

**The Canal Society of New York State  
Announces its  
\*2019 Fall Field Trip\***

**The Erie Canal - Fayetteville and the Southern Reservoirs**

Friday, November 1, 2019  
Saturday, November 2, 2019  
Sunday, November 3, 2019

**Headquarters - The Craftsman Inn**  
7300 East Genesee Street  
Fayetteville, New York 13066  
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**Program Registration** - Please fill out the enclosed form and mail it with payment to the Canal Society of New York State, c/o Craig Williams, 31 Oakleaf Drive, Stuyvesant, New York, 12173. Registrations must be received by Monday, October 28, 2019. Please make sure to provide the contact information on the registration form for updates on the program!

**Hotel Reservations** - Please promptly contact the Craftsman Inn directly for accommodations. State that you are with the Canal Society. A special room rate of \$109 is offered for this event.

**Friday, November 1, 2019**

**8:00-11:00am** *Tour of the Stickley furniture manufacturing plant and the Stickley Museum.* Why Stickley? The original L. and J. G. Stickley plant was located alongside the historic Ledyard Dyke, the 1840s power canal system in Fayetteville (see afternoon program). Perhaps as significant is the connection between Gustav Stickley and the Wiles family, long-time owners of the Midlakes Navigation Company. Society president, Dan Wiles, is the great-grandson of Gustav Stickley. Midlakes' presence on the Erie Canal has been supported by this connection (more later!). Today's Stickley is recognizing this family association by offering this special tour. **Yes, 8 AM!** The early start is so that we have the best opportunity to observe the factory in operation. Further information on exact places and times will be sent in the week prior.

**2:00-4:30 PM** *Walking tour of Fayetteville's 1840s power canal, the Ledyard Dyke.* The canal tapped Limestone Creek several miles to the south and led to the growth of a neighborhood of water-powered factories and mills. The tour will be led by Dr. Duncan Hay of the National Park Service. Dr. Hay is well-known in our canal community, especially for his recent efforts to secure National Landmark status for our Barge Canal system. Duncan grew up along the Ledyard Dyke. Some would say that his first baptism in canal history, figuratively if not literally, was in this historic power canal. Further information on exact places and times will be sent in the week prior.

**5:00-7:00 PM** *Registration at the Craftsman Inn*

**7:00-8:30 PM** *Information session.*

An illustrated preview will be provided at the Inn of the Saturday tour with special emphasis on the Canal Corporation's current work at the DeRuyter Reservoir.

**Saturday, November 2, 2019**

**8:30-5:15 PM** The Onondaga Coach bus will depart at 8:30 from the Craftsman Inn. Requests for special transportation needs can be noted on the registration form. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SATURDAY ITINERARY MAY BE ADJUSTED AND ALTERED AS NECESSARY.** Updates on the day-long bus tour will be provided as needed the week prior.



### **In the footsteps of Grover Cleveland - Walking Tour of the Fayetteville Feeder**

US President Cleveland grew up in Fayetteville and worked along the canal as a teenager. Folklore states that he would often walk the Feeder towpath to hail down boats on the Erie Canal to transport the goods of his merchant employer. There is still much to see! The Feeder starts at the remains of the diversion dam from Limestone Creek, next to the old lime kilns of Bangs and Gaynor. The Sheedy lime kilns also alongside the feeder banks will be studied along with the feeder waste weir, the Enlarged Erie Limestone Creek Aqueduct, and the remains of the Clinton's Ditch aqueduct. The walk on a well-maintained path is about two miles in total length. Leading the tour is Society trustee and retired senior historian from the New York State Museum, Craig Williams. Williams also grew up in Fayetteville, some would say specifically on the Feeder. Don't forget to enter the walk as part of the Erie Canalway Challenge! Those not accepting the "Challenge" could take a much shorter walk across Limestone Creek to the new village park.

### **Feel the Power - Ledyard Dyke**

The tour will briefly stop at Beard Park in Fayetteville to study the main reservoir of the 1840s Ledyard Dyke power canal.

### **Cazenovia Lake Disguised as a Canal Reservoir**

The Rome Summit level of the Erie Canal always needed more water. In the mid-19th century numerous reservoirs were established to supply that need, some using natural lakes such as Cazenovia and others being built from scratch such as DeRuyter. The tour will stop at the 1860s gothic-revival gatehouse at the Lake's outlet, a short distance from where the water of the Canal's Erieville Reservoir enters.

### **Lunch at the Empire Farm Brewery**

The Empire Brewery has been a great supporter of several recent canal events. Their beer was featured at the 2016 World Canal Conference in Scotland. A special luncheon buffet is being prepared. Liquid refreshments will be available as needed and within reason!

### **But Where's the Water - DeRuyter Reservoir**

Built in the early 1860s, the reservoir diverts water from the south-flowing Tioughnioga Creek into the Limestone Creek valley. Throughout the later 19th-century the reservoir was regularly and substantially tapped to supply water for the Rome Summit, entering the Erie Canal via the Fayetteville Feeder. We will have that experience and will be able to actually walk out onto the "lake" at the southern end! The reservoir was recently largely drained as part of a Canal Corporation project to provide better security to the reservoir's 1860s dam. Depending on the weather and the contractor's schedule, we may be able to learn more about that work.

### **7:00-9:30 PM Reception and Dinner at the Craftsman Inn.**

Following the dinner, Art Cohn, Director Emeritus of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, will present "Shipwrecks 101 - Discovery of Canal Boats Lost in Time." Society members might recall his presentation at a recent Society winter symposium. This evening's illustrated program updates that report with a discussion of the very (very!) remarkable finds his survey team made on Seneca Lake this past summer.

**Sunday, November 3, 2019**

### **10:00 AM - Noon Walking Tour of Green Lakes State Park.**

Who built the Erie Canal? Yes, it is a complicated story though most would agree that the glaciers were the very first workers on site! The nationally-unique lakes of Green Lakes State Park help tell that story. There is a reason that the 19th-century Erie Canal is just on the north border of Park. To learn more, join us on this walking tour of the natural history of the lake being led by the Park's environmental educator. Further information on exact place and time will be sent in the week prior.