

Erie Canal – Weedsport, Jordan and Camillus

Distance: About 10 miles

A nice ride and history

General description:

You may want to enter the GPS coordinates for Jordan before you attempt to leave Weedsport. (See caution below.) But if you hit the Canalway Trail you will be back on stone dust for a very pleasant ride.

Surface:

Back to stone dust

Elevation change:

Flat

What you may see:

In Jordan you will find remnants of an old aqueduct and some very well-done murals of Erie Canal life. We have included a couple of them here.

In Camillus you will find the Erie Canal Park to be very interesting.





How to get there:

Physical address:

Just enter City Center for Jordan on your GPS or the Jordan murals coordinates listed below.

Finish: Erie Canal Park in Camillus:
5750 Devoe Road
Camillus, NY

Trail notes:

Lock 51 is on the way to Jordan. About 1 mile after Lock 51 the trail actually crosses Route 31. But it can be confusing. At the split trail stay right and cross Route 31 to resume the stone dust trail on the other side of Route 31.

GPS readings:

Route 31 trail crossing:

N 43° 03.997'
W 076° 28.934'

Jordan murals and aqueduct:

N 43° 03.948'
W 076° 28.428'

Erie Canal Park: Sims Store

N 43° 03.152'

W 076° 18.187'

Finish: The trail abruptly ends at Warners Road:

N 43° 03.800'

W 076° 16.136'

Museums and attractions:

Erie Canal Park in Camillus offers a museum and store and several displays on site. From the same location there are occasional boat rides which take you across a restored aqueduct. Check out all of the amenities and spend some time here.



Special cautions:

We have always gotten a bit confused in Weedsport with the turns being very confusing. They are signed, but you have to interpret those signs. So follow the Canalway Trail signs very carefully. And if you have any doubts, follow the Route 31 east signs for Bike Route 5.

The stone dust trail used to end a couple of miles east of the Erie Canal Park at Warners Road. However now the stone dust trail continues on into Solvay, where it runs through the State Fairgrounds, just west of Syracuse on paved roadways, and eventually city streets, through the city of Syracuse.

Facilities:

You can find whatever you might need in the villages or at Erie Canal Park.

Special tale:

Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct

After the store in Camillus you will find the Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct which takes the Erie Canal over Nine Mile Creek. Recently it has been fully restored and you can actually take a boat cruise that will take you across that aqueduct just as you could on the old Erie Canal. We understand that there is even a dinner cruise you can take in season and on certain dates. Check it out for a unique adventure!



Date Completed:_____

Notes and Comments_____
