

= New York State Route 220 =

New York State Route 220 ( NY 220 ) is a state highway located in Chenango County , New York , in the United States . It is signed as an east ? west highway , but its actual routing wanders considerably from north to south as it proceeds across the county . The western terminus of NY 220 is at an intersection with NY 41 near the western county line in the town of Smithville . Its eastern terminus is in the town of Oxford , where it becomes County Route 32 ( CR 32 ) east of the village of Oxford . The stub of NY 220 east of Oxford serves as a signed connection between NY 12 and the New York State Veterans ' Home at Oxford located east of the village along the Chenango River .

In 1916 , the New York State Legislature created Route 8 @-@ a , an unsigned legislative route connecting legislative Route 8 in the center of Oxford to the Relief Corps Home by way of the east bank of the Chenango River . The Route 8 @-@ a designation was removed in 1921 as part of a partial renumbering of New York 's legislative routes . Its former routing became part of NY 220 , a new route extending from Smithville Flats to Oxford , in the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York . NY 220 was rerouted near Oxford in 1982 to follow a new bridge over the Chenango River . The realignment created a short overlap with NY 12 on North Canal Street between the former routing of NY 220 on Main Street and the new river crossing to the north .

= = Route description = =

NY 220 begins at an intersection with NY 41 north of the hamlet of Smithville Flats in the Chenango County town of Smithville . It heads to the northeast , paralleling a small creek as it progresses through the rural town consisting mostly of cultivated fields . NY 220 passes into the town of McDonough and enters a hamlet bearing the same name , where it turns eastward . The route winds its way through the eastern , forested portion of the town to the small community of East McDonough , located near the McDonough ? Preston town line . Here , NY 220 turns southeast and continues into Preston .

In Preston , the open fields return as NY 220 follows another waterbody , this time the slightly larger Mill Brook . The route crosses the stream just before entering the town of Oxford , where they split . While Mill Brook curves around the western extents of the village of Oxford , NY 220 serves the village directly , entering it on Butler Street . It veers eastward at a junction with State Street and follows it to Washington Avenue . Here , State Street splits into a one @-@ block long one @-@ way couplet . Eastbound NY 220 shifts south to follow LaFayette Park ; NY 220 westbound , meanwhile , is routed on State Street . At the end of the couplet , NY 220 intersects NY 12 ( North Canal Street ) on the western bank of the Chenango River .

NY 220 turns north onto NY 12 , overlapping the latter for just over 0 @.@ 5 miles ( 0 @.@ 8 km ) to an intersection with North Washington Avenue north of the village . The routes split here , with NY 220 turning southeast to cross the Chenango River and the New York , Susquehanna and Western Railroad ( NYSW ) . Past the railroad , NY 220 heads through unimproved fields to a junction with East River Road . The route turns northeast here to follow East River Road . It heads through a small residential neighborhood to the New York State Veterans ' Home at Oxford , a large old soldiers ' home located adjacent to both the eastern bank of the Chenango River and the NYSW rail line . State maintenance of NY 220 ends just east of the driveway to the home , at which point the road continues onward toward Norwich as CR 32 .

= = History = =

The New York State Woman 's Relief Corps Home ( now the New York State Veterans ' Home at Oxford ) , an old soldiers ' home dedicated to the care of soldiers and their immediate families , nurses employed by the United States Army , and widows and mothers of soldiers , was constructed on a 165 @-@ acre ( 67 ha ) plot of land east of the village of Oxford and opened April 19 , 1897 . In 1916 , the New York State Legislature created Route 8 @-@ a , an unsigned legislative route connecting the home to Route 8 ( now NY 12 ) in Oxford by way of pre @-@ existing highways .

That year , the state of New York began a project to improve the 1 @. @ 40 @- @ mile ( 2 @. @ 25 km ) long highway . In all , the improvements cost just over \$ 26 @, @ 150 ( equivalent to \$ 308 @, @ 891 in 2016 ) . The improved roadway was accepted into the state highway system on March 20 , 1919 . Route 8 @- @ a left Route 8 in the center of Oxford and crossed the Chenango River on Main Street . On the opposite side of the river , it followed Albany Street and East River Road to the home , where it ended . The Route 8 @- @ a designation was eliminated on March 1 , 1921 , as part of a partial renumbering of the legislative route system .

When the first set of posted routes in New York were assigned in 1924 , the portion of Route 8 in the vicinity of Oxford became part of NY 12 ; however , the former routing of Route 8 @- @ a was not given a designation at this time . In the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York , the former routing of Route 8 @- @ a became part of NY 220 , a new route extending from Smithville Flats to Oxford via McDonough . The entirety of NY 220 west of Oxford was closed to traffic in July 1935 as a result of damage caused by severe statewide flooding earlier in the month . The portion of the route from McDonough to Oxford took approximately three days to repair and was reopened by July 17 . The remaining section from Smithville Flats from McDonough was reopened by the following year .

By 1980 , plans to construct a new bridge for NY 220 over the Chenango River had been set in motion . As planned , a 0 @. @ 5 @- @ mile ( 0 @. @ 8 km ) stretch of NY 220 in Oxford would be rerouted to follow the new structure over the river and a Conrail ( now New York , Susquehanna and Western Railroad ) line that ran along the riverbank . The initial price tag for the bridge was set at \$ 2 @. @ 262 million ( equivalent to \$ 6 @. @ 5 million in 2016 ) . Construction of the bridge was completed in 1982 , at which time NY 220 was rerouted to overlap NY 12 north to the bridge , where it turned east to cross the river and rejoin its former alignment on the east bank .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Chenango County .