

Discover the

Mohawk Towpath Scenic Byway



Use your cell phone to enjoy a fascinating audio tour of America's historic waterway and historic features in our communities. Learn our role in the westward expansion of the Country and in the Industrial Revolution.

Scan a unique code at any of our historic sites or dial 518-649-9990. Key in any stop number listed below and proceed in any order.

Stop 1 - Crescent Park

Discover the Historic Canal community of Crescent from a kiosk located at intersection of Canal and Vischer Ferry Rd just west of State Route 9.

Stop 2 - Dunsbach Ferry

Envision an early Mohawk River crossings. Kiosk is located on Canal Road and Clamsteam Road in the Town of Half-moon.

Stop 3 - Clute's Dry Dock

Explore an early canal boat building site. Kiosk is located south of the parking lot on Riverview Road 1/4 mile east of Male Drive.

Stop 4 - Vischer Ferry Nature & Historic Preserve

Stand on a 1862 Whipple Truss canal bridge on one of the town's earliest public Roads. This is the main entrance to the preserve. A birding trail starts just south of the bridge (listen to Stop 31).

Stop 19 - Vischer Ferry General Store

Relax and enjoy this restoration of an early Canal village general store in the heart of the Byway. Gather, stop and eat ...breakfast or lunch.

Stop 5 - Ferry Drive

Imagine life in an early canal village. Kiosk overlooks the historic ferry crossing and Mohawk River at the end of Ferry Drive.

Stop 6 - Lock 7 Dam Overlook

Survey the panoramic view of the old Erie Canal and present day Canal overlooking Lock 7 and the New York Power Authority dam.

Stop 7 - Riverview Orchards

This country store on Riverview Road is the location where mules were raised to power navigation on the Erie Canal until steam in the 1880s.

Stop 8 - Aqueduct Park

Visualize the upper aqueduct crossing. The park is located in the old Erie Canal right-of-way just west of Balltown Road.

Stop 9 - Schenectady Visitor Center

Enjoy the Byway's cultural anchor and the center of innovation inside Proctors Theatre Arcade across from the Apostrophe at 432 State Street.

Stop 10 - Freddie's Park

Fish for knowledge about the longest Erie Canal aqueduct at the fishing access at the south end of the Rt 9 Crescent Bridge over the Mohawk.

Stop 11 - Old Military Crossing

Learn of military history and water power at the NY Power Authority facility on the Cohoes Crescent Road in Colonie.

Stop 12 - Cohoes Falls

Watch the mighty Mohawk plunge 90 feet to meet the majestic Hudson at Falls View Park on North Mohawk Street in Cohoes.

Stop 18 - Waterford Historical Museum

Experience the amazing history of Waterford from its native inhabitants and earliest settlers through its growth to today. One Museum Lane.

Stop 13 - Waterford Harbor Visitor Center

On the Harbor at the entrance to the Erie Canal. This is the location of many festivals, farmers market and access to Peebles Island State Park.

Stop 14 - Flight of Locks

Observe the world's highest navigational lift by five locks along Flight Lock Road in a park like setting. Picnic tables and interpretive kiosks.

Stop 15 - Lions Park, Niskayuna

Visit the historic rail station along the Mohawk Hudson Bikeway and learn of the Troy Schenectady Railroad. Restrooms, picnic area, and more!

Stop 16 - Freedom Park, Scotia

Discover the story of this early agricultural area, the gateway to the west, and the way it developed into a bedroom community for an industrial area

Stop 17 - Historic Grooms Tavern

Get a glimpse of the past by visiting this 1825 tavern that played a large part in the history of the area. Now a community and cultural center.

We are adding more stops...

...soon including stops along Erie Boulevard, Schenectady. Consult the map at: <http://www.mohawktowpath.org/maps/#tours>

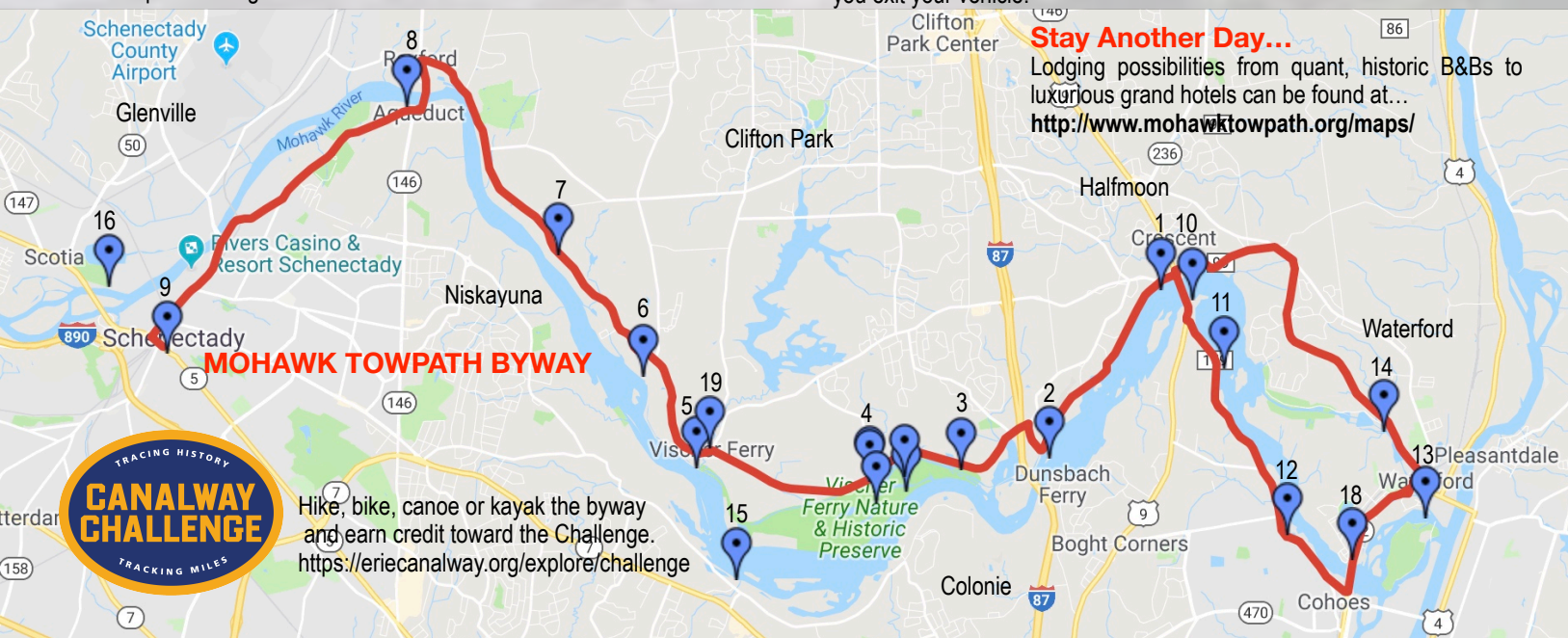
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<http://www.mohawktowpath.org/maps/>



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