

= New York State Route 284 =

New York State Route 284 ( NY 284 ) is a north ? south state highway located entirely within Orange County , New York , in the United States . It begins just south of the village of Unionville at the New Jersey state line in the town of Minisink , where it connects to that state 's Route 284 . From Unionville , the route heads through rural parts of Orange County for just over 9 miles ( 14 km ) to an intersection with U.S. Route 6 ( US 6 ) in the hamlet of Slate Hill , located 5 miles ( 8 @. @ 0 km ) southwest of the city of Middletown in the town of Wawayanda .

The highway has been part of a state route since 1924 when it became part of New York State Route 8 , a road continuing northeast through Middletown and Montgomery to Newburgh . NY 8 was split into two routes as part of the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York , with the portion of the highway south of Montgomery becoming New York State Route 84 . When Interstate 84 ( I @-@ 84 ) was built along a similar alignment to NY 84 in the mid @-@ 1960s , the state route was renumbered again in May 1966 to prevent confusion between the two roads . The section of NY 84 south of Slate Hill was redesignated as NY 284 while the rest of the highway was absorbed by other , pre @-@ existing routes .

= = Route description = =

NY 284 begins at the New Jersey state line in the town of Minisink as a northerly continuation of that state 's Route 284 . The route heads northwest for a short distance into the village of Unionville , where it serves as the main thoroughfare through the community . In the center of the village , the highway reaches an intersection with County Route 36 ( CR 36 , named Main Street ) , which heads west to the New Jersey state line and becomes CR 651 upon entering Sussex County . NY 284 turns north at this junction , passing a handful of homes before bending to the northwest and leaving the village limits for less developed areas of Minisink .

Outside of Unionville , the route slowly bends to the northeast , paralleling the former right @-@ of @-@ way of the Middletown and New Jersey Railroad ( MNJ ) as it runs northwest through farmlands . At the far eastern end of the hamlet of Waterloo Mills , the highway also begins to follow Rutgers Creek . The waterway , the former railroad right @-@ of @-@ way and the road take similar paths to the hamlet of Westtown , where NY 284 serves as the main north ? south route through the community . It passes Lockenhurst Pond in the southern part of the hamlet before meeting CR 1 near Art Fords Lake . Past Westtown , NY 284 winds its way northeastward across another rural part of Minisink , intersecting CR 62 and CR 22 at back @-@ to @-@ back junctions near the northern town line . The latter route provides access to the hamlet of Johnson , which NY 284 bypasses to the southeast .

North of CR 22 , Rutgers Creek merges with Indigot Creek , a small stream forming part of the Minisink ? Wawayanda town line . The combined stream continues to serve as the boundary between the two towns as Rutgers Creek takes on a southeasterly course from this point . NY 284 crosses over the waterway , entering Wawayanda and connecting to CR 93 ( Lime Kiln Road ) just north of the town line . From CR 93 , the highway runs northeastward across open , rolling terrain , following an active part of the MNJ Railroad to the hamlet of Slate Hill . NY 284 ends in the center of the community at a junction with US 6 .

= = History = =

Modern NY 284 was gradually acquired by the state of New York over the course of the early 20th century . The first stretch to be added to the state highway system was the section between the northern village line of Unionville and the hamlet of Slate Hill , which was improved by the state under a contract awarded on June 18 , 1904 . Work to bring the existing highway up to state highway standards cost \$ 50 @,@ 879 ( equivalent to \$ 1 @.@ 34 million in 2016 ) , and the rebuilt road was taken over by the state on December 19 , 1906 . It was designated but not signed as State Highway 160 ( SH 160 ) . A contract to improve the highway 's continuation to the New Jersey state

line south of Unionville was awarded on June 19 , 1922 , and the highway was reconstructed and taken over by the state by 1926 as SH 500 .

When the first set of posted routes in New York were assigned in 1924 , SH 160 and SH 500 became the westernmost portion of NY 8 , which continued northeast to Newburgh by way of Middletown and Montgomery . In the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York , the NY 8 designation was reassigned to another highway serving the Central New York Region and the North Country . The portion of its former alignment east of Montgomery became part of the new NY 215 while the rest was renumbered to NY 84 . Another , much smaller renumbering was carried out in May 1966 after I @-@ 84 was built along an alignment similar to that of NY 84 . To prevent confusion between the two nearby roads , the section of NY 84 south of Slate Hill was renumbered to NY 284 while the part east of Middletown became an extension of NY 211 . From Slate Hill to Middletown , the road remained part of US 6 and NY 17M , which NY 84 had previously overlapped .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Orange County .