

Old Mine Road

The Old Mine Road is an extremely scenic bicycle touring route through the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. The majority of the route is along the Old Mine Road, a road built in 1659 and used by Dutch settlers to bring copper ore from the Pahaquarry Mines to Esopus (now Kingston, New York) on the Hudson River.

This route description describes the route along the New Jersey portion of the Old Mine Road-from the Delaware Water Gap to Port Jervis, New York, a distance of 42.9 miles. In New York, the Old Mine Road continues another 60 miles to Kingston as Route 209. It has

considerably more traffic than the New Jersey section.

In a few places the Old Mine Road is obliterated or no longer maintained and the route follows other paved roads.

The route is moderately hilly with two major climbs and descents. North of Dingman's Ferry (on County Route 521) the route is fairly level. There are many points of interest along the route to visit or where you can park to begin an abbreviated version of the tour.

On summer weekends bicyclists are likely to encounter some traffic, particularly in the vicinity of the Delaware Water Gap Visitors Center.

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.



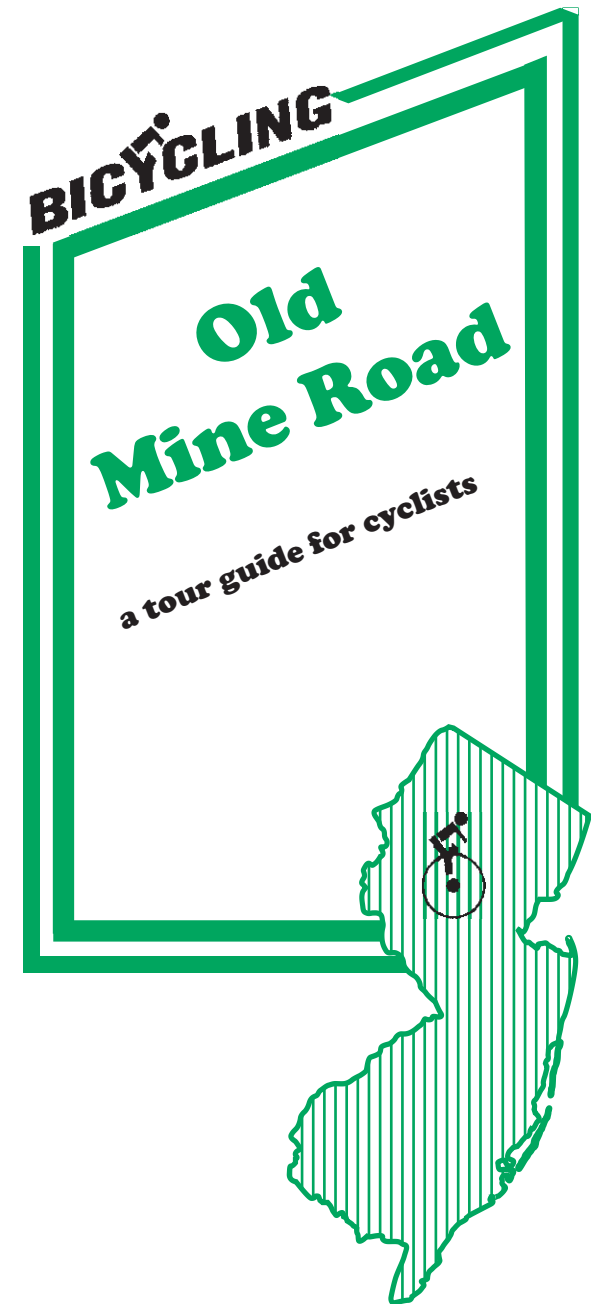
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The route description begins at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Visitors Center.

Cumulative Mileage	Point to Point	Route Direction/Remarks
0.0	0.0	Head north out of Visitors Center parking area along River Rd (Hardwick Twp)
0.4	0.4	Pass under I-80 overpass
0.5	0.1	Enter Worthington State Forest Park/ One lane traffic. Wait for green light; rough pavement in places
12.6	12.1	Left at Millbrook Village (towards Peters Village) CAUTION: steep ascent followed by steep descent with "S" curve, narrow bridge and stop at the bottom. BRAKES! KEEP BIKE UNDER CONTROL!
14.9	2.3	Left at intersection (after crossing new concrete bridge)
15.7	0.8	Beginning of Old Mine Rd (NPS 615)/ Monument marker on left side of road
21.6	5.9	Veer left (North) at intersection with NPS 615
26.5	4.9	Arrive at Peters Valley, cross CR 615 onto CR 521, take center road north towards Dingmans Ferry steep ascent followed by steep descent
28.4	1.9	At T-intersection with CR 560 (near Dingmans Ferry Bridge), travel straight ahead onto Old Mine Rd north
35.4	7.0	At junction make left onto CR206; bear right onto CR 521 north/affic
41.8	6.4	At the junction of three states: New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, enter New York State
43.2	1.4	Arrive at Route 6, Port Jervis, NY, the start of the NY Route 97 Scenic Byway

LEGEND

-  Route
-  Direction of Steepness
-  Parking
-  Bridge
-  Food
-  Traffic Light
-  General Store
-  National Park Service
-  Inn
-  Hiking
-  Camping
-  Educational Center

