

# ERIE CANAL BIKE RIDE

## Pattersonville to Auriesville Shrine

Rated 1A, POC: Harry Darling, cell- 518-275-6220; Emergency: 911

**Distance:** 29 Miles, 47 Km (Or shorter if desired)

The total roundtrip distance includes the walking bridge, riding around Fort Hunter, and a side ride to the public boat launch on Dufel Road and then a straight return. You may at any point turn around for a shorter ride. For example, ride to the walking bridge and then return vice continuing on to the Auriesville end.

**Notes:** The bike ride starts and finishes at the Pattersonville parking lot for the Erie Canal Bike Path at the intersection of Route 160, Scotch Church Road and Route 5S, River Road, in Pattersonville, NY. The bike path starts at this parking lot and heads WEST. This is the only direction you can go. You will be heading west on the bike path the entire trip until you turn around. It is paved the entire way. There are no restrooms at the Start Point so plan ahead. First public restrooms are across the walking bridge in Amsterdam at the end of the walkway which is about an hour into the ride. Bike helmet is required.

**Car Directions:** From Interstate 90, NYS Thruway, take Exit 26 and travel west on Route 5S through Rotterdam Junction, under the RR bridge and about a 1/2 mile past the bridge, the parking lot will be on your right at the intersection of Scotch Church and River (Route 5S) Roads. See map below for Start Point.

The following maps and directions may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

For immediate emergency assistance, call 911.

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### **Bike Directions:**

- 1. Start** the only way you can go on the bike path.  
**Continue** to the Lock 10 access road just before the second rock quarry on the bike path.
  - 2. Right** on the Erie Canal Lock 10 access road and check it out. Maybe a boat will be passing through! Return to the bike path.
  - 3. Right** onto the bike path. Continue under the Route 30 bridge that goes over the Mohawk River. Look for Bridge Street.
  - 4. Right** on Bridge Street to the pedestrian bridge. It is recommended to walk your bike over the bridge. Enjoy the views, various tree and flower plantings, and artwork and sculptures on the bridge. There is also piped in music!
  - 5. Continue** to the other side of the river and to the end of the park. (Restrooms)
  - 6. Return** to the bridge and recross. Continue straight on Bridge St and look for the bike path.
  - 7. Right** to continue on the bike path. Look for the first road crossing.
  - 8. Right** at the first road crossing, then a sharp right into the gravel parking lot.
  - 9. Walk** around the historic Erie Canal Locks and Lock Store.
  - 10. Return** to continue on the bike path. Look for the intersection with Main Street in Fort Hunter.
  - 11. Right** onto Main Street. Follow Main Street around the curve to the left. Look for Schoharie St.
  - 12. Left** onto Schoharie Street. {If you like, you can bike around town. It is small and you will not get lost!}
- A couple hundred yards on the left is the Schoharie Crossing Historic house.
- Stop in if open (hours vary). Walk across the street and see the remains of the old aqueduct that used to cross the Schoharie Creek.
- 13. Continue** on Schoharie Street to Railroad Street.
  - 14. Left** onto Railroad Street back to Main Street.
  - 15. Right** on Main Street to the bike path.
  - 16. Right** to continue on the bike path to Route 5S.
  - 17. Cross** Route 5S (carefully), and use the bridge to cross the Schoharie Creek.
  - 18. Follow** the sign immediately after the bridge to return to the bike path. Continue to Dufel Road.
  - 19. Right** on Dufel Road.
  - 20. Continue** to the boat launch and park for a view of the river.
  - 21. Return** to the bike path.
  - 22. Right** on the bike path. Ride under the NYS Thruway and notice the Auriesville Shrine on the left.
  - 23. Turn around** at a place of your choosing near the Auriesville Shrine.(Note: Shortly after going back under the NYS Thruway bridge, Karen's Produce stand will be on the right. You can get ice cream and food at this location.)
  - 24. Return** to the Pattersonville parking lot along the same bike path but without the side trips.

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**AFTER YOUR RIDE**, please be sure to log back into the OSB system to “finish/complete” your online registration. The OSB system does not deduct any fee from your Event Bank until you have submitted ride completion info including the date the event was completed, the distance biked, and the selection of applicable special programs you’re participating in. (Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded PDF is deducted from your Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded. Later, any PDF fee is credited back to your Event Bank when you submit the completion info as a paying-for-credit biker. Note, however, the \$2 coupon for the downloaded PDF will expire in 60 days)

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