

= New York State Route 318 =

New York State Route 318 ( NY 318 ) is an east - west state highway in the Finger Lakes region of New York in the United States . The western terminus of the route is at an intersection with NY 14 at New York State Thruway ( Interstate 90 or I @-@ 90 ) exit 42 in the town of Phelps . The eastern terminus is at an intersection with U.S. Route 20 ( US 20 ) and NY 5 northeast of the hamlet of Seneca Falls . All but 0 @. @ 70 miles ( 1 @. @ 13 km ) of the 10 @. @ 90 @-@ mile ( 17 @. @ 54 km ) route is located in Seneca County .

The origins of NY 318 date back to the 19th century when the highway was part of a road connecting the village of Phelps to a bridge over the Seneca River near Cayuga Lake . It was mostly designated as Route 6 @-@ a , an unsigned legislative route , by the New York State Legislature in 1911 . The section of Route 6 @-@ a from West Junius to Halsey Corners was designated as New York State Route 291 ( west of Magee ) and part of NY 89 ( east of Magee ) as part of the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York . NY 291 was removed in the 1940s .

The alignments of NY 89 and NY 414 north of Seneca Falls were largely flipped in the 1950s , placing both highways on their modern alignments . Part of NY 89 's former routing became a short @-@ lived extension of New York State Route 390 . All of NY 89 's former routing from Magee to Halsey Corners was designated as NY 318 c . 1963 . NY 318 was extended west to NY 14 in the 1970s over former NY 291 .

= = Route description = =

NY 318 begins at an intersection with NY 14 in an area of the Ontario County town of Phelps known as West Junius . West of the intersection , the right @-@ of @-@ way for NY 318 leads to the toll barrier for New York State Thruway ( I @-@ 90 ) exit 42 . The route heads eastward , crossing the Norfolk Southern Railway Corning Secondary line before passing into Seneca County a mere 0 @. @ 70 miles ( 1 @. @ 13 km ) from NY 14 .

Now in the town of Junius , the route follows an alignment parallel to that of the Thruway as it passes south of a large housing development and by a series of small lakes collectively known as Junius Ponds . NY 318 continues on , passing through a mixture of forested areas and cultivated fields as it heads eastward through the town . Just past an intersection with Nine Foot Road ( County Route 108 or CR 108 ) , NY 318 serves the Waterloo Premium Outlets , a large collection of outlet stores situated between NY 318 and the Thruway . Past the outlet mall , the route continues through largely rural surroundings to the community of Stone Church Corner , where it briefly curves to the northeast before veering back to the east as it enters the town of Tyre .

Roughly 0 @. @ 5 miles ( 0 @. @ 8 km ) from the town line , NY 318 enters the hamlet of Magee , a small community centered around NY 318 's junction with NY 414 ( Ridge Road ) . East of Magee , NY 318 turns to the southeast and begins to separate from the Thruway as it passes through vast , open fields . At the community of Nichols Corners , located at the intersection of NY 318 and Gravel Road ( CR 101 ) , the route curves back to the east and begins to straddle the Tyre ? Seneca Falls town line . NY 318 ends 1 @. @ 35 miles ( 2 @. @ 17 km ) later at an intersection with US 20 and NY 5 . The junction is only 0 @. @ 1 miles ( 0 @. @ 16 km ) west of where US 20 and NY 5 meet NY 89 at Halsey Corners , a point just west of the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge and northwest of Cayuga Lake .

= = History = =

= = = Origins = = =

On April 16 , 1825 , the New York State Legislature passed an act permitting the construction of a " free bridge " over the Seneca River . The bridge was ultimately constructed just north of Cayuga Lake near the site of the modern US 20 and NY 5 river crossing . A road was later built to connect

the bridge to the village of Phelps by way of West Junius and Magee . The highway became known as the " free bridge state road " . In 1908 , the portion of the road from the free bridge to Halsey Corners was included as part of Route 6 , an unsigned legislative route defined by the New York State Legislature as beginning in Buffalo and ending in Albany . The remainder of the old free bridge highway was designated as Route 6 @-@ a in 1911 .

When the first set of posted routes in New York were assigned in 1924 , the portion of Route 6 @-@ a from Phelps to West Junius was incorporated into NY 15 ( modern NY 96 ) , a route extending from Owego to Rochester . Farther east , the Route 6 segment of the old free bridge road was co @-@ designated as part of NY 5 and NY 5A ( now US 20 and NY 5 ) , two cross @-@ state highways linking Western New York to the Capital District . The remainder of the old highway ? namely Route 6 @-@ a from West Junius to Halsey Corners ? did not initially receive a designation .

#### = = = Designations = = =

The entirety of old Route 6 @-@ a between West Junius and Halsey Corners was assigned a designation as part of the 1930 renumbering of state highways in New York . From West Junius to Magee , the highway was designated as NY 291 ; meanwhile , the section from Magee to Halsey Corners became part of NY 89 , which originally continued north from Magee to North Rose on what is now NY 414 . At the same time , Black Brook Road , a connector between the village of Seneca Falls and NY 89 east of Magee , was assigned NY 390 . In the mid @-@ 1930s , the portion of Gravel Road between US 20 and NY 5 and NY 89 was designated as NY 390A . The route was a spur route of NY 390 in name only as NY 390A never connected to NY 390 . The NY 291 designation was deleted in the early 1940s .

The alignments of NY 89 and NY 414 north of US 20 and NY 5 were mostly swapped in the late 1950s ; however , NY 414 continued south of Magee along its current alignment instead . At the same time , NY 390 was extended westward to Magee along the former routing of NY 89 while the NY 390A designation was deleted . The entirety of NY 89 's former routing from Magee to Halsey Corners was redesignated as NY 318 c . 1963 , resulting in the truncation of NY 390 back to its previous northern terminus before being removed altogether in the mid @-@ 1960s . NY 318 was extended west to its current terminus at NY 14 in West Junius in the mid @-@ 1970s . The former routings of NY 390 and NY 390A between NY 318 and the former Seneca Falls village line are now maintained by Seneca County as CR 102 ( Black Brook Road ) and part of CR 101 ( Gravel Road ) , respectively .

#### = = Major intersections = =