

THE RIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY

Ten Scenic Bike Rides in Central New York



**A guide to the best cycling routes
plus features and attractions**

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DISCOVER MADISON COUNTY

Traffic Jam Cows queued up outside the barn door at milking time

Crowded Roads Two cars approaching the four-way stop sign simultaneously

Fast Food Grabbing dinner at the fire department chicken bar-b-que

Noise Pollution Turkey gobble at dawn



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Madison County, New York, lies at the geographic center of the state in the heart of farm country. The rolling terrain is home to forests, lakes and active horse, sheep, cattle and crop farms. The county is dotted with charming villages populated by inns, restaurants and boutique shopping: the perfect way to end a day's cycling.

Madison County is well-known for its antique corridor of shops along Route 20, but there are also small museums, parks, nature centers, cultural happenings and many other attractions which can add to the enjoyment of your total cycling adventure.

Maps

Please note, the scale of the maps in this guide varies somewhat, to allow each route to be shown on one page. The Madison County Highway Department has an excellent map of Madison County, free for the asking by calling 315-366-2221. The routes on the following pages are based on this map.

Quiet Roads . . . Points of Interest

Madison County is blessed with hundreds of criss-crossing quiet country roads, providing many opportunities and options for your route and your cycling ability. The ten rides presented here are suggestions. You can easily add to, subtract from, or combine them. 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 routes we have outlined 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.

Most, but not all road names are marked at the intersections you encounter. When they are unmarked, we denote the name or route number inside parentheses.

Ability Level

The terrain of Madison County was formed thousands of years ago by retreating glaciers. On their flow north, they gouged out north/south running valleys and ridges. Consequently, most of our loop routes necessarily contain some rolling to hilly terrain. We have mapped the least severe grades into our routes, and feel that the typical pleasure rider in good shape should have few problems. Most routes average around 20 miles, but it is easy to combine some of them for longer mileage, or "bail out" for shorter trips. If you do plot your own route, keep in mind that hills are most likely to be encountered on east/west roads, as you cross the ridges.

The degree-of-difficulty designations we have used are:

Easy No hills

Moderate Some rolling hills with average grade

Moderately Difficult Some short, steep grades and/or long moderate grades

Weather

Madison County is located in the northeast, and reflects this weather pattern. Cycling is good in spring, summer and fall. Temperatures rarely exceed 90 degrees in the summer. Spring and fall mornings can be cool, with the daytime temperatures averaging from the low 50s to the high 60s. Rain is more likely to fall in the spring.

When to Come

In May you are treated to pink and white clouds of flowering trees and unobstructed views before the leaves are fully formed on the trees. October in Madison County is a little known secret. We have spectacular color blazing away on our hardwood and pine-covered hills, and no "leaf-peeper" traffic jams.

June through September is of course the best chance to sample our great cycling weather. Keep in mind that there are many activities scheduled in summer (such as the Madison-Bouckville Antique Fair in August) and the modest amount of available accommodations fill quickly. Make your plans as early as possible.

Services/Accommodations En route

Following is a list of hotels, restaurants and points of interest which are mentioned on the ten cycling routes.

For a complete listing in the county, please request the Madison County Travel Guide from **Madison Country Tourism, 800-684-7320, www.madisontourism.com**

The area code for Madison County is 315

Full Service Hotels/Inns

If you plan to cycle inn-to-inn, the following provide both lodging and dining; please contact the tourism office for alternative accommodations in the county.

Bouckville

Landmark Hotel, 893-1810

Canastota

Graziano's Motor Lodge, 697-8384,
and **Casa Mia Restaurant**, 697-7690

Cazenovia

Brae Loch Inn, 655-3431
Brewster Inn, 655-9232
Lincklaen House, 655-3461

Hamilton

Colgate Inn, 824-2300
Hamilton Inn, 824-1245
White Eagle Resort and Conference Center, 824-2002

Oneida

Oneida Community Mansion House,
363-0745
Charlotte's Creekside Inn, 363-3377

Restaurants

Lunch and dinner dining is available in the following towns: Cazenovia, Hamilton, DeRuyter, Chittenango, Canastota, Bouckville, Madison, Morrisville, Oneida, Erieville (north side of lake), Solsville and Georgetown.

Ridges of Madison County

Tour Highlights

If your touring plans include a stop at any of the following, it's a good idea to call ahead and check hours of business.

College Campuses

Cazenovia College, Cazenovia
Equine Center, Woodfield Rd., 655-7294
Chapman Art Gallery, 655-7246
Chapman Cultural Center, 655-7162

Colgate University, Oak Drive, Hamilton
The Picker Art Gallery, Dana Arts Center,
228-7217

Morrisville State College, Morrisville

Tours:
Dairy Barn, 684-6487
Equine Center, 684-6620
Fish Hatchery, 684-6423
Wildlife Museum, Bicknell Hall, 684-6390

Agri-Tourism

Alpaca Country Paddocks
Whitelaw Rd., Canastota, 697-9320

Critz Farms

Rt. 13, Cazenovia, 662-3355

Empire Aquatics

Oxbow Rd., Fenner 684-9858

Fenner Wind Power Project

Buyea Rd., 800-684-7320

Quiet Valley Farm

Middle Rd., Oneida, 363-9580

Attractions

Canal Town Museum

122 Canal St., Canastota, 697-3451

Chittenango Falls

State Park

Rt. 13, Cazenovia, 655-9620

Chittenango Landing

Canal Boat Museum

7010 Lakeport Rd., Chittenango,
687-3801

Great Swamp Conservancy

Pine Ridge Rd., Canastota, 697-2950

Gerrit Smith Estate

Peterboro, 684-9022

International Boxing Hall of Fame

Thruway Exit 34, Canastota, 697-7095

Johnny Appleseed Farms and Furniture

Old State Rd., Nelson, 662-7071

L. Frank Baum Museum

227 E. Genesee St., Chittenango, 687-3423

Land Office

Village Green, Peterboro, 684-9022

Lorenzo State Historic Site

Rippleton Rd., Cazenovia, 655-3200

Madison-Bouckville

Antique Corridor

40+ shops along Rt. 20, 893-17670

Madison County

Historical Society

435 Main St., Oneida, 363-4136

Madison Hall

Rt. 20, Morrisville, 684-9505

Nelson Swamp

Unique Area

Constine Bridge Rd., Cazenovia,
607-674-4036

Nichols Pond Park

Nichols Pond Rd., Canastota, 366-2376

Oneida Community

Mansion House

170 Kenwood Ave., Oneida, 363-0745

Oneida Home Store

Sherrill and Noyes, Sherrill, 361-3661

Peterboro Area Museum

Village Green, Peterboro, 684-9022

Shako:wi Cultural Center

5 Territory Rd., Oneida, 363-1424

Stone Quarry Hill

Art Park

Stone Quarry Rd., Cazenovia, 655-3196

Tiognioga Wildlife

Management Area

Dugway Rd., Nelson, 800-388-8244

Wooden Toy Shop

DeRuyter Lake, 662-7175

Cycle Service

Guy's Bicycle Shop

7211 Rt. 20 West, Madison, 893-7231

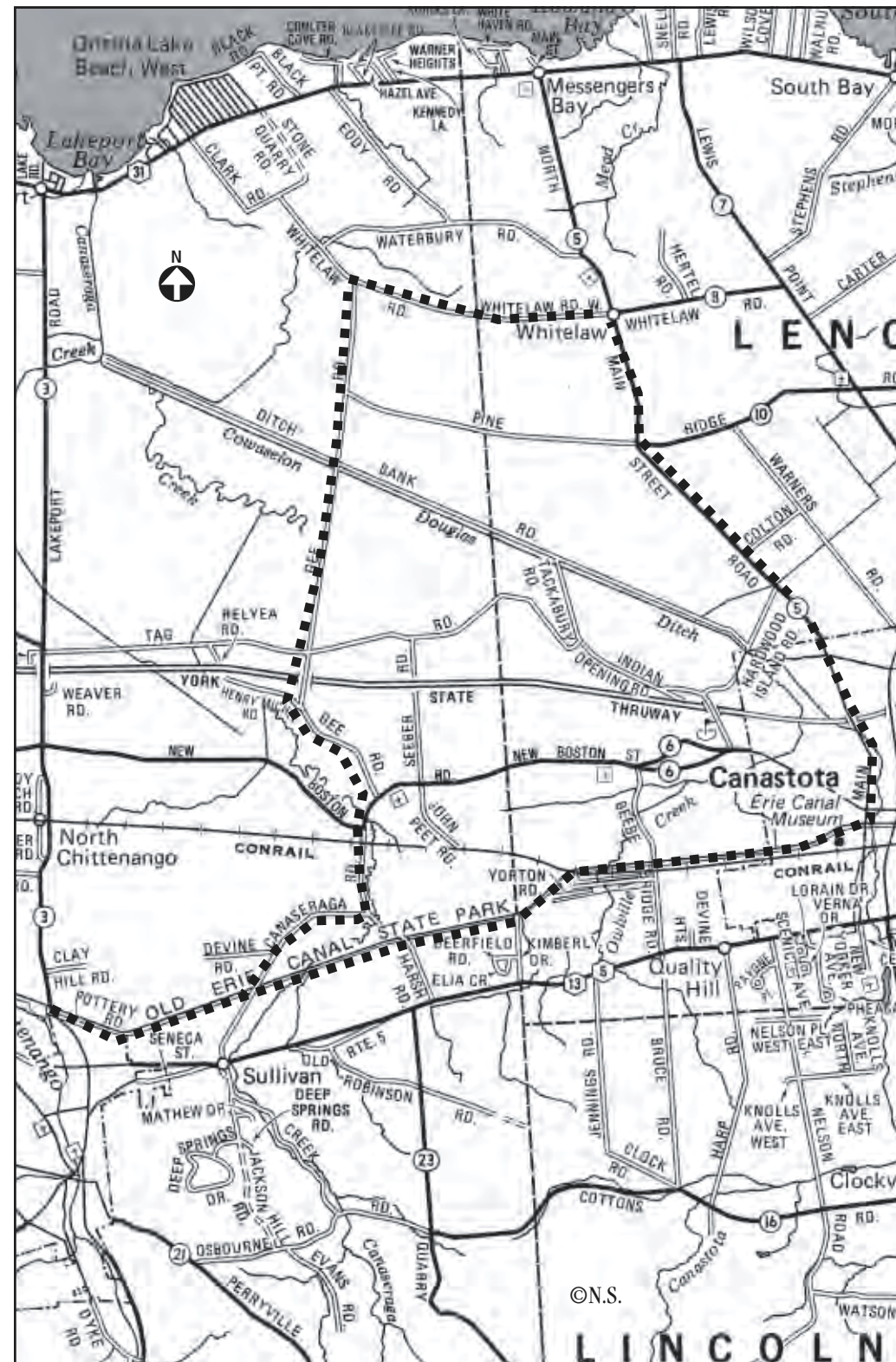
M, T, Th, Fri 10-7; Sat 9-3

1. Birds, Canals and Onions in Oz Land

Easy – 20.1 miles

This charming cycle follows the old Erie Canal towpath, affords visits to two canal museums, then winds its way through flat farmland, passing by the unique Great Swamp Conservancy with its nature trails and bird watching opportunities. This ride is especially pretty in May, when the wild apple and cherry trees are fragrantly in bloom along the canal trail. The ride starts and ends in the little village of Chittenango, birthplace and early home of Frank Baum, the creator of the Wizard of Oz. He is commemorated in a small museum. The canal museums are located in Chittenango and Canastota, a neighboring village. Both towns offer restaurants and grocery stores. A detour in Canastota can also take you to the Boxing Hall of Fame. A distinct feature on this cycle are the rich, black muckland farms. These lie in the flood plain of Oneida Lake and provide fine produce, especially onions, which are marketed nationwide.

Segment	Total
0.0 Start in parking lot of the Old Erie Canal Trail on Lakeport Rd., Chittenango. Lakeport Rd. is the northwest fork off of Rt. 5 at the traffic light on the northeastern edge of town. Across from the parking lot is the Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum which is worth a visit. Begin your cycle heading east on the canal towpath.	0.0
1.6 You are at the first road crossing (Canaseraga Rd.). If you do not wish to continue on the gravel canal path, you can bail out at this point by turning left and riding up to New Boston St., and follow this road into Canastota. Pick up tour on N. Main St.	1.6
2.9 The trail briefly follows the roadway; turn left across the railroad tracks and turn right back onto the trail.	4.5
1.7 Trail ends at N. Main St. in Canastota. Turn left on N. Main St. to continue the tour. Or, to visit the Canastota Canal Museum, continue across the street and onto Canal Rd. To visit the International Boxing Hall of Fame, continue past the museum, turn left upon reaching Rt. 13 and proceed north to the edge of town.	6.2
3.3 Simpson Nature Park Birdwatching Station on right	9.5
0.2 N. Main crosses Pine Ridge Rd.; Great Swamp Conservancy on left	9.7
0.3 Turn left on Whitelaw Rd. West	10.0
2.5 Turn left on Gee Rd.	12.5
4.1 At end of Gee Rd., turn right (New Boston Rd.)	16.6
0.3 Continue straight onto Canaseraga Rd.	16.9
0.6 Turn right at stop sign, staying on Canaseraga Rd.	17.5
1.0 Turn right onto Old Erie Canal State Park trail	18.5
1.6 Return to parking lot	20.1



2. Two Cultures Valley Tour

Easy to Moderate – 15.3 Miles

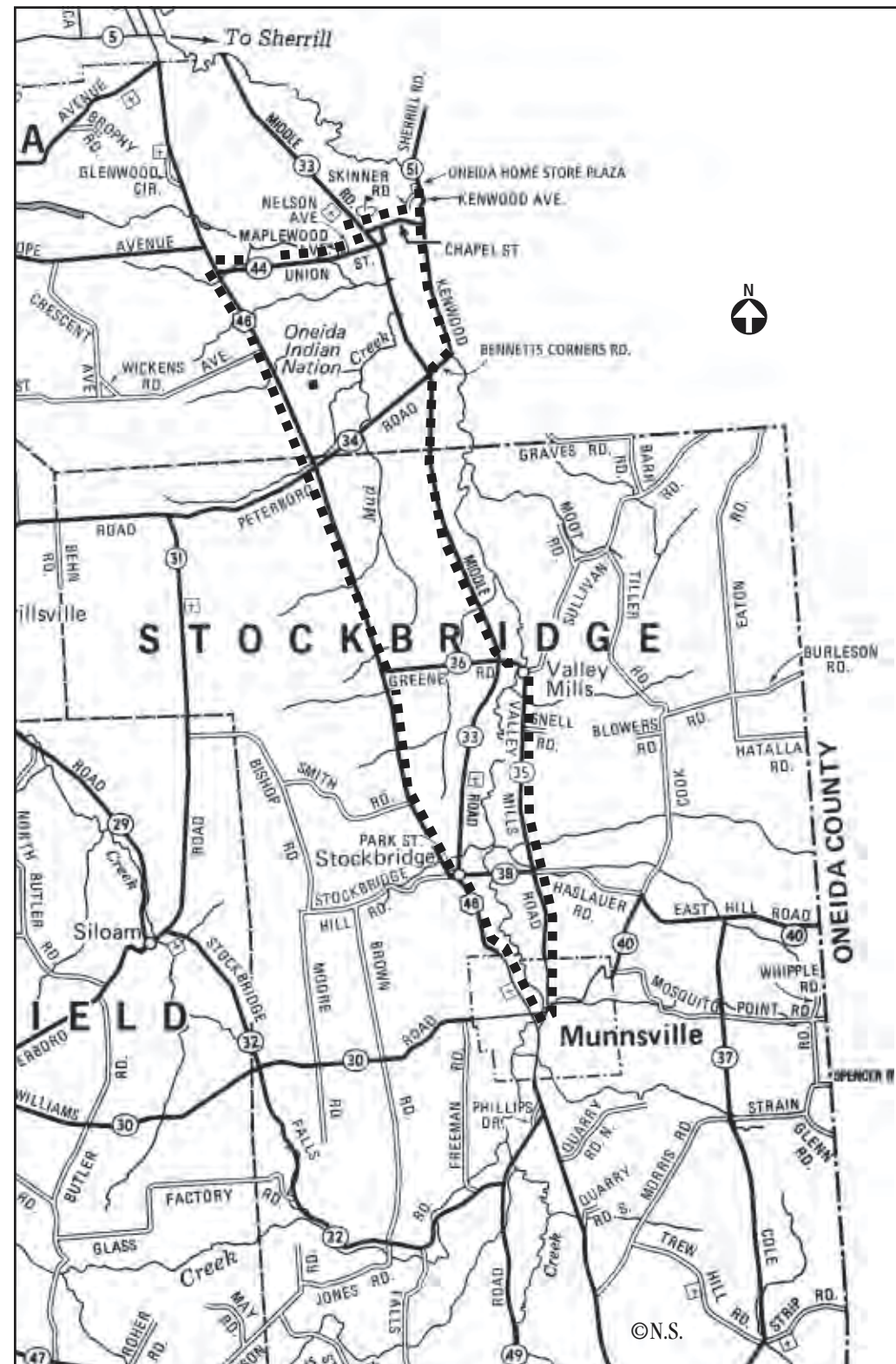
This tour offers the opportunity to come into contact with two unique cultures: the utopian Oneida Community; and the Oneida Nation. The Oneida Community was a unique religious and social society formed in 1848 which shared a communal life of work, education, religion and marriage, and was the founder of Oneida Silver. The Shako:wi Cultural Center explores the Oneida Indian Nation's extensive collection of artifacts and artwork.

Also in this area but not on the bike route is Cottage Lawn, the Madison County Historical Society's mansion, which among other historical holdings houses a fascinating exhibit on hops, once one of the county's major agricultural industries. There are hops barns visible along Valley Mills Rd.

This tour starts in the small cities of Sherrill and Oneida, home of Oneida Silver. Good shopping beckons at the Oneida Home Store. Inn-to-inn opportunities include the Mansion House and Charlotte's Creekside Inn, both offering rooms and dining on the premises.

To get to the Oneida Home Store parking lot, which is the startpoint of this tour, follow Rt. 5 to the traffic light in Sherrill, turn south on Sherrill St. (Unfortunately, this intersection is in Oneida County and does not show on the Madison County map.) The Oneida Home Store Plaza will be on your left at the next traffic light.

Segment	Total
0.0 Start in the parking lot of the Oneida Home Store in Sherrill, at the corner of Sherrill Rd. and Noyes St. Proceed south on Sherrill Rd.	0.0
0.6 Oneida Community Mansion House, offering tours, and also a charming inn and restaurant.	0.6
0.2 Right on Chapel St.	0.8
0.4 Turn left on Middle Rd. at stop sign	1.2
0.1 Turn right on Union St. at stop sign	1.3
1.1 Turn left on West Rd. (Rt. 46) at stop sign	2.4
1.1 Location of Shako:wi Cultural Center, on left, at flashing light	3.5
3.6 Village of Stockbridge	7.1
1.2 Village of Munnsville, turn left at Valley Mills Rd.	8.3
2.8 Turn right at stop sign on Middle Rd. (Rt. 33)	11.1
2.2 Turn right at 4-way stop sign on Bennetts Corners Rd.	13.3
0.3 Turn left on Kenwood (which becomes Sherrill Rd.)	13.6
1.7 Back to parking lot	15.3



3. Bike/Hike Cazenovia Lake

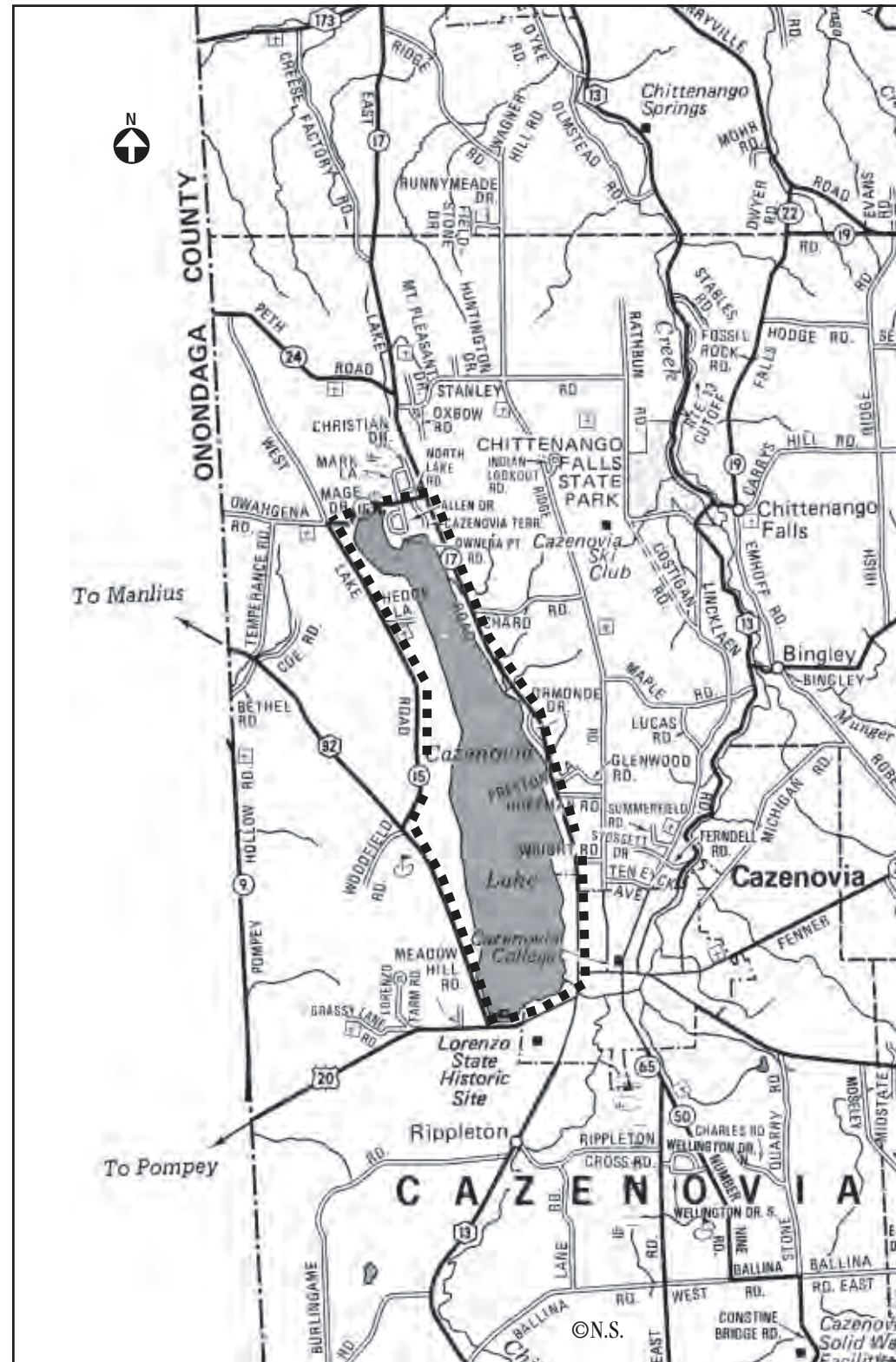
Moderate – 9.3 miles, plus optional 1.5 mile hike

This loop can combine with any tour originating in Cazenovia

Cazenovia Lake is an appealing body of water lying on the western edge of the village of Cazenovia. It can be viewed by bike on this short circular tour, plus there are nice vistas of the lake from the Fairchild Hill Loop Walking Trail on the south side. This tour also passes in front of the Lorenzo State Historic Site, an 18th-century mansion now a faithfully restored museum house, outbuildings, schoolhouse and gardens. There is also a walking trail from the museum grounds that connects to the Fairchild Hill Trail. Special events throughout the season are held at Lorenzo on the grounds overlooking the lake.

Segment

Segment	Total
0.0 Park at the south end of the lake at the intersection of Rt. 20 and Rt. 92, in either the lot on the south shore of the lake, or across the street behind the brown garage in the Fairchild Hill Trail parking lot. Option to hike the trail from this point. Then, proceed by bike north on Rt. 92 along the western side of the lake.	0.0
1.6 Turn right on West Lake Rd.	1.6
2.4 Turn right on North Lake Rd.	4.0
0.9 Turn right on East Lake Rd.	4.9
3.6 Go straight at stop sign on Rt. 20 W and Rt. 13 S.	8.5
0.2 Turn right, on Rt. 20 W; pass Lorenzo Historic Site on left	8.7
0.6 Return to parking lot	9.3



4. Falling Water

Moderately Difficult – 21 miles

Can combine with ride 5

This route starts in Cazenovia and runs past the spectacular Chittenango Falls State Park; a hike down into the gorge to view the falls close-up is a must. From there the route rambles uphill through quiet countryside with wonderful views of the wind farm on the hills to the east and vistas across several valleys. Chittenango Falls is an excellent picnic and rest stop; otherwise there are no other services on this route until one returns to Cazenovia.

Segment

Segment	Total
0.0 Start point is at the intersection of Rt. 13 North and Rt. 20 in the village of Cazenovia, also designated Farnham St.; this is a wonderful mostly downhill ride along the banks of the Chittenango Creek	0.0
3.8 Location of Chittenango Falls State Park	3.8
0.2 Turn right up Falls Rd.; this road twists and turns; eventually runs into Perryville Rd.; continue on Perryville Rd.	4.0
3.7 Bear right on Perryville Rd. (marked "To Rt. 20") at intersection	7.7
1.3 Bear right at intersection (Nelson Rd. Rt. 23)	9.0
5.4 Cross over Rt. 20 onto Erieville Rd.	14.4
1.2 Turn right on Lyon Rd. which eventually becomes Ballina Rd.	15.6
3.0 Turn right at second stop sign (Nine Rd.)	18.6
2.4 Return to traffic light in downtown Cazenovia (Mill St. and Rt. 20)	21.0

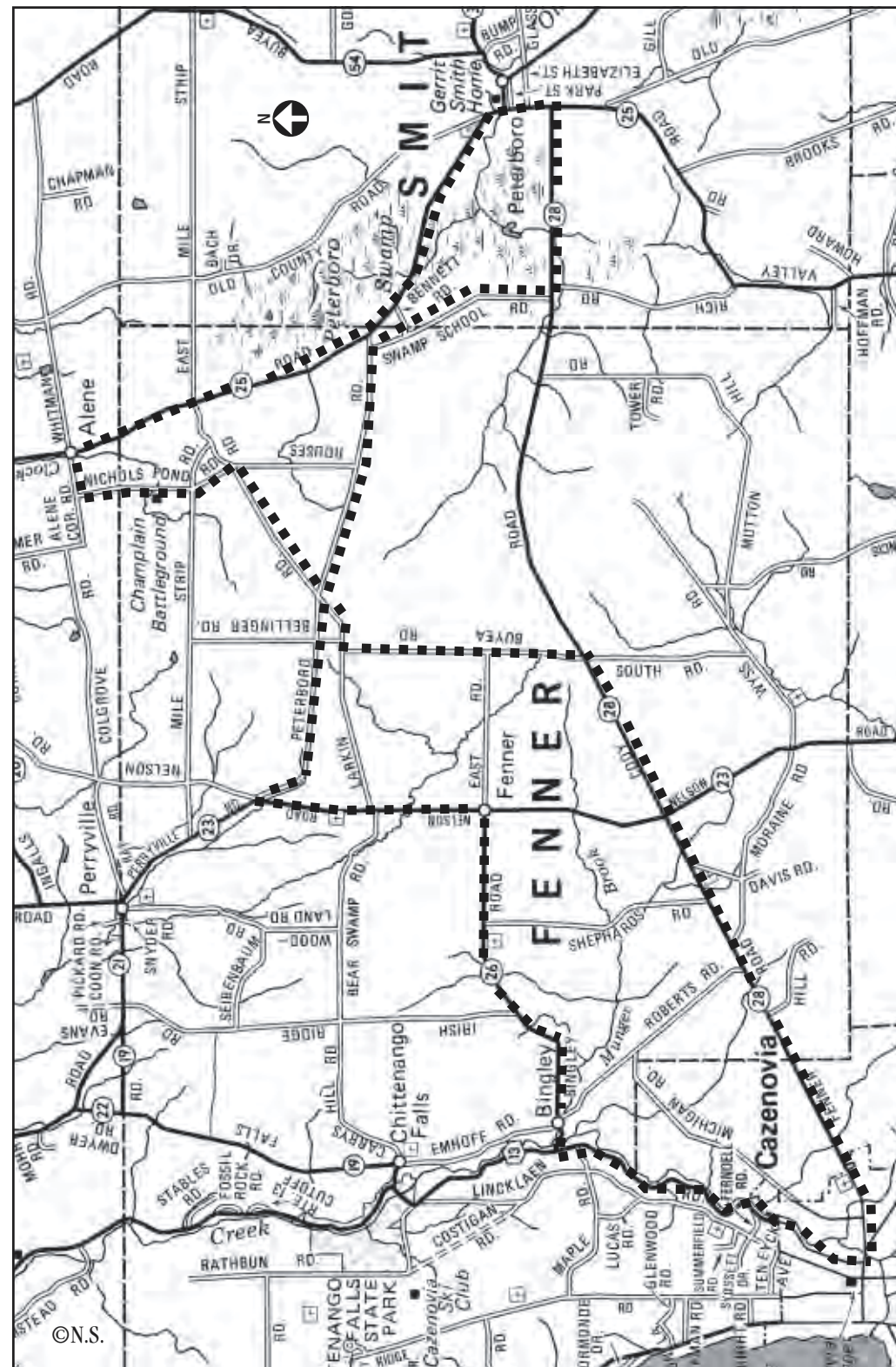


5. Heaven and Hell: *Windmills and the Underground Railroad*

Moderately Difficult – 27.7 miles
Can combine with #4

This tour cycles through beautiful countryside with stunning vistas in and out amongst a hilltop wind farm. There is also a park for picnicking and hiking en route; there are no other facilities on this tour once leaving Cazenovia. This tour also wends its way into the tiny village of Peterboro, where you will find the National Historic Landmark Gerrit Smith house. The site has been called the “Grand Central Station of the Underground Railroad” because of the number of freedom seekers who passed through Peterboro and were assisted by Smith and his family. The Peterboro area is also the first location in the United States to import the ubiquitous Holstein cow, the principle dairy cattle found everywhere in the U.S. today. There is a small historic museum in Peterboro, worth a visit when it is open, Sundays only from May to September. A self-guided walking tour of the small town is available by calling the Smithfield Community Association at 684-9022 or 684-9428.

Segment	Total
0.0 Start on Fenner St. off Rt. 20 in Cazenovia, on the eastern edge of town, to the left of the fountain.	0.0
4.7 Turn left on Buyea Rd.	4.7
1.8 Turn right on Larkin Rd.	6.5
0.5 Stay on Larkin through the stop sign	7.0
1.1 Left on Nichols Pond Rd. (also named Rouses)	8.1
0.6 Location of Nichols Pond Park on left; picnic tables, shelter, porta-potty, trails; this is the site of an Oneida Indian village which was attacked by Champlain in 1815; on the right-hand side of the road past the park entrance you can view the remains of Indian grain pits.	8.7
0.7 Turn right at T intersection (Alene Corners Rd.); Natural Foods Store at this intersection	9.4
0.3 Turn right at stop sign (Oxbow Rd.)	9.7
1.7 Location of interesting Empire Aquatics Pet and Pond Store	11.4
2.6 Peterboro; continue past village on same road when leaving village	14.0
0.4 Turn right on Cody Rd.	14.4
1.4 Turn right on Swamp School Rd.	15.8
1.4 Turn left on Peterboro Rd.	17.2
2.6 Turn sharp left at stop sign (Nelson Rd. / Rt. 23)	19.8
2.6 Turn right on Bingley Rd.	22.4
2.6 Turn left on Rt. 13 S and ride back to Cazenovia along Chittenango Creek	25.0
2.7 Turn left on Rt. 20 W to return to starting point	27.0

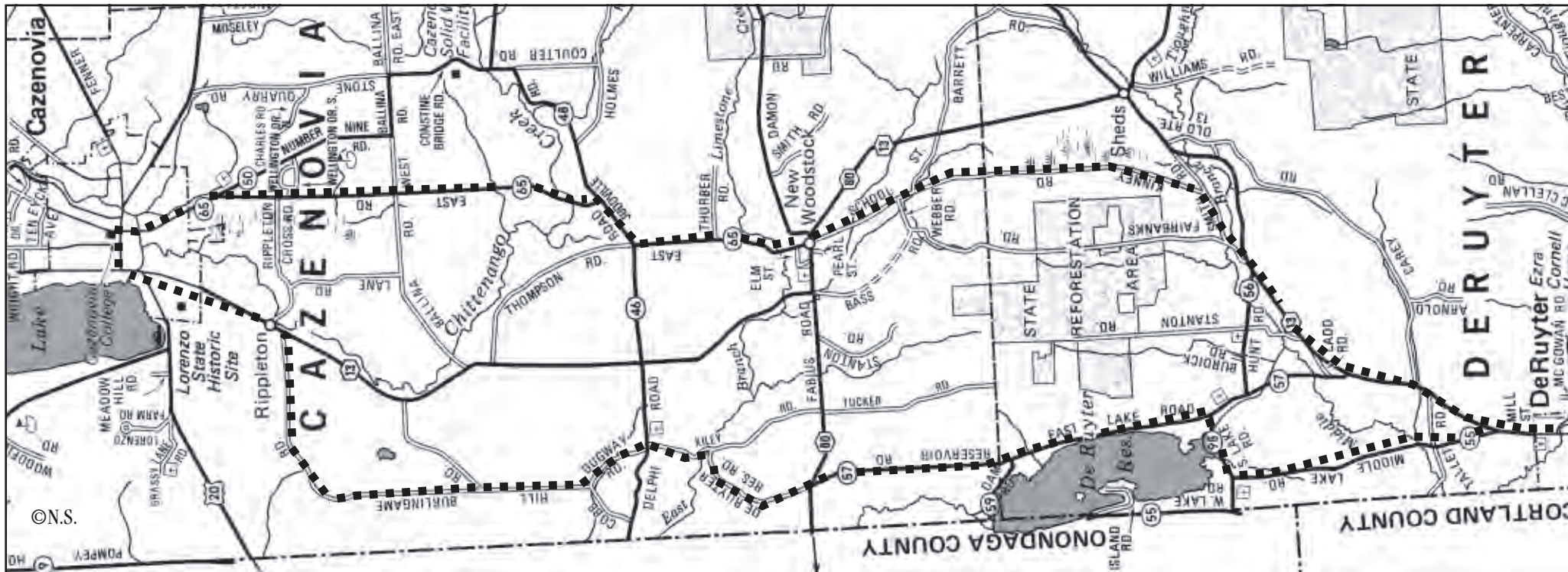


6. Hill 'n Valley

Moderately Difficult – 27.5 miles

This north/south route winds through pastoral valleys, past prosperous dairy farms, alongside DeRuyter Reservoir and finishes by returning via the top of a ridge blessed with fabulous views. It passes through the tiny farming towns of New Woodstock and DeRuyter. At the end of the route you will pass by the entrance to the Lorenzo State Historic Site, a beautifully restored museum, schoolhouse and garden. You can also choose to make a detour and stop at Critz Farms on Rt. 13, an agri-tourist destination with gift shop and farming activities, especially interesting in the fall.

Segment	Total
0.0 Start at the traffic light on Rt. 20 in downtown Cazenovia, going south on Mill St., across from the Lincklaen Hotel	0.0
0.8 Bear right on East Rd.	0.8
5.1 Village of New Woodstock; continue straight across the intersection (Rt. 80 and Rt. 13) onto School St. There is a convenience store in New Woodstock.	5.9
0.8 Continue straight through intersection onto Parker Rd.	6.7
0.1 Continue straight through onto Kinney Rd.	6.8
2.5 Bear right at Yield sign	9.3
0.7 Turn right on Rt. 13 S	10.0
3.3 Village of DeRuyter; there is a grocery store here, plus restaurants; start return route by doubling back on Rt. 13 N (Utica St.)	13.3
0.7 Turn left on Middle Lake Rd.	14.0
2.3 Turn right on Lake Rd. at stop sign	16.3
0.6 Turn left at stop sign on E. Lake Rd. (Rt. 57 N); proceed along the eastern shore of DeRuyter Reservoir. A point of interest is the Wooden Toy Shop along this road.	16.9
18.7 Proceed straight across intersection which will now become Reservoir Rd.	18.7
1.6 Cross Rt. 80, staying on Reservoir Rd.	20.3
1.0 At bottom of hill, bear left at T intersection (Kiley Rd.); proceed up short, steep, partially paved hill	21.3
0.6 At stop sign (Delphi Rd.), turn left, then quick right turn onto Dugway Rd. OR, if you want to make a trip to Critz Farms, turn right at the stop sign and proceed down to Rt. 13; turn left and the Farm will be on your right at 1.0 mile. Return to Cazenovia via Rt. 13.	21.9
0.6 Bear right at Yield sign onto Cobb Hill Rd.; enjoy beautiful vistas on your left across the valley.	22.5
0.9 Continue straight onto Burlingame Rd.	23.4
2.7 At stop sign, turn left on Rt. 13	26.1
0.9 Location of Lorenzo State Historic Site	27.0
0.5 Bear right at flashing light on Rt. 20 /13 back into the village of Cazenovia	27.5



7. Cazenovia/Erieville Roundabout

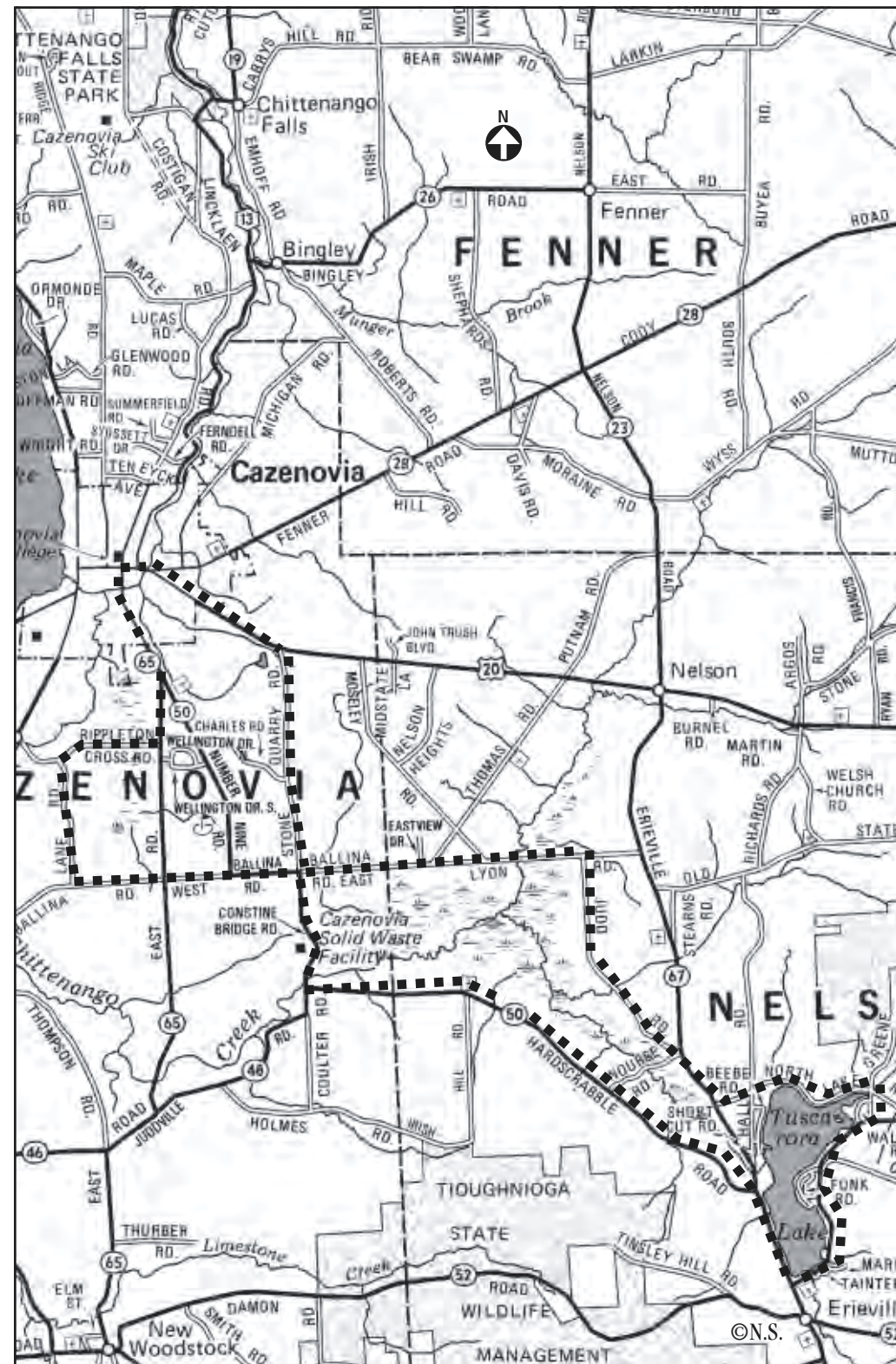
Moderate – 20.1 Miles

Can combine with ride 8

This is a charming ride through active farmland, a unique swamp and forest area of old growth (450 years) white pine and rare plants, including fifteen species of orchids and the only known location in New York of the striped coralroot; then on to and around Tuscarora Lake, with the added opportunity to explore the quaint village of Cazenovia. Nationally known Stone Quarry Hill Art Park is also on this tour and it offers interesting outdoor exhibits and a pottery studio plus seven walking trails on the hillside property. For the shopper, a small detour takes you to Johnny Appleseed Farm, a combination gift shop, fine furniture store and apple orchard.

Segment

Segment	Total
0.0 Start south on Mill St. off Rt. 20 in the center of Cazenovia, at the traffic light, across from the Lincklaen House Hotel.	0.0
0.8 Bear right on East Rd.	0.8
0.5 Turn right on Rippleton Cross Rd.	1.3
0.8 Turn left on Lane Rd.	2.1
0.9 Turn left at the T intersection (Ballina Rd.)	3.0
1.6 Turn right on Constine Bridge Rd. at stop sign	4.6
0.5 Location of Nelson Swamp Unique Area Conservation Trail, which can be accessed on foot or by off-road bikes.	5.1
0.4 Turn left on Hardscrabble Rd.; in the valley to your left lies the swamp and forest.	5.5
3.8 Turn right at the end of the road on Erieville Rd. (Rt. 67)	9.3
0.5 Convenience store	9.8
0.2 Turn left on Tuscarora Rd. (Rt. 86); this road provides a nice cycle around Tuscarora Lake.	10.0
1.6 Turn left on Green Rd.; then left onto North Lake Rd.	11.6
0.8 Location of Rosie's Tuscarora Inn, a friendly bar and restaurant with a porch overlooking the lake. Continue on up the short, steep hill. To avoid this hill, retrace your path back to Erieville and head north on Erieville Rd.	12.4
0.5 Turn right at stop sign on Erieville Rd.	12.9
0.5 Turn left on Judd Rd. OR; to visit Johnny Appleseed Farm, continue on Erieville Rd. to Old State Rd. and turn right. Return via Lyon Rd.	13.4
1.7 Turn left at stop sign on Lyon Rd., through parts of Nelson Swamp Unique Area	15.1
2.1 Turn right on Stone Quarry Rd.	17.2
1.0 Entrance to Stone Quarry Hill Art Park on left	18.2
0.6 Turn left on Rt. 20 at stop sign.	18.8
1.3 Back to Mill St. start	20.1



8. Wonderful Wooded Wander: Erieville and Georgetown

Moderately Difficult – 20 Miles

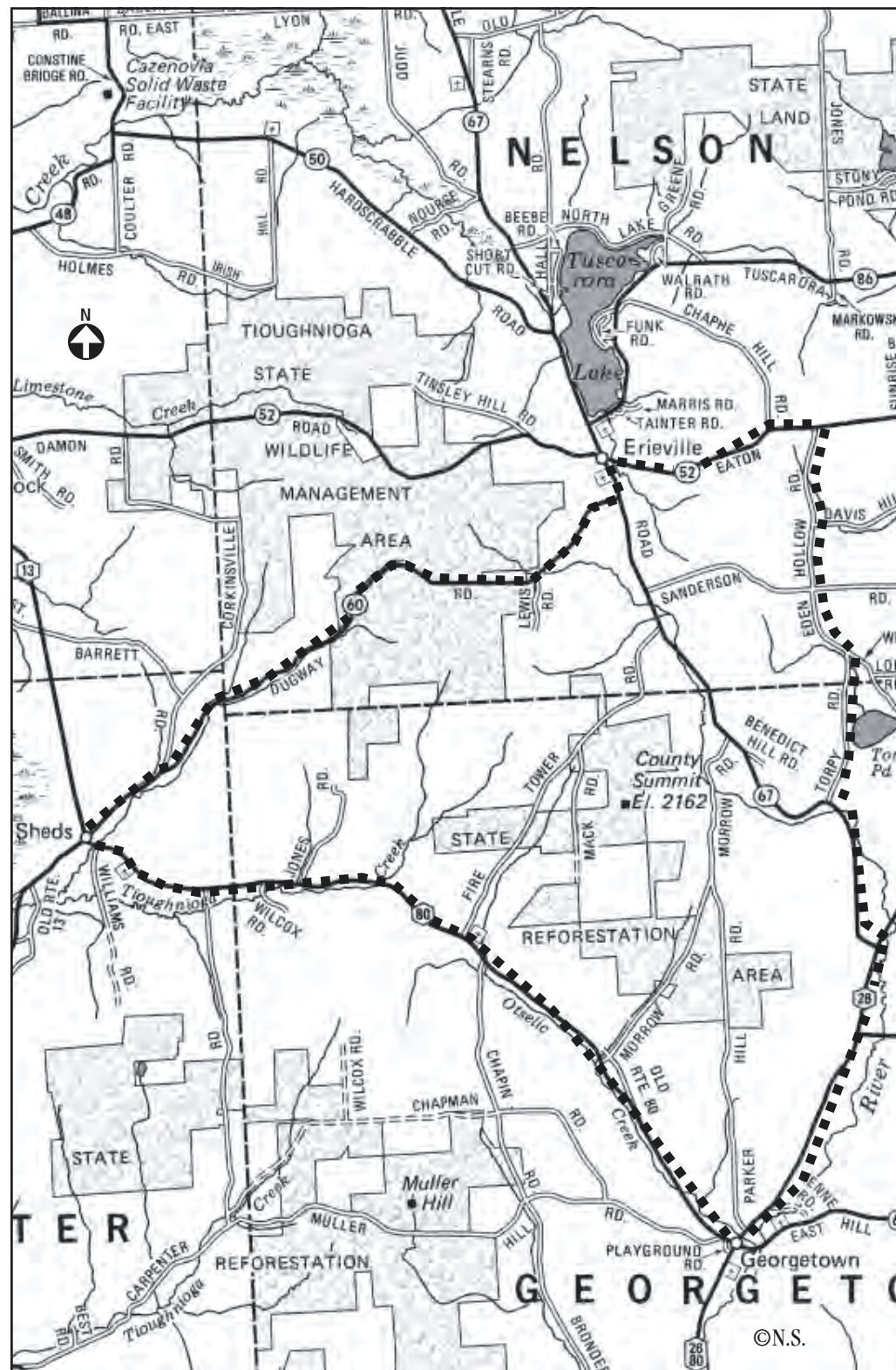
Can combine with ride 7 for a longer tour

This tour of the southern part of the county offers especially scenic vistas, lovely streams and cool forested roads. It is particularly gorgeous in the fall, when the hardwood hills are alive with color. The starting point is Erieville, but you could also begin in Georgetown. Erieville has a convenience store; Georgetown has a superette and the Georgetown Inn which is open for lunch and dinner. While in Georgetown, take some time to venture a few doors down from the Georgetown Inn and marvel at the Spirit House, a unique wedding cake structure, built ca. 1864 by spiritualist Timothy Brown.

This ride starts off with three steep, successive, short hills. The rest of the tour is moderately rolling. There are options to avoid the hills, and to make the trip shorter.

Segment

Segment	Total
0.0 Start at Erieville Post Office in the center of town, turn left onto Eaton Brook Rd. There are three steep hills at the beginning of this trip. To avoid the hills, take Erieville Rd. south and connect with the tour at Torpy Rd. intersection	0.0
1.6 Turn right on Eden Hollow. This is one of the prettiest roads in the county, running along a quiet ridge road through sheep farms	1.6
1.8 Bear right at dead-end Westcott Rd. sign (Torpy Rd.)	3.4
1.1 Bear left on Erieville Rd.	4.5
1.2 Turn right on Rt. 26 South	5.7
2.5 In Georgetown, at the Georgetown Inn, turn right on Rt. 80. Or, to view the Spirit House, walk or ride a few doors down from the Inn.	8.2
1.7 Morrow Rd. turn-off to the right. If you want to make the trip shorter, for a total of 15 miles, take this beautiful forested ridge road. Turn left when you reach Erieville Rd., to return to Erieville.	9.9
4.4 Turn right in Sheds on Dugway Rd. (Rt. 60) at stop sign. This road is a gradual ascent back to Erieville Rd.	14.3
3.6 Enter Tiognioga Wildlife Management Area, 3,600 acres of habitat and trails	17.9
1.6 Turn left on Erieville Rd.	19.5
0.5 Return to Erieville Post Office	20.0



9. On the Antiques Circuit

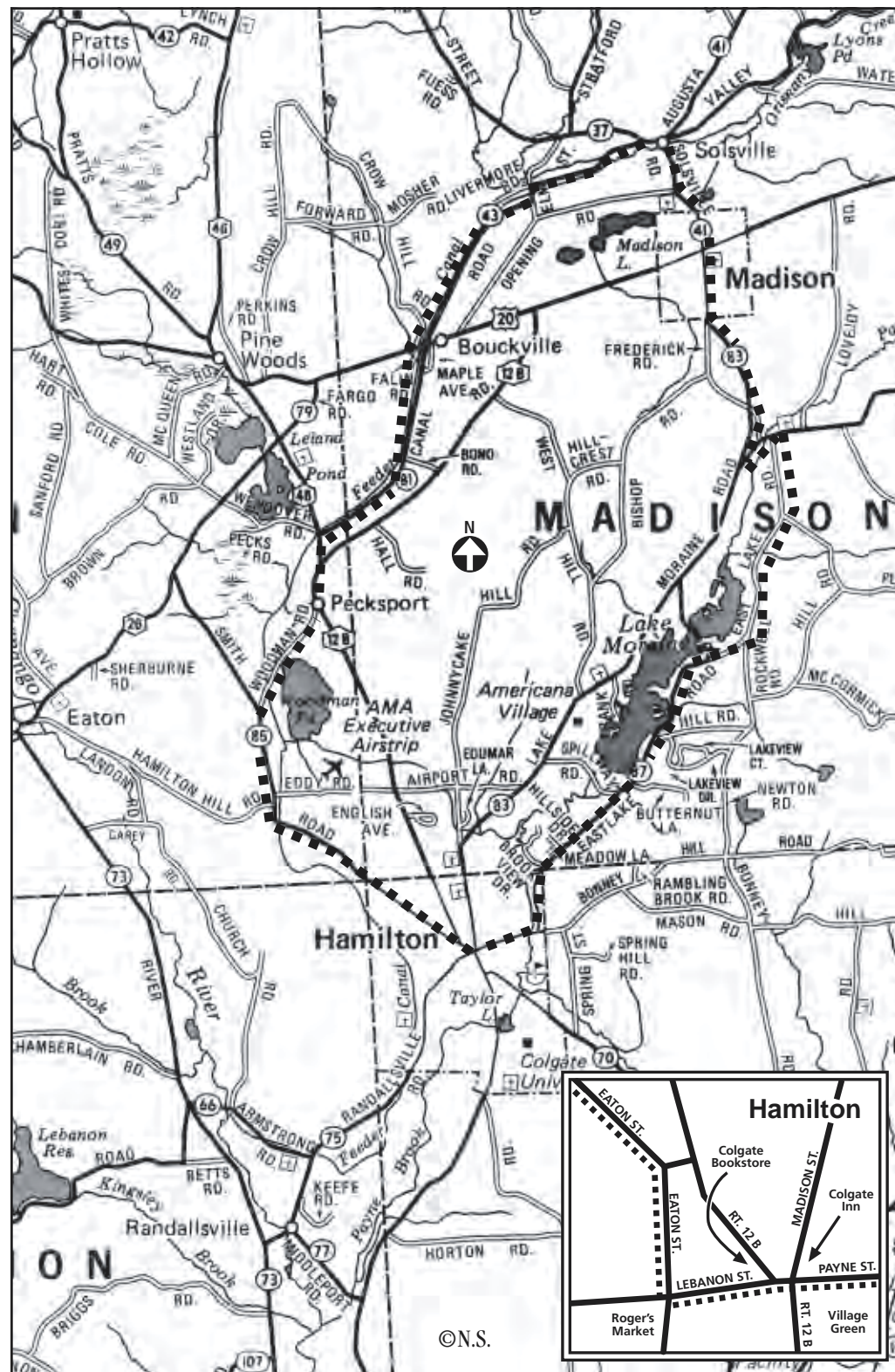
Moderate – 15.6 miles

Can combine with ride 10

There are a few rolling hills on the Madison to Hamilton section, followed by mostly flat roads running parallel to the Chenango Canal on the return. This trip takes in the renowned antique communities of Madison and Bouckville on Rt. 20 plus offers a scenic ride through farmland and alongside Lake Moraine, and takes in the village of Hamilton, home of Colgate University. This tour starts in Madison, but you can start equally well in either Hamilton or Bouckville. There are restaurants in all the towns you encounter on this route, plus Guy's Bike Shop is located in Madison. And do take the time to wander into some of the many shops in the Madison Bouckville antique corridor.

Segment

Segment	Total
0.0 At the flashing yellow light on Rt. 20 in Madison, turn south on Lake Moraine Rd. / Rt. 83 / South St.	0.0
1.6 Take a sharp left on Center Rd.	1.6
0.3 Turn right on East Lake Rd.; there is a moderate, short climb on this section	1.9
1.8 At the stop sign, proceed straight on East Lake Rd.	3.7
0.9 Location of the Hamilton Inn, a full-service hotel	4.6
1.6 Turn right at stop sign on Payne St. You can see Colgate University on the hill behind the golf course at this intersection	6.2
0.4 Pass the full-service Colgate Inn on your right, and at the traffic light proceed straight through the intersection; the street name changes to Lebanon St.; turn right at the next intersection, onto Eaton St. and follow this street out of town.	6.6
2.6 Turn right on Woodman Rd.	9.2
0.2 Woodman Pond Wildlife Refuge viewing area. At this point, with hybrid bikes, you may wish to take the canal path on the left side of the road, to Canal Rd. Otherwise continue on road.	9.4
0.7 Take a left at the stop sign (Rt. 12 B)	10.1
0.5 Turn right on Canal Rd., which runs along side of the Chenango Canal	10.6
1.6 At the stop sign on Rt. 20 in the village of Bouckville, cross over and continue on Canal Rd. This intersection is also the location of the full-service Landmark Hotel.	12.2
1.4 At stop sign, turn left, then immediate right, staying on Canal Rd.	13.6
1.1 At Solsville intersection, turn right across from the Solsville Hotel on on Solsville Rd. The hotel is open for lunch and dinner.	14.7
0.9 Arrive back at starting point in Madison	15.6



10. Magnificent Madison

Moderately Difficult – 46.7 miles

This trip is perfect for a 2-day inn-to-inn tour; and can also combine with ride 9 in Hamilton or with any of the tours originating in Cazenovia

This tour has it all: lakes, streams, forests, farms and three contrasting college campuses. The tour links the two attractive towns of Cazenovia and Hamilton. Each town offers full service inns, perfect for overnight biking stays. From each town you can also add on additional tours. The route can start in either Cazenovia or Hamilton. There are moderate hills plus several short steep hills on both legs of the route.

The three college campuses represent different educational styles and are worth visiting. Cazenovia College in the village is a small, private liberal arts school, with an outstanding equine facility and an art gallery open to the public. Colgate University in Hamilton is a venerable liberal arts school, sited on a beautiful hilltop campus on the southern edge of town with a lively art gallery open to the public. Morrisville State College is a state of New York university specializing in agriculture and technology. There are tours available of some of the state-of-the-art facilities. See the Attractions section of the brochure for details on all the campuses.

Full service inns include the Colgate Inn in Hamilton and the Hamilton Inn on East Lake Rd. north of the village, and the White Eagle Resort on Lake Moraine Rd. also north of the village. In Cazenovia, full service accommodations include The Lincklaen House, the Brae Loch Inn and the Brewster Inn, all located in the village.

Both Cazenovia and Hamilton have numerous shops, galleries, restaurants and other attractions.

The map for this route is on the next page.

Segment	Total
0.0 Start at the traffic light on Rt. 20 in downtown Cazenovia, across from the Lincklaen Hotel, going south on Mill St.	0.0
0.8 Go straight on to Number Nine Rd.	0.8
1.5 Turn left at the stop sign on Ballina Rd.	2.3
0.5 Turn right at the stop sign on Constine Bridge Rd.	2.8
0.5 Location of Nelson Swamp Unique Area Conservation Trail, which can be accessed on foot or by off-road bikes.	3.3
0.4 Turn left on Hardscrabble Rd.; in the valley to your left lies the swamp and forest.	3.7
3.8 Turn right on Rt. 67 (Erieville Rd.); there is a convenience store in this segment.	7.5
1.0 Turn left at Eaton Brook Rd. There is a series of three short, steep hills at the beginning of this road.	8.5
2.8 Eaton Reservoir; this is a lovely ride along the southeastern side of the lake.	11.3
2.7 Straight onto 26 N at the West Eaton Roadside Inn.	14.0
2.5 Eaton, with a minimarket at the service station. There is a long ascent out of the town.	16.5
1.9 Take a sharp right turn at the bottom of the hill onto Smith Rd., which will become Eaton St. in Hamilton	18.4
3.7 Hamilton intersection of Eaton St. and Lebanon St. (Roger's Market). Start the return loop by turning right onto Lebanon St., or stop and explore Hamilton. Restaurants, lodging and groceries are available in Hamilton.	22.1
0.0 Return trip — at Roger's Market, go west on Lebanon St.	0.0
0.9 Lebanon St. becomes Randallsville Rd.	0.9
1.0 Turn right on Armstrong Rd.	1.9
1.0 Turn right at stop sign on River Rd. (Rt. 73)	2.9
3.0 Turn left at stop sign on Rt. 26	5.9
0.1 Turn right on Eaton Rd. past gas station	6.0
3.0 You'll see Morrisville State College agricultural stations and the main campus stretching over the next mile	9.0
1.2 Turn left at light on Rt. 20, and then right onto Cedar St. Restaurants and groceries are available in Morrisville.	10.2
1.2 Turn left on Old County Rd.	11.0
3.9 Turn right at Yield sign	14.9
0.3 Turn left on Cody Rd. There are a series of long, steep hills on the first half of Cody Rd.; to avoid these, detour north of Peterboro on Oxbow Rd., turn left on Peterboro Rd., left on Larkin through the windmills, left on Buyea Rd., and rejoin Cody at the end of Buyea Rd. OR go straight into Peterboro for a side trip (see Tour #5)	15.2
9.4 Return to Mill St. in Cazenovia	24.6

