

Visit I&M Canal National Heritage Area's

1848 Canal Garden. Get a glimpse into the foods grown and eaten, the medicinal remedies of the period, and the many purposes of the plants.

Opening May 2020

Visit iandmcanal.org to sign up for a tour or call 815.220.1848 for more information or to book a group tour.





In 1848 when the I&M Canal opened, each lock was tended by a locktender who lived in a house near the lock and each locktender's wife had a garden. The garden would have included produce that she fed her family to keep them healthy, as well as, produce that could be sold to passengers on the canal boats to bring in a little extra money.

Now, you can experience a locktender wife's garden. The recreated 1848 Canal Garden, opening in May 2020, is located near the "Volunteer," a mule-pulled 1840's replica canal boat, the Lock 16 Café, and the I&M Canal Visitors Center.

Start your visit at the I&M Canal Visitor Center 754 First Street, LaSalle, IL. 61301

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