Sojourner Truth Freedom Trail

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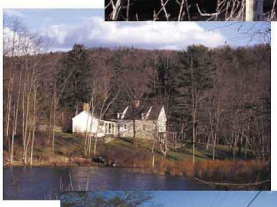

Glimpses of the Trail

The 11-mile route of Sojourner Truth's escape from West Park to the northwest part of the Town follows established rural roads. Other sites important in her life are in the immediate vicinity: the site of her birth, the Kingston Courthouse, and the new Sojourner Truth Park in New Paltz. Additional sites connected with Truth's life exist in New Paltz. Contact Sojourner Truth Library SUNY-New Paltz
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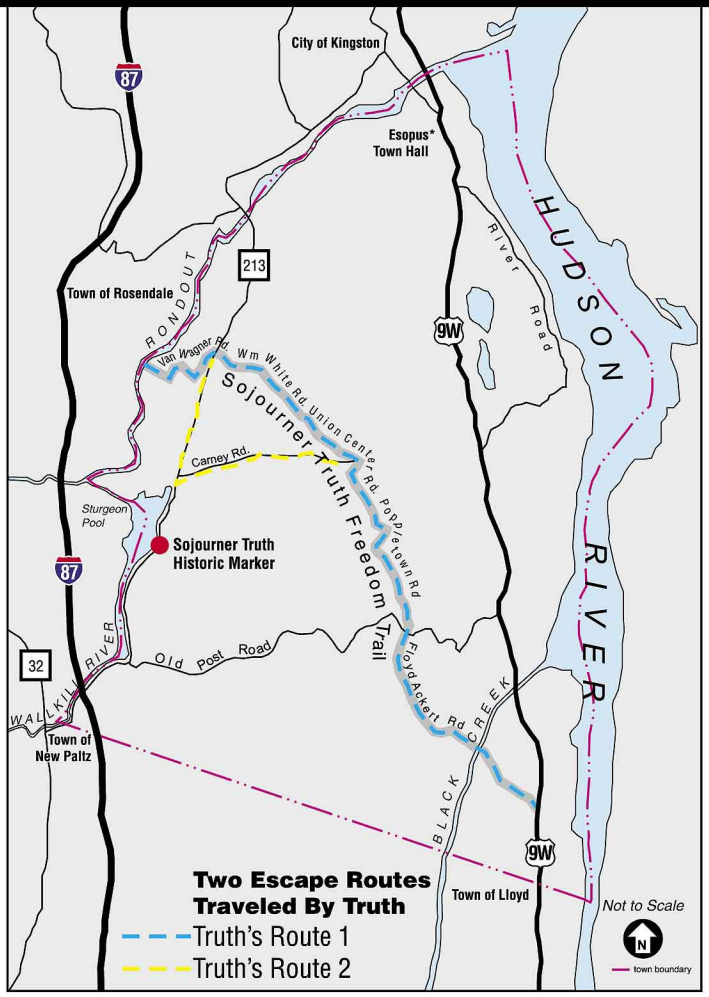

Sojourner Truth was born into slavery in the Swartekill neighborhood, formerly Town of Hurley, now in Esopus about 200 years ago and sold at the age of nine to the first of a series of owners in the area. As a young adult, she ran away to the Van Wagenens' home in the northern part of the Town. When she learned that her five-year old son was sold out-of-state, she took legal action at the County Courthouse in Kingston to recover him, an unheard of undertaking. She later became a prominent public speaker, preacher, abolitionist and suffragette. Truth has been inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

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