

## UPPER HUDSON

### **Glens Falls Feeder Canal**

[www.adirondack.net/orgs/feedercanal](http://www.adirondack.net/orgs/feedercanal)

Glens Falls, NY 12801



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Hours: Open Memorial Day through Columbus Day. No charge.

Notes: The following website contains information about the canal as well as the town of Glens Falls:

<http://www.cityofglensfalls.com/index.asp?NID=100>

Phone: 518-792-5363

#### ***Historical Description:***

“The construction of the old Champlain Canal was begun in 1817. The canal officially opened to boat traffic in 1822. It provided direct access for freight and passenger boats from Lake Champlain at Whitehall to Fort Edward on the Hudson River, completing an inland route from the St. Lawrence River to the docks of New York City. The first feeder canal was dug about 1822, at the foot of Fort Edward hill, to direct water from the Hudson River one half mile east to the Champlain Canal. When a flood destroyed part of the dam across the Hudson River at Fort Edward, the feeder canal failed to provide sufficient water. In 1824, a new dam was built across the Hudson River upstream from Wings Falls (now Glens Falls) and the Feeder Canal was begun. It ran seven miles eastward to join the Champlain Canal, guaranteeing adequate water at its summit.”

#### ***The Site:***

“The Glens Falls Feeder Canal trail is a 9 mile trail suitable for walking from the Feeder Dam in Queensbury to McIntyre Park in Fort Edward.”

#### ***Directions:***

Starting at Hudson River Overlook at the Feeder Dam in Queensbury: From I-87, take exit 18 and go east on Broad Street to Richardson Street (the first light). Go south .5 miles on Richardson Street from traffic light at Richardson and Broad Streets.