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Start the Year Off Right with a First Day Greenway Hike

10:00 a.m.

Genesee Valley Greenway Brook Road Parking Lot

If you crave getting outside after all the food and parties, a 2017 First Day Genesee Valley Greenway State Park guided hike may be just right.

and back, and can go either direction, north or south. A person well-versed in local history of this section of trail will be provided for each walk.

At 10:00 a.m. on New Years Day, YOU and your family and friends are invited to meet at the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park's Brook Road parking lot in the town of Chili. As the picture above demonstrates, a good sized group, despite the snow coming down, turned out for the 2016 First Day Hike, which started at York Landing, south of Fowlerville.



Walks (or snowshoe stomps, or cross-country ski slides, depending...). will be out

A walk one mile south will take us to the best preserved c.1840 Genesee Valley Canal lock on the entire trail. A walk two miles north will take us to the double-arch Genesee Valley Canal culvert which carried Black Creek under the old canal, a pretty special artifact built more than 170 years ago.

Bring drinking water; don't be fooled into thinking you don't need water in winter.

Getting to Brook Road: Brook Road is located off Scottsville Road almost two miles south of the intersection of Jefferson and Scottsville Roads. Brook Road is a turn to the west only (the Genesee River runs along the east side) and the Greenway parking area is only a few hundred feet down the road, just past the Greenway crossing.