

## RIDE NO. 18      ADIRONDACK LAKES

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**Mileage = 42.4**

**Elevation Gain = 1,734**

**Category = Moderate**

This Warren County ride circumnavigates Brant Lake and follows the shores of Loon and Schroon Lakes. To reach the starting point, take Northway exit 25, SR 8, and go east 1.6 miles to the Village of Brant lake. Follow SR 8 as it bends right and then left around Mill Pond in the Village. In a short distance, you'll see a church with a parking area alongside on the right. Across SR 8 from the church, between the road and the Pond, is a small monument erected in 1988 to commemorate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the Town of Horicon, of which Brant Lake is the Town Seat. The pretty little pond, reflecting the buildings on the far shore, including the Town Hall, was created by damming the Brant Lake outlet that flows southwest into Schroon River. A spillway is at the southwest end of the Pond, near the junction of SR 8 and Market Street, a short road that follows the opposite shore of the Pond before rejoining SR 8.

The ride starts by going northeast on SR 8 for 1.1 miles before turning left on CR 26, Palisades Road, to begin the circling of the Lake. You'll return to SR 8 at 8.9 miles as you head back southwest. At 14.8 miles you leave SR 8 briefly to take Market Street to the far end of the pond, where it rejoins the State Route. A little past the 17-mile point, now 40% into the ride, you may want to stop at the Stewart's Shop for a cup of coffee or something. You continue through Chestertown, passing Lincoln Logs, the company that manufactures log home kits. Just beyond, also on the left, is a big rooster in front of a diner.

A little past the 20.3-mile point, you'll pass the southern end of Loon Lake. At 22.2 miles, you bear right on US RT 9 as SR 8 veers left. You follow the western shore of Loon Lake for a couple of miles. Just before reaching Landon Hill Road (cue sheet line 22), you'll see Warner Pond on the left. Beyond Pottersville, you turn right on Glendale Road (line 24) and pass the southwestern end of Schroon Lake. You'll follow the southeast shore of the Lake for 4.4 miles after turning left on CR 15, known as either East Shore Road or Adirondack Road, depending upon the map you're using. It brings you to the community of Adirondack, at the 32.8-mile point, where there's a general store that provides, among other things, sandwiches made to order.

Most of the recognizable climbing on this trip occurs after you leave Adirondack and head south on CR 55, Valentine Pond Road, through woodlands. At the 41-mile point you're back on SR 8, with a mile and a half to go.

The ride's cumulative ascent is 1,734 feet, an average of 41 feet per mile, a pretty easy ride (remember this as you ride along Valentine Pond Road).

START: CHURCH PARKING AREA, SR 8, BRANT LAKE VILLAGE, MSL ELEV: 813'

1	GO NE ON SR 8	813'	-	-
2	L ON CR 26, PALISADES RD.	810'	1.1	1.1
3	PASS PEASE HILL RD. – L	829'	0.7	1.8
4	PASS GIBBONS RD. – L	848'	1.6	3.4
5	PASS DORSET RD. – L	833'	2.6	6.0
6	PASS BEAVER POND RD. – L	816'	1.5	7.5
7	RD. SWINGS E & S AROUND LAKE		-	-
8	R ON SR 8	830'	1.4	8.9
9	PASS LILY POND RD. – L	836'	0.4	9.3
10	PASS CAMP RD. – L	842'	1.1	10.4
11	PASS GRASSVILLE RD. – L	824'	2.3	12.7
12	PASS DUELL HILL RD. – L	849'	0.6	13.3
13	PASS CR 26 – R	810'	0.7	14.0
14	R ON CR 33, MARKET ST.	813'	0.8	14.8
15	BR ON SR 8	793'	0.3	15.1
16	X NORTHWAY, REACH STEWART'S	841'	1.9	17.0
17	US RT 9 JOINS FROM L	816'	1.3	18.3
18	PASS CR 56 – R, CR 8 – L	888'	2.0	20.3
19	R ON US RT 9 (SR 8 GOES L)	880'	1.9	22.2
20	PASS BUTTERNUT FLATS RD. – R	887'	2.3	24.5
21	PASS CR 56 – R	880'	0.3	24.8
22	PASS CR 68, LANDON HILL RD. – R	906'	1.9	26.7
23	X UNDER NORTHWAY	824'	0.6	27.3
24	R ON CR 62, GLENDALE RD.	867'	0.5	27.8
25	L ON CR 15, EAST SHORE RD.	817'	0.8	28.6

26	R ON CR 37 IN ADIRONDACK	902'	4.2	32.8
27	PASS GENERAL STORE (EATS)	905'	0.2	33.0
28	R ON CR 55, VALENTINE POND RD.	906'	0.1	33.1
29	CLIMB TO	1,189'	-	-
30	PASS FOSTER JOHNSON RD. – L	951'	2.3	35.4
31	PASS PEASE HILL RD. – L	871'	0.7	36.1
32	PASS SHAW HILL RD. – R	849'	0.4	36.5
33	PASS SHORT ST. – R	919'	1.6	38.1
34	PASS DAVIS RD. – L	1,041'	0.6	38.7
35	L ON WATERING TUB RD.	817'	1.4	40.1
36	PASS BEAN RD. – L	832'	0.3	40.4
37	L ON SR 8	802'	0.6	41.0
38	REACH STARTING POINT	813'	1.4	42.4