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POPULAR ATTRACTIONS
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THE ERIE CANAL MUSEUM & SYRACUSE HERITAGE AREA VISITOR CENTER
318 Erie Blvd. E., Syracuse. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; gift shop; free admission. (315) 471-0593; www.eriecanalmuseum.org

AMERICANA: Immerse yourself in the story of the Erie Canal’s pivotal role in American history. An engineering marvel literally built by hand, the canal was cut through 363 miles of inland wilderness from Albany to Buffalo, connecting New York City via the Hudson River to the Great Lakes and beyond. This cool museum is housed in an original 1850 Weighlock Building. Discover treasured artifacts, maps, interpretive and interactive displays, plus a full-size replica canal boat with crew quarters, cargo and passenger areas awaiting exploration.

THE EVHERSON MUSEUM OF ART
401 Harrison St., Syracuse. Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday & Sunday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; Donation; (315) 474-6064; www.everson.org

ART AND ARCHITECTURE: The Everson was designed by I.M. Pei, who has since designed the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland, the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., and the new addition to the Louvre in Paris. Housing the most significant collection of American ceramics in the U.S., the museum’s permanent collection includes work by Jackson Pollock, among others. The Everson also features rotating exhibits, a children’s interactive gallery and the Museum Gift Shop.

DESTINY USA
9090 Destiny USA Drive, Syracuse (Off I-81 at Exit 23); 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday; (315) 466-7000; www.destinyusa.com

THE SHOPPING: Immerse yourself in more than 200 retail, dining and entertainment venues at Destiny USA. Luxury outlets, fine dining and exciting entertainment are joining the already successful retail mix at the former Carousel Center. Check out Destiny USA’s new expansion with brands like Michael Kors, Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5th, The Melting Pot, Cantina Laredo and so much more. A full food court, vintage carousel and electric go-karts add to the fun. Visitors enjoy our exclusive Savings Program with their AAA/CAA cards. Show your card at one of our two convenient Guest Services locations to receive hundreds of dollars of deals!

DINOSAUR BAR-B-QUE
246 Willow St., Syracuse. 11 a.m. to midnight Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday; noon to 10 p.m. Sunday; Live music Monday-Saturday nights; (315) 476-4937; www.dinosaurbarbque.com

HOT! Recently voted Best Barbecue in America in ABC’s “Good Morning America Weekend” poll, try some of the Dinosaur’s Wango Tango Habanero BBQ Sauce, Mojito Marinade, maybe some Garlic Chipotle Pepper Sauce to get the sensation. Funky wall art and weekly lineups of blues musicians have made this, the original Dinosaur Bar-B-Que, a national celebrity. National accolades have also come from The New York Times, Blues Review and Chile Pepper magazine.
ONONDAGA LAKE PARK
Onondaga Lake Parkway (Route 370 W.), Liverpool. 6 a.m. to sunset (½ hour after sunset); (315) 453-6712; www.onondagacountyparks.com

GET MOVING: Help! It has been a long drive or a long meeting or the kids are cranky. Fresh air and exercise might be just the remedy. Join the locals and head for Onondaga Lake Park located a few minutes north of downtown Syracuse and Destiny USA where you can run, walk, rollerblade or cross-country ski from dawn to dusk on miles of vehicle-free, paved trails.

ONONDAGA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MUSEUM & RESEARCH CENTER
321 Montgomery St., Syracuse. (315) 428-1864; www.cnyhistory.org

Research hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday-Friday or by appt. Monday-Tuesday afternoons only. Closed Saturday-Tuesday.

Museum hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

HISTORIC INSPIRATION: Home to one of the nation’s largest regional collections, the OHA Museum celebrates the area’s events, architecture, sports legends, industries, transportation and recreation in five major themed areas. Permanent exhibits include “Freedom Bound: Syracuse & the Underground Railroad” and a H.H. Franklin Manufacturing Co. (makers of automobiles) display, among others. The OHA Research Center, open for public research, houses 2 million archival photos, maps, cemetery records and other documents pertaining to Onondaga County history.

ROSAMOND GIFFORD ZOO AT BURNET PARK
One Conservation Place, Syracuse; $8, adults; $5, seniors and students; $4, children; children 2 and under, free; Gift Shop & Jungle Café; (315) 435-8511; www_rosamondgriffordzoo.org

LIONS AND TIGERS AND MORE!
Considered one of the best mid-sized zoos in America and home to more than 700 animals, the zoo offers year-round fun for children and adults. Experience the new Asian Elephant Preserve, home to the zoo’s herd of seven elephants, including little Chuck, who was born in July 2008. The half-mile outdoor trail offers views of penguins, wolves, tigers, bears and more. Indoors, visitors will see lions, primates and an open-air aviary that showcases dozens of birds.

TIPPERARY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD & THE UPSIDE DOWN TRAFFIC LIGHT
Corner of Tompkins Street and Milton Avenue, Syracuse.

AN IRISH TIME OUT:
Visit Tipp Hill, one of Syracuse’s West Side neighborhoods. The area was settled by Irish Erie Canal workers and later Irish immigrants, especially those from County Tipperary. Story has it that “the good sons of Ireland” didn’t want a traffic light, first installed in the mid-1920s, with “British” red on top of “Irish” green. Kids known now as the “Stonethrowers” pelted and broke the light and several replacements. The City of Syracuse finally agreed to place the green light on top and the “green light of Ireland” has shown proudly at that corner ever since.

MILEAGE TO MAJOR CITIES:

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OF NOTE:
• More than 50 state, county and city parks and several nature centers
• 40 golf courses (more than any other area in the Northeast)
• 40 museums and galleries, including the nationally known Everson Museum of Art, designed by I.M. Pei
• The Carrier Dome, home of Syracuse University athletics, is the only domed stadium in the Northeast
• Alliance Bank Stadium seats 11,000 spectators and is home to the Syracuse Chiefs
• The New York State Fair, the longest running state fair in the country, annually attracts nearly 1 million people from across the Northeast

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