



## Great Swamp Ride



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## General Tips

### **Plan ahead.**

Read the route directions before beginning the ride.

### **Obey safety laws.**

Obey all rules of the road! Keep to the right; ride with traffic, not against it. Obey all traffic signs and signals. In New Jersey, a bicyclist has the same rights and responsibilities as a motor vehicle driver.

### **Use signals.**

Show your intention clearly when turning and changing lanes.

### **Share the road/trail.**

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

### **Be aware of road conditions.**

Users should take the trail as they find it. NJDOT does not guarantee that the trail is completely free from conditions that may be a hazard to bicycle traffic. In preparing this route, every attempt has been made to select roads that can provide a quality bicycle touring experience. However, some route segments may have adverse conditions.

Road conditions continually change: pavements deteriorate, roads are resurfaced, more development leads to increased traffic. Conditions listed in this route were effective at this printing.

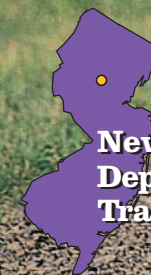
Your comments will be useful in updating or revising the route. E-mail comments to [Bicycle.Advocate@dot.state.nj.us](mailto:Bicycle.Advocate@dot.state.nj.us).

### **Be aware of traffic patterns.**

Plan trips to avoid peak traffic hours. This route generally utilizes low traffic volume roads. However, be careful if you bicycle during peak commuter traffic.

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## A Tour Guide for Cyclists



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Transportation**

# Great Swamp

The Great Swamp Tour consists of two loops passing through and around the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. A remnant of a glacial lake in southern Morris and northern Somerset counties, the Great Swamp forms the source of the Passaic River.

The routes feature some hills and only moderate traffic volumes, at least during non-peak weekday hours. But remember, the wildlife area is surrounded by residential development. Because of this, bicyclists must be prepared to share the road with motor vehicle traffic.

The Great Swamp is one of the truly unspoiled natural jewels of the state. Just 25 miles west of New York City you'll be serenaded by frogs and accompanied by turtles as you enjoy the many resident bird species, including the majestic blue heron.

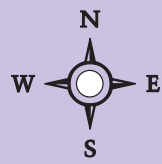
The really ambitious bicyclist can begin at Jockey Hollow and pick up Loops 1 and 2 at the Glen Alpin/Green Village Road/Lee's Hill Road intersection. Or, they can make the three-mile trek to Jockey Hollow as a side trip. It's a worthwhile excursion to see this encampment of log huts used by the Continental Army in the winter of 1779-80.

Parking can be a challenge for this tour. There are a few spaces at the wildlife management area and wilderness observation trails.

For Loop #1, limited parking is available at the Morris County Outdoor Education Center or on local streets near Madison or Chatham.

For Loop #2, limited parking may be available at the Somerset County Environmental Education Center, Lord Stirling Equestrian Center or on local streets in Basking Ridge and Far Hills.





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Both loop rides begin near the Great Swamp National Refuge Headquarters at the intersection of White Bridge Road and Pleasant Plains Road.

## LOOP #1 (18.1 MILES)

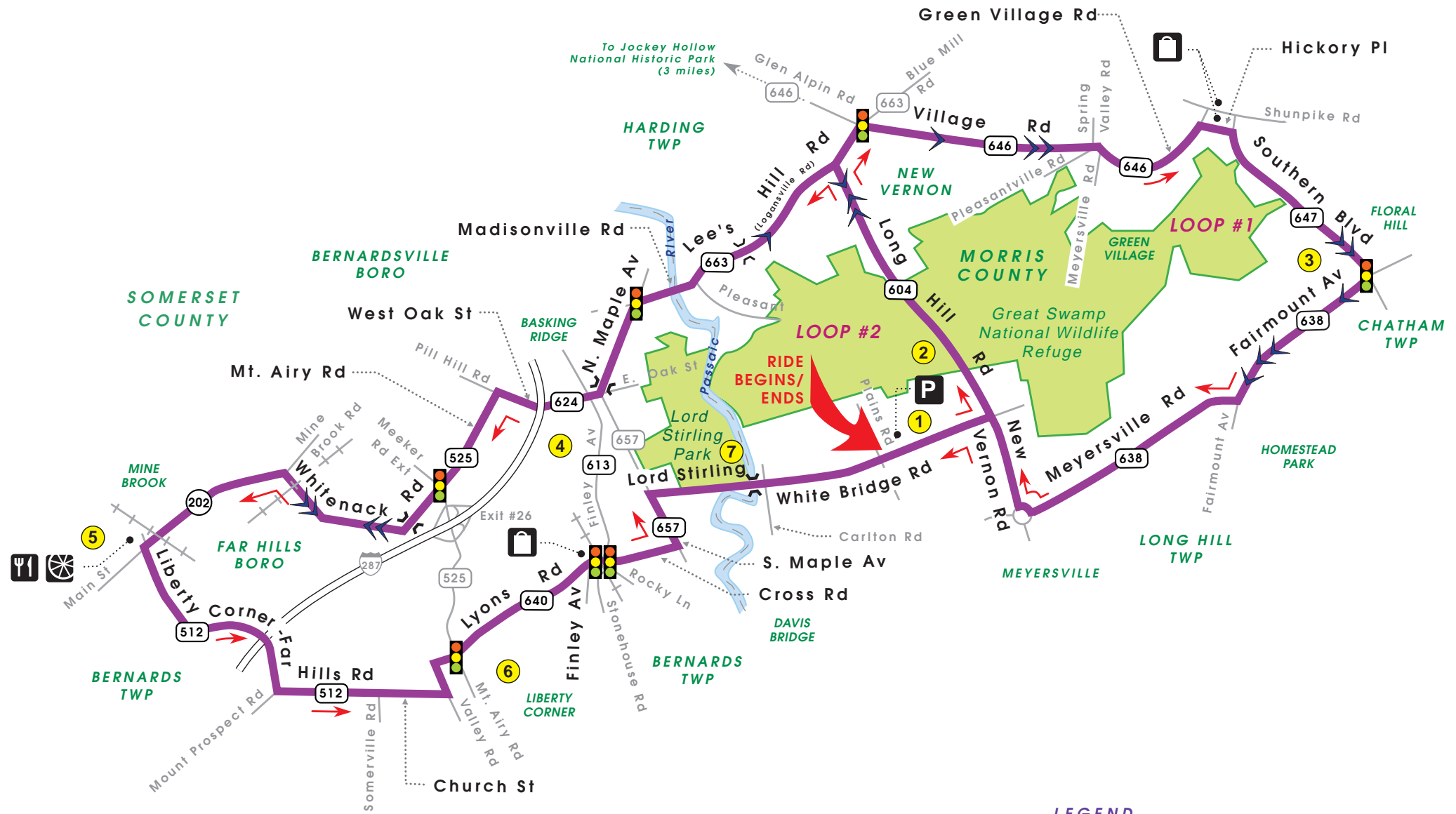
Cumulative Mileage*	Point to Point	Route Direction/Remarks
0.0	0.0	East on White Bridge Rd (toward New Vernon Rd)
1.3	1.3	Left onto CR 604 (New Vernon Rd); becomes Long Hill Rd/ <b>Long Hill Rd is a long uphill climb</b>
4.5	3.2	Right onto CR 663 (Lee's Hill Rd)/ <b>Steep downhill</b>
4.9	0.4	Right at light onto CR 646 (Village Rd)
7.2	2.3	Stay right on CR 646 (Village Rd/Green Village Rd) at (CR 646) Spring Valley Rd
8.6	1.4	Right onto Hickory Pl at Chatham Hill Apartments
8.8	0.2	Right at light onto CR 647 (Southern Blvd)
11.0	2.2	Right onto CR 638 (Fairmount Ave)
13.4	2.4	Right onto CR 638 (Meyersville Rd)
15.9	2.5	Right onto CR 604 (New Vernon Rd) at circle
16.9	1.0	Left onto White Bridge Rd
18.1	1.2	Arrive at starting point — intersection of White Bridge Rd and Pleasant Plains Rd

## LOOP #2 (24.3 miles)

Cumulative Mileage*	Point to Point	Route Direction/Remarks
0.0	0.0	East on White Bridge Rd (toward New Vernon Rd)
1.3	1.3	Left onto CR 604 New Vernon Rd; becomes Long Hill Rd/ <b>Long Hill Rd is a long hill up</b>
4.5	3.2	Left onto CR 663 (Lee's Hill Rd) (becomes Madisonville Rd)/ <b>Steep downhill</b>
7.3	2.8	Left at light onto North Maple Ave
8.2	0.9	Right fork onto East Oak St (toward Basking Ridge Center)
8.3	0.1	Straight onto West Oak St
9.4	1.1	Left onto CR 525 (Mt. Airy Rd)/ <b>Narrow bridge</b>
10.5	1.1	Straight onto Whitenack Rd at light/ <b>Steep downgrade. Bumpy railroad crossing near bottom. USE CAUTION!</b>
12.6	2.1	Left onto Route 202
14.2	1.6	Left onto CR 512 (Liberty Corner-Far Hills Rd) becomes Church St
18.2	4.0	Left onto CR 640 (Lyons Rd) becomes CR 613 (Finley Ave)
20.6	2.4	Thru Stonehouse Rd at light
20.8	0.2	Right at light onto Cross Rd
21.4	0.6	Left onto South Maple Ave at intersection
21.9	0.5	Right onto Lord Stirling/White Bridge Rd/ <b>Includes short stretch of gravel</b>
24.3	2.4	Arrive at starting point — intersection of White Bridge Rd and Pleasant Plains Rd

\* mileage is approximate

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### LEGEND

- Route
- Parking
- Food
- Bike Shop
- Shopping Center/Mall
- Direction of Steepness
- Route Direction
- Bridge
- Railroad Tracks
- Traffic Light

### DESTINATIONS

- Refuge Headquarters
- Wildlife Observation Center
- Morris County Outdoor Education Center
- Basking Ridge
- Far Hills
- Liberty Corner
- Somerset County Environmental Center

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