

RIDE NO. 4 CHAMPLAIN II, TICONDEROGA – CROWN POINT

Mileage = 40

Elevation Gain = 1,846 feet

Category = Easy

Here’s what I wrote in my log about the Champlain II ride:

“All of the Champlain rides are superbly scenic. Today’s was no exception, with constant views of the two great mountain ranges that create its eastern and western borders and of the beautiful Lake. We started from the Ticonderoga ferry dock and pedaled uphill, away from the Lake, to turn north on State Route 22. Shortly, we turned onto Shore Airport Road, the undulations of which we followed for about four miles before rejoining Route 22, which at this point runs concurrently with SR 9N. The traffic is fast on these principal State highways, but the road has good, wide shoulders. Passing through the Village of Crown Point, we soon turned off the State routes to take a secondary road 3½ miles to SR 17 leading to the Crown Point Bridge over the Lake to Chimney Point in Vermont. We stopped there for a lunch break, eating at a tree-shaded picnic table outside the small restaurant at the junction of Routes 17 and 125. After lunch we followed the latter along the lakeshore for three miles to Lake Street. Turning south on Lake Street, we continued along the shoreline for about four miles before turning east and climbing away from the Lake. We continued generally eastward on pleasant paved rural roads for some five miles before reaching Vermont State Route 22A and turning south again. Like Route 22 in New York, Route 22A has fast-moving traffic, but, also like 22, it’s not heavy and the road-shoulders are good. Six miles farther along, we left 22A at Shoreham to head southwesterly on paved back roads toward Larabee’s Point and the ferry that would return us to our starting point,” Commentary for the Champlain I ride includes information about this interesting vessel, which takes about fifteen minutes to cross the narrow northern end of the Lake.

The cumulative elevation gain for this 40-miler is 1,846 feet, or 46 feet per mile, a fairly easy ride, especially when compared with Champlain I.

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START: FERRY DOCK, TICONDEROGA – 101 FT. MSL

1	GO WEST ON RT. 74	101'	-	-
2	R ON RT. 22 / 74	154'	1.4	1.4
3	R ON CR 43, SHORE AIRPORT RD.	203'	0.6	2.0
4	X SHANAHAN / MCCLAUGHIN RDS.	270'	0.6	2.6
5	X DELANO RD.	192'	3.2	5.8
6	R ON RTS. 22/9N	141'	0.4	6.2
7	PASS CR 45, SUGAR HILL RD. - L	207'	2.5	8.7
8	HIGHWAY BENDS L OUTSIDE CROWN PT.	167'	1.1	9.8
9	H'WAY BENDS R IN CROWN PT.	233'	0.6	10.4
10	R ON CR 22E(48), LAKE RD.	173'	0.6	11.0

11	X GOODRICH/CLARK RDS.	176'	0.5	11.5
12	X TRACKS, BR ON LAKE RD.	138'	1.7	13.2
13	BR AT END ON RT. 17	129'	1.3	14.5
14	REACH CROWN POINT BRIDGE	131'	2.0	16.5
15	X BRIDGE, BR ON RT. 125	155'	0.6	17.1
16	R ON LAKE ST. AT L CURVE	185'	3.1	20.2
17	PASS WEST MARKET RD. - L	161'	1.1	21.3
18	ROAD TURNS R OPPOSITE MIDDLE RD.	153'	1.3	22.6
19	L ON CROWN POINT RD.	230'	1.7	24.3
20	X BASIN HARBOR RD.	225'	2.5	26.8
21	RD. TURNS L OPPOSITE HAPPY VALLEY RD.	269'	1.3	28.1
22	R ON SHORT RD.	273'	0.7	28.8
23	R ON RT. 22A	269'	0.4	29.2
24	PASS N. CREAM HILL RD. - R	342'	1.8	31.0
25	PASS LAPHAM BAY / DOOLITTLE RDS.	295'	1.1	32.1
26	R ON CR 74, SHOREHAM (GEN'L.STORE)	337'	2.9	35.0
27	RD. CURVES L (MAIN ST. AHEAD)	336'	0.4	35.4
28	TURNS L AS BASIN HRBR. RD.(WITHERELL AHEAD)	378'	1.1	36.5
29	RD. CURVES R (DIRT RD. AHEAD)	298'	1.1	37.6
30	RD. CURVES L (DIRT RD. R)	226'	1.1	38.7
31	RD. CURVES R (BARNUM HILL RD. AHEAD)	207'	0.4	39.1
32	PASS RT. 73 - L	136'	0.7	39.8
33	REACH FERRY TO TICONDEROGA	105'	0.5	40.3