



The southern section passes the Saddle Ridge Riding Center which is located in the beautiful rolling hills of Franklin Lakes. On its 28 acre site, the Center has three outdoor riding rings and a panoramic view of the surrounding area from the Paddocks and Wooded Bridle Trails. You also pass Scenic Upper Lake and Shadow Lake before returning to the Campgaw Mountain Reservation.

The tour begins and ends at Campgaw Mountain Reservation, a 1,351-acre wooded park in Mahwah, NJ. This park includes a ski area which has a 600 foot vertical drop and snowmaking capabilities, marked hiking trails and the peak of Campgaw Mountain at a 735' elevation. Located in the northeastern corner of New Jersey and settled by the Dutch, Bergen County is known for its historic heritage. Established in 1683, it is one of the four original counties in New Jersey. This tour can be easily segmented into two 11 mile sections through beautiful tree-lined residential neighborhoods. The northern section passes Darlington County Park in Mahwah and Ramsey which includes 178 acres, three lakes of which two are for swimming and one is for fishing, picnic areas, basketball, tennis and handball courts. Swimming is available from Memorial Day through Labor Day and fishing with the proper New Jersey license is available all year.

Campgaw Caper



The Campgaw Caper bicycle tour offers cyclists a 25 mile route through flat and rolling terrain. It is based on one of the favorite rides of The Bicycle Touring Clubs of North Jersey. Picturesque scenery is a feature of this 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 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.

Helmet Law

In New Jersey, anyone under 17 years of age that rides a bicycle or is a passenger on a bicycle, or is towed by a bicycle must wear a safety helmet.

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 route as they find it. NJDOT does not guarantee that it 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.

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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This route begins and ends at the parking lot of the Campgaw Mountain Ski Area in Mahwah and traverses over 25 miles of beautiful Bergen County.

Cumulative Mileage	Point-to-Point	Route Directions/Remarks
0.0	0.0	Start from exit of the parking lot of the Campgaw Ski Area / Disc Golf
0.4	0.4	Left at stop sign on Fike Road, cross over I-287
0.8	0.4	Left on Campgaw Road, cross over I-287
1.9	1.1	Right at stop sign on Darlington Avenue, cross under I-287, pass Darlington Park on the right
3.9	2.0	Right on Jean Street
4.3	0.4	Right at stop sign on Woodland Avenue (unmarked), Suraci Pond on the left
4.9	0.6	Left at stop sign on Shadyside Road
5.4	0.5	Left at stop sign on West Oak Street
6.2	0.8	Straight at stop sign, cross Wyckoff Avenue, name changes to East Oak Street, Ramsey Municipal Pool on the left
6.8	0.6	Right at stop sign on South Central Avenue, name changes to Hillside Avenue after entering Allendale
7.6	0.8	Right at traffic light on Forest Road, Northern Highlands Regional High School on the left
8.2	0.6	Stay left to follow Forest Road, Deli on the right
9.0	0.8	Cross Wyckoff Avenue at traffic light, Pizza place on the left . Forest Road changes to Pulis Avenue
10.1	1.1	Right at Chapel Road, Mahwah Recreation Facility on the right
10.7	0.6	Left at stop sign on Youngs Road, local bike route turns right
11.2	0.5	Left at stop sign on Campgaw Road, to shortcut loop; turn right back to start point
11.9	0.7	Right at stop sign on Pulis Avenue, Saddle Ridge Riding Center is on the right
12.8	0.9	Left at blinking light on Old Mill Road
13.5	0.7	Stay right to continue on Old Mill Road, Caution: crossing railroad tracks
14.3	0.8	Left at traffic light on Franklin Avenue
14.7	0.4	Right at traffic light on Ewing Avenue, cross under SR 208
15.4	0.7	Right on Peach Tree Lane
15.7	0.3	Left on Orchard Lane
16.6	0.9	Right at stop sign on Franklin Lakes Road
17.2	0.6	Through traffic circle with shopping center on the right
18.5	1.3	Right at blinking light on Colonial Road Cross under SR 208
21.0	2.5	Right at traffic light on Franklin Avenue, busy road, many services; food, post office, hardware store
21.3	0.3	Left at traffic light on Pulis Avenue, Franklin Avenue Middle School on left, Caution: crossing railroad tracks
22.8	1.5	Left on Campgaw Road
24.5	1.7	Left on Fike Road into Campgaw Reservation
25.0	0.5	Turn right at yellow gate to Disc Golf and Ski Resort
25.4	0.4	Arrive at start point at Ski Area / Disc Golf parking lot

25.4 Miles Total

