**Erie Canal and Cobblestone Bike Tour – Lyons NY**

The following bike ride is easy, 8 2/3 miles long, and takes you past four cobblestone houses and the three stages of the Erie Canal: original: Clinton’s Ditch (CD) completed 1825,

Enlarged Erie (EE) completed 1862, and Barge Canal completed 1918.

**Parking lot starting point GPS location: 43.06194, -76.99193**

Directional symbols: L = Left, R = Right, S = Straight,

**Mile Dir. Description Note**

0.0 Begin in parking lot on NW corner of Canal St. and State Rt. 14 or at dock. From parking lot- cross Rt.14 and continue out Elm St. From dock- head east under the bridge and up to Elm St., then go R.

You are now on the Empire State Trail following the Barge Canal.

.85 S Cross Cole Rd and continue east on Old Rt. 31. The EE is on your right; 7 feet deep, 70 feet wide.

1.1 On left: Teachout House, 1st of the two cobblestones built of field cobbles 1826-early 1830s (early period).

1.25 Second cobblestone - the Richmond House

1.5 R at (unmarked) Sunderville Rd. See 3rd cobblestone house built later than the last two, on the hillside ahead.

1.6 L onto Empire State Trail. The EE is on your left.

3.2 Lock Berlin Park. Be sure to read the signage by the canal.

3.3 L onto Gansz Rd.

R immediately onto State Route 31.

3.75 Stop at “Wayne Hill Country Club” sign. Walk over to the spillway between CD in the foreground and EE. Limestone blocks used to build spillway were taken from CD Lock 65 once located about 100 feet to the left.

L immediately onto Gannett Rd. **and**

L immediately onto Old Rt. 31 and a hill over the southern tip of a drumlin. Then into the hamlet of Lock Berlin.

4.1 S at Maple St. and all the way back to Lyons regardless of road name changes.

1st barn on the left is believed to have housed mules used to pull canal boats.

4.4 CD is on your left through mile 7.1; 4 feet deep, 40 feet wide.

5.0 Note drumlins on your left and right. Drumlins are hills of sediment (generally a 1/4 mile or more long)

that have been streamlined by glacial flow. Others can be seen later in the ride.

5.3 Cobblestone house in distance, on right by yellow barn, built 1830-1833, remains in same family.

5.6 Intersection with Pilgrimport Rd. Home on right was a store and tavern serving CD traffic.

6.2 Swampy area/wetland on right was used to grow peppermint for the local peppermint oil industry.

7.1 Road veers west, CD veers east.

7.6 R onto Jackson St.

8.0 L at “T” onto Broad St.

8.4 L onto Church St. at town square.

S at William St.

8.5 R into parking lot. This is the route of CD and the EE through Lyons.

8.6 The parking lot starting point is on your left. The dock is behind the fire station across the street.

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