

Seaway Trail Walks®

Walking Tours in Historic Communities along the Seaway Trail

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JUNE 7 thru SEPTEMBER 28

Seaway Trail Walks® are a unique way to experience the history and culture of communities along the Great Lakes Seaway Trail—one of America's Byways from Lake Erie to the St. Lawrence River.

"The tours offer visitors and residents a narrated view of local life then and now. They can easily be combined with visits to local restaurants, shops, farmers markets as well as overnight stays," says Seaway Trail, Inc. Executive Director Teresa Mitchell, who developed the program after enjoying a 'London Walks' tour while in England.

Guided tours begin in the early evening, but walkers often arrive earlier in the day to sight-see and shop, then enjoy dinner and an overnight stay in the host community.

Free summer concerts on the Erie Canal follow the North Tonawanda Walk, while the Oswego tours are paired with as the city's very popular Farmers' Market.

Seaway Trail Walks® tours are offered when the weather cooperates. Tours cost \$8 for adults; \$4 for children under 12; \$6 per person for groups of more than 15. Call individual sites for more information and to inquire about school or group reservations for times other than the days scheduled.

NORTH TONAWANDA SEAWAY TRAIL WALKS®

Wednesdays at 6 pm

June 7 to September 27, 2006

Contact: North Tonawanda History Museum

North Tonawanda, New York

716-213-0554

Each North Tonawanda Seaway Trail Walks® participant receives a packet of information about North Tonawanda historical and cultural attractions, concerts, and restaurants with a free pass to an organ concert in the Riviera Theatre and a free ride token for the historic carousel at the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum.

The Walks are hosted by the North Tonawanda History Museum and sponsored by the Landmark Society of the Niagara Frontier. The

museum presents two rotating tours of historic North Tonawanda, a significant 19th and early 20th industrial center at the juncture of the Erie Canal and Niagara River.

North Tonawanda's Historic Homes is scheduled for June 7, June 21, July 12, July 13 (at 4 pm as part of the Canal Fest of the Tonawandas), August 2, August 16, August 30, September 13, and September 27. Tour the historic mansion district and hear stories of the lumber barons, bankers, entrepreneurs and other prominent North Tonawandans and their homes.

North Tonawanda's Industrial Heritage will be offered on June 14, June 28, July 11 (special 2 pm Walk during Canal Fest of the Tonawandas), July 12, July 26, August 9, August 23, September 6, and September 20. Learn about the rich immigrant heritage of the "Lumber Capital of the World." Walk through the historic downtown Webster Street business district, an eclectic mix of restaurants, small shops and cultural attractions. Stroll along the historic Erie Canal as concerts fill the air, enjoy the rebirth of the North Tonawanda waterfront as a summertime mecca for boaters and land-lubbers alike. Pass by many historic structures and sites and through the Oliver Street historic business district, once having the most taverns on one single street in the country.



Historic North Tonawanda, once known as the Lumber Capital of the World, is home to the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum, Riviera Theatre and the annual Erie Canal Festival of the Tonawandas.

Walks begin at Project Pride Way in the historic downtown shopping district. Stay after for a free concert in Gateway Park on the Erie Canal. North Tonawanda area attractions include: Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum, Ghostlight Theatre, Carnegie Art Center, Railroad Museum of the Niagara Frontier, Partners in Art Studios, Riviera Theatre, 98-year-old Farmers' Market and Botanical Gardens.

The North Tonawanda History Museum is located at 314 Oliver Street and is open Mondays/Tuesdays 9 am to 9 pm, Thursdays 9 am to 5 pm, Fridays 9 am to 12 noon, and by appointment. Call 716-213-0554.



Double up on fun in Oswego every Thursday! First enjoy a fascinating historic walking tour, then treat yourself to good things at the Farmers Market. Fort Ontario (above) is a must-see. Photo: M. Burdette.

SEAWAY TRAIL WALKS® OSWEGO

Thursdays at 5 pm

June 8 to September 28, 2006

Richardson Bates Museum, Oswego, NY

315-343-1342

The sunsets and views of Lake Ontario from the Oswego waterfront are spectacular. The City of Oswego is home to National Register neighborhoods; the Oswego River Canal is part of the Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor. Seaway Trail Walkers here enjoy historic architecture, learn about Oswego's role in maritime and military history, and visit Underground Railroad and canal sites. Walks, sponsored by the Oswego County Historical Society, begin at 5 pm on East First Street across from the historic O&W Railroad Tunnel. Stay after the Walk to find delicious locally-grown produce, art and gifts at the local Farmers Market. If you're here the last weekend in July, you'll enjoy hundreds of free performances by national and regional artists, street entertainers, juried arts and crafts, Taste of NY wine-tasting, historic reenactments and world-class fireworks at Oswego Harborfest, a city-wide waterfront celebration. ☞

