

= New York State Route 418 =

New York State Route 418 (NY 418) is a 3 @. @ 50 @- @ mile (5 @. @ 63 km) state highway located entirely within the Adirondack Park in Warren County , New York , in the United States . The route begins just west of the hamlet of Thurman Station , where Athol Road changes designations from County Route 4 (CR 4) to NY 418 . It heads eastward through the towns of Thurman and Warrensburg , following the Schroon River to an intersection with U.S. Route 9 (US 9) in the hamlet of Warrensburg . All of NY 418 is part of the Dude Ranch Trail , a New York State Scenic Byway that runs through Warren County and Saratoga County .

The origins of NY 418 date back to the 19th century when Thurman Station and Warrensburg were first connected by way of a road . This highway was reconstructed by the state of New York during the early 1910s and added to the state highway system in 1915 . It was designated as NY 418 as part of the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York . The highway has remained mainly unchanged since , save for the replacement of its bridges over the Schroon and the Hudson Rivers in the 1930s and 1940s , respectively .

= = Route description = =

NY 418 begins just southwest of Thurman Station , a hamlet within the town of Thurman , where Athol Road shifts from county maintenance (as CR 4) to state maintenance (as NY 418) . It heads northeastward along the base of Sugarloaf Mountain , one of the Three Sisters Mountains , as it passes an area with very little development . The route continues along a northeasterly trek to Thurman Station , where it intersects with River Road in the center of the isolated community . At this point , the route turns southeastward and crosses the Upper Hudson River Railroad at @- @ grade before passing over the Hudson River on the Thurman Station Bridge . NY 418 passes into the town of Warrensburg at the midpoint of the bridge .

On the opposite riverbank , the route turns eastward to follow the eastern bank of the Schroon River through an undeveloped portion of Warrensburg comprising little more than forests . The route winds along the bank of river to the hamlet of Warrensburg , where the route becomes River Street and heads past several blocks of houses . At Alden Avenue , the route curves to the northeast , mirroring the curvature of the river through Warrensburg . It continues along the waterway to the junction of Ridge and River Streets , where NY 418 turns north onto Richards Avenue and finally crosses the river on a truss bridge . The route meets Water Street (CR 9) on the opposite bank before continuing northward past several commercial properties to the center of Warrensburg , where NY 418 ends at an intersection with US 9 (Main Street) .

= = History = =

The origins of NY 418 date back to 1896 , by which time a road had been constructed between Thurman Station and Warrensburg . In 1912 , the state of New York solicited bids for a project to improve the road to state highway standards . On June 12 , 1912 , the contract for the project was awarded to the Joseph Walker Construction Company of Albany for \$ 35 @, @ 776 (equivalent to \$ 877 @, @ 252 in 2016) . About \$ 3 @, @ 400 worth of upgrades were made to the highway before the contract was cancelled . The state resolicited bids for the project in February 1914 and let a \$ 35 @, @ 231 (equivalent to \$ 832 @, @ 318 in 2016) contract for the project on February 20 , 1914 . The highway was rebuilt as a stone highway bound by asphalt . The upgraded highway was accepted into the state highway system on January 8 , 1915 .

The Thurman Station ? Warrensburg state highway was designated as NY 418 as part of the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York . NY 418 's alignment has not been substantially altered since that time ; however , parts of the route have been upgraded since 1930 . In 1933 , the original bridge that carried NY 418 over the Schroon River in Warrensburg was replaced with a new truss bridge 50 @. @ 3 meters (165 ft) in length . The route 's original bridge over the Hudson River near Thurman Station was replaced in 1941 with the Thurman Station Bridge , another truss bridge 133

@. @ 5 meters (438 ft) long . The bridges were reconstructed by the New York State Department of Transportation in 2000 and 1995 , respectively .

Parts of NY 418 run through a proposed tourism district known as the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor . The corridor , conceived by Warren County , is intended to revitalize the Hudson River corridor by turning it into a tourist destination . Areas currently being studied for future development include the primarily residential and agricultural areas around Thurman Station , the privately owned train station along NY 418 in this same area , and two vacant lots adjacent to the Hudson River on NY 418 . At some point in time , the entire length of NY 418 was included as part of the Dude Ranch Trail , a New York State Scenic Byway that connects Lake George to the Hudson River .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Warren County .