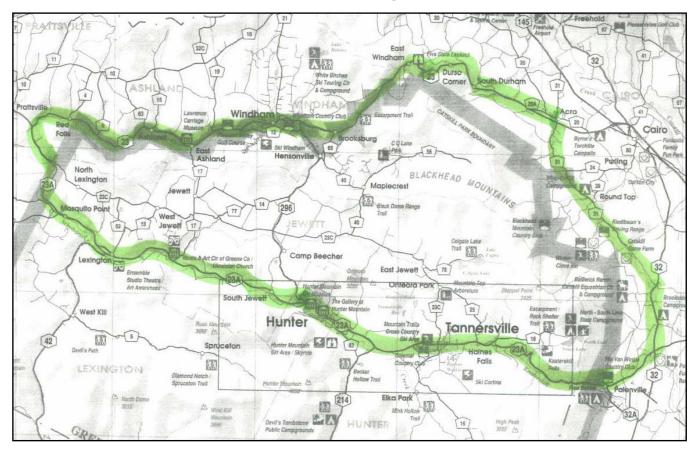
## **Catskills Driving Tour #1**



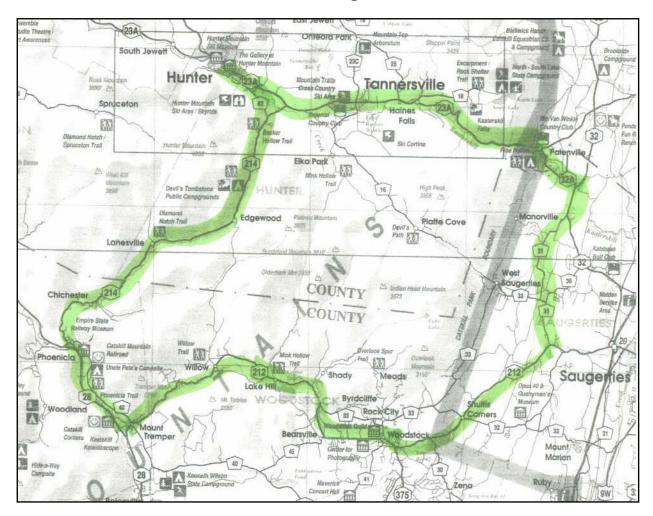
This is a easy day tour in Greene County that will take you through deep forests brimming with waterfalls, atop mountains for views across five states and down into the valleys along the Schoharie Creek where fishing or just dipping your toes in the cool mountain water are favorite activities.

Start in the Town of Hunter, Head east on Rt 23A, stop in Tannersville and take a stroll down main street. Back on 23A Head east to Haines Falls. Look for the sign on the left for North Lake Road which takes you to North/South Lake (entrance fee). You can swim, sunbathe on the beach or experience one of the best hiking areas in the Catskills. Returning to Route 23A, head back east, and drive slowly down the Kaaterskill Clove Road, stopping to view Bastian Falls at the hairpin curve. Further down the road you parallel Kaaterskill creek. Continue East until you reach the intersection with Route 32. Take Rt 32 North to Rt 31 North. The Catskill Game Farm is Nearby. Continue on Rt 32 North to Intersection with RT 23. Take Rt 23 West to East Windham, stop at Point Lookout. On a clear day, you can see five states from this spot!

Continue on to the picturesque village of Windham, with its many shops, antique stores and restaurants. From Windham, Route 23 takes you to Prattsville where you can stop for a view of Pratt Rocks and the relief sculptures carved into a cliffside done about 150 years ago.

Back on 23 West you will reach the intersection with Route 23A; head east towards Lexington where the valley opens up into a wide area for scenic views and picnicking along the Schoharie Creek. A few miles after Lexington, look to your right for the Ukranian Church, an imposing wood-carved basilica built entirely without nails, visitors are welcome. Continue through the valley to Hunter Mountain.

## **Catskills Driving Tour #2**



This tour takes you thru the heart of the Catskills, across scenic Stony Clove, thru the picturesque villages of Phoenicia, and Woodstock, and back up north past west Saugerties and thru Kaaterskill Clove.

Start by Going East on Rt 23A, then take Rt 214 south toward Phoenicia. Stop by Devils Tombstone picnic area. Continue south to the town of Phoenicia. Stroll this picturesque town, and then if the weathers hot enough, consider tubing down the esopus creek for a few hours, or taking a scenic train ride alongside the esopus creek. From Phoenicia, head east on Old Route 28, to Rt 212. take Rt 212 to the village of Woodstock with its many shops, art galleries and dining. You can even hike to overlook mountain, which is located just outside of the village. From Woodstock, head back east on Rt 212 to Rt 35 North, with very beautiful views of the Catskills from the eastern escarpment. Follow Rt 35 North to Rt 32 North. Take this to Rt 32A North to Rt 23A. Head west on Rt 23A thru Kaaterskill Clove and back thru the villages of Haines Falls, Tannersville, and Hunter. A side trip around the ashokan reservoir can be made by heading east on Rt 28 from the village of Mt. Tremper, and encircling the reservoir on Rt 28 and Rt 28A. You can return to Hunter via RT 28 East to the NYS Thruway North up to exit 20, Rt 32.

A scenic shortcut back to hunter can be done by taking Rt 33 west from west Saugerties. This road becomes platte clove road, a narrow mountain road, which passes thru stunning platte clove. This road becomes county road 16, which returns you to Tannersville and RT 23A.

## **Catskills Driving Tour #3**



**From** its southern beginning at Kingston in the Hudson Valley, the soft and lumpy Catskill Mountain foothills gradually nudge New York's route 28 ever upward toward excitement, recreation and adventure. It passes world-famous Woodstock, eases through settlements relocated by the building of the Ashokan Reservoir, and climbs into the Catskill Mountains, offering hiking, fishing,

tubing, skiing, mountain biking, ice climbing, and other outdoor recreation along the way. Antique shops, craft shops, a giant kaleidoscope, Saturday night auctions, museums, and train rides are just some of the other attractions awaiting travelers heading west from the Hudson Valley. Quaint, historic towns, from Phoenicia and Pine Hill to Fleischmanns, Margaretville, and Andes, offer unique flavors of relaxed, comfortable living along gurgling streams, beneath imposing peaks, and bathed in crisp mountain air. Outstanding, one-of-a-kind restaurants off all flavors (no chains here) present palate-pleasing fare, and charming cabins, motels, B&Bs, and lodges offer weary travelers snug sleeping in serene settings at the end of the day. All of these attractions are within about an hour's drive of Kingston.

