

Great Swamp

The Great Swamp Tour consists of two loops which pass through and around the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. The Great Swamp is the remnant of a glacial lake in southern Morris and northern Somerset Counties, an area which is the source of the Passaic River. In addition to observing portions of the wilderness area en route, there are opportunities to stop and hike on several wildlife observation trails.

The route contains several hills and since the wildlife area is surrounded (especially to the east) by areas of residential development, moderate traffic volumes will likely be encountered except for non-peak hours on week days. The route, therefore, is not for those who are not prepared to share the road with motor vehicle traffic.

While the route descriptions begin in the Wildlife Management Area, parking in the area is extremely limited. Parking at the wilderness observation trails is limited and intended primarily for foot trail users.

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

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

The truly ambitious can begin at Jockey Hollow and pick up Loop 1 or 2 at the Glen Alpin/Village Road/Lee's Hill Road intersection.



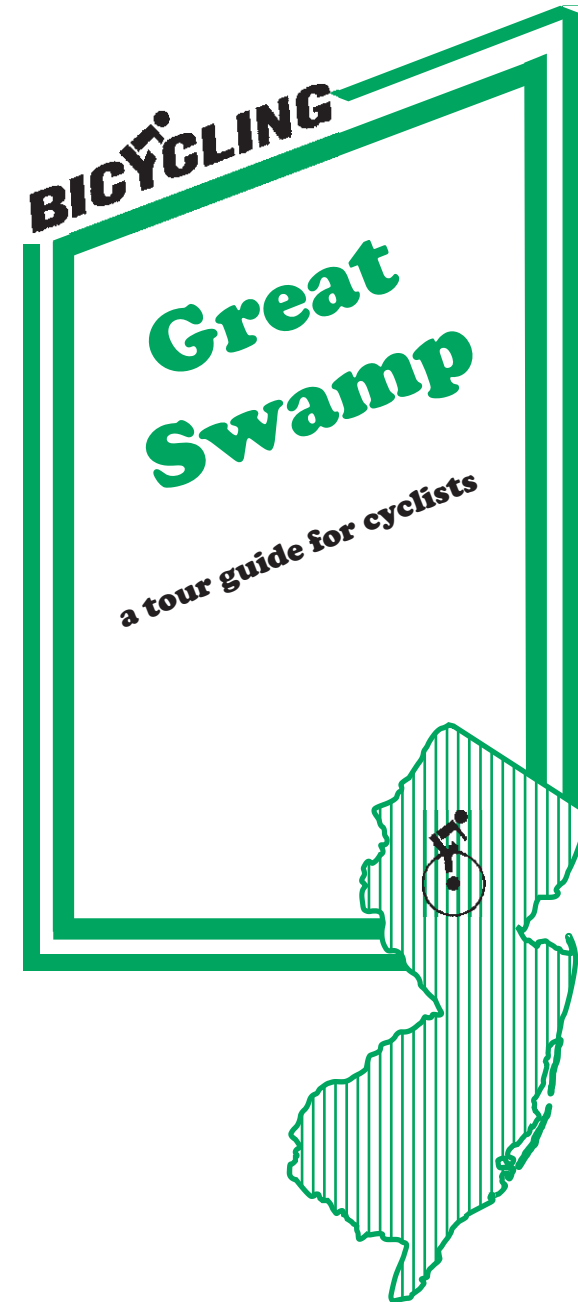
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GENERAL TIPS

- **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.

