

## = New York State Route 221 =

New York State Route 221 ( NY 221 ) is a state highway in Cortland County , New York , in the United States . Its western terminus is at an intersection with NY 38 in the town of Harford . The eastern terminus is at a junction with NY 26 and NY 41 in the town of Willet . Near its western end , NY 221 intersects New York State Route 200 . Together , NY 200 and NY 221 form a loop route off NY 38 between the hamlets of Harford and Harford Mills within the town of Harford . NY 221 originally followed modern NY 200 and ended at U.S. Route 11 ( US 11 ) in Marathon when it was assigned as part of the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York . It was extended to its present length by the following year and realigned to serve Harford later in the decade . NY 200 was assigned in the 1940s .

## = = Route description = =

NY 221 begins at an intersection with NY 38 in the town of Harford . The route progresses northward through a small hamlet , crossing the Owego and Harford Railway and serving a mobile home park . At the intersection with Owego Hill Road , NY 221 turns eastward as a two @-@ lane road , where the route changes backdrops into a more rural and residential mix . After about a mile , the route intersects with NY 200 , a 1 @. @ 37 @-@ mile long ( 2 @. @ 20 km ) route that connects NY 221 back to NY 38 and the hamlet of Harford Mills . At this junction , NY 221 turns north once again , while NY 200 begins on the former right @-@ of @-@ way used by NY 221 . The surroundings remain the same as the route continues , turning to the northeast , and soon east at the junction at County Route 131 ( CR 131 ; Babcock Hollow Road ) .

The rural road bends to the southeast gradually , entering the town of Lapeer , turning east again until it meets CR 133 ( Clarks Corner Road ) . The highway soon reverts to a southeast direction , passing to the north of Beaver Pond and the county line , while NY 221 enters the hamlet of Hunts Corners and intersects with CR 136 ( Jennings Creek Road ) . Here , NY 221 changes direction again , following a northeasterly path out of the hamlet . It bypasses the nearby hamlet of Clarks Corner and soon intersects with the eastern terminus of CR 133 , which gives way to NY 221 as the state road merges with the east ? west county highway . NY 221 continues on an eastward track into the town of Marathon , where it descends into the Tioughnioga River valley and enters the village of Marathon .

Within the village , the route gains the West Main Street moniker and heads through a mix of residential and commercial areas . NY 221 crosses intersections with CR 134A and CR 134B and passes the former Marathon railroad depot before crossing the New York , Susquehanna and Western Railway and the Tioughnioga River in the center of the community . After crossing the river , the renamed Main Street heads northeast through the village , intersecting with US 11 ( Cortland Street ) just ahead of an interchange with Interstate 81 ( I @-@ 81 ) at the latter 's exit 9 . After the exit from I @-@ 81 , NY 221 reenters another rural area and turns eastward past Dean Pond . After intersecting with CR 161B ( Texas Valley Road ) and CR 161C ( Merrill Creek Road ) , NY 221 crosses Merrill Creek and winds through farmland . Entering the town of Willet , NY 221 crosses the southern terminus of CR 167 ( Bloody Pond Road ) and makes a gradual curve to the north while intersecting with CR 169 ( Landers Corners Road ) . NY 221 continues north to the hamlet of Willet , where it ends at an intersection with NY 26 and NY 41 .

## = = History = =

The state of New York assumed maintenance of two highways linking the hamlets of Harford and Harford Mills ? one directly connecting the two and a second , more circuitous route to the east ? in the early 20th century . The direct route and most of the loop road were improved to state highway standards as part of a project contracted out on October 16 , 1914 , and were added to the state highway system on December 10 , 1915 , as State Highway 1075 ( SH 1075 ) . Each end of SH 1075 connected to the segment of the loop route between modern NY 38 and Owego Hill Road ,

which was rebuilt as part of an earlier project awarded on September 19 , 1906 , and included in the state highway system on July 5 , 1908 , as SH 379 . Both designations are unsigned and used only for inventory purposes .

In the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York , the south half of the loop road became part of NY 221 , a new route extending from NY 38 at Harford Mills to US 11 in the village of Marathon . NY 221 was extended east to its current eastern terminus in Willet by the following year . The portion of the route between the Harford loop road and Willet utilized a highway added to the state highway system sometime after 1926 . NY 221 was rerouted to follow its current alignment to the hamlet of Harford in the mid @-@ 1930s , and its former routing to Harford Mills was redesignated as NY 200 in the 1940s .

= = Major intersections = =

= = = NY 221 = = =

The entire route is in Cortland County .

= = = NY 200 = = =

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