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## THE BERKSHIRE DRIVING TOURS

### TOUR 1:

North Central Berkshire –  
Approx 50 miles

### TOUR 2:

Central Berkshire  
Approx 78 miles

### TOUR 3:

South Berkshire  
Approx 48 miles

### TOUR 4:

South Central Berkshire –  
Approx 44 miles

### TOUR 5:

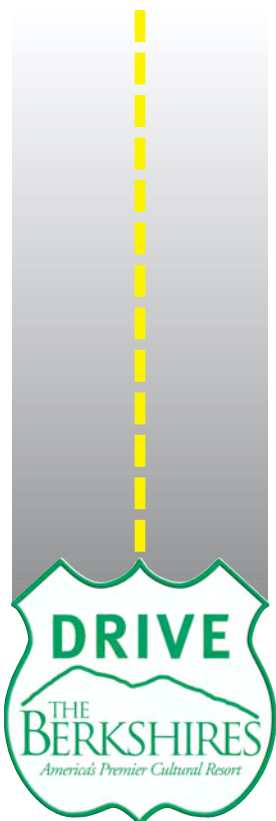
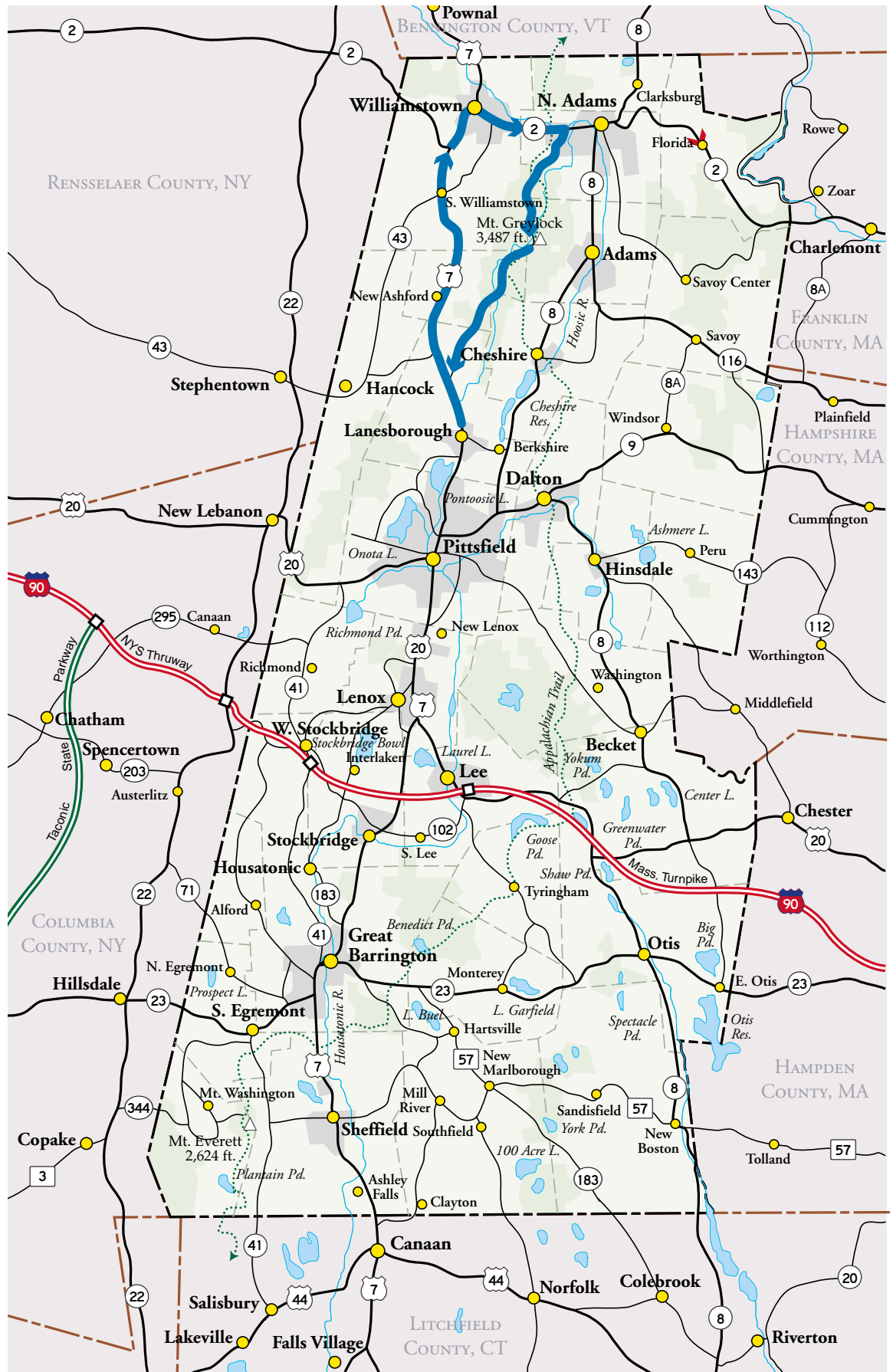
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### TOUR 6:

Taconic–Mohawk Trail  
Approx 55 miles

### TOUR 7:

Mt. Greylock –  
North Berkshire  
Approx 33 miles



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Allow half a day for this scenic tour up Mount Greylock, the Commonwealth of MA's highest peak at 3,491 feet.

→ **This scenic tour starts one mile north of Lanesborough on Route 7. Rockwell Road leads to the right (east) 10 miles to the summit.** About 2 miles on Rockwell Road is the Mount Greylock visitor center. The center is open everyday except Thanksgiving and Christmas and offers environmental displays, trail maps and information. Part way up the mountain on the right is a steep meadow known as the southern slope of Saddleball Mountain. The Maine to Georgia Appalachian hiking trail follows the ridge of Saddleball to the summit. There are numerous foot trails besides the Appalachian which cross the summit and go on to cross Mount Williams and Mount Fitch to the north. One of the most popular foot trails, the Cheshire Harbor Trail, starts off Route 8 on West Mountain Road in Adams. The Appalachian Mountain Club has numerous hikes, walks and events on Mount Greylock, especially weekends during the summer. At New Ashford Road is the location of the first settlement of what was called New Ash Fort, standing as a defense against Native Americans in 1762. Further on, Sperry Road leads down and in for a mile to a magnificent lookout, Stoney Ledge. It overlooks the Hopper, a heavily wooded, brook coursed canyon. In the background is Mount Prospect, almost blocking the northern entrance to the Hopper.

→ **Back on Rockwell Road** the pitch becomes steeper and after rounding a hairpin turn, the Memorial Tower on top of the mountain comes into view.

→ **Rockwell Road joins Notch Road at about this point.** Notch Road is a second paved access to the summit from Route 2 in North Adams. At the summit is the War Memorial Tower, a 90 foot granite tower erected as a memorial to Massachusetts casualties of all wars. On a clear day, it affords a view extending from Mount Monadnock in New Hampshire, the Green Mountains in Vermont, the Adirondacks and Catskills in New York and Mount Everett in the southern Berkshires.

→ **The same route can be retraced in the descent from the summit, or one may decide to take Notch Road to Route 2 in North Adams, proceeding west on Route 2 through Williamstown to Route 7 South and back to Lanesborough.**

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