

Colts Neck Lions Club Bicycle Tour

**Dedicated to the Memory of
Sal Barbagallo and Sil Lutkewitte**

June 21, 2014

Welcome from the Colts Neck Lions Club

Welcome to the Colts Neck Lions Club's first bicycle tour. We've planned a day of outdoor fun – with games, scenic rides, wonderful parks and our rich local history. We hope that young riders try out the kids' course at the Colts Neck Reformed Church, and that everyone enjoys a picnic lunch at Bucks Mill Community Center.

Part of having fun is having no accidents. Please review the safety rules on the back cover and follow them – Wear an approved bicycle helmet. Be sure child riders have adult supervision. Obey traffic signs and signals. If there is an emergency, dial 911. Choose a route suited to you and your bike, so that you don't get stuck. But if a bicycle/rider cannot continue, call 732.299.4852 for a ride back to the community center.

This booklet contains a program for the tour, a list of supporters, and descriptions of the games. These are followed by route maps and directions, and finally descriptions of points of interest on the routes – our parks and historical sites. At the end of the day, if you want more history of our community, check out the books below. Have a good ride!

Colts Neck, Images of America. Randall Gabrielan. (Arcadia Publishing, 1998). This book documents the development of our town with over 200 historic photographs. There are pictures of bygone farms and mills, offering views of how people used to live here. You can get an inside look at Laird's production line, and see how apple pies were made at Delicious Orchards 35 years ago.

Stories of New Jersey. Frank R. Stockton (Rutgers University Press, 1961). Frank Stockton, a nineteenth century New Jersey writer, is best known for his stories for young people. His most famous is the classic tale of "The Lady or the Tiger." Stories in this book begin with the Leni Lenape and the European colonists and continue through the Revolutionary War. Captain Huddy and Molly Pitcher are here, with many other patriots. There are stories of early doctors, schoolmasters and inventors as well. After over 100 years, the stories are still popular.

Digging New Jersey's past: historical archaeology in the Garden State. Richard Veit. (Rutgers University Press, 2002). Professor Veit offers a modern scientific look at some of the same topics Frank Stockton describes – Native American settlements, the Battle of Monmouth and more. The book shows how historical archaeology can help piece together the puzzles of what happened here during the past 400 years.

Program

When	What	Where
8:00 to 4:00	Registration, technical support	Bucks Mill Community Center
	Bicycling	Routes
	Geocaching, Poker run Likeable photos	Colts Neck Parks
	Water stops	Bucks Mill Recreation Area, Atlantic Grange, Five Point Park, Laird Road Recreation Area, Big Brook Preserve (Hillsdale)
9:00 to 12:00	Paved, off-the-road course for young riders to practice safe cycling	Colts Neck Reformed Church
10:00 to 4:00	Geocaching 101	Bucks Mill Recreation Area
11:00 to 2:00	Picnic lunch	Bucks Mill Community Center
4:30 to 5:00	Closing, awarding of prizes	Bucks Mill Community Center

Supporters

The following organizations have made this event possible and enabled the Lions Club to help worthy causes in our community and around the world. We are very grateful for their generous support.



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Colts Neck Reformed Church

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72 Route 537 West 732.462.4662
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Geocaching

Geocaching is a popular, real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location. Colts Neck already has several geocaches hidden in its parks, and the Lions have hidden two new ones for the tour.

People who are new to geocaching can learn the basics at www.geocaching.com/guide or by talking with experienced geocachers at Bucks Mill Recreation Area. To play the game choose any geocache from the list online and click on its name; enter the coordinates of the geocache into your GPS device and use it to assist you in finding the hidden geocache. Then sign the logbook and return the geocache to its original location. Often geocachers hide caches in locations that are important to them, reflecting a special interest. Players can share geocaching stories and photos online.

Clues for the two new geocaches are given on the next pages.

Lions, and Horses, and Trails! Oh, my!

You can park at Bucks Mill Recreation Area to find this cache. For a shorter walk, park at the coordinates N 40° 17.783 W 074° 12.458. Answer a few questions about Lions to get the coordinates of the geocache. Use the numbers of the correct answers below for the letters in the location N 40° 17.ABC W 074° 12.DEF.

(A) The Colts Neck Lions Club

2 collects eyeglasses for recycling at the Post Office

4 supports eye exams, blood pressure readings, hearing tests and diabetes screening in our community

5 works with other clubs around the world to combat blindness

7 does all of these

(B) Where can you dress up for Halloween and meet your friends for a good meal?

1 Times Square on December 31st

2 Colts Neck Lions Club pancake breakfast

8 Colts Neck Creamery

(C) In Chicago in 1917 the first Lions Clubs were organized for the betterment of their communities and the world by

3 Marven Gardens

6 Melvin Jones

9 Melvin Tormé

(D) Sal Barbagallo and Sil Lutkewitte, two active members of the Colts Neck Lions Club, led the effort to build this Colts Neck landmark.

2 Honey Shop

4 Montrose School

8 Bucks Mill Community Center

(E) The Lions' motto is

3 We serve

5 To make the best better

9 Be prepared

(F) The world's largest service club organization, with over a million members, is

4 Continental Army

5 Kabletown Customer Support

7 Lions Clubs International

You can find the cache by walking through fields and following trails on public land. No bushwhacking is needed. But how do you get there? In this maze of twisty little trails, are they all alike?

The Time Before Caches

This geocache is located in Big Brook Preserve, which has entrances on Laurelwood Drive, Hillsdale Road and Boundary Road. The closest entrance is at the coordinates N 40° 19.231 W 074° 11.738. Answer a few questions about Colts Neck history to get the coordinates of the geocache. Use the numbers of the correct answers below for the letters in the location N 40° 19.ABC W 074° 12.DEF.

- (A) How many windows does Montrose School have?
- 2 six windows
 - 4 four windows
 - 5 eight windows
- (B) Sharks swam here millions of years ago.
- 1 True
 - 7 False
 - 8 No one knows
- (C) In the early 20th century you might see potatoes at Flock Farm. What would you see if you went there today?
- 2 Apples
 - 3 Horses
 - 5 Conover Road School
 - 8 Golf balls
- (D) The Dutch Reformed Church was designed in a style of many buildings in the 1850s. What is that architectural style called?
- 0 Greek revival
 - 2 Colonial
 - 5 Antebellum
 - 7 Italianate
- (E) The mills in Colts Neck got their power from
- 2 Jersey Central Power & Light
 - 3 New Jersey Natural Gas Company
 - 4 Water wheels
 - 9 Whale oil
- (F) Just before the Battle of Monmouth General Lee sent a party of Jersey Blues to the Colts Neck General Store for supplies.
- 4 True
 - 7 False
 - 8 No one knows

The cache is near the trail. Watch out for poison ivy.

Poker Run

Visit each of the five water stops and get a card for a poker hand. Mark the card on the score sheet. The best hand wins a prize.

Poker hand rankings, highest to lowest

Royal flush	Run of sequential cards from Ten to Ace, with all cards of the same suit
Straight flush	Run of sequential cards, all cards in the same suit, but not Ace high
Four of a kind	Four cards of the same rank, e.g. four Aces or four Kings
Full house	Three cards of the same rank plus a pair, e.g. three Aces and a pair of Kings
Flush	Five cards all of the same suit
Straight (Run)	Five sequential cards, not of the same suit
Three of a kind	Three cards of the same rank, e.g. three Aces or three Kings
Two pair	Two sets of pairs, e.g. a pair of Aces and a pair of Kings
Pair	Two cards of the same rank, e.g. two Aces or two Kings
High card	The card with the highest rank in the hand

Notes

Aces count high for all hands, e.g. a pair of Aces beats a pair of Kings.

In a straight an Ace can count low (A, 2, 3, 4, 5) OR high (T, J, Q, K, A) but NOT BOTH (Q, K, A, 2, 3 is NOT a straight).

If any card drawn is a duplicate of a card previously drawn, that card must be re-drawn. No hand can have duplicate cards (e.g. you cannot have more than one King of Hearts in your hand).

Prizes are awarded on the poker hand rankings above, not on speed. **We want all participants to have fun and remain safe**, so please take your time on the ride.

Acknowledgement: rules courtesy of www.goldenruleofpoker.com

Poker Run Score Sheet

				
A				
K				
Q				
J				
T				
9				
8				
7				
6				
5				
4				
3				
2				

Mark the water stop letter (B, F, G, H or L) for the card received, one card for each water stop. All cards must be different.

Water stop	Dealer initials	Player initials
B. Bucks Mill		
F. Five Point		
G. Grange		
H. Hillsdale		
L. Laird		

Dealer and player initials confirm correct record of the card.

Name	
Phone	
Email	

Take this completed sheet to the community center by 4 PM.

Likable Photos

Take a photo on the tour and post it on the Colts Neck Lions Club Facebook page.




Click on Photos > Photos of Colts Neck Lions Club and Like your choices. The photos with the most Likes at 4 PM win prizes.

Routes at a Glance

	Route	Distance	Climb	Highlights	Water stops				
					Bucks Mill	Grange	Five Point	Laird	Hillsdale
K1	Reformed Church	0.0 mi	0 ft	Paved, off-the-road course for kids					
B1	Colts Neck Village	4.3 mi	142 ft	The most history per mile	●	●			
B2	Vanderburg	4.7 mi	219 ft	Memorial Cemetery, British retreat	●				
B3	Montrose	5.2 mi	244 ft	Montrose School	●				
I1	Hominy Hill	7.0 mi	251 ft	Bucks Mill, Duck Hollow, Burlington Path	●		●		
I2	Big Brook	8.1 mi	454 ft	Fossils, farms, Conover-Crine House	●				●
I3	Muhlenbrink	9.6 mi	384 ft	Hillsdale School, Colts Neck Creamery site	●			●	
E1	Hockhockson	15.2 mi	493 ft	Hockhockson Farm, Woodfield Farm	●			●	
E2	Scobeyville	16.3 mi	885 ft	Polhemus Farm, Phalanx, Marcus Spring House	●			●	
E3	Clover Hill	20.4 mi	970 ft	Willow Brook, Big Brook, Yellow Brook and hills	●			●	●
E4	Crawfords Corner	20.5 mi	972 ft	Eastern half of 41-mile route	●			●	
E5	Pleasant Valley	20.8 mi	1025 ft	Western half of 41-mile route	●		●		●

K1 is for young riders to practice safe biking in the Colts Neck Reformed Church parking lot. Children must be accompanied by parents or responsible adults. The church is on the north side of Route 537, between Route 34 and Bucks Mill Road.

All other routes start and finish at Bucks Mill Recreation Area. Five water stops are located at Recreation and Parks sites: Bucks Mill Recreation Area, Atlantic Grange, Five Point Park, Laird Road Recreation Area, and Big Brook Preserve on Hillsdale Road. In the maps and directions the water stops look like this: 

B1-B3 are beginner routes of 5 miles or less. They follow lightly traveled roads and do not cross Rt 34 or Rt 537.

I1-I3 are intermediate routes of 5 to 10 miles.

E1-E5 are routes over 10 miles for experienced riders. E2-E5 are for strong riders who enjoy hills.

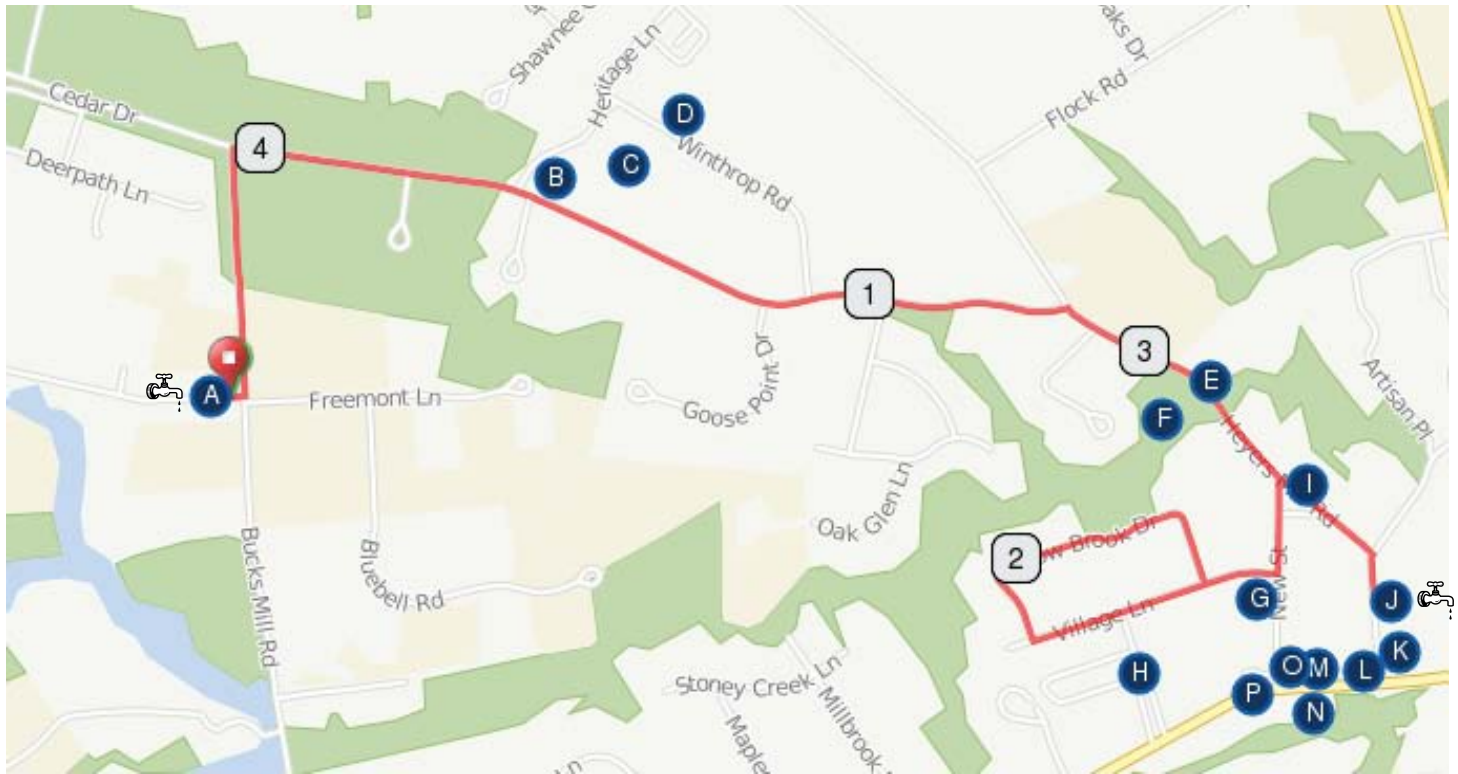
Route maps and directions are on the following pages. Here L means left turn, and R means right turn. Numbers on the maps indicate mileage along the routes. If you follow the directions, the numbers on each route are in increasing order. They may *look* out of order if the route takes the same road more than once.

The maps show locations of points of interest on or near the routes. Descriptions of the points of interest are on the pages following the routes. They are listed in alphabetical order, and each description shows the routes for that point of interest.


Enjoy the ride and be safe.

B1 Colts Neck Village Route (4.3 mi ±142 ft)



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B1 Directions

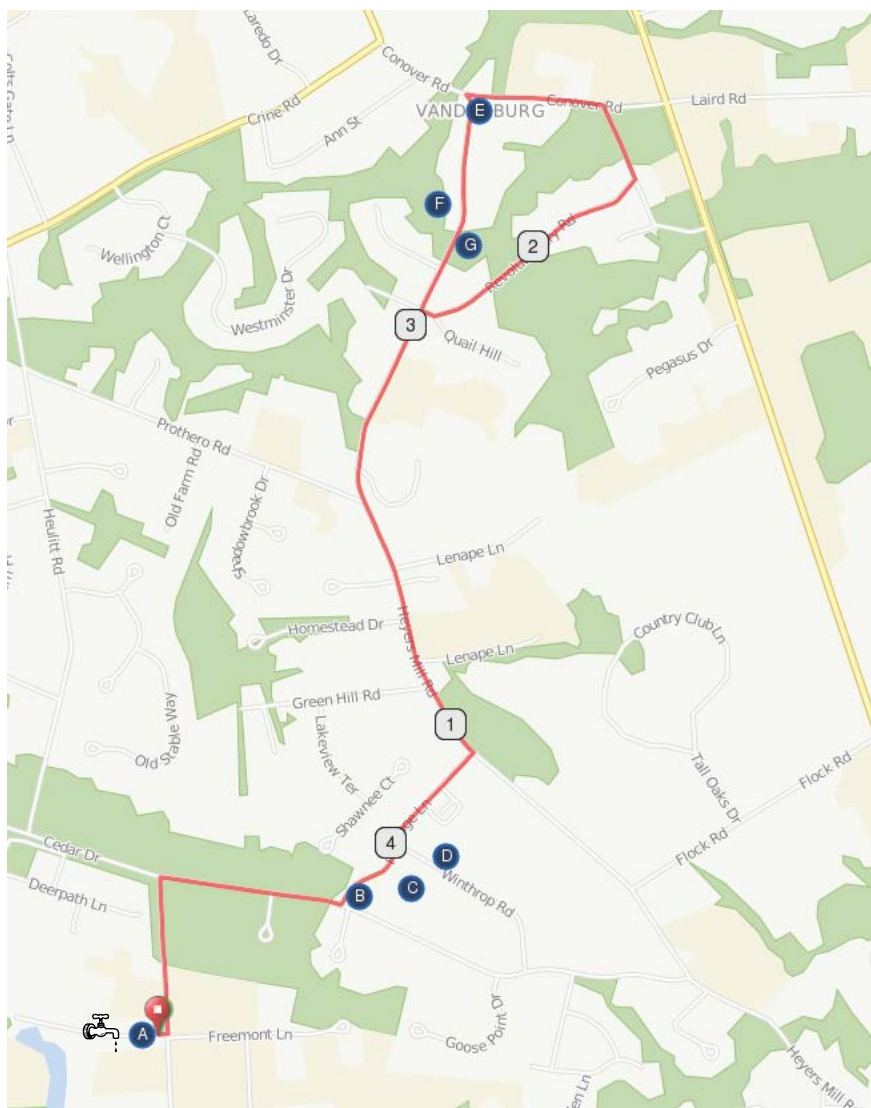
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- 1.2 → R onto Heyers Mill Rd
- 1.5 ↗ Slight R onto New St
- 1.6 → R onto Village Ln
- 1.7 ↑ Continue straight past Yellow Brook Dr
- 1.9 → R onto Yellow Brook Dr
- 2.3 ← L onto Village Ln
- 2.3 ← L onto New St
- 2.5 → R onto Heyers Mill Rd
- 2.6 → R to stay on Heyers Mill Rd
- 2.6 ← Water stop and turnaround at J 
- 2.7 ← L to stay on Heyers Mill Rd
- 3.1 ← L onto Cedar Dr
- 4.0 ← L onto Bucks Mill Rd
- 4.3 → Water stop at A 

B1 Points of Interest

- A. Bucks Mill Recreation Area 
- B. Township Hall Park
- C. September 11th Memorial
- D. Children's Learning Garden
- E. Haight's/Heyer's Mills
- F. Crossweeksung Trail
- G. Colts Neck Village
- H. Dutch Reformed Church
- I. St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church
- J. Atlantic Grange 
- K. Colts Neck Inn
- L. Joshua Huddy House Site
- M. Kelsey House
- N. Fire Company Number 1 Site
- N. Honey Shop
- O. General Store
- P. Burlington Path

Wear your helmet

B2 Vanderburg Route (4.7 mi ±219 ft)



B2 Directions

- 0.0 ← L onto Bucks Mill Rd
- 0.3 → R onto Cedar Dr
- 0.6 ← L onto Heritage Ln
- 0.9 ← L onto Heyers Mill Rd
- 1.8 → R onto Revolutionary Rd
- 2.2 ← L onto Woods End Rd
- 2.3 ← L onto Conover Rd
- 2.6 ← L onto Heyers Mill Rd
- 3.8 → R onto Heritage Ln
- 4.1 → R onto Cedar Dr
- 4.5 ← L onto Bucks Mill Rd
- 4.7 → Water stop at A



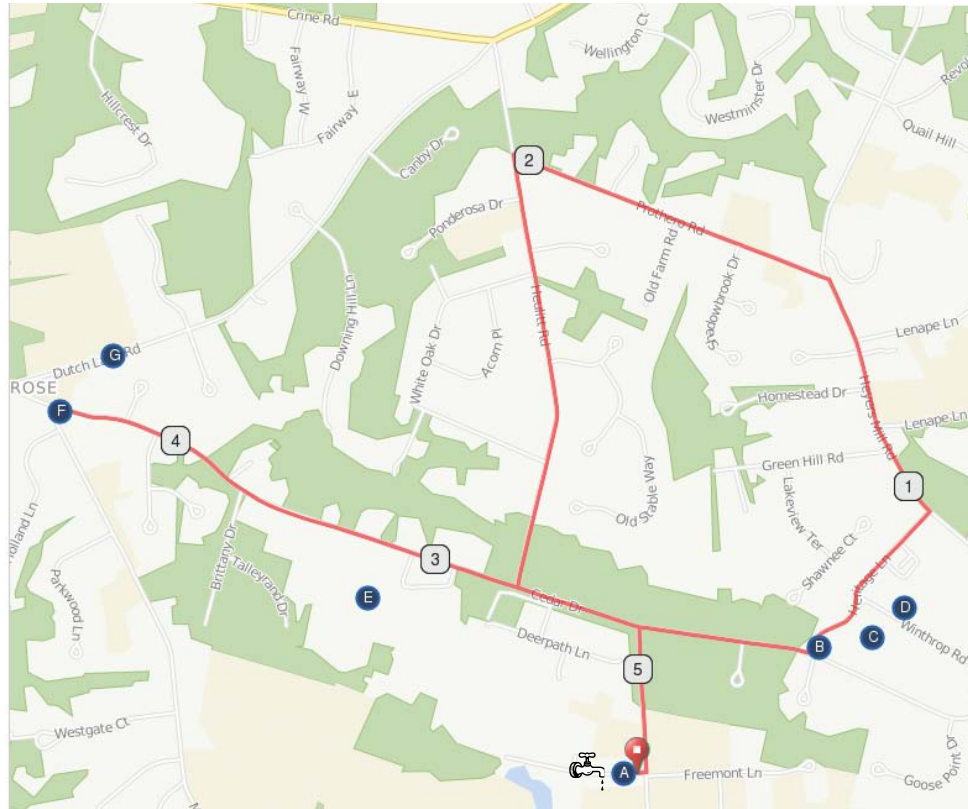
B2 Points of Interest

- A. Bucks Mill Recreation Area
- B. Township Hall Park
- C. September 11th Memorial
- D. Children's Learning Garden
- E. Vanderburg/Edinburg School
- F. Battle of Monmouth Retreat
- G. Memorial Park




Keep to the right


B3 Montrose Route (5.2 mi ±244 ft)



B3 Directions

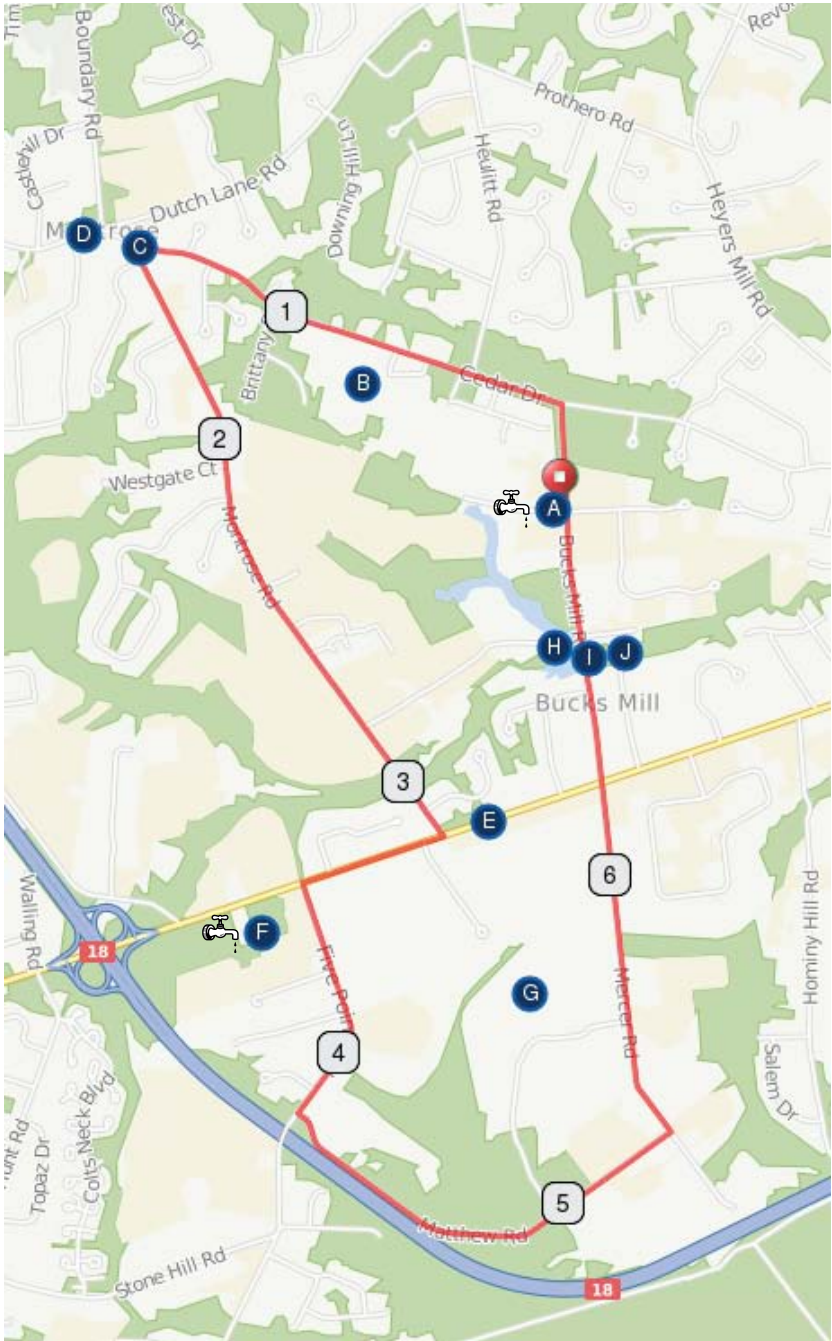
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- 0.6 ← L onto Heritage Ln
- 0.9 ← L onto Heyers Mill Rd
- 1.4 ← L onto Prothero Rd
- 2.0 ← L onto Heulitt Rd
- 2.8 → R onto Cedar Dr
- 3.8 ↓ Turnaround at F
- 4.9 → R onto Bucks Mill Rd
- 5.2 → Water stop at A 

B3 Points of Interest



- A. Bucks Mill Recreation Area 
- B. Township Hall Park
- C. September 11th Memorial
- D. Children's Learning Garden
- E. Cedar Drive Park
- F. Montrose School
- G. Battle of Monmouth Retreat

Obey traffic signs

I1 Hominy Hill Route (6.9 mi ±251 ft)



I1 Directions

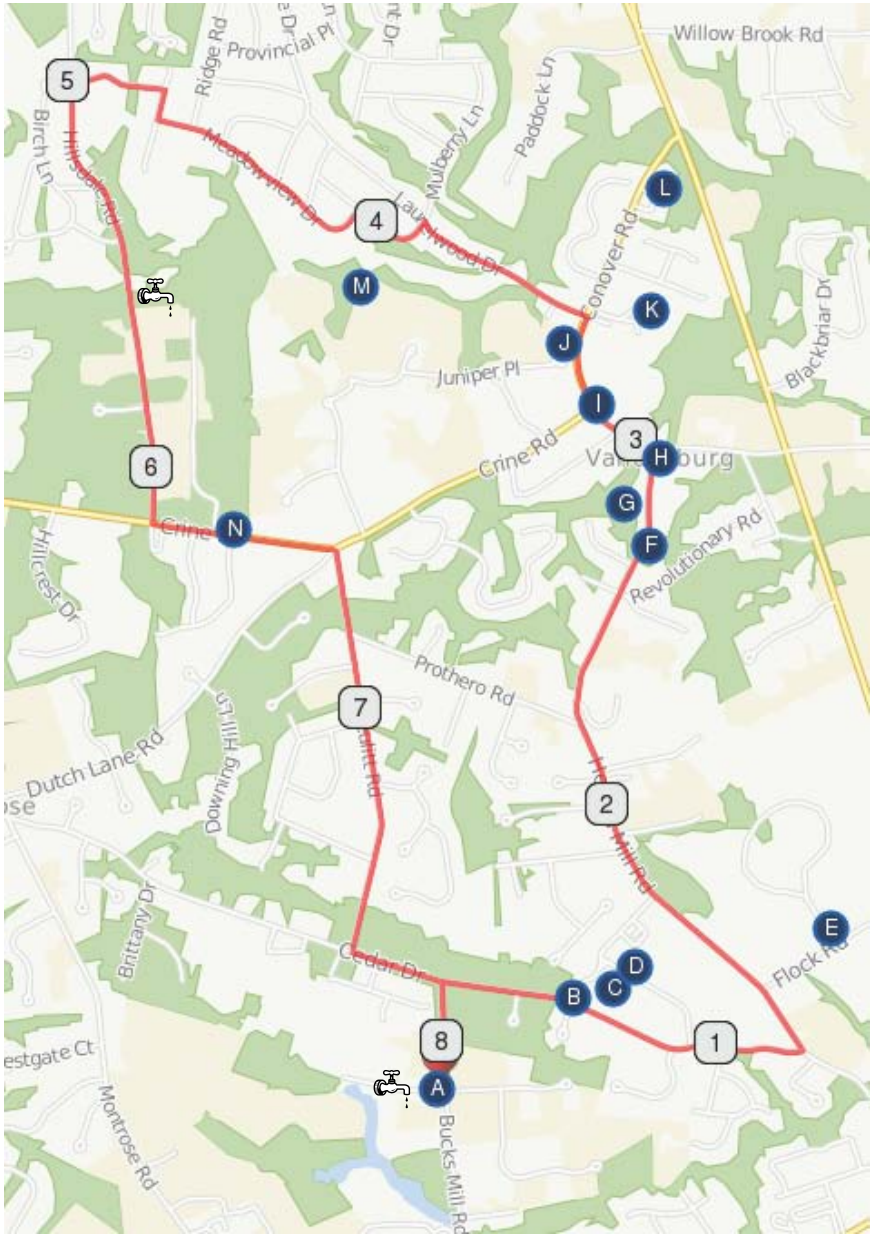
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- 0.3 ← L onto Cedar Dr
- 1.4 ← L onto Montrose Rd
- 3.2 → R onto County Rd 537 W
- 3.5 ← L onto Five Points Road
- 3.6 → Water stop at F 
- 4.2 ← L onto Matthews Rd
- 5.3 ← L onto Mercer Rd
- 6.2 ↑ Continue onto Bucks Mill Rd
- 6.9 ← Water stop at A 

I1 Points of Interest



- A. Bucks Mill Recreation Area 
- B. Cedar Drive Park
- C. Montrose School
- D. Battle of Monmouth Retreat
- E. Burlington Path
- F. Five Point Park 
- G. Hominy Hill Golf Course
- H. Probasco Home
- I. Bucks Mill
- J. Crossweeksung Trail

Signal your turns



12 Big Brook Route (8.1 mi ±454 ft)



I2 Directions

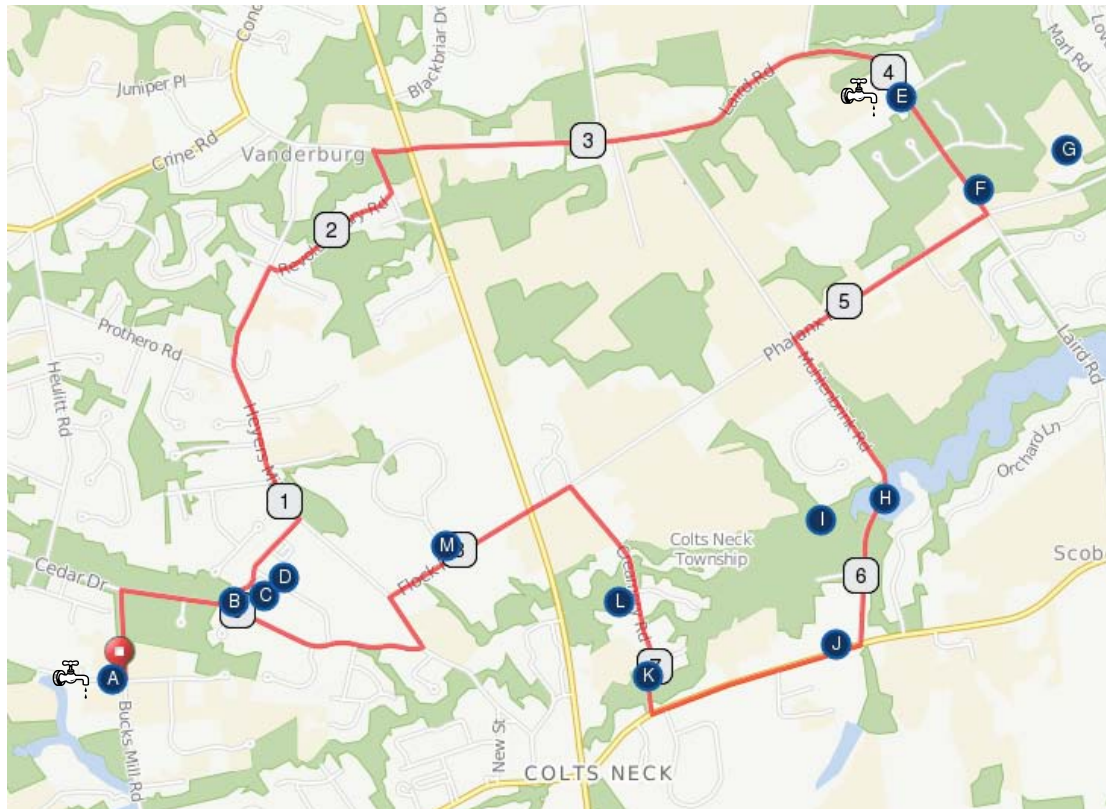
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- 3.0 ← L onto Conover Rd
- 3.4 ← L onto Laurelwood Dr
- 3.9 ← L onto Mulberry Ln
- 4.1 ← L onto Meadowview Dr
- 4.7 → R onto Longview Dr
- 4.8 ← L onto Hartshorn Dr
- 5.0 ← L onto Hillsdale Rd
- 5.6 ← Water stop at M 
- 6.1 ← L onto Crine Rd
- 6.6 ↗ R onto Heulitt Rd
- 7.6 ← L onto Cedar Dr
- 7.8 → R onto Bucks Mill Rd
- 8.1 → Water stop at A 

I2 Points of Interest



- A. Bucks Mill Recreation Area 
- B. Township Hall Park
- C. September 11th Memorial
- D. Children's Learning Garden
- E. Flock Farm
- F. Memorial Park
- G. Battle of Monmouth Retreat
- H. Vanderburg/Edinburg School
- I. Conover-Crine House
- J. Big Brook Farm
- K. Conover Road Park
- L. Holly Bush Farm
- M. Big Brook Preserve 
- N. Schlesinger Preserve

Share the road



13 Muhlenbrink Route (9.6 mi ±384 ft)



I3 Directions

- 0.0 ← L onto Bucks Mill Rd
- 0.3 → R onto Cedar Dr
- 0.6 ← L onto Heritage Ln
- 0.9 ← L onto Heyers Mill Rd
- 1.8 → R onto Revolutionary Rd
- 2.2 ← L onto Woods End Rd
- 2.3 → R onto Conover Rd
- 2.5 ↑ Continue onto Laird Rd
- 4.1 → Water stop at E 
- 4.5 → R onto Phalanx Rd
- 5.2 ← L onto Muhlenbrink Rd
- 6.2 → R onto County Rd 537 W
- 6.9 → R onto Creamery Rd
- 7.6 ← L onto Phalanx Rd
- 7.8 ↑ Continue onto Flock Rd
- 8.3 ← L onto Heyers Mill Rd
- 8.4 → R onto Cedar Dr
- 9.4 ← L onto Bucks Mill Rd
- 9.6 → Water stop at A 

I3 Points of Interest


- A. Bucks Mill Recreation Area 
- B. Township Hall Park
- C. September 11th Memorial
- D. Children's Learning Garden
- E. Laird Road Recreation Area 
- F. Hillside School
- G. North American Phalanx
- H. Muhlenbrink Mill Site
- I. Crossweeksung Trail
- J. Burlington Path
- K. Colts Neck Creamery Site
- L. Freer Nature Preserve
- M. Flock Farm

Wear your helmet

E1 Hockhockson Route (15.2 mi ±493 ft)



E1 Directions

- 0.0 ← L onto Bucks Mill Rd
- 0.3 → R onto Cedar Dr
- 0.6 ← L onto Heritage Ln
- 0.9 ← L onto Heyers Mill Rd
- 1.8 → R onto Revolutionary Rd
- 2.2 ← L onto Woods End Rd
- 2.3 → R onto Conover Rd
- 2.5 ↑ Continue onto Laird Rd
- 4.1 → Water stop at E 
- 5.6 ← L onto County Rd 537 E
- 6.3 → R onto Hockhockson Rd
- 7.4 → R onto Obre Rd
- 7.9 ↓ Turnaround at M
- 8.3 ← L onto Hockhockson Rd
- 9.4 → R onto County Rd 537 E
- 9.9 ↓ Turnaround at N
- 12.4 → R onto Creamery Rd
- 13.2 ← L onto Phalanx Rd
- 13.3 ↑ Continue onto Flock Rd

- 13.8 ← L onto Heyers Mill Rd
- 14.0 → R onto Cedar Dr
- 14.9 ← L onto Bucks Mill Rd
- 15.2 → Water stop at A

E1 Points of Interest

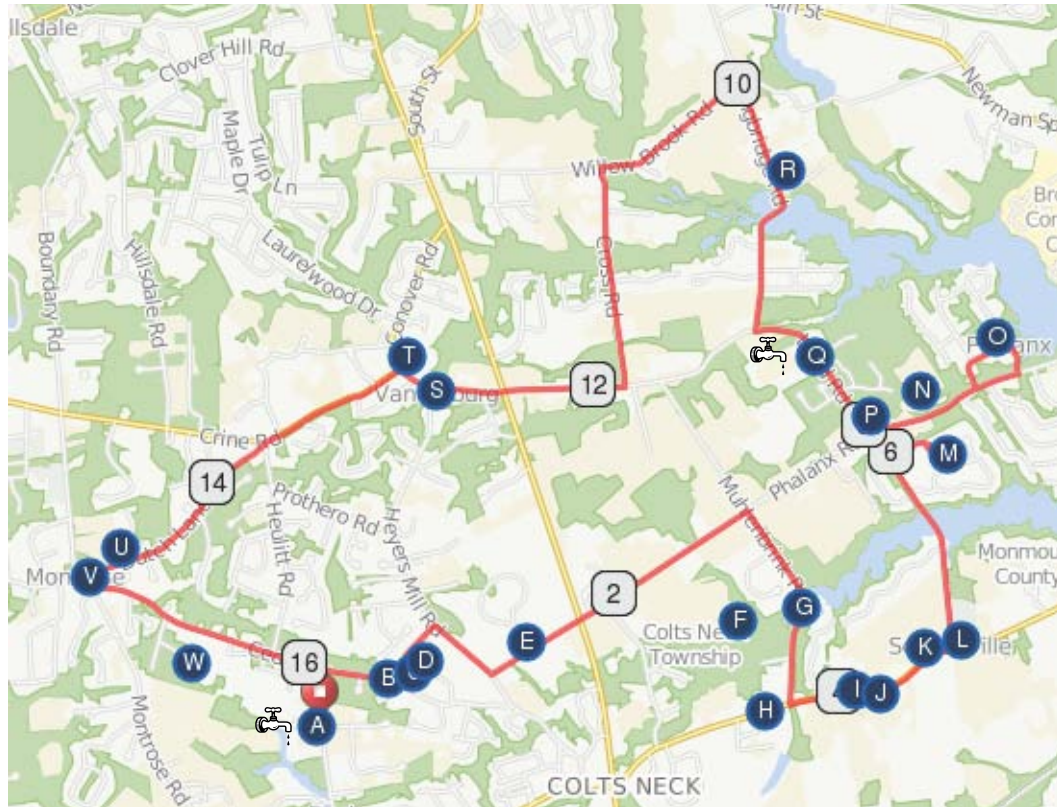
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- F. Hillside School
- G. North American Phalanx
- H. Wide Horizons
- I. Laird's Distillery
- J. Burlington Path
- K. Dorbrook Recreation Area
- L. Lenape Camp Area
- M. Obre Road Preserve
- N. Hockhockson Farm
- O. Delicious Orchards – Barclay

Home


- P. Woodfield Farm
- Q. Long Lane Farm
- R. Colts Neck Creamery Site
- S. Freer Nature Preserve
- T. Crossweeksung Trail
- U. Flock Farm


Keep to the right

E2 Scobeyville Route (16.3mi ±885 ft)





E2 Directions

- 0.0 ← L onto Bucks Mill Rd
- 0.3 → R onto Cedar Dr
- 0.6 ← L onto Heritage Ln
- 0.9 → R onto Heyers Mill Rd
- 1.3 ← L onto Flock Rd
- 1.8 ↑ Continue onto Phalanx Rd
- 2.7 → R onto Muhlenbrink Rd
- 3.7 ← L onto County Rd 537 E
- 4.6 ← L onto Laird Rd
- 5.6 → R onto Wide Horizons Dr
- 5.8 → R to stay on Wide Horizons Dr
- 6.0 → R onto Laird Rd
- 6.2 → R onto Phalanx Rd
- 6.7 ← L onto Lovett Rd
- 6.9 ↑ Continue onto Bucklin Rd
- 7.1 → R onto Richdale Rd
- 7.2 → R onto Phalanx Rd
- 8.0 → R onto Laird Rd
- 8.4 ← Water stop at Q 

- 8.8 → R onto Longbridge Rd
- 10.0 ← L onto Willow Brook Rd
- 10.8 ← L onto Cross Rd
- 11.9 → R onto Laird Rd
- 12.4 ↑ Continue onto Conover Rd
- 13.0 ← L onto Crine Rd
- 13.7 ↑ Continue onto Dutch Lane Rd
- 14.8 ← L onto Cedar Dr
- 16.1 → R onto Bucks Mill Rd
- 16.3 → Water stop at A 

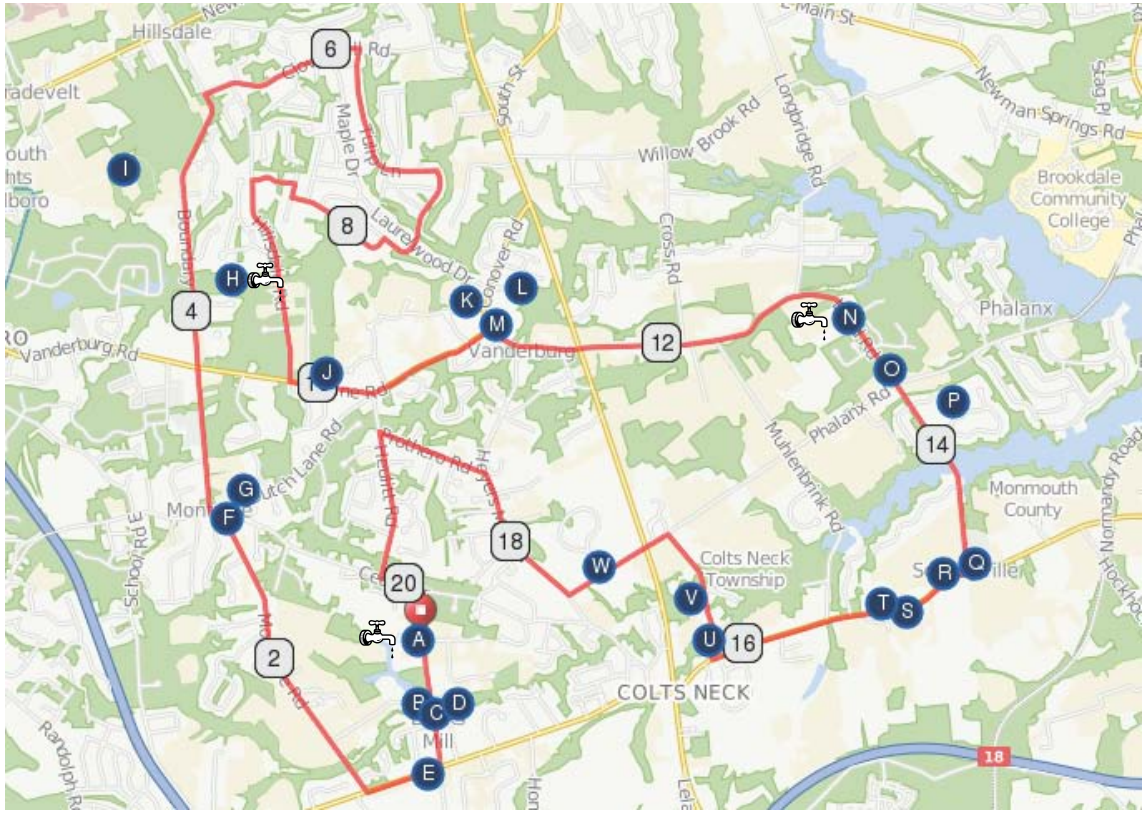
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- I. Long Lane Farm
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- P. Hillside School
- Q. Laird Road Recreation Area 
- R. Thompson Park
- S. Vanderburg/Edinburg School
- T. Conover-Crine House
- U. Battle of Monmouth Retreat
- V. Montrose School
- W. Cedar Drive Park


Obey traffic signs

E3 Clover Hill Route (20.4mi ±970 ft)






E3 Directions

- 0.0 → R onto Bucks Mill Rd
- 0.7 → R onto County Rd 537 W
- 1.1 → R onto Montrose Rd
- 2.8 ← L onto Cedar Dr
- 2.9 ↗ Slight R onto Boundary Rd
- 5.2 → R onto Clover Hill Rd
- 6.1 → R onto Tulip Ln
- 7.1 → R onto Mulberry Ln
- 7.8 ← L onto Meadowview Dr
- 8.4 → R onto Longview Dr
- 8.4 ← L onto Hartshorn Dr
- 8.7 ← L onto Hillsdale Rd
- 9.3 → Water stop at H 
- 9.8 ← L onto Crine Rd
- 10.3 ← L to stay on Crine Rd
- 11.0 → R onto Conover Rd
- 11.5 ↑ Continue onto Laird Rd
- 13.2 → Water stop at N 
- 14.7 → R onto County Rd 537 W

- 16.2 → R onto Creamery Rd
- 17.0 ← L onto Phalanx Rd
- 17.1 ↑ Continue onto Flock Rd
- 17.6 → R onto Heyers Mill Rd
- 18.4 ← L onto Prothero Rd
- 19.0 ← L onto Heulitt Rd
- 19.8 ← L onto Cedar Dr
- 20.1 → R onto Bucks Mill Rd
- 20.4 → Water stop at A 

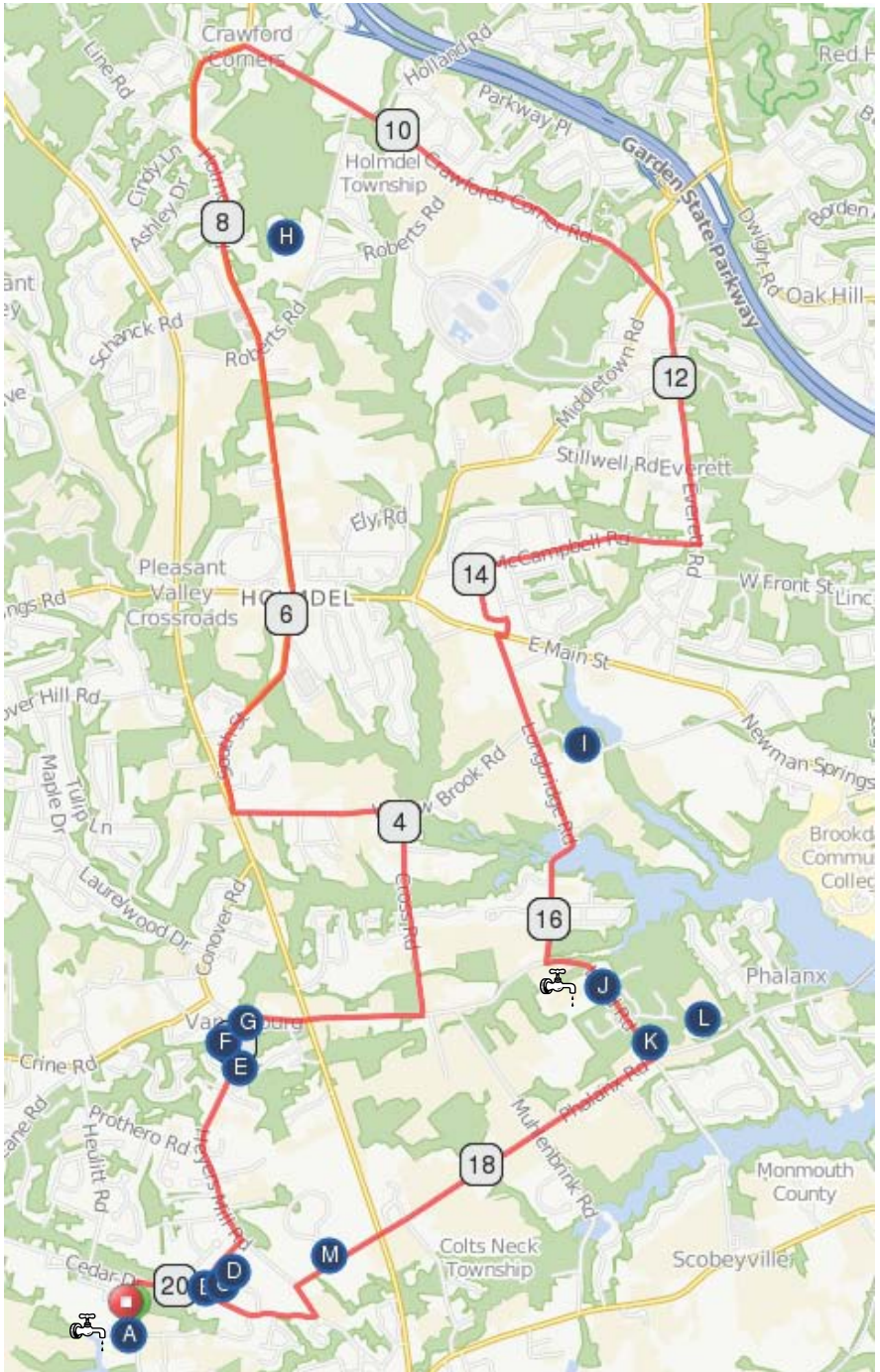
E3 Points of Interest

- A. Bucks Mill Recreation Area 
- B. Probasco Home
- C. Bucks Mill
- D. Crossweeksung Trail
- E. Burlington Path
- F. Montrose School
- G. Battle of Monmouth Retreat
- H. Big Brook Preserve 
- I. Big Brook Park
- J. Schlesinger Preserve



- K. Big Brook Farm
- L. Conover Road Park
- M. Conover-Crine House
- N. Laird Road Recreation Area 
- O. Hillside School
- P. Wide Horizons
- Q. Laird's Distillery
- R. Delicious Orchards – Barclay Home
- S. Woodfield Farm
- T. Long Lane Farm
- U. Colts Neck Creamery Site
- V. Freer Nature Preserve
- W. Flock Farm

Signal your turns



36 E4 Crawfords Corner Route (20.5 mi ±972 ft)



E4 Directions

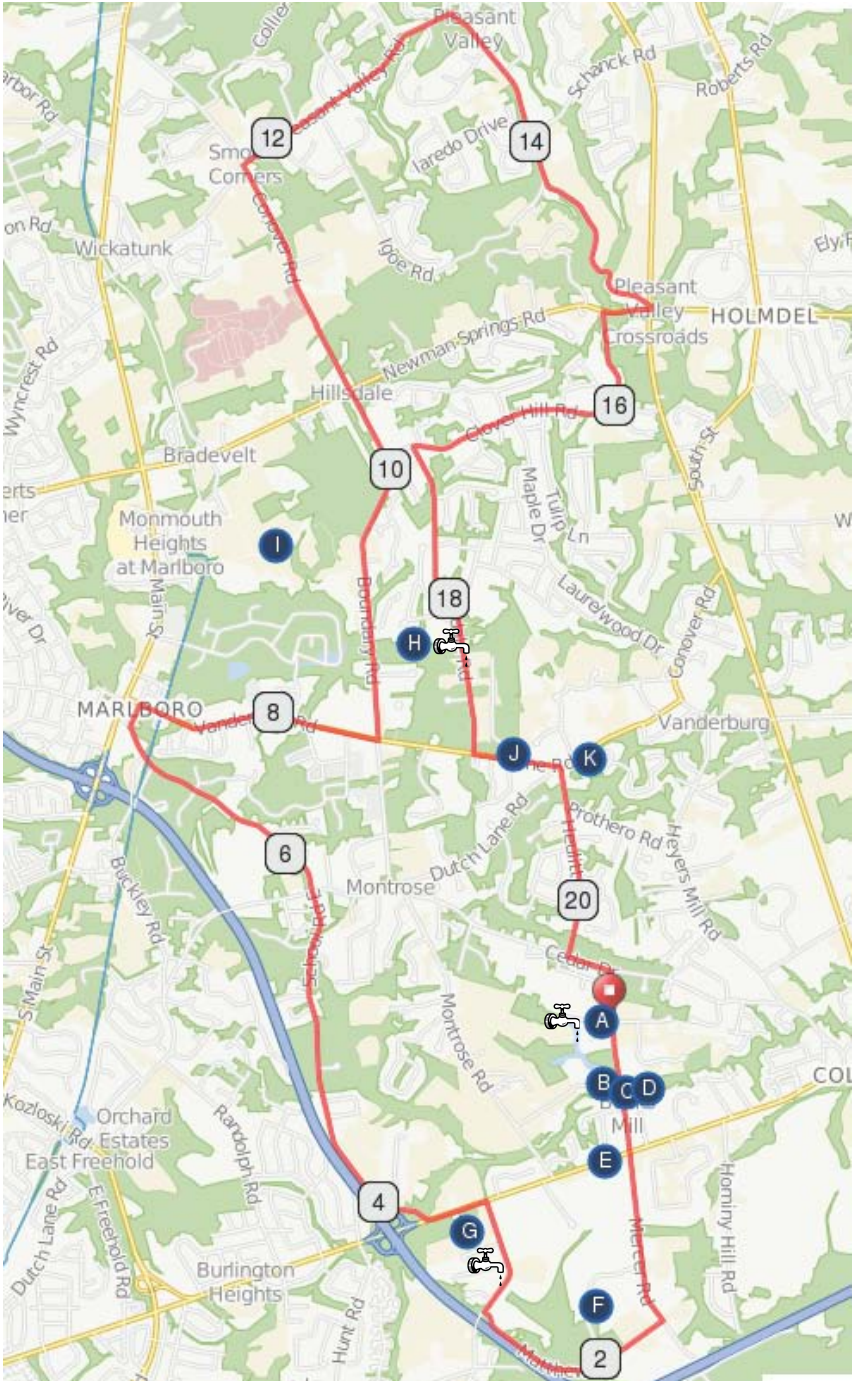
- 0.0 ← L onto Bucks Mill Rd
- 0.3 → R onto Cedar Dr
- 0.6 ← L onto Heritage Ln
- 0.9 ← L onto Heyers Mill Rd
- 2.1 → R onto Conover Rd
- 2.5 ↑ Continue onto Laird Rd
- 3.0 ← L onto Cross Rd
- 4.1 ← L onto Willow Brook Rd
- 4.9 → R onto NJ-34 N
- 4.9 ↗ Slight R onto Holmdel Rd/South St
- 9.1 → R onto Crawfords Corner Rd
- 11.7 ↑ Continue onto Everett Rd
- 12.8 → R onto McCampbell Rd
- 13.9 ← L onto Barbera Dr
- 14.3 → R onto Chardonnay Dr
- 14.4 → R onto County Rd 520 /Newman Springs Rd
- 14.4 ← L onto Longbridge Rd
- 16.2 ← L onto Laird Rd
- 16.6 → Water stop at J 
- 17.0 → R onto Phalanx Rd
- 18.6 ↑ Continue onto Flock Rd
- 19.1 ← L onto Heyers Mill Rd
- 19.3 → R onto Cedar Dr
- 20.2 ← L onto Bucks Mill Rd
- 20.5 → Water stop at A 

E4 Points of Interest




- A. Bucks Mill Recreation Area 
- B. Township Hall Park
- C. September 11th Memorial
- D. Children's Learning Garden
- E. Memorial Park
- F. Battle of Monmouth Retreat
- G. Vanderburg/Edinburg School
- H. Holmdel Park 
- I. Thompson Park
- J. Laird Road Recreation Area
- K. Hillsdale School
- L. North American Phalanx
- M. Flock Farm

Share the road

38 **E5 Pleasant Valley Route (20.8 mi ±1025 ft)**



E5 Directions

- 0.0 → R onto Bucks Mill Rd
- 0.7 ↑ Continue onto Mercer Rd
- 1.6 → R onto Matthews Rd
- 2.8 → R onto Five Points Road
- 3.3 ← Water stop at G 
- 3.4 ← L onto County Rd 537 W
- 3.7 → R onto School Rd
- 7.1 → R onto Hudson St
- 7.2 → R onto Vanderburg Rd
- 8.6 ← L onto Boundary Rd
- 10.5 ↑ Continue onto Conover Rd
- 11.8 → R onto Pleasant Valley Rd
- 13.2 → R to stay on Pleasant Valley Rd
- 15.2 → R onto NJ-34 S
- 15.2 → R onto County Rd 520 /Newman Springs Rd
- 15.4 ← L onto Clover Hill Ln
- 16.0 → R onto Clover Hill Rd
- 17.1 ← L onto Hillsdale Rd
- 18.3 → Water stop at H 
- 18.8 ← L onto Crine Rd
- 19.3 ↗ R onto Heulitt Rd
- 20.3 ← L onto Cedar Dr
- 20.5 → R onto Bucks Mill Rd
- 20.8 → Water stop at A 

E5 Points of Interest

- A. Bucks Mill Recreation Area 
- B. Probasco Home
- C. Bucks Mill
- D. Crossweeksung Trail
- E. Burlington Path
- F. Hominy Hill Golf Course
- G. Five Point Park 
- H. Big Brook Preserve 
- I. Big Brook Park
- J. Schlesinger Preserve
- K. Battle of Monmouth Retreat

Wear your helmet

Points of Interest

ATLANTIC GRANGE HALL: B1

"Atlantic Grange 216 was organized in December, 1931.... In June 1939 the present property was purchased, lot cleared ground breaking ceremonies held and so began the work of building, done by members and friends which was completed in October, 1955 [HCN]."

The building was remodeled as a library and dedicated in June 1982 [RG p. 97]. In May 2000 the library moved to a new building at the Colts Neck municipal complex on Cedar Drive [MR]. The Colts Neck Department of Recreation and Parks continues to use the building [DRP].

BATTLE OF MONMOUTH RETREAT: B2, B3, I1, I2, E2, E3, E4, E5

"In June of 1778, the British ... left Philadelphia ... and marched north across New Jersey toward New York.... Washington's army paralleled the British movement.... The two armies met at the Battle of Monmouth, just west of Freehold.

"When the morning of Sunday, June 28, 1778 dawned, the British Army of 20,000 men was camped along Dutch Lane and the Monmouth Courthouse-Allentown Road, while the main Continental Army of 8,500 men was camped at Manalapan Bridge.... General Charles Lee and an advance force of 5,000 men had orders to make a hit-and-run attack on the British line-of-march. Lee's approach [was] observed, and his advance force was immediately driven back by 10,000 men under Generals Clinton and Cornwallis....

"Washington ordered Generals Wayne and Lee to fight a delaying action, while Washington rode back to arrange the main body of the Continental Army on a hill protected by two brooks. In bloody, sometimes hand-to-hand combat, the British pursued the last advance force battalions across a bridge and up the hill. [Th]ey were too late. Washington's men were in position, and ten Continental cannon shredded the front of the British column.

"The British commander, Sir Henry Clinton, still hoped to ... destroy the Continental Army and win the war.... Clinton brought up 10 cannon and howitzers to silence the Continental guns. However, the distance between the two hills was too great. The British fired over 1,000 shot and shell into the hill without silencing the Continental artillery. [Th]e British lost the artillery duel, when four more Continental field pieces appeared on Combs' Hill and enfiladed the British position. When the British began withdrawing, Washington sent small detachments to harass

their rear units, creating the impression that the Continentals were driving the enemy from the field.

“The Battle of Monmouth was significant for the American cause. The newly disciplined army, trained over the winter at Valley Forge, fought the British to a standstill and held the ground when the British withdrew toward Sandy Hook. The battle marked a turning point in the war and demonstrated that the Americans could match the British on their own terms [CAR].”

BIG BROOK FARM: I2, E3

In the 1850s and '60s the Taylor family raised South Down sheep here for sales all across the country. Big Brook Farm had a game preserve in the 1930s, and in the 1950s Walter Zimmerer Jr. raised Angus cattle and planted apple orchards here [RG p. 66-69].

BIG BROOK PARK (Monmouth County): E3, E5

“The original 379 acre parcel of land that established Big Brook Park was formerly used as farmland for patients at the Marlboro Psychiatric Hospital, located across the street (Route 520). The Park System purchased this property—which once contained a piggery, dairy farm and other agricultural operations—from the state in 1997, around the time it closed the hospital. In 2010, the Park System purchased an additional 36 acres, bringing the park total to 415 acres.

“Named for Big Brook, which drains into the Swimming River Reservoir, the park contains forest made up of young wetland and maturing American beech, white oak, tulip poplar and hickory trees. Perhaps the park is better known for its rolling fields; made up of grasses, goldenrod and other perennials that provide a contiguous field habitat for butterflies, birds and other wildlife.

“In addition to providing very good wildlife viewing opportunities, Big Brook Park is strategically located next to the Henry Hudson Trail. Visitors may now access a 5-mile section of the Henry Hudson Trail leading to Freehold via a 0.9 mile paved connector from a parking area located just off the main entrance. The YMCA Camp Arrowhead still operates within a portion of this park [MCPS].”

BIG BROOK PRESERVE (Colts Neck Township): I2, E3, E5

“The Big Brook site consisting of 143.44 acres, has been recognized by Federal, State and local environmental specialists as one of the most unique environmental areas both in Monmouth County and New Jersey. Its uniqueness includes being long recognized as a major site for fossils of both the Cretaceous and Pleistocene ages (70-65 million years old). Many school groups, elementary through college, currently visit the

resource each year, thus providing both educational, as well as scientific benefits. Major fossil types found at the site include hundreds of specimens ranging from sharks teeth (relatively common) to rare Cretaceous marine reptiles and Ice Age mastodons. The site also includes large sections of green sand deposits, used as a natural fertilizer, which are fully exposed for study. In addition, numerous historic bottles, tools and farm implements dating from pre-revolutionary times to the early 20th century have been found in and around the Big Brook area. The site is also very aesthetic and awesome, with a wide variety of flora and fauna, as well as being transverse with the Big Brook stream. Parking is in the lot on Hillsdale Road or along Laurelwood Drive [DRP]."

BUCKS MILL (Probasco Mill): I1, E3, E5

"A four-story grist mill on Bucks Mill Road was built in 1854 by Joseph Probasco, whose family, part of the area's historically significant Polhemus family, farmed the area dating back to the 1700s. William Conover Buck, (1836 – 1914), purchased the mill on Yellow Brook in 1871 and built the house that still stands next to the site. His son, Alfred Conover Buck, (1877 – 1958), took over the mill upon his father's death in 1914.

"The Buck family owned the mill from 1871 until 1963 when it was purchased by George Dittmar, who made it part of his vast Duck Hollow Farm. William Buck, who worked there as a miller, served as mayor of Colts Neck in 1960 and 1963. Mr. Dittmar restored the mill, adding an historic mill wheel from Pennsylvania. A mysterious fire on Mischief Night in 1967 burned the mill, but the wheel still remains [HPC]."

BUCKS MILL RECREATION AREA (Colts Neck Township): B1, B2, B3, I1, I2, I3, E1, E2, E3, E4, E5

"Bucks Mill Recreation area was purchased through the New Jersey Green Acres program in 1981. This site is located on Bucks Mill Road and lies adjacent to the Cedar Drive Park. The site is rich in recreation resources, including two large open fields, one at an upper and one at a lower plateau, a wooded deciduous tree area, a thick conifer area of pines and hemlock, two good sized ponds, a Community Center and a concrete block building for storage area. The location and nature of the site has become the ideal setting for a major recreation complex, including the use of the adjacent Cedar Drive Park. Sports facilities, environmental-interpretive sites, and picnic area facilities are all part of this site [DRP]."

BURLINGTON PATH: B1, I1, I3, E1, E2, E3, E5

"The thoroughfare now known as Route 537 has been traveled for centuries. Once part of the historic Burlington Path and later known as 'The Road to Red Bank,' it was a stagecoach route between Middletown, Trenton and Burlington.... There were two toll houses on Route 537; one near Muhlenbrink Road and the other opposite Firehouse #1 [HPC]."

CEDAR DRIVE PARK (Colts Neck Township): B3, I1, E2

"This 57.0 acre site was acquired by the township under the New Jersey Green Acres program in 1967. There have been a number of facilities developed at this site, as well as on the adjacent land of the Cedar Drive School site including two Little League (and softball) diamonds, tennis courts, a 300 yard running track used for school and recreation track and field activity[, and] two outdoor basketball courts. The site is also used extensively for soccer and youth football in season [DRP]."

CHILDREN'S LEARNING GARDEN: B1, B2, B3, I2, I3, E1, E2, E4

"The Children's Learning Garden was created to provide the children of our town with a fun, friendly place to learn about plants and gardening. This is a place where children can come and plant flowers, vegetables, and herbs, and see, each time they visit, how much their plants have grown [FOL]."

COLTS NECK CREAMERY SITE: I3, E1, E3

In the early 20th century farmers in the area sold excess milk to creameries. Thomas and Peter Walling founded the Colts Neck Creamery on a branch of Yellow Brook on Creamery Road in 1903. They used the Snyder Grist Mill already on the site. An earlier grist mill was built here before 1806 by Cornelius Barriclo. The dam and mill are gone today. [RG p. 123, FE p. 666

COLTS NECK INN: B1

"Speculation abounds over which iconic Revolutionary War figures passed through Colts Neck and stopped at its famous tavern and inn. It was built as a tavern circa 1717 by the Laird family, whose members came to Monmouth County from Scotland in 1698. The Lairds began producing their famous Apple Jack whiskey, also known as Jersey Lightening, and apple brandy with apples from local orchards. Since Robert Laird served under George Washington during the Revolution, it's likely General Washington's travels took him through Colts Neck. Production continued at the site until the distillery was destroyed by a fire in 1849. The Levi Hart family owned and operated the Inn until the late 1800s [HPC]."

COLTS NECK VILLAGE: B1

"In [1858], the General Store on Route 537 was built for Captain [Levi] Scobey. Gasoline pumps appeared in the 1940s. The area is now known as the original Colts Neck 'Village' with many of its early structures still standing, operating and identified by markers provided by the Colts Neck Historic Preservation Committee [HPC, RG p. 108, FE p. 666]."

CONOVER-CRINE HOUSE: I2, E2, E3

"Originally part of a larger farm along Crine Road owned by Daniel Conover (Covenhoven) in the early 18th Century, it was also part of what became known as Holly Bush Farm. The east end of the home was built in the late 1700s by the Conover's for the son of local Revolutionary War patriot Daniel Covenhoven, while the larger section at the western end was built in the mid-19th Century. That portion features bricks made in Matawan and ruby glass around the front and back doors. Now called "Valhalla" it has undergone an extensive, painstakingly accurate historic restoration by its current inhabitants [HPC]."

CONOVER ROAD PARK (Colts Neck Township): I2, E3

"The site lies adjacent to the Conover Road Elementary School, and offers baseball fields, picnic areas, and the community built Robert Leathers Adventure Playground [DRP]."

CROSSWEKSUNG TRAIL: B1, I1, I3, E1, E2, E3, E5

"The four great Indian trails were the Achkinkeshacky (Hackensack) Trail from the headwaters of the Hudson River; the Minisink Trail from ... the Great Lakes; the Raritan-Lopotcong Trail from the west; and the Crossweksung Trail from the southwest. All of these terminated at the Navesink River [HCN]."

"[The Crossweksung Trail] entered the State at the Falls at Trenton.... From this point it went to Crosswicks ; thence to ... Manalapan Indian Village, Englishtown, through Freehold to Yellow Brook near Colts Neck ; thence to Hop Brook, passing the Indian villages of Memdokomeek and Tanganawamese, joining the Minisink Trail near Fairview [NJHS p. 33]."

DELICIOUS ORCHARDS – BARCLAY HOME: E1, E2, E3

"The Barclay Family and Delicious Orchards are synonymous with the 1800s agricultural history of Colts Neck. This circa 1800 home was purchased by Carroll and Ruth Barclay from Ruth's father Charles Applegate in 1928. Carroll, an experienced apple grower, continued the family tradition. The Barclay's daughter-in-law Janet began production of pies and cider in 1960. From the original small fruit stand on Route 537 she started, the fame and size of Delicious Orchards bloomed into the modern, popular destination it has become at its present location on

Route 34. In 2011, Delicious Orchards celebrated its 100th anniversary. The family maintains numerous photos of its early operations, including some of the first pies being made in the kitchen of the Barclay home. Many are on display at the store [HPC]."

DORBROOK RECREATION AREA (Monmouth County): E1

"This active recreation site features 535 acres which include a barrier-free playground, tennis courts, two swimming pools (for lessons only), a Sprayground, an inline rink, basketball courts, open fields, and 2.3 miles of paved trail for walking, biking, and in-line skating. There are also athletic fields available for use for games only, no practices [MCPS]."

DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH: K1, B1

"This Greek Revival-style church was built in 1856. Jacob Wyckoff was its first Pastor. Prior to its construction church services were held in private homes or at the Old Dutch Reformed Church in Marlboro. Ancestors of numerous well-known families who settled and lived in the area are buried in its Atlantic Cemetery, established in 1865 [HPC]."

FIRE COMPANY NUMBER 1 SITE: B1

"The Colts Neck Township Fire Company Number 1 ... was organized December 8, 1926.... In February 1927 the blacksmith shop and barn were purchased from the Culver family for \$2,800 and served as the original fire house for 26 years. The first fire truck was purchased in March 1927 and delivered that summer. In the fall of that year a siren was bought (electric was installed the same year,) tower purchased and installed by January, 1928. In August, 1928, the first 32' ladder was purchased. A second truck was added in late 1938. The first recorded fire call was in July 29, 1927, a truck fire on county road west of Colts Neck [FD, see also Honey Shop]."

FIVE POINT PARK (Colts Neck Township): I1, E5

"Five Point Park is newest addition to Colts Neck recreation areas. The distance around the park is approximately 1.5 miles. Five Points Park has two full-sized regulation soccer fields. The use of soccer fields is by permit only [DRP]."

FLOCK FARM: I2, I3, E1, E2, E3, E4

In the early 20th century potatoes were a main crop for Colts Neck farmers, and Monmouth County was a top producer. Charles Flock bought a 120 acre farm in 1923 from the estate of John Statesir. In 1987 the Flock Farm was auctioned to make way for houses [RG p. 84-85]. Today the Flock Farm barn and silo are notable features of the club house at the Colts Neck Golf Club.

FREER NATURE PRESERVE (Colts Neck Township): I3, E1, E3

"The Freer Preserve was the first park resource to be given the formal status of a nature preserve. Located on Creamery Road, the 18.2 acre site was acquired by the township in 1964 as a public park, and was formally dedicated as a nature preserve on June 25, 1977. The township has developed an interpretive trail system within the resource [DRP]."

GENERAL STORE: B1

"In [1858], this structure was built for Captain [Levi] Scobey on the Burlington Path to serve area residents and travelers. It remains in operation today as an eatery. Captain Scobey built his own home further east on Route 537, which now serves as the headquarters of Laird's Distillery. That area of town, known as Scobeyville, was named in his honor [HPC, RG p. 108, FE p. 666]."

HAIGHT'S/HEYER'S MILLS: B1

"In 1825, William Haight owned and operated two mills, a grist mill and a saw mill, located at the stream and on opposite sides of Haight's Mill Road. The mills were later sold to Dr. Robert Cooke. In 1859, they were purchased by the Heyer family, for whom the road was named. Both mills, now private homes, were in operation until the late 1920s [HPC]."

In February 1902 Heyer's saw mill was the site of a tragic accident. A rainstorm flooded the brook, thawing snow and ice which threatened the mill dam. Frank Heyer and several other workers were trying to break up the ice and get it over the dam when the dam broke. Four of those swept into the water were killed. Heyer survived and rebuilt the dam [HCN, RG p. 106-107]."

HILLSIDE SCHOOL: I3, E1, E2, E3, E4

"Built in 1865, this house was originally known as Hillside District #4 School; one of five one-room school houses in Colts Neck during the 1800s. After the Atlantic Elementary School was built in 1922, all of the school houses were no longer used for students. This one became a residence [HPC]."

HOCKHOCKSON FARM: E1

"Also known as the Cooke Farm, this residence has been on the same foundation since 1790 and has been owned by the same family for some 200 years. It was extensively restored in the 1940s [HPC]."

HOLLY BUSH FARM: I2

"This farm, near Conover-Crine House and once part of the same 300-acre family farm and homestead, was built in the early 1700s by Jacob Covenhoven. Additions were made in 1740 and again in the 19th and 20th Centuries. Despite intensive efforts by the community to save it, it was

destroyed to make way for a large modern home in the early 2000s [HPC].”

HOLMDEL PARK (Monmouth County): E4

“Holmdel Park is one of Monmouth County's most popular locations for active recreation and nature appreciation. Acquired by the Park System in 1962, nearly one million visitors enjoy this 565-acre site yearly. This park features Historic Longstreet Farm, the David C. Shaw Arboretum, fishing, picnic areas, four tennis courts, two playgrounds, ice skating, sledding and 10 miles of trails - including a 1/2 mile paved loop linking the Pond View and Forest Edge areas of the park with group picnic facilities and playgrounds [MCPS].”

HOMINY HILL GOLF COURSE (Monmouth County): I1, E5

“Hominy Hill is the crown jewel of the Monmouth County Park System's golf courses. This classic Robert Trent Jones design is often rated as New Jersey's #1 public golf course [MCPS].”

HONEY SHOP: B1

“Built in 1812 as a residence and still standing today on Route 537, this structure has been a blacksmith shop and firehouse. From the early 1960s until his death in 2001, it was the site of local resident Harry Barth's popular Honey Shop, where he farmed bees and made his own honey [HPC].”

JOSHUA HUDDY HOUSE SITE: B1

“In the 1700s, this home on Heyer's Mill Rd. belonged to Levi Hart, owner of the Colts Neck Inn. After his death in 1775, his widow Catherine and her new husband, Captain Joshua Huddy lived there until he was captured and hung by the British in 1782. The home was then burned by the Loyalists. During the Revolution, Capt. Huddy commanded the stockade at Toms River [HPC].”

KELSEY HOUSE: B1

“Erected circa 1780, this building has been both a home and business over the years. The Kelsey family lived there in the early 1800s. It is currently the site of Colts Neck Realty, owned and operated by former Colts Neck Mayor Mrs. Lillian G. Burry, Chairperson of the Colts Neck Historic Preservation Committee [HPC].”

LAIRD ROAD RECREATION AREA (Colts Neck Township): I3, E1, E2, E3, E4

“The Laird Road Recreational Area contains four baseball diamonds two tennis courts, playground areas, a well water system and renovated snack bar. The highest elevations are mostly open fields on the southwest half of the property. The northwest and southeast ends have

swales that lead ultimately to streams that feed irrigations and fire ponds on other lands. The rolling topography lends itself to interesting development into a park area. This offers many views to distant points of interest. A very old family cemetery dating back to early 1700 is located on the western corner on a high promontory of land. An air traffic control beacon is located at the rear of the property [DRP]."

LAIRD'S DISTILLERY/LAIRD'S APPLE JACK, "Jersey Lightening": E1, E2, E3

"The Laird family emigrated from Scotland to Monmouth County in 1698 and started production of their "cider spirits" or Apple Jack in their first distillery on the site of what is now the Colts Neck Inn. Samuel Laird was the proprietor. He purchased apples from local orchards and pressed them from early September to mid-November until the plant was destroyed by fire in 1849. The distillery was then relocated to its present site at Laird Road and Route 537 in the section known as Scobeyville. It is widely believed that George Washington enjoyed and stopped for the liquor during his travels along the Colonial Routes through Monmouth County when the Colts Neck Inn was a popular hotel and traveler's respite [HPC]."

LENAPE CAMP AREA: E1

"The Indians of the area were known as the Lenni Lenape.... In immediate residence were the Unami or Turtle Clan. The name Lenni, in Delaware language means original. Len means our and ape means man. The phrase thus means 'original of our people' [HCN]."

"One vast camp site near present Obrey Road yielded for many decades the relics of the conclaves of the Chiefs and their braves. They had come to parleys and for fellowship and contest but also for the practical aspect of gathering shells to make wampum, belts used in monetary exchange. [HCN]"

LONG LANE FARM: E1, E2, E3

"This home on Route 537, situated down a long lane, has been updated several times over the years with wide-plank floor, exposed ceiling beams and back-to-back fireplaces. Its original core, circa 1790, is still discernable [HPC]."

MEMORIAL PARK (Colts Neck Township): B2, I2, E4

"During the Battle of Monmouth in 1778, Michael Fields, a private in the first Regiment of Middlesex County, was wounded and taken prisoner. As the British retreated, Fields was either slain or died of his wounds and left behind. Local residents who found his body interred him at this spot

on Heyers Mill Road. Today, it is the site of the township's annual Memorial Day observance [HPC]"

MONTROSE SCHOOL: B3, I1, E2, E3

"Strategically located at the intersection of Cedar Drive and Montrose Road, the last of Colts Neck's one-room school houses was built in the late 1800s. It was originally located in "the Barrens" just to the west and was moved to its present location. It ceased operating as a school in 1922, but has been painstakingly restored by the Colts Neck Historic Preservation Committee and is opened on special occasions [HPC]."

MUHLENBRINK MILL SITE: I3, E2

"The Van Mater and Muhlenbrink mill, [on a branch of Yellow Brook], was also build by Cornelius Barriclo. Later, it came into possession of William Haight, by whom it was carried on many years, and afterwards by his sons [FE p. 666]."

NORTH AMERICAN PHALANX: I3, E1, E2, E4

"In 1843, some 600 acres on both sides of what is now Phalanx Road were purchased to establish a communal living association of self-sufficiency, founded by Albert Brisbane, who was influenced by the Socialist theories of Charles Fourier. The largest building, the Phalanstery, was built in 1851 to house families and workers. Local farmers taught residents agricultural and harvesting skills and the social experiment succeeded for a time. The site included a school, communal dwellings, an ice house, carpenter shop, blacksmith, post office, barns and a cemetery. Noted writer Alexander Woolcott was born there.

"A fire in 1854 destroyed the mills and shops and the property was eventually sold at auction. The Phalanstery itself housed migrant farm workers during World War II, but was destroyed in a suspicious fire in November 1972. Located along Yellow and Hop Brooks, portions of the property today are occupied by Thompson Park and Brookdale Community College. All that remains are three family homes along Phalanx Road that have been modernized and are occupied today [HPC]."

OBRE ROAD PRESERVE (Colts Neck Township): E1

"This site, 15 acres in size is a four sided piece of land with a dirt lane running along the northern boundary. It is relative level land with approximately one third of it excavated, approximately one seventh of it in oak woods, and the remainder in fields. Approximately one third of the total acreage (5 acres) is excavated land, having supported a sand and gravel quarrying operation. The excavated area is still layered with varying levels of coarse sand [DRP]."

PROBASCO HOME (Duck Hollow): I1, E3, E5

"Listed in the National Registry of Historic Places, the oldest portion of this home, located between Bucks Mill and Montrose Roads, dates to 1740. Additions were made in the late 1700s and early 1800s. The late George Dittmar, a former Colts Neck Mayor who grew many specimen varieties of holly trees on the property for decades, restored the home in which his family still resides [HPC]."

ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH: B1

"Located on Heyers Mill Road, this 30 x 45-foot mission-style structure was built in 1878 for \$2,400. A coal stove near the hand-pumped organ provided heat. The larger, modern St. Mary's was built at the corner of Route 34 and Phalanx Road in 1972 and expanded in 2006. Today, the original church is a private home [HPC]."

SCHLESINGER PRESERVE (Colts Neck Township): I2, E3, E5

"In January, 1983 the township of Colts Neck was the recipient of a 39.31 acre tract of land on Crine Road. The land was the donation of Kurt and Annemarie Schlesinger, long time township Residents, who designated that the site be preserved for recreation, park and conservation purposes [DRP]."

SEPTEMBER 11TH MEMORIAL: B1, B2, B3, I2, I3, E1, E2, E4

The memorial garden honors members of the community who were killed in the attacks on September 11, 2001. Five benches in the garden commemorate the victims from Colts Neck. The focal point of the garden is a fountain created by Colts Neck artist Jim Gary [RG p. 121].

MARCUS SPRING HOUSE: E2

"This fine example of Gothic Revival architecture was originally built in 1851 adjacent to the eastern side of the Phalanx. It was moved in 1853 to its present location on Bucklin Road. The house sits on a circular foundation 16 feet in diameter created by a horse moving in circles, scraping away the soil for construction of this unusual foundation [HPC]."

THOMPSON PARK (Monmouth County): E2, E4

"The Park System Headquarters are located in this 667 acre park, which was established in 1968 with a donation of 215 acres from the estate of Geraldine Livingston Thompson. Mrs Thompson's beloved 'Brookdale Farm' was a premier thoroughbred race horse breeding/training facility. Today, the park remembers Mrs.Thompson's belief that 'children have to feel the ground beneath them and go out into the woods and see the trees and birds.'

"Thompson Park has opportunities for varied recreational interests including 14 miles of multiple-use trails (4.9 miles paved), a playground, tennis courts, a fishing lake for canoes/kayaks and electric-powered boats, a seasonal group picnic facility, Creative Arts Center, and off-leash dog area [MCPS]."

TOWNSHIP HALL PARK (Colts Neck Township): B1, B2, B3, I2, I3, E1, E2, E4

"Township Hall Park is an area of mowed lawns with many species of mature trees. It is co-located with the Township Hall, Municipal Court, Police Station, First Aid Squad, and County Library. The primary facilities at this park are a 20 station par course fitness trail system and a 1.5 mile jogging path. There also exist two shuffleboard courts, a small picnic area, and a variety of park benches. This park is also the site for summer teen and adult band concerts [DRP]."

VANDERBURG/EDINBURG SCHOOL: B2, I2, E2, E4

"The first house in which school was taught in [Edinburg School District #2] was built for that purpose about 1814.... The present school-house was built before 1836 and was rebuilt in 1865 [FE p. 668]." The building, at the southeast corner of Conover Road and Heyers Mill Road, was converted to a residence about 1920 [RG p. 99].

WIDE HORIZONS – Daniel Polhemus Farm: E1, E2, E3

"The oldest standing home in Colts Neck is purported to have been constructed in the traditional Dutch style by Daniel Polhemus circa 1730 after his marriage to Margaret Covenhoven. The foundation is fieldstone and brick. Exterior walls were framed with rough-hewn timber. An addition built in 1763 was built in the English style. The 1709 Land Grant Document giving the land to Polhemus signed by Lewis Morris, the first Royal Governor of New Jersey, was donated to the township by the Sgroi family. The documents are on display in Town Hall. The Sgroi's have lived in the house for decades and spent years restoring it with historical accuracy [HPC]."

WOODFIELD FARM: E1, E2, E3

"Built circa 1768 and originally located on Swimming River Road, this house was moved to its present location in the early 1900s. The oldest section has original floor joists made of split trees and post and beam framing. It was once owned by Thomas Guest, one of the founders of the North American Phalanx [HPC]."

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