



Experience all that
New York State
has to offer...

On THE CANALS

On the Canals is a year-round program of free activities along the waterways and trails of the **New York State Canal System**. Have a great time—whether it's warm and sunny, chilly and snowy or crisp and cool—with a wide variety of special outdoor fun.

Activities & Excursions

The **New York State Canal Corporation** (NYSCC) partners with selected organizations and businesses to offer popular recreational activities. Experience snowshoeing treks in Macedon, historic guided cycling tours in Schuylerville, bird watching in Montezuma, adaptive kayaking in Brockport and Rochester, boat tours and wildlife hikes on the Cayuga-Seneca Canal, and so much more, from one end of the canal to the other. There's even world-class fishing for salmon and trout in Western New York.

The New York State Canal System

The Canal waterways flow 524 miles from Buffalo—including routes up to Oswego and through the Cayuga-Seneca area—to Albany where it then reaches up to Lake Champlain. They travel through cities, towns and villages that are home to nearly 80 percent of Upstate New Yorkers and offer a wealth of iconic cultural and historic sites, quaint Main Streets, charming shops and great dining.





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Impact

The On the Canals program helps drive substantially increased tourism along the Canal waterways and trails. Excursions include expanded accessible offerings allowing individuals of all abilities the opportunity to recreate safely. The [On the Canals website](#) lists all the excursions as they become available.

History

During the summer of 2020, as many individuals and families looked to stay close to home due to the COVID-19 pandemic, NYSCC offered a series of “days-out” along the Canal to serve as localized mini-vacations. Relying on partnerships with providers across the state, the “NY Canal Staycations” program, under the auspices of the Reimagine the Canals program, promoted six hubs of Canal and trail activity, and nearby local businesses. Based on the popularity of the Staycations program, On the Canals was launched in 2021, striving to introduce the Canal to a wider audience, support local businesses and encourage new ones, and introduce new recreational activities to the Canal waterways and trails.



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