

# **Life in the Past Lane: History Along the Highways of NYS**

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These websites are current as of August 14, 2020. However, due to safety concerns and potential for limited hours, we urge you to check the website for operating status and/or call ahead to be certain the attraction or park you wish to visit is open for visitors.

## **Historical Sites, Carousels, and Points of Interest - in order of appearance**

**Shaker Heritage Society**, Watervliet

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

**Willard Memorial Chapel**, Auburn

<http://www.willard-chapel.org>

**Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum**, North Tonawanda

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

**The New York State Museum**, Albany

[www.nysm.nysed.gov](http://www.nysm.nysed.gov). Besides the 100+ year-old carousel, the Museum has a major exhibit about the Erie Canal.

**Bear Mountain State Park Carousel**, Rockland County

<http://nysparks.com/parks/13/details.aspx>

**Adirondack Carousel**, William Morris Park, by the Saranac Lake Train Depot, Saranac Lake

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

**Empire State Carousel, The Farmers' Museum**, Cooperstown. [www.farmersmuseum.org](http://www.farmersmuseum.org)

**Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor**

[www.eriecanalway.org](http://www.eriecanalway.org) and <http://www.nps.gov/erie>

Offers a series of print pamphlets called "Find Your Park" by region, including Western Erie Region (includes Lewiston, Niagara Falls, Lockport), Finger Lakes Region (focusing on Seneca Falls), and Central New York (Syracuse, Chittenango, Camillus, Port Byron).

**Erie Macedon Landing**

<https://eriecanaladventures.com/> for information on renting a canalboat.

1125 Marina Parkway, Macedon NY 14502. (315) 986-3011

**Erie Canal Museum**, Syracuse

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

**Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum**

<http://chittenangolandng.com>

### **NYS Canal Corporation**

[www.canals.ny.gov](http://www.canals.ny.gov)

Publishes Canalway Trail Times, news from New York's Canalway Trail System, and maps of the Canalway Trail system that stretches from Albany to Buffalo.

### **Parks & Trails New York**

[www.ptny.org](http://www.ptny.org) and [www.CycleTheErieCanal.com](http://www.CycleTheErieCanal.com)

### **Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site**

[www.friendsofschohariecrossing.blogspot.com](http://www.friendsofschohariecrossing.blogspot.com) and <https://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/27/details.aspx>

### **Camillus Erie Canal Park**

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

### **Great Embankment Park, Pittsford**

[http://townofpittsford.org/parks\\_and\\_trails](http://townofpittsford.org/parks_and_trails)

### **Lockport Locks and Erie Canal Cruises, Lockport**

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

### **Lake Champlain Maritime Museum**

<https://www.lcmm.org/visit/lois-mcclure>

The schooner Lois McClure is a full-scale replica of an 1862-class sailing canal boat.

### **Women's Rights National Historical Park, 136 Fall Street, Seneca Falls. [www.nps.gov/wori](http://www.nps.gov/wori)**

### **Elizabeth Cady Stanton House**

<https://www.nps.gov/wori/learn/historyculture/elizabeth-cady-stanton-house.htm>

### **The National Susan B. Anthony Museum & House, Rochester**

<https://susanb.org/>

### **Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site**

<http://www.nps.gov/elro>

[https://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/presidents/eleanor\\_roosevelt\\_valkill.html](https://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/presidents/eleanor_roosevelt_valkill.html)

54 Valkill Park Road, Hyde Park, NY

Open 7 days per week. **Important tip:** call ahead to reserve space in the tours which fill quickly. November – April, tours only at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

### **Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Hyde Park: <https://www.nps.gov/hofr/index.htm>**

<http://www.nps.gov/frde>. Additional information: <https://fdrlibrary.org/home>

### **Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site, Buffalo**

[www.trsite.org](http://www.trsite.org) or <http://www.nps.gov/thri>

**Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House Complex, Buffalo**  
<http://www.martinhouse.org>

**Graycliff Estate, Derby**  
<https://experiencegraycliff.org>

**Thomas Cole National Historic Site, Catskill**  
[www.thomascole.org](http://www.thomascole.org)

**Olana State Historic Site: Frederic Church's Masterpiece, Hudson**  
<https://www.olana.org/>

**United for Libraries Literary Landmark Program:**  
[www.ala.org/united/products\\_services/literarylandmarks](http://www.ala.org/united/products_services/literarylandmarks)

### **Other Resources You May Enjoy**

I ♥ NY is the official tourism website  
[www.iloveny.com](http://www.iloveny.com)

Historic sites and upcoming events year-round. Explore the Women's History Path Through History page: <https://paththroughhistory.iloveny.com/themes/womens-rights/#.WP-AfIPyvUo>. See also the link to Canals & Transportation.

National Register of Historic Places (<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/index.htm>)  
"Discover our Shared Heritage" **travel itinerary series** based on properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places – offers historic guides to destinations around the country. Each itinerary highlights different geographic regions or important themes in American history. You can discover these historic destinations online or in person. Some examples: **Travel Where Women Made History**; Shaker Historic Trail, which includes **Watervliet Shaker Historic District** in Colonie, near the Albany International Airport.  
<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/heritagetravel/discover-our-shared-heritage.htm>

<https://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/>  
Directory of New York's historic sites.

<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org>  
The NYS Historic Newspapers project provides free online access to a wide range of newspapers chosen to reflect New York's unique history.

[www.perintonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.perintonhistoricalsociety.org). Architectural Styles Guide. Click on History > Architectural Styles. There is an online tour and a PDF of a tour booklet, "Introduction to Architectural Styles in the Village of Fairport." This project took the Historical Society's Historic Structures Committee six years to complete and includes 23 building styles.

Booking information about travelogues by Lisa Wemett and Terry Mulee is at  
<http://www.performersandprograms.com>.

We also have a Facebook page where you can find out when and where we will be presenting.  
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