

New York State's *Path Through History Weekends* Statewide Feature More Than 200 Festivals and Special Events

Reserve the weekends of June 7-8 and 14-15 to join the festivities during New York State's exciting new Path Through History Weekends and stay tuned for details.



Albany, N.Y. (April 29, 2014) – More than 200 special events are planned for New York State's <u>Path Through History Weekends</u>, June 7-8 and 14-15, at venues throughout the state. You might find yourself reminiscing about baseball's finest at the 75th Anniversary of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown.

Perhaps you'll cruise through one of New York's many canals and learn about our fascinating transportation history, or dance to the beat of Native American rhythms that can be traced back over thousands of years ago.

<u>Path Through History Weekends</u> are designed to make it easy to experience the Empire State's rich heritage and diverse attractions. The chance to relive the laughter at the Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum & Center for Comedy in Jamestown makes the perfect destination for every family. Take pride in New York's history in Women's Rights at the National Susan B. Anthony Museum and House in Rochester and see where suffrage leader Susan B. Anthony was arrested for threatening to vote. Appreciate the great outdoors and spend the day exploring Saratoga State Park or Letchworth State Park, renowned as the Grand Canyon of the East.

Interactive science museums, homes of former presidents and artists, living history recreations and former battlefields are among the cultural and historic sites offering discounted or free admission along with hands-on activities and special interest tours during these weekends. Many historic districts and parks will also host festivals, often with live music, crafts and local foods. Whether you're a sports enthusiast, a nature lover, curious about history or simply want to have fun, these weekends are not to be missed. For the latest listings, check http://paththroughhistory.ny.gov/.

The "Path Through History" program, introduced by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, includes 13 themes used to organize 500-plus heritage sites across the state. The program includes identifying markers on major state highways as well as additional local signage with the distinctive *Path Through History* logo to help point the way and a web page on

http://paththroughhistory.ny.gov/ which provides a list of sites along with information about each one.

In conjunction with Path Through History Weekends, I LOVE NEW YORK's social media channels will be highlighting the Path's various themes, with photos, videos, event itineraries and more. Follow I LOVE NEW YORK on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u> or use <u>#LoveNYHistory</u> to join us on the journey down New York's Path Through History.

About Path Through History

Path Through History highlights historically and culturally significant sites and events throughout New York State. The program, introduced by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, builds on New York's already robust heritage tourism attractions. The initiative is currently focused on 13 themes including: Arts & Culture, Natural History, U.S. Presidents, Women's Rights, Canals & Transportation, Civil Rights, Colonial History, Immigration, Innovation & Commerce, The Revolutionary War, Native American Heritage, Sports History and the War of 1812. Important heritage sites and events across the state were selected with input from leading historians. For more information, visit www.iloveny.com/paththroughhistory.

About New York State

New York State features 11 beautiful vacation regions. New York's attractions feature landmarks such as Niagara Falls, the largest park in the continental U.S. in the Adirondacks and treasures such as the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown and the Corning Museum of Glass. New York State offers diverse activities for all: outdoor fun - snowmobiling, skiing and snowboarding, fishing, hiking and boating, year-round festivals and exploring the rich history and culture of one of the 13 original colonies. Visitors also enjoy the fine cuisine, beverage trails and farm-to-table fresh foods. For more information, visit http://www.iloveny.com. Media can find press releases and more at thebeat.iloveny.com.

Follow the I LOVE NY social media channels for news on tourism in New York State. From NYC to Niagara Falls and all points in between, there's so much to love to LOVE in NY! Check out I LOVE NEW YORK on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u> for great ideas for your next getaway.

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