

## = New York State Route 38A =

New York State Route 38A ( NY 38A ) is a north ? south state highway located within Onondaga and Cayuga Counties in central New York in the United States . The southern terminus of the route is at an intersection with NY 38 in the village of Moravia . Its northern terminus is at a junction with U.S. Route 20 ( US 20 ) and NY 5 in downtown Auburn . Much of NY 38A runs through rural , undeveloped areas situated between Owasco Lake and Skaneateles Lake .

The southern half of NY 38A was originally designated as part of NY 26 in 1924 . In the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York , NY 26 was broken up into several routes , including NY 38A , a new route assigned to NY 26 's former alignment between Moravia and Skaneateles and a previously unnumbered highway from Skaneateles to Auburn .

## = = Route description = =

NY 38A begins at an intersection with NY 38 in the village of Moravia . It proceeds east out of the village on East Cayuga Street and follows it to the vicinity of St. Patrick 's Cemetery , where NY 38A turns to follow Decker Creek northward through a valley surrounding the creek . While in the valley , NY 38A passes through mostly undeveloped areas of the towns of Moravia and Niles . At Globe Hotel Corners , an extremely small hamlet just north of the Niles town line , NY 38A begins to parallel NY 41A , which runs roughly 2 miles ( 3 @. @ 2 km ) to the east of NY 38A along the top of the valley .

Approximately 2 miles ( 3 @. @ 2 km ) north of Globe Hotel Corners , NY 38A turns to follow a more northwesterly routing , matching the curvature of the river valley . The valley ends at the Cayuga ? Onondaga County line , where NY 38A enters an area of flats situated in between Owasco Lake and Skaneateles Lake . Here , NY 38A intersects NY 359 , a short highway leading to NY 41A . NY 38A bears west here , traveling to the south of the Dutch Hollow Country Club as it reenters Cayuga County .

The route proceeds west into the town of Owasco and the hamlet of the same name within , the first community of any significant size along the route since it left Moravia . It heads westward through the center of the community before reentering rural surroundings and coming within view of Owasco Lake . The route curves northward at the waterbody and follows the eastern shore of Owasco Lake toward Auburn . Southeast of Auburn , NY 38A crosses a small stream and serves the Lakeview Golf and Country Club and the Owasco Country Club as it curves westward around the northern end of the lake .

At Emerson Park , a public park situated near the midpoint of the northern lakeshore , the highway turns back to the north to access Melrose Park , a community built up just north of the lake around the Owasco Outlet . Here , NY 38A meets NY 437 , a short connector highway linking NY 38A to its parent , NY 38 . North of Melrose Park , the route becomes known as Owasco Street as it follows the Owasco Outlet into the city of Auburn . At the city line , ownership and maintenance of the route shifts from the New York State Department of Transportation ( NYSDOT ) to Auburn . The route heads northeastward through the densely populated city to Walnut Street , where it splits into a one @- @ way couplet along Fulton Street ( northbound ) and John and Owasco Streets ( southbound ) . One block to the north , NY 38A intersects US 20 at Genesee Street . US 20 joins NY 38A for one block to the Auburn Arterial ( NY 5 ) , where NY 38A comes to an end .

## = = History = =

When the first set of posted routes in New York were assigned in 1924 , the segment of modern NY 38A between its southern terminus in Moravia and NY 359 in Skaneateles was designated as part of NY 26 , a north ? south highway extending from Ithaca to Syracuse . In the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York , NY 26 was split into several routes . From Dryden to Moravia , NY 26 became part of NY 38 . Between Moravia and modern NY 359 , it became the southern half of the new NY 38A , an alternate route of NY 38 around the east side of Owasco Lake that continued from

the current NY 359 junction to Auburn by way of a previously unnumbered roadway .

= = Major intersections = =