

Link Trail and Erie Canal

The Old Erie Canal Towpath is a 36-mile trail that runs from Dewitt to Rome. The terrain is woodland and wetland that present opportunities for hiking, picnicking, horseback riding, bicycling, canoeing, fishing, and snowmobiling. The Link Trail connects the Old Erie Canal Towpath and the main Finger Lakes Trail. The Link Trail is approximately 40 miles long in total. The Onondaga Trail also connects with the Link Trail just north of the Tioughnioga Wildlife Management Area. While only partially in Madison County, the Onondaga Trail is approximately 44 miles in length and also connects to the main Finger Lakes Trail. These trails also make up the portion of the North Country Scenic Trail that runs through Madison County. The North Country Scenic Trail, which is America's longest National Scenic Trail, stretches 4,600 miles from New York to North Dakota, linking 7 states, 10 National Forests, and more than 150 public lands.

GPS Coordinates (in Decimal Degrees)

Old Erie Canal Towpath: (north of Chittenango) 43.060503 -75.871252
(north of Wampsville) 43.088834 -75.711089

Link Trail: (south of Canastota) 43.058854 -75.750007, (Cazenovia) 42.931846 -75.849464, (Georgetown) 42.753034 -75.802070

Onondaga Trail: 42.822752 -75.863802

Ridges of Madison County

Madison County is blessed with hundreds of crisscrossing quiet country roads, providing many opportunities and options for cycling, no matter your ability. Ridges of Madison County offers ten suggested biking routes. You can easily add to, subtract from, or combine them. For example, the shortest route is Bike/Hike Cazenovia Lake which is 9.3 miles while the longest is Magnificent Madison at 46.7 miles. The only "major" roads in Madison County are the New York State Thruway I-90 and Route 5, both crossing the northern sector, and Route 20, a NYS designated bike route which crosses the center of the county. However, the ten Ridges of Madison County routes opt for back roads that wind through bucolic countryside and wooded areas, around our pristine lakes and through the small villages. Each route also offers optional stops at attractions and points of interest along the way. Some of the routes are suitable for cycling inn-to-inn.

For a complete guide with starting locations and trail lengths go to

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