

# The Western New York Southtowns Scenic Byway

## **Volume Two: Corridor Management Plan**



### **Section X. Scenic Byway Tours**

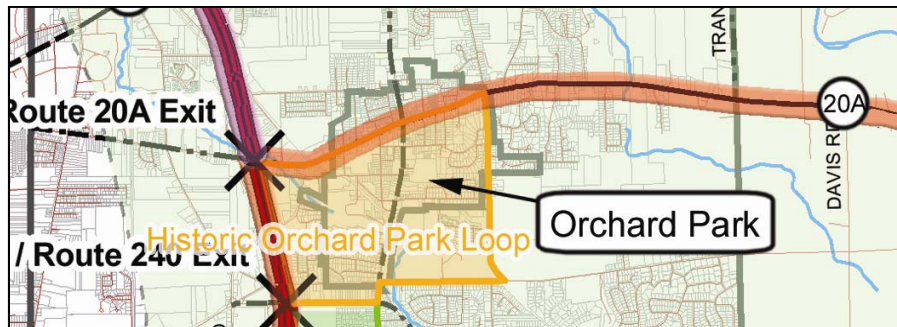
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## X. Scenic Byway Tours

### A. Introduction

While traveling the Western New York Southtowns Scenic Byway, visitors may be interested in exploring one of the many themes of the Byway outlined in the previous section. With this in mind, a number of smaller byway “loops” have been developed that direct the traveler to several destinations as part of a self-guided tour. The nine tour concepts outlined below roughly define the scope and possible destinations of these themed tours, and will need individual attention and development to provide a full experience to the visitor.



The Orchard Park Heritage Tour (outlined in orange)

#### The Orchard Park Heritage Tour

Historic downtown Orchard Park is easily accessible from the north end of US Route 219 at NYS Route 20A (East Quaker Road). Following the aptly named Quaker Road to the west will bring you to the *Quaker Meeting House*, still an active religious gathering place. Other attractions in the loop include the *Jolls Mansion* (home of the Orchard Park Historic Society), *Green Lake*, the *Orchard Park Depot* and the *Orchard Park Country Club* (designed by the renowned Walter J. Travis.)

#### The Chestnut Ridge Nature Tour

The Chestnut Ridge Tour, accessible from the Armor Duells exit of US Route 219, boasts the wealth of natural resources found in and around *Chestnut Ridge Park*. The tour will direct the visitor to active sporting facilities, a manned toboggan chute, and a possible side trip to *Ralph Wilson Stadium* – home of the Buffalo Bills.



The Chestnut Ridge Tour (outlined in green)

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The **Boston Valley Tour** (shown in blue) and the **Boston Hills Tour** (in red)

## The Boston Valley Tour

The agriculture-themed Boston Valley Tour takes visitors along Boston State Road, the precursor to US Route 219. There are many colorful seasonal produce farm markets located on this loop. The route (shown in blue on the map at left) includes scenic roads and hug the banks of creek beds, such as beautiful Back Creek Road that traverses the undulating terrain along Eighteen-Mile Creek.

## The Boston Hills Tour

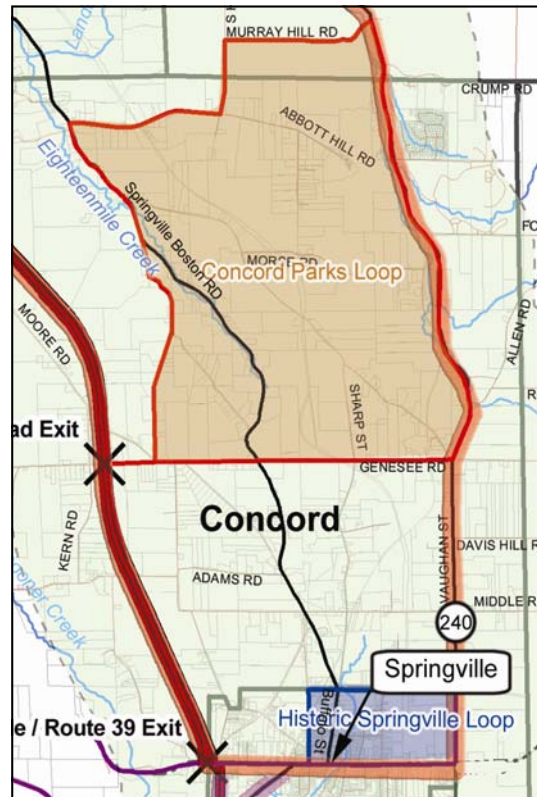
The Boston Hills Tour, accessible via the Route 391 exit of US Route 219, climbs up the ridgelines of this hilly Town, passing through thick forests and wide open agricultural fields. The route draws on various vistas and viewsheds offering striking views of Lake Erie and the City of Buffalo skyline.

## Concord Farms, Parks and Forest Tour

A tour of the parks and forests in the Town of Concord includes a stop at a farm that sells farm-produced maple syrup. One can also visit the County Forests in the Town, or stop for a recreational break to do some fossil hunting or play some tennis at Sprague Brook County Park.

## The Historic Springville Tour

The Village of Springville boasts an Art Deco theater, the Scoby Power Plant and Dam complex, the area's largest flea market, and two historic districts. The Village is home to the Concord Historical Society and the Pop Warner Museum, both located on Main Street.



The **Concord Farms, Parks and Forests Tour** (shown in orange) and the **Historic Springville Tour** (in dark blue)

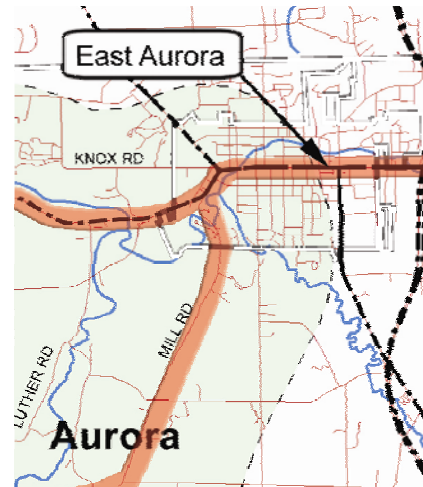
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### East Aurora Cultural Tour

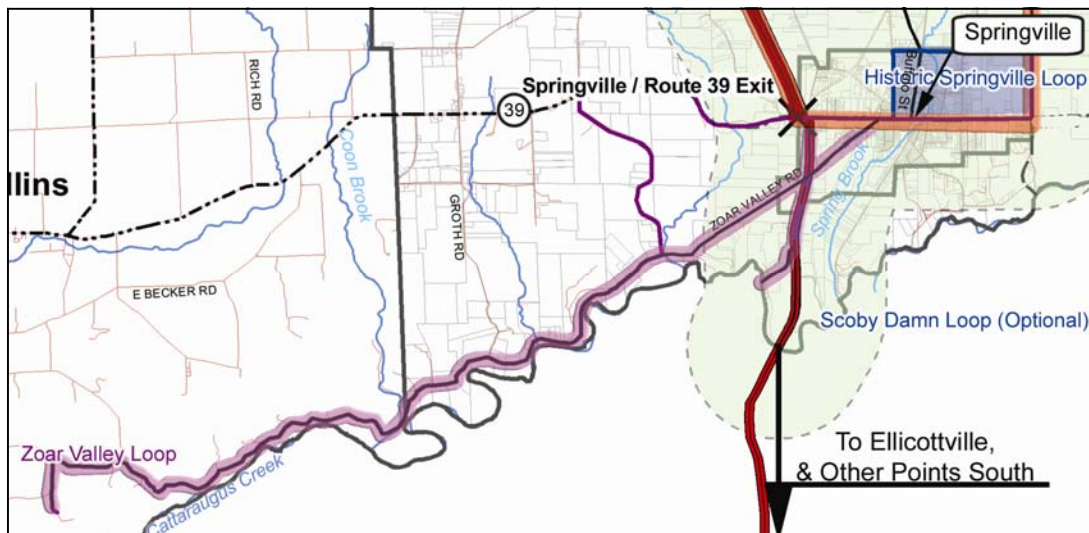
The Village of East Aurora offers visitors a wealth of cultural heritage sites. These include the Roycroft Inn and Campus, the Elbert Hubbard Museum, the home of President Millard Fillmore, the historic movie theater, Vidler's 5&10, as well as a number of art galleries.

### East Aurora Environmental Tour

This tour could include Knox Farm State Park and Sinking Ponds Nature Preserve. Knox State Park offers horseback riding and programs led by the Buffalo Audubon Society. Interpretative materials at Sinking Ponds could be provided for self-guided nature and wildlife tours. Other sites of interest include Hawk Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Majors Park (under development), and the Arden Organic Farm.



East Aurora Tours



Zoar Valley Outdoor Adventure Tour (highlighted in light purple)



Zoar Valley Paddling Club's Annual Regatta

### Zoar Valley Outdoor Adventure Tour

The Zoar Valley tour is the only suggested tour which deviates from the scenic byway area. Along the tour, old growth forests and rare plants clinging to the slopes of the 400-foot-high gorge walls can be seen. Various outdoor adventure pursuits, such as whitewater rafting, can be found along the tour route.