

FWD: Special Event/Club Opportunity: Parks on the Air - Erie Canal Bicentennial Celebration

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To: me, and 2 others · Tue, Apr 15 at 9:02 AM

Message Body

What a busy month planning the state-wide POTA activation of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor for the **200th Anniversary of the Erie Canal!**

It's been great hearing from so many clubs across the state that are excited to join us September 16-25, 2025! We're expecting dozens of clubs and individuals to participate, including mobile activations on the canal itself, as well as museum ships that are within the Erie Canal Heritage Corridor!

We're sending this again with a larger audience, to make sure we don't miss any clubs, and including the latest updates and attached flyer for your club newsletter:

- We've been added to the Events Page on the [Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor](#) website.
- "Hams Unite to Mark 200th Anniversary of Erie Canal" featured on [Amateur Radio Newslines Report 2472](#) for Friday, March 14, 2025 (approx. 12:50 mark). [Take a listen!](#)
- [Erie Canal Activator shirts](#) are now available featuring the historic "blue and gold" canal colors and the official POTA logo on the back and sleeve, [available from Ham Stuff Online](#).
- For those adventurous, we discovered there are many islands within the Erie Canal that potentially could be activated for both POTA and [US Islands Award Program!](#)

- 🌴 Ellicott (USI NY035R) in Erie County

🌴 Haiti (USI NY092) in Cayuga County

🌴 Lock 25 (USI NY090R) Seneca County

🌴 Lock 29 (USI NY069R) in Wayne County

🌴 Macedon Canal Park (USI NY091R) in Wayne County

🌴 Horseshoe (USI NY089R) in Onondaga County

- There are additional islands within the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor on other waterways, too. [Visit usislands.org](#) for more information.

Interested? We'd like to compile a list of participating clubs, so please reply and confirm if your club is hoping to join us, and again when you know details about your plans.

We want this to be a fun event for clubs to operate outdoors and help get new folks on the air. Individuals are also welcome to join us, but please consider inviting a friend or two to join you in the park. We love seeing posts to social media, and recommend that you include the following tags: **#ErieCanal200 #ErieCanalway #parksontheair**. Clubs may also want to share about their participation with local media, and invite the interested public to stop by for a live amateur radio demonstration!

If you or your club has any questions at all, about participating in the event, how to get started with POTA, etc., please don't hesitate to reply back and I'll help any way I can.

73,

Matt K2EAG

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The Erie Canal turns 200 in 2025! We are excited to invite you and your club to join us for a special Parks on the Air (POTA) activation of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor (POTA US-6532) in September. The event will take place during the World Canal Conference which is being hosted this year in Buffalo, New York, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the completion of the Erie Canal!

Experience the canal that transformed America and join amateur radio operators from across New York State as we activate the Heritage Corridor from September 16-25. While the World Canal Conference officially kicks off on Sunday, September 21, at Canalside in Buffalo, there are also pre-conference events across the state starting on Thursday, September 16.

We're looking for as many clubs and individuals as possible to plan POTA activations within the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor (US-6532) over the 10 days. For those activating along the canal (which is encouraged), the Empire State Trail (US-8098) is a common two-fer you may wish to include. The Heritage Corridor is a large area that also includes Cayuga and Seneca Lakes, and even north of Albany, so regardless of where you are in the state, there are a lot of eligible locations and possible n-fers (activating from multiple POTA entities at once).

We invite all surrounding amateur radio clubs and individual operators to join us in promoting Amateur Radio and Parks on the Air, as we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Erie Canal! Clubs are encouraged to make this event their own, engaging members and newer hams to participate, possibly creating a custom QSL card, and promoting their activity across social media.

73,

Matt K2EAG, Angela N3ARB and Mike N2MAK

Note: This event is not sponsored by Parks on The Air or the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. If you are new to POTA, or club activations, be sure to check out the resources below:

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Parks on the Air (POTA)

<https://parksonthair.com>

Ham Stuff Online (Erie Canal POTA Activator shirts)

<https://hamstuffonline.com/collections/parks-on-the-air/products/unisex-classic-tee-1>

Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor (US-6532)

<https://eriecanalway.org>

Erie Canalway Trail / Empire State Trail (US-8098)

<https://empiretrail.ny.gov>

World Canal Conference

<https://wcc2025buffalo.com>

Parks on the Air Club Activation Guide

https://docs.pota.app/docs/activator_reference/activator_guide_clubs.html

Upstate New York POTA Facebook Group (Unofficial)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1207733937203773/>

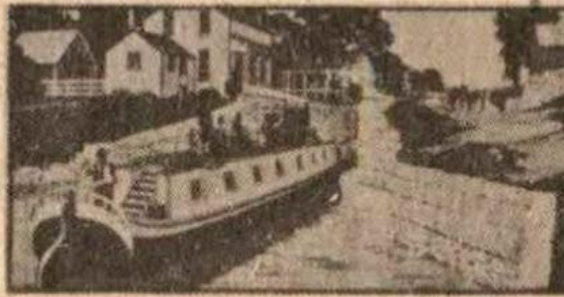
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ROCHESTER, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1825

ERIE CANAL OPENED

LINKS LAKES AND ATLANTIC

The 350-mile long Erie Canal from Albany to Buffalo was opened today. Built at a cost of \$7,000,000, it connects the Hudson River with Lake Erie, making it possible to travel from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean. An elaborate cele-



On the Erie Canal

bration was held as the first boat, the *Seneca Chief*, sailed down the canal from Buffalo to New York City.

NOTABLES ON FIRST TRIP

De Witt Clinton was among the many notables who made the first gala trip to New York, where Mr. Clinton emptied a barrel of Lake Erie water into the Atlantic. The canal is expected to aid commerce and industry.

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Join radio clubs across the state, activating throughout the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor (US-6532)