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UPCOMING EVENTS

Our facility calendar fills up quickly. Book your event soon!
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BIKE AND PADDLEBOAT RENTALS

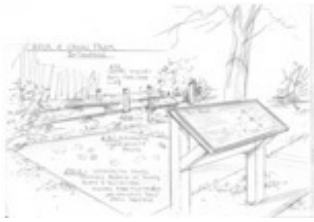
Complete your day at the Canal with a leisurely paddleboat or bike ride...or both!

Rent on-site from our partner, Noble Bikes>

Murals Add A New Dimension To Boathouse

Many, many people are enjoying narrated canal boat rides. Public rides are on Saturday and Sunday, while charter cruises are offered to groups and organizations anytime during non-public hours of the week. Note the blank doorways under the shed roof of the warehouse. They are blank in this picture but look how they were transformed this summer...

HELP US CREATE THE TOTAL CANAL EXPERIENCE!



Bring history alive by sponsoring an exhibit or interpretive panel.

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BECOME A MEMBER

Your financial partnership restores and preserves a rare, important piece of early American history and provides hands-on learning opportunities for people of all ages.

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VOLUNTEER

If you're handy with a

Artist Terry Lacy is blocking in his small scale drawing of workers inside the warehouse. Men appear to be loading cargo into a boat in the slip inside the building.

Terry Lacy's paintings resemble workers loading cargo for transit. This doorway was sponsored by Canal Society of Indiana (CSI). The doorway to the right was graciously sponsored by Indiana Packers Corporation.

If you're handy with a hammer or a whiz at organization, we need you!

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CANAL TRIVIA

Canal boatmen were said to have been notorious ignoring the rules of the waterway. Among the many items in an elaborate set of regulations established in 1847:

No float could travel faster than four miles an hour.

If one boat was trying to pass another, the slower boat had to turn away from the towpath and even stop to make way until the other passed.

When two floats came to a lock in opposite directions, the float that reached a lock and was on the same water level as the lock had the right of way over an oncoming float.

Join our research forum>
Ask questions or share canal research.

Here, Terry speaks with two of our boat captains as he finishes work on the two scenes. The completed murals add a great touch of detail to our boathouse. More of Terry's work can be seen in the foyer of the Interpretive Center and in downtown Delphi at the Opera House Gallery of Contemporary Art.

Canal Park - A Perfect Event Venue

Whether you're planning a wedding, family reunion, staff outing, or just a day together with family and friends, there's plenty at Canal Park to make your day complete!

This bride and groom and the bridesmaids board the Delphi at the lime kiln. They will arrive at Canal Park minutes later...

The bride and groom arrive at their Canal Center reception, welcomed by their family and friends at the new dock. The crowd lines the towpath cheering their arrival.

Many tour groups and summer children's classes come to Canal Park for a visit and boat ride. This class from Burgett's Child Care in Tippecanoe County enjoyed the Millinery Shop and other interactive exhibits in the Interpretive Center.

Our beautifully restored bank barn houses mountain bikes, kids' bikes, tandem bikes, family surreys and more, all available for rent from Noble Bikes at the Canal.

In addition to paddleboats and bikes of all kinds, Noble Bikes now offers kayaks for rent. What a great way to spend a leisurely afternoon!

Reserve one of our (free) picnic shelters for your next gathering. And be sure to take advantage of the new horseshoe pit, near the mule barn, provided by the Rotary Club of Delphi.

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