

alkaline electric storage battery. The Edison National Historic Site provides a unique opportunity to interpret social and economic past, and to learn from the legacy of the world's best known inventor. Next you will pass the Millburn Train Station which was one of the original stations served by the Morris and Essex Railroad. Towards the end of the ride, you will pass the South Mountain Reservation which is home to the Turtle Back Zoo, Richard Codey Arena and the Washington Rock Lookout. This 2,047-acre reservation lies between the first and second ridges of the Watchung Mountain Range. For a side trip to visit the Turtle Back Zoo which is about a quarter of a mile off the route, turn right at the traffic light at Cherry Lane. No matter what the season, Turtle Back Zoo is a great place to visit with lots of activity going on every day. When visiting the zoo make sure to get there early as the animals are usually more active first thing in the morning. If you cannot visit early in the morning, late afternoon is also a great time to visit, as the animals are being fed their afternoon meals. Cool and overcast days are also a wonderful time at the zoo as animals tend to rest in the shade on hot days.

## Washington Rock & Roll Tour



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## Washington Rock & Roll Tour

The tour directions begin and end at the parking lot of Bernard M. Degnan Park adjacent to West Orange High School on Pleasant Valley Way in West Orange. The 22.4 mile tour reveals the scenic beauty of Essex County and passes by a number of cultural and historic points of interest along the way.

Essex County is one of the four original counties in New Jersey and the first county in the United States to have its own parks department. Several Essex County parks are featured on this tour.

Early in the ride you pass by 54-acre Verona Park with a beautiful 13-acre lake in the southern part of Verona. Be forewarned, at the beginning and end of the tour, the route crosses the First Watchung Mountain two times with steep climbs and picturesque views to the New York City skyline. Next you pass the Montclair Arts Museum which collects, preserves and presents American and Native American art. The Edison National Historic Site can be explored on Main Street in West Orange where Edison worked for the last 44 years of his life and developed more than half of his total patents. Out of the West Orange laboratories came the motion picture camera, vastly improved phonographs, sound recordings, silent and sound movies and the nickel-iron

## 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.

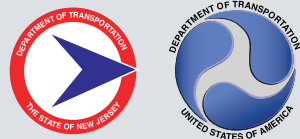
**Be aware of road conditions.**

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.

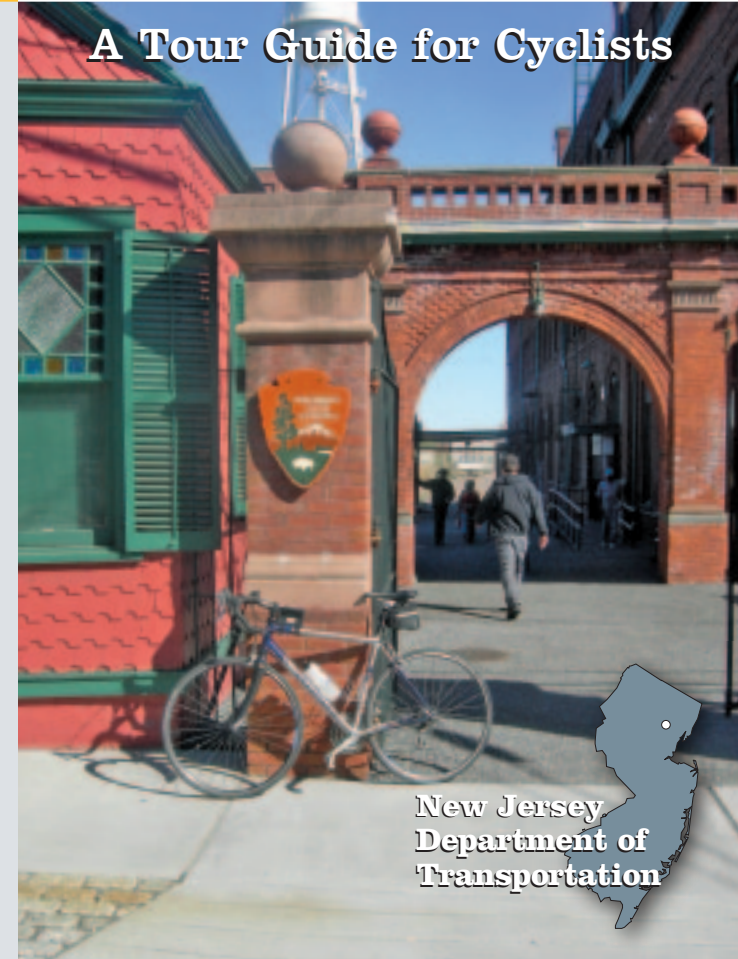


The Washington Rock & Roll Tour is named after Washington Rock, a valuable lookout point for the Army during the War of 1812. From the vantage point of this natural rock outcropping, Essex County and the Newark Militia were first warned that the British had launched an attack westward to "the Gap", (Hobart Gap), a natural pathway to Washington's troops encamped at Morristown in June of 1780.

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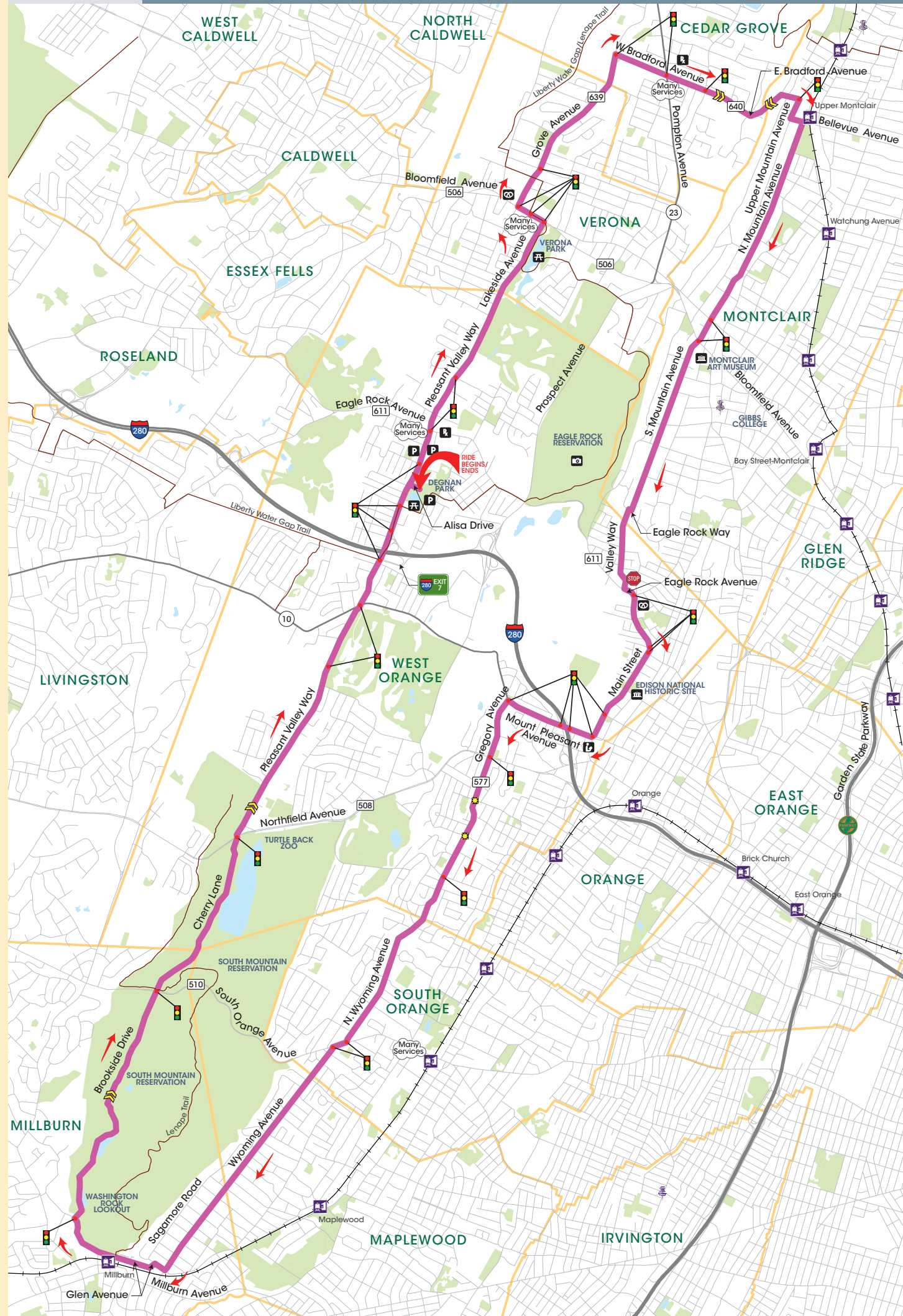


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This route begins and ends at the parking lot of Bernard M. Degnan Park on Alisa Drive adjacent to West Orange High School.

Cumulative Mileage	Point-to-Point	Route Directions/Remarks
0.0	0.0	Start from the parking lot of Bernard M. Degnan Park on Alisa Drive
0.0	0.0	Right on Pleasant Valley Way, <b>Many Services, Verona Park is ahead on the right</b>
2.1	2.1	Left at fourth traffic light on CR 506 / Bloomfield Avenue
2.3	0.2	Right at second traffic light on CR 639 / Grove Avenue
3.7	1.4	Right at second traffic light on CR 640 / West Bradford Avenue (Unmarked), <b>Cross Route 23, Many Services</b>
4.7	1.0	Curve left on East Bradford Avenue
5.1	0.4	Right at second traffic light on Upper Mountain Avenue
5.3	0.2	Left at Bellevue Avenue
5.3	0.0	Right on North Mountain Avenue
7.1	1.8	Cross over CR 506 / Bloomfield Avenue and the road changes to South Mountain Avenue, <b>Montclair Art Museum on the left</b>
8.4	1.3	Right on Eagle Rock Way
8.4	0.0	Quick left on Valley Way
9.0	0.6	Left at stop sign on Eagle Rock Avenue, <b>Caution: Busy Road</b>
9.1	0.1	Stay right at traffic light on Main Street
9.7	0.6	Stay straight past <b>Edison National Historic Site</b>
10.2	0.5	Right at fourth traffic light on Mount Pleasant Avenue, <b>West Orange Public Library on the left</b>
10.8	0.6	Left at third traffic light on CR 577 / Gregory Avenue, <b>Gregory School on the right</b>
12.5	1.7	Gregory Avenue changes to North Wyoming Avenue in South Orange
13.6	1.1	Right at third traffic light on South Orange Avenue
13.7	0.1	Quick left at traffic light on Wyoming Avenue (Unmarked)
15.6	1.9	Right at traffic light on Glen Avenue
15.7	0.1	Quick left turn to continue on Glen Avenue, <b>Millburn Train Station and First Aid Squad on the left, hiking trail to Washington Rock on the right</b>
16.5	0.8	Right at traffic light on Brookside Drive, <b>South Mountain Reservation on both sides, road closed to motor vehicles on Sunday mornings</b>
18.3	1.8	Cross traffic light at South Orange Avenue, <b>end of closed road segment</b>
18.7	0.4	Brookside Drive changes to Cherry Lane
19.6	0.9	Cross traffic light at Northfield Avenue, Cherry Lane changes to Pleasant Valley Way
21.5	1.9	Cross SR10 / Mount Pleasant Avenue
21.8	0.3	<b>Caution: Cross under I-280</b>
22.4	0.6	Right on Alisa Drive to start point

**22.4 Miles Total**



Steep grade Bike Route

- Rail Station
- Parking
- Cultural Site
- Scenic View
- Picnic
- Pharmacy
- Pub/Inn
- Library
- Traffic Light
- Blinking Light
- Stop Sign



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.

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