

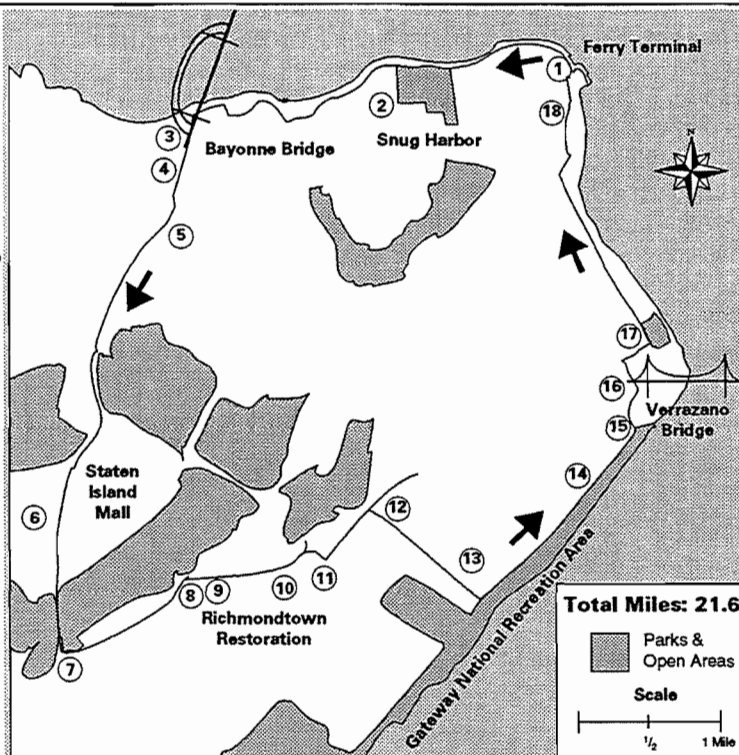
# The Fifth Borough – Staten Island

Staten Island is cut off from the rest of NYC for cyclists. As such, it was left off of the T.A. Century. This fairly flat route provides a great chance for cyclists to explore New York City's most suburban borough. The route passes New York Bay, and the Atlantic providing great views and occasionally stiff winds. They make a cool day downright cold. – Dress appropriately!

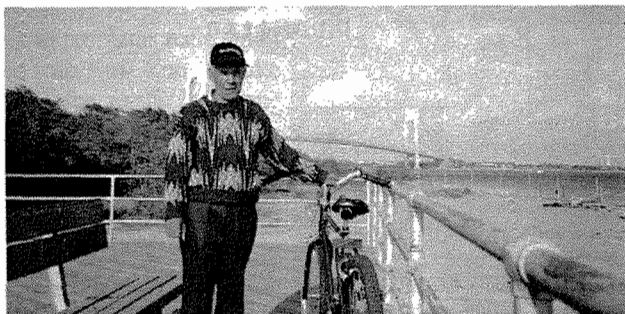
Staten Island is readily accessible by the Ferry, 50 cents round trip (this is a bargain!) The ferry departs from South Ferry Terminal, just east of Battery Park, every half hour on weekends.

If you are coming from New Jersey, you can pick up this ride at the foot of the Bayonne Bridge (#4), which is accessible by bike and continue from there.

- 1 Leave the ferry by the ramp and take the first right onto **Richmond Terrace**. Continue along the waterfront.
- 2 You will pass the Snug Harbor Cultural Center (1.8 miles). This is the home of the Staten Island Botanical Gardens and concerts are held here in the summer.
- 3 **Richmond Terrace** weaves through a semindustrial area. Follow this winding stretch carefully and after riding under the Bayonne Bridge, make the first left onto **Morningstar Road**. (4.3 miles)
- 4 Follow **Morningstar Road**. On your left will be the bike path for the Bayonne Bridge (4.7 miles). This connects cyclists to Bayonne, Jersey City and Liberty State Park.
- 5 **Morningstar Road** becomes **Richmond Ave**. (5.2 miles)
- 6 Continue on **Richmond Road**. This is a wide flat stretch, that can get busy. Ride the wide shoulder. You will pass such notable landmarks as the Staten Island Mall (8.8 miles) and the Great Kills Landfill. This is the world's largest landfill and is the final resting ground of your powerbar wrappers and old inner tubes. What little smell there is passes quickly. If traffic is heavy, use the sidewalk.
- 7 At the miniature golf place (look for the giant plastic gorilla), make a left onto **Arthur Kill Rd** (10.4 miles).
- 8 At St. Andrew's church, make a right onto **Richmond Rd**. (12.1 miles).
- 9 Follow **Richmond Road** to the Richmondtown restoration. (12.3 miles) This restored 18th century village contains many restored buildings, a museum and gift shop. There is bike parking and food available. This is definitely worth stopping and spending time for.
- 10 When leaving Richmondtown, turn right onto **Richmond Rd**. At the fork, bear right onto **Morley Ave**. (13.3 miles). Turn right at the "T" back onto **Richmond Rd**. (13.4 miles)



- 11 Follow signs for the bike lane on **Richmond Rd**. around to the left. (13.6 miles)
- 12 Make a right at the funeral home onto **Midland** (14.4 miles). You will pick up a bike lane in a few blocks.
- 13 Continue to **Father Capodanno Drive**. Make a left, following the bike lane (15.7 miles).
- 14 **Fr. Capodanno Drive** is a pleasant ride along the Atlantic. This is a great area for picnicking and kite flying. There are several good delis along this stretch.
- 15 **Fr. Capodanno Drive** veers left just before the bridge and becomes **Lily Pond Ave**. (18.0 miles).
- 16 Continue under the Expressway and bear right, where **Lily Pond Ave**. becomes **School Road**. (18.6 miles)
- 17 At Von Briesen Park, turn left onto **Bay Street** (18.9 miles).
- 18 Follow the **Bay Street** bike lane through downtown Staten Island. Continue to the ferry terminal, just across from the Borough hall. (21.6 miles). Bike entrance is located down the ramp - cars are no longer permitted on the ferry.



—Crash Masuelli