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CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

www.wabashanderiecanal.org

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A PAID UP MEMBER? There are important reasons why many people have chosen the Canal to enjoy, join and support. Have you seen the new easy to use portal on our website that will allow you to [donate, renew membership or become a new member](#) while securely using your credit card.

Special categories include the coveted **468 Mile Club**. Show your support of the Canal. It encourages an annual "dollar per mile" contribution by our ardent supporters and commemorates the 468 miles that the Wabash & Erie Canal ran when it was completed in 1853. It ultimately connected the nineteenth century manmade waterway from Toledo, Ohio to Evansville, Indiana. Delphi, midway in distance from each end, has the only publicly accessible, usable, recreational mile long watered section remaining of the W&E inside Indiana. Ohio does have several accessible watered sections.

[Find out more](#)> by visiting the

HERE COMES MAY!



Many people had been concerned with seeing a waterless canal in late winter. Then recently US Aggregates Stone Quarry was successful in replacing the damaged pipe section that burst on the coldest day in February.

Kind of like the homes that froze in Texas about that same time. Pipes in many of their residences burst when the electric grid failed and thus their freezing and bursting of water pipes was much like our situation.

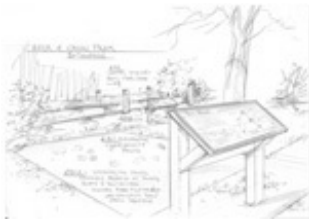
All repaired now the beautiful flow of clean water returns to the old Wabash & Erie Canal section in Delphi thanks to those efforts of the stone company's crew. The flow from the quarry floor represents a two decade commitment to provide millions of gallons of water pumped from their mining operations. It is much appreciated as it is the lifeblood of the Canal Association's offerings to the public.

This brings us to continue our plans for opening our Canal Boat and Pioneer Village season an Memorial Day weekend. And to get Canal Park ready for the summer season we have a call out for a [Spring Cleanup Workday on Saturday May 8th](#) in the morning. A free lunch

website.

HELP US CREATE THE TOTAL CANAL EXPERIENCE!

Bring history alive by



sponsoring an exhibit or interpretive panel.

Looking for a prized place for a wedding?



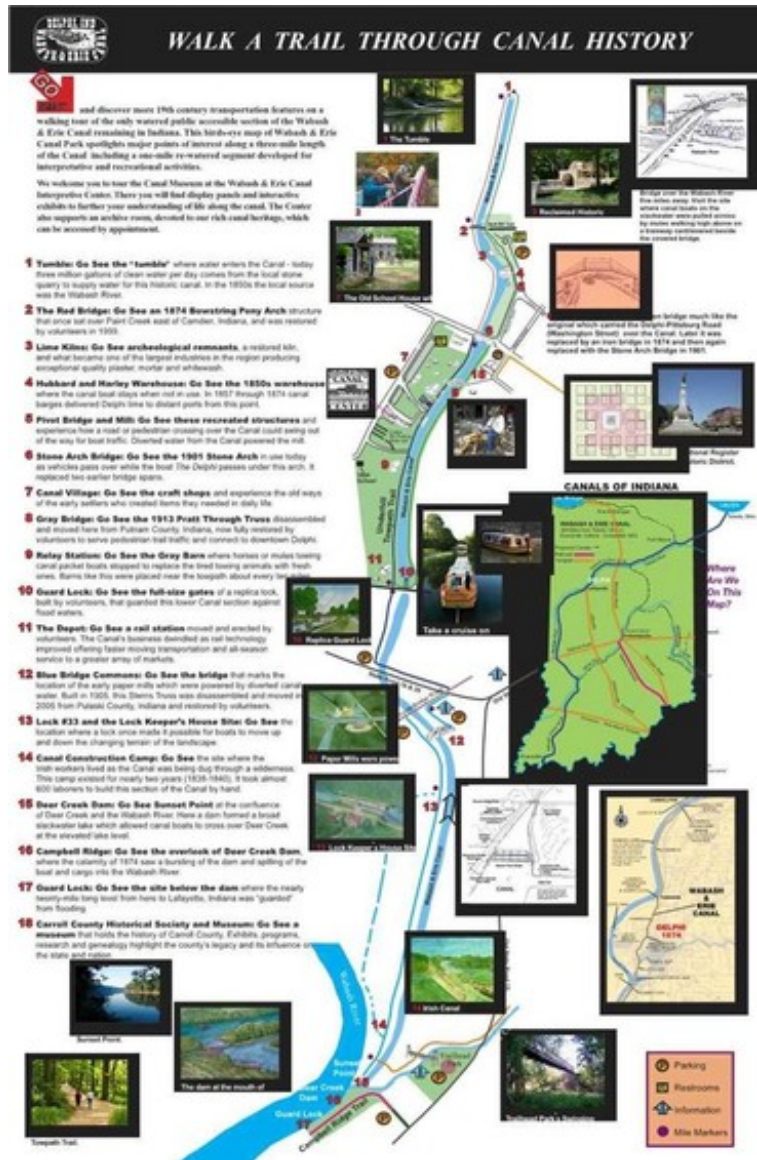
The **Little White Church** makes a perfect space for small weddings and family events. With its location across the bridge from Pioneer Village and the setting as a rural church of the 1880s it is impressive in its ambiance.



And for these newly weds the church was the setting for their quaint wedding--then a boat ride on the

will be provided to the volunteers at noon.

Are you, your family and neighbors ready to shift gears and get outside. Join with the Canal Association volunteers and make this historical site come back alive with things to enjoy.



This map inside our Trails brochure features eighteen prominent historical spots to visit along the three mile towpath. Each site has outdoor interpretive illustrations posted.

adjacent canal. Wedding receptions and group tours offer this boat ride option as part of historical setting of Canal Park.

Contact reservations@canalcenter.org



Inside the Little White Church is seating for 50 and an old foot pump church organ on stage.



For two that like each other (the Cooper's dogs) it makes a place to enjoy the day.

Did you know...



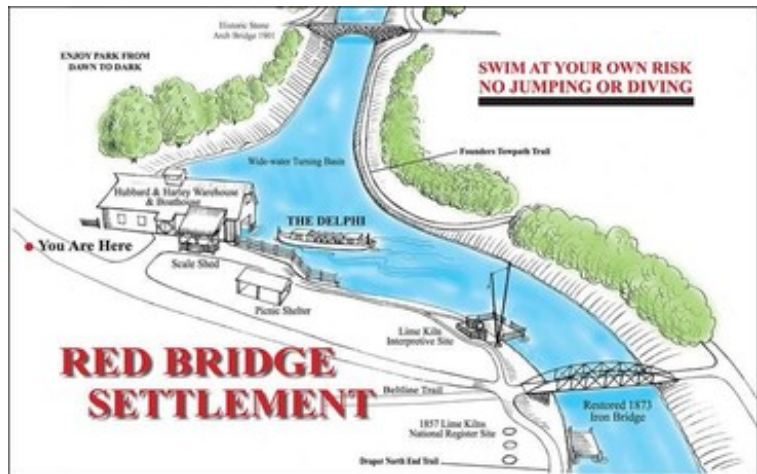
The Delphi cruises up to Red Bridge and returns to the dock in Canal Park. Narrated rides take 40 minutes. Weekend tours start May 29th. They will run Sat/Sun at 1 and 2 pm through the summer for the public.



Did you know you could hold your wedding, reception, reunion, large meeting or conference at the Canal?



That beautiful clear water flows at a rate of three million gallons per day coming from the Quarry a mile away by pipe.



Adjacent to Canal Park on the north is this 1850s commercial/industrial complex that commemorates the production of plaster, mortar and whitewash from the native limestone bed rock, and a relocated lime kiln that once produced these products.



We offer a variety of options for each different type of event.

[Save your date today!](#)

Contact Jeanine at 765-564-2870 or email

reservations@canalcenter.org.

Canal Park

May 8, 2021 9am-Noon

Spring Landscape Cleanup Day



Get Our Pioneer Village & Trails Ready for summer

Trimming, raking leaves, picking up sticks, moving mulch
face mask & social distancing to keep everyone safe

Groups welcome, a great way for students to earn community service hours*
Lunch provided for our Cleanup Day volunteers*



*Let us know how many in your group so we can have enough food
Contact: Linda Cooper Volunteer Coordinator at lcooper@outlook.com

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