

= New York State Route 429 =

New York State Route 429 ( NY 429 ) is a north ? south state highway located entirely within Niagara County , New York , in the United States . It extends for 12 @. @ 16 miles ( 19 @. @ 57 km ) from an intersection with NY 265 and NY 384 in North Tonawanda to a junction with NY 104 ( Ridge Road ) on the border between the towns of Cambria and Lewiston . Although it is relatively minor in length , the route is regionally important nonetheless as it connects North Tonawanda to some of the county 's interior regions . About midway between North Tonawanda and Ridge Road , NY 429 serves the hamlet of Sanborn , where it briefly overlaps with NY 31 . At Pekin , a community situated between Sanborn and NY 104 , NY 429 descends the Niagara Escarpment .

The Sanborn ? Ridge Road segment of modern NY 429 was originally designated as part of Route 30 , an unsigned legislative route , in 1908 . In the mid @-@ 1920s , the portion of Route 30 west of Rochester became part of the signed NY 31 ; however , NY 31 was realigned in the late 1920s to follow Ridge Road west from Cambria to the village of Lewiston . NY 31 's former alignment from Niagara Falls to Ridge Road via Sanborn became New York State Route 31A at this time . NY 31A was eliminated c . 1935 as part of the establishment of U.S. Route 104 ( US 104 ) . The portion of its former routing north of Sanborn became part of the new NY 429 , which was assigned to its current alignment upon assignment .

= = Route description = =

NY 429 begins on the banks of the Niagara River at a junction with NY 265 and NY 384 in downtown North Tonawanda . The route heads east as Wheatfield Street , crossing the CSX Transportation @-@ owned Niagara Subdivision at a grade crossing that separates an industrialized block of the street from more residential sections to the east . After three blocks , NY 429 turns onto Oliver Street and follows it northwestward through residential and industrial portions of the city , paralleling NY 265 and NY 384 for 1 @. @ 5 miles ( 2 @. @ 4 km ) to a junction with Ward Road . Oliver Street and Ward Road merge here , and the combined street takes on the Ward Road name as it proceeds due northward through the solely residential northern portion of North Tonawanda . NY 429 exits the city near a junction with Ruie Road , at which point maintenance of the route shifts from the city to the New York State Department of Transportation ( NYSDOT ) .

Now in the town of Wheatfield , NY 429 heads across populated but less developed areas on its way to a junction with US 62 . North of this point , the closely spaced homes gradually give way to more isolated houses and , eventually , rural farmland . It continues on a north ? south line to the town of Lewiston and the hamlet of Sanborn , located adjacent to the Lewiston ? Cambria town line . In the small but developed community , NY 429 follows Buffalo Street past three blocks of homes to a junction with NY 31 ( Saunders Settlement Road ) . Buffalo Street ends here ; however , NY 429 joins NY 31 for two blocks east to Townline Road , a north ? south highway delimiting the boundary between Lewiston and Cambria . NY 429 continues north on Townline Road , passing the sprawling main campus of Niagara County Community College , a stark departure from the rural fields that NY 429 traversed in Wheatfield .

Past the college , NY 429 follows the Lewiston ? Cambria town line for the rest of its length . In terms of elevation , it reaches a crest of 644 feet ( 196 m ) at Upper Mountain Road in Pekin before it begins to descend the Niagara Escarpment , a beach ridge that further west led to the formation of Niagara Falls eons ago . Here , on clear enough days , a wide panorama can be seen of the entire northern half of the county and Lake Ontario . After descending 100 feet ( 30 m ) , it crosses a narrow plateau containing Lower Mountain Road . Another 150 @-@ foot ( 46 m ) drop follows , and NY 429 ends shortly afterward at a junction with NY 104 ( Ridge Road ) located 392 feet ( 119 m ) above sea level ? a 252 @-@ foot ( 77 m ) descent from Pekin . During this final , mostly undeveloped stretch , NY 429 passes the Buffalo Diocese 's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church .

= = History = =

The portion of modern NY 429 north of Sanborn was originally designated as part of Route 30 , an unsigned legislative route , by the New York State Legislature in 1908 . Route 30 entered Sanborn from the west on what is now NY 31 and followed current NY 429 north to Ridge Road , where it turned east toward Rochester . All of legislative Route 30 west of Rochester became part of NY 31 in the mid @-@ 1920s , while the remainder of what is now NY 429 outside of North Tonawanda was taken over by the state of New York by 1926 . In the late 1920s , NY 31 was realigned between Niagara Falls and the Lewiston ? Cambria town line to follow Ridge Road west to the village of Lewiston . Its former routing to Niagara Falls via Sanborn became NY 31A .

In the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York , the Niagara Falls ? Sanborn leg of NY 31A became part of a realigned NY 3 , which had followed modern NY 425 from North Tonawanda to Saunders Settlement Road prior to the renumbering . Despite this fact , NY 31A continued to extend west to Niagara Falls , creating an overlap with the cross @-@ state NY 3 . The overlap remained in place until c . 1935 when US 104 was assigned across Upstate New York . West of Rochester , it replaced NY 31 , which was shifted southward to follow all of NY 3 from Niagara Falls to Rochester . NY 31A , meanwhile , was eliminated and partially replaced with NY 429 , a new route that continued south from Sanborn to North Tonawanda via Ward Road and Oliver and Wheatfield Streets . NY 429 has not been substantially altered since that time .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Niagara County .