

## **2019 Delaware County Tour Catskill Conquest**

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This suggested tour through six towns in Delaware County branches off the historic route of the 1903 Automobile Endurance Run. The tour runs along lightly traveled County Routes in the hilly reaches of the Western Catskill Mountains. Good power and good brakes are essential for automobiles traversing this terrain which offers wonderful scenery in rural farming communities.

This tour is anchored by four organizations with interesting exhibits at the start, middle and finish: the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development in Arkville, the Hanford Mills Museum in East Meredith and the Delaware County Historical Association in East Delhi. An alternate route includes the Village of Franklin and the Franklin Railroad and Community Museum. The towns visited include Middletown, Bovina, Stamford, Kortright, Meredith and Delhi, with Franklin and Sidney on the alternate finish.

Begin at the CCCD in Arkville, drive 1.5 miles west on State Route 28 to Margaretville, turn RIGHT at the blinking light and then LEFT at the T onto Main Street, which becomes County Route 3 and runs along the East Branch of the Delaware River. Follow County Route 3 for 3.5 miles to State Route 28, drive 1.2 miles to County Route 6 and turn RIGHT.

Drive 5.2 miles to New Kingston on County Route 6. Continue on County Route 6 for 8.1 miles through Bovina to Bovina Center.

At Bovina Center, turn RIGHT on County Route 5, the Bovina Center – Pink Street- South Kortright Road. This is a 6.3 mile up and over and down ride with a long descent to the valley of the West Branch of the Delaware River. Turn LEFT at stop onto County Route 18, the Delhi – South Kortright Road.

Drive 3.3 miles on County Route 18, then turn RIGHT onto River Road, drive 0.6 miles, then cross State Route 10 at Bloomville, jog left and then right onto County Route 33 North, the Bloomville – West Harpersfield Road.

Drive 6.3 miles to Doonans Corners. At Doonans Corners at stop, go LEFT on County Route 12, the East Meredith Road. Drive 6.0 miles to East Meredith and find the Hanford Mills Museum.

After visiting the museum, continue south on County Route 12 to intersection with County Route 10, the Meridale – Davenport Center Road.

For Option 1 to DCHA go straight on Elk Creek Road in East Meredith at the corner where County Route 10 goes right towards Meridale. Follow Elk Creek Road to 10.2 miles State Route 10. LEFT on State Route 10 takes you to the DCHA Museum 0.7 miles on the left. Continue past the DCHA a short distance to the covered Fitch's Bridge on right. Cross the bridge and turn left on County Route 18, the Delhi – South Kortright Road for some additional scenic touring. Crossing the bridge and turning right along County Route 18 will lead back to State Route 28 at Delhi.

**Total Distance of Option 1 tour = 52.9 miles**

For Option 2 to the Franklin Railroad and Community Museum in Franklin, drive 5.4 miles on County

Route 10 up a long steep hill towards Meridale. At Meridale turn LEFT at stop on State Route 28, up the hill 1.2 miles to Turnpike. Turn RIGHT onto Turnpike and drive 3.8 miles to County Route 14. Turn RIGHT on County Route 14 and drive 2.6 miles to Treadwell, then continue 4.5 miles to State Route 357. Turn LEFT on State Route 357 and drive 2.4 miles into the Village of Franklin. Franklin Railroad and Community Museum on left. Follow State Route 357 over the Susquehanna River, left on State Route 7 will take you into Unadilla, western end of the Catskill Conquest rally route.

**Total Distance of Option 2 tour = 61.9 miles**

For Option 3, a scenic drive back to Andes on the Catskill Conquest rally route, follow Option 2 directions to Treadwell. Turn LEFT at Treadwell onto County Route 16. Drive 4.6 miles to West Delhi, make a sharp RIGHT to follow County Route 16 for 4.7 miles to Fraser. At Fraser, turn RIGHT on State Route 10 and drive 2.8 miles south through the valley of the West Branch of the Delaware River. Look for the sign for the County Route 2 intersection. Turn left on County Route 2 and drive 12.1 miles through beautiful rolling farmland back to the Catskill conquest rally route at Andes.

**Total Distance of Option 2 tour = 79.2 miles**