

## WELCOME

Follow the currents of American history and folklore right into downtown Lockport and enjoy a tour of the historic jewel of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.

Lockport, New York enjoys being the only site on the western end of the Erie Canal that has an 1842 flight of locks parallel to an 1918 flight. That not only makes this site significant and a source of pride, it makes Lockport truly unique.



## EXPERIENCE NATIONAL HERITAGE FIRSTHAND

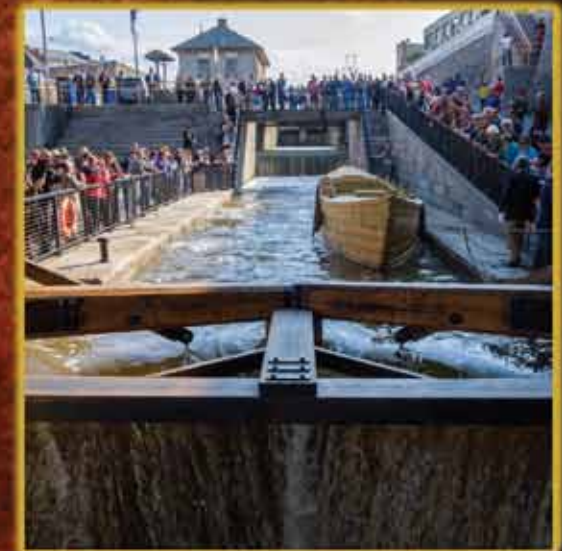
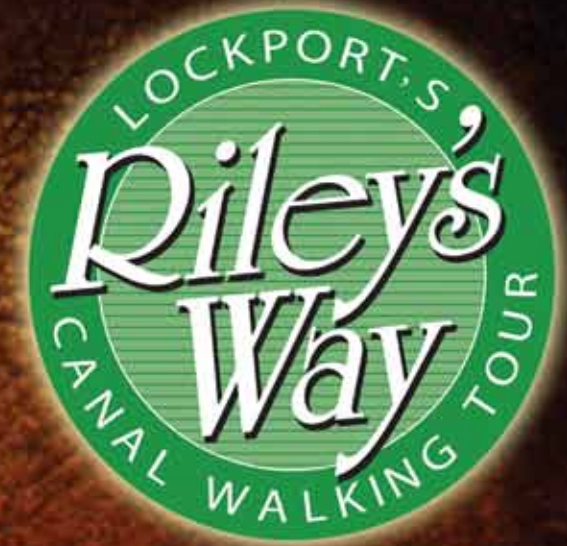
The 16 interpretive panels along the Riley's Way tour have been effective in guiding and informing visitors. Whether you're a tourist, visitor or a student of local history, the best way to tour the locks is Riley's Way!

## THE LOCKS AT LOCKPORT

The Locks at Lockport have been enlarged twice since the original ones were built. They were completed for the canal opening in 1825. Boats could haul 75 tons of freight. The locks for Clinton's Ditch were 90' long, 15' wide, and 4' deep. The canal was enlarged, starting in 1835 and was completed in 1862. The locks then measured 110' long, 18' wide, and 7' deep, making it possible for boats to carry up to 240 tons - a sizable increase. The Erie Canal as known today was enlarged between 1905 and 1917. The modern locks now measure 328' long, 45' wide, and a 12' depth of water over the lock sill. This permits boats of a maximum size of 300' long, 43' wide and 11' deep, carrying 2,000 tons of freight to use these new locks.



The mural entitled "The Opening of the Erie Canal, October 26, 1825", by Lockport artist A. Raphael Beck can be seen inside the Erie Canal Discovery Center, 24 Church Street, Lockport, NY.



WALK THROUGH TIME  
BACK TO THE HEART OF  
AN 1840'S CANAL TOWN



## POINTS OF INTEREST IN THE LOCKS HERITAGE DISTRICT



ENJOY THE  
RILEY'S WAY WALKING TOUR  
DEDICATED TO  
PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF  
THE ERIE CANAL  
& THE LOCKPORT AREA



**WILLIAM "BILL" RILEY**  
LOCKPORT CITY HISTORIAN  
1922 - 1990

### INTERPRETIVE SIGN LOCATIONS

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Lockport Municipal Building<br>Big Bridge<br>Location: Locks Plaza  | <b>6</b> Electric Building<br>Location: Spalding Mill                        | <b>12</b> Life on the Barges<br>Location: Beneath Pine Street Bridge   |
| <b>2</b> The "Big Bridge"<br>Location: Big Bridge (north)                    | <b>7</b> Lock Construction<br>Location: Pine Street Bridge                   | <b>13</b> Barge Tieups<br>Location: South Side of Lock 35              |
| <b>3</b> Canal Comparisons<br>Location: Big Bridge (south)                   | <b>8</b> Upper Locks View<br>Location: Canal Bulwark - Lock 70 Level         | <b>14</b> Upson Park<br>Location: Foot of Flight of Five               |
| <b>4</b> Lockport "Flight of Five"<br>Location: Flight of Five - Upper Level | <b>9</b> Tour Boats<br>Location: Upper Locks 34 & 35 (center)                | <b>E</b> Erie Canal Discovery Center/ Visitors Center                  |
| <b>5</b> Old City Hall<br>Location: Old City Hall                            | <b>10</b> Lower Locks Construction<br>Location: Upper Locks 34 & 35 (center) | <b>M</b> Canal Museum                                                  |
|                                                                              | <b>11</b> Old Locks<br>Location: Canal Bulwark - Lock 68 Level               | <b>15</b> The Erie Traveler<br>Location: South Side of Lock 68         |
|                                                                              |                                                                              | <b>16</b> Lock Tenders Tribute<br>Location: Beneath Pine Street Bridge |

THIS LIFE LONG RESIDENT WAS INVOLVED  
IN THE RETAIL FOOD BUSINESS  
IN LOCKPORT FOR FORTY YEARS.  
AS CITY HISTORIAN HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL  
IN HAVING THE ERIE CANAL LOCKS  
IN LOCKPORT DESIGNATED AS  
A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK.  
THIS WALKING TRAIL WAS  
NAMED AFTER HIM IN HONOR OF  
HIS VISION AND DEDICATION.