

Point au Roche Family Ride

Route Description

This short loop through cornfields, woodlands and pastures in Beekmantown and Chazy involves almost no climbing. It begins at the Point au Roche State Boat Launch on Cemetery Road. Lake Shore Road follows the coast of Lake Champlain, with spectacular views of the Island of South Hero and the Green Mountains of Vermont. Many sugar maple trees are roadside, with some 'sugar bushes' in the area dating back 3 and 4 generations. Upstate New York, Southern Quebec, and Northern Vermont are the ideal locations for maple syrup production. In early spring, a popular local custom is the annual Pancake Breakfast, served with hot maple syrup just boiled down in the 'sugar shack'. Also in the spring, thousands of apple trees are in bloom. During the summer months, several marinas are filled with pleasure boats, and the fall offers some of the most beautiful foliage in the country for cyclists to enjoy, along with the perfect weather.

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.



Sailboats in marina on Lake Champlain

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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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