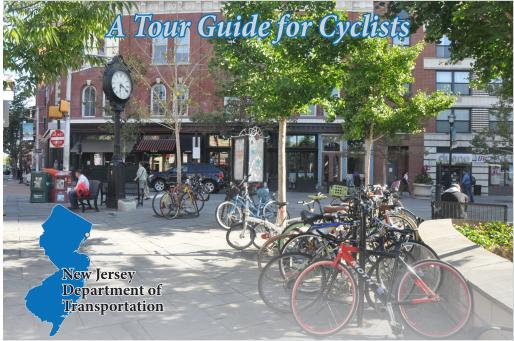
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Jersey City to Hoboken Waterfront Tour



Stunning views of Manhattan. Vibrant, urban neighborhoods. Eclectic restaurants.

This 14 mile loop takes you through the historic and diverse neighborhoods, lively downtowns and spectacular waterfronts of Jersey City and Hoboken. The route is easy and flat and mostly utilizes on-street bike lanes and off-road paths.

Starting in the 1,212 acre Liberty State Park in Jersey City, the tour heads north along the scenic and family-friendly Hudson River Waterfront Walkway. Along the way you will pass the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, marinas filled with yachts, two historic rail terminals, new skyscrapers, and some of the best urban parks in the country.

The ride south through western Hoboken travels along Grand and Monroe Streets where new high- and low-rise condominiums mingle with 19th century row homes. The route then goes off-road again along a shared-use path parallel to the Hudson Bergen Light Rail tracks from 2nd Street Station to the border of Jersey City.

After passing under the elevated Route 139 and NJ Turnpike Extension (I-78), the tour enters the historic Hamilton Park neighborhood with brownstones and a Victorianera park. Going further south into Jersey City, you will pass the Harsimus Stem Embankment, a massive, segmented stone structure that parallels Sixth Street for six blocks, outstanding murals, eclectic restaurants and the beautiful Van Vorst Park before returning to Liberty State Park.

THINGS TO DO/ATTRACTIONS

WASHINGTON STREET is the "Main Street" and Central Business District for the City of Hoboken. In 2010 it was designated as a Great Street by the American Planning Association. Lined with numerous dining and shopping options, it is a great place to rest and relax while enjoying one of New Jersey's most unique and vibrant urban environments.





A source of civic pride for Hoboken, PIER A AND PIER C PARKS, provide a temporary escape from an urban setting and offer some of the best views of Manhattan. Until the mid-20th century, Hoboken's waterfront was largely industrial and inaccessible to the public. Today, docks and factories have been replaced by parks and promenades. Pier A Park, located just north of Hoboken Terminal, has plenty of lawn space for picnicking and sunbathing. Pier C

Park is a tiny island oasis accessible by a curving walkway and includes a water play area, playground and fishing pier.

JERSEY CITY'S HISTORIC DOWNTOWN is the city's cultural center, housing restaurants, shops, galleries, and wonderfully preserved brownstones and row homes. Commercial activity is centered on Grove Street and Newark Avenue. Grove Street is where you will find City Hall, completed in 1896, and the PATH station. The PATH station plaza is also the site of monthly artist festivals, a weekly music series, and a weekly farmer's market.





HARSIMUS STEM EMBANKMENT is a half-mile-long historic railroad embankment, now abandoned and largely overgrown with foliage, parallel to Sixth Street in Jersey City. This elevated stone structure once carried seven Pennsylvania Railroad tracks to the Hudson River, where they met ferries to Manhattan at the Exchange Place Terminal. The Embankment is listed on the New Jersey State Register of Historic Places.

DIRECTIONS

You can choose to begin the ride anywhere along the loop. Directions, however, begin along the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway (HRWW) along the southern edge of the parking lot at the intersection of Morris Pesin Drive and Freedom Way in Liberty State Park in Jersey City (see Map 1).

_	Point to Point	Description		
MAP 1				
0.0	0.0	Follow the HRWW northward around Liberty State Park keeping the water on your right. Enjoy views of the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, New York City and the marinas along the Morris Canal Big Basin.		
3.1	3.1	Right at the fork toward the Ethel Pesin Liberty Footbridge. Cross bridge.		
3.2	0.1	Continue onto Jersey Avenue. Cross light rail tracks with caution.		
3.6	0.4	Right at stop sign onto York Street.		
3.8	0.2	Left at traffic light onto Grove Street.		
3.8	275'	Right at traffic light onto Montgomery Street.		
4.4	0.6	Cross Hudson Street and light rail tracks. Arrive at Exchange Place Plaza.		
4.5	300'	Left to continue north along the HRWW.		
4.8	0.3	Cross Harborside Place. Continue north on the HRWW.		
MAP 2				
5.6	0.8	Arrive at Town Square. Follow River Drive South around two sides of Town Square. INSET A		
5.7	0.1	Stay straight to continue north on River Drive South.		
6.0	0.3	Right at stop sign onto Park Lane South.		
6.0	200'	Road ends. Left to continue north on HRWW.		
6.3	0.3	Arrive at Hoboken Terminal. Walk your bicycle through the train station.		
6.4	0.1	Continue north on the separated bike path that parallels the HRWW and Sinatra Drive. Pass Pier A and Pier C Parks.		
6.8	0.4	Separated bike path ends. Left onto Sinatra Drive.		
6.8	100'	Right at stop sign onto Frank Sinatra Drive.		

	Total Mileage	Point to Point	Description	
	7.4	0.6	After passing the industrial dock on the right and before crossing Sinatra Drive North, sharp right to continue onto HRWW. INSET B	
	7.9	0.5	Continue onto 15th Street.	
	8.3	0.4	Left onto Grand Street.	
	8.6	0.3	Right at stop sign onto 11th Street. INSET C	
	8.6	250'	Left at stop sign onto Adams Street.	
	8.7	80'	First right onto 11th Street.	
	8.8	0.1	11th Street ends. Left at stop sign onto Monroe Street.	
	9.6	0.8	Right onto 2nd Street.	
	9.7	0.1	Right at stop sign onto Marshall Street toward 2nd Street Light Rail Station. INSET D	
	9.7	225'	Left onto off-road path parallel to the light rail tracks. Path crosses Paterson Avenue and Observer Highway and continues under railroad tracks along Jersey Avenue.	
	10.2	0.5	Left at fork in path onto Coles Street.	
	10.9	0.7	Pass by the Harsimus Stem Embankment along 6th Street.	
	MAP	MAP 1		
	11.2	0.3	After crossing Christopher Columbus Drive, road name changes to Varick Street.	
	11.4	0.2	Left at stop sign onto York Street.	
	11.5	450'	Right at stop sign onto Jersey Avenue. Continue over Ethel Pesin Liberty Footbridge onto Phillip Street.	
	12.1	0.6	Cross Audrey Zapp Drive (cobblestone road). Left onto path that parallels the roadway.	
	12.6	0.5	Right onto Freedom Way. Watch for turning motor vehicles.	
	14.0	1.4	Arrive at the parking lot at the intersection of Morris Pesin Drive and Freedom Way.	

LOCATION MAP



LEGEND

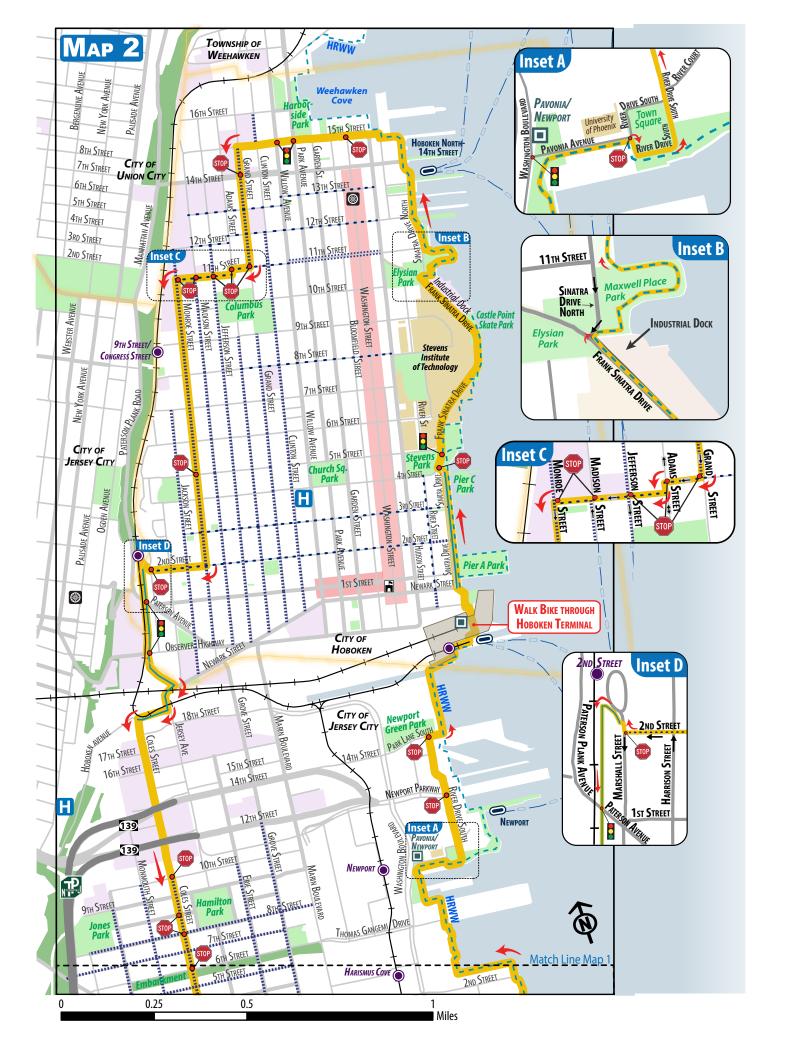
- Tour Route
- ---- HRWW
- Off-Road Path
- Bike Lane
- ---- Shared Lane Marking
- Municipal Border
- Ferry Route
- Commercial Area
- Parks & Open Space
- Forest & Shrubs
- Industrial
- University

- Light Rail Station
- PATH Station
- Ferry Terminal
- Parking
- Bike Shop
- City Hall
- H Hospital
- Restroom

DATA SOURCES

Roads, New Jersey Dept. of Transportation; Land Use, New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection; Bike Facilities, City of Hoboken and City of Jersey City; Hudson River Waterfront Walkway, Hudson County Planning Department.





GENERAL TIPS

PLAN AHEAD.

Read the route directions before beginning the ride. Be aware of traffic patterns. Plan trips to avoid peak traffic times.

OBEY SAFETY LAWS.

In New Jersey, a bicyclist has the same rights and responsibilities as a motor vehicle driver. Obey all traffic signs and signals. Ride as near to the right of the road as practicable exercising due care when passing; ride in the same direction as vehicular traffic; show your intention clearly when turning and changing lanes.

WEAR A HELMET.

This will reduce the possibility of disabling head injuries in the event of a fall or collision. Anyone under 17 years of age that rides a bicycle or is a passenger on a bicycle, or is towed as a passenger by a bicycle must wear a safety helmet.

SHARE THE ROAD/TRAIL.

Be aware of and respect the rights and safety of other road and trail users, especially children, pedestrians, joggers and equestrians.

BE AWARE OF ROAD CONDITIONS.

The NJDOT does not guarantee that the route is completely free from conditions that may be a hazard to bicycle traffic and takes no responsibility for the safety and fitness of the user and suggested route. In preparing this route, every attempt has been made to select roads that can provide a quality bicycling experience. However, road conditions continually change: pavements deteriorate, roads are resurfaced, more development leads to increased traffic. Conditions listed in this route were effective at publishing. Construction notices and traffic advisories can be found on www.511nj.org

READ THE NEW JERSEY BICYCLING MANUAL.

Riding a bicycle requires you to be responsible for your actions, for your safety and for the safety of others. This manual covers: Quick Maintenance Checks, Traffic Basics, Sharing the Road, Parking your Bike, Riding at Night and in Rain and Snow, Riding with Others, and Traffic Signals, Signs and Road Markings. The manual is available online at www.state.nj.us/transportation/commuter/bike/

The State of New Jersey has published this map and brochure to aid the cyclist and takes no responsibility for user's safety or fitness of the suggested routes. Ride carefully. This map illustrates the route and should be used for general wayfinding purposes.

Map by The RBA Group

OTHER MAPS, GUIDES & RESOURCES

HUDSON RIVER WATERFRONT WALKWAY (HRWW)

hudsonriverwaterfront.org/

LIBERTY STATE PARK

www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/liberty.html

DESTINATION JERSEY CITY

www.destinationjerseycity.com/

VISIT HOBOKEN

www.hobokennj.org/visit/

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