



adirondack coast bikeways

14 loops of the lake champlain bikeways network in essex county, new york

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northern adirondack coast bikeways

adirondack coast bikeways

northwest dairyland

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town & country/bikeways

heart of vermont bikeways

49 interpretive

theme loops

1,636 total

network miles

the adirondack coast




















Welcome to the Adirondack Coast, a treasured link of the Lake Champlain Bikeways Network. The name refers to a unique transitional zone, a place where two coasts and two cultures meet, where mountains flow into pastures and the waters of Lake Champlain. Rural Champlain Valley roads will transport you back to an era of small farms and villages still defined by their natural settings. The area was not always so peaceful. As you stop to admire breathtaking views or wildlife, keep in mind settlers' efforts to tame the "howling wilderness", the important military battles, and the slashing, burning, forging industries of earlier centuries. These left mountains denuded of trees, air fouled with smoke, and rivers and lakes choked with slag, ash, sawdust, and logs.

Iron forges were the principal industry during the 1800s. Nails, anchors, steamboat parts as well as reduced iron were the products that were loaded on sloops and canal boats bound for Canada or the Hudson River. All of this required huge quantities of wood to produce the charcoal to fire the forges and support ship building and housing.



Penfield Museum, Ironville

map legend

Federal Lands			State Lands
Municipal Lands			International Crossing
Public Recreation			Point of Interest
Public Camping			Police
Public Swimming			Hospital
Public Fishing			Fish Hatchery
Wildlife Viewing			Covered Bridge
Underwater Park			Welcome Center
Bicycle Routes			
Unpaved Route Sections			
The Champlain Bikeway			

temp & precipitation

average temperature in degrees fahrenheit

	j	f	m	a	m	j	j	a	s	o	n	d
hi	27	30	40	54	67	76	80	78	69	57	45	33
lo	05	07	19	33	44	54	58	56	48	37	28	14

average precipitation in inches

	j	f	m	a	m	j	j	a	s	o	n	d
	2.4	1.9	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.8	3.9	4.7	4.4	3.5	3.5	2.5

Maps and legend produced by Northern Cartographic. North is up on all maps.

route description

The routes shown in this book are grouped together geographically and as a result by type of ride. The rides in the northern section are primarily on paved roads and suitable for road bicycles. The rides in the area of Essex and Willsboro have longer sections of unpaved roads, which can be avoided easily, that can be ridden on road bicycles with a little patience. The rides that go into the hills west of Port Henry contain long stretches of unpaved roads which would be more comfortably traversed on bicycles with wider tires. These remote areas contain some wonderful scenery and chances to escape from populated areas. Be sure to carry sufficient food and water.

Some of the things to see along the rides are the Adsit log cabin and Blue Stone of Willsboro Point. The stone was used in the foundations of the Brooklyn Bridge and Albany State Capital. In Jay a covered bridge is located near shallow pools that are pleasant places to cool. The state land, "Grove area" in AuSable Forks was lined with historic homes until the flood of 1997 when many were severely damaged.



Crown Point State Historic Site

When traveling west from the lake hills of varying degrees of length and difficulty are encountered. This characteristic increases as one travels to the south. When these rises are climbed one finds many unspoiled valleys and pastures. In the midst of these areas it is difficult to remember the industrial nature of the area in earlier days. There are many historical markers that attest to this history and document the unique industrial and cultural events and locations in the area. The hamlet of Essex is unique in that the entire village, 160 structures built between 1810 and 1860, is designated as a National Historic District. Today all of the towns on the lake provide excellent facilities for both power and sail boating.

A pleasure not to be forgotten when planning ride in this area is that while there are hills everywhere the ends of the rides return to the lake area and are therefore primarily downhill. The lake views provide a good reason to slow down and resist the temptation to get back in a hurry.

The Marathon Trail from Schroon Lake is not close to Lake Champlain but offers a pleasant experience typical of the many inland lakes in the area.



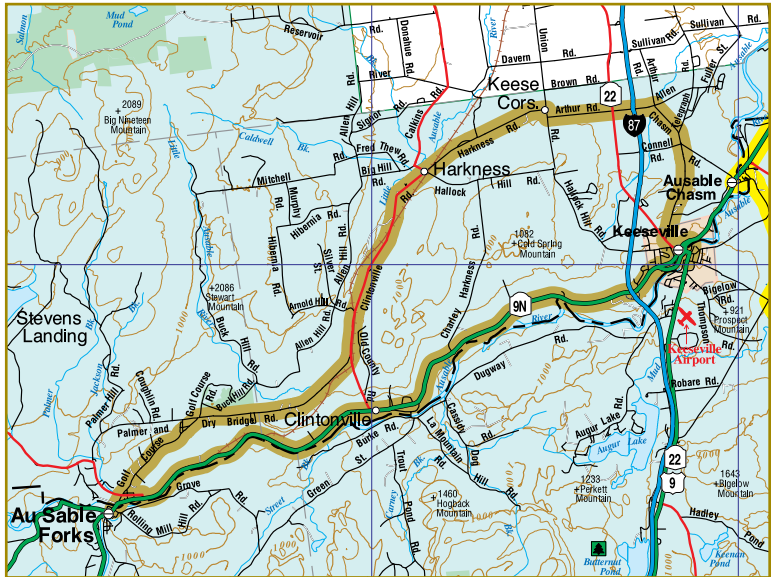
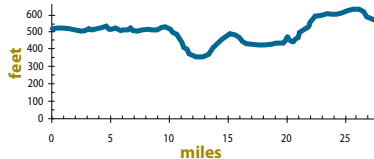
Crown Point Bridge/Ruth Penfield

water's edge trail - 27.3 miles

Intermediate

mile

- 0.0 R out of Grand Union parking lot in Ausable Forks onto Rt. 9N.
 - 11.3 Enter Keeseville, continue to traffic light.
 - 11.5 At traffic light at four corners, turn L onto Rt. 22 to return to Ausable Forks.
 - 11.9 R onto Grove St. at top of hill (no sign but across from Elementary School - becomes Chasm Rd.)
 - 13.6 Straight on Chasm Rd past apple orchard.
 - 14.0 L at stop intersection onto Arthur Rd.
 - 14.6 Straight through Rt. 22 intersection.
 - 16.2 R at stop intersection onto Union Rd.
 - 16.3 At next intersection, turn L onto Harkness Rd.
 - 18.6 Through intersection onto Clintonville Rd.
 - 22.2 Stay straight onto Dry Bridge Rd.
 - 25.2 Bear L onto Golf Course Rd.
 - 27.2 Through stop intersection to downtown Ausable Forks.
 - 27.3 Grand Union parking lot.
- Alternate Route to Port Kent Ferry**
- 11.5 At traffic light at four corners, turn R onto Rt. 22 to downtown Keeseville.
 - 13.5 R onto Rt. 373.
 - 16.7 Port Kent ferry dock to Burlington, VT and Amtrak stop.

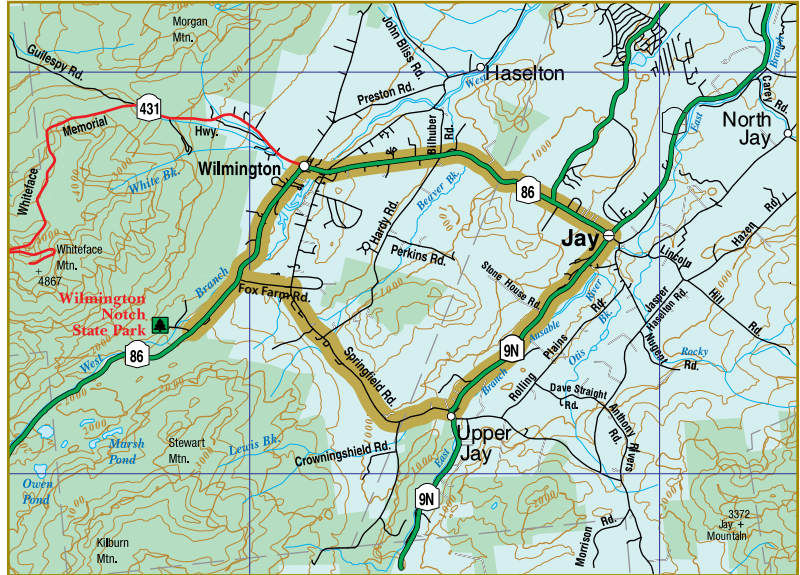
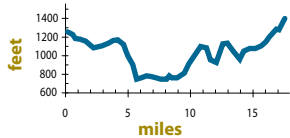


rapid descent trail - 17.5 miles

intermediate

mile

- 0.0 Whiteface Mountain Ski Center. Turn L onto Rt. 86.
- 1.0 R on Fox Farm Rd.
- 1.8 R onto Springfield Rd.
- 5.4 Turn L onto Rt. 9N.
- 9.2 Jay Village Green. Turn R onto John Fountain Rd. to get to covered bridge. Turn L up Rt. 86 to return to Whiteface Mountain.
- 14.3 L remaining on Rt. 86 at intersection with Whiteface Veterans Memorial Highway, and Bonnieview Rd.
- 17.5 Turn R across Ausable River to return to Whiteface Mountain Ski Center.

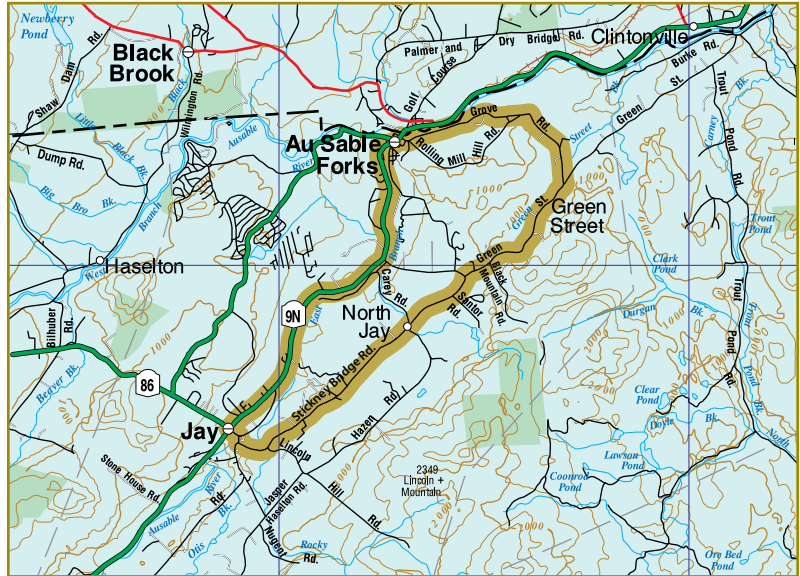
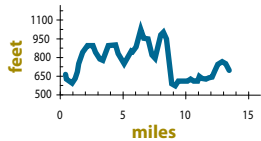


river forks trail - 13.2 miles

intermediate

mile

- 0.0 R onto John Fountain Rd. at Jay Village Green. Park to covered bridge.
- 0.2 R on Mill Hill Rd.
- 0.4 L on Stickney Bridge Rd.
- 2.8 R onto Green St. at intersection of Stickney Bridge Rd. and Green St.
- 5.1 L onto Grove Rd.
- 8.2 R on Rolling Mill Hill Rd. crossing bridge over Ausable River to East Forge St. and downtown Ausable Forks.
- 8.3 L onto Rt. 9N to return to Jay.
- 8.4 Bear R, remaining on Rt. 9N.
- 13.2 Jay Village Green.

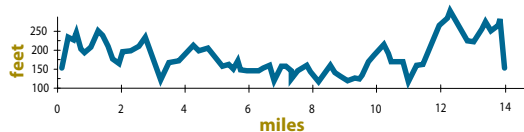


surrounded by water - 13.7 miles

Intermediate

mile

- 0.0 Willsboro Village at Boquet River. Head N on Rt. 22 up steep hill.
- 0.6 Turn R on Cty 27/Farrell Rd.
- 0.7 Turn R on Cty 27/Point Rd.
- 3.0 Willsboro Public Boat Launch.
- 4.7 Adsit Cabin and historical marker.
- 5.6 Continue on Sabausin Rd.
- 6.3 Pavement ends.
- 6.6 Small parking area and nice short trail to the point.
- 6.7 Turn L on Corlear Rd.
- 8.0 Straight on East Bay Rd.
- 8.3 Pavement starts.
- 9.7 Road name changes to Frisbee Rd.
- 10.1 Turn R on County 27/Point Rd.
- 10.8 Road to State Boat Launch.
- 11.0 Turn R on Farrell Rd./Rt. 62.
- 13.1 Turn L on Rt. 22.
- 13.7 Cross Boquet River into downtown Willsboro.

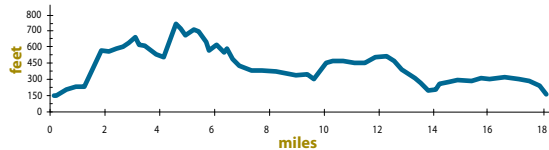


rolling reber Rambler - 17.4 miles

intermediate

mile

- 0.0 Willsboro Village at Boquet River. Head N on Rt. 22 up steep hill.
- 2.9 Turn L on Reber Rd.
- 3.0 1812 Homestead.
- 9.2 Intersect County 14 and continue straight at County 57/Reber Rd.
- 9.7 Reber Methodist Church.
- 11.6 Turn L on County 12/Jersey St.
- 12.9 Bear L on Sanders Rd.
- 13.6 Turn R on County 68/Sunset Dr.
- 14.3 McAuliff Rd.
- 14.6 Bear L on Sunset Dr. at Coonrod Rd.
- 16.8 Turn L on County 66/Middle Rd.
- 16.9 Turn L on Rt. 22 to downtown Willsboro.
- 17.2 Welcome Center on the left—rest rooms.
- 17.4 Boquet River.

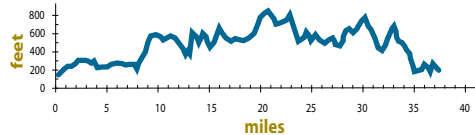


joe's random scoot - 37.4 miles

intermediate

mile

- 0.0 Head North on Rt. 22 at Essex Ferry Dock.
- 0.6 L on Catholic Church Rd. (unpaved for 0.4 miles).
- 2.3 R on County 66/Middle Rd.
- 5.1 L on County 68/Sunset Dr.
- 7.4 Bear R on Sunset Dr. at Coonrod Rd.
- 8.3 L on Sanders Rd.
- 9.7 Bear R on Jersey St.—sign only for Sanders Rd.
- 11.3 R on County 57/Reber Rd.
- 12.7 L on County 14/Deerhead Rd.—up the hill.
- 14.3 L on Moss Rd. (unpaved for 1.4 miles)
- 16.5 Bear L on Moss Rd.
- 17.5 R on County 12 and cross I-87.
- 19.5 L on Redman Rd.
- 20.5 R on County 10/Lewis-Wadhams Rd.—sign for Redmond Rd.
- 20.7 L on Ray Woods Rd. (unpaved).
- 23.2 L on Rt. 9.
- 23.3 L on Steele Woods Rd. (unpaved).
- 24.7 Cross paved road.
- 25.7 R on County 10/Lewis-Wadhams Rd. crossing Interstate.
- 28.1 L on County 55/Sayre Rd. and continue at 30.2 as road bears R until Rt. 22.
Bear R to Rt. 22.
- 32.0 Cross Rt. 22 and continue on Cty 55/Wallons Bay Rd.
- 34.8 L on Cty 9/Lake Shore Rd.
- 37.4 Essex Ferry Dock.

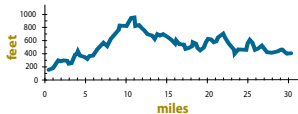
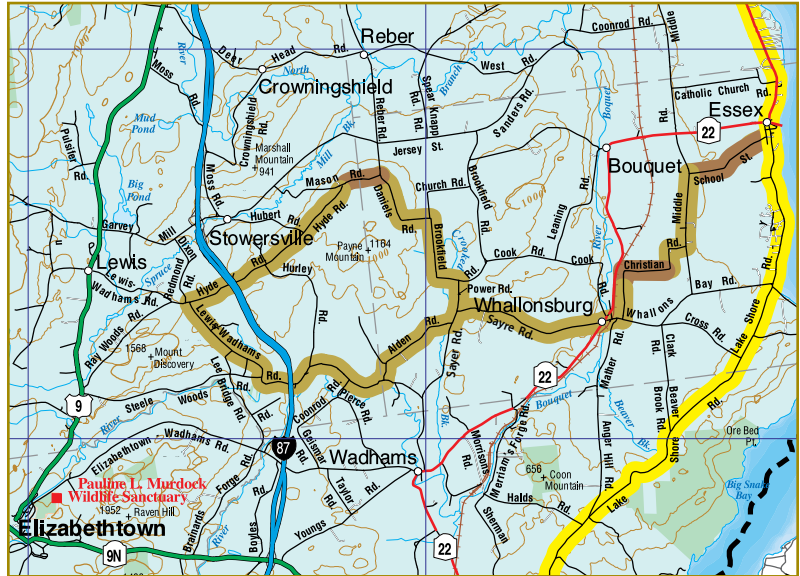


woman suffrage way - 30.8 miles

intermediate

mile

- 0.0 Head South at Essex Ferry Dock on County 9/Main St.
- 0.3 R on School Rd.
- 0.5 Unpaved for 1.1 miles.
- 1.7 L on County 66/Middle Rd.
- 2.9 R on Christian Rd.
- 3.6 Unpaved for 0.5 mile.
- 5.0 R on County 55/Whallons Bay Rd.
- 5.3 Cross Rt. 22 and continue on County 55/Sayre Rd.
- 8.5 R on Power Rd.
- 9.1 L on Brookfield Rd.
- 10.4 L on Daniels Rd.
- 11.6 L on Mason Rd. (unpaved).
- 12.4 Bear L on Hyde Rd.
- 14.8 Cross over the Interstate.
- 15.7 L on County 10/Lewis-Wadhams Rd.—only sign at this intersection is for Hyde Rd.
Cross over the Interstate.
- 17.9 L on Alden Rd.
- 19.7 L on County 55/Sayre Rd.
- 21.2 Road bears R and become Walker Rd. at Rt. 22.
- 25.5 Cross Rt. 22 and continue on County 55/Whallons Bay Rd.
- 25.8 L on Christian Rd.
- 25.9 Unpaved for 0.5 miles.
- 27.9 L on Middle Rd.
- 29.1 R on School St.
- 29.2 Unpaved for 1.1 miles.
- 30.5 L on County 9/Main St.
- 30.8 Essex Ferry Dock.

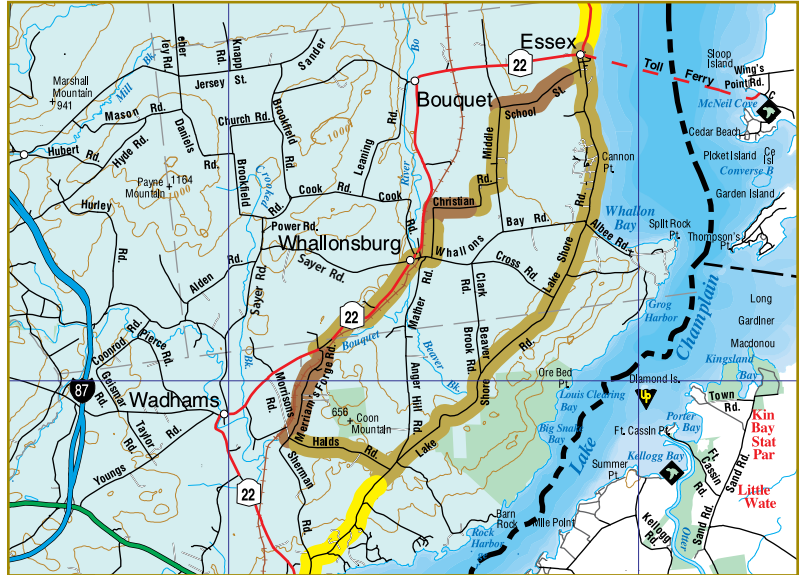
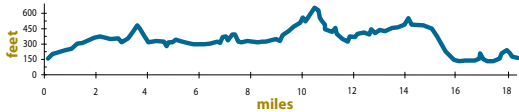


coon mountain circuit - 18.5 miles

Intermediate

mile

- 0.0 Head South at Essex Ferry Dock on County 9/Main St.
- 0.3 R on School Rd.
- 0.5 Unpaved for 1.1 miles.
- 1.7 L on County 66/Middle Rd.
- 2.9 R on Christian Rd.
- 3.6 Unpaved for 0.5 mile.
- 5.0 R on County 55/Whallons Bay Rd.
- 5.3 L on Rt. 22.
- 7.5 L on Merriam Forge Rd. (unpaved).
- 7.8 Cross Boquet River.
- 9.0 L on Halds Rd.—there is a steel bridge on the right.
- 9.9 Coon Mountain Trail Head.
- 10.7 L on County 9/Lakeshore Rd.
- 12.5 Split Rock Trail Head.
- 15.9 Straight at Whallons Bay Rd.
- 18.5 Essex Ferry Dock.

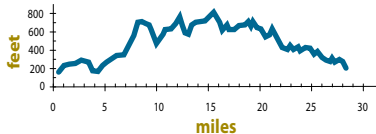


mountain coast connector - 28.0 miles

Intermediate

mile

- 0.0 Head South on Rt. 22 at the library Lawn in Westport.
- 1.0 L on Camp Dudley Rd.
- 3.5 L on Rt. 9N/Rt. 22
- 3.6 R on Napper Rd.
- 4.5 R on Stevenson Rd.
- 5.6 L on Mountain Spring Rd. (unpaved).
- 6.7 R on Macmahon Rd. (no sign).
- 9.1 L on Ledgehill Rd.—turns into Megsville Rd.
- 11.2 Pavement ends for 0.7 miles.
- 12.9 L on Rt. 9N.
- 15.3 Entering Elizabethtown.
- 15.7 R on Rt. 9.
- 15.9 R on Rt. 9/Court St.
- 16.1 R on County 8/Maple St.
- 20.7 Cross over the Interstate.
- 23.0 R on Rt. 22.
- 24.1 R on Sam Spear Rd.
- 26.0 L on Rt. 9N/Main St.
- 28.0 Library Lawn in Westport.

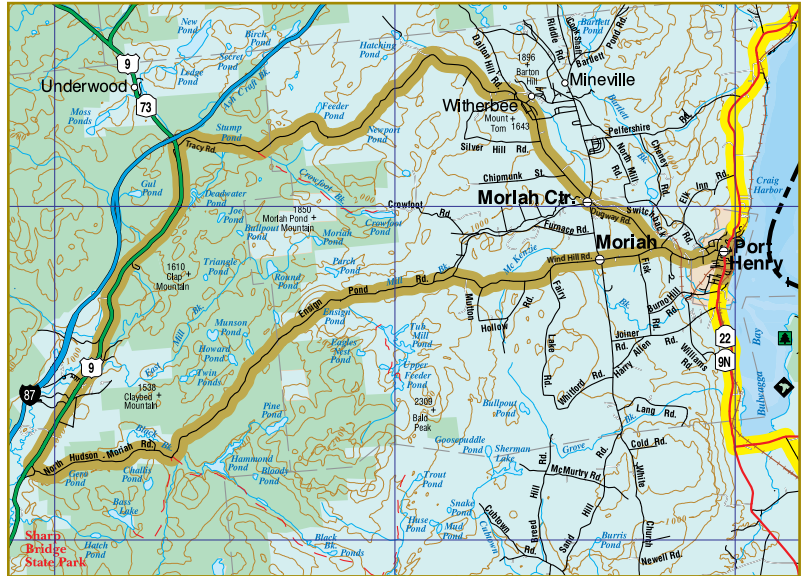
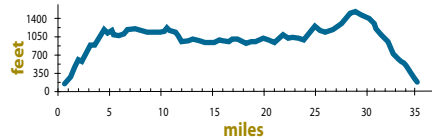


wet and wild - 36.3 miles

Intermediate

mile

- 0.0 Iron Center in Port Henry—Parking. Head North on County 4/Rt. 22/9N.
- 0.5 L up hill onto Broad St.
- 1.8 Continue straight up hill on County 42/Tarbell Hill Rd.
- 2.9 Continue straight through intersection at Moriah Corners on County 42/West Moriah Rd. which becomes Windy Hill Rd.
- 5.9 Bear L onto Rt. 4/Ensign Pond Rd.
- 15.4 Keep R to Rt. 9.
- 15.5 R on Rt. 9
- 19.8 Sharp Bridge State Campsite on R.
- 22.4 Before I-87, R on County 6/Tracy Rd.
- 30.2 R at 4 way stop on Witherbee Rd.
- 30.4 Bear L down hill on Witherbee Rd.
- 32.7 Moriah Center—L on Rt. 4/Dugway Rd.
- 34.4 L at intersection on Rt. 4.
- 35.7 At bottom of hill R onto Rt. 22/9N.
- 36.3 L to Iron Center.

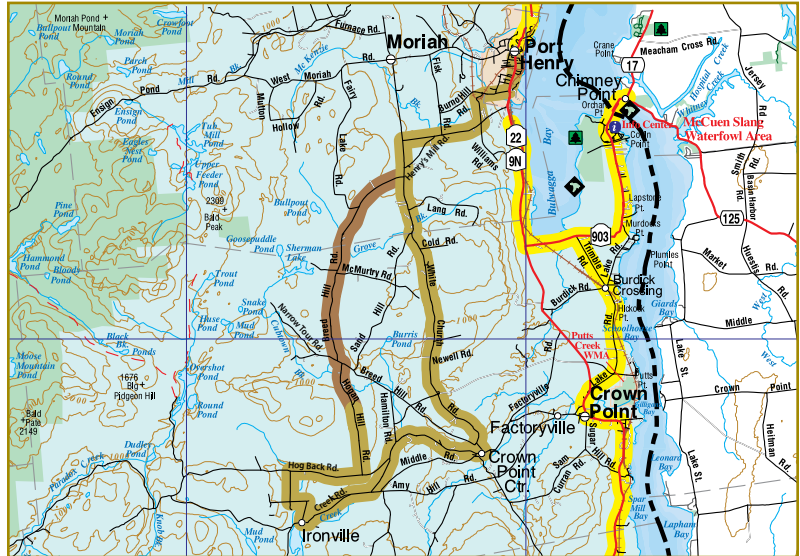
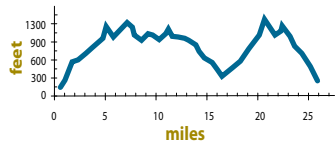


iron to iron - 26.1 miles

advanced—hills and unpaved stretches

mile

- 0.0 Iron Center in Port Henry—proceed past RR station onto Park Pl. Head South on Rt. 22/9N.
- 0.5 R on Whitney St and go under RR bridge 0.4 miles later.
- 1.0 L on Lakeview Rd. (no sign) after bridge.
- 1.1 Pass under second RR bridge.
- 1.6 R up hill on Henry's Mill Rd.—becomes Edgemont Rd. later. Only sign is for Lakeview Rd.
- 3.1 L on Moriah Rd. (Cty 7).
- 3.8 R on Breed Hill Rd. (unpaved).
- 7.8 Bear L at Narrow Town Rd.
- 7.9 R on Hogan Hill Rd. (sign faces south).
- 10.2 R at "T" on Hog Back Rd. (up hill)—Sign designates Hogan Hill Rd.
- 11.4 L on Penfield Rd.—sign designates Hog Back Rd.
- 12.7 L on Creek Rd. at Penfield Museum.
- 14.1 Bear L on Creek Rd.
- 17.0 L on County 7/White Church Rd. going up hill—Church on right at intersection after turn.
- 23.3 R on Henry's Mill Rd.
- 25.4 L on Rt. 22/9N.
- 26.0 R into Train Station on Park Pl.
- 26.1 Iron Center.

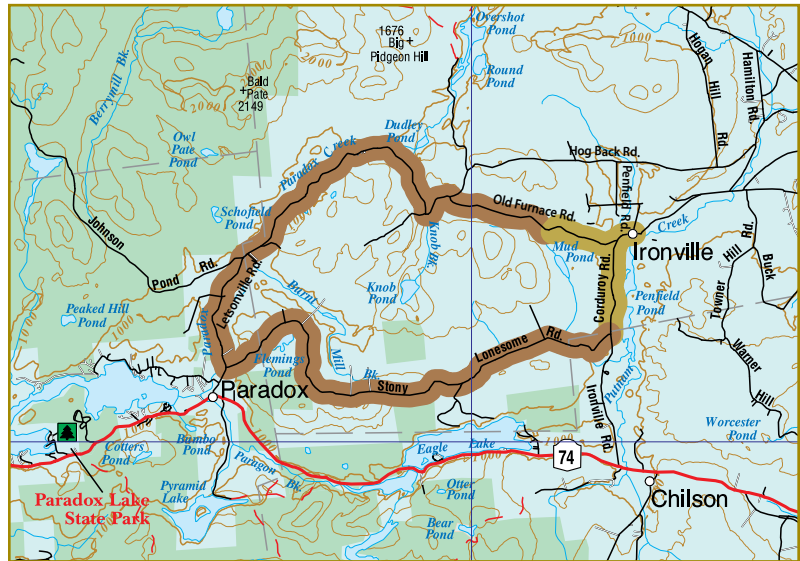
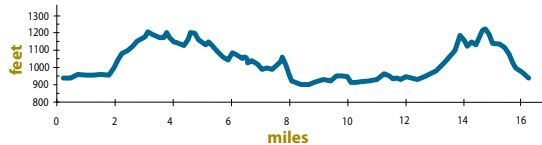


stony lonesome - 16.8 miles

Intermediate—unpaved stretches. Mountain or cross bicycle recommended

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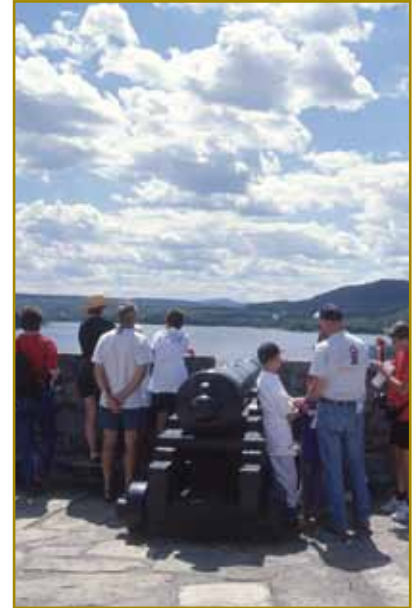
- 0.0 Penfield Museum in Ironville—parking. Head south on County 2/Corduroy Rd.
- 1.5 R on Stony Lonesome Rd. which becomes Fleming Pd Rd.—unpaved.
- 4.2 Bus turnaround.
- 4.5 Beaver dam on the left if you look back.
- 8.1 R on Letsonville Rd. (no sign). There is a sign for Fleming Pd Rd.
- 13.8 Bear R on Old Furnace Rd.
- 15.3 Pavement starts.
- 16.6 Bear L on Corduroy Rd.
- 16.8 Penfield Museum in Ironville.



fort ticonderoga

As the major transportation route of the 1700s the control of Lake Champlain was vital to the military campaigns of the time. The Crown Point Historic Site and Fort Ticonderoga were two of the most strategic locations on the lake. The Crown Point Historic Site contains ruins of both French and English fortifications with ample walking paths and interpretive signage to provide the visitor with a good understanding of the events that took place there. There is also a museum, small fee, with many artifacts and a short movie. This location is also the site of the Champlain Bridge, rebuilt in 2011, that has bike lanes and sidewalks to provide access to the Chimney Point Museum on the Vermont side.

Fort Ticonderoga is a major reconstruction that also serves as a museum with many exhibits on military history. At the same place, but for a change of pace, a visit through the King' Garden is a pleasant experience. The Ticonderoga Ferry which can be found at the end of Rt. 74 has a unique history and operation of its own. To obtain a real overview of the area, particularly from a military point of view, a visit to the top of Mt. Defiance from the end of Defiance St. in the Town of Ticonderoga is a very rewarding experience.



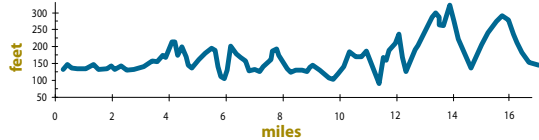
Fort Ticonderoga, Ticonderoga

fort to fort - 16.9 miles

Intermediate

mile

- 0.0 Lake Champlain Visitors Center—parking.
- 0.0 Head South on Rt. 903.
- 2.8 L on Trimble Rd.
- 3.9 Cross RR and bear L on Lake Rd.
- 6.1 L on Rt. 22/9N.
- 6.7 Crown Point.
- 10.8 L on County 43/Shore Airport Rd.
- 14.9 L on Rt. 22.
- 15.4 L on Rt. 74.
- 15.9 Enter Gate on R to Fort Ticonderoga.
- 16.9 Fort Ticonderoga.



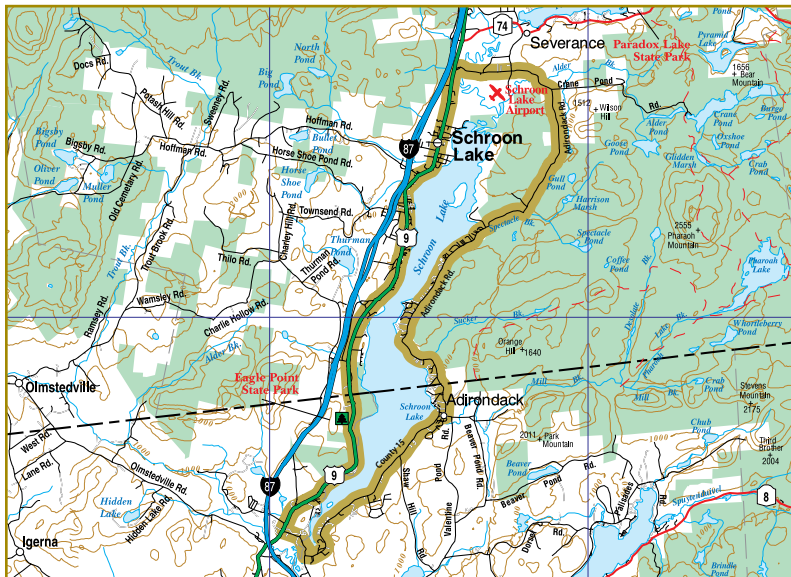
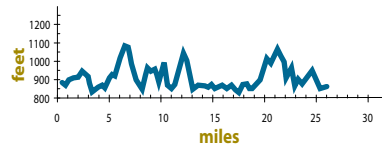
adirondack marathon trail - 26.2 miles

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Intermediate

mile

- 0.0 Start in downtown Schroon Lake. Parking at City Hall on Leland Ave. Head north on Rt. 9.
- 1.9 R on Alder Meadow Rd.
- 4.2 R on Adirondack Rd.—was called East Shore Rd. Adirondack Rd. becomes Redwing Rd.
- 11.2 R continuing on East Shore Dr. (Warren Cty 15) at general store—parking.
- 17.0 R on E Schroon River Rd. (Warren Cty 62)
- 17.8 R on Rt. 9.
- 26.1 R on Leland Ave.
- 26.2 End of Marathon Trail in Schroon Lake.



safety guidelines

Motorists and bicyclists share scenic roads. Use caution on narrow, winding or unpaved roadway. Follow traffic laws and ride safely. Bicycles are vehicles by law and have the right to use public roads. You are responsible for operating your bicycle under all conditions.

when cycling, please follow these guidelines:

Source: *Mad about Cycling*

1. WEAR A HELMET and cycling gloves.
2. Ride with the flow of traffic.
3. When using travel lanes, follow motor vehicle laws. Obey all traffic signs and signals. Do not cut corners.
4. Use clear hand signals when making turns or stopping.
5. Ride in a straight line at least 3 feet from parked cars or curbs.
6. If you must ride at night, use lights and reflectors.
7. Ride defensively! Be aware of motorists' actions.
8. Be aware of train tracks and other road conditions.
9. Ride single file.
10. Carry items in panniers or a handle-bar pack.



Cyclists touring the Champlain Bikeway/Gary Randorf

general information

lake champlain bikeways mission

To promote bicycling throughout the Lake Champlain regions of New York, Vermont and Québec for the purposes of increasing opportunities for bicycle recreation and transportation, improving the quality of life, enhancing the economic vitality, advocating for sustainable communities, encouraging healthy lifestyles and raising public awareness and appreciation of inherent scenic, historic, cultural, natural, and recreational resources throughout the area.

lake champlain bikeways clearinghouse

Contact us to order a variety of LCB publications, as well as other regional bicycling information:

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