

# JOYRIDE

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This quick (21+ miles) trip through Staten Island is a perfect ride for a mild winter Saturday. The riding is easy, and you get some great waterfront views of the north and east shores. Dress warm for the ocean wind! There are some sights that will surprise you, and there is an easy connection to the Bayonne Bridge (and Liberty State Park) just off Morningstar Avenue.

Staten Island Ferry is free toward Staten Island, 50 cents toward Manhattan. You must buy a bike ticket at the ticket booth beneath the Staten Island terminal, and board the ferry on the lower level vehicle entrance. The Manhattan terminal is just east of Battery Park—take Broadway downtown, or East River Park, and then South Street (bear left along the water just past the seaport).

Take Staten Island **Ferry** from Manhattan.

When exiting, go **left** up ramp, Right on Richmond Terrace

**Continue** along waterfront, past Snug Harbor Cultural Center (1.8 mi.)

**Left** onto Morningstar Road, under Bayonne Bridge (4.3 mi.)

**Ahead** on Morningstar Road, becomes Richmond Avenue (5.2 mi.)

**Ahead** on Richmond Road, past Great Kills landfill and Staten Island Mall (8.8 mi.); watch for traffic

**Left** onto Arthur Kill Rd (look for big plastic gorilla at mini-golf course; 10.4 mi.)

**Right** onto Richmond Rd. (12.1 mi)

**Ahead** on Richmond Rd. to Old Richmondtown, a restored 18th Century village (12.3 mi.)

**Right** on Richmond Rd.

At fork, **bear right** onto Morley Ave. (13.3 mi.)

**Right** at "T" onto Richmond Rd.

**Follow** bike lane signs to Richmond Rd. around to the left (13.6 mi.)

**Right** onto Midland Ave. (pick up bike lane; 14.4 mi.)

**Left** onto Fr. Capodanno Dr. (15.7 mi.)

**Bear left** to Lily Pond Ave. (18 mi.)

**Continue** under Expressway, bear right onto School Rd. (18.6 mi.)

**Left** onto Bay Street (18.9 mi.)

**Follow** Bay Street to ferry terminal. (21.6 mi)

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