

- 7 Johannes Myer House - Built around 1765, this is an original structure. It has a fireplace in the kitchen, original plank floors, and hand hewn beams with initials carved in them. The first ambulance service for the area was started here. (Proceed left on Ulster Ave. to Route 212. Take a right on Route 32. The next house is across from the south bound Thruway exit. 1 mile).
- 8 Schoentag's Colonial Tavern - this house is on a tract of land granted to "Meals and Hayes" from King James **. The Wynkoop family built the tavern in 1740 from stone found on the site. The old King's Highway ran at the rear of the house. Masonic emblems are cut in the stone over both front doors. indicating a meeting place. (Go back on Route 212 and turn right toward Veteran. The next house is on the corner of Old Route 212 and Route 212. .9 miles).
- 9 Snyder Homestead - Located east of Veteran, this house was built in 1820 by the Snyder family. A log cabin, which was built first, was torn down soon after completion of the stone house. The family, living here for seven generations, is still engaged in farming. they have found many Indian Arrowheads. (Continue on Route 212 until you come to the Veteran Port Store, which is on the right hand side of the road. .7 miles).
- 10 Mulford Tavern - Now known as the Veteran Pork Store, it was built in 1803. A huge fireplace was in the cellar and Indian skirmishes were frequent. A blacksmith shop next door cared for the hoses while teamsters visited the tavern. (Proceed down Route 212. House is on left where Old Route 212 crosses. .4 miles).
- 11 Rapp House - The Kupfer family formerly owned this house on Route 212, in Centerville. At one time it was operated as atavern. A long stair runs from cellar to attic. House is dated about 1800. (Continue on Route 212 until it intersects Old Route 212 again on right side of road. .4 miles).
- 12 Old Pine Grove Schoolhouse - Schoolhouse built in 1839. Used as a school until 1941.

Sawyer Stone House Trail

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The following is a list of questions which you should try to answer as you visit the houses on the tour.

1. What are the shingles made of on the Sawyer Mill?
2. How many gables are on the front side of the Mynderse House?
3. How many round holes are on the porch pillars of the Schoonmaker Home?
4. What is the roof of the Kiersted House covered with?
5. How many chimneys are on the Lampert Estate?
6. On the Petrus Myer House, how many 1/2 round windows are there?
7. What is the Johannes Myer House covered with?
8. How many shutters are on the front of Schoentag's Colonial Tavern?
9. How many steps lead up to the Snyder Homestead?
10. What is different about the shape of the roof on the Mulford Tavern?
11. What is on the porch of the Rapp House?
12. At the Old Pine Grove Schoolhouse, how many of the original walls can be seen?

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- 3 Schoonmaker House - This property was owned by Samuel Schoonmaker , who built a log cabin in 1659. The stone house was erected in 1727 after the cabin burned. The home has been in their family for 8 generations. the 19th century porch, dormer and windows alter the character of the appearance of the main house; but the east wing and detached outbuildings are unaltered 18th century items. the detached house is an excellent example of the separate outbuildings that were popular in the 18th century. This one may have been a summer kitchen or quarters for slaves. (continue west on Main St. for a short distance. .2 miles).
- 4 Kiersted House - The walls of the house were erected in 1727. A stone near the main entrance is marked, "IP DEN 6 IVNI"; original construction. the first owner of who there is any knowledge is Hezekiah DuBois. His son, David, born 1737, inherited the house and later sold it to Dr. Christopher Kiersted in 1773. The black locus trees in the yard are over 200 years old. The house was in the Kiersted Family until 1955. (Now go left on Washington Ave.; right on Russell St. to the corner of partition. This house has been covered with stucco. >6 miles).
- 5 Lampert Estate - Originally a French Colonial built by Mr. Collet on Partition Street about 1750. It has seven remaining fireplaces and was once used as a school. (Continue right on Partition St.; at first light go left down Main St.; next go right at light on Market St. First left off of Market will be Livingston St. This continues right into Myers Lane. .5 miles).
- 6 Petrus Myer House - Built in 1759, this house was completely renovated during the Federal Period. the doors, moldings, baseboards and wall paint were still in good condition. There are five working fireplaces, including a bake-oven in the cellar and a walk-in fireplace in the kitchen. A summer kitchen with a free-hung fireplace is located south of the house. (From Myer Lane, go left down Elizabeth St. to Ulster Ave. Next, left on Ulster Ave. to Teetsel St. which is on the

The Sawyer Old Stone House Bicycle Trail

Welcome to the bicycle trail tour of 13 stone houses located in the Saugerties area.

Saugerties is located in the northeastern corner of Ulster County. Lying at the foot of the Catskill Mountains, it is bounded on the east by the Hudson River, north and west by Greene County, and on the south by the Townships of Woodstock, Kingston, and Ulster.

The highest point in Saugerties is 1600 feet in the northwest corner, where the Plattekill Clove Mountain starts. Next highest point is Mt. Marion at 734 feet.

Until 1870, the Katskill and Esopus Indians of the Algonquin Tribe were found along the Esopus Creek. It was not until 1700 that the first two permanent settlers came. They came from New Amsterdam, Kingston, and other surrounding areas. By 1720, there were 150 persons in Saugerties.

The Dutch were the principal settlers. They built sturdy homes and became prosperous farmers. Many of these homes are included along the bicycle route which follows:

- 1 Old Grist Mill - The economy of Saugerties in the early years was based on the mill. One of these mills was the Grist Mill built by John Persen around the mid 1600's. The Grist Mill was operated by Peter Mynderse, his son-in-law. Today the mill is being restored by the Little Sawyer Association of Saugerties. (Start by going south on Malden Avenue and then down Mynderse until you come to the Mynderse House. .7miles).
- 2 Mynderse House - John Persen originally owned the land that ran from the Hudson River to the Esopus Creek. On part of this land he built the Grist Mill. The land the Mynderse House is built on was originally part of this property. The first part of this house was built in 1685. Persen handed this property down to his son-in-law, Mynderse, in 1743 when changes were made. This house is one of the original eleven houses in Saugerties. (Proceed back down Mynderse taking a

“X” on map indicates the Dewitt House not included in the trail.

Total mileage for a one way trip is 6.4 miles.

Round-trip on bicycle takes at least 2 hours.

The trip can be done in one day, or broken down into two segments, in town and out of town. Younger units may wish to do a walking tour within the town limits and do the out of town houses by car.

This concludes the bicycle trail done by Mark Kotek, Troop 33, for his Eagle Project in September 1979.

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