

# THE MULE



SUMMER 2023

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*Liz and Dave Beebe Camillus Erie Canal Park - Founded 1972*

## **Towpath Day!**

Join us for **Towpath Day**, a wonderful, fun and affordable family friendly event!

**Saturday, August 12**

**11 am — 4 pm**

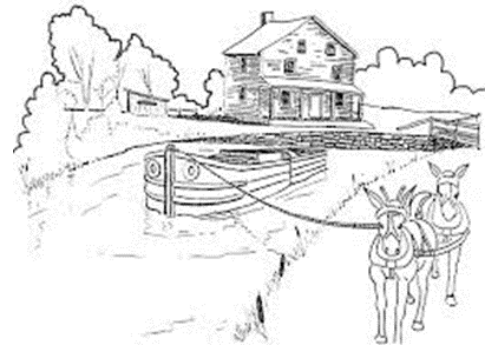
*Boat Rides, Kids Crafts, Food, Vendors, Raffles,  
Tours of Sims Store, the Steam Engine Exhibit and MORE!*

### **Live music**

**The Lock 52 Jazz Band** ~ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Loren Barrigar** ~ 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

**The Soda Ash Six** ~ 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm



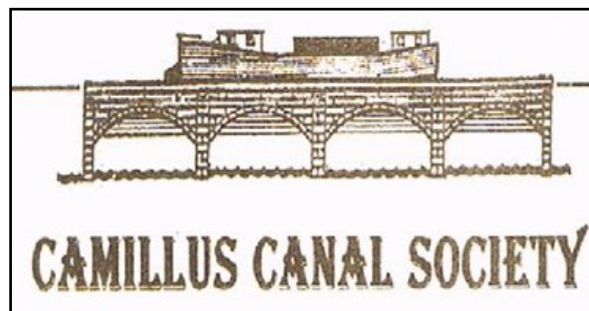
**\*\*FREE Parking** at the Department of Transportation (DOT) next door  
with **FREE Shuttle rides** to the park

### **Calendar/Save the Date**

**8/12/23 ~ Towpath Day**

**9/16/23 ~ Volunteer Chicken BBQ**

**Date tba ~ Christmas Party**



## **Camillus Nine Mile Creek Feeder**

*Second in a series*

The main source of water on the eastern end of the long level section of the canal between Camillus and Jordan was the **Nine Mile Creek Feeder**, located between Lock 50 at Gere's Lock and Lock 51 West of Jordan.

The Feeder Dam diverted water from Nine Mile Creek and was located 8,725 feet south of the First Enlargement Canal. It contained six sluice gates which controlled the amount of water entering the Camillus Feeder.

The feeder exited next to the boathouses located across the canal from Sims' Museum. Most of the water flow exited the feeder and went east to provide water to lock boats up to the long level at Gere's Lock.

There were two additional water sources to the west also supplying the Long Level. They were the Carpenter Brook Feeder and the Skaneateles Creek Feeder at Jordan.

Our third in the series will be on culverts. Go out and explore! - **Dave Beebe**

### **SCHOOL GROUPS (ECNHC)**

This Spring was an extremely busy one for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade School Groups coming to the Park to learn about the Erie Canal! Students get a boat ride on the First Enlargement and the Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct, as well as a tour of the Lock 50 lock gates, our watered lock demonstration, a walking tour of Clinton's Ditch and of course tours of our wonderful museum at Sims Store. Between May 1st and June 20th our volunteers taught almost 2,000 children, and they came from as far away as Binghamton! The education committee did an amazing job.

We will begin taking registrations for Spring 2024 in the Fall, so keep an eye on our Facebook page (Liz and Dave Beebe Camillus Erie Canal Park) and our website ([www.eriecanalcamillus.org](http://www.eriecanalcamillus.org)). The cost is \$3/student.



If you are looking to sponsor a group of students for this amazing program, \$75 pays for an entire class. Please contact Lisa at 680-800-5298 or [Lwiles@townofcamillus.com](mailto:Lwiles@townofcamillus.com) for more information.

### **Snippets & Tales**

Our Winter Speaker Series, "**Snippets & Tales**" was more popular than ever, with almost 300 people attending the three events!

Our January speaker was **Dr. David Beebe**, familiar to all of us at the Park for all the work he and his wife Liz have done there over the past 51 years. He taught about the history of Dill's Landing, which is across Devoe Road from Sims Store. In February **Captain Dan Wiles** presented on the history of popular Mid-Lakes Navigation, a company Dan's father started and he and his siblings continued in Skaneateles, Rochester and the Erie Canal out of Baldwinsville. Our series ended in March with a talk by **Douglas Southerland** on the history of Camillus Cutlery and the current impact of the building on Camillus and beyond.



We were lucky to have such knowledgeable speakers in this area! We are starting to plan for Snippets & Tales 2024, so if you know of a good presenter of local interest, please contact Lisa at [Lwiles@townofcamillus.com](mailto:Lwiles@townofcamillus.com) or 680-800-5298.

**BOAT RIDES**

***Come out and take a boat ride with us, available through October.***

We are the most affordable boat ride in New York State *AND* you get to learn the incredible history of the Erie Canal, our Park and Aqueduct!

**Tickets are \$5/adult and \$3/children 5 – 11. Children under 5 are free.**

Please ask about special family rates.

Our boat rides have been selling out so don't miss out!



**Public boat rides are on Wednesdays and Sundays at 1, 2 and 3pm.**

**SUMMER HOURS**

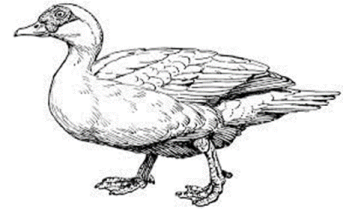
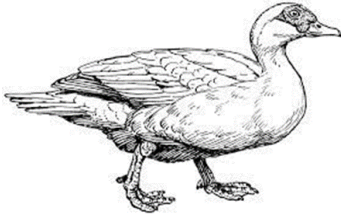
The Summer hours for the Sims Store are:

Wednesday, 12 – 4

Thursday, 12 – 4

Saturday, 12 – 4

Sunday, 12 – 4



**Memorial Day Parade**



Our volunteers enthusiastically represented the Park in the Camillus Memorial Day Parade! This year was especially exciting because of the reunion of the West Genesee Marching Band.

We were especially grateful for the help of Girl Scout Troup 60030 in decorating our float! Some of our members are a bit "up in age" and weren't quite up to the decorating task. But the Girl Scouts, who meet in Sims Store during the school year, stepped up and our float was wonderful! A good time was had by all!

**Cycle the Erie**

On July 12 we were thrilled to welcome the 750 cyclists from the Cycle the Erie Tour sponsored by Parks & Trails New York. The cyclists rode from Buffalo to Albany and arrived in Camillus for lunch, which was appropriate since Camillus Landing is the halfway spot between Buffalo and Albany! We had hot dogs grilling, boat rides to show people the famous Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct, a post office with special "Halfway" postcards, popcorn and more! This was the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ride and we heard from many cyclists how much they enjoyed their stop in Camillus, and how welcoming all the volunteers were! The riders came from 40 different states and Canada, and we're sure they will remember their stop at our Park!



**CHICKEN BBQ — September 16**



**ALL VOLUNTEERS!** Please **SAVE THE DATE** for this year's **Chicken BBQ** at our Pavilion! We've listened to your input and have moved it to Fall to accommodate more of our folks who are away in the summer with other plans. Keep an eye out for more information!

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<b>New Membership or Renewal Application</b>		
<b>Please Circle:</b> New    Renewal		
<b>Senior Discount</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b>Single Membership</b> <b>\$15</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<b>Mule Driver</b> <b>\$50</b> <b>Canal Captain</b> <b>\$100</b>
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