

Exploring 200 years of the Ohio & Erie Canal

My Canal Journey

Ohio & Erie Canalway National Heritage Area



Begin Your Journey!

We invite you to discover the history of the Ohio & Erie Canal. Whether you call this a scrapbook, junk journal, or travel diary, you're holding a tool of discovery and conduit of creativity! Each spread features facts and prompts to help you discover the legacy of the Ohio & Erie Canal in your community.

You may not know it, but the Canal had a profound and lasting impact on Northeast Ohio, and it continues to shape our community today.

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The Ohio & Erie Canal

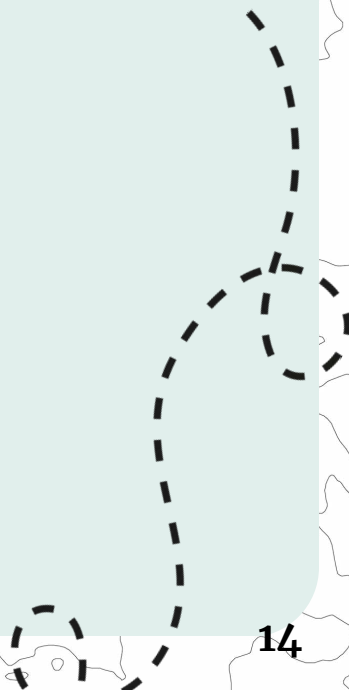
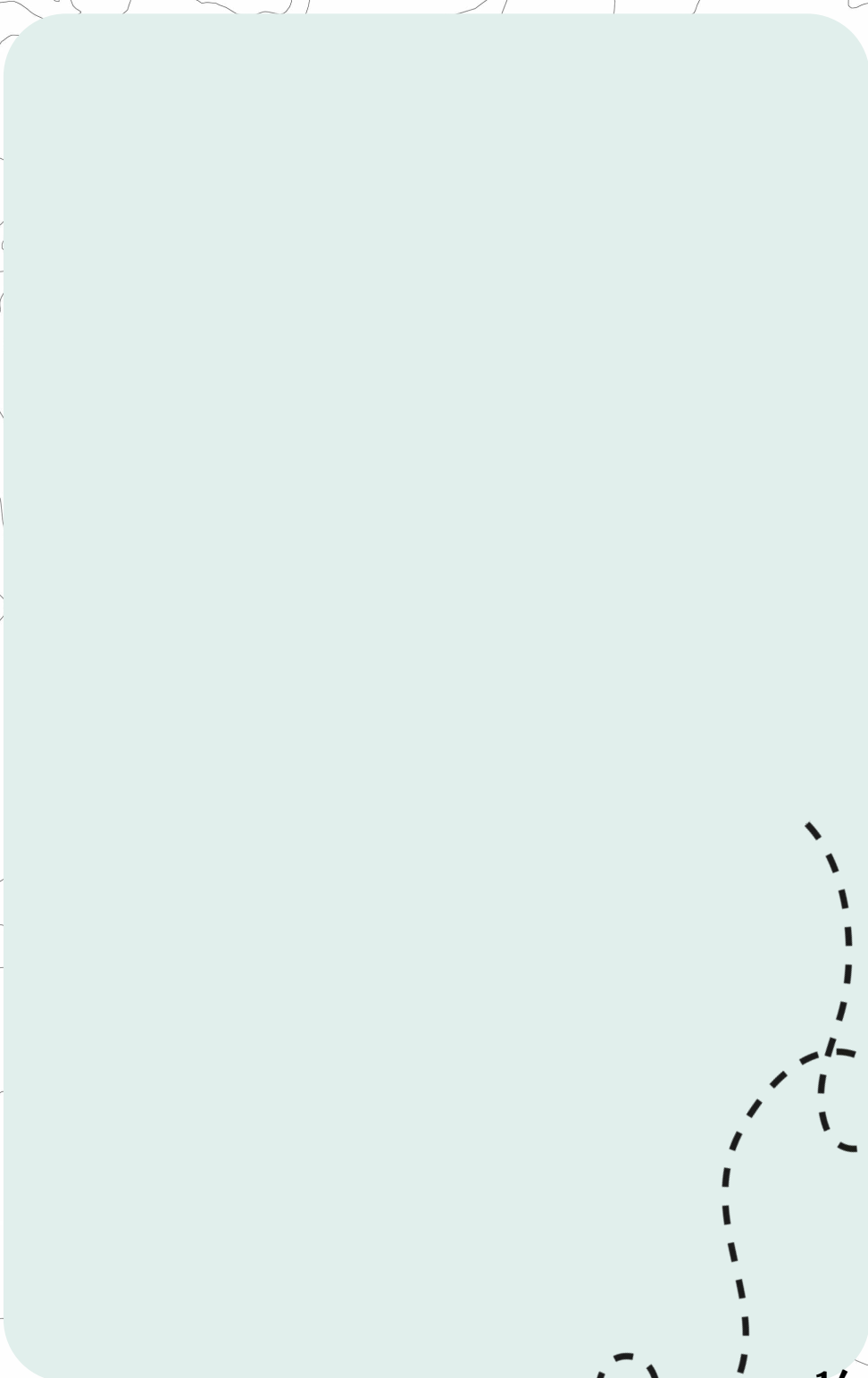
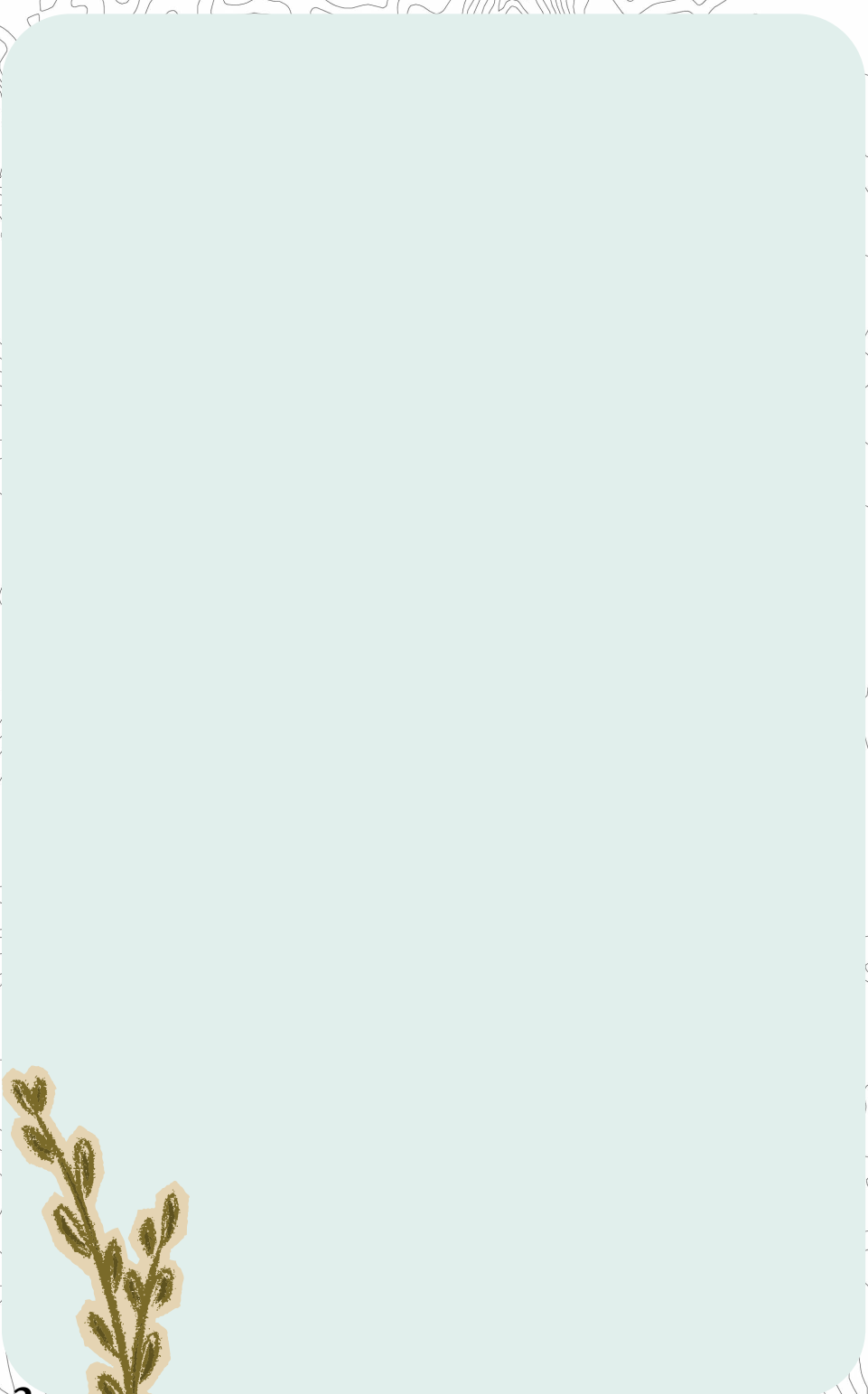
In a time before railroads and paved roads, the Ohio & Erie Canal delivered the future to Ohio by connecting Lake Erie to the Ohio River and beyond. On July 4, 1827 the first canal boat traveled from Akron to Cleveland, launching a transformational journey that changed our country forever. The Canal connected the wilderness of Ohio with the world. It shaped communities and created new cultures. It delivered ideas that changed the way we think.

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Today, the legacy of the Ohio & Erie Canal endures. The Ohio & Erie Canalway National Heritage Area celebrates the history, culture, and communities that exist along the first 110 miles of the Canal corridor between Cleveland and New Philadelphia. Two organizations – Canalway Partners and the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition – connect people to the Canal's legacy through outdoor recreation, advocacy, and education.

On July 4, 2027 we celebrate the beginning of the transformational journey of the Ohio & Erie Canal and its 200 years of history and impact. Are you ready to launch your own journey of discovery?







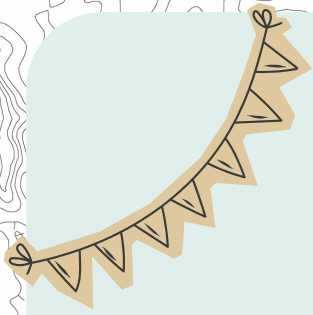
In July 1827, the first canal boat on the Ohio & Erie Canal traveled from Akron north to Cleveland.

What communities do you explore when looking for a new adventure? Plan your next adventure and record it here!

The Canal opened up a new pathway to freedom for those traveling the Underground Railroad. Follow in their footsteps as you walk north on the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail toward Lake Erie.

How might your experience be different from the experience of people in the past?





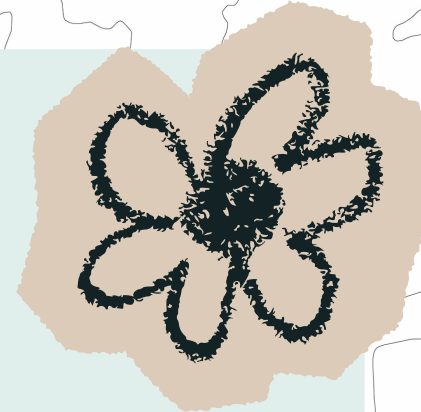
Progress on the Canal brought people together in July 1827 to celebrate as a community.

Attend a community celebration near you to be part of history this year!

The Canal moved ideas that influenced the values of America in the 19th century, including abolitionism, women's rights, and temperance.

How does exploring new places expose you to new ideas?





The Ohio & Erie Canal connected the wilderness of Ohio with the world, transforming Ohio into one of the most prosperous and populated states in the 19th century.

What waterways are in your community? What does water connect you to?



The Canal shaped the culture of Cleveland, Akron and other Ohio canal communities in ways you can still discover today.

What canal culture do you see when you're exploring historic sites today?





The Canal brought the world to Ohio, creating Akron and turning Cleveland into an international city.

Visit a spot connected to the cultures that shaped your community. Record your visit!

