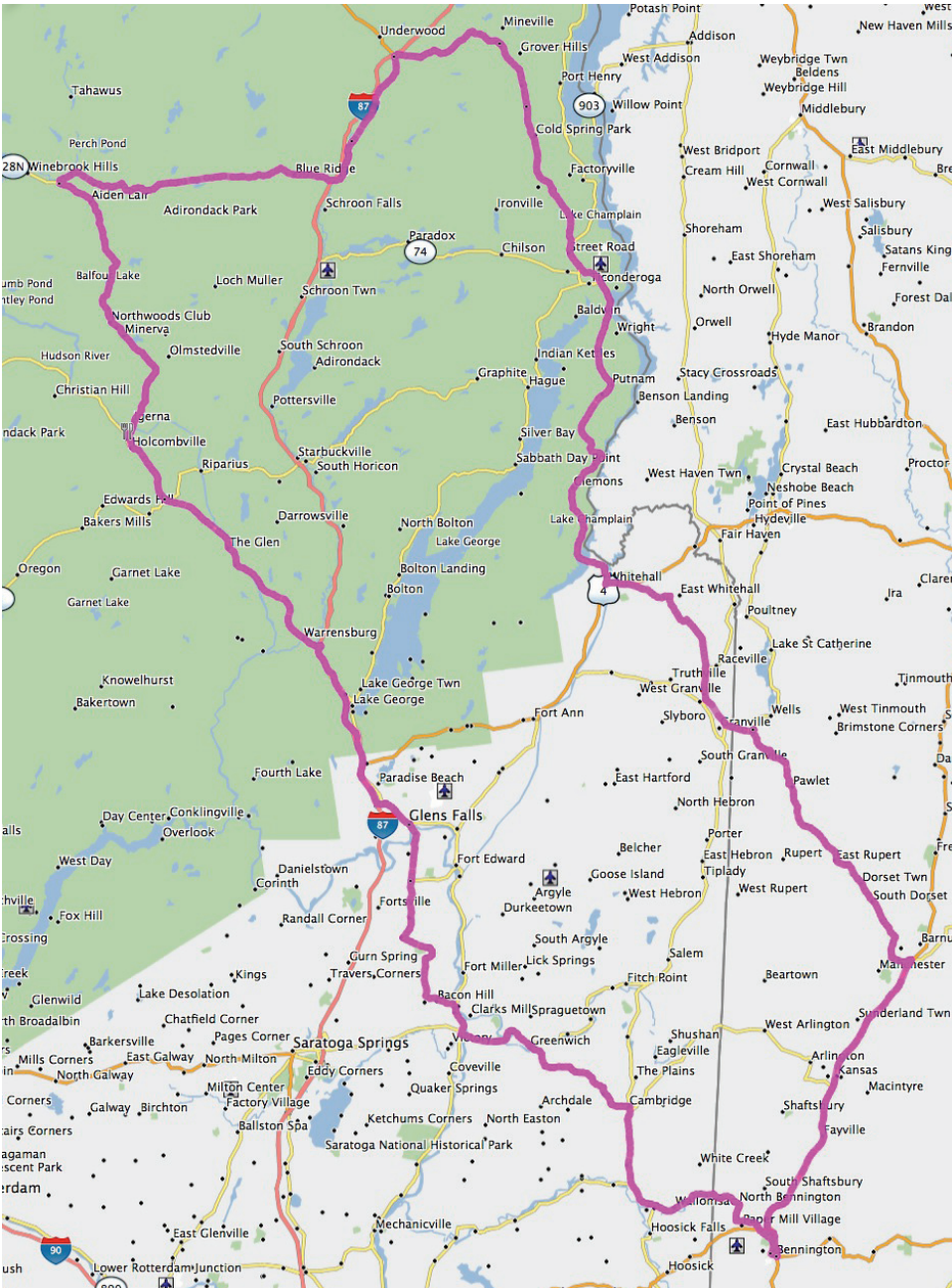


Bennington Triumph Bash Adirondacks Ride

(Loop of about 250 miles)



Start out from Hemmings Motor News in Bennington (set your trip meter to 0, because the mileages described here are cumulative). Head east on Rt 9 and turn left onto Benmont Ave (Rt 67A), then after 1.1 miles, stay on 67A as it makes a left onto Northside Dr. Again, remain on 67A when it turns right onto Water St. at the 3.9 mile mark.

At 5.1 miles, turn left onto Bank St/Rt 67, and remain on 67 into New York and to Hoosick, where it merges with Rt 22. Remain on 22 to Cambridge. Make a left onto E Main St (Rt 372) at the 19 mile mark.

Remain on Rt 372 until you've merged onto Rt 29, and follow 29 to Rt 4 (32.9 miles on your trip meter).

Follow Rt 4 along the Hudson River until it turns right onto a bridge; remain straight onto Rt 32. Follow 32 to Glens Falls, where it will turn off to the right. Once again, keep going straight onto Rt 9 (mile 51).

At mile 52.9, turn left onto Aviation Rd/Rt 254, and get onto I-87 North. (You could also stay on Rt 9, but a short hop on the interstate will avoid a great deal of congestion in the Lake George area.)

After about 12 miles on I-87, take Exit 23 towards Warrensburg. Make a left off the exit ramp and then a right onto Rt 9.

At mile 69.9, make a left onto Rt 28. Remain on 28 to the town of North Creek. You'll spend most of this riding alongside the Hudson River.

At 84.8 miles, turn right onto Main St. Choose a restaurant here to stop for lunch, such as the North Creek Deli & Marketplace. It would also be a good idea to top off your gas tank here as fuel becomes scarce soon after this point.

After lunch, head northeast out of town on Rt 28N (note that's the actual road designation; it does not refer to 28 northbound—28 and 28N are two different roads). Remain on 28N for about 22 miles.

At mile 108, make a right onto Blue Ridge Rd. At this point, it's possible to make a side trip to the

abandoned mining town of Adirondac (from which the whole region gets its name), also known as Tahawus, the larger mining town it was folded into later. To get there, make a left onto Tahawus Rd (which splits off about a mile after turning onto Blue Ridge Rd); follow to Upper Works Rd and make a left. These roads are remote, twisty, and rapidly deteriorating, so be careful. On Upper Works Rd, you'll pass an old blast furnace, and shortly thereafter the road dead-ends in the midst of a few decaying houses that are all that remains of the old town. The creek flowing behind the houses, incidentally, is the mighty Hudson River, whose headwaters are just a few miles away.

To continue the ride, reverse your steps to get back to Blue Ridge Rd and turn left to resume the route. Enjoy some nice sweeping turns and great Adirondack views. After 18 or 19 miles, Blue Ridge Rd dead-ends onto Rt 9; make a left. Another 9 or so miles later, make a right onto CR 6 (Tracy Rd). This road is something of a local secret, with 7 miles of fantastic twisties. Please ride cautiously. A few of the curves are tighter than they look, and the road winds through a wooded area that may harbor moose and deer. Also, this road is only a few miles from a state police barracks, and they occasionally patrol it because they know it's a popular road with motorcyclists. Please keep your speed down once you reach the populated section at the end. At the first stop sign, turn right, then merge left onto Witherbee Rd. Follow this to Moriah Center. Make a slight right onto County Road 7 and follow this until it merges with Rt 22. Then continue on 22 through Ticonderoga and follow it to Whitehall. In Whitehall, make a left onto Rt 4; about a mile later, make a right onto County Road 18. About three miles after that, make a right onto County Road 21. CR-21 will merge onto Rt 22A; shortly after, turn right onto CR-24. Follow this to Rt 149 and make a left, then about a mile later, make a left onto Rt 30.

Remain on Rt 30 until you get to Manchester, then follow the signs to Rt 7 and take 7 south back to Bennington.