

The *Town of Patterson* is situated in the northeast corner of Putnam County, New York. *Patterson*, one of Putnam's six towns, is bordered by Connecticut to the east, Dutchess County, New York to the north, the Town of Kent to the west, and the Town of Southeast to the South.



Putnam County and Vicinity

Patterson is home to many regional attractions, such as the Thunder Ridge Ski Area, Green Chimney's School, Wonder Lake State Park and Cranberry Mt. Wildlife Conservation Area, the Michael Ciaiola Conservation Area, the Great Swamp Watershed, and preserves owned by the Putnam County Land Trust.

Patterson is rich in scenic beauty, and still shows many signs of its Colonial-era

roots. The self-guided walking tour of the Hamlet area allows the visitor to view many of the reminders of *Patterson's* rich history. This is a short, leisurely, and very pleasant walk. Interpretive signs have been placed along the tour route, which will explain the historic significance of each site.

The Route:

1. Start at the Patterson Town Hall at the intersections of NYS Route 311 and Front St. The building was opened in 2002, and is the home to the Town government offices. An interpretive sign in front of the building gives an introduction to Town history and the Historic District.
2. Cross Route 311 and walk along Front St. Two historic buildings still stand.
3. Turn right onto Factory St. and then left onto South St. Proceed to the Carmel Central School District grounds, the location of The Little Red Schoolhouse. The LRS is the home of the Patterson Historical Society. The Schoolhouse was built in 1816, and was moved from its original allocation in Atkin's Corners

near the Thunder Ridge Ski Area. The LRS is open by appointment.

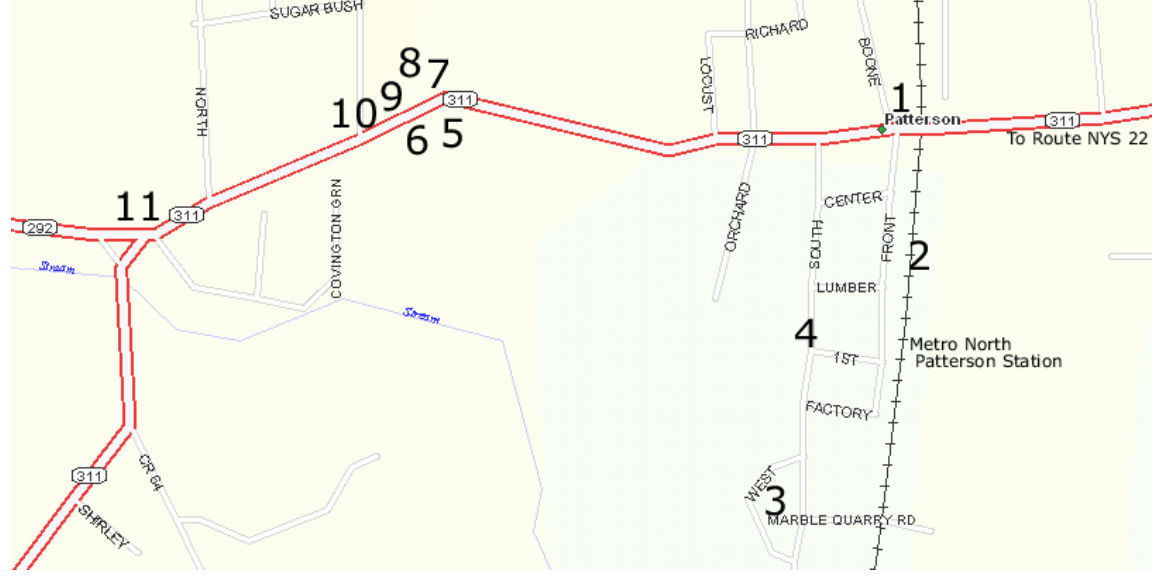
4. Walk back along South St. to Route 311. South St. still features many 19th and early 20th century homes.
5. Turn left onto Route 311. Proceed to the Fellowship Hall. An interpretive sign explains the history of the building. The Fellowship Hall is owned by the Patterson Presbyterian Church.
6. Just west of the Fellowship Hall is the Patterson Grange. An interpretive sign explains the significance of the Grange.
7. Cross Route 311 and visit the Patterson Presbyterian Church. An interpretive sign explains the history of the Church.
8. Situated between the Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church is the Maple Ave. Cemetery. The Cemetery is the final resting place of many of *Patterson's* founding families, and also includes the grave of Sybil Ludington. The Patterson Historical Society offers a self-guided tour of the Cemetery. An interpretive sign explains the history of the Cemetery.
9. Just west of the Presbyterian Church is the Christ Episcopal Church. An

interpretive sign explains the history of the Church.

10. The War Memorial is located in the triangle in front of Christ Episcopal Church. The casualties of war can have a profound effect on small communities like *Patterson*. An interpretive sign discusses the significance of the Memorial.

11. Proceed west on Route 311 to the intersection with NYS Route 292. The intersection of Routes 292 and 311 don't seem like much today, but was once the center of the *Patterson* Hamlet. The Patterson Presbyterian Church, then known as the Old Meeting House, was originally located on the top of the hill, north of the intersection. This intersection was Triangle Inn Corner, named after a tavern and inn that was a popular resting stop for travelers passing through the area.

The Hamlet of Patterson is convenient to reach by car or by the Metro North Railroad Patterson Station.



A Self-Guided Walking Tour of the Historic Hamlet of Patterson

Historic Patterson
The Town of Patterson
Patterson Town Hall
1142 Route 311
Patterson, NY 12563

