

Village of Tannersville



The Village of Tannersville, incorporated in 1895, began with tanneries and sawmills in the early 19th century. Later, an active village grew up around the Hunter Turnpike resulting in the building of hotels and boarding houses. The area was once the premier vacation site in the country. To accommodate the thriving community, department and general stores and trades people of all kinds established themselves here. The Mountains National Bank, where the Post Office is now located, played an important part in Tannersville's growth. A safe from the

bank, now an antique, is a conversation piece at the Post Office.



As times changed, the need for recreational activities brought about the dredging and development of the Rip Van Winkle/Tannersville Lake for swimming, boating and fishing. Also built was a small sand beach, a pavilion, playground and recently, a hockey rink. In the 1930s Colonial Country Club, a 9-hole golf course, open to the public, was constructed on Main St., still a center of activity. Where department stores and hotels once dominated, one now finds many fine restaurants, specialty stores, a fire company, The Mountain Top Arboretum, a middle school and high school, two churches and a synagogue

Tannersville Lake

Also known as Rip Van Winkle Lake, a popular place to swim. There is a covered picnic area and pavilion. A lifeguard is on duty from 12 noon to 5pm. Swings, slide and basketball hoop.

Directions: Country Route 16. On Route 23A, at stop light, turn onto Depot Street, which runs into County Route 16. Coming up on your left is the swimming area.



Tannersville Bike Path

Running from Clum Hill Rd across from Cortina Valley, down around some of Tannersville Lake, all the way to Bloomer Road. The bike path covers approx. 2 miles. Walkers, hikers and cross-country skiers welcome. This path was completed in 1998.

Platte Clove Road

Head southeast on County Rt 16, and this road becomes Platte Clove Road, a scenic road that heads down from the high peaks of the Catskills, thru picturesque Platte Clove, where numerous hiking trails, waterfalls, and natural swimming areas abound. This road is closed in the winter. This is a shortcut down to the villages of Saugerties and Woodstock.

Tannersville Village Map

