



Old Mine Road 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.

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 trail as they find it. NJDOT does not guarantee that the trail 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.

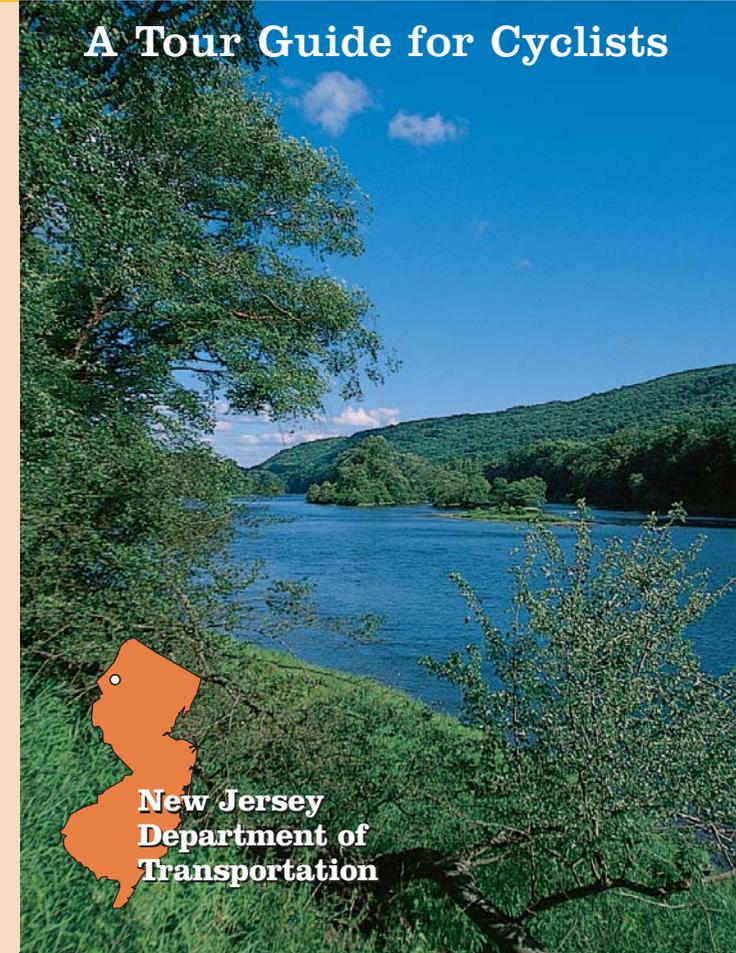
Your comments will be useful in updating or revising the route. E-mail comments to Bicycle.Advocate@dot.state.nj.us.

Be aware of traffic patterns.

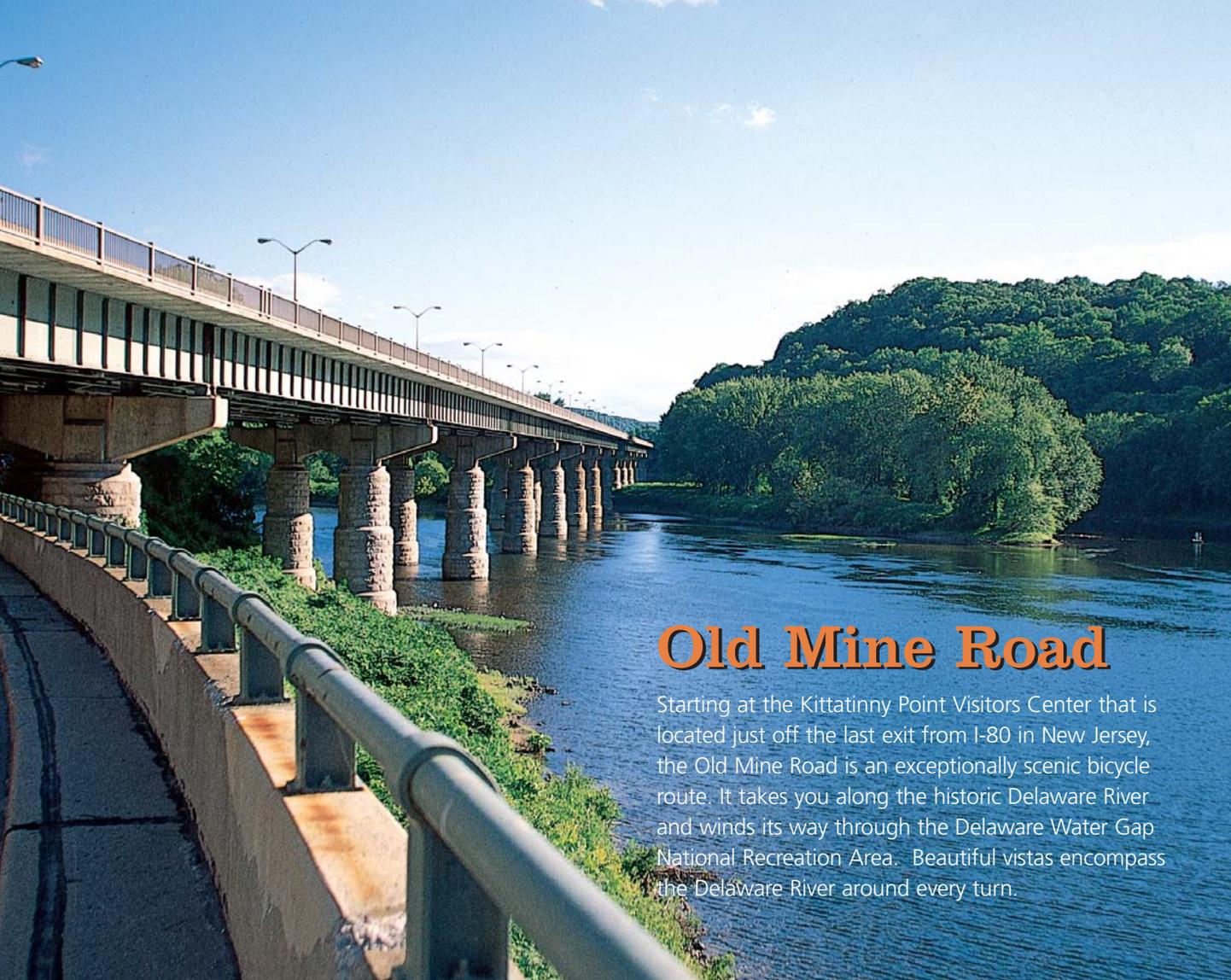
Plan trips to avoid peak traffic hours. This route generally utilizes low traffic volume roads. However, be careful if you bicycle during peak commuter traffic.

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A Tour Guide for Cyclists



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Starting at the Kittatinny Point Visitors Center that is located just off the last exit from I-80 in New Jersey, the Old Mine Road is an exceptionally scenic bicycle route. It takes you along the historic Delaware River and winds its way through the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. Beautiful vistas encompass the Delaware River around every turn.

The rolling hills and pristine valleys of western Sussex County will surround you. On the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware, the Appalachian Mountains frame the river's shoreline. From spring through autumn this area truly is a sight to behold, a must-see for cyclists, local residents and visitors alike. It follows Old Mine Road, one of the first in the nation, built in 1659 by Dutch settlers to bring copper ore from the Pahaquarry Mines to Esopus (now Kingston, NY) on the Hudson River.

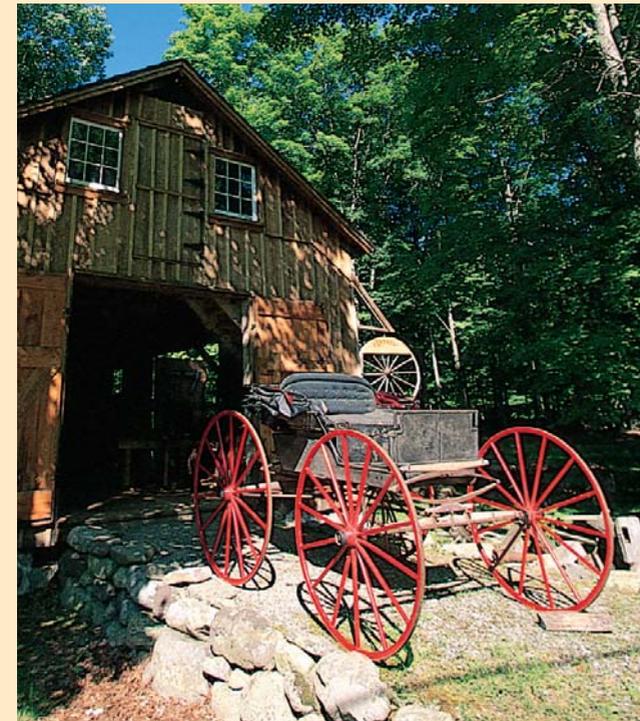
You'll find many points of interest along the route, including Millbrook Village, where National Park Service employees wear period dress and demonstrate handcrafts such as spinning, weaving and blacksmithing; Peters Valley Craft Center; and Dingmans Ferry Bridge, connecting New Jersey to Pennsylvania. Just follow your map and you can take an abbreviated version of the tour along one of the rural roads that wind through the area.

The following will give you a "sneak peek" at the New Jersey portion of the Old Mine Road from the Delaware Water Gap to Port Jervis, NY, a distance of 42.9 miles. The Old Mine Road continues another 60 miles to Kingston, NY as Route 209 (more traffic than in New Jersey). In the few places where the Old Mine Road disappears or is no longer maintained, the route follows other paved roads.

The route is moderately hilly with two major climbs and a steep descent where you must exercise caution. But

don't give up! The natural beauty of the area makes the effort well worthwhile. North of Dingmans Ferry on County Route 521, the route is fairly level.

On summer weekends, you're likely to encounter some vehicular traffic, particularly in the vicinity of the Delaware Water Gap Visitors Center. The area is extremely popular with fishermen, hikers, boaters and rafters. As you move farther north along the route in New Jersey, the traffic thins out, completing your unique biking experience.





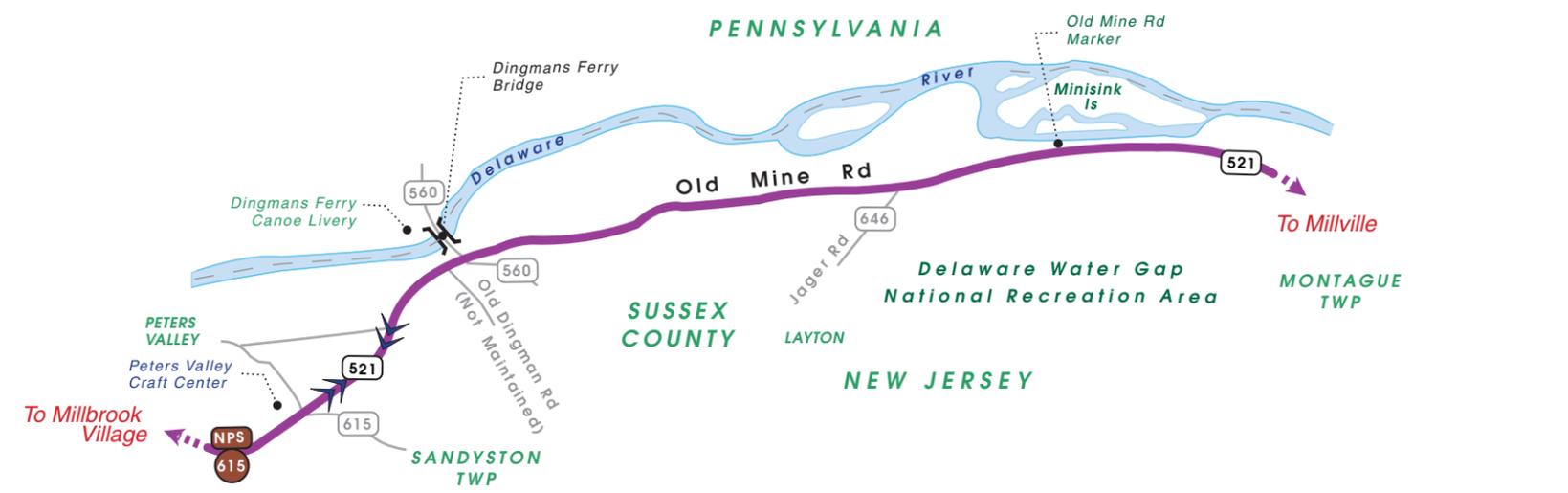
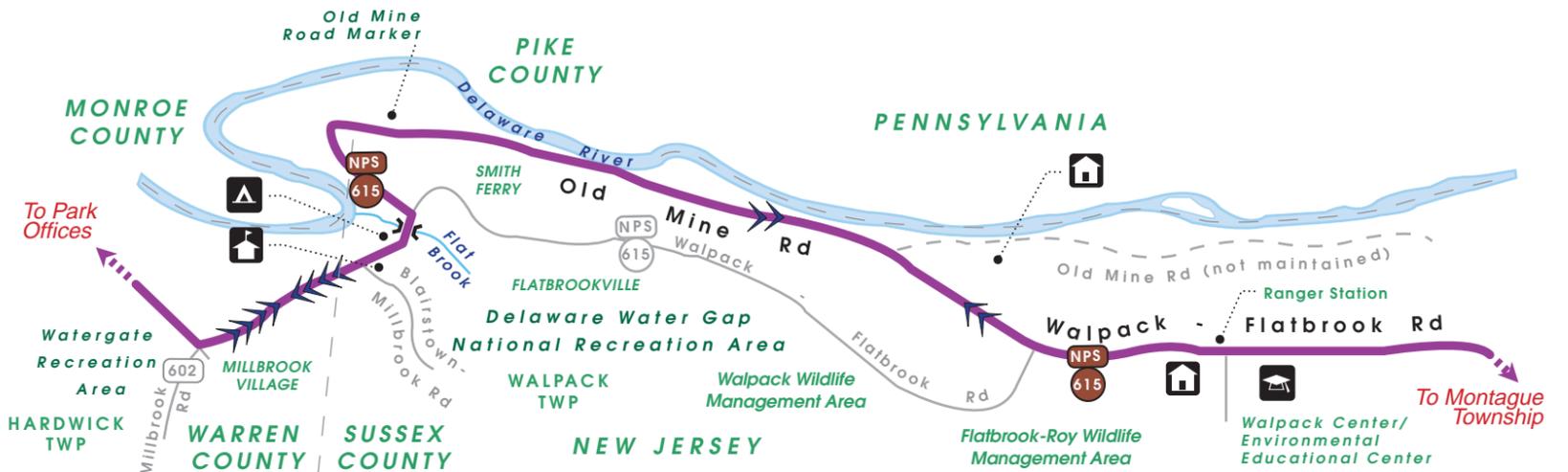
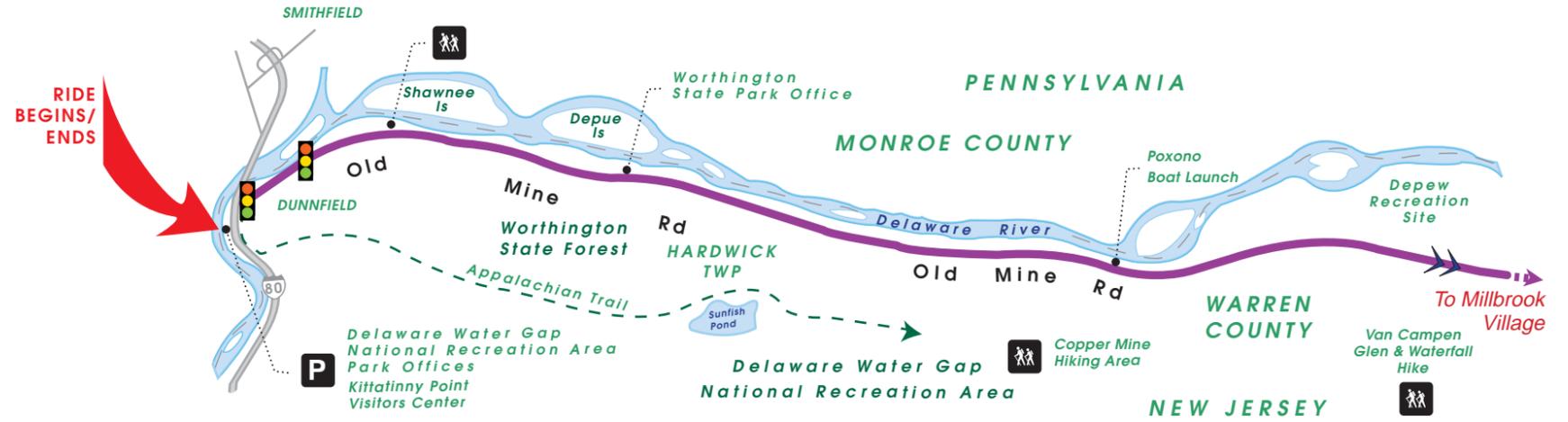
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The route description begins at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Visitors Center.

| Cumulative Mileage | Point to Point | Route Direction/Remarks |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0.0 | 0.0 | Head north out of Visitors Center parking area along River Rd (Hardwick Twp) |
| 0.4 | 0.4 | Pass under I-80 overpass |
| 0.5 | 0.1 | Enter Worthington State Forest Park/ One lane traffic. Wait for green light; rough pavement in places |
| 12.6 | 12.1 | Left at Millbrook Village (towards Peters Valley)/ CAUTION: steep ascent followed by steep descent with "S" curve, narrow bridge and stop at the bottom. BRAKES! KEEP BIKE UNDER CONTROL! |
| 14.9 | 2.3 | Left at intersection (after crossing new concrete bridge) |
| 15.7 | 0.8 | Beginning of Old Mine Rd (NPS 615)/ Monument marker on left side of road |
| 21.6 | 5.9 | Veer left (North) at intersection with NPS 615 |
| 26.5 | 4.9 | Arrive at Peters Valley, cross CR 615 onto CR 521, take center road north towards Dingmans Ferry/ Steep ascent followed by steep descent |
| 28.4 | 1.9 | At T-intersection with CR 560 (near Dingmans Ferry Bridge), travel straight ahead onto Old Mine Rd north |
| 35.4 | 7.0 | At junction make left onto CR206; bear right onto CR 521north/ Traffic |
| 41.8 | 6.4 | At the junction of three states: New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, enter New York State |
| 43.2 | 1.4 | Arrive at Route 6, Port Jervis, NY, the start of the NY Route 97 Scenic Byway |



- LEGEND**
- Route
 - Parking
 - Food
 - General Store
 - Inn
 - Camping
 - Direction of Steepness
 - Bridge
 - Traffic Light
 - National Park Service
 - Hiking
 - Educational Center

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