Boston.
- Niagara Falls and Toronto:** The western part of the canal corridor is a 30-minute drive from Niagara Falls and a two-hour drive from Toronto.
- Montreal:** The northeastern end of the canal corridor is a three-hour drive south from Montreal.

BY AIR: Major airports within the Canal Corridor include:

- Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BUF)
- Greater Rochester International Airport (ROC)
- Syracuse Hancock International Airport (SYR)
- Albany International Airport (ALB)

BY CAR: 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.

BY RAIL: Amtrak provides passenger rail service through the Canalway Corridor with several trains each day. The Maple Leaf Line provides daily east-west service, with stops in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Rome, Utica, Schenectady, and Albany. The Adirondack Line provides daily service along the Champlain Canal, with stops in Fort Edward and Whitehall.

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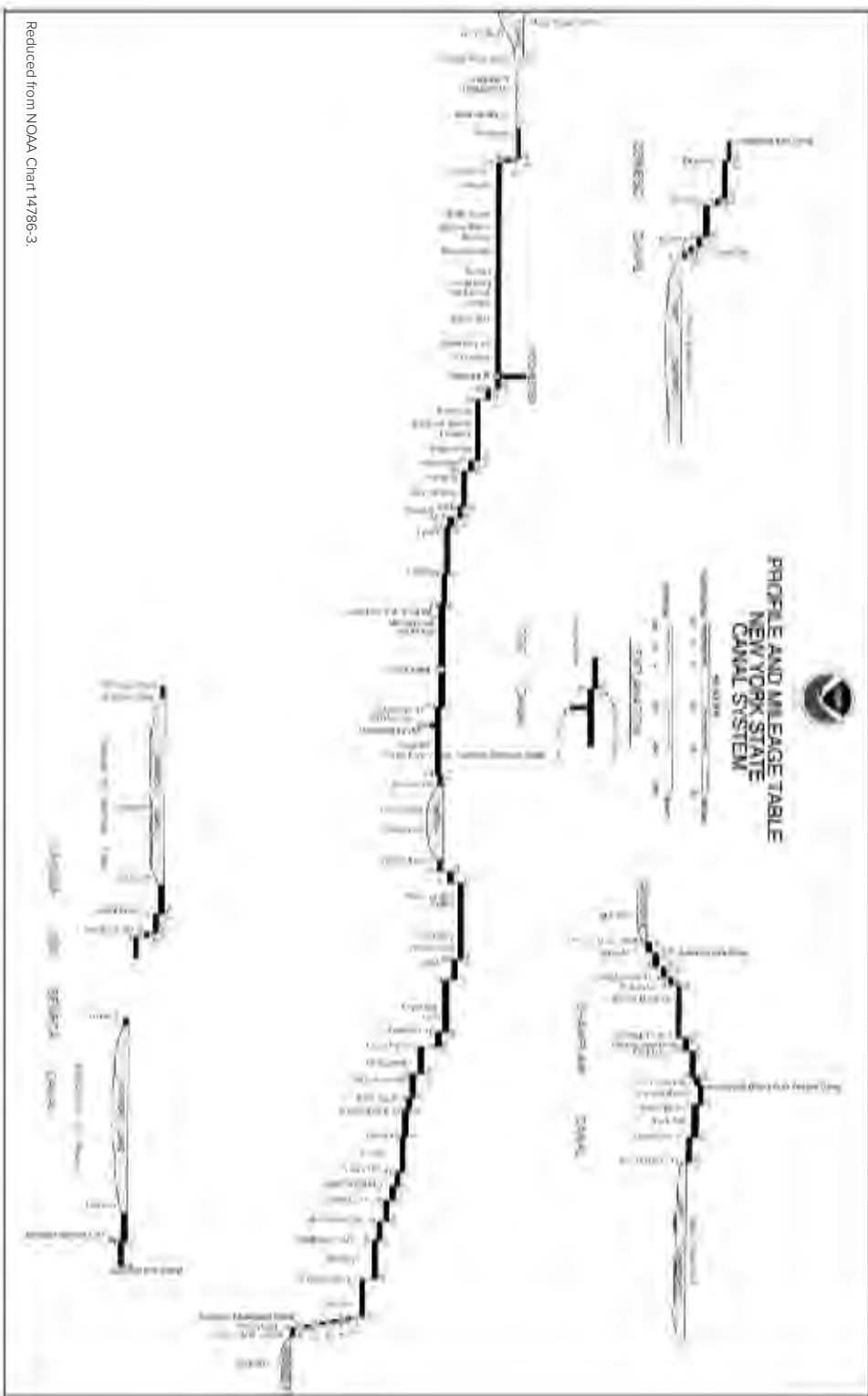
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