

**TRB ADC50/AFB40 Low Bridge Ev'ry Body Down! Field Trip**  
**Tuesday, September 9, 2008 06/27/08 Draft**

<b>Start Time</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Significance</b>	<b>Depart Time</b>
7:30 Buses Depart Hotel	Saratoga Springs	Quick get your bearings tour of Saratoga Springs, visiting several recent highway beautification projects in the City leading up to in the National Historic Landmark Saratoga Spa State Park and mineral springs, past the National Museum of Dance, the Lincoln Mineral Baths, the elegant architecture of the Saratoga Race Track, and a visit to the Yaddo art colony and gardens founded in 1900.	8:15
8:15 Buses: Leave Saratoga Springs	Introductory Narrative of Day's Events, Drive By "German Lines" Pocket Park, Stop at Knox Trail /Starks Knob Pocket Park	Lakes to Locks Passage, All-American Road "Old Saratoga" Pocket Parks created with National Scenic Byways Program Discretionary funds commemorating Revolutionary War History. Interpretive Signage. 30 Minute stop at Park, optional quick hike to Starks Knob along Interpretive Trail.	9:00
9:00 Bus A: Depart Starks Knob	Lock 5 Champlain Canal: (1817) historic and continuous use canal, with boat cruise.	Champlain Canal: Full narration on board the tour boat "Caldwell Belle along the historic Hudson River/Champlain Canal waterway through Lock 5, around Schuyler Island, north to a picturesque waterfall and miles of unspoiled river scenery.	10:30
9:00 Bus B: Depart Starks Knob	Saratoga Monument and Saratoga National Historical Park	Battle of Saratoga: Known as the turning point of America's Revolutionary War. Visit the Saratoga Monument, a 155' obelisk (begun in 1877) commemorating the American victory. Then on to the Saratoga National Park Visitor Center and a ranger guided tour to hear about the battlefield and current issues (alt. transport, cell towers, viewshed preservation, etc.)	10:30
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12:00 Both Buses	Lunch	Picnic/Box Lunch at Saratoga National Historical Park and Revolutionary War Battlefield.	12:30
1:00 Both Buses	Junta Lock	View the remnants of the historic Junta Lock significant as the site of the junction of the Erie and Champlain Canals maintained by NYSDOT.	
	Cohoes Falls, Harmony Mills, Clinton's Ditch, and Erie Canal, Cohoes	See the streetscape improvements along the National Historic Landmark Harmony Mills and millhouses, once the largest manufacture of cotton textiles. Close up view of Cohoes Falls, 75' high and 1,000' wide, also called "The Great Falls of the Mohawk", a traditional cultural property and site of the founding of the Iroquois League of Nations by the "Great Peace Maker" Deganawida. See original stonework and interpretation of "Clinton's Ditch, the original Erie Canal (1817).	2:00
2:00	"Flight of Locks" and the Barge Canal, Waterford	The Champlain and Erie Canals (enlarged Erie/Barge Canal, 1918), meet in Waterford at the "Flight of Locks", a series of 5 locks and 2 guard gates. Close up view and interpretation of these working locks.	3:00
3:00	Nature and Historic Preserve, Vischers Ferry	Drive along the Mohawk Towpath National Scenic Byway to 600 acre preserve adjacent to original canal towpath, site includes a restored 1862 Squire Whipple Truss Bridge, learn about scenic conservation efforts by multiple byway communities.	4:00
4:00	Burden Iron Works Museum, Troy	This museum, focused on the history of the industrial revolution, is operated by the Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway and home to Troy's RiverSpark Visitor Center.	5:00

6:00	Dinner Peebles Island State Park, Waterford	Chicken Barbeque Picnic Dinner Peebles Island is located at the exact confluence of the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers. See breastwork defenses erected in 1777 to check the British invasion. New York State Historic Sites Bureau, State Historic Preservation Office and the Erie Canal National Heritage Area Visitors Center are housed in mid-19th century factory buildings here. Scheduled to appear during our dinner festivities will be Dave Ruch who will present a musical lecture of Erie Canal songs and stories.	9:00
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