

2018 Catskill Conquest Nutmeg Tour

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In February 2018 Jim Donick plotted a route for the Vintage Sports Car Club of America's Winter Nutmeg XXIII Rally in Ulster and Greene Counties of the Catskill Region. As it was for driving in Winter, Donick used many sections of State Routes and was conservative in road choices and length of the rally. The route circled the Ashokan Reservoir and went through Woodstock and Phoenicia, up the Stony Clove and down the Kaaterskill Clove on the Mountain Cloves Scenic Byway. We will pick up his route at the beginning of State Route 28 at the intersection with State Route 209.

Heading West on State Route 28, drive 0.7 miles and turn LEFT onto County Route 5, Hurley Mountain Road (by the Kenco Store).

Follow County Route 5 for 7.7 miles to end at Tongore Road, turn RIGHT on Tongore Road and drive 0.8 miles to State Route 213.

Turn RIGHT on State Route 213, Atwood Road and drive 5.5 miles to State Route 28A.

Turn RIGHT on State Route 28A and drive 1.8 miles.

Leave State Route 28A and bear LEFT up hill and drive 2.2 miles over dividing weir across Ashokan Reservoir.

Turn RIGHT on State Route 28.

Drive 7.1 miles on State Route 28. Just before second light, bear RIGHT under railroad overpass onto Basin Road.

Drive 0.7 miles on Basin Road then turn RIGHT on Dike Road by Reservoir Inn.

Drive 1.1 miles on Dike Road then turn RIGHT onto State Route 28A.

Drive 6.1 miles. After passing by spillway on right, look for small parking area sign on RIGHT, follow road 0.3 miles to circular parking area with information kiosk and access to walkway on the dam of the Ashokan Reservoir, worth a visit and a scenic walk.

Return to 0.3 miles to State Route 28A, turn RIGHT, drive 1.2 miles, then turn RIGHT at T and retrace route 2.2 miles over dividing weir across Ashokan Reservoir.

Again, turn RIGHT on State Route 28 (retracing) and drive 6.2 miles.

Turn LEFT at first light onto State Route 375, Levon Helm Memorial Highway and drive 2.9 miles to State Route 212.

Turn LEFT onto State Route 212 at Woodstock, drive 2.4 miles through the village of Woodstock.

Turn RIGHT at stop in Bearsville, staying on State Route 212 and drive 9.1 miles to Mount Tremper.

Turn RIGHT at stop in Mount Tremper, onto County Route 40, Plank Road, Old 28 and part of the 1903 Endurance Run route.

Follow Plank Road 3.8 miles along the Esopus Creek and through the hamlet of Phoenicia.

Turn RIGHT on State Route 214, part of Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway, leading through Stony Clove and meeting the Mountain Cloves Scenic Byway at the border of Greene County. Pass through Devil's Tombstone Park, driving 12.1 miles to State Route 23A.

If you want to take Option 1 through Kaaterskill Clove (steep descent), follow these directions:

Turn RIGHT on State Route 23A, drive 9.2 miles through Tannersville, Haines Falls and down Kaaterskill Clove (long steep descent). Some of the sports cars ran up and down this stretch of 23A enjoying the curves and challenge. Access to Kaaterskill Falls off this section.

Bear RIGHT on State Route 32A at Palenville and drive 1.9 miles to State Route 32. Straight onto State Route 32 South, drive 2.7 miles.

Turn RIGHT on Harry Wells Road, County Route 36 and drive 2.0 miles. Merge onto Blue Mountain Road, County Route 35 and drive 1.4 miles to State Route 212. Turn RIGHT on State Route 212 and drive 5.1 miles.

Turn LEFT on Zena Road drive 1.9 miles. County Route 30 becomes Sawkill Road. Drive 5.0 miles to State Route 209. Turn RIGHT on State Route 209, drive 2.3 miles then exit on State Route 28, Pine Hill, West, back to start.

Total distance of Option 1 tour = 105.7 miles.

If you want to take Option 2 to avoid the steep descent through Kaaterskill Clove, follow these directions:

After driving 12.1 miles on State Route 214 to State Route 23A, turn LEFT on State Route 23A and drive 10.6 miles to Lexington.

Turn LEFT on State Route 42 and drive 11.4 miles to State Route 28. This will take you back to the main route of the Catskill Conquest Rally.

Total distance of Option 2 tour = 96.2 miles.