

D&R CANAL TOW PATH RIDE

The D&R Canal Tow Path Ride consists of two sections of the tow path trail adjacent to the Delaware and Raritan "feeder" Canal which runs along the Delaware River. The "feeder" canal supplies water to the main canal which runs between Bordentown and New Brunswick. Between 1834 and 1933 the canal was used for hauling goods, mainly for hauling coal to New York. In 1974 the sixty mile long canal and a narrow band of land along its banks, including the tow path, was designated as the D & R Canal State Park.

The two sections of the tow path trail which make up this ride are surfaced with compacted quarry grit, a surface which accommodates bicycle traffic.

The southern section, between Lower Ferry Road in Ewing Township and Lambertville, passes through Washington Crossing State Park. Here, parking is available next to the tow path. You can get to the main section of the park, including a loop road, via a pedestrian bridge which crosses Route 29. Limited parking is also available at other access points along the canal. Access to the trail from Bridge Street in Lambertville is via a short stretch of gravel road leading from the rear of the parking lot at the

Lambertville Station Restaurant.

The northern section stretches between Prallsville Mill, the headquarters of the D & R Canal Commission, and Frenchtown. It passes through the Bulls Island section of the D & R Canal Park where the feeder canal actually begins. The trail continues north to Frenchtown on abandoned railroad right-of-way. Parking is available at Prallsville Mill, Bulls Island, and in Frenchtown, just off Bridge Street.

Between Prallsville Mill and Frenchtown, Route 29 has a wide paved shoulder. This allows for the possibility of a loop ride utilizing the tow path trail in one direction and Route 29 in the other.

NOTE: Even though there are no motor vehicles on the tow path trail, this ride is not intended for those who are unskilled in controlling their bicycle. There will be other trail users, both bicyclists and pedestrians. There are several intersections where roadways cross the trail. The trail runs adjacent to the canal and, just south of Lambertville, there is a short section where there is a steep drop off to the river within ten feet of the tow path.

GENERAL TIPS

- **The law:** In New Jersey, a bicyclist has essentially the same rights and responsibilities as a motor vehicle driver. Obey all rules of the road! Keep to the right, riding with traffic, not against. Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- **Plan ahead:** Read the route directions before beginning the ride.
- **Road conditions:** In preparing this route, every attempt has been made to select roads which contribute to a high quality bicycle touring experience. However, in order to maintain route continuity, some route segments may suffer from adverse conditions such as poor road surfaces or motor vehicle traffic. THE NJDOT DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT THE ROUTE IS COMPLETELY FREE FROM CONDITIONS WHICH MAY BE A HAZARD TO BICYCLE TRAFFIC.
- **Traffic:** This route generally utilizes low traffic volume roads; however, there is virtually no place in New Jersey that is not affected by increases in

peak-hour commuting traffic. Ideally, trips should be planned to avoid these peak traffic hours.

- **Be alert:** Remember, conditions change over time - pavements deteriorate, roads are resurfaced, development leads to increased traffic. Conditions listed were effective at this printing. Any comments you might have will be useful in updating or revising the route.

ON THE TRAIL

- **Trail Conditions:** As with all trails experiences, users "take the trail as they find it." The NJDOT does not guarantee that the trail is completely free from conditions which may be a hazard to bicycle traffic.
- **Trail Etiquette:** All trail users should keep to the right and pass on the left. Yield to pedestrians if necessary. If you stop, don't stay standing on the trail.



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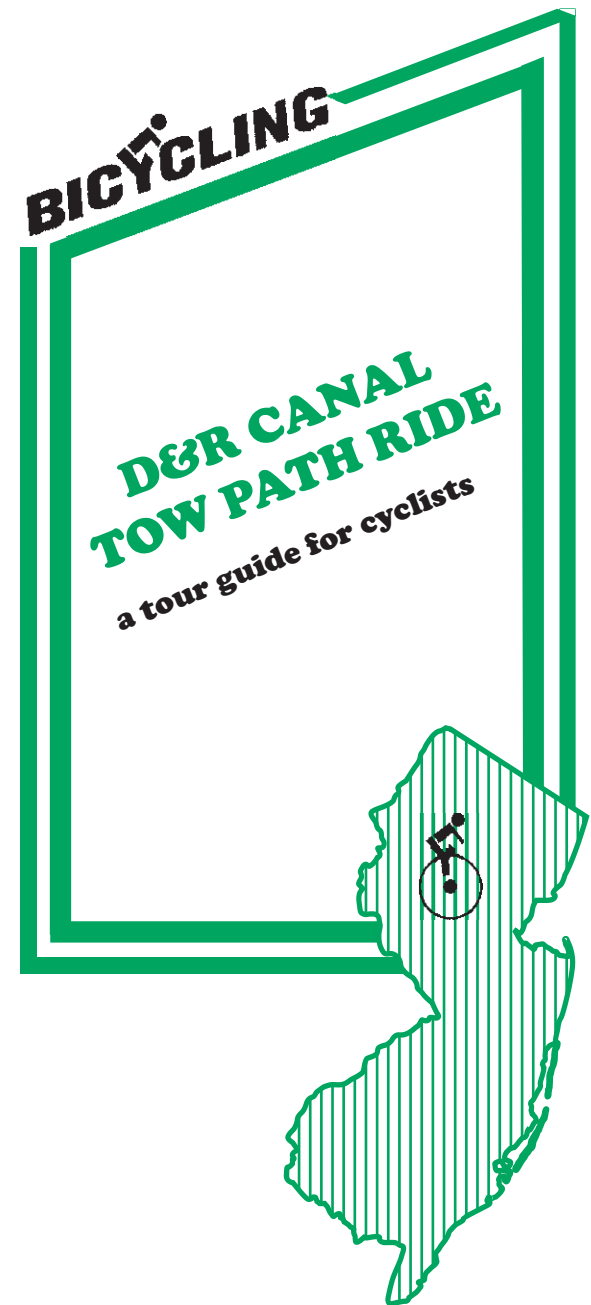
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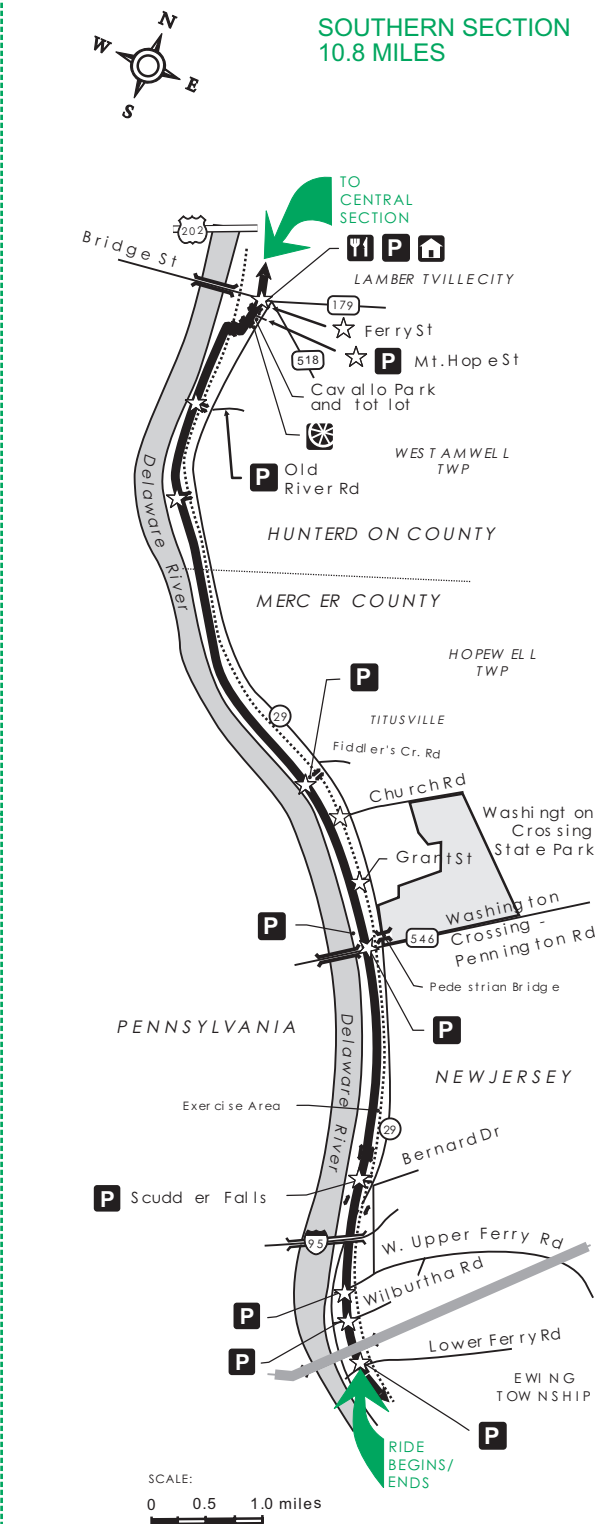
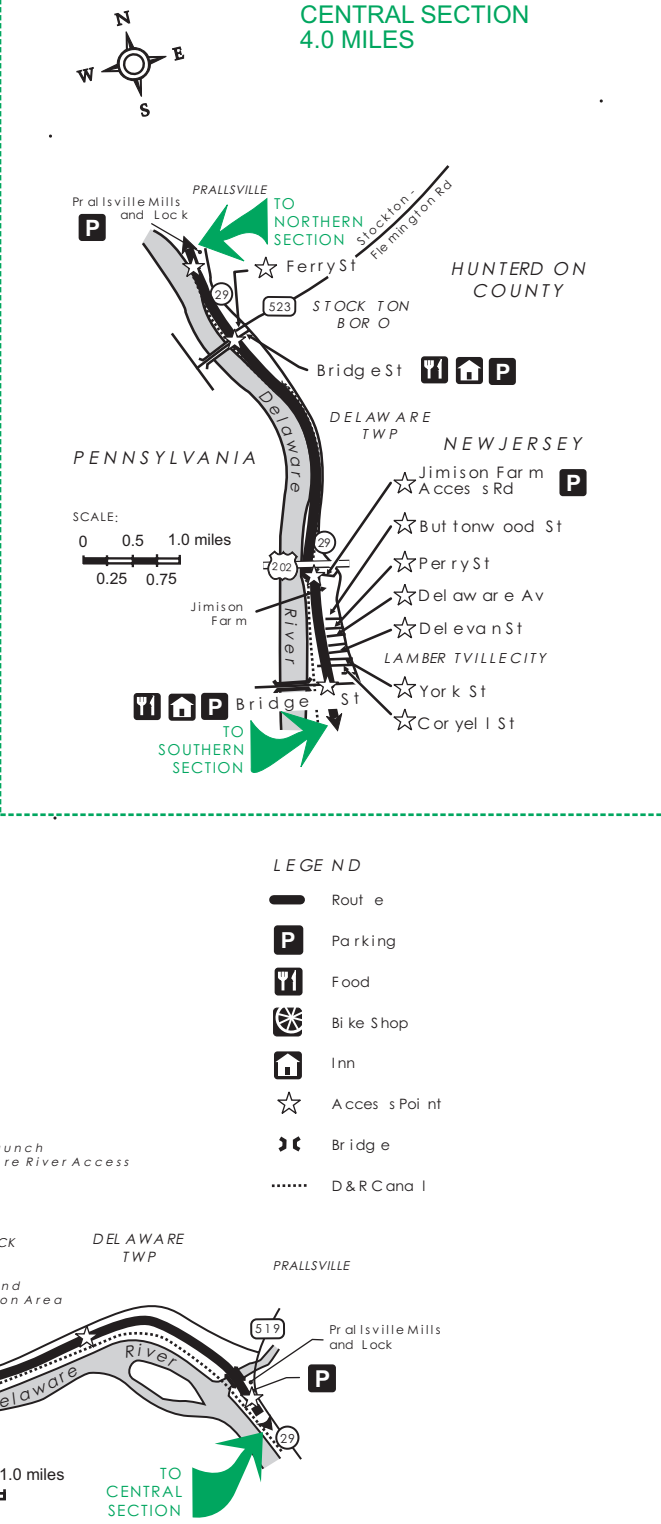
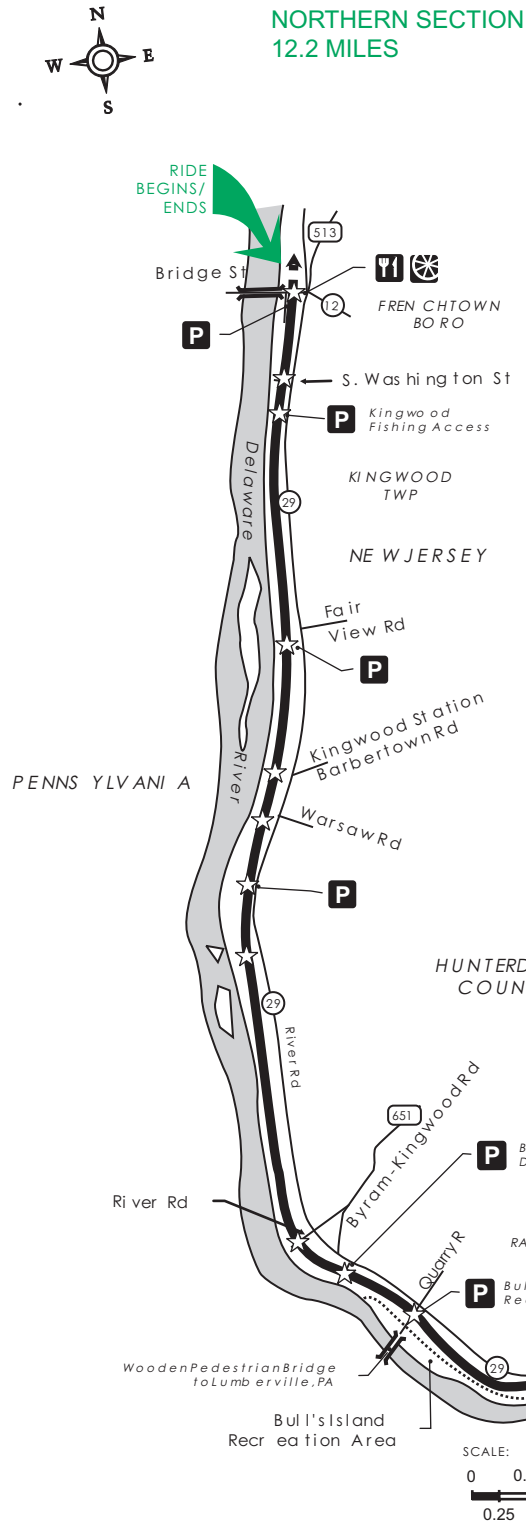
Cumulative Mileage	Route Direction
0.0	Bridge St, Frenchtown, Access Point
0.8	S. Washington St Access Point
1.0	Kingwood Fishing Access Parking Area, Access Point
2.6	Access point near Fair View Rd
3.5	Access point near Kingwood Station Barbartown Rd
4.1	Access point near Warsaw Rd
5.0	Access point, Informal parking
7.9	River Rd, Access Point
8.4	Byram River Access, Access Point (Boat Launch Delaware River Access), Access Point
9.3	Bull's Island Recreation Area (at Quarry Rd), Access Point
10.3	Wooden pedestrian bridge
11.2	Access point
12.2	Prallsville Mills and Lock, Access Point

CENTRAL SECTION

Cumulative Mileage	Route Direction
12.2	Prallsville Mills and Lock, Access Point
12.7	Ferry St, Access Point
12.8	Bridge St, Stockton, Access Point
13.4	Canal switches sides
15.2	Route 202 overpass
15.3	Jimison Farm, Access Point/Trail switches sides
15.8	Buttonwood St, Access Point
15.9	Coryell St, Access Point/Several Access Points from here to Bridge St, Lambertville
16.0	Bridge St, Lambertville, Access Point

SOUTHERN SECTION

Cumulative Mileage	Route Direction
16.0	Bridge St, Lambertville, Access Point
16.05	Ferry St, Access Point
16.1	Wooden bridge
16.2	Mt. Hope St (Cavallo Park), Access Point
16.4	Bridge
16.6	Bridge (Path switches sides)
17.4	Old River Rd, Access Point/bridge/parking area
19.2	Access Point/bridge
21.8	Access Point/bridge/parking area near Fiddler's Cr Rd
22.4	Church St, Access Point
23.1	Grant St, Access Point
23.6	Washington Crossing State Park, Access Point
25.1	Exercise area
25.5	Bridge
26.0	Scudder Falls Access Point/bridge
26.1	River Rd, overpass
26.3	I-95 overpass
26.9	W. Upper Ferry Rd, Access Point
27.3	Wilburtha Rd, Access Point
27.6	Railroad trestle
27.8	Lower Ferry Rd, Ewing Twp, Access Point



LEGEND

- Route
- Parking
- Food
- Bike Shop
- Inn
- Access Point
- Bridge
- D&R Canal