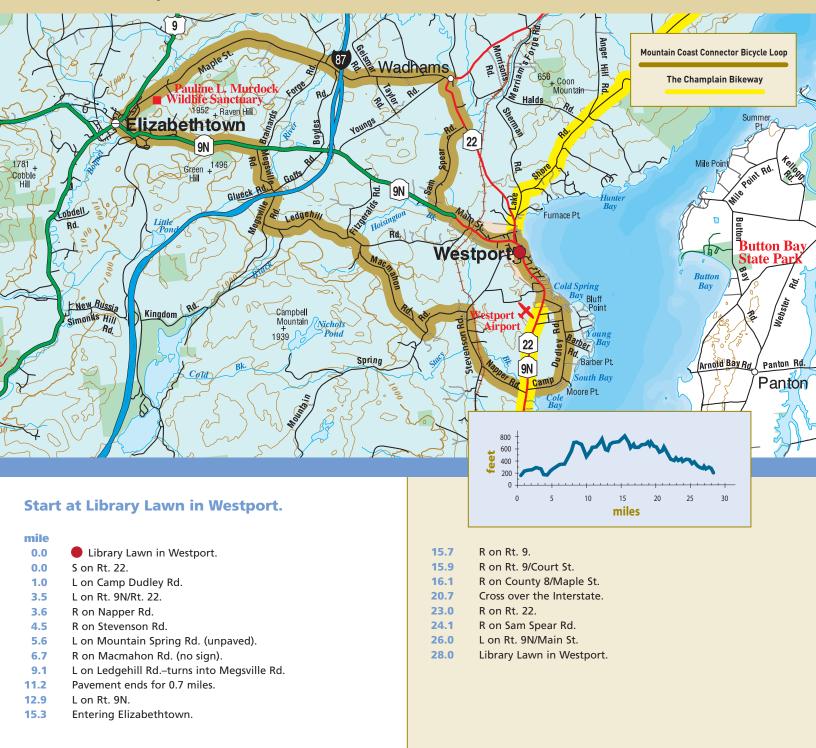
Mountain Coast Connector Bicycle Loop

An intermediate 28-mile route through, Westport, Wadhams, and Elizabethtown, NY.



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Route Description

Westport was settled in 1770 as a part of William Gilliland's land grant, and was originally named Bessboro after his daughter. Like Willsboro, Westport was wiped out during the Revolutionary War by the British but was re-settled in 1804. Elizabethtown was settled in 1791 by pioneers from Vermont who called it Pleasant Valley. In the mid-1800's, it became known as a summer arts colony and judicial center. A National Historic District includes the Hale House and the Hand House. In Wadhams, Jesse Braman and Aaron Felt built the first gristmill in 1802 and a forge in 1819. This was followed by Myrick's forge in 1825 and a sawmill and gristmill built at the same time by General Luman Wadhams. The Wadhams hydroelectric plant, one of the oldest in New York, was built in 1904 and originally furnished power for Moriah's iron mines.

Safety Guidelines

Motorists and bicyclists share scenic roads. Use caution on narrow, winding or unpaved roadway. Follow traffic laws and ride safely. Bicycles are vehicles by law and have the right to use public roads. You are responsible for operating your bicycle under all conditions.

When cycling, please follow these guidelines:

- 1. WEAR A HELMET and cycling gloves.
- 2. Ride with the flow of traffic.
- When using travel lanes, follow motor vehicle laws.Obey all traffic signs and signals. Do not cut corners.
- 4. Use clear hand signals when making turns or stopping.
- 5. Ride in a straight line at least 3' from parked cars or curbs.
- 6. If you must ride at night, use lights and reflectors.
- 7. Ride defensively! Be aware of motorists' actions.
- 8. Be aware of train tracks and other road conditions.
- 9. Ride single file.
- 10. Carry items in panniers or a handle-bar pack.



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