



# Miami and Erie Canal



St. Marys Memorial Park

Belle of St. Marys



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Delphos Canal Commission Museum



Spencerville Deep Cut Park



40 Acre Pond Towpath Trail

Six Mile Creek Aqueduct



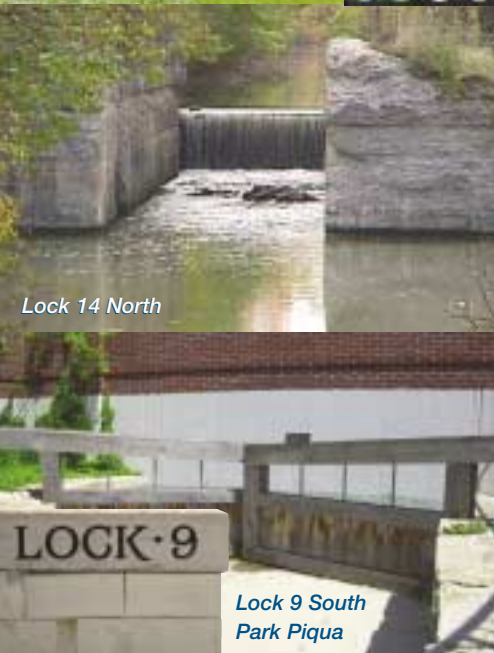
Lock 8 North



St. Marys Memorial Park



New Bremen Lock 1 North



Lock 14 North

Lock 9 South Park Piqua

Lockington Locks 1-5 South

Once upon a time, hand-dug canals crossed the state of Ohio. This extended water transportation system helped develop the state as settlers found an easier way into the wilderness, and commerce found a cheaper way to expand.

The Miami and Erie Canal, traversing 249 miles from Cincinnati to Toledo, was begun on July 25, 1825 near Middletown. It was built in sections until completed in 1845. The total cost was more than \$8 million, financed by bonds and the sale of federal lands.

Most of the work was done by Irish, French, and German immigrants, who labored for 31 cents a day and a jigger of whiskey. They manually moved trees, rocks and soil to create the "big ditch" through the wilderness. Structures on the canal included 19 aqueducts, three guard locks, 103 lift locks, three major reservoirs, and "Deep Cut" that was 6,600 feet long and 52-feet deep.

But for all this work, the canals faced fierce competition from another form of transportation—the railroads. The peak year for the Miami and Erie Canal was 1851, with revenues of \$351,897 and approximately 400 boats in operation.

*The history and romance of those good old days live on. See for yourself on this self-guided tour of canal heritage from Delphos to Piqua. Close your eyes, and just imagine...*

# Miami and Erie Canal Sites



## North to South Locations and Mileage

1 Jennings Creek Aqueduct—Van Wert/Putnam County Line	
2 Lock 24 North, Stone—Delphos/Stadium Park	0.4
3 Lock 23 North, Wood/Concrete Spillway—3rd Street Delphos	0.8
4 Lock 19 North, Wood—Bloomlock Road, Allen County	4.4
5 Kendrick Woods Metro Park and State Nature Preserve Defiance Trail/St Rt 81, Allen County	2.2
6 Well Site Village Park—Spencerville	2.4
7 Lock 16 North, Wood/Concrete Spillway—North Canal St, Spencerville	0.4
8 Lock 15 North, Wood/Concrete Spillway—South Canal St, Spencerville	0.5
9 Deep Cut Historical Park—Deep Cut Road/St Rt 66	1.7
10 Six Mile Creek Aqueduct—Salem-Noble Road/St Rt 66	4.3
11 Bloody Bridge—County Road 66A/St Rt 66, Noble Twp	0.7
12 Lock 14 North, Concrete—Lock 14 Road, West of St Rt 66	1.5
13 40 Acre Pond—Glynwood Road, West of St Rt 66	1.7
14 Tumbles, Stone—North of High Street, St. Marys	3.3
15 Upper/Lower Canal & Canal Boat—Memorial Park, St. Marys	0.1
16 St. Marys River Aqueduct—Greenville Road, K.C. Geiger Park	0.6
17 Grand Lake St. Marys Feeder Canal—Aqueduct Road	0.5
18 Feeder/Lake Bulkhead, Stone—St Rt 364/Grand Lake State Park	2.6
19 Lock 8 North, Stone*—Poppe Road, East of St Rt 66	4.0
20 Lock 7 North, Wood—St Rt 219, East of St Rt 66	0.8
21 Lock 2 North, Wood—Lock 2 Road, East of St Rt 66	2.9
22 Bremenfest Park—Jefferson St, New Bremen	0.8
23 Lock 1 North, Concrete, Lock 1 Park, Historic Bridge St Rt 66, New Bremen	0.5
24 Jaycee's Park—Plum Street, New Bremen	0.2
25 Seventh St Park—Minster, Seventh Street	2.3
26 Lake Loramie Feeder Canal—Canal Road/Lake Loramie State Park	2.7
27 Loramie Creek Aqueduct—East of St Rt 66, North of Fort Loramie	0.1
28 Loramie Village Park—St Rt 66, Fort Loramie	0.6
29 Leighty Lake/Shelby County Park Trail—St Rt 47, East of St Rt 66	4.6
30 Painter Creek Stone Culvert*—Cynthian Twp, Shelby County	1.6
31 Stone Culvert*—Washington Township, Shelby County	4.0
32 Mill Creek Stone Culvert*—Stangel Rd, Shelby County	3.3
33 Stone Box Culvert*—Miami Conservancy Rd, Shelby County	1.8
34 Lockington Dam & Reserve—Fessler-Buxton Rd, Shelby County	.7
35 Indian Lake State Park—Lakeview, Logan County	36.0
36 Sidney Feeder Canal—Port Jefferson to Lockington	35.5
37 Lock 1-5 South & Loramie Aqueduct—Lockington, Shelby County	0.2
38 Lock 6-7 South, Stone & Landman Mill*—Landman Mill Rd, Miami County	0.8
39 Lock 8 South, Stone, Canal Boat Ride, Piqua Historical Site, Johnston Farm—Hardin Road, Miami County	1.6
40 Lock 9 Park—Water Street, Piqua	1.1

\* Contact the local landowner to visit these sites

## ON THE TRAIL



The Miami and Erie Canal Towpath is part of three major trail systems.

The 40-mile **Miami and Erie Trail** is the first state recreational trail designated under the Ohio Trails Act. It runs from Delphos to Lockington.

The **Buckeye Trail**, signified by the blue blazes is the longest loop hiking trail (1,200 miles) in the United States. The trail circles Ohio and is maintained by the Buckeye Trail Association.

The towpath is also a certified section of the national **North Country Scenic Trail**, a 4,000-mile trail that stretches from New York to Minnesota.