

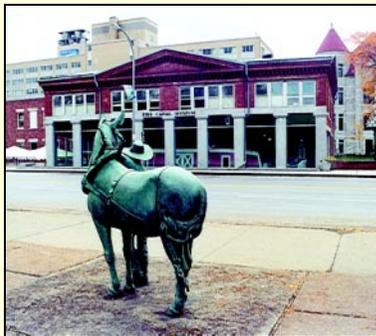
# Canalway Trail and Area Trail Network

The New York State Canal Corporation is developing a hiking and biking trail across New York State. In most of the State, the trail route runs parallel to the waterway. However, in the Central New York Region, the Canalway Trail diverges significantly from the Canal System route as a result of changes in 1918. Within Onondaga County, the Erie Canal was shifted northward to utilize Oneida Lake, Oneida and Seneca Rivers and Cross Lake. Approximately half of the Canalway Trail has been completed and funding is anticipated for completing the Trail in the next five years.



Baldwinsville, N.Y.

The Canalway Trail within Onondaga County has been identified as one of the most difficult to complete, yet also one of the most important sections because the Trail will pass through Downtown Syracuse, the largest urban area directly on the Trail, and will be adjacent to the Erie Canal Museum & Weighlock Building.



Erie Canal Museum, Syracuse, N.Y.

In western Onondaga County, the Trail passes through the Village of Jordan, where there are historic canal sites, including the remains of a lock from 1862 and old

canal stonework sites. The Trail has been established in Camillus and passes through the Erie Canal Park, parts of which are navigable for small boats. The Park extends from the Van Buren town line along the Old Erie Canal to NYS Route 173 near the hamlet of Amboy. There are three canal heritage sites in Camillus: Sims Store, Lock Tender's Shanty Museum, and the Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct. The Trail continues east and currently ends near the settling beds of Allied/Honeywell in the Towns of Camillus and Geddes at NYS Route 173.



9 Mile Creek Aqueduct

The proposed Trail route starts at NYS Route 173 and proceeds along the settling beds to the Town of Geddes, connecting to about a three-fourths of a mile section of the Old Erie Canal parallel to Belle Isle Road. The proposed Trail route proceeds through the Village of Solway along Bridge Street past the New York State Fair-Grounds, and links with the Onondaga Lake Loop Trail (West Shore Trail), which Onondaga County is currently in the process of developing.



Onondaga Creekwalk

The Loop Trail links to the Onondaga Creekwalk being developed by the City of Syracuse, which will extend to Armory Square in Downtown Syracuse. The Canalway Trail

route leaves the Creekwalk at Water Street and continues eastward through Clinton Square and Hanover Square, past the Erie Canal Museum and Weighlock Building, all of which are canal heritage sites. The proposed route passes over Niagara Mohawk property between Erie Boulevard East and Interstate 690, to Bridge Street in the Town of DeWitt.



Canalway Trail, DeWitt, N.Y.

The Town of DeWitt is implementing its portion of the Canalway Trail, beginning at the Home Depot site and passing near such canal heritage sites as the DeWitt Widewaters and the Butternut Creek aqueduct at the entry to the Erie Canal State Park. The Park passes through the Towns of DeWitt and Manlius to the City of Rome and contains the longest continuous section of the Canalway Trail in Onondaga County. Green Lakes State Park is located adjacent to the Canalway Trail to the east of the Village of Fayetteville.

The Canalway Trail will form a central spine with links throughout Onondaga County. In addition, other trails or bicycle routes have been proposed and will be reviewed as part of the area's bicycle and pedestrian plan, a project being conducted by the SMTC.



Bicycle Facilities along the Creekwalk