

# Three Easy Scenic River Rides

*These bicycle tours are on scenic low traffic volume roads with few, if any, hills. Multi-speed bicycles are not a necessity. Since these routes traverse only a couple roads at most, detailed written route directions are not provided. The sketch map should provide sufficient detail for locating the route.*

## CANAL ROAD

Canal Road, along the Delaware Raritan Canal between East Millstone and Rocky Hill, is an ideal, easy bike ride. The road, which parallels the canal, is quite scenic and provides many attractive vistas. Parking is available in several places, indicated on the sketch map below. You can ride up and down the canal road or add some variety by making a circuit along Main Street, Montgomery Avenue, and River Road (note: River Road has a bit more traffic and some small hills). If you're really adventurous, you can ride along a portion of the canal tow path (not paved, but in reasonably decent shape).

## BATSTO TO BASS RIVER

This is a short variant of the Pine Barrens River Ramble along Burlington County Routes 542 and 653. It connects Batsto Historical Village in Wharton State Forest and Lake Absegami Recreation Area in Bass River State Forest. During the summer season swimming and refreshments are available at Lake Absegami. On the return trip, the Bulltown Road loop or the New Gretna loop can add some variety to the route.

## LAMINGTON RIVER VALLEY

Black River Road connects the village of Pottersville with the hamlet of Lamington along the Lamington River. The river, which is a tributary of the Raritan River, North Branch, serves here as the boundary line between Somerset and Hunterdon Counties. The tree shaded road follows the course of the meandering river and offers many scenic views. South of Lamington one can travel on County Route 665 to Somerset County College.

## 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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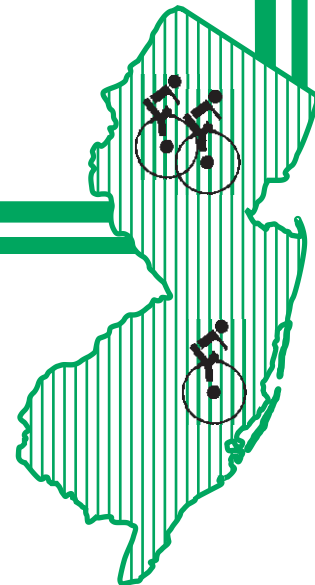
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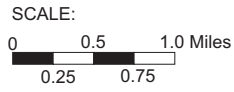
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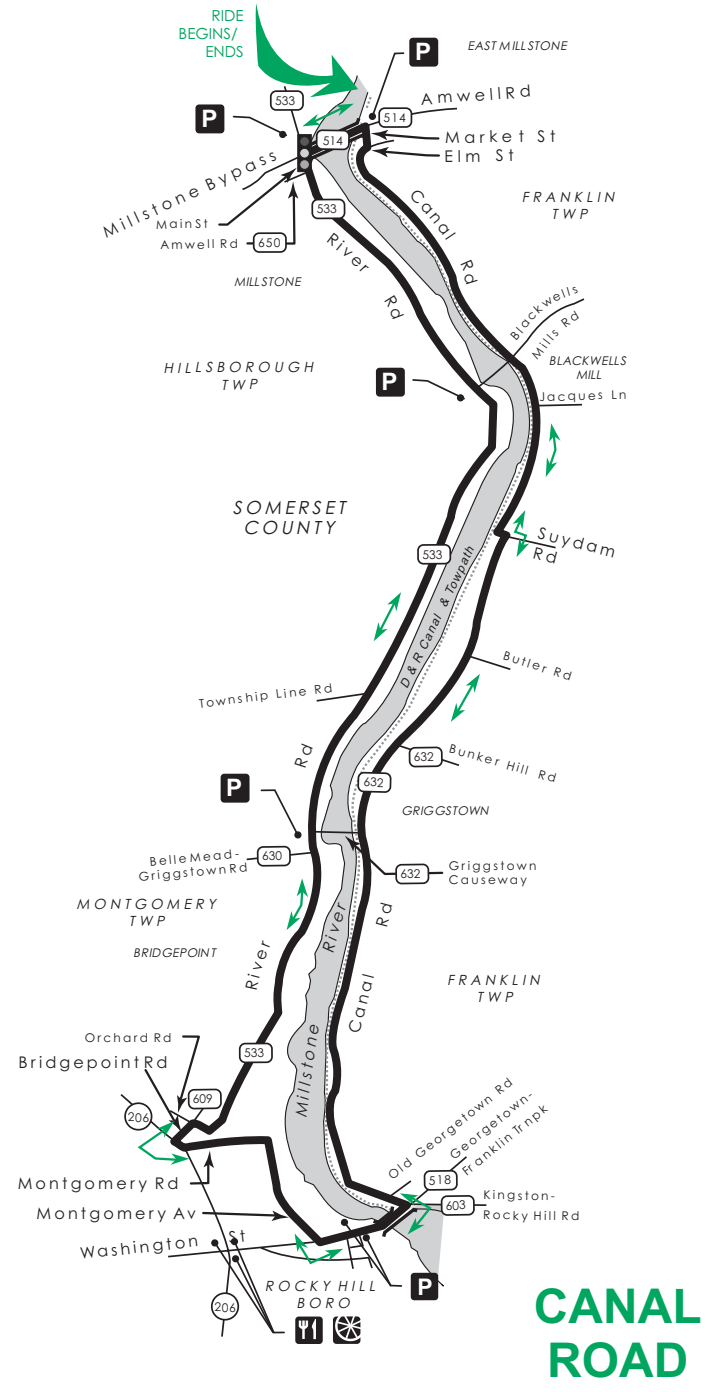
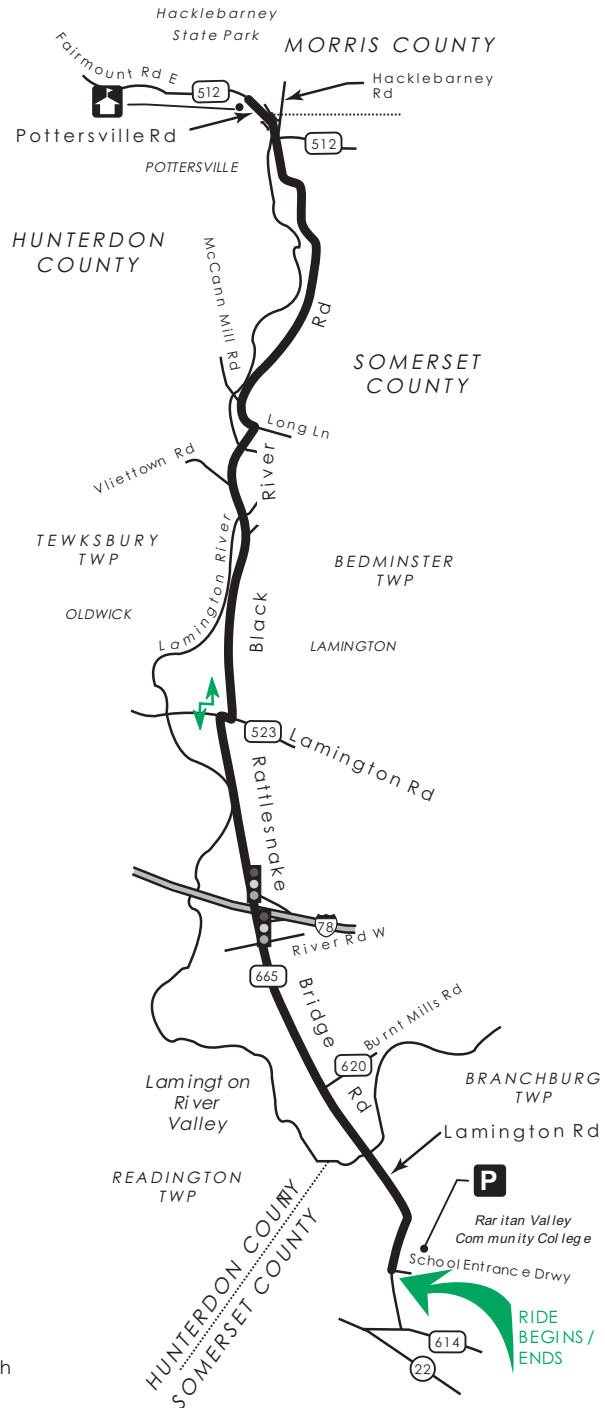


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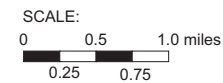


## LEGEND

-  Route
-  Parking
-  Food
-  Bike Shop
-  General Store
-  Inn
-  Camping
-  Route Direction
-  Bridge
-  Traffic Light
-  D&R Canal Towpath



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