

= Sloatsburg (Metro @-@ North station) =

The Sloatsburg Metro @-@ North station serves the residents of Sloatsburg , New York , via Port Jervis Line commuter trains to New York City via Hoboken , 35 @. @ 4 miles (57 @. @ 0 km) away , and Secaucus Junction . The estimated travel time to Hoboken Terminal is about 50 minutes on express trains . It is located just south of a grade crossing and consists of short concrete platforms , and a shelter . There is limited parking available nearby .

Construction of the Sloatsburg station dates back to the 1830s , when the station was built along the Erie Railroad . The station served the line heading to Port Jervis northward , along with a stagecoach to Greenwood Lake three times a day . The station was populated by fishermen on their way to the lake , but has been the site of several accidents . These calamities include a derailed milk train in 1843 and a fatal accident between the train line and several mules and their owner in 1855 . The station became part of Metro @-@ North in 1983 , when the service was created . The station was listed under a revitalization plan in 2005 to help serve its commuters .

= = Location = =

The Sloatsburg Metro @-@ North station is located at the intersection of Municipal Plaza and Mills Street in the village of Sloatsburg , at 41 @. @ 1565 ° N , -74.1913 ° W. It is accessible from the New York State Thruway (I @-@ 87) at Interchange 15A , and drivers have to follow the nearby New York State Route 17 to Municipal Plaza , where the station is visible . There are connections to other places , via the Transport of Rockland Route 93 and Short Line Bus Routes 17M and 17MD . However , these are not accessible at the station , but at the nearby State Route 17 (also known as Orange Turnpike) . There is also one taxicab service to Sloatsburg called Sammy 's Cab .

= = History = =

The Erie Railroad was constructed through Sloatsburg from 1836 to 1841 , helping with the prosperity of the village , along with its population . The station was also near the Sterlington one , but it never served of great importance . The Sloatsburg station building was built in 1868 as a two @-@ story brick facade with a tin roof . The style of the building , according to the railroad 's 1920 engineering report , is a Type 6A style , with dimensions of 17 ' x 29 @. @ 5 ' x 19 ' . The station was equipped to host as a base for XG Radio from the Suffern Tower (SF) in Suffern . The Sloatsburg station served well for the nearby Greenwood Lake , with a stagecoach leaving the station three times day . The stagecoach was mainly inhabited by fishermen on their way to Greenwood Lake .

The station has been the site of several major accidents involving locomotives . In 1843 , the Sloatsburg station was the site of a large accident by train full of milk bottles . On December 31 , 1855 , the railroad 's Cincinnati Express was thrown off the tracks near the Sloatsburg station , when it tried to avoid a countrymen and his four mules , who were crossing the tracks . Three of the mules were killed and mutilated by the train , while the fourth died soon after . There was no damage to the cars or injuries to the passengers . In the early days of August 1856 , a girl by the name of McGraff was injured by an oncoming train near the station after carelessly walking onto the tracks . The parents , who were in a poor state financially , was given \$ 45 (1856 USD) in return for their troubles from the Board of Directors in nearby Goshen . On February 21 , 1858 , a train heading southbound experienced an accident when a brakeman , John Freeland , fell off the train and was run over . Freeland 's legs were severed in the incident , and one arm was broken . They hurried Freeland southbound on a nearby train , but died by the time the train reached Paterson , New Jersey towards the hospital .

The station is also close to the original entrance gate to Sloatsburg 's Cappamore Farm . The house in the nearby mountainside was built around 1900 as an estate for Nicholas T. Brown , a local alderman from Paterson , New Jersey . This estate and farm gave a panoramic view of the countryside around Sloatsburg . The house was demolished during the construction of the New York State Thruway in 1956 . The steel bridge over the Ramapo River and the wooden bridge over Sloat

's Millrace were removed as they had become hazardous . Today , all that remains are the stone pillar entranceway , and a walking trail to the nearby Sloat 's Dam . The gateposts are listed on the National Register of Historic Places along with the remaining mill and dam structures since they used the same stonework .

In 2005 , the Metropolitan Transportation Authority announced plans to renovate the train station . This , along the village 's plans to revitalize the entire village of Sloatsburg , was thought to give the bland train station a more traditional look . This would include adding a roof to protect commuters and visitors from the elements , such as rain or snow , handicap @-@ accessible ramps for wheelchairs , better lighting , more seats for people to wait , and a heated shelter . (A shelter exists , but is not heated) . The village also wants to use a \$ 50 @, @ 000 grant from the state to construct a large municipal parking lot near the station . This would get more people to use the station , as because with the lack of facilities , the station is under @-@ used . The preliminary design was made by Jeff Livingston , an architect on the Sloatsburg Revitalization Committee .

= = Station layout , structure , and services = =

The station 's layout is of a large extent a piece of the village itself . Unlike most train stations , where the parking lot is near the station itself , Sloatsburg 's lot is near the locally @-@ named Hardware store on Mills Street . This parking lot has 80 parking spaces , most of which is to handle commuters . There are no meters for use of the parking lot , but riding is only free on weekends . The station has one ticket machine for travelers to use . It accepts debit cards , cash , and credit cards . The station is operated by the village of Sloatsburg instead of Metro @-@ North . There is a shelter and one platform for commuters to use .

The station is on average an hour and 24 minutes from Port Jervis , and 1 hours and 3 minutes from New York City . The Sloatsburg station , along with other nearby stations (Tuxedo , Harriman , or Suffern) on the Port Jervis lines also serve numerous hiking trails in Harriman State Park and Bear Mountain State Park .