

= New York State Route 280 =

New York State Route 280 (NY 280) is an 11 @. @ 59 @- @ mile (18 @. @ 65 km) long north ? south state highway in rural Cattaraugus County , New York , in the United States . The southern terminus of the route is at the Pennsylvania state line in South Valley , where it becomes Pennsylvania Route 346 (PA 346) . The northern terminus is at exit 18 on the Southern Tier Expressway (Interstate 86 or I @- @ 86 and NY 17) in Coldspring , west of Salamanca . NY 280 follows both the eastern edge of the Allegheny Reservoir and the western boundary of Allegany State Park for its entire length .

When NY 280 was originally assigned as part of the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York , it was little more than a short spur route off of NY 17 that followed the Allegheny River south to the hamlet of Quaker Bridge . In 1965 , the Kinzua Dam was completed , leading to the creation of the Allegheny Reservoir and the inundation of much of NY 280 . As a result , the route was shifted onto a new alignment that was constructed along the eastern edge of the reservoir .

= = Route description = =

At the Pennsylvania state line in South Valley , PA 346 exits the Allegheny National Forest and becomes NY 280 upon entering New York . The route heads north along the eastern edge of the Allegheny Reservoir as East Bank Perimeter Road , clipping the southwestern corner of Allegany State Park prior to entering the Allegany Indian Reservation . NY 280 passes in and out of the park once more before turning to the east toward Quaker Lake as it enters the town of Coldspring . At Quaker Lake , NY 280 penetrates the park boundary once more and intersects Allegany State Park Route 3 (ASP Route 3) at the Quaker Run entrance . Here , NY 280 turns north , traversing a small waterway separating Quaker Lake from the reservoir before reentering the Allegany Indian Reservation limits .

Between ASP Route 3 and exit 18 of the Southern Tier Expressway (I @- @ 86 and NY 17) , NY 280 continues to straddle both the eastern extent of the Allegheny Reservoir and the western perimeter of Allegany State Park before terminating at a diamond interchange with the Southern Tier Expressway . The West Bank Perimeter Road (unsigned NY 950A) , which parallels NY 280 from the Pennsylvania line northward on the western bank of the reservoir , meets the expressway at exit 17 2 @. @ 5 miles (4 @. @ 0 km) to the west .

= = History = =

Families living in the hamlet of Cold Spring were brought in through the Cornplanter Grant in the early 1800s , and by 1809 , the village located along future ? NY 280 exceeded 500 people in log houses . The alignment of future NY 280 appears in the 1869 Cattaraugus County Atlas on its alignment from Cold Spring to Quaker Bridge . At the time a dirt road , a total of 14 families lived along the road . Construction of the Seneca Trading Post , a general store , began in 1833 , which was a hub of activity at the southern end of the road in Quaker Bridge , supplying stuff for tourists of the area until 1964 . The building was intentionally burned in 1965 . NY 280 was assigned as part of the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York to a short roadway connecting NY 17 , then an at @- @ grade highway , to the now @- @ submerged hamlets of Cold Spring and Quaker Bridge along the western bank of the Allegheny River . The designation ended in Quaker Bridge , a community situated on the eastern riverbank near the modern junction of NY 280 and Allegany State Park Route 3 in the town of Elko . NY 280 remained relatively unchanged up through the early 1960s .

In October 1960 , ground was broken on the Kinzua Dam , which would dam the Allegheny River downriver from NY 280 at a point east of Warren , Pennsylvania . The structure was completed on December 13 , 1965 , leading to the creation of the Allegheny Reservoir . Much of NY 280 was inundated by the new reservoir , as were Cold Spring , Quaker Bridge , and a significant portion of Pennsylvania Route 346 (PA 346) that ran along the river in Warren County . As a result , new

alignments were built for both NY 280 and PA 346 along the eastern edge of the new reservoir . Construction of NY 280 's new alignment began in 1965 and was completed by 1968 . NY 280 now began at the realigned PA 346 at the state line and ended at exit 18 of the Southern Tier Expressway , which was built between Steamburg and Salamanca during the mid @-@ 1960s . Portions of the original Route 280 are still navigable during dry spells .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Cattaraugus County .