



2017 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

5/11-5/13, Village of Brockport, multiple locations

www.brockportny.org

Kick off the annual opening of the Canal, the Erie Canal Bicentennial, and the heritage, arts, and recreational assets that the Canal offers in one of the most charming villages along the Western Erie Canal.

Pedal - Paddle - Run

5/13, Aqueduct Park, Niskayuna

www.schenectadycounty.com/specialevents

Get ready, set, and sign-up for "Not Your Typical" Triathlon-- a unique race comprised of a 7-mile bike, 2-mile kayak or canoe, and a 5K run that makes this a one-of-a-kind experience. Sign up as a team or an individual. The goal is to promote healthy living while showcasing the accessibility and beauty of the Erie Canalway Trail.

Erie Canal Family Fun Day

5/20, Macedon Canal Park at Lock 30, Macedon

www.macedontown.net/recreation

3pm - 7pm: Come and enjoy face painting, family games, food and refreshments, live music, canal trail tours, a bounce house, local clubs and businesses, and historic tours on a canal boat featuring Lock 30. Learn about the formation and heritage of the Erie Canal through fun and interactive activities!

Celebrate Commemorate Memorial Day

5/25-5/30, Oak Island, Lafayette Park, Lock 4 Cayuga-Seneca Canal, Waterloo

www.waterloony.com

Visit historic Waterloo, NY, the Official Birthplace of Memorial Day and experience the Civil War Living History along the banks of the Cayuga-Seneca Canal! Partake in the many family friendly activities featuring concerts, arts & crafts, and plein air art demonstrations.

Canal Bicentennial: 200 Years of Memories Made with Great "Pals" on the Erie Canal

6/9, Amsterdam Riverlink Park and Mohawk Valley Gateway Overlook Pedestrian Bridge

www.amsterdamrecreation.com/rec-events.html

Enjoy music, water shows, kayaking, painting, fishing contest, canal trivia, food & drink specials, and fireworks as the City of Amsterdam celebrates the Erie Canal Bicentennial.

Erie Canal Adaptive Paddling and Cycling Extravaganza!

6/10-6/11, Erie Canal Boat Company, Fairport

www.rochesteraccessibleadventures.org/events

Explore inclusive adaptive cycling and kayaking on the Erie Canal during the two-day APACC Extravaganza! Complete with adaptive paddling and cycling clinics, community vendors, and more-- provided by trained staff and volunteers to connect people with disabilities and their family and friends with the fantastic experience of kayaking and cycling along the Erie Canal!

Bicentennial Bash: Fish, Float and Forge at the Landing

6/17, Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum, Chittenango

www.chittenangoland.com/events

Fishing Derby for kids. Build and race wooden model boats. Blacksmith demonstrations. Paddle, explore the Historic Erie shipwrecks, bring a canoe or kayak for drone photo of paddlers' flotilla. Water exhibits. Local food, music, bike rentals.

Village of Palatine Bridge 150th Birthday Celebration

6/17, Village of Palatine Bridge

The Village of Palatine Bridge celebrates 150 years as an incorporated village with an Annual Recyclable Regatta, Rubber Duck Derby, Bake-off, car show, music, and more.

Music on the Erie

6/23-9/1, Fridays 6pm-8pm, T. Spencer Knight Park, Newark

Enjoy the 2017 Music on the Erie Summer Series of free live music along the picturesque Erie Canal every Friday evening June 23rd-September 1, 6-8pm; sponsored by the Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce. Boaters and cyclists welcome!

100th Anniversary of the Three Sisters Light Houses

7/2, Lighthouse Park County Route 37, Brewerton

www.hastingsny.org

The Three Sisters-- light houses built at Brewerton, Frenchman's Island, and Verona Beach-- were built in 1917 along the Barge Canal and Oneida Lake to help with commerce and tourism. Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the light houses with canal boat rides, kayak paddles, and entertainment.

Water Music

7/2-7/8, Multiple Communities

www.albanysymphony.com/watermusicnewyork

The Albany Symphony is excited to launch Water Music NY, a cross-regional musical journey to celebrate, and connect the spirit embodied in the storied communities along the Erie Canal. Seven canal communities will present free waterfront performances celebrating the canal's unique history and heritage: Albany, Schenectady, Amsterdam, Little Falls, Baldwinsville, Brockport, Lockport.

CanalFest: Celebrating NYS Canal System Bicentennial

7/7-7/9, Seneca Falls Canal Harbor, Cowing St, Seneca Falls

www.senecafalls.com/canalfest

Come celebrate the wonder and beauty of the Cayuga-Seneca Canal with three days of fun on the water. The event includes vendors, music, Aquacade, Duck Races, and glass blowing demonstrations on the Corning Museum Glass Barge, which will be moored canal-side for the entire festival.

Canal Days

7/8-7/9, Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, Fort Hunter

www.facebook.com/schoharie-crossing-state-historic-site

Community festival celebrating the history of the Erie Canal with music, demonstrations, wagon rides, food, crafts, magic, games and a special juried art show featuring the Erie Canal.

Cycle the Erie Canal

7/9-7/16

Buffalo to Albany

www.ptny.org

500 riders, 400 miles, 8-days of adventure and fun along the Erie Canal. Join the ride or the cheering section! Organized by Parks & Trails New York.

CanalFest at Mabee Farm

7/15, Mabee Farm Historic Site, Rotterdam Junction

www.schenectadyhistorical.org/canalfest

Celebrate the Erie Canal with fun activities for the whole family, including music, crafts and games, tours, blacksmithing and cooking demonstrations, ice cream, and much more!

Bicentennial Celebration with Stories and Songs

7/18, H.G. Hotchkiss Peppermint Museum, Lyons

www.lyonsheritagesociety.com

Celebrate the Bicentennial of the Erie Canal and the NYS Women's Suffrage Centennial during VoteTilla. The tour stop in Lyons includes a visit to the H.G. Hotchkiss Peppermint Museum, where songs and stories will be performed by Dave Ruch. Sponsored by Lyons Heritage Society, in partnership with the Susan B. Anthony House.

Erie Canal Bicentennial Celebration

7/22, Bellamy Harbor Park, Rome

www.romenewyork.com

Celebrate the Bicentennial of the Erie Canal in the place where the first shovel of dirt was turned to construct the waterway. This event will kick off with a reenactment ceremony followed by a day-long festival with entertainment, food, and fireworks.

Bicentennial Canal Theatre Project: The Telling of the Story of the Construction of the Oswego and Erie Canal

8/4-8/6 and 8/11-8/13, West Linear Park Veteran's Waterfront Amphitheater, Oswego

www.oswegony.org/explore/community-events-calendar

Come one and all to Clinton's Ditch: The Story of the Building of the Erie Canal, an entertaining and educational production chronicling the creation of the canal from the moment it was conceived in the mind of a jailed debtor to its dramatic completion.

30th Annual Little Falls Canal Celebration

8/7-8/13, City of Little Falls

www.LittleFallsNY.com

Explore Little Fall's beautiful waterway, historic landmarks, geological wonders, attractions, businesses, services and opportunities. Events include canoe/kayak fun paddle and river tour, fishing derbies, historic walks, foot race, arts & crafts, farmers market, car show, grande parade, fireworks, ethnic food, live entertainment and local vendors.

Happy Birthday Bash

8/9-8/10, Village of Medina - Canal Basin

Join the fun at this two-day festival celebrating the Bicentennial of the building of the Erie Canal and the 185th birthday of the Village of Medina. Tour canal schooner Lois McClure and enjoy live music, storytelling, artisan displays, farmers market, chicken BBQ, and a Big Birthday Bash, including a cake and lemonade for all.

13th Annual Cardboard Boat Race

8/12, Fort Hardy Park, Schuylerville

www.hudsoncrossingpark.org

Individuals, families and other groups design, build and race boats across the Hudson River/Champlain for a lively day of fun on the water. Live music, environmental and historical education, and food prepared by area restaurants will round out the day.

Towpath Day: A Voyage Through 200 Years of Erie Canal History

8/12, Camillus Erie Canal Park, Camillus

www.eriecanalcamillus.com

Celebrate the legacy of the Erie Canal and enjoy a day filled with family orientated activities, demonstrations, dance, dramatization and great music that represent the 1800s canal era. Take a boat ride on the old Erie Canal across the restored Nine-Mile Creek Aqueduct.

Lockapalooza 2017

8/19, Lock 32 Whitewater Park, Pittsford

www.lock32.com

Watch paddlers from around the region compete in whitewater kayaking events including whitewater slalom, boatercross, a playboating rodeo and various skills competitions. Held at the Lock 32 Whitewater Park, built in 1996 using an Erie Canal spillway to create a Class 2-3 paddling facility which offers controllable water levels for more than 100 days a year. Guided tours of the park offered; event is free for spectators. There is a nominal entry fee for competitors.

Celebrate Our Canals

8/27, Hudson Falls

www.feeder canal.org

Enjoy a day-long series of events including hands-on activities, interpretive walks, speakers and demonstrations about canal history, birding, environment and recreation. Visit a boat basin, the Five Combination Locks, and the Field School at the Historic Coal Silos. Sponsored by the Feeder Canal Alliance and the Chapman Historical Museum.

St. Johnsville Fall Celebration of the Erie Canal

9/9, St. Johnsville Marina, St. Johnsville

www.stjcoc.com

Relax and enjoy St. Johnsville at its finest, with over 50 talented artisans, live music, and guided tours of historic Erie Canal Lock 33.

Tugboat Roundup

9/8-9/10, Waterford Harbor at Lock 2, Waterford

www.tugboatroundup.com

One weekend each year Waterford's historic waterfront is transformed back into a rendering of its commercial heyday with prominent tugboats and demonstrations to educate and promote the New York State Waterways and canal system. Tours of vessels, demonstrations, vendors and entertainment...not to be missed!

Summers End Event

9/16, Ames Museum, Village of Ames

www.amesmuseum.weebly.com

Usher in the fall season in the bucolic Village of Ames in the Mohawk River Valley with vendors, crafters, and re-enactors sharing their expertise to bring the rich history of this part of the Erie Canalway to life. A 5K race and tours of the museum round out the day.