

= New York State Route 293 =

New York State Route 293 (NY 293) is a 6 @. @ 82 @- @ mile (10 @. @ 98 km) state highway located entirely within eastern Orange County , New York , in the United States . The highway starts at U.S. Route 6 (US 6 , known as the Long Mountain Parkway) in Woodbury , and heads to the northeast , ending at an intersection with US 9W and NY 218 in the community of Highlands . It does not pass through any notable populated areas as most of the land around it is protected either as state parkland or US military reservation . However , it receives much traffic as the major route between the United States Military Academy at West Point and the New York State Thruway (Interstate 87 or I @- @ 87) .

What is now NY 293 was originally designated as part of NY 37 in the mid @- @ 1920s . All of NY 37 became part of a realigned US 6 in 1928 . US 6 was rerouted again c . 1934 to bypass West Point to the south . Its former routing through the academy grounds became NY 293 .

= = Route description = =

NY 293 begins at a junction with US 6 in Woodbury less than 2 miles (3 @. @ 2 km) east of the Thruway , in Harriman State Park . From there it travels in a roughly east @- @ northeast direction between the Harriman properties and the vast USMA reservation , most of which is only selectively open to the public . NY 293 's next major junction also serves as its northern terminus , at US 9W in Highlands . NY 218 ends its concurrency with US 9W there and takes over the roadway that continues east beyond the underpass . West Point 's Washington Gate is a short distance past the intersection .

The Long Path hiking trail follows in the woods closely alongside NY 293 near its southern terminus . Since truck traffic cannot use US 6 , truck drivers may use NY 293 to reach US 9W .

= = History = =

What is now NY 293 was originally designated as part of NY 37 , an east ? west highway extending from Monroe to the Connecticut state line near Brewster over most of modern US 6 , in the mid @- @ 1920s . In 1927 , the first route log of the U.S. Highway System published by AASHO placed US 6 on what is now US 209 from Port Jervis to Kingston within New York . At the time , the US 6 designation ended in Kingston and resumed at the Connecticut state line in Danbury . The gap in the designation was eliminated in 1928 when US 6 was realigned east of Port Jervis to follow most of its modern alignment ; however , from Woodbury to the Bear Mountain Bridge , US 6 followed what had been NY 37 from Central Valley to Highlands and overlapped with US 9W south from Highlands to the bridge . US 6 was realigned c . 1934 to bypass West Point to the south while its former routing through the academy grounds was redesignated as NY 293 .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Orange County .