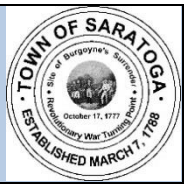




CHAMPLAIN CANALWAY TRAIL PROFILE

Town of Saratoga

Villages of Victory and Schuylerville



Trail Description: The Town of Saratoga was significantly influenced by the Hudson River which connects historic events that shaped our nation and the visual character of the Town. The cluster of sites and monuments makes Saratoga a hub for heritage tourism initiatives. The new *Canal Region Gateway Visitor Center* at Fort Hardy Park will soon serve visitors who want to understand the resources, communities and people unified by an interconnected waterway, a community ethic of pride in place and a commitment to the Lakes to Locks Passage Scenic Byway. Nearly 8-miles of trail cover nine individual trail segments. The centerpiece is a 1.5-mile span from the Schuyler House to the Dix Bridge that passes through Fort Hardy Park. At the north end of the trail is Hudson Crossing Park which is shared with the Town of Northumberland who are partners. It is a family destination for safe off-road walks, biking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. The *Vision for the Old Champlain Canal* reimagines the waterway between the Village of Schuylerville and Hudson Crossing Park as a public place for fun, recreation, and exploration of the natural environment, and a catalyst for revitalization.



Empire State Trail: State Bike Route 9 along Route 4 will be the formal route for the EST to the Schuyler House where new trail has been constructed through Fort Hardy Park along the Old Champlain Canal. A formal trailhead is under construction behind the Gateway Visitor Center. The EST continues north along Towpath Road to the Dix Bridge in Hudson Crossing Park on Lock 5 Island.

Hudson River/Champlain Canal Access Points: Town of Saratoga Rt 4 Boat Launch; Fort Hardy Park Kayak Launch; Schuylerville Boat Ramp; Hudson Crossing Park Kayak Lunch; Lock 5 Canal Park with public docks and the dock site of the Caldwell Belle Tour Boat.

Public Facilities: Saratoga National Historic Park's Old Saratoga Unit including the Saratoga Surrender Site (future), Schuyler House, Saratoga Monument, and Victory Woods; Fort Hardy Park; Hudson Crossing Park; Restored Historic Dix Bridge; Schuyler Saw Mill Park; Canal Region Gateway Visitor Center; Historic Towpath and Turning Basin Empire State Trail/ Champlain Canalway Trail; Stark's Knob; Marshall House; Gerald B. Solomon National Veterans Cemetery.

Public Events: Schuylerville Craft Fair; Turning Point Parade and Festival; Schuylerville Fall Festival.

Connector Trails:

Victory Wood's Trails: Trail loop through Old Saratoga Unit of Saratoga National Historical Park.

The Siege Trail: Fish Creek link from Schuyler House to Saw Mill Park.

Fort Hardy Park Loop: Planned trail loop linking Gateway Visitor Center to the waterfront.

Hudson Crossing Park: Trail loop linking the Old Champlain Canal, Dix Bridge and Greenwich.

Local Planning Support:

- Green Infrastructure Plan (2006)
- Old Saratoga on the Hudson Waterfront Revitalization Plan (2007)
- Joint Open Space Plan for the Towns of Saratoga and Northumberland (2007)
- Stewardship Plan (2010)
- Hudson Crossing Master Plan (2014)
- A Vision for the Old Champlain Canal (2018)



Wilbur Road Trail



Hudson Crossing Park



Fort Hardy Park

Implementation Strategy: Three sections of trail are complete: the Wilbur Road Trail; the Burgoyne March Trail between the South Trail near Garnsey Road to the North Trailhead at Sword Surrender Site; and the Schuyler House to Dix Bridge. Funds are being sought through the EST and other grant programs to assist in the completion of the trail segment between Wilbur Road and Garnsey Lane, and the section between the North Trailhead to the Schuyler House. Schuylerville is seeking funds for the repair, replacement, clean-up and upgrading of various components of the Old Champlain Canal so the water will flow sufficiently to allow for year-round recreational activities and special events.

Trail Sections:

WILBUR ROAD TRAIL FROM STILLWATER TOWN BOUNDARY TO WILBUR ROAD (S-1)
<p>Description: This 0.75-mile stone dust multi-use trail begins at the Town of Stillwater boundary and continues to Wilbur Road. It is actively used by walkers and bird enthusiasts.</p> <p>Parking and Signage: A trailhead/parking lot has been established on the north side of Wilbur Road. Signage at the Wilbur Road Trailhead is provided by the Canal Corporation identifying the site as the Old Champlain Canal Towpath Trail.</p> <p>Status: This trail section was completed in 2015 and in active use.</p>
WILBUR ROAD TO TOWN OF SARATOGA HUDSON RIVER BOAT LAUNCH (S-2)
<p>Description: This 3-mile section of trail continues on Wilbur Road across Route 4 to the intersection of River Road, a paved town-owned road. At the end of River Road, it continues north on Canal Corps lands to the Town's Hudson River Boat Launch.</p> <p>Parking and Signage: The Wilbur Road parking lot will serve as the southern trailhead and the Town Boat Launch as the northern trailhead. Uniform wayfinding and interpretive signage is needed throughout this section. Road crossing will be required across Route 4 to the eastern portion of Wilbur Road.</p> <p>Status: This section is in the planning stage. Funding design, engineering and construction will be sought through Hudson River Valley Greenway, Empire State Trail and CFA sources. Partial funding has been secured to provide improvements at the Boat Launch with construction anticipated in 2020. This site will also serve as a trailhead for the EST.</p>
TOWN OF SARATOGA HUDSON RIVER BOAT LAUNCH TO FURLANI DRIVE (S-3)
<p>Description: This 1-mile section of trail continues north on state-owned lands and one privately-owned parcel to the intersection of Furlani Drive.</p> <p>Parking and Signage: A future parking lot on the north side of Furlani Road on town-owned lands will serve as the northern trailhead. Uniform wayfinding and interpretive signage along the entire trail will be required.</p> <p>Status: This section was designed on a conceptual level in 2011. Design alternatives considered the west side of Route 4 for a portion of the trail. Funding for design, engineering and construction will be sought through Hudson River Valley Greenway, Empire State Trail and CFA sources.</p>
FURLANI DRIVE TO BURGUYNE MARCH TRAIL SOUTH TRAILHEAD (S-4)
<p>Description: This 1.5-mile section of trail will primarily follow the Old Champlain Canal along town-owned lands from just south of Furlani Drive to the intersection with Coveville Road and Route 4. Some of the trail in this area exists as a woodland footpath which will be improved with stone dust. A number of physical challenges (wetlands and gullies) exist from this point north that will have to be addressed as the trail moves forward. A total of five private landowners exist between Coveville Road and the Burgoyne March South Trailhead. There is potential for the trail to be developed as a stand-alone trail just off Route 4.</p> <p>Parking and Signage: A future parking lot on the north side of Furlani Road on town-owned lands will serve as the southern trailhead and the Burgoyne March Trailhead (south site) will serve as the northern trailhead for this trail segment. This trailhead is presently under construction and will lead to the Old Champlain Canal Towpath Trail constructed as a stone dust path by the Town of Saratoga. Wayfinding and interpretive signage are planned at the Burgoyne March Trailhead.</p> <p>Status: This trail segment is in the conceptual stage. Funding for design, engineering and construction will be sought through Hudson River Valley Greenway and Empire State Trail.</p>

BURGOYNE MARCH SOUTH TRAILHEAD TO BURGOYNE MARCH NORTH TRAILHEAD (S-5)

Description: This 1.25-mile segment exists on lands entirely owned by the Town of Saratoga. The Town has nearly completed two trailheads and the trail itself. This mixed wood chip and stone dust trail follows the Old Champlain Canal Towpath and is already in active use.

Parking and Signage: Parking will be available at the south and north Burgoyne March Trailheads. Wayfinding and interpretive signage is also planned at the.

Status: The South Trailhead will be completed by the Town of Saratoga in 2019. The Burgoyne March North Trailhead is completed except for a Lakes to Locks signage panel. Surface improvements to the trail itself will be needed to bring it up to the standards of the EST.

BURGOYNE MARCH NORTH TRAILHEAD TO THE SCHUYLER HOUSE (S-6)

Description: This 0.5-mile segment exists on lands owned by the Town of Saratoga at the North Trailhead where it is then owned by NYSOGS to the intersection with Haas Road. At this point it is owned by NYSDOT and NPS north of the border with the Village of Schuylerville. This partially cleared trail follows the Old Champlain Canal Towpath. It is mostly a rough woodland footpath that is not in active use. An old dump site located along the towpath and in the canal prism is currently being evaluated by OGS for mitigation and reuse as a trail.

Parking and Signage: There is no existing signage except at the Burgoyne March North Trailhead.

Status: The trail area just south of the DOT yard has a landfill area that crosses the Old Canal and Towpath. It is being evaluated for mitigation and future use by NYSOGS. Once resolved, the state will give the lands to either Saratoga County or the Town of Saratoga. Funding will then be sought to design, engineer and construct the trail.

SCHUYLER HOUSE TO FISH CREEK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE (S-7)

Description: This segment exists as a winding 0.25-mile turf pathway that leads from The Schuyler House parking lot to the Fish Creek Pedestrian Bridge.

Parking and Signage: A parking lot is available at The Schuyler House site. Wayfinding and interpretive signage about the historical site is present.

Status: Saratoga National Historical Park is presently seeking funding to upgrade the trail to stone dust.

FISH CREEK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE TO TOWPATH ROAD (S-8)

Description: This 0.25 trail segment was improved from a turf to a stone dust and asphalt surface in 2019. It begins at the Fish Creek Bridge and continues along the east side of the Old Champlain Canal along the existing Towpath along the new Canal Region Gateway Visitor Center and continues to the intersection of Reds Street and Towpath Road.

Parking and Signage: The Schuyler House parking lot will serve as the southern trailhead. In the north, a new parking lot and EST official trailhead is being established at the Canal Region Gateway Visitor Center. Interpretive signage is minimal and in need of assessment and likely replacement for the entire segment. Wayfinding signage is provided by the EST.

Status: This segment has been designed and will be constructed as a stone dust trail by the EST in 2019. The existing crossing at Route 29 will require replacement due to a shift in its location.

TOWPATH ROAD TO DIX BRIDGE (S-9)

Description: This one-mile trail segment begins along a dead-end low-use stone dust road and continues north to the intersection of Route 42 on Lock 5 Island and Hudson Crossing Park along the Old Champlain Canal Towpath Trail. It continues on the shoulder of Route 42 until reaching the Hudson Crossing gate and continuing as a dedicated bike-pedestrian road to the Dix Bridge crossing into the Town of Greenwich.

Parking and Signage: Wayfinding and interpretive signage is present through this trail segment however new signage may be warranted for consistency with signage associated with the Champlain Canalway Trail and EST corridor initiatives.

Status: The planning, design, engineering and construction for this project is partially funded through the NY Empire State Trail.



Surrender March North Trailhead



Lock 5



Victory Woods



Vision Statement for the PCB Decontamination, Restoration, and Revitalization of the Old Champlain Canal
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