

## **SOUTHERN PINELANDS NATURAL HERITAGE TRAIL ROUTE**

Pursuant to the procedures outlined in the New Jersey Scenic Byways Program, the New Jersey Department of Transportation has designated the Southern Pinelands Natural Heritage Trail as an official New Jersey State Scenic Byway. The route is listed below and includes portions of the following roads.

### **Northern Route**

Start on Route 9 in Tuckerton at the junction with Route 539 (Green Street). Go west on Route 9. Turn right on Stage Road and bear left continuing on Stage Road going west. In Bass River Township, turn left onto Route 653 (Leektown Road). Just prior to crossing over the Wading River, Route 653 intersects with Route 542 (Batsto Bridgeport Road). Take Route 542 traveling west.

At the Village of Greenbank in Washington Township, Burlington County, (1) the shorter loop or continue on with (2) the larger loop.

#### **(1) The Shorter Loop**

Turn left onto Route 563 (Egg Harbor-Green Bank Road) heading south. Cross over the Mullica River into Mullica Township, Atlantic County. Continue on Route 563 into the Village of Weekstown. Bear left following Route 563 (Green Bank Road) and continue the loop as described below in (3a).

#### **(2) The Larger Loop**

Continue on Route 542 toward the Historic Village of Batsto. Bear left following Route 542 (Batsto Bridgeport Road) and cross over the Mullica River into Mullica Township, Atlantic County (where Route 542 turns from Batsto Bridgeport Road to Hammonton-Pleasant Mills Road).

Once in Mullica Township, continue onto (3) the North Loop or travel south and take the **Central Connector Route** of the North and South Byway Loops.

#### **(3) The North Loop** (and continuing on the "Larger Loop")

From Route 542 (Hammonton-Pleasant Mills Road) turn left onto Route 643 (Weekstown-Pleasant Mills Road) heading southeast. Turn left onto Route 612 (Elwood-Weekstown Road) which turns into Route 563 (Green Bank Road) at the junction with Route 563 (Egg Harbor-Green Bank Road) where the Shorter Loop joins in again.

#### **(3a) The Final Leg of the North Loop** (for both the Shorter and Larger Loop)

From the intersection of Route 612, 563, and 563 in the Village of Weekstown, Mullica Township, take Route 563 (Green Bank Road) heading south. In Egg Harbor City, make a sharp left turn onto Route 624 (Clarks Landing Road). Continue on Route 624 (Clarks Landing Road) heading southeast into Port Republic.

Just past the Garden State Parkway, bear right onto Mill Street.  
Take Mill Street to Riverside Drive and make a right.  
Take Riverside Drive to Moss Mill Road (Alt 561). Make a left onto Moss Mill Road (Alt 561) heading southeast.  
Turn left onto Route 9 (New York Road) heading north.  
Bear left onto the Garden State Parkway (exit 48) heading north.  
Take Exit 50 to follow Route 9 North. This loops you through the Village of New Gretna, Bass River Township, Burlington County.  
Follow Route 9 into Ocean County, where it also becomes known as Atlantic Boulevard, then as West Main Street in the Pinelands Town of Tuckerton.

This ends the North Loop.

### **CENTRAL CONNECTOR ROUTE**

Take Route 542 (Hammonton-Pleasant Mills Road) heading west toward the Village of Nesco, Mullica Township.  
Make a left onto Route 658 (Columbia Road) heading south into the Village of Elwood, Mullica Township.  
Turn right onto Route 623 (Weymouth-Elwood Road) heading southwest.  
In Hamilton Township, Route 623 runs into and becomes Route 559 (Weymouth Road). Take Route 559 (Weymouth Road) heading south.  
Bear left when Route 559 joins Route 606 (Old Harding Highway) heading toward May's Landing.  
Continue on Route 559 by turning left onto Route 616 (Mill Street).  
Bear right onto Main Street (still Route 559).  
Make a right onto Cape May Avenue (Route 40 West and Route 50 South).  
Make a left onto Route 50 South.  
Continue on Route 50 toward Corbin City. Bear left at the junction with Route 645 and where Route 50 joins with Route 557.  
Make a right onto Route 611 (Main Street). Here the Central Route merges with the South Loop.

This ends the Central Route.

## **SOUTH ROUTE**

The South Loop begins on Route 611 (Main Street) in Corbin City, Atlantic County at the junction with Route 649 (Aetna Road).

Travel South on Main Street and continue on it as it joins Route 50 South. Cross over the Tuckahoe River into Upper Township, Cape May County.

Make a right onto Route 49 traveling west.

Bear right onto Route 632 (Marshallville Road). Stay on Route 632 until it joins up again with Route 49.

Follow Route 49 to the junction with Route 548.

Follow either (1) the shorter loop or (2) the larger loop.

### **(1) The Shorter Loop**

Follow Route 49 when it bears right and crosses over the Tuckahoe River into Estell Manor, Atlantic County.

Make a right onto Head of River Road.

Bear right onto Aetna Drive.

Follow Aetna Drive to Route 611 (Main Street).

This ends the Shorter Route.

### **(2) The Larger Loop**

Take Route 548 (Weatherby Road) at the junction of Route 49 and head west into Cumberland County.

In Port Elizabeth, make a left onto Route 47 (Delsea Drive). Follow Route 47 into Cape May County.

In Eldora, bear left onto Old State Highway.

Make a right onto Route 550 (Paper Mill Road). Take Route 550 until it joins up with Route 47.

In Dennisville, make a left onto Route 610 (Dennisville—Petersburg Road).

Make a left onto Route 550 (Dehirsch Avenue).

In Woodbine, make a left onto Route 557 (Washington Avenue).

Make a right onto Route 550 (Webster Street, which then turns into Woodbine Avenue).

Follow Route 550 to Belleplain. Make a right onto Route 605 (Broad Street, which turns into Tuckahoe Road, which turns into Belleplain Road).

Take Route 605 to the junction of Route 548 (Weatherby Road).

This ends the Larger Loop.