

JOYRIDE

By "Fast Ed" Matthiack

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HOMeward BOUND



A 54.5 mile ride through central Jersey with beautiful parkland interludes in South Mountain and Watchung Reservations. You will travel from Newark, the state's largest city, to low trafficked rural areas. The ride is fairly challenging and has some good climbs. This is the ride that "Fast Ed" uses to travel to his mom's house. (Though that's about another 20 miles west of the finish at Raritan Station). You will need a New Jersey Transit bike permit (see page 19) to get home.

	Start Newark Penn Station	16.2	Left Glenside Ave.
0.0	Right Raymond Plaza West	17.1	Right Glenside Rd.
Then	Left Raymond Blvd.	17.8	Left Mountain Ave.
0.7	Left University Avenue	21.5	Cross Hillcrest Rd.
0.8	Right Springfield Ave.		Ahead Mountain Ave. (Route 622)
1.0	Bear Right South Orange Blvd.	25.2	Left King George Rd.
4.5	Seton Hall University (Big Climb)	25.7	Right Mountain View Rd.
7.8	Left Cherry Lane / Brookside Drive * (For South Mountain Reservation see note).	29.2	Right Liberty Corner Rd.
9.9	Left Old Short Hill Rd.	30.3	Left Valley Rd. (Route 512)
10.3	Right Millburn Ave	30.7	Left Church St. (Route 512) (Food, water convenience store on right)
11.1	Right Morris Ave.	34.6	Left Lamington Rd. (Route 202)
then	Left Baltusrol Way	34.9	Right Peapack Rd. (Route 512)
11.5	Left Temple Ave.	37.8	Left Main St. (Route 512)
	Ahead Baltusrol Way	38.1	Left Pottersville Rd. (Route 512)
12.1	Right Shunpike Rd.	41.2	Left Black River Rd.
12.5	Left Mountain View Rd.	45.2	Right Lamington Rd.
13.5	Left Tree Top Dr	then	Left Rattlesnake Bridge Rd.
13.8	Right Vista Way	49.4	Left Easton Tpk. (Route 614)
13.9	Left Fernhill Rd.	52.9	Right First Ave.
14.1	Left High Point Dr.	53.4	Cross Route 202
14.2	Ahead Summit La.	54.0	Left Somerset St.
15.0	Right Tracy Dr. (first right off circle) # (For Watchung Reservation see note.)	54.3	Left Thompson St.
		54.5	Left Raritan Station

* South Mountain Reservation, Essex Co. Parks Dept 201-268-3500 — formed in 1895 - no mountain biking allowed. No facilities.
Watchung Reservation, Union Co Parks Dept 908-527-4900 — formed in 1920 by purchase of 50 properties. Goal is to maintain area of county in natural state. Mountain biking is prohibited on the 50 to 100 miles of hiking trails. Facilities in Historical Village/picnic area.