

= New York State Route 61 =

New York State Route 61 (NY 61) is a state highway located almost entirely in the city of Niagara Falls in Niagara County , New York , in the United States . The road runs across the city in a northwest ? southeast direction , terminating at NY 384 at its southern extent and NY 104 at its northern tip . Conceptually , the road , known as Hyde Park Boulevard , forms the eastern border of downtown Niagara Falls . It is the second @-@ shortest two @-@ digit route in New York after NY 71 in Columbia County . The NY 61 designation was assigned c . 1962 .

= = Route description = =

NY 61 begins at an intersection with NY 384 (Buffalo Avenue) on the industrial banks of the Niagara River in eastern Niagara Falls . The route , named Hyde Park Boulevard for its entire length , heads north initially as a city @-@ maintained , undivided four @-@ lane highway ; after two blocks , the roadway widens and becomes maintained by the New York State Department of Transportation . NY 61 continues onward through the densely populated neighborhoods of Niagara Falls to Packard Road , where the route begins to parallel Gill Creek , a small stream leading south to the Niagara River . After five blocks , NY 61 intersects with Ferry Avenue , a one @-@ way street carrying southbound U.S. Route 62 (US 62) , in the area of the Niagara Falls Courthouse . NY 61 intersects with northbound US 62 three blocks later at Walnut Avenue . At the intersection , Gill Creek passes under both US 62 northbound and NY 61 as it switches to the east side of Hyde Park Boulevard .

Gill Creek and NY 61 continue to run parallel for one more block before they separate ahead of Pine Avenue , once known as NY 62A and now designated as US 62 Business . The intersection between Pine and Hyde Park Boulevard marks the southwestern limits of Hyde Park , one of the largest parks in the vicinity of the city . For the next dozen blocks , NY 61 acts as the divider between the residential neighborhoods of downtown Niagara Falls and the open spaces of Hyde Park , passing Sal Maglie Stadium as it heads north . At Linwood Avenue , the homes return to both sides of NY 61 as it approaches Porter Road , which carries NY 182 . While Porter Road ends here , NY 182 turns north , joining NY 61 for two blocks to Ontario Avenue , where NY 182 turns west toward the Whirlpool Rapids Bridge .

North of Ontario Avenue , the buildings surrounding NY 61 become more commercial and industrial in nature as the route approaches the CSX Transportation Niagara Yard . It crosses over the western end of the yard before intersecting Lockport Road . The Niagara Falls Amtrak station , which Hyde Park Boulevard passes by but provides no access to , is located just off Lockport Road on 27th Street .

Away from the yard , the surroundings become residential once more for another four blocks before entering a heavily industrial neighborhood around an intersection with NY 31 . Farther north in Lewiston , the center turn lane becomes a hard median as it widens in preparation for a pseudo @-@ interchange with Highland Avenue . The median reverts to its previous width shortly after Highland merges into Hyde Park Boulevard ; however , the median ends two blocks later at a service road for the Robert Moses Niagara Power Plant . NY 61 , now a four @-@ lane undivided highway once again , continues for another 0 @. @ 25 miles (0 @. @ 40 km) to the top of the Niagara River gorge , where it ends at NY 104 south of the Moses Power Plant and adjacent to the campus of Niagara University .

= = History = =

NY 61 was assigned c . 1962 to its current alignment . In that same year , the bridge carrying Hyde Park Boulevard over Gill Creek at Walnut Avenue , 41 feet (12 m) in length and originally built in 1950 , was reconstructed . Farther north , the bridge over the western end of the CSX Transportation Niagara Yard , at 355 feet (108 m) long , was completed in 1964 . It was reconstructed in 1997 .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Niagara County .