

= Arden Valley Road =

Arden Valley Road is a scenic road located in Southfields , New York , in the United States , that travels through Harriman State Park and is owned by the Palisades Interstate Park Commission . At 5 @. @ 2 miles ( 8 @. @ 4 km ) long , it begins at New York State Route 17 ( NY 17 ) in Southfields and ends at Seven Lakes Drive in Harriman State Park . Arden Valley Road also serves a trout stocking area for the Ramapo River . The road is located entirely in Orange County and is home to the Elk 's Pen Trailhead in Harriman State Park . In 1921 , plans arose by the commission to construct the road , which was completed the same year and stretched along the borderline with the Harriman estate . Major William A. Welch ordered 75 elk from Yellowstone National Park to be placed in a wired cage between Arden and Southfields in 1919 . The elk eventually disappeared from the pen by 1942 , and the area became the current Elk 's Pen trailhead for trails within Harriman State Park .

= = Route description = =

Arden Valley Road begins at an intersection with NY 17 in the hamlet of Southfields ( within the town of Tuxedo ) . The road immediately becomes a part of the right @-@ of @-@ way for the Appalachian Trail , a roughly 2 @, @ 100 @-@ mile ( 3 @, @ 400 km ) trail spanning the eastern United States . The road heads into Harriman State Park and crosses a pain of train tracks before passing over the New York State Thruway . The highway continues along the border of Harriman State Park ; at the Elk 's Pen Trailhead , the Appalachian Trail leaves Arden Valley Road and heads into the park .

The road intersects with Island Pond Road , a dirt path in Harriman , as it heads along the border . Arden Valley Road intersects with Crooked Road thereafter . Harris Mine is visible to the left as the road proceeds around the base of Echo Mountain . To the southeast of Lindley Mountain , Arden Valley Road turns east and into the park . Arden Valley Road passes Lake Cohasset and Upper Lake Cohasset as it heads eastward . The road intersects with the Long Path and Ramapo ? Dunderberg ? Appalachian Trails soon afterward . Bradley Mine is visible to the left , and Arden Valley Road comes to an end at Tiorati Circle . , where the road continues eastward as Tiorati Brook Road .

= = History = =

Construction of the Arden Brook Valley Road , which intended to connect Lake Cohasset and the brand new Upper Cohasset Lake started around 1922 , with money given by the New York State Legislature in 1921 Construction of the new road was completed in 1922 , extending along the borderline with the Harriman estate . Originally , people to cross the Erie Railroad tracks and the Ramapo River to continue along Arden Valley Road . This was remedied by building an underpass under the Erie Railroad and a ford over the Ramapo River . When the New York State Thruway was constructed through the Hudson Valley in 1953 , engineers included the ford in construction , and as of 1999 , the structure still stands .

In 1919 , Major William A. Welch ordered 75 elk from Yellowstone National Park ; however , some had died en route . The remaining elk were kept in a wired cage between Arden and Southfields . By 1935 , some of the animals were still alive . However , by 1942 , all of the elk had died . The remaining area is now known as the Elk 's Pen Trailhead , which serves the Appalachian and Arden ? Surebridge Trails . The remains of the pen still currently stand .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Orange County .