



ERIE CANAL TRAIL  
WILLIAM HILLCOURT MUSEUM  
LONGHOUSE COUNCIL, BSA



JOIN US AT THE ERIE CANAL MUSEUM ON ERIE BLVD

SATURDAY, JUNE 18 AT 10:00 AM

HISTORIC WALKING TOUR OF DOWNTOWN AT 11:00

MUSEUM ADMISSION: FREE, donations appreciated

FREE PARKING ACROSS THE STREET

BE ONE OF THE FIRST TO EARN THIS NEW TRAIL MEDAL

PATCHES AND HIKING STAFF MEDALLIONS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE FOR SALE.

REQUIREMENT HANDOUTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE



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THE 15  
CANAL  
QUALIFY



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MILES ON THE  
WILL ALSO  
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Canalway Challenge and earn a certificate, patch, magnet  
and sticker.

Erie Canal Historic Trail Medal, Patch and Hiking Medallion

Camping along the Erie Canal System: Information is available at  
<https://www.canals.ny.gov/trails/camping.html>

Requirements: for the Erie Canal Trail Medal: The patch and hiking medallion are  
available as souvenir purchases.

1: With your Troop or Patrol, plan to traverse at least 15 miles of the Erie Canal  
either by hiking, by bike, by boat, canoe or Kayak or a combination of each mode of  
transport. Keep a record of historic markers and locks that you pass. 15 miles to  
hike was chosen as it aligns with the Erie Canal Song and also with the Erie  
Canalway Challenge: Chec it out at:  
<https://eriecanalway.org/explore/challenge>.

2: Visit or pass through at least one lock. Learn about the present day traffic on the  
canal. Satisfy your leader that you understand how a lock works and why they were  
important.

3: Visit/tour the Erie Canal Museum in Syracuse or one or more of the many historic  
canal sites in the state.

4: Visit the Salt Museum in Syracuse either in person or virtually  
(<https://video.wcny.org/video/insight-insight-012717/>) at Onondaga Lake Park and  
learn how the Canal was important to the salt industry in Syracuse.

5: Discuss with your adult leader or partner the transformative effects of the Erie  
Canal on the past, present, and future of our country. If you are part of a group  
working on this award this may be a group discussion.

6: Write a report of no less than 200 words to explain what you learned about the  
canal and its historical importance as well as present day uses. Submit it to your  
unit leader for review. Optional requirement, post a video to YouTube or other  
social media of 2 minutes or more about your experience, what you learned and  
sharing shots of what you saw and did while earning the award.

7: It will be up to your unit leader to decide if you have met all of the requirements  
for this award.

The Erie Canal Trails Medal will be awarded for completion of the above  
requirements and the completion of at least a 15 mile distance along the canal.  
There is no time limit or minimum # of hikes to reach 15 miles.

**Applicants for these awards must be at least 10 years of age or in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
and not older than 18.**