

= New York State Route 18F =

New York State Route 18F (NY 18F) is a 9 @.@ 80 @-@ mile (15 @.@ 77 km) long state highway in northwestern Niagara County , New York , in the United States . The southern terminus of the route is at an interchange with NY 104 and the Niagara Scenic State Parkway just east of the village of Lewiston . The northern terminus is at an intersection with NY 18 near Four Mile Creek State Park in Porter . NY 18F parallels NY 18 for most of its alignment , taking a more westerly course than its parent . NY 18F is the only remaining suffixed route of NY 18 .

The portion of modern NY 18F south of Youngstown was originally designated as part of NY 34 in 1924 ; however , NY 34 was absorbed into NY 18 as part of the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York . The change was part of a larger extension of NY 18 east to Rochester . NY 18 was realigned in 1949 to follow its modern alignment between Lewiston and Lake Ontario , at which time its former routing alongside the Niagara River became NY 18F .

= = Route description = =

Officially , NY 18F begins at the eastern edge of the village of Lewiston at an interchange between NY 104 and the Niagara Scenic Parkway . Signage for NY 18F , however , exists as far south as the interchange between NY 104 and NY 18 south of the village . According to signage , NY 18F is concurrent to NY 104 from NY 18 north to the interchange between NY 104 and the Moses Parkway , where NY 18F and NY 104 split at the western extent of the interchange . The Seaway Trail , routed along NY 104 from Niagara Falls north to Lewiston , follows NY 18F west into Lewiston along the path of Ridge Road , here named Center Street . At 4th Street , NY 18F turns northward , following 4th Street for four blocks to Oneida Street . NY 18F cuts west on Oneida for two blocks before continuing northward out of the village on 2nd Street .

North of the Lewiston village limits , NY 18F is the closest roadway to the Niagara River , a trait reflected in its name of Lower River Road . As it progresses northward along the eastern bank of the river , NY 18F parallels both the Niagara Scenic State Parkway and NY 18 . At Stella Niagara , NY 18F meets Pletcher Road , the first road north of Lewiston that provides a connection to all three roadways . NY 18F continues on , passing through the western extent of Joseph Davis State Park south of the village of Youngstown in the town of Lewiston . In Youngstown , NY 18F becomes Main Street and intersects the western terminus of NY 93 in the village center . At the northern fringe of the community , NY 18F intersects the southern entrance to the Fort Niagara State Park . NY 18F bypasses the park , turning east onto Jackson Street , then north onto Lake Road as it follows the perimeter of the park .

Near the Lake Ontario shoreline , NY 18F connects to the Fort Niagara spur of the Niagara Scenic State Parkway via a partial diamond interchange . Only westbound access is permitted at the location ; access to the eastbound spur , and thus the parkway mainline , is provided via NY 93 in Youngstown or by NY 18 farther east . Past the exit , NY 18F turns east and begins to parallel the lakeshore . The route also parallels the mainline Moses Parkway for a short distance before curving south to cross over the parkway and terminate at NY 18 in the vicinity of Four Mile Creek State Park in Porter .

Ownership and maintenance of NY 18F is split between three different entities . The section of NY 18F from Center Street in Lewiston to the northern village line of Youngstown is maintained by Niagara County . From Main Street in Youngstown to the northern village line , NY 18F is concurrent to the unsigned County Route 138 (CR 138) ; the remainder of the county @-@ maintained segment is co @-@ designated as CR 907 . All of NY 18F north of Youngstown is maintained by the town of Porter while the rest ? Center Street between NY 104 and 4th Street ? is maintained by the New York State Department of Transportation .

= = History = =

All of what is now NY 18F south of Youngstown was originally designated as part of NY 34 in 1924 .

In the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York , NY 34 became part of NY 18 , which was extended north to Youngstown and east to Rochester as part of the renumbering . NY 18 was originally state @-@ maintained from the village of Lewiston to Youngstown ; however , the state of New York relinquished ownership and maintenance of NY 18 between Center Street in Lewiston and the village of Youngstown on July 24 , 1947 . The section within the village of Lewiston was transferred to village control , while the remainder of the route was given to Niagara County . In December 1947 , Lewiston petitioned the county to also assume maintenance of the portion of NY 18 within the village ; the request was eventually granted .

On January 1 , 1949 , NY 18 was realigned to follow a more inland routing between the village of Lewiston and what is now Four Mile Creek State Park . The former riverside and lakeside routing of NY 18 between the two locations was redesignated as NY 18F . At the time , NY 18F was one of five spur routes of NY 18 , which at the time extended southward to the Pennsylvania state line . NY 18A , NY 18B , and NY 18D were assigned to spurs of NY 18 south of Lewiston , while NY 18E was assigned to a spur of NY 18 in the village of Lewiston that connected the village to the second Queenston ? Lewiston Bridge . When NY 18 was truncated to Lewiston c . 1962 , NY 18A , NY 18B , and NY 18D were either renumbered or absorbed by pre @-@ existing routes . NY 18E also ceased to exist around this time as the Queenston ? Lewiston Bridge was removed and replaced with the modern Lewiston ? Queenston Bridge just upstream .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Niagara County .