



Ralph Wilson Park Conservancy

Best places to see the Ralph Wilson Park Bridge as it travels to Buffalo on the Erie Canal!

Follow us on Instagram [@RalphWilsonParkBridge](#) to stay up to date on the barge schedule! We will post regular location updates beginning July 5th, when it begins its journey from Albany to Buffalo!

Many thanks to [Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor](#) for helping to identify some best places to view the barges! Find these sites on a map using the [NYS Canal Map](#) (turn on locks, communities, and canal amenity center categories to be sure they appear on the map). All of the canal locks provide public access, parking, and overhead views for looking down into the barge from crosswalks and bridges.

Capital Region and Mohawk Valley to Little Falls

- Waterford Harbor and Lock 2 as the barge enters the Erie Canal.
- *Lock E6, Flight Lock Rd, Waterford:* Outstanding views of the canal system from above and barge in the canal channel below.
- *Jumpin Jacks Drive In, Scotia:* This ice cream stand and neighboring park are right on the Mohawk River/Erie Canal. No overhead views but good views for the general public.
- *Mohawk Valley Gateway Overlook Pedestrian Bridge, Amsterdam:* This bridge spans 500 feet over the Mohawk River. Excellent views both east and west.
- *Lock E15 Canal Park, Fort Plain:* Large park with a movable dam and lock combination. Good views in both directions.
- *Lock E17 Little Falls:* This is the highest lift (40.5 feet) on the canal system and once the highest lift in the world. Dramatic views of rock cuts surround the lock. The access road is not well marked; Look for the access road on the left off of rte. 169 before crossing the canal.

Little Falls to Syracuse

- *Gems Along the Mohawk, Herkimer:* no overhead views, but plenty of parking and good public access.
- *Lock 20 State Canal Park, Marcy:* Best public viewing in the greater Utica area.
- *Bellamy Harbor Park, Rome:* A narrower stretch of the canal so the barge might appear larger in photos. Good public access.
- *Sylvan Beach:* This is where the Erie Canal meets Oneida Lake.

- *Lock E23 Brewerton:* This is the busiest lock on the canal system. Lots of weekend traffic from boats entering/exiting Oneida Lake.
- *Lock E24 Baldwinsville:* This lock is right in the center of the village. Easy access point for viewing and the closest place for people from Syracuse interested in seeing the barge.
- *Weedsport Terminal:* Devaney's Riverside Grill at the terminal wall has a small dock for guests. No overhead views.

Syracuse to Rochester

- *Lock E27 Lyons:* This lock is very close to the center of town.
- *Port of Newark and T. Spencer Knight Park:* Excellent viewing from both sides of the canal which runs right through town. Bridge overlooking the canal provides overhead views. There is a canal visitor center at the park.
- *Port of Palmyra:* The port and small park are easy to get to and have plenty of parking. Viewing involves a short walk and sloping descent from the parking area to the water.
- *Lock 30 Macedon Canal Park:* Great place for viewing the barge in the lock and for photographing it as it moves west.
- *Village of Fairport:* This is a very lively canal town with a unique lift bridge.
- *Bushnells Basin:* Close up views from shoreside park and docks on the south side and Canalway Trail on the north side.
- *Pittsford:* Lively canal town. Good views from the Main Street Bridge and from Schoen Place.

Rochester to Buffalo

- *Greece Canal Park, west of Rochester:* Canalside views from the park.
- *Village of Spencerport:* Close up views from south and north shores as well as from the lift bridge. Public parking right on the canal west of the lift bridge on the south side.
- *Adam's Basin:* Good views from the lift bridge.
- *Village of Brockport:* Close up views from south and north shores as well as from the lift bridge. Parking at the Brockport Visitor Center.
- *Holley Canal Park:* Nice views from the park. Overhead views from the lift bridge.
- *Village of Albion:* Canal goes right through the village. Easy access and good views from shore or overhead from the lift bridge.
- *Village of Medina:* Barge passes over Culvert Road, which runs under the canal just east of the village, and the canal passes over the Medina Falls.
- *Village of Middleport:* Canalside views from Middleport Canal Park and from the lift bridge.
- *Lockport:* Good photo ops from Widewaters Marina to Locks 34 and 35, including overhead views from the locks and several bridges.
- *Tonawandas Gateway Harbor Park*