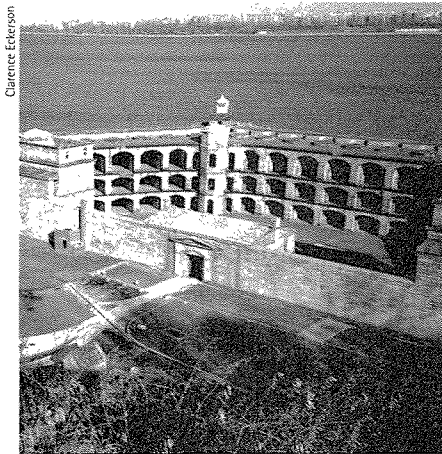


Staten Island Winter Shore Tour

Recently, T.A. volunteer extraordinaire Lisa Freedman has been asking: "When are you coming to Staten Island to host a joyride?" Well, she got tired of grumbling and put together a marvelous, nearly traffic-free 25 mile route that highlights the Eastern shore of Staten Island. Included are distinctive views of the Verrazano Narrows Bridge and a visit to the Fort Wadsworth ramparts and gun batteries. Lisa also plans on visiting the beach (what?!) so wear your layers. Or bring your bathing suit if you've got polar bear blood.

If you've never been to Staten Island, this is a great way to get started. A road bike can make the trip but a hybrid or mountain bike is preferable. Also, the first two miles can be a bit confusing. Just remember: stay along the waterfront using Front and Murray Hulbert streets and you'll be fine.



Clarence Eckerson

Historic Ft. Wadsworth was designed to protect New York City from hostile invasion.

Do This Joyride!
 Meet Sunday, January 9th @ 11 am at top of ferry ramp in Staten Island. This means you must catch the 10:30 am ferry (also no charge!) from Manhattan. Leisurely pace. Bring a lock since we might tack on optional ice-skating at the end if time permits. Snow or rain cancels, but Lisa says she's riding no matter the temp. (That means she really wants us to come.)

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25 Miles

by Lisa Freedman

START: Staten Island Ferry. Exit, ride up the ramp.

- 0 Make a sharp **Left** on Bay, then another immediate **Left**. Go down ramp, then **Right** and ride thru park between historic buildings.
- 0.4 Continue along waterfront. **Right** on Murray Hulbert, fast **Left** on Front.
- 0.5 Ahead is Murray Hulbert again. DO NOT go over bridge on Hannah. The Navy port will be up on the left.
- 1.0 Becomes Front St. (yes, again!)
- 1.7 **Left** on Edgewater
- 2.3 **Right** on Hylan Blvd. Option to visit Alice Austen House, famous pioneering Staten Island photographer (\$5 admission) on return trip.
- 2.6 **Left** on Bay. Becomes New York Avenue.
- 3.5 **Left** on Tompkins. Fort Wadsworth Civil War gun batteries up ahead. Wow! Bring a camera.
- 3.6 Make a **Right** and go down hill and under VN bridge.
- 3.9 **Right** on Hudson (unmarked) followed by quick **Left** on USS North Carolina Road. Road will wend through military housing. Stay on or else you will hit a dead end.
- 4.8 **Left** on Tennessee, then quick **Left** on McClean.
- 5.1 **Left** on Lilly Pond Bike Lane. Becomes Father Capodanno.
- 5.6 **Left** on Doty to access Boardwalk. Turn **Right** and ride to end.
- 7.9 Use dirt path (for 100 ft.) to get to Cedar Grove Ave which cuts through ballfields.
- 8.3 Continue on Cedar Grove on other side.
- 8.8 **Right** on Ebits
- 9.4 **Left** on Mill Rd
- 10.0 **Right** on Guyon
- 10.3 **Left** on Hylan (Careful- Heavy traffic!)
- 10.8 **Left** into Great Kills National Park. About two miles in is the beach and Crookes Point. After a short stay, turn around and retrace steps back to ferry.