



The Canal Society of Indiana ~ Fall Tour

Towpath & Warpath

Antwerp, Ohio to Junction, Ohio following the Wabash & Erie Canal

Saturday, August 17, 2024

Headquartered at:

Paulding County History Museum

(John Paulding Historical Society)

600 Fairground Drive, Paulding, Ohio 45879

Please send in you reservations for this tour on the form following this announcement.

The tour is being hosted by members of the Paulding County History Museum where we will meet at 10 a.m.. The tour of the Wabash & Erie Canal will be by car. You may caravan with the group or follow the route of the tour on your own. Carpooling is highly encouraged. Information will be provided for marked sites with a docent at Six Mile Reservoir and at the Junction of the Wabash & Erie and Miami & Erie Canals. We will follow the prisms of both canals. We will see a railroad bridge, Antwerp's canal prism, Six Mile Reservoir, Furnace, Junction, Little Flat Rock Creek Culvert, and Viall's Lock.

We will also tour all three of the Museum's buildings to learn about Black Swamp history; see a canal boat bell, dredge scoop, farming machinery; and learn more transportation history. We have three speakers at the Museum: Melinda Krick, President will talk about the museum; John Nemcik, Defiance Section Supervisor of the Buckeye Trail Association will talk about the trail; and Jerett W. Godeke, CSI director and author of *The Reservoir War: A History of Ohio's Forgotten Riot in American's Gilded Age, 1874-1888*, will speak about the Wabash & Erie Canal and the Reservoir War.

Please bring a SACK LUNCH to be eaten at the Museum. The Paulding County History Museum will provide beverages.

Also come prepared with a full tank of gas and appropriate clothing.

The planned tour events should end by 3 p.m.

Post tour: The Black Swamp Nature Center is adjacent to the Museum property. Twenty-four acres of woodland, 14 acres of wetlands, and 6 acres of meadow are at the site of the old sugar beet plant. Lots of birds, wildlife and trails. You may want to visit it on your own following the canal tour. The swamp was a real impediment to digging the canal through this area.

To help with the planning and printing, we need your reservations ASAP.

CSI members: Registration fee is \$10 per person before July 17, 2024. After that it is \$15 per person.

Non-CSI members: Registration fee is \$15 per person before July 17, 2024.

(This includes a trail membership in the Canal Society of Indiana until December 31, 2024.)

Members of the Paulding County History Museum, our hosts, are free. We would appreciate your returning the registration form as soon as possible.

We will be corresponding with you by E-mail so be sure to fill it in on the following form.

Don't forget your sack lunch