

Acres to Apples Bicycle Loop

An easy 24.4 route through Port Kent, Peru, Ausable Chasm, NY.



Start at Port Kent Ferry Dock Parking Lot.

mile

- 0.0 ● Port Kent Ferry Dock - Parking.
- 0.2 R on Lake Street.
- 2.0 Bear R on Plains Road.
- 3.5 R at Route 9.
- 6.3 L at Bear Swamp Road/Route 442.
- 10.4 R on Route 22.
- 10.6 Hamlet of Peru, L on Route 22B.
- 11.7 L on Mannix Road.
- 12.4 L on Old Town Road.
- 13.0 L on Barney Downs Road.
- 13.3 L on River Road.
- 13.8 R on Jarvis Road (becomes Union).
- 16.3 L on Brown Road.
- 17.5 R on Route 22.
- 18.0 L on Arthur Road.
- 18.7 R on Chasm Road.
- 19.5 L to stay on Chasm Road.
- 20.7 L on Route 9.
- 21.1 R on Route 373
- 24.4 Port Kent Ferry Dock.



When cycling, please follow these guidelines:

1. WEAR A HELMET and cycling gloves.
2. Ride with the flow of traffic.
3. 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 feet 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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Route Description

This loop winds through a magnificent apple country landscape of orchards and farms, and through the hamlet of Peru, a charming town that retains vestiges of its agrarian past. The upper Champlain Valley is one of the highest producing apple areas in the United States, second only to regions in Washington. While traveling Acres of Apples you will travel through five different apple orchards.

The orchards that mark the countryside of Peru had humble beginnings as backyard orchards in the late 1890s. The first commercial orchard, Northern Orchards which is on the route, began production in 1906. The larger orchards are in excess of 5,000 acres, and approximately 80% of the apple trees are of the McIntosh variety. These trees are ideally suited to the Champlain Valley due to their ability to withstand harsh winters, and to mature in a shorter growing season. In addition, this loop passes the largest dairy farm in Clinton County and offers a spectacular view of a river carved gorge at Ausable Chasm.

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.



Apple blossoms in Peru/PHOTOPIA: Shaun Heffernan

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To promote bicycling throughout the Lake Champlain regions of New York, Vermont and Québec for the purposes of increasing opportunities for bicycle recreation and transportation, improving the quality of life, enhancing the economic vitality, advocating for sustainable communities, encouraging healthy lifestyles and raising public awareness and appreciation of inherent scenic, historic, cultural, natural, and recreational resources throughout the area.

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