

JOYRIDE

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Bayonne Bridge Blast-Off

This 26-mile ride starts at the St. George Ferry Terminal in Staten Island, passes through some pleasant parks, follows the newly redone Bayonne Bridge Bike Path, and traverses Hudson and Bergen Counties in New Jersey. This suburban ride offers great views of NYC, has only two major hills, and can be done in reverse. The ferry is free to Staten Island, and Fifty cents to Manhattan.

LEFT on Bay Street out of the St. George Ferry Terminal

RIGHT on Victory Blvd. **BIG HILL!** Take your time climbing Victory Blvd., as there are not many big climbs on this ride. This one can be tough.

RIGHT on Forest Ave

LEFT on Silver Lake Drive

RIGHT on Victory Blvd

RIGHT into Clove Lakes Park

Just after the intersection of Victory and Clove. There are various paths, both paved and unpaved through the park. Follow them along the lakes and creek to the north side of the park, at Forest Ave.

LEFT on Forest Ave

RIGHT on Morningside Ave

RIGHT onto Bridge entrance, across from Hooker Place

CROSS Bayonne Bridge: Watch for the stairs at the NJ side of the bridge. Walk your bike to the bottom at Avenue A and 4th Street

RIGHT on 4th Street

LEFT on JFKennedy Blvd. JFKennedy Blvd. is the main road through Hudson County, but has much less traffic than any avenue in Manhattan. Head north through Bayonne and Jersey City, to Union City

RIGHT on 37th Street

LEFT onto Boulevard East

RIGHT on Hillside Road

LEFT on River Road. The last mile of River Road is the other big climb, but it's almost over. The George Washington Bridge is at the top of River Road

Right onto the GWB

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