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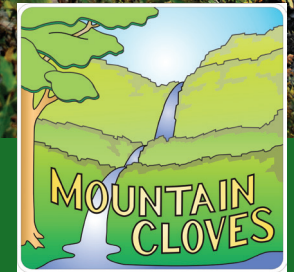
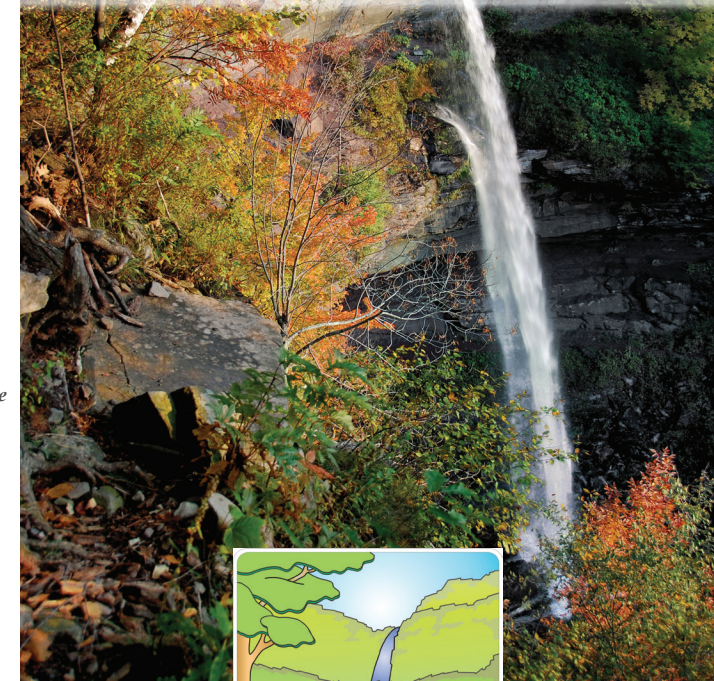
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MOUNTAIN CLOVES SCENIC BYWAY

Explore, experience and enjoy the scenic roads of the Northern Catskills



Welcome!

to the Mountain Cloves Scenic Byway, a NY State route that is also an inspiring travel experience in the Northern High Peaks of the Catskill Mountains. For centuries, the same setting that inspired the Hudson River School painters has continued to draw artists and sightseers to its panoramic views of rugged mountains and picturesque valleys and streams. The Byway offers authentic insight into our history, as well as access to our many recreational and cultural pursuits and idyllic pastimes.

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1 Kaaterskill Clove, with its surrounding mountains and views overlooking the Hudson River, is the landscape that inspired early 19th century American artists. Here was a quality of nature, rugged, wild, sublime, and distinctly different from anything known in Europe.

Thomas Cole, Frederic Church, Asher B. Durand, and other painters, collectively known as the Hudson River School of Art, created some of America's greatest landscape paintings, now found in museums around the world. Similarly inspired were writers Washington Irving, Mark Twain, James Fenimore Cooper, William Cullen Bryant, and others.

2 Bastion Falls-Horseshoe Bend One of the signature turns on Route 23A as it traverses the gorge provides a close view of lovely Bastion Falls. The site is also the trailhead for a half-mile uphill hike to...

3 ... Kaaterskill Falls, Lower View at the bottom of Kaaterskill Falls. Parking is limited in a small nearby lot, but ample designated parking is available at the Kaaterskill Falls Viewing Platform, reached via turn onto North Lake Road a mile farther up. From there, a series of stone steps descends from the top of the falls to this iconic scenic view. **P**

4 Mountain Top Historical Society operates a Visitors Center and a Hudson River School Art Trail Interpretive Center. Its 20-acre campus includes a fully restored 1913 Ulster & Delaware train station, as well as a quiet pond and walking paths. **P** **✓**

5 Kaaterskill Rail Trail A segment of the Ulster & Delaware Railroad narrow gauge track is now an easy hiking trail from the Mountain Top Historical Society to **Kaaterskill Falls** and its **Viewing Platform**. **P** **X**

6 Kaaterskill Falls and Viewing Platform At 260 feet, this magnificent gem of the Catskills is one of the highest waterfalls in the Eastern U.S. The site was a popular subject for painters of the Hudson River School. A short trail leads to the cliff-hugging Viewing Platform and a spectacular view of the falls from above. **P** **X**



7 Catskill Escarpment Views There are many hiking trails to great views throughout the Clove, plus a beautiful and popular campground. The area today is preserved much as it was in the 19th Century. Paths along the **Catskill Escarpment** still provide access to Inspiration Point, Sunset Rock, Artists Rock, Catskill Mountain House site, and other vistas that stimulated early painters and writers. **P** **X**

8 Tannersville-Painted Village in the Sky Commercial center where local businesses occupy renovated buildings cheerfully painted in pastel colors. The "Paint Project" featured on the *Today* show has attracted tourists and new businesses, and helped Main Street secure historic district designation. **P** **X** **✓**

9 Rip Van Winkle Lake Park Playground, basketball court, skate park, paddleboard court, Huckleberry Multi-Use Trail, and pavilion. Activities: beach volleyball, outdoor musical events, disc golf, more. **P** **✓**

10 Hunter Village-Colonel's Chair-Dolan's Lake The Village of Hunter frames the base of Hunter Mountain Resort and its world-class winter downhill skiing trails. Well worth the effort is a summer hike to the crest of the Colonel's Chair and the top of the ski lift, where views of the mountains, valleys, and Village of Hunter below are wonderful. Dolan's Lake, surrounded by an easy walking path, is a great place for swimming, fish-

ing, and picnicking. In the Village, the Catskill Mountain Foundation offers films and programs in music and dance. Nearby, Hunter Village Square houses an art gallery, bookstore, and craft shop. **P**

11 Hunter Mountain Resort and NY Zipline Adventure Tours Hunter Mountain, second highest peak in the Catskills and known for downhill skiing and snowboarding for all ability levels, is also home to the highest and longest zipline in North America. Including several terrain parks and an all-ages tubing run, the resort is a popular wedding setting and hosts year-round festivals as well, including TAP NY Beer Fest, Mountain Jam, Taste of Country Music Fest, Oktoberfest Series, and Ahimsa Yoga Fest. **P** **X** **✓**



12 Mountain Top Arboretum A living sanctuary of native and introduced trees and shrubs. Created for education, research, and visitors' pure enjoyment of the spectacular and varied Catskills landscape. Enjoy hiking, birding, plant life, geology, snowshoeing, and more. **P** **✓**

13 All Souls Church-Devil's Path Vista A beautiful 1894 stone chapel, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, offers a commanding distant view of the Devil's Path Range. Its impressive stone, wood, and stained glass interior may be appreciated during concerts and special events.

14 Schoharie Creek Headwaters Valley Truly picturesque mountainous terrain and a flat, narrow valley against a backdrop of the majestic Devil's Path Range. Follow County Route 16/Platte Clove Road through ...

15 ... Platte Clove Cleared by early settlers, painted by artists, lauded by poets, Platte Clove became a destination for visitors seeking wilderness. With mountainous flanks gouged by glaciers and carved by streams and waterfalls, Platte Clove today is still

brehtaking, rugged, and dangerous. County Route 16/Platte Clove Road leads to the top of Platte Clove and beyond. Road through is open mid-April through October. **P**

16 Huckleberry Point, an overlook above Platte Clove, accessed by a hiking trail to amazing views. **P**



17 Stony Clove Between Hunter and Plateau Mountains' soaring slopes, rocky cliffs, with just enough room for the road, Stony Clove Notch holds some of the Catskills' most striking scenery. Popular for hiking, camping, hunting, and ice climbing. **P** **X**

18 Hunter Mountain Fire Tower Located on top of Hunter Mountain Peak at 4,040 feet, this highest fire tower in New York State delivers 360° views. Access to the former lookout cabin atop is available weekends from Memorial Day to Columbus Day. Visitors welcome. **P**

19 Diamond Notch Reached from Lanesville by hiking trail through a beautiful stream valley. At the upper end of this remote feature is Diamond Notch Falls, a small, hidden gem of a waterfall. **P**

20 Lanesville Valley A stretch of sylvan scenery on Route 214 along Stony Clove Creek, where the Mountain Clove Scenic Byway and Catskill Mountain Scenic Byway meet passing through the hamlets between Edgewood, Lanesville, Chichester and Phoenicia.

ALSO ON THE MAP:

Twilight Park, Onteora Park, and Elka Park are historically and architecturally significant private residential communities built in the 1880s.