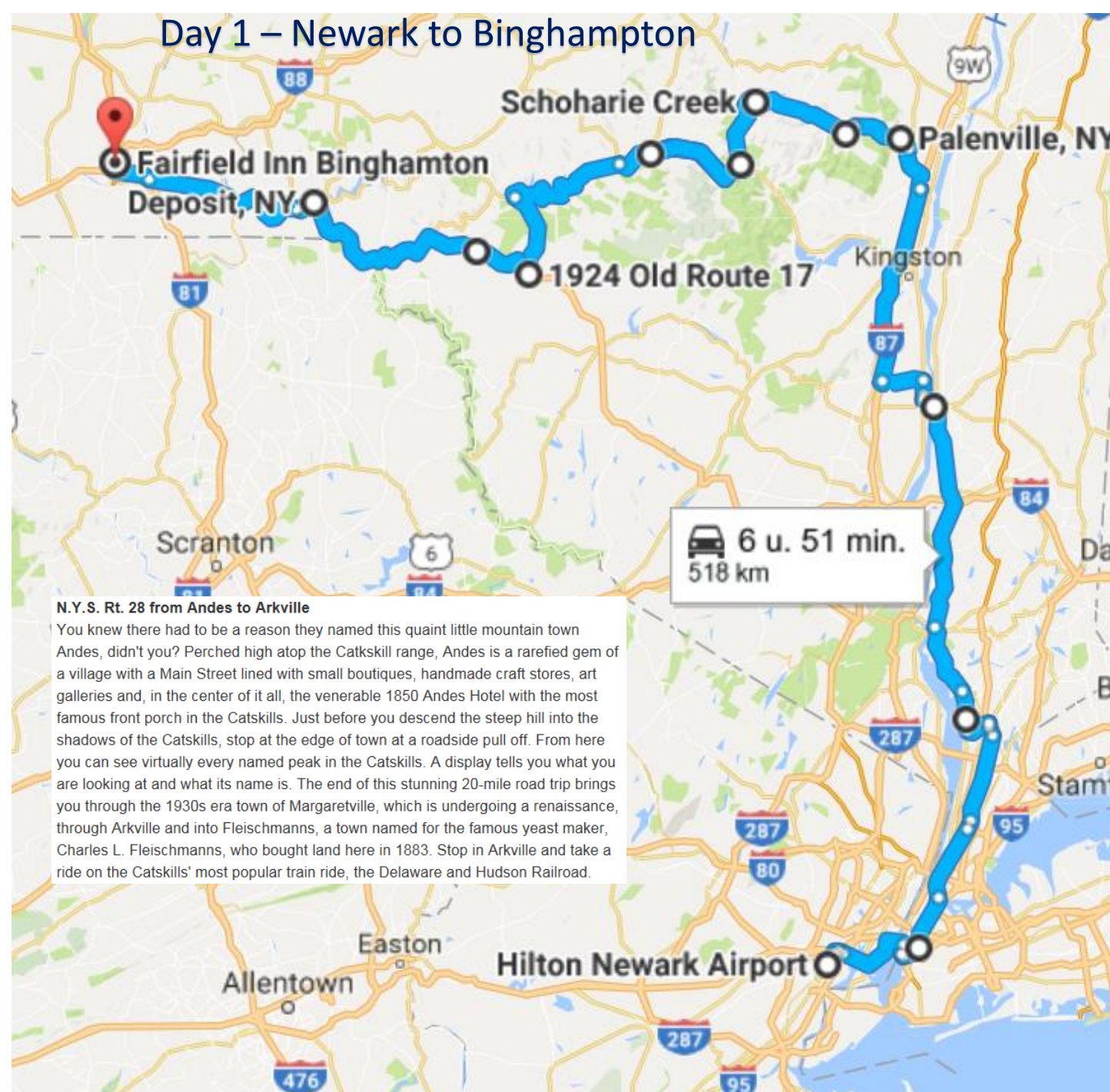


Day 1 – Newark to Binghamton



East of the Hudson

The East side is a bit flashier than the west, with historic homes (and even gas) going for more than the rootsier, more mountainous west side.

Scrappy Poughkeepsie is chiefly a valley hub, but near the train station and downtown, it's worth saving a couple hours for the longest pedestrian bridge in the world. The non-profit **Walkway Over the Hudson** (www.walkway.org) transformed a 1.28-mile abandoned railroad bridge into a pedestrian park in 2009. It hosts several walks, and is a great spot for the July 4th fireworks show.

N.Y.S. Rt 23A from Hunter to Palenville

This is the granddaddy of all Catskill Mountain roads. Just 12-miles in length, its twists and turns will double the mileage as you creep around hairpin turns and squeeze through narrow passes. Hunter Mountain offers its own treat in its gondola ride to the top of the ski mountain, a ride almost as popular in the fall as it is for winter skiers. On your way down Rt 23A, you will pass the most famous waterfalls in the Catskills. At 260 feet tall, Kaaterskill Falls is one of the tallest waterfalls in the state and it passes so close to the road you are likely to get "misted" as you pass by. Many of America's early famous artists, including Thomas Cole, immortalized these falls in their Hudson River School paintings.

NYS Rt. 17 from Roscoe to Deposit

This road has it all. River views, rolling hills, sprawling vistas and enough dynamic autumnal colorbursts to make any Vermonter jealous. The road hugs the Delaware River which forms the border between New York and Pennsylvania. For many years a large sign officially declared this section of the road as "America's Most Scenic Highway." The southern terminus of this stunning road puts you conveniently at the front door of one of Upstate's most legendary eateries, the Roscoe Diner. It has been a Rt. 17 staple for more than a half century and has been known to serve over 1,000 meals in a single day.

NYS Rt 42 between Lexington and Shandaken

This is an interesting 12-mile road which cuts deep between the mountains in the Catskill region. The road twists and turns and climbs a steep grade its entire length. On a bright autumn afternoon, you will go from blinding sunlight to shadowy darkness even in the early afternoon. Travelers like this shortcut route and have dubbed it "The Notch" because of the way it slices through the mountains.



Manhattan



Hudson river

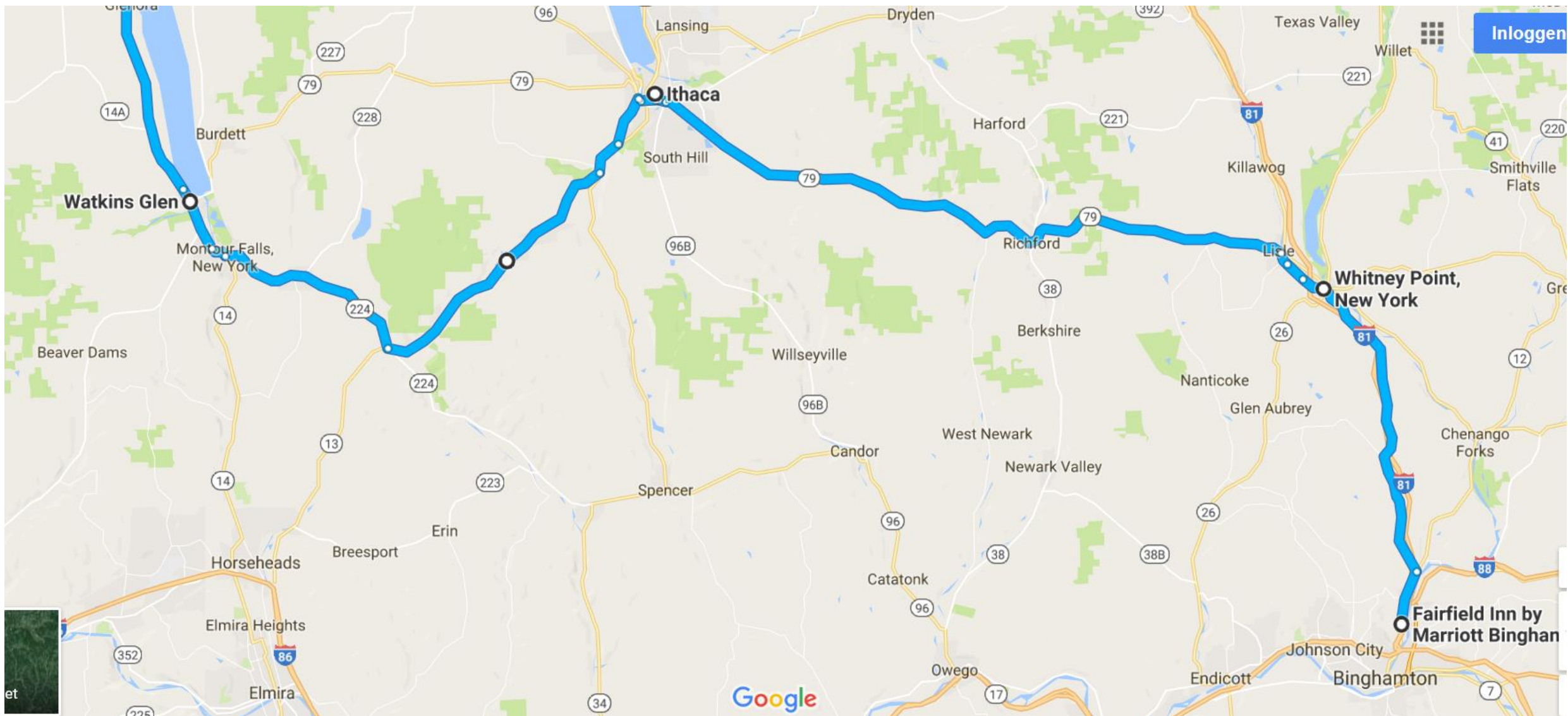


Poughkeepsie Walkway

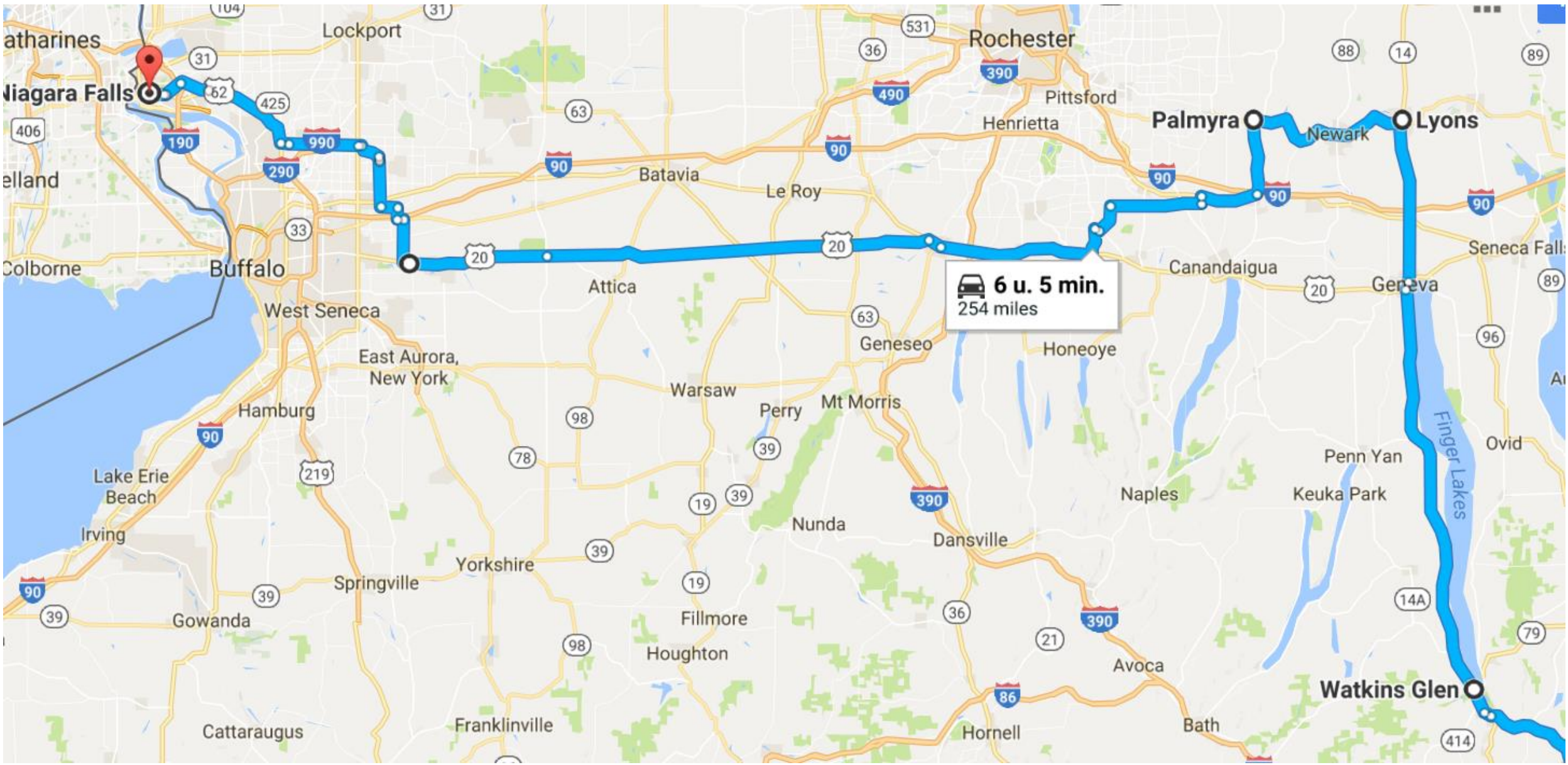


Catskills





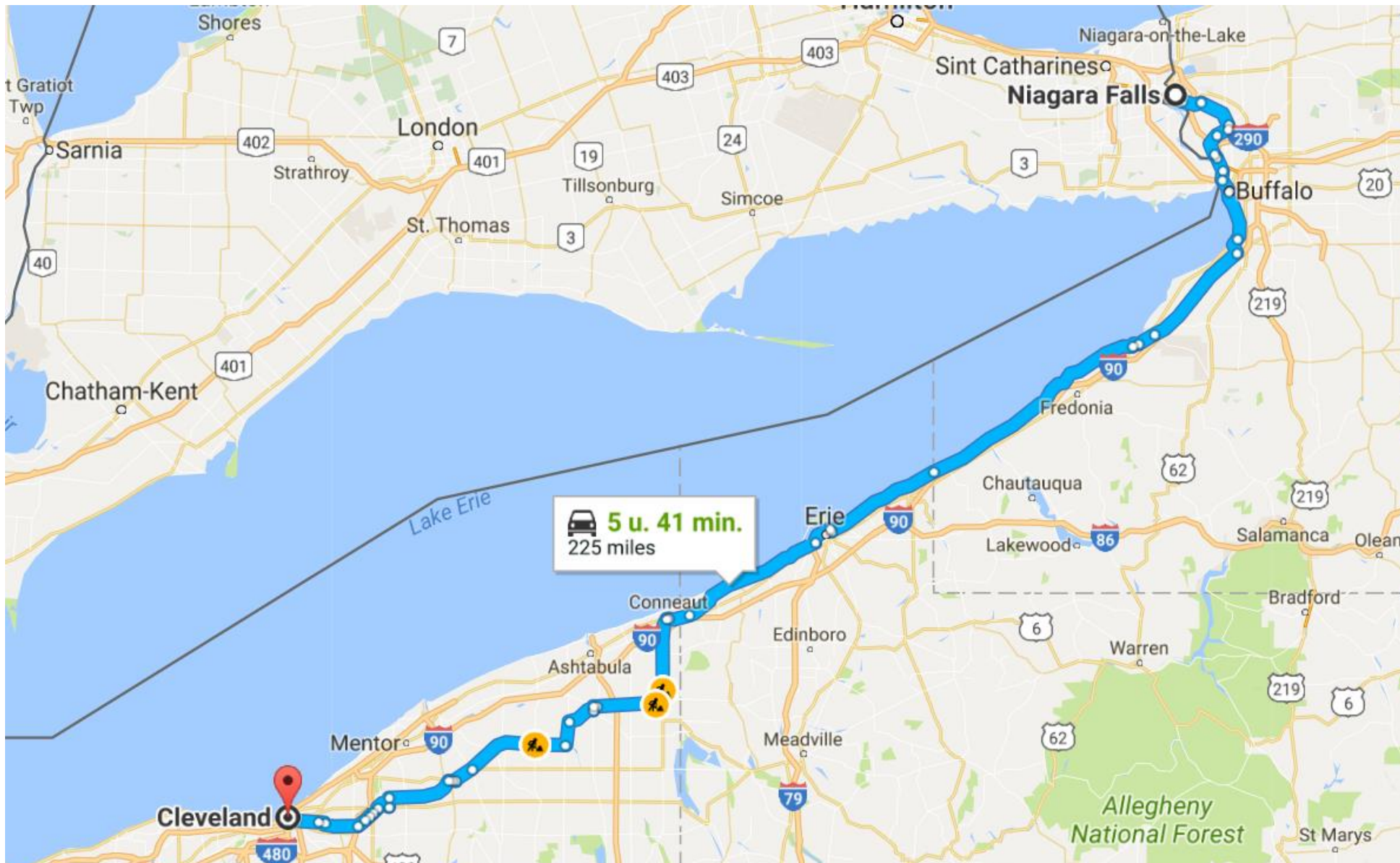
Binghamton via R12 to Whitney Point, then R79 to Ithaca, R13 to Alpine junction, R224 to Watkins Glenn.



From Watkins Glenn via R14 to Lyons, via the NY Canal to Palmyra, then to R20, and then head towards Niagara Falls

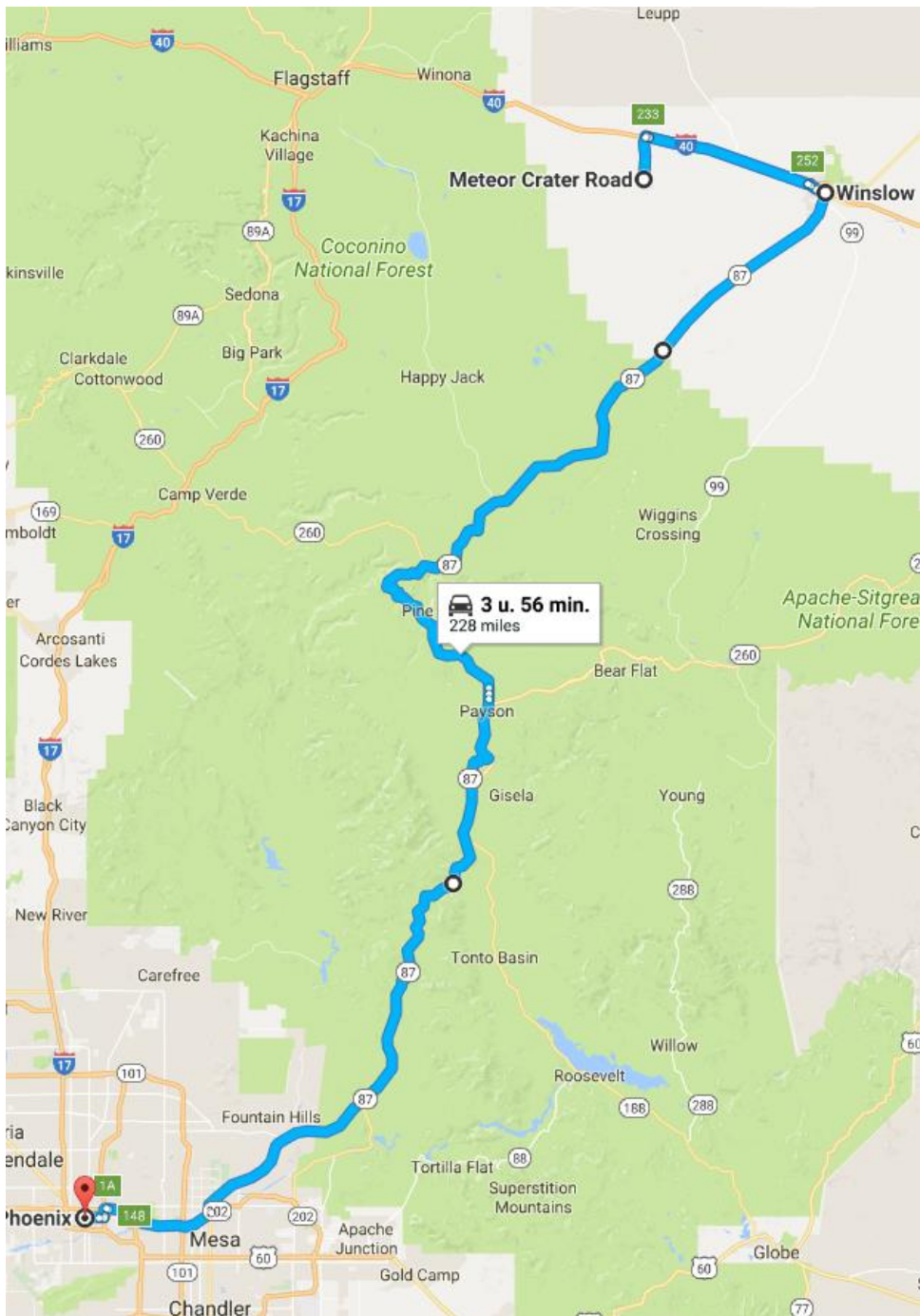


Watkins Glen



From Niagara Falls to Cleveland, preferably via some scenic routes, combined with highway
Next day we drive mostly highways to Chicago, but with a stopover at the Auburn museum in Auburn.

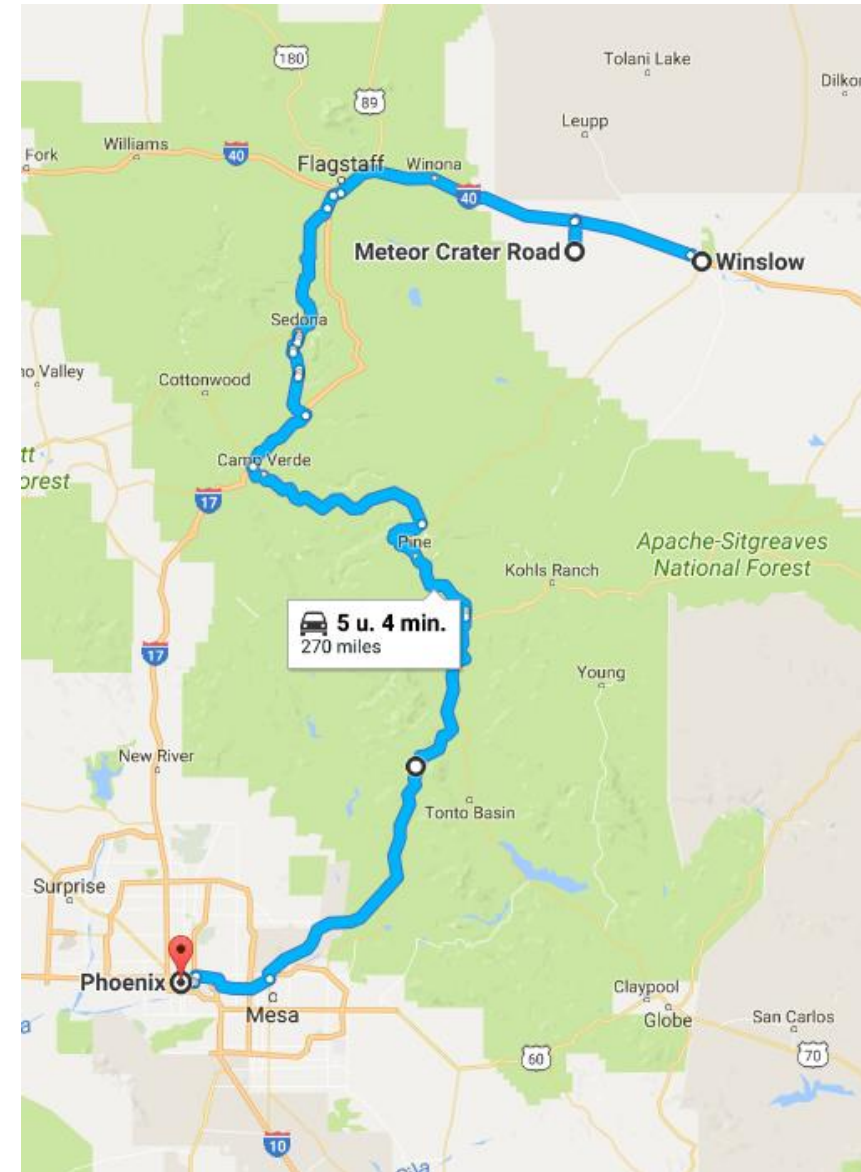
ROUTE 66 TO WINSLOW

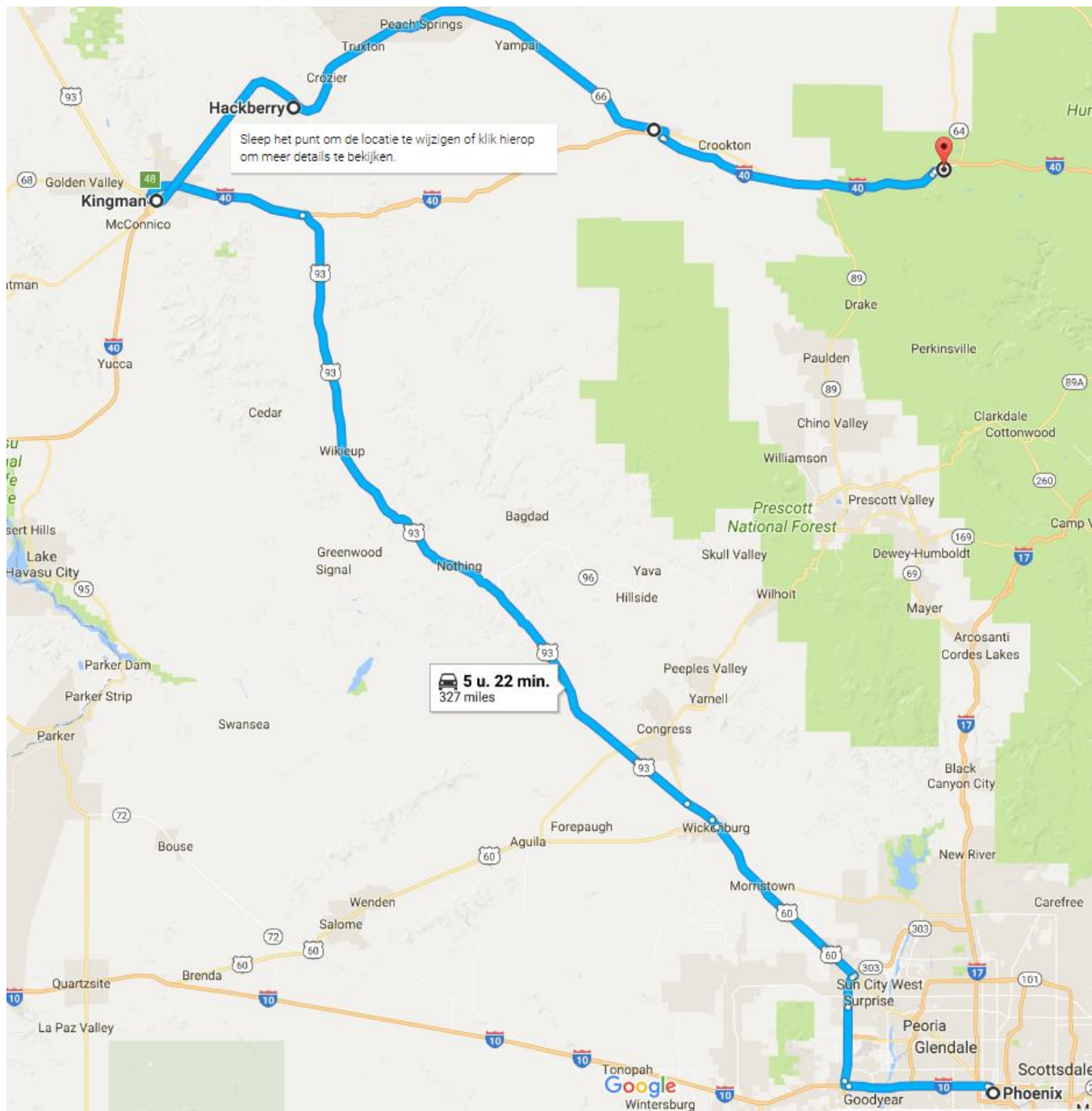


From Winslow we should visit the Meteor Crater, and then go via route 87 to Phoenix.

Alternatively, we could go via Flagstaff and R89A + R87 to Phoenix

Next day Optional :
Airplane Boneyard in Tucson

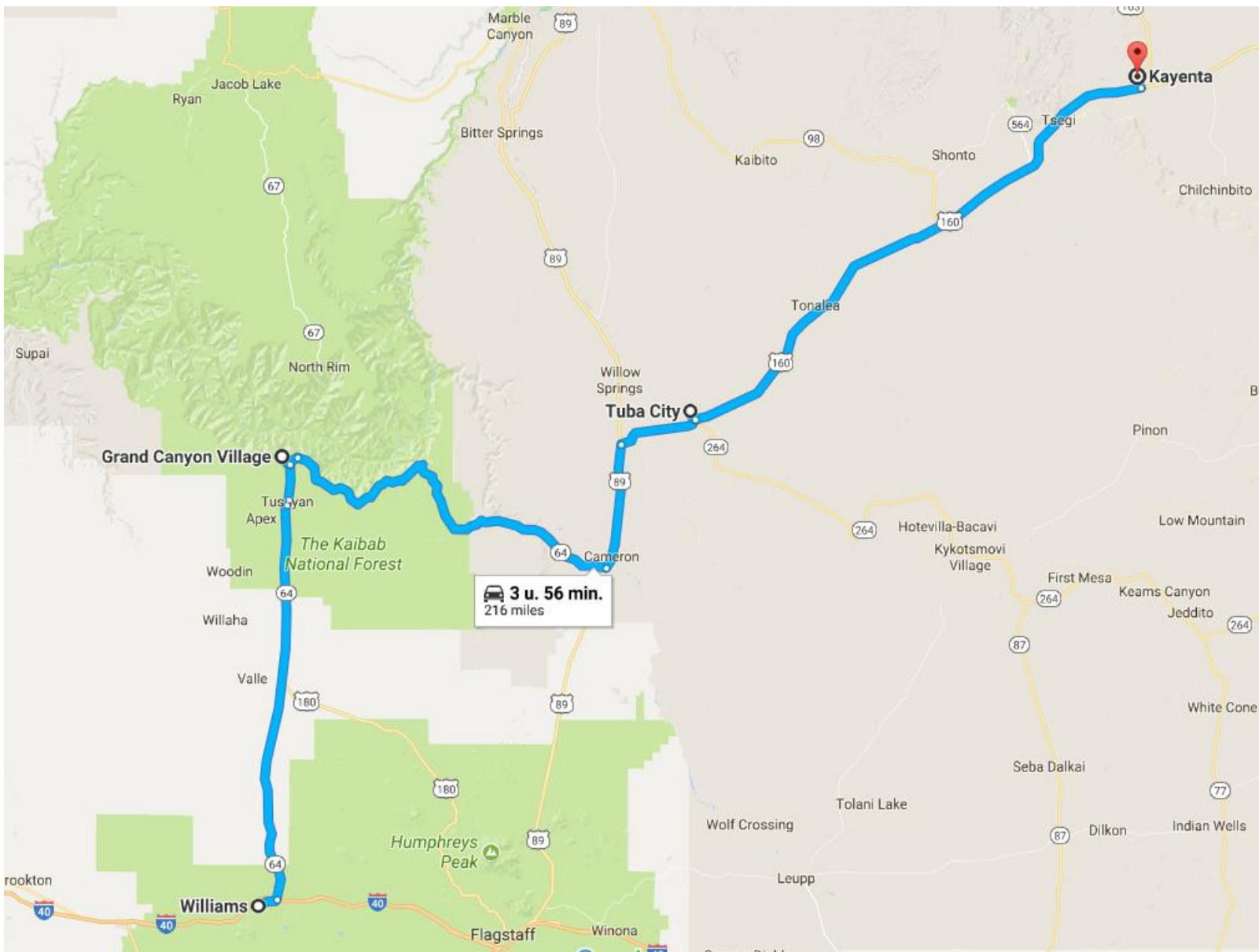




From Phoenix

Highway to Kingman, then Route 66 to Seligman, and further to Willams.

In Seligman we will meet some US Borgward owners !



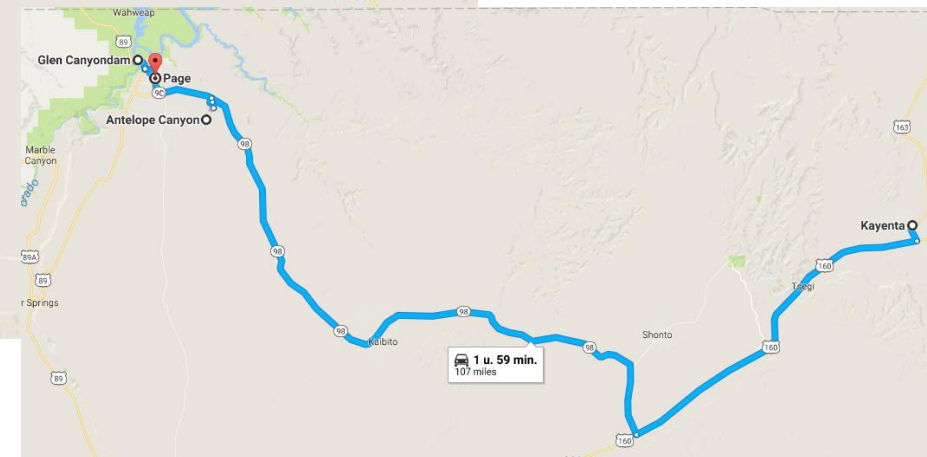
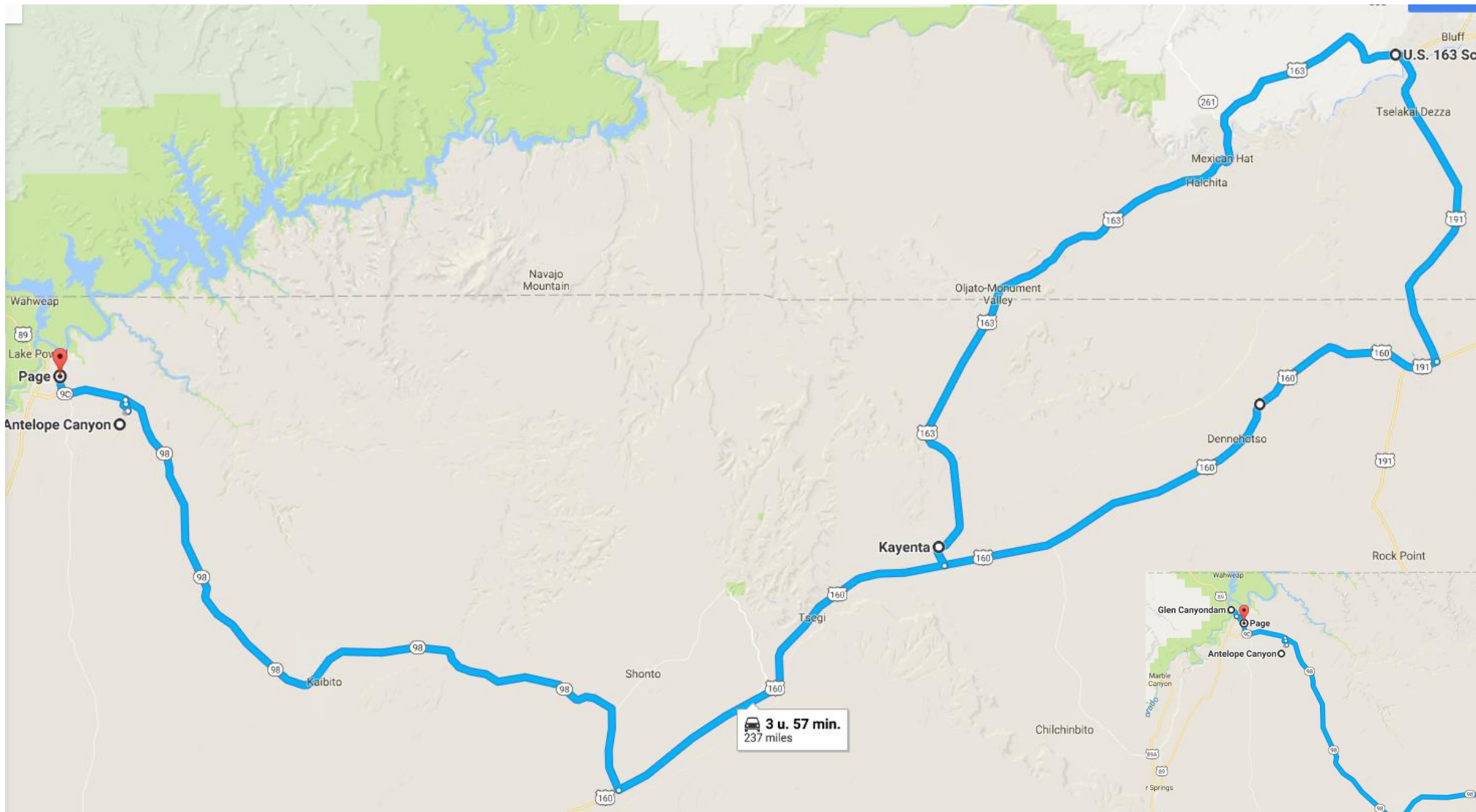
From Williams to the South Rim, and then via Tuba City to Kayenta.

Optional :

Helicopter flight over the grand canyon?

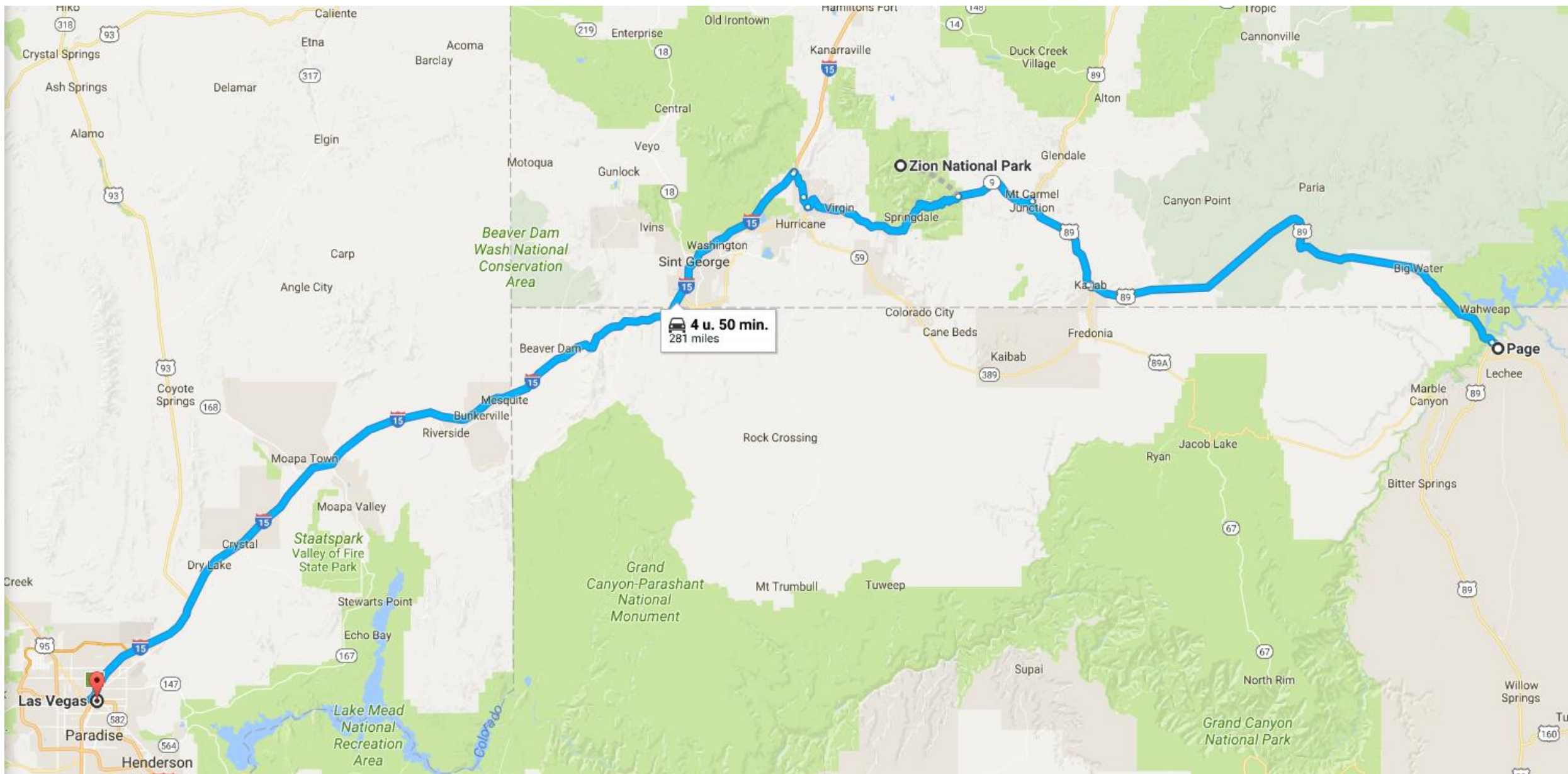
Please check if co-pilots could take the train (one way) to Grand Canyon and rejoin the group there...

Jeep Tour through Monument Valley (late afternoon to evening)

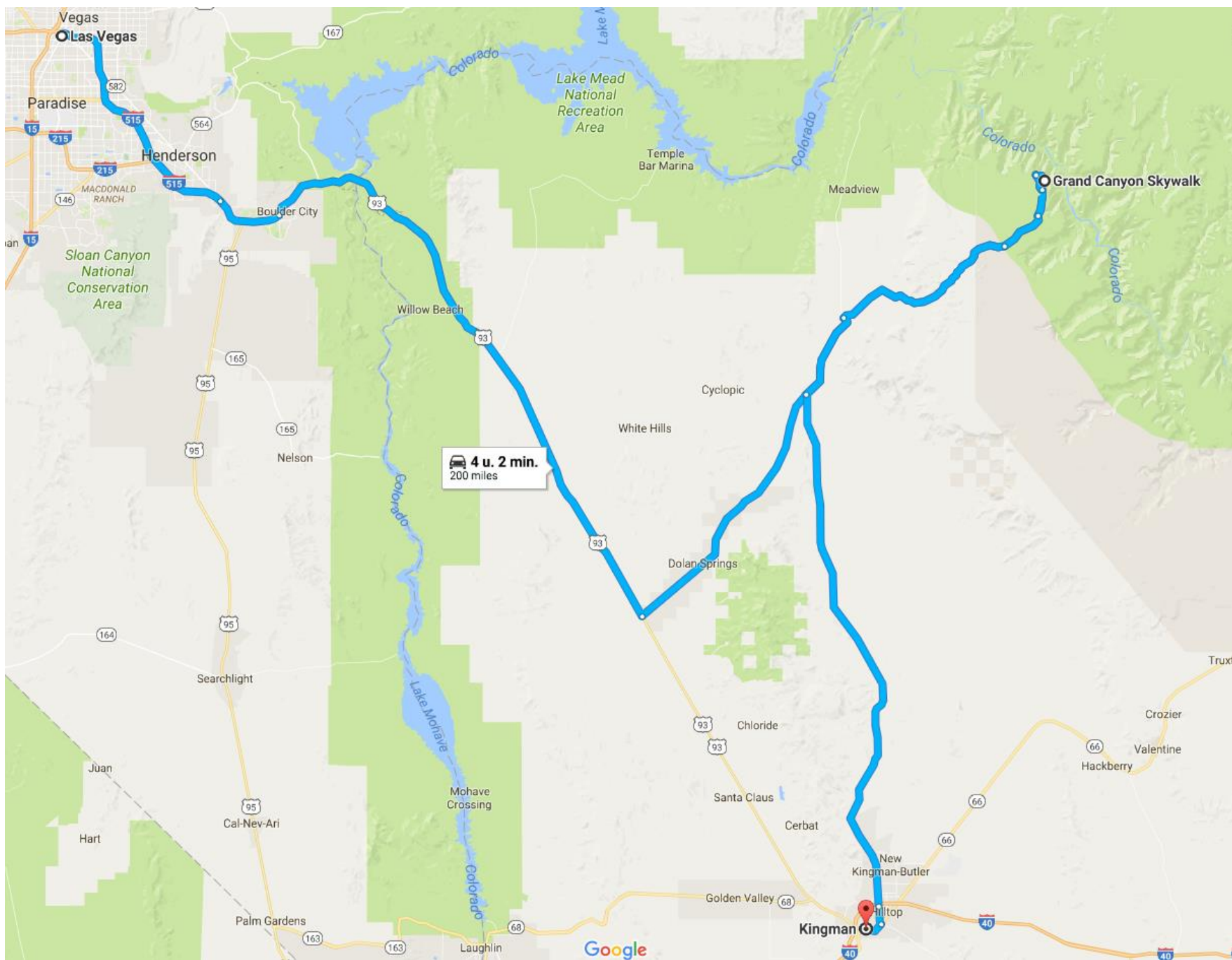


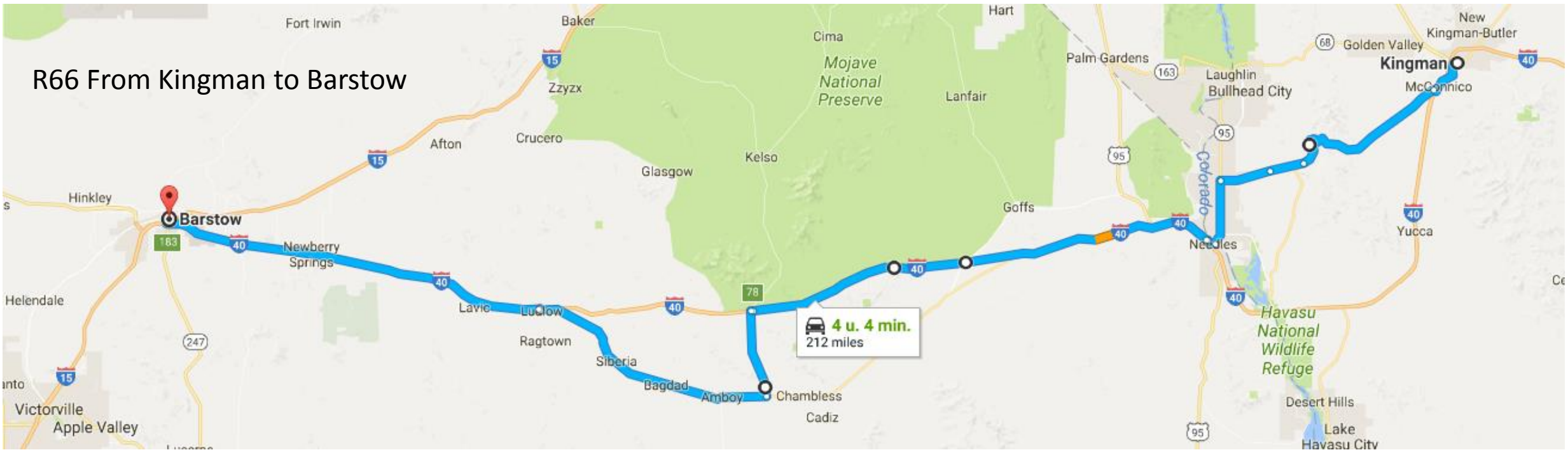
From Kayenta, we could drive towards Bluff, and then back into Monument Valley via the scenic Route, passing Mexican Hat, and back to Kayenta. Then further on from Kayenta to the Antelope Canyons and Page.

This Monument drive part could be skipped if we do the Jeep Safari (the day before late afternoon or in the morning of the same day). If the Jeep Safari is done the previous day, we could drive up to the Glenn Canyon Dam for a visit



On our way from Page to Las Vegas, we could include the optional drive through Zion... (though there's no time to really visit)
In Las Vegas, we could also do the optional flight over the Grand Canyon, and maybe some driving to Death Valley though visiting "Welderup" in Las Vegas (they're on the Strip) seems like a better option for me.





From Barstow, the US club Members will join our group and should take us to Santa Barbara. Just to be sure, maybe it's best to include a proposal for that stretch too.

From Santa Barbara, we then will drive to the port in long Beach LA, preferably via the PCH