

13. Jenny Lane to Riggsville

Features: Road walk

Distance: 12.80 miles

USGS Map Quads: Napanoch, Kerhonkson

Trail Conference Maps: Map 9, Southern Shawangunk Trails

General Description

The first mile of this section is on an old dirt road through the woods. The rest of the section follows paved roads, some quite busy, that pass through rural Ulster County and the Town of Kerhonkson.

Access

Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 18, New Paltz. Continue west on NY Route 299 through the Town of New Paltz. At the T-junction with US Route 44/ NY Route 55, turn right to head uphill. About a mile beyond the Minnewaska State Park parking area on the left and a few hundred yards past a small stream crossing, turn right on a narrow gravel access road. Take the first right to the parking area.

Parking

0.00 Parking area at Jenny Lane. (18T 562229E 4621346N)

1.00 End of Old Minnewaska Trail (limited parking). (18T 561595E 4622338N)

4.10 Street parking in Kerhonkson. (18T 558278E 4625005N)

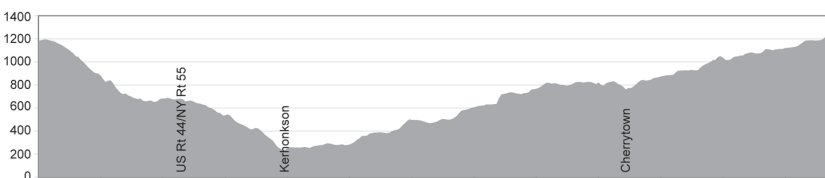
12.80 DEC parking area at entrance to Catskill Park on Upper Cherrytown Road. (18T 554278E 4634905N)

Trail Description

0.00 From the end of Section 12 (just north of the parking area) proceed north on Jenny Lane.

0.10 A gravel road goes left 0.1 miles to Route 44/55. The Long Path continues straight ahead on a dirt road not open to traffic. The general trend is downhill through the forest. At one point, there is a view of the Catskill Mountains.

1.00 Reach the end of Old Minnewaska Trail, a gravel road. A few cars can be parked here. The trail continues straight ahead and crosses a wooden bridge.





- 1.30** The road becomes paved and houses become more frequent.
- 1.80** Old Minnewaska Trail ends at Upper Granite Road (Ulster County Route 27). The trail turns onto Upper Granite Road.
- 2.30** Upper Granite Road ends at US Route 44/55. The trail turns right and follows this busy highway.
- 2.80** Pass through an intersection and continue downhill.
- 3.40** Where the road flattens out, take the first right. This road has a double yellow line but no sign.
- 3.90** Cross Rondout Creek on a steel bridge in Kerhonkson.
- 4.10** Cross US Route 209 at a traffic light.
- 4.15** At a split in the road, turn left onto a quiet residential road.
- 4.40** Cross a small stream.
- 5.60** Turn left onto Ulster County Route 3, a busy street.
- 5.90** Take the first left on Cherrytown Road and go uphill.
- 9.50** Pass Baker Road on the left.
- 9.60** The trail turns left where the road it has been following ends on another road, Upper Cherrytown Road, that goes straight and left. As it makes the turn, houses are on the left and a garage is on the right.
- 12.80** The section ends at a DEC parking area on the right side of the road. To continue, turn left and enter the woods on a DEC snowmobile trail.