

Trolley Route ~ Points of Interest

Skidmore College: Founded by Lucy Skidmore Scribner in 1903 as an Industrial Club to provide practical education for women. Originally located on Union Avenue and Circular Street, near Congress Park, the college moved to the 650 acre Johnson Campus in 1964, and became coed in 1971. Today, over 2,200 students attend the nationally ranked liberal arts college. The Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery is open to the public. 518-580-8080

North Broadway: Many of the lavish Victorian style mansions were built in the late 19th century. The homes were considered "Summer Cottages," seasonal retreats for the wealthy. In the 1960's these homes sold for around \$30,000 - fully furnished. Today those same homes sell for over \$1 million - unfurnished!

Broadway: Broadway was laid out in the early 1800's by Gideon Putnam, one of the city's founders. As Saratoga developed into the "Queen of the Spas," grand hotels and buildings lined the street. Many remain today and include elements of Victorian design. In the 1970's almost half of the storefronts had fallen on hard times. The Saratoga Plan of Action was created to preserve and protect the Downtown District. Saratoga Springs is one of five cities in the United States that has been awarded the Inaugural Great American Place Award by American Heritage Magazine.

City Hall: Built in 1871, it was originally crowned by a bell tower and a 6' four sided clock. The building also housed the post office and an elegant two story theatre. The American Banking Association and the American Bar Association were founded here. The Saratoga Music Hall, part of the revamped original theatre, is still in use today.

Information Booth: Staffed by the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce, the booth is open daily during late June, July and August. Free maps, brochures and other helpful visitor information are available. The booth is located near Congress Park, south of Spring Street.

The Visitor Center and Heritage Area: Built in 1915, the building is on the National Register of Historic Places. Open year round, the center features a free orientation video, maps, and brochures. Guided tours and free concerts in Congress Park are offered during July and August. Victorian paper goods are sold. Located on Broadway at Congress Street. Handicapped accessible restrooms are open to the public.

Historic Congress Park: Dating back to 1826, this is one of the oldest parks in the state. Pathways lead visitors past lush landscaping and attractions including the Spirit of Life memorial fountain, the Italian Gardens with the treasured tritons 'Spit and Spat,' two restored fish ponds, the War Memorial, and the beautiful historic Carousel. The Saratoga History Museum is also located in the Park. 518-584-6920

South Broadway: Restaurants, hotels and motels, have been built to accommodate the influx of tourism that is associated with Saratoga Springs. Recently, amenities such as trees, curbs, sidewalks and Victorian lamp posts have been added to enhance the area. Visit historic Greenridge Cemetery, on Lincoln Avenue, off Broadway, to view remarkable statuary and monuments.

National Museum of Dance: The only museum in the country devoted entirely to the history of dance. It is located in the former Washington Bath House, a National Landmark. Attractions include changing exhibits, the Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Whitney Hall of Fame, and the Lewis A. Swyer School of the Performing Arts. Admission is charged; a tour takes about an hour and a half. 518-584-2225

Mineral Spas: The Lincoln Bath House, next to the Dance Museum, was built in the early 20th century and is currently closed to the public. The newly renovated historic Roosevelt Baths, located in Spa State Park and the Crystal Spa on Broadway, offer a full range of spa services and mineral water baths.

Spa State Park: Laid out in 1935, this scenic 2,100 acre park features the beloved 'Avenue of Pines,' historic buildings, picnic areas, mineral springs, pools, tennis, golf, and walking trails. (Park Office: 518-584-2535) The Saratoga Automobile Museum, in the former bottling plant, is also in the park. 518-587-1935

SPAC: The Saratoga Performing Arts Center is the summer home to the New York City Ballet, Philadelphia Orchestra, Saratoga Jazz Festival and a variety of other concerts, from Chamber Music to Rock. SPAC can accommodate 5,100 people inside and up to 35,000 on the lawn. The Information Booth and the Visitor Center have more details on SPAC.

Gideon Putnam Resort and Spa: Built in the elegant Georgian style, this historic building is a National Historic Landmark. Owned by the state of New York and privately operated, it offers gracious accommodations and dining year round. 518-584-3000

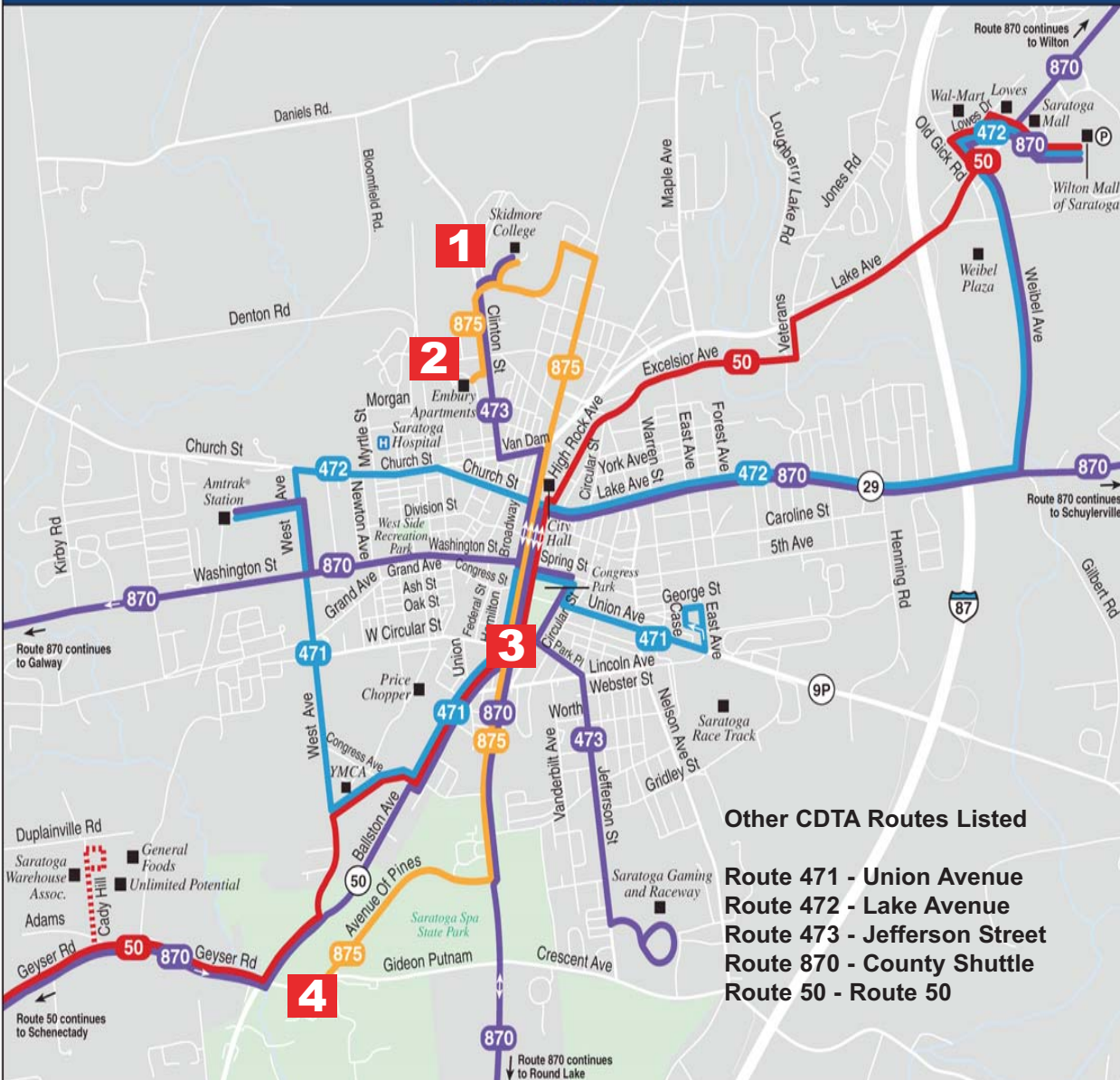
Brief History of Saratoga Springs

Native Americans frequented mineral springs in the area for centuries before the arrival of settlers in the late 1700's. In 1802 Gideon Putnam, Saratoga's founding father, began to carve a resort out of the wilderness. His original 70', three story tavern, on the NW corner of Broadway and Congress Street, eventually developed into the Grand Union Hotel, known as the largest hotel in the world. The lure of the mineral springs, and the elegance of the summer season, aided by the advent of train travel in 1832, resulted in rapid growth. The area is still noted as one of the fastest growing in the state.

Over the years, Saratoga Springs, "The Queen of Spas," developed a worldwide reputation for Health, History and Horses. In spite of financial decline experienced during the mid-twentieth century, a strong preservation movement was initiated in the 1970's. This movement saved many of the buildings from the city's Victorian heyday, maintaining much of the city's rich architectural legacy for future generations.

Today, the city offers visitors a variety of open vistas, heritage areas, and a vibrant downtown district. Cultural offerings at the nationally recognized Saratoga Performing Arts Center, various museums, and the Spa Little Theatre, along with great shopping, fine accommodations, horse racing, dining, and the lure of free concerts in Congress Park make Saratoga Springs "the place to be!"

SARATOGA SPRINGS



Other CDTA Routes Listed

- Route 471 - Union Avenue
- Route 472 - Lake Avenue
- Route 473 - Jefferson Street
- Route 870 - County Shuttle
- Route 50 - Route 50

Trolley Schedule May 24 - September 7

Wave down the driver on any street corner along Trolley route (see map above)

From Skidmore Case Center to/from Congerss Park , SPAC and Hall of Springs

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From SPAC/ Hall of Springs, to Congress Park and Skidmore Case Center

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