

The Berkshires

of Western Massachusetts

SCENIC DRIVING TOUR 3: Southern Berkshire - Approx 48 miles

Beginning in the southern most town of the Berkshires, Sheffield, settled in 1725, Sheffield is the oldest Berkshire County town and has become a mecca of antiques shops.

→ Follow Route 7 North through Sheffield to the town of **Great Barrington**. Close to the CT border and two hours from NYC, Great Barrington has become transformed into a fast growing town with colorful shops and restaurants.

→ Venture off of Route 7 in the center of **Great Barrington** turning West onto **Route 23** in the direction of **South Egremont**. Here local inns pride themselves by offering home-cooked breakfasts to their overnight guests.

→ Look for the intersection of **Routes 23 and 41 South**. Follow the signs for **Mount Everett State Reservation** and **Bash Bish Falls**. A walking trail leads to the cascading music of nature and vistas of the falls.

→ Return to **Route 41 South** also called **Berkshire School Road**. This leads back to **Route 7** in **Sheffield**. A right turn onto **7 South** leads to the village of **Ashley Falls**, another area known for its historic preservation and nature trails.

→ Cross **Route 7A** in **Ashley Falls** and take the first right, cross **Route 7** and continue to **Clayton**.

→ Once in **Clayton**, turn left, following the **Konkapot River Valley** to **Mill River**, an old New England farming village. From **Mill River**, follow the winding road north past **Lake Buel** until it intersects with **Route 23**, on the eastern side of **Great Barrington**.

→ Turn left onto **23 West** to **Great Barrington's** center and then follow **Route 7 South** back to **Sheffield**.

