



**Explore the Jersey Shore by Bicycle**



**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.

**Use signals.**

Show your intention clearly when turning and changing lanes.

**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.

**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.**

The NJDOT does not guarantee that the route is completely free from conditions that may be a hazard to bicycle traffic and takes no responsibility for the safety and fitness of the user and suggested route. In preparing this route, every attempt has been made to select roads that can provide a quality bicycle touring experience. However, road conditions continually change: pavements deteriorate, roads are resurfaced, more development leads to increased traffic. Conditions listed in this route were effective at publishing.

**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 times and shore seasonal traffic.

**Attractions**

This tour follows a circuitous route from John F. Kennedy Park in the Bay village of Somers Point to Stanley "Tip" Seaman County Park near the quaint maritime village of Tuckerton. These communities bracket what is known as New Jersey's "Greater Atlantic City" region. Sights and sounds along this 45-mile route are steeped in fishing heritage, military history, and transportation firsts.



While shore towns are known for their boardwalks, multi-use bike paths and small walking trails are commonplace in these mainland communities. The paths along this route range from the smooth paved path traversing the heart of the mainland communities of Somers Point, Linwood, Northfield and Pleasantville, to the rustic Atlantic County Bikeway that runs through Egg Harbor Township.

The terrain is mostly flat, especially along the 4-mile long segment of the Linwood Bikeway that has been constructed along the historic rail corridor. Moreover, free parking and indoor bathrooms are available at the start and end points of this ride.

Museums, historical sites, and cultural events make exploring the inland just as exciting as spending a day at the beach. A few of the many attractions are highlighted below.

**John F. Kennedy Park, Somers Point**

John F. Kennedy Park overlooks Great Egg Harbor Bay and is within close range of amenities and services in Somers Point. The embankment overlooking the Bay allows spectacular views and the park is a pleasant spot for picnicking. There is a large playground area for children and a small beach area is accessible at low tide.

**Somers Mansion/Atlantic County Historical Society, Somers Point**

Overlooking the Great Egg Harbor Bay in Somers Point stands the Somers Mansion, a three story home constructed of brick in the Flemish Bond Pattern. Atlantic County's oldest house, the Mansion contains 18th century furnishings as well as locally fashioned quilts, coverlets and samplers. Admission is free. Before visiting, call 609-927-2212 for hours.

**Linwood Bikeway, Somers Point to Pleasantville**

This 6.5 mile path originates in Somers Point and continues its linear footprint north through the cities of Linwood, Northfield, and Pleasantville. Within these communities, this intimate path connects neighborhoods, schools, parks, and playing fields. Though each section of the path has adopted the name of the city that it runs through, the path still carries the name of its original endpoint in Linwood.

**Birch Grove Park & Family Campground, Northfield**

Within minutes of Somers Point, Linwood and Northfield, lies a local historical treasure named Birch Grove Park. This 271-acre heavily wooded park features a natural landscape full of tree lined ponds. The park's full amenities include nature, exercise and jogging trails, recreational playing fields, a full-service campground, picnic areas, and a nature center. The park is also home to the Northfield Museum and historic Casto house. For more information visit: [www.cityofnorthfield.org/mainpages/birchgrove.asp](http://www.cityofnorthfield.org/mainpages/birchgrove.asp)

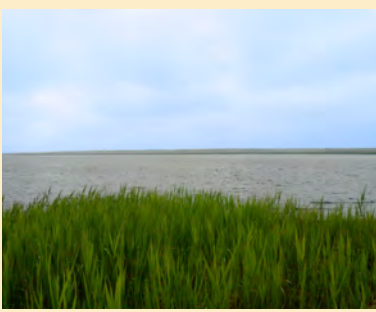
**Atlantic County Bikeway, Egg Harbor to Hamilton Township**

This bikeway offers a pleasant off-road experience where you'll be captivated by the expansive and tranquil nature of the Atlantic County Pine Barrens. This 7.5 mile bike and pedestrian path, built along the abandoned rail corridor of the Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Line in Atlantic County, begins its eastern trailhead at the Shore Mall in Egg Harbor and extends to the Atlantic County Institute of Technology in Hamilton Township.



**Lake Lenape Park, Mays Landing**

Situated at the head of the Great Egg Harbor River, Lake Lenape Park's acres of lakeside habitat is a draw for eager nature enthusiasts. During the warmer months, the lake hosts scores of fish, turtles and migrant, breeding songbirds. In the winter, migrating raptors are often seen drifting down the lake and bald eagles often use the area for hunting and roosting. The park has pavilions, campsites, a playground, and a beachfront that offers splendid views of the lake. Reportedly, there have been as many as thirty bald eagles counted here at one time. For more information call 609-625-8219 or visit: [www.aclink.org/PARKS/mainpages/Lake\\_Lenape.asp](http://www.aclink.org/PARKS/mainpages/Lake_Lenape.asp)



**Egg Harbor City/ Egg Harbor Historical Society Roundhouse Museum**

The Roundhouse Museum displays memorabilia and items that are historically significant to Egg Harbor City. Permanent displays include Liberty Glass, C.P. Leek & Sons boats, clothing and wine industries and Dr. Smith's Health Spa. For further information, call 609-965-4677 or visit [www.ehchs.org](http://www.ehchs.org).

**Stanley H. "Tip" Seaman County Park, Tuckerton**

Located on the western shore of Tuckerton's Lake Pohatcong, Stanley "Tip" Seaman County Park is a jewel in the Ocean County Parks System. This 22-acre park's facilities provide an opportunity for the whole family to have fun including fishing, open play area, picnic area, shuffleboard, small boat launch, and walking paths. The park is best known as home to the Annual Ocean County Decoy and Gunning Show. This two-day event in September draws exhibitors and visitors from the entire eastern coastline and beyond and has been named as one of the top 100 events in North America.



**Somers Point to Tuckerton**

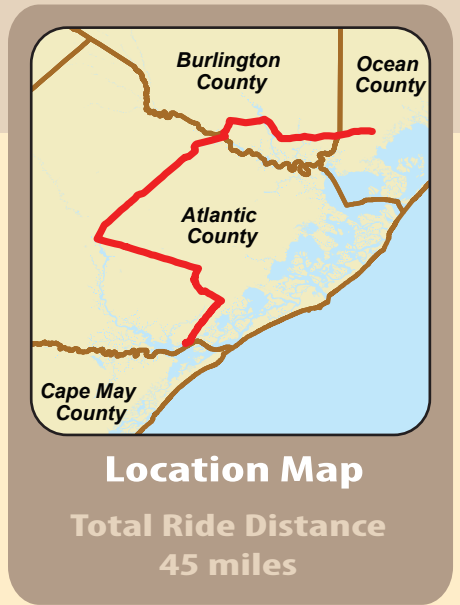
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**Somers Point to Tuckerton**



# Explore the Jersey Shore by Bicycle: Somers Point to Tuckerton



## Legend

- Somers Point to Tuckerton
  - Tuckerton to Brick
  - Cape May to Somers Point
  - ⋯ Boardwalk
  - ▨ Shared Use Path
  - Municipal Border
  - 1 Rail Stop
  - Park/ Wildlife Management Area
- Other NJDOT Tour Guides
- ⋯ High Point to Cape May
  - ⋯ Pine Barrens River Ramble

## Attractions

- 1 John F. Kennedy Park
- 2 Somers Mansion/ Atlantic County Historical Society
- 3 Linwood Bikeway
- 4 Birch Grove Park and Family Campground
- 5 Shore Mall
- 6 Atlantic County Bikeway
- 7 Lake Lenape Park
- 8 Egg Harbor City/ Egg Harbor Historical Society Roundhouse Museum
- 9 Egg Harbor Lake Campground
- 10 Turtle Run Campground and RV Park
- 11 Chipsfolly Campground
- 12 Atlantic City North Family Campground
- 13 Stanley H. "Tip" Seaman County Park

**Check local rules and restrictions for bicycle riding on boardwalks.**

The State of New Jersey has published this map to aid the cyclist and takes no responsibility for user's safety or fitness of the suggested routes. Ride carefully. This map illustrates the route and should be used for general wayfinding purposes.