

= New York State Route 344 =

New York State Route 344 (NY 344) is a state highway located in Columbia County , New York , in the United States . The route is 1 @. @ 90 miles (3 @. @ 06 km) in length and serves primarily as an access road to the Bash Bish Falls state parks on both sides of the New York ? Massachusetts border . The western terminus of NY 344 is at NY 22 in Copake Falls . Its eastern terminus is at the Massachusetts state line , where it continues into Bash Bish Falls State Park as Falls Road , a locally maintained highway . NY 344 was assigned c . 1932 and extended to its current length by 1953 after NY 22 was rerouted to bypass Copake Falls .

= = Route description = =

NY 344 begins at an intersection with NY 22 in the hamlet of Copake Falls . The road heads to the southeast , turning eastward into Taconic State Park . NY 344 intersects with a few local roads at the border of the park , where it runs along the south base of Sunset Rock , an 1 @, @ 800 feet (550 m) high , dual @- @ state mountain . The route continues eastward , along the base of Cedar Mountain before beginning to ascend the mountain . While climbing Cedar Mountain , NY 344 crosses into Massachusetts and becomes the unnumbered Falls Road , a local roadway providing access to Bash Bish Falls State Park .

= = History = =

NY 344 was assigned c . 1932 to a 1 @. @ 52 @- @ mile (2 @. @ 45 km) long highway extending from Copake Falls in the west to the Massachusetts state line in the east . At the time , NY 22 served Copake Falls directly instead of bypassing it . NY 22 was rerouted to bypass Copake Falls on a new roadway to the west of the hamlet between 1947 and 1953 . NY 344 was then extended northward on NY 22 's former alignment to meet the new bypass north of Copake Falls . The southern half of NY 22 's old routing into the hamlet remained state @- @ maintained as well and is now NY 980F , an unsigned reference route .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Copake , Columbia County .