

Bike Rides in Delaware County, NY

1. Delhi Covered Bridges (58 miles with detour through Delhi)

Park on Route 206/30 in the village of Downsville

Head northwest on 206 to a R turn on Knox Ave which becomes County 26

This starts at a gentle uphill then eventually a steeper uphill at the top of the pass

At tee, make a R on County 26

At the end of the road, make a R on State Rt 10

After passing through the little village of Hamden, make a R over the Hamden Covered Bridge, in another ¼ mile, turn L on Back River Rd.

This is a beautiful ride along the West Branch of the Delaware River through farmlands and woods with little traffic. Eventually this road becomes Arbor Hill Road before coming to and end at State Rt 28.

Make a L on State Rt 28 which takes you into Delhi. Take time to explore the nice old homes and shops in the village.

After exploring the village, head back the way you came in on Rt 28, cross over the river and make the first L on Delaware Ave which becomes Front Federal Hill Rd then County 18. This is another beautiful stretch along the river.

After about three miles you will come to the restored Fitch's Covered Bridge on your L. Just after this on your right is one of the many neat old farms you will come across during the day.

In another two miles, make a R on Glen Burnie Rd. This is a steep climb so if you don't have a third chainring, you will probably have to walk a little as I did. I made it about ½ mile up then walked the last ¼ mile but it is worth it as the rest of the road is a nice downhill.

At the end of the road, turn L on State Rt 28. This is the worst traffic of the day.

In Andes, turn R on County Rt 2. This starts out nice then you get two good hill climbs but they will be worth it.

After finally heading downhill, make a L at the old church on Fall Clove Rd. This road is the best of the day as you glide downhill all the way to the Pepacton Reservoir. One old farm about half way down was about as picture-perfect as you will get.

At the end of the road, make a R on NYC Rd 5. In about ¼ mi make a L on NYC Rd 1 which you will follow along the reservoir all the way back to Route 206/30.

At the end make a R on 206/30 for the final ½ mile back to Downsville. Be sure to check out the Covered Bridge on Bridge Street on your left.

2. Pepacton Reservoir Ride (57 miles but can be cut in half at the Rt 30 bridge)

Start in Downsville on Route 206/30.

Head east out of the village on 206/30 and make your first L on NYC Rd 1.

Follow to end at tee, make R on NYC Rd 5.

At tee, make R on NYC Rd 4.

At end make a R on State Rt 30 to check out the view from the bridge.

Turn around and head on State Rt 30 east to the end.

R on 30/28 which take you to Margaretville. Take a L into town to find lunch.

Follow State Rt 30/28 back the way you came in for about two miles then make a L then quick R on NYC Rd 10.

At tee, make a R on NYC Rd 8.

At the end, make a L on State Rt 30

Continue on 30 which will take you back to the start in Downsville.

3. Hancock / Cannonsville Reservoir Ride (50 miles)

Start in the village of Hancock on State Rt 97.

Make a L on Pennsylvania Ave and cross over the Delaware River into PA.

Turn R on PA 4014 following the river.

Bear L on 4014 for a beautiful ride along the stream.

At end turn R on Scott Center Rd.

At end turn R on River Rd (CR 249), follow this to the end near Deposit.

At end turn R on CR 237 which takes you under Rt 17 into the village of Deposit.

Turn R on Front St which changes to Division St.

Go straight on Main St which changes to Dug Rd, following on the west side of the river.

At end of road, turn R on State Rt 8.

Cross river then turn L on State Rt 10.

Follow along the reservoir for about 12 miles to a R on State Rt 268.

After a steep uphill for a mile you get a nice easy downhill back to Hancock.

Follow 268 back to Route 97 in Hancock.

4. East Branch to Long Eddy (about 35 miles)

Start at East Branch at Route 17 exit 90.

Off Old 17 in East Branch turn R on Bridge St

Make 1st L on O&W Rd

Follow two miles to R on Burnwood Rd

At about 1 mile turn R on Charles Medlar Rd for a nice uphill ride through the woods.

At Goulds go straight on Co 28, this changes to Co 134 in Sullivan County.

At the end turn R on State Rt 97 at the Delaware River.

Follow about 6 miles to a R on Klondike Rd. This has some nice views but comes with a climb back up.

In about 3-1/2 miles, turn L on Co 28. This is a nice downhill ride along the creek to Fishs Eddy

Turn R on Old 17 to take you back to the start at East Branch.

5. Cannonsville Reservoir to Unadilla (about 60 miles)

Park at the corner of Rt 10 and NYC Rd at the Cannonsville Bridge.

Head north on NYC Rd, cross over the Trout Creek Bridge then turn left on Dry Brook Rd. Bear right on Ferris Dean Rd then bear right on Mormon Hollow Rd to end.

Turn left on Co 27 then travel north through Trout Creek and Tacoma to the end.

Turn left on Co 23 into Sidney Center. Turn right on Franklin Depot Rd then bear left on Wheat Hill Rd to the end.

Cross over 357 to get on Wells Bridge Rd. After crossing under Interstate 88, turn left on Covered Bridge Rd.

At the end turn right on 357 then make your first left on River Rd (not marked).

Cross over the access road for 88 (or turn right and go into the beautiful village of Unadilla) following River Rd then turn left on Co 23.

At Youngs turn right on Road 13 and follow to the end.

Turn right on Co 35 and follow to the end.

Turn left on 206 and continue into Trout Creek.

Turn right on Co 27 and follow back to the start.