Great Sacandaga Lake Bicycle Loop

A 42-mile loop around the eastern end of Great Sacandaga Lake, Hadley, NY to Edinburg, NY.

Start at the Town Hall in Hadley which is just north of the town of Lake Luzerne on Rt. 9N.

0.0  Proceed south on Old Corinth Rd. at the corner with Rockwell St.
0.2  Cross Sacandaga River on the Hadley Bow Bridge.
0.3  R onto Dean Mountain Rd.
0.3  Pavement stops for 0.4 miles - this is a tough climb - the rest of the trip is worth it.
2.3  BR onto Antone Mountain Rd.
2.8  BL onto South Shore Rd (CR7).
6.2  S - Pass Conklingville Dam continuing on Kathan Rd. (CR7) - this is a place to make a short ride by turning and crossing the dam.
19.6  R onto Northville Rd. crossing the lake.
19.9  R onto Sinclair Rd. (CR4).
21.4  S into Edinburg - store and diner.
36.5  S - Pass Conklingville Dam - road becomes North Shore Rd. - Interpretive sign.
37.2  Enter town of Hadley.
37.7  Scenic Overlook.
41.6  Road becomes Rockwell St.
42.0  End

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:

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.
10. Carry items in panniers or a handle-bar pack.

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A way from traffic, always near water and no great big hills is what this ride has to offer in a chance to circle the Eastern end of the Great Sacandaga Lake. Quaint and pristine, the area is currently a unique setting for a multitude of recreational activities of which bicycling is only one. What cannot be seen is the great history that existed in the valley prior to the building of the Conklingville Dam in the 1920s. Originally the home of Mohawk Indians the area was settled by the English in the 1700s. The beauty of the valley generated development that made the area a popular resort area up until the early 1920s. The spring floods cause severe damage each year which eventually resulted in the building of the dam.

This ride only covers the eastern end of the lake to provide a comfortable trip for the average bicyclist. A trip around the entire lake is approximately 140 miles. It is hoped that by experiencing this limited part of the lake that other areas will be explored as one wishes. This ride can also be shortened by crossing at the Conklingville Dam and returning to Hadley.

Immediately after leaving the business area of Hadley the route crosses the Sacandaga River on a lovely arch bridge and turns right and up on Dean Mt. Road. Do not be discouraged. This short climb on a dirt road is tough but limited and the only unpaved part of the route. The only other major hill is on the Norrisville Rd. where the route crosses the lake and goes to Edinburg. Services are limited on the route and food is available only at the eastern and western ends of the route.

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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.

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