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DUTCHESS TOURISM RELEASES NEW BIKE TOUR GUIDE HIGHLIGHTING ROUTES ALONG RECENTLY COMPLETED EMPIRE STATE TRAIL

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY – Dutchess Tourism, Inc. (DTI) announced the release of a new brochure designed to get people riding and exploring the recently completed Empire State Trail and encourage further exploration of Dutchess County’s extensive bike routes and trails.

The Dutchess County Bike Tour Guide brochure features a collection of six bike tours, two of which are a part of the larger 750-mile Empire State Trail: Rhinecliff, Rhinebeck & Annandale-on-Hudson; and WRS Dutchess Rail Trail & Walkway Over the Hudson. The Empire State Trail aims to promote outdoor recreation and connect New York’s diverse communities, spanning from New York City through the Hudson River Valley, west to Buffalo along the Erie Canal, and north to the Champlain Valley and Adirondacks.

Dutchess Tourism’s new guide makes it simple to choose an appropriate route based on experience level, with routes clearly labeled easy, moderate or advanced. Additional bike tours include: Beacon & Glenham; Harlem Valley Rail Trail, Amenia/Wassaic Loop & Dover; Pawling & Quaker Hill; and Pleasant Valley & Staatsburg. Each route showcases a different part of the county, highlighting charming towns, scenic landscapes and local history. The detailed guide maps out each ride showing mileage, elevation gain, points of interest, and a brief description. From train stations and parking, to lodging and eateries, riders will feel prepared for their adventure ahead. A complete list of bicycle shops and rentals is included in the brochure, many of which are operated by local residents, adding a great resource for those looking to get the most of their ride.

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said, "Dutchess County's miles of scenic roadways and spectacular trails, including our recently expanded Harlem Valley and Dutchess Rail Trails, delight bicyclists of all abilities. Every day is a great day to enjoy a bike ride in Dutchess County, come and discover all we have to offer!"

Dutchess Tourism encourages riders of all levels to enjoy these signature routes through the Heart of the Hudson Valley. “Dutchess County has so many picturesque places to ride and cycling is the perfect COVID-safe activity for mind, body and soul,” said Dutchess Tourism President & CEO Melaine Rottkamp. “We are looking forward to welcoming many cyclists exploring the new Empire State Trail and know they will find our revamped guide helpful as they expand their trips to include additional signature bike tours in all corners of our county.” Rottkamp added, “We are so appreciative of Emily Dozier, Senior Planner with the Dutchess County Transportation Council, and the Dutchess County Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee for their input on this guide. Their expertise was critical in



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making sure the routes and information included was exactly what riders would need to have a great experience in Dutchess.”

This free brochure is available [online here](#), and in print at DTI's [Tourist Information Centers](#) located throughout the county. Additional details about biking in Dutchess, including links to the digital brochure, visit <https://dutchesstourism.com/bikeride>.

For further information about the Empire State Trail, visit the New York State website here: <https://empiretrail.ny.gov/>.

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ABOUT DUTCHESS TOURISM, INC.

Dutchess Tourism, Inc. is the officially designated destination marketing organization for Dutchess County and is accredited by the Destination Marketing Accreditation Program (DMAP) of Destinations International. It is a 501c6 non-profit organization that works to bring tourism dollars to area businesses and our community by marketing and promoting the assets of Dutchess County to the nation and the world. The office is located at 3 Neptune Road in the Town of Poughkeepsie with 17 Tourist Information Centers located around Dutchess County. The website is DutchessTourism.com and they can be reached at 845-463-4000. Dutchess Tourism, Inc. is partially funded by monies received from the County of Dutchess.