

ADOPT *a* TRAIL



Transform your passion for the outdoors by volunteering to adopt a section of the Canalway Trail! Since 2003, dedicated volunteers have played a crucial role in maintaining and beautifying New York's scenic canal trails. Funded by the New York State Canal Corporation and administered by Parks & Trails New York, this program offers a rewarding way to contribute to our vibrant community and preserve our beloved natural spaces.

Adopt-a-trail volunteers perform routine inspection and monitoring of the Corporation owned segments of trail and light maintenance activities such as, grass mowing, brush cutting, and removal of litter/fallen branches, racking, and weeding.

This regular attention helps to make the Canalway Trail a world-class recreational destination, and the volunteer opportunities that local trail work affords result in stronger communities along the Canal system.

What it means to be a trail volunteer

- Visit your adopted section(s) at least once a month between April 1 and November 30.
- Commit to 4 hours per month performing trail adopter activities, which can be shared among volunteers.
- Host a Canal Clean Sweep Event to help keep our trails pristine.
- Complete two field reports from April through November to track progress and ensure the quality of trail maintenance.

By fulfilling these responsibilities, you'll play a vital role in maintaining the beauty and accessibility of New York's scenic trails while engaging with your community.

How to adopt a segment of trail

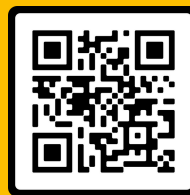
Ready to adopt a trail? Start by checking out our interactive map, where the available sections are marked in orange.

Once you submit your application and it's approved, we'll guide you through the next steps. You'll need to complete a volunteer list and have each of your team members fill out a quick registration form. Just send these documents back to us online, and we'll take care of the rest!

Sections of trail are available in the following counties: Niagara, Orleans, Monroe, Wayne, Oneida, Herkimer, Warren, Washington



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Learn more about the program and find available sections to adopt near you.

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**BECOME A NYS CANALWAY
WATER TRAIL**

VOLUNTEER STEWARD

ARE YOU A PADDLER? DO YOU LOVE THE CANALWAY? CARE ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY?

Become a Water Trail Steward and join this effort, funded by NYS Canal Corporation and administered by Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, to take care of all 450 miles of the NYS Canalway Water Trail. Together, we can ensure the Erie, Champlain, Oswego, and Cayuga-Seneca canals are beautiful for all to enjoy!



WHO CAN STEWARD?

Individuals, families, community groups, and organizations may adopt a section of the Water Trail. Volunteers must be at least 12 years old (with adult supervision).

QUESTIONS?

Contact Director of Trails and Stewardship,
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518-237-7000 x204

WHAT WILL STEWARDS DO?

Volunteers will adopt a section of approximately 10 miles of the Water Trail from May 1 – October 31, contributing about 4-6 hours a month.

Stewards will:

- Perform light maintenance
- Observe and report issues
- Act as friendly ambassadors

All Stewards are outfitted with apparel, swag, a NYS Canalway Water Trail Guidebook and supply kit.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.eriecanalway.org/watertrail



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