Water’s Edge Trail Bike Loop
An intermediate 27.3-mile route through Ausable Forks and Keeseville, NY.

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Start at Grand Union Parking Lot, Ausable Forks.

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.
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Route Description

This winding loop travels along the AuSable River as it meanders down to the shores of Lake Champlain, offering views of the Adirondack Mountains and the river valley. The route goes through Clintonville, once a bustling iron ore mining community which almost became the capital of New York State. The Water’s Edge Trail offers options of visiting the historic village of Keeseville, or going on to Port Kent where you can take a ferry to Burlington, Vermont, or on Amtrak Train to Montreal, Albany or New York City. The route returns on back roads past apple orchards and dairy farms to AuSable Forks.

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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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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