



## Pine Barrens River Ramble



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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.

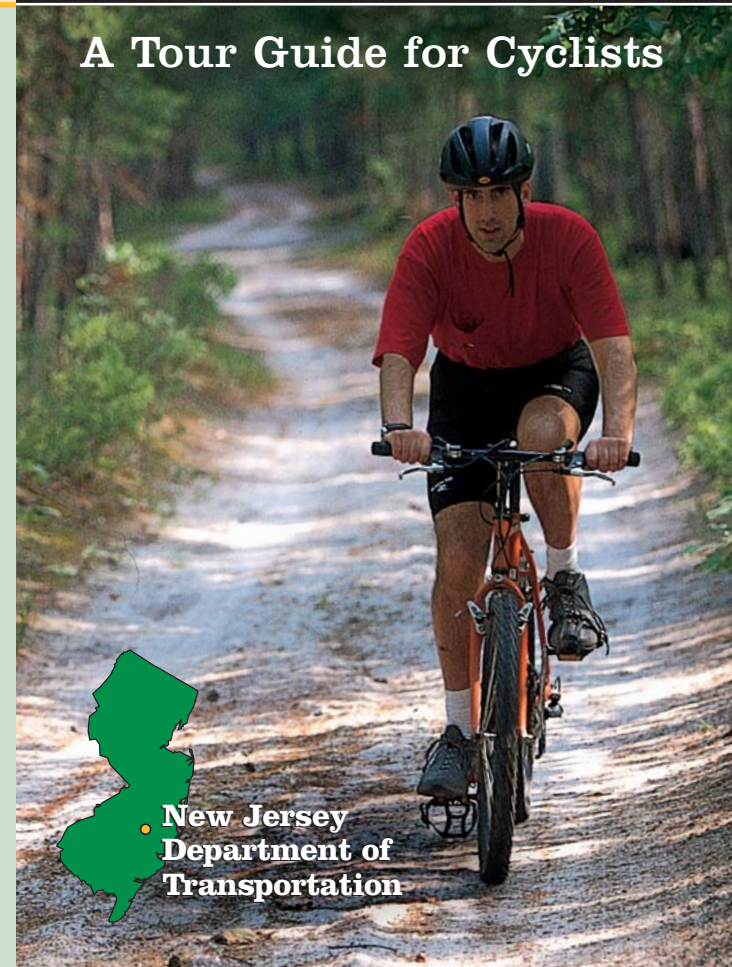
Your comments will be useful in updating or revising the route. E-mail comments to [Bicycle.Advocate@dot.state.nj.us](mailto:Bicycle.Advocate@dot.state.nj.us).

### **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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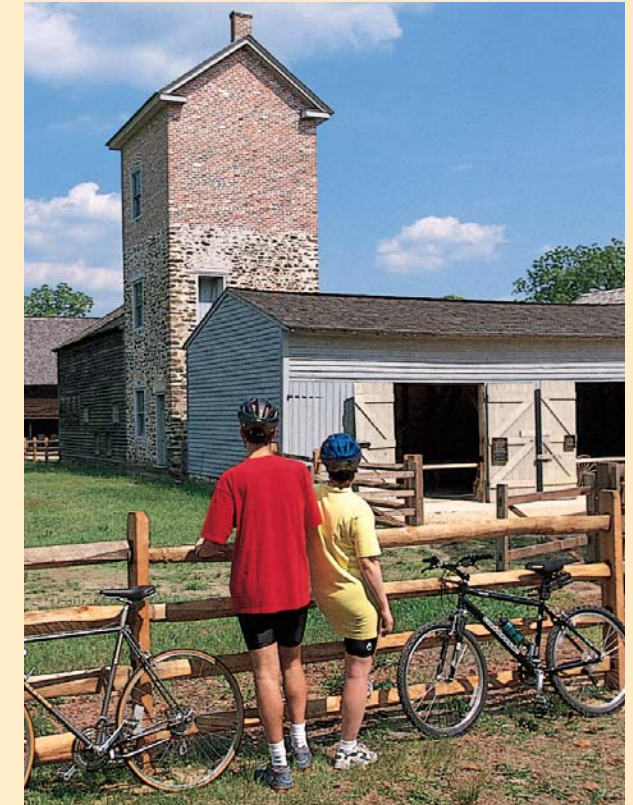
From the Batsto parking area on Route 542, bicycling is a great way to experience the beauty, the mystery and the history of the 1.1 million acres of the Pinelands National Reserve. The Pine Barrens River Ramble is an easy riding, 42.6-mile loop (with no hills) passing through this unique ecological area. You'll pass through pristine pine and oak forests, blueberry fields and cranberry bogs, meandering cedar-colored streams and three major rivers: the Batsto, the Mullica and the Wading.

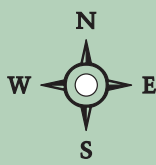
But natural beauty is not the only point of interest here. A full quarter century before the Industrial Revolution began in this country, a thriving iron industry had been established in remote sections of the Pine Barrens. Thousands of colonial Americans worked day and night at some 30-odd forge and furnace sites spread out along the major rivers of southern New Jersey.

Chief among these is historic Batsto Village where the Pine Barrens River Ramble tour begins. Batsto is a restored 19th century community offering an ironmaster's mansion, gristmill, sawmill, general store and post office. From here you can also shorten the

tour to 29.3 miles by turning left from County Route 652 onto County Route 542 and heading back toward Batsto Village.

If you want to test your riding legs, an extended tour can be taken by starting at, or detouring to, Chatsworth, the so-called capital of the Pines.

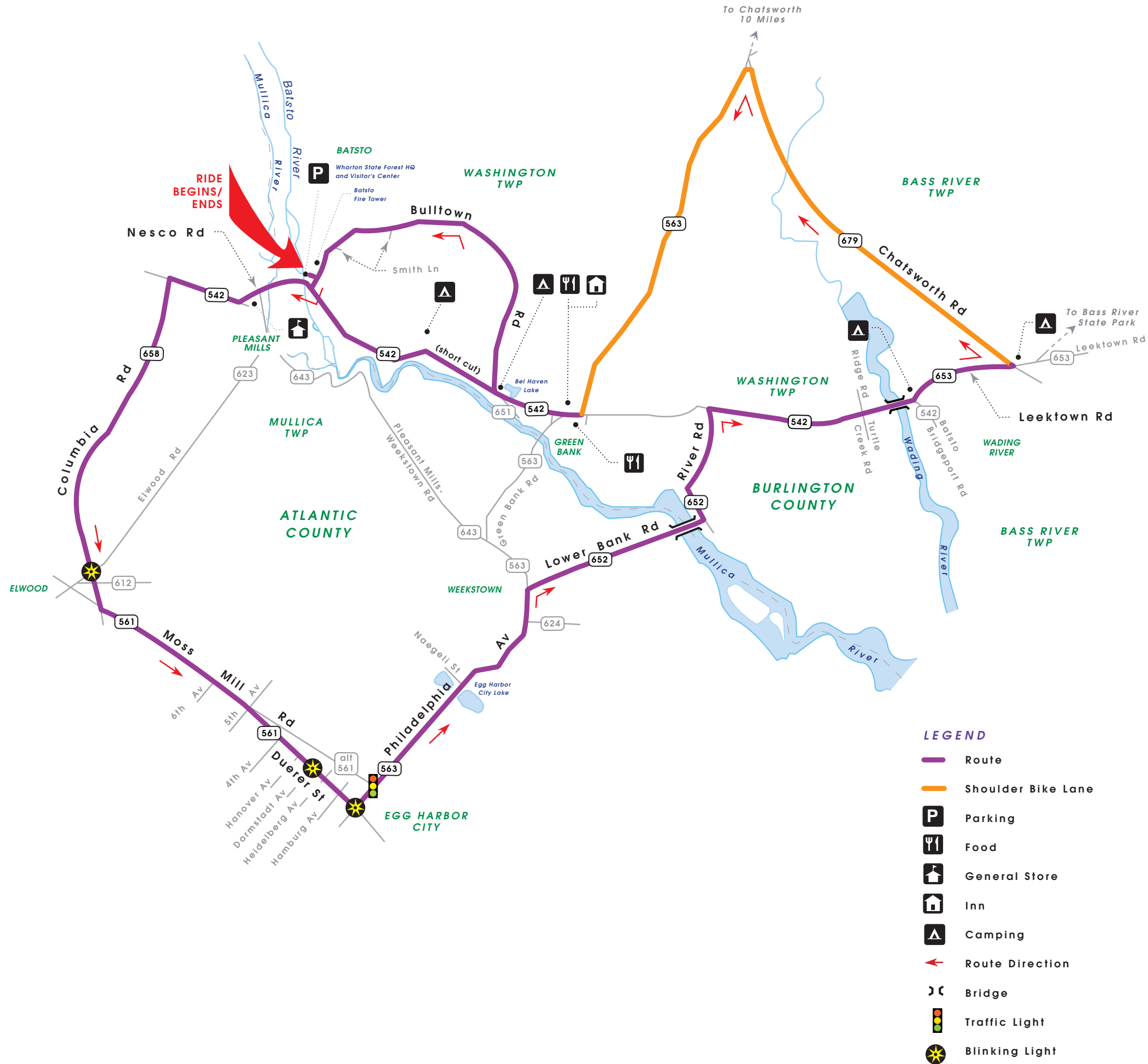




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The route description begins at the entrance to the Batsto Village parking area just off County Route 542.

Cumulative Mileage	Point to Point	Route Direction/Remarks
0.0	0.0	Right from Park Access road
0.3	0.3	Right onto CR 542 (becomes Nesco Rd)
3.4	3.1	Left onto CR 658 (Columbia Rd) <b>Rough in spots</b>
7.8	4.4	Cross CR 623 then CR 612 100 feet later. Then left onto CR 561 (Moss Mill Rd)
10.1	2.3	Veer right onto CR 561 (Duerer St)
12.7	2.6	Left onto CR 563 (Philadelphia Av) at flashing light
16.5	3.8	Turn right onto CR 652 (Lower Bank Rd)
19.0	2.5	Cross over Mullica River on drawbridge
19.2	0.2	Left onto East CR 652 (River Rd)
21.0	1.8	Right onto CR 542 <b>OR</b> To return to Batsto: Left onto CR 542 (3.1 miles); right onto Bulltown Rd at mile post 12 (5.2 miles); arrive at Batsto Village parking area for a total trip of 29.3 miles
23.6	2.6	Cross Wading River; left onto CR 653 (Leektown Rd)
25.2	1.6	Left onto South CR 679 (Chatsworth Rd)
30.9	5.7	Left onto CR 563
36.2	5.3	Right onto CR 542
37.4	1.2	Right onto Bulltown Rd at milepost 12
42.6	5.2	Arrive at entrance to Batsto Village parking area at Wharton State Forest Headquarters



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