18 Keuka Lake Outlet Trail
Penn Yan, NY

This historic trail follows the Keuka Outlet Stream and the abandoned Fall Brook Railroad which was built in 1884 to facilitate commerce between Keuka and Seneca Lakes. All along the Outlet Trail, signs of the former industrial age of the 1800’s and 1900’s are prevalent. Lining the trail are remnants of gristmills, sawmills, distilleries, stone canal locks and an abandoned bridge connecting the trail to the once vibrant (now extinct) town of Hopeton. Remnants of the Crooked Lake Canal, with its 27 locks, run along the north side of the outlet. The Outlet Trail maintains a rustic, wooded appeal with good bird watching areas and parklands along the dirt and asphalt route. An elevation drop of nearly 400 feet, beautiful scenery, gorgeous waterfalls and unusual plant life combine to make this an excellent hike for all enthusiasts.

Distance 7 miles
Difficulty ★

GPS Coordinates  42°66.4825  -77° 06.0364

Key: S = Start  P = Parking

Trailheads are located at the Penn Yan Boat Launch on Keuka Street in Penn Yan, also at Cherry Street bridge in Penn Yan and at Seneca Street in Dresden