

= New York State Route 426 =

New York State Route 426 (NY 426) is a state highway located entirely within Chautauqua County , New York , in the United States . It runs just over 13 miles (21 km) from one section of the Pennsylvania state line to another , passing through two small hamlets and providing the Southern Tier Expressway (Interstate 86 or I @-@ 86 and NY 17) with its westernmost exit in New York . NY 426 is the westernmost north ? south state highway in New York .

At both crossings of the state line it continues as Pennsylvania Route 426 (PA 426) . It is the only other state highway besides NY 440 that can claim the distinction of being a middle segment of another state 's similarly @-@ numbered highway . The New York alignment has remained virtually unchanged since it was assigned as part of the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York , while the designations of the roads it connects to in Pennsylvania have varied over the years . The two segments of PA 426 were established at different times in the 1940s .

= = Route description = =

NY 426 begins where the southern segment of PA 426 leaves off at the Pennsylvania state line in French Creek 6 miles (10 km) north of Corry , Pennsylvania . The route heads north through rural southwestern Chautauqua County to the small community known as Cutting , where it overlaps NY 474 for a tenth of a mile (0 @.@ 16 km) westward before resuming its trek northward . Roughly 1 @.@ 5 miles (2 @.@ 4 km) north of Cutting , NY 426 veers to the west to avoid a large ridge situated near Beaver Meadow Brook , a small stream leading to French Creek . The route follows the brook to where it converges with the creek , then parallels French Creek northward toward the waterside hamlet of French Creek . The creek and NY 426 split south of the community , with the creek continuing along French Creek ? Mina Road to the hamlet while NY 426 bypasses French Creek to the west . The route enters the town of Mina upon intersecting Harrington Hill Road a mile (1 @.@ 6 km) to the north .

A half mile (0 @.@ 8 km) into Mina , NY 426 comes within view of Findley Lake , a body of water 2 miles (3 @.@ 2 km) long from south to north and as wide as one @-@ half mile (0 @.@ 8 km) at points . The route follows the eastern edge of the lake north to the hamlet of Findley Lake , situated at the northern tip of the lake . Here , NY 426 overlaps NY 430 westward for three blocks through the community prior to connecting to the Southern Tier Expressway (I @-@ 86 and NY 17) by way of an interchange 1 mile (1 @.@ 6 km) north of Findley Lake . The exit is the westernmost exit on NY 17 ; however , the expressway itself continues west to I @-@ 90 near Erie , Pennsylvania , as I @-@ 86 . Past the expressway , NY 426 continues northwest for another 2 miles (3 @.@ 2 km) through nondescript terrain to the Pennsylvania state line , where it becomes the northern segment of PA 426 .

= = History = =

The entirety of NY 426 was assigned as part of the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York as a northward extension of PA 189 , a short route leading south to Corry , Pennsylvania . Originally , NY 426 broke from its modern alignment at French Creek ? Mina Road to serve the hamlet of French Creek via French Creek ? Mina and King roads before rejoining its current route west of the hamlet . The route was realigned onto its present alignment west of French Creek c . 1936 . In the early 1940s , the 426 designation was extended southward into Pennsylvania as PA 426 . It was also extended northwestward into Pennsylvania in the mid @-@ 1940s , effectively making NY 426 the missing segment of an otherwise discontinuous PA 426 .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Chautauqua County .