



Creeklocks Road Scenic Drive

Hills, harbor, canal, farms, towns

STARTING AT THRUWAY EXIT 18

Scenic drive 
Side trips 

Hills. Thruway, Exit 18, "New Paltz", turn right, take the first left, then veer right onto New Paltz Road, the original path from New Paltz to the river. Start threading your way through the Esopus Hills. Be sure you have a good map--you're bound to get lost.

Harbors. Take a side trip along Abeel Street to the Rondout to stretch your legs. Once busy with anthracite-barge traffic, now with marinas. Restaurants, shopping.

Canals. Head back to just before the bridge you came over (red dot). By the water's edge to the right you can find the outlet of the old D&H canal. Now turn back, and take Creeklocks Road. You'll be following the path of the canal. Watch for a historical marker and check out the stonework of the canal. The road takes you to Rosendale, a century ago a gritty industrial town, now quite charming. Visit our Rosendale page, print out our picture quiz. Go on to High Falls for a canal museum, a well preserved lock, and the Canal House (now a great restaurant). Also for antiques and other good restaurants--worth a stop.

Farms. West of Rosendale, go over the bridge and round the church, turn left at the top of the hill. The drive now takes you along the original flood plain Henry Hudson called the best land for farming he ever saw, that Dutch settlers made the "breadbasket of the nation" during the Revolution.

Towns. A century ago, 44/55 was "urban." Gardiner makes a good stop. We return you to civilization via the spectacular views of Route 32 South. In high season do crowded New Paltz a favor--until they build a bypass, give it a miss.

Scenic roads

Blue and green roads are scenic.

Towns

Size of red disks for towns suggests restaurant and shopping possibilities. Visit High Falls for restaurants and antiques. And charm.

Lodgings

Size of blue disks for resorts suggests relative number of rooms.

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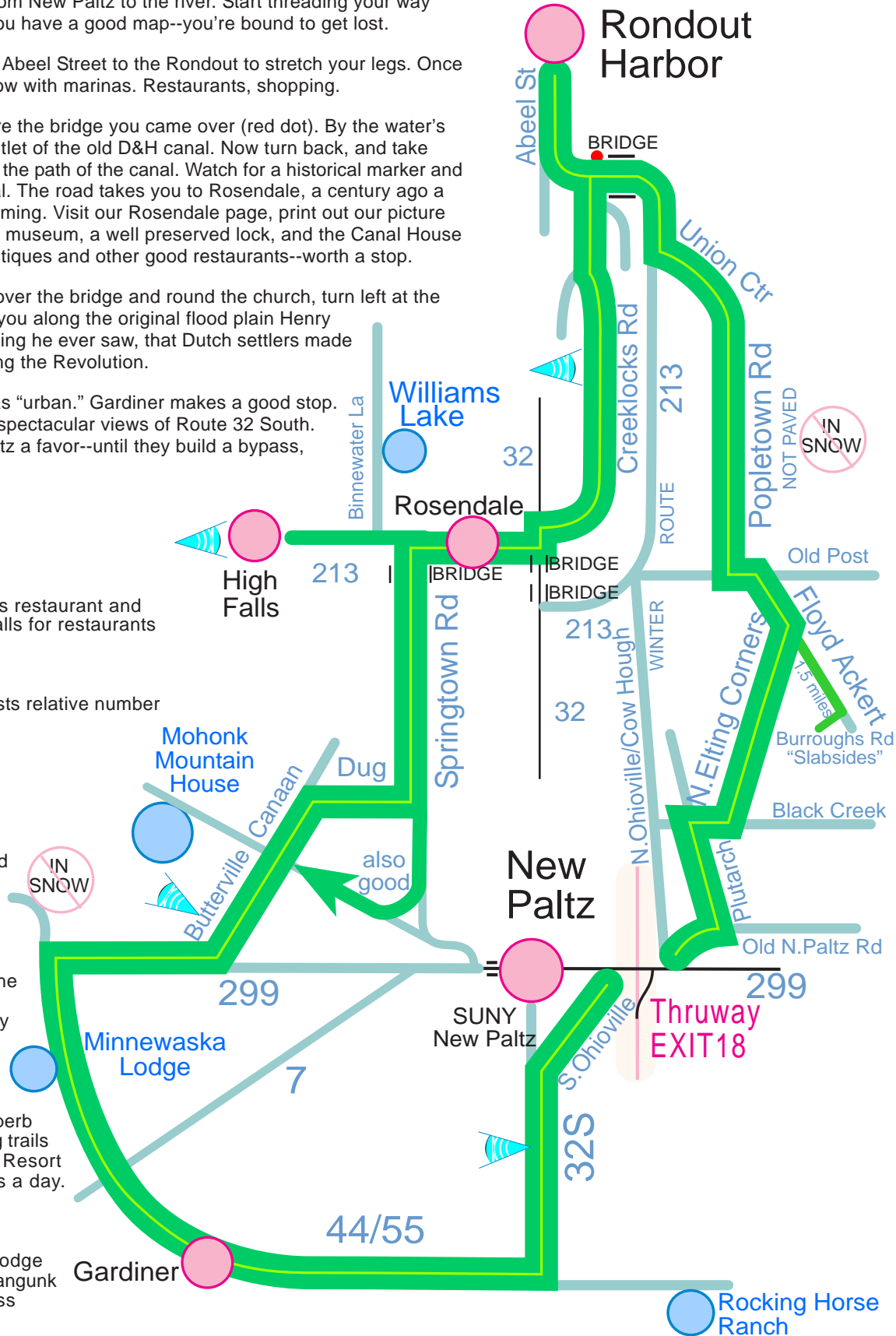
Suggested Lodgings

MOHONK MOUNTAIN HOUSE
Grand 251-room Victorian castle and a pristine lake high in the "Gunks." One of America's oldest family-owned resorts. Exquisite.

ROCKING HORSE RANCH
Largest stable of saddle horses in the East on 500 country acres. Ranch activities year-round. Ideal getaway resort for families with recreation-minded children.

WILLIAMS LAKE
Above all the gorgeous lake and superb swimming in summer, but also hiking trails and cross country skiing in winter. Resort with 57 rooms, serving three meals a day. Very good rates.

MINNEWASKA LODGE
Contemporary 26-room mountain lodge on 17 acres at the base of the Shawangunk Mountains. Hearty breakfast, fitness center. Favorite with climbers.



 Rocking Horse Ranch