

-) Connie Tuck Challenge

Here is the [New York State Bike Trail](#). The idea would be a comprehensive package deal that includes an Amtrak ticket to Hudson, overnight stays for a week and ebikes, some meals, and a return from Schenectady or Rensselaer.

I own a place [I rent on AirBnb now](#) off the trail above and we're renting out [this one](#). This [one is in the works](#). So we would only need two more between Niverville and Melrose and one between Melrose and Schenectady, and then in Schenectady. Also need something near Hudson.

What if you could get off the Amtrak in Hudson from NYC (at least as one starting option) and go to an AirBnb kind of spot (or in one or two cases a glamping situation) each night, then leave your bike and go home.

You find your bikes waiting for you when you get off the train. Spend a day in Hudson, then spend the night somewhere near the trail in Hudson area. Next, up to Kinderhook area. Sleep a night near the falls at my place above (my Airbnb). Leave again and go to the next stop - somewhere around Kinderhook Lake (my house in Niverville). Then Nassau. The Rensselaer and take the train home (4 or 5 day trip) or go on to Schenectady (another 5-day trip: a night or two in Troy, then my place in Melrose, the boat across and head south on the trail from Mechanicsville to the Erie Mohawk trail). You get to see woods, farmland, cities, towns, lakes, rivers, you can swim in the Kinderhook Creek and the Hudson up north where it's clean. Some canoeing, some farm visits... some city stops...

A couple of spots need places to stay, but I already have three locations close to the trail right now. The idea is not to spend all day biking. You also get to explore each stop.

This should be a package deal - sign up on the website, get the bikes, the meals, the places to stay, and even the train tickets. You have an app that guides you to things to do. You would only be biking two-three hours a day to get to your next stop, so you should do stuff at each location: swim, window shop, etc.

The biggest expense is the accommodation and I haven't figured out how to deal with check-in and check-out times (can't force the guests to leave when it might be raining, etc.). Also, a party of two people would not be much harder to deal with than a party of six people - so there should be pricing to encourage larger groups.

You would not have to stick together all day - two people could do X and four others do Y - then meet at the next stop at some point. Something like that. Cleaning/meal staff would have to get the accommodations ready between the stays of each party.

Okay, that's the plan I came with...