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[www.wabashanderiecanal.org](http://www.wabashanderiecanal.org)

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**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

## **WABASH & ERIE CANAL PARK 2021** **SEASON OPENS**

**Saturday and Sunday, May 29-30**

**1:00pm to 4:00pm**

**Public Cruises 1:30 & 2:30 & 3:30**

**New Rental Cabins Ribbon-Cutting**

**Saturday at 2:00**

**Crafters in Pioneer Village all afternoon**



Travel back in time to an era highlighted by canoes, rafts, and steamships, horses and buggies, mules, and canal boat -- where would modern society be without the development of all these unique modes of transportation?

To experience this 1850, man-made waterway and the pioneer way of life, come to Canal Park any weekend from May 29th through Labor Day weekend. Narrated 40-minute cruises are offered to the public on Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m..

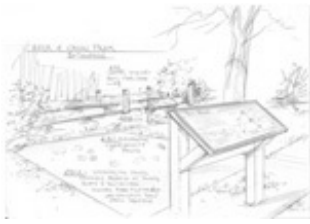
**Canal Days Festival** is coming July 3rd, with children's games, boat rides, food, craft booths, Pioneer Village buildings open and occupied by costume interpreters. Visit the new General Store.

website.

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## 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

STEP BACK IN HISTORY at the Wabash & Erie Canal Park, a dozen blocks north of the Courthouse Square on Washington Street in Delphi, Indiana.

There is always something for all ages to enjoy doing or learning. The towpath trails along the canal provide the earliest mode of transportation: Walking! the trails are also ideal for biking. Come camp in our RV Park; full hook-ups available, or spaces for popups, trailers and tent campsites.

Check the website [www.wabashanderiecanal.org](http://www.wabashanderiecanal.org) or call 765-564-2870.



Join us for the inauguration of a new venture-rental of these three log cabins in the camping area of Canal Park. Furnished as 1850s Canal-era dwellings, these rustic overnight cabins are for rent up to 7 days at a time. Check us out on [airbnb.com](http://airbnb.com).

Served by the restrooms of the adjacent RV Park, the three sizes will sleep 1, 2, 4 or up to 10 in the bigger cabin.

The cabins can be inspected by the public at a "grand opening" on Saturday, May 29, at 2:00 pm. Call 765-564-2870 or check on [airbnb.com](http://airbnb.com) for more information and to make reservations.

### **Hand-made furniture**

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

Contact [reservations@canalcenter.org](mailto: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?



This bunk "rope bed" being built by our volunteers will be in the smaller Boatman's Cabin

On weekends, for a fee, come take a boat ride, or visit with Mr. Case in his fully restored 1844 home, or enjoy the national award-winning Canal Museum's dozen action filled galleries. These three individual venues are priced separately, or the "combo ticket" for Boat ride/Case House/Canal Museum allows added value to your Canal Park experience. Purchase tickets at the Reception Desk in the canal center - credit cards welcome.

Admission is free to visit the Pioneer Village and observe various craftspeople (whose wares you may purchase) in the log buildings: Cooper Shop, School House, Blacksmith Shop and Carpentry Shop, Bowen House, Fouts House, Kuns Cabin, Papermaking Cabin, General Store, Loom House, Summer Kitchen; or wander around Canal Park's many other restored buildings: Little White Church, Train Station, Old Post Office, Mule Barn, Boat Barn, Boat Dock and Ticket Booth.

By the Way if you would like to join our Canal Volunteers and offer some of your time helping make this historical space even more exciting to our visitors contact Linda Cooper, Volunteer Coordinator [lrcooper@outlook.com](mailto:lrcooper@outlook.com) She has an e-mailable list of many areas needing volunteers. Pick one or more that will suit your background and interests.

### Canal Boat model on display in the Canal Center's Museum



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](mailto:reservations@canalcenter.org).



Of special interest is the 1/8th scale model canal boat on display in the Wabash and Erie Canal Center's Interpretive Museum. It is a detailed model of what was known as a "Line Boat".

This type of freight-carrying vessel was pulled along canals like the man-made Wabash & Erie Canal, delivering goods to the many towns along the 468-mile waterway from Toledo, Ohio to Evansville, Indiana.

This model, name the GENERAL GRANT was built by Terry Bodine in the Covington, Indiana, workshop with the help of a friend, Finny Filchak, from Clinton, Indiana. The original 1850s full size boat was licensed in Covington, Indiana.

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