



Explore! Saratoga County Municipality Trails & Recreation Areas

TOWN OF BALLSTON

Town of Ballston's Veterans Bike Path

Location: Main Street, Ballston Lake, next to the rail tracks

Description: The Town of Ballston's Veterans Bike Path follows a route used over many years for many different purposes. It was originally an old Indian trail that followed Long Lake (now Ballston Lake), a trail that was used for trading purposes among the Indians of this area. In the mid 19th century and into the early part of the 20th century, it was used as the railway line for the Schenectady Railway Company which brought people from Schenectady to Forest Park, an amusement park on Ballston Lake. That railway then continued on its way to the popular spas of Ballston Spa and Saratoga Springs.

The one mile long trail is excellent for walking and biking. It is flat and still follows the old railway tracks, although they are far less used today than in the past. The trail starts in Ballston Lake Village where parking is available. Along the trail are signs describing the events that have happened and the places that have existed all along its path.

VILLAGE OF BALLSTON SPA

James Tedisco Fitness Trail

Location: Off Front Street and/or Prospect Street

Parking in Village Lots near both locations

Description: With funds provided by Assemblyman James Tedisco, the Village Department of Public Works, with the assistance from the Towns of Ballston and Malta and the Milton Highway Department, opened a ½ mile walking trail which connects Prospect Street to Front Street.

TOWN OF CHARLTON

Charlton Snowmobile Club Trail

Location: Extends from Lakeview Road, Town of Broadalbin to Staniak Road, Town of Halfmoon and to Rt. 67 in the Town of Amsterdam

Description: Charlton Snowmobile Club Trail is located in Fulton, Montgomery and Saratoga Counties. Club meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month, October through March at the Charlton Freehold Presbyterian Church, Charlton, NY at 7pm. For more information, please visit: www.charltonsnowmobileclub.com.

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK

Vischer Ferry Nature & Historic Preserve

Location: Riverview Road, Adjacent to the Mohawk River

Description: Offers hiking, fishing, cross country skiing, birding and nature walks. Trails are maintained. Maps are available from the office of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs. Open year-round sunrise to sunset.

The Preserve is closed to visitors the first seven (7) days of Duck Hunting Season every year. Duck Hunting Season is scheduled to start October 11, 2008. Only registered Hunters are permitted in the Preserve during this time period.

For more information on other Clifton Park recreation areas, please visit:

<http://www.cliftonpark.org/townhall/parks-rec/>

TOWN OF EDINBURG

18th Annual HISTORIC EDINBURGH DAY HISTORIC BUS TOUR

Saturday, July 18, 2009 (Rain or Shine)

Location: The Nellie Tyrrell & Rural Museums

Description: An historic bus tour is always an important event during the festivities; it enables residents and visitors to view the many historic buildings, sites, and cemeteries that are in the area. The tour is changed yearly, allowing visits to different combinations of locations.

TOWN OF GALWAY

The Galway Trailmasters Snowmobile Trail

Location: Connects with Charlton Snowmobile Trails at Routes 67 & 147 in Galway and with Mulleyville Trails at Lake Desolation

Description: Trail number 8A – 17 miles in length and supported by approximately 50 landowners. This important link between Charlton and the Sacandaga Lake area is maintained and groomed by the very active club membership. The trail is divided into three sections and is primarily groomed with Thiokol Snow Cats. The lower section is from Routes 67 & 147 to the Cock 'N Bull Restaurant. The middle section extends from Galway Road to the Village Pizzeria. The upper section extends from Village Pizzeria to Tinney's in Lake Desolation. For more information, please visit: www.galwaytrailmasters.com.

TOWN OF HADLEY

Trail to Hadley Fire Tower

Location: Off of Tower Road in the Town of Hadley

Description: Just under 2 miles of moderate hiking. Elevation at trail head 1150 feet; elevation at peak 2675 feet. Historic Fire Tower at peak that is manned in the summer and the public is allowed to climb to the observation deck on top of the Tower for some breathtaking views. Trail is on NY State Forest Preserve Land of the Adirondack Park and does not allow any motorized vehicles on it.

Hadley Historic Rivers Trail

Location: Off of Woodward Avenue in the Town of Hadley

Description: Walking trail with no motorized vehicles; just under 1 mile that looks around along the Hudson & Sacandaga Rivers; Included by the parking lot for the trail are several picnic areas and also a canoe access/take out on the Hudson River; Quiet, relatively flat trail constructed of stone dust and natural earth; most of the trail is handicap accessible including the picnic areas.

TOWN OF HALFMOON

Abele Memorial Park

Location: Harris Road, directly across from the Town Hall Complex

Description: This park was donated to the Town of Halfmoon in memory of Jack Abele by the Abele Family and friends. It is Park features include a gazebo, a 9/11 memorial, concrete walkways, and benches.

TOWN OF MILTON

Trails in Woods Hollow Nature Preserve of Village of Ballston Spa and Town of Milton

*Location: Parking at trail entrances along Rowland Street and
in parking area off Northline Road*

Description: Located on the corner of Northline Road and Rowland Street, the preserve features hiking trails, a lake with a fishing pier, and an ice skating pond. All visitors are asked to follow the rules and regulations in order to preserve the beauty of the park for other visitors. Maps of the preserve are located inside the main entrance off Northline Road and entrances off Rowland Street. The Lake features a fishing pier as well as areas along the shore for fishing or enjoying the view. There is a 3 fish limit. Funding for the fishing pier was provided by the Ballston Spa Lions Club.

TOWN OF MOREAU
Moreau Lake State Park

Location: Interstate 87 (The Northway), exit 175, South Glens Falls.

The park is located 10 miles north of Saratoga Springs in the Adirondack foothills.

Description: Fourteen hiking trails ranging from .27 to 5.66 miles. Park office has trail maps for \$2. Guided tours are available. Call the Park Office at 518/793-0511 for more information.

TOWN OF NORTHUMBERLAND
Hudson Crossing Park
Champlain Canal - Lock 5

*Location: Route 4 - North of the Village of Schuylerville
in the Towns of Northumberland and Saratoga*

Description: Hudson Crossing Park offers a network of beautiful waterfront trails and overlooks. Free and open to the public from dawn until dusk year-round. All foot-trails are for non-motorized use. Follow the Champlain Canal north along the *Island Loop Trail* out to Eagle Point. Enjoy a spectacular view of the Northumberland Dam and look for the stone piers from early train and trolley crossings. Return via the crossroad intersection to the historic Dix Bridge (recently awarded funding for preservation as a recreational trail). A short walk on a paved surface will return you to your point of origin. Be sure you pause to enjoy the Play Garden and Picnic Pavilion. *1.74 miles round-trip*

The *RiverWalk Trail* provides a shady retreat following the shore of the Hudson River. Watch for beaver activity, blue heron, eagles and osprey. Currently a well-used foot-path, the *RiverWalk Trail* has been awarded funding and will be handicap accessible in 2010. A sloped grass kayak/canoe launch will be integrated into the upgraded trail. This quiet path is especially well suited for artists and bird-watchers. *0.58 miles round-trip from the Dix Bridge* (1.08 miles round-trip from the parking area) For further information: www.hudsoncrossingpark.org

TOWN OF SARATOGA
Coveville Champlain Canal Towpath Trail
Location: Off Furlanni Lane just of US Rt 4

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
Bog Meadow Nature Trail

Location: Weibel Avenue, Saratoga Springs

Description: Bog Meadow Brook Nature Trail is one of Saratoga P.L.A.N.'s earliest accomplishments. This two mile trail was established in 1993 by dedicated volunteers and members and follows the path of an abandoned railway. Three distinct wetland communities are present along the trail and visitors are likely to see a variety of wildlife throughout the seasons. The trail, which includes an extensive boardwalk system, may be enjoyed on foot, snowshoes or cross-country skis. For more information, please visit www.saratogaplan.org. [Description from www.saratogaplan.org]

VILLAGE OF SCHUYLERVILLE
Old Champlain Canal and Towpath

Location: 1777 Philip Schuyler House

Description: This 1 mile scenic bike and pedestrian pathway is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The trail begins at the 1777 Philip Schuyler House, crosses Fish Creek, and follows the Old Champlain Canal to the present-day canal on the Hudson River at Lock 5. Interpretive signage and recreational sites including a public boat launch and picnic areas are located along the trail. The Philip Schuyler house is located at the south end of the Village of Schuylerville on Route 4.

VILLAGE OF SOUTH GLENS FALLS
The Betar Byway and the SGF Beach Bikeway Extension

Location: Beach Road, South Glens Falls

Description: The Betar Byway is a paved path that follows the shoreline of the Hudson River in the Village of South Glens Falls for approximately .6 mile. The SGF Beach Bikeway extension is a 1.3 mile gravel road on a wooded bluff overlooking the river. Together they offer a pleasant half-day of birding through several types of habitat. Birding the entire trail system will take you through mixed woods, riverfront, a small wetland area and the beach itself. Pets must be leashed at all times.

TOWN & VILLAGE OF WATERFORD
Old Champlain Canal Walking Trail

Location: Waterford Historical Museum, Museum Lane, Waterford

Description: This is an approximate 2-mile trail that runs along the Old Champlain Canal that was operational from 1825 to 1919. It begins at the point where the Old Champlain Canal meets the Mohawk River, just south of the Waterford Historical Museum. Visitors walk or bike the stone-dust trail which ends at the north end of Waterford, near Momentive (GE). As visitors walk the towpath trail, they will pass the original Weigh Station area. A trail brochure is available at both the Museum and the Waterford Visitor Center.

Peebles Island Trails

Location: Peebles Island State Park

Description: Peebles Island State Park is at the confluence of the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers. It offers spectacular river and rapids views for walkers and joggers who take advantage of the miles of paths through the gently rolling and wooded landscape. Maps are available depicting the pathways which intertwine with each other. A visitor can choose to walk the entire island which would involve about 5 miles of trails or opt for a shorter segment – as short as half a mile. Maps of the pathways are available at the Waterford Harbor Visitor Center or at the Peebles Island Visitor Center. Picnickers and fishermen come to relax and winter visitors use the facilities to cross-country ski, hike and snowshoe. A Visitor Center also provides exhibits, workshops, restrooms and other visitor amenities.

Waterford Flight Trail

Location: Old Flight Road, Waterford

You can also visit the famous "Waterford Flight," a series of five locks where boats are lifted and lowered to the greatest height in the shortest distance. The total lift is 169 feet, twice as much as the total lift from sea level to the summit of the Panama Canal. The trail runs along the flight, sometimes taking the walker or biker along Washington Avenue, but for the most part, running along Old Flight Road. The distance from Lock 2 to Lock 6 is an up-hill walk of approximately 2 miles. At Lock 6, the visitor will be treated to panoramic views that are sure to please! Picnic tables are available along the trail and portable rest rooms can be found at each lock.

VILLAGE OF VICTORY

Saratoga Monument & Historic Cemeteries

Location: Route 338, Village of Victory

Description: Saratoga Monument is part of the three sites that make up Saratoga National Historical Park. This 155-foot obelisk commemorates the American victory in the Battles of Saratoga. It is open for visitation Wednesdays through Sundays during the summer season.

Please visit www.saratogacountyny.gov for a PDF version of this list.

Please note: All trail information provided by individual municipalities. Saratoga County is not responsible for verification of information. As always, trail or other construction is possible. It is advised to look for updated information prior to use. Thank you.