



One of America's Byways

Seaway Trail Outdoor Recreation Fact Sheet

The Great Lakes Seaway Trail — the 504-mile byway along Lake Erie, the Niagara River, Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River— is one of America's Byways and a National Recreation Trail.

Those who enjoy the outdoors will find a knapsack full of natural fun destination ideas along the Seaway Trail below — everything from world-class sportfishing and Audubon-designated birding areas to freshwater scuba diving and dog sledding. The Seaway Trail is the golden chain that connects all the pearls listed below. Also visit www.seawaytrail.com for more travel ideas.

Birdwatching and Walking

- More than of all of New York State's Audubon-designated Important Bird Areas
- Lake Ontario Bird Festival: May, Town of Mexico
- 127 sites of natural interest in the Seaway Trail Wildguide include:
Derby Hill Bird Observatory: excellent spring & fall hawk watching; Niagara River Gorge: world-class winter gull watching; Chaumont Barrens: rare North American alvar landscape for nature walking; 2 National Wildlife Refuges, Buffalo's Tiff Nature Preserve; Sterling Nature Center; Audubon Nature Center, Jamestown

• Golfing

- Rochester LPGA Event: June Locust Hill Country Club
- PGA Nationwide Tour Lake Erie Classic: June Peek 'n Peak Resort Findley Lake

• Scuba: Dive the Seaway Trail (see also Scuba Fact Sheet)

- Thousands of shipwrecks Trailwide span two-and-a-half centuries
- Pristine freshwater diving conditions
- New York's 1st Underwater Cultural Site on Lake Ontario: David W Mills, Oswego
- Homer Warren (1873), Pultneyville — 178-foot Canadian steamship in Lake Ontario, oldest wooden straight deck bulk freighter on the Great Lakes when it foundered in 1919
- The St Peter at Pultneyville — is it haunted?
- Other sites include aircraft geological formations marine life
- Dive services Trailwide

• Winter Outdoors on the Seaway Trail

- Dog sled racing, cross-country skiing and Tug Hill Tourathon on Tug Hill, Boylston
- Snowmobiling and ice fishing Trailwide

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• **Boating**

- Antique Boat Museum (Clayton):
 - Festival of Oar Paddle & Sail • Antique Boat Show
 - Antique Raceboat Regatta
 - Boatbuilding classes for St Lawrence skiffs, kayaks, traditional wooden boats
- Buffalo River Urban Canoe Trail
- Kayaking the Black River: host of US Freestyle Kayak Association Team Trials
- Kayaking lessons with TI Adventures, Clayton
- Ride Voyageur canoe replica: Minna Anthony Common Nature Center, Wellesley Island
- Sailing from Fair Haven Bay
- Uncle Sam Boat Tours of the 1000 Islands and Boldt Castle, Alexandria Bay
- Whirlpool Jet Boat Rides (Lewiston): 65-mph ride on the Niagara River!
- Wooden Boat Festival: August, Orleans County Marine Park Kent
- Yachting on Lake Ontario with Yachting Operation Services, Henderson Harbor
- Youngstown Level Regatta: July Youngstown Yacht Club

• **World-Class Sportfishing**

- Seaway Trail waters hold NY State records for muskie; brown rainbow & lake trout; coho salmon (World Record), Atlantic salmon; pink salmon, yellow perch & smallmouth bass
- 2005 1st time in North America – World Carp Championship: June 3-10, 2005, 200+ three-person teams from South Africa, Japan, Poland, Latvia, Holland, UK, Germany, France, Canada & US. More info: 315-764-5654.
- International Junior Carp Fishing Tournament & Fishing School on St Lawrence River from Ogdensburg to Massena
- The famous Salmon River and Niagara River
- Lake Ontario's seven-county spring and fall derbies
- Fly fishing on Oak Orchard River in Orleans County
- Lake Erie's fisheries

• **Zoos & Aquaria**

- New York State Zoo at Thompson Park, Watertown: Northern NY-Adirondack species in a Frederick Law Olmsted sons-designed historic park
- Seneca Park Zoo Rochester in a Frederick Law Olmsted-designed park
- Buffalo Zoo: America's 3rd oldest zoo in a Frederick Law Olmsted-designed park
- Aqua Zoo in the 1000 Islands, Alexandria Bay
- NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation Aquarium at Fisheries Station, Cape Vincent
- Salmon River Fish Hatchery, Altmar

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