



## 2019 Erie Canalway Festivals, Events, and Concert Series

Events listed are sponsored in part by the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and New York State Canal Corporation.

### **Low Bridge, High Water**

5/16 - 5/18, Village of Brockport, multiple locations

[www.brockportny.org](http://www.brockportny.org)

Join the 7th annual "Low Bridge, High Water" Festival, a three-day signature event and Village tradition to cheer the opening of the canal to boat traffic. The festival includes canal-inspired art, recreational activities, live music, food and beverages.

### **Erie Canal Half Marathon, 5K and Relay**

5/19, Adirondack Bank Center, Utica

[www.eriecanalhalf.com](http://www.eriecanalhalf.com)

Enjoy the beauty of the Erie Canal while running (or cheering) the Erie Canal Half, an event organized by the Boilermaker Road Race. Half marathon, 5K, relay, and kids races available; sign up and earn your Canalway Challenge miles!

### **Celebrate Commemorate Memorial Day**

5/23 - 5/30, Oak Island, Waterloo

[www.waterloony.com](http://www.waterloony.com)

Visit historic Waterloo, NY, the Official Birthplace of Memorial Day, and experience the Civil War Living History Encampment along the banks of the Cayuga-Seneca Canal! Other activities include guided walking tours and canal boat rides.

### **Canoe/Kayak Race & Family Recreational Paddle**

6/1, Feeder Dam, Queensbury

[www.feedercanal.org](http://www.feedercanal.org)

Grab your canoe or kayak and paddle the almost-200-year-old Glens Falls Feeder Canal. Join the race or enjoy a leisurely paddle with your family along this five mile long recreational waterway.

### **Hudson Crossing Triathlon**

6/9, Hudson Crossing Park, Schuylerville

[www.hudsoncrossingtri.com](http://www.hudsoncrossingtri.com)

Are you up for the challenge? Athletes of all levels and ages are invited to take part in this sprint distance triathlon in and along the beautiful Champlain Canal. Count your miles toward your Canalway Challenge goal.

### **Heritage Weekend at Historic Palmyra**

6/14 - 6/15, Historic Palmyra Museums, Palmyra

[www.historicpalmyra.com](http://www.historicpalmyra.com)

Learn more about the Erie Canal's rich heritage by exploring five museums in Palmyra and watching demonstrations of life in the 1820s. This event is part of New York's Path through History Weekend.

### **Boat Float Bash**

6/15, Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum, Chittenango

[www.chittenangoland.org/boatfloat](http://www.chittenangoland.org/boatfloat)

Join us at this Canalway Challenge kickoff event and celebrate everything the Old Erie Canal has to offer! Whether you paddle, bike, or hike, the Boat Float Bash has something for you including music, food, blacksmith demonstrations, and of course the Boat Float!

### **Erie Canal Family Fun Day**

6/15, Macedon Canal Park at Lock 30, Macedon

<http://macedonrec.wixsite.com/macrec>

Celebrate Macedon's Erie Canal heritage at Lock 30! This event is fun for all ages, with historic displays, trail and boat tours, live music, and a host of family games and activities.

### **Adaptive Paddling Extravaganza**

6/28 - 6/29, Erie Canal Boat Company, Lockport

[www.rochesteraccessibleadventures.org/events](http://www.rochesteraccessibleadventures.org/events)

Enjoy a free two-day paddling event at the new Erie Canal Boat Company location at Wide Waters Marina in Lockport, NY. Explore and try adaptive and standard equipment options and discover the joy of kayaking on the historic Erie Canal!

### **Music on the Erie**

6/28 - 8/23, T. Spencer Knight Park, Newark

[www.newarknychamber.org/events-2/music-on-the-erie-concert-series](http://www.newarknychamber.org/events-2/music-on-the-erie-concert-series)

The Erie Canal is the perfect backdrop for the Music on the Erie concert series. All are invited to come and enjoy free live music every Friday evening this summer.

### **Tall Ships**

7/4 - 7/7, Canalside Buffalo, Buffalo

[www.portofcallbuffalo.org](http://www.portofcallbuffalo.org)

For the first time ever, Buffalo is a port of call for these historic tall ships. There will be four days of family activities, live entertainment, historical exhibits, and the opportunity to board the ships.

### **Canal Day**

7/6, Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, Fort Hunter

<https://www.facebook.com/Schoharie-Crossing-State-Historic-Site-176549742399508/>

Schoharie Crossing Canal Day is a lively community festival celebrating the history of the Erie Canal with cycling and kayaking, live music, as well as demonstrations and activities from a variety of vendors. This is a great event for earning Canalway Challenge miles, especially with kids.

### **Cycle the Erie Canal**

7/7 - 7/14, Corridor-wide

<https://www.ptny.org/cycle-the-erie-canal/annual-bike-tour>

Join more than 600 riders of all ages for this 8-day, 400-mile bike tour across New York State, an unforgettable way to experience the Erie Canal. 4-day and 2-day options available.

### **Erie Canal Night**

7/10, Riverlink Park, Amsterdam

[www.facebook.com/riverlinkconcerts](http://www.facebook.com/riverlinkconcerts)

Enjoy an evening of entertainment and live music by the Piggly Wigglyes overlooking the Mohawk River/Erie Canal.

### **15 Miles on the Erie Canal**

7/11 - 8/8, Montgomery County, multiple locations

[www.arkellmuseum.org](http://www.arkellmuseum.org)

Spend your Thursday evenings this summer exploring the history, culture, and natural beauty of the Mohawk Valley by kayak. Participate in all five events and rack up 15 miles for the Canalway Challenge.

### **CanalFest at Mabee Farm**

7/13, Mabee Farm Historic Site, Rotterdam Junction

[www.schenectadyhistorical.org/festivals](http://www.schenectadyhistorical.org/festivals)

Enjoy a day of free family activities that celebrate the Erie Canal! The festivities include live music, animals, boat rides, food and craft beer, and tours of the historic Mabee house.

### **Erie Canal Heritage Connection**

7/27, Macedon Canal Park at Lock 30, Macedon

[www.macedonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.macedonpubliclibrary.org)

Spend the day at Lock 30 exploring and discovering life along the Erie Canal in the 1800s. Entertainment includes interactive presentations, a performance by Fiddlers of the Genesee, and a 19th century fashion show.

### **CanalFest 2019**

8/2 - 8/4, Bellamy Harbor Park, Rome

[www.romerotary.com](http://www.romerotary.com)

Join three days of exciting activities celebrating the Erie Canal. The event includes vendors, live music, the 'anything but a boat' race, a water ski show, a fishing contest, and fireworks.

### **Albion's 6th Annual Rock-The-Park Festival**

8/3, Bullard Park, Albion

[www.villageofalbionny.com/Home/category/community-events-2](http://www.villageofalbionny.com/Home/category/community-events-2)

Celebrate the Village of Albion's canal town heritage with food, artisans, live music, and canal history learning opportunities.

### **32nd Annual Little Falls Canal Celebration**

8/5 - 8/11, Little Falls

[www.canalcelebration.com](http://www.canalcelebration.com)

Celebrate Little Falls heritage with a week of recreational, educational and creative programs for the whole family.

**Canal Fest**

8/9 - 8/11, Lakefront Park, Sylvan Beach

[www.sylvanbeachny.com](http://www.sylvanbeachny.com)

Celebrate the Erie Canal on the shores of Oneida Lake at this exciting family-friendly event. The three day festival includes circus performances, fireworks, a water ski show, and a historical presentation.

**Towpath Day, The Legacy of the Erie Canal**

8/10, Camillus Erie Canal Park, Camillus

[www.eriecanalcamillus.com](http://www.eriecanalcamillus.com)

Celebrate the legacy of the Erie Canal with a day filled with family friendly activities, demonstrations, dance, dramatization and great music that represent the 1800s canal era. Sign up for the Mule Skinner 5K Walk/Run Race and earn Canalway Challenge miles.

**15th Annual Cardboard Boat Race**

8/10, Fort Hardy Beach, Schuylerville

[www.hudsoncrossingpark.org](http://www.hudsoncrossingpark.org)

Enjoy a fun-filled and exciting day on the shores of the Champlain Canal building and racing a cardboard boat. Or stay dry on shore, cheer on your favorite boats, and enjoy live music and displays.

**Tugboat Roundup**

9/6 - 9/8, Waterford Harbor, Waterford

[www.tugboatroundup.com](http://www.tugboatroundup.com)

Tugboat Roundup is a three day gathering and celebration of tugboats! The festival includes music, boat rides, vendors, fireworks, and more!

**9th Annual Kayaking 4 Meso**

9/7, Waterford

[www.kayaking4meso.org](http://www.kayaking4meso.org)

Enjoy a fun 8-mile paddle through the Waterford Flight and into the Champlain Canal. Proceeds go to the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation.

**Old Timers Fair**

9/14, The Cobblestone National Historic Landmark District, Albion

[www.cobblestonemuseum.org](http://www.cobblestonemuseum.org)

The Cobblestone Museum will come alive with artisan demonstrations and reenactors recreating life in 19th century Orleans County.

**Locktoberfest 2019**

10/5, Bellamy Harbor Park, Rome

[www.romenewyork.com](http://www.romenewyork.com)

Locktoberfest at Bellamy Harbor Park is the destination for music, art, and local CNY food and beverages set alongside the beautiful Erie Canal.

**Erie Canal Music and Stories**

10/12, Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village Museum, Amherst

[www.bnhv.org/events](http://www.bnhv.org/events)

Celebrate the bicentennial period with tales and music of the Erie Canal performed by Dave Ruch.

**Mohawk Towpath Byway Duathlon**

10/20, Riverview Orchards, Rexford

[www.mohawktowpath.org/duathlon](http://www.mohawktowpath.org/duathlon)

Run two miles, bike 17 miles, then run another two miles through beautiful fall foliage, then enjoy a barbecue dinner. Participate in the race as an individual or team and track your Canalway Challenge miles, or join the cheering section!

**3rd Annual Erie Canal Run**

10/26, Sullivan Parks and Recreation Building, Chittenango

[www.eriecanalrun.com](http://www.eriecanalrun.com)

Dress up and hit the Canalway Trail for the Erie Canal Towpath 15-mile and 5K runs. This scenic run will take you along the towpath of the Old Erie Canal. Don't forget to track your miles for the Canalway Challenge!