

Gibbsboro Bikeway Network



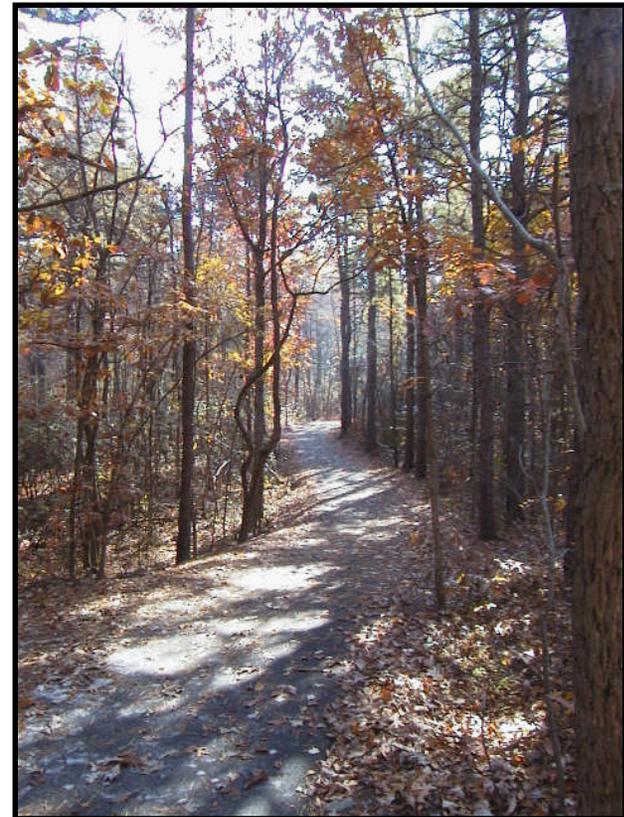
**2007 Recreation Project of the Year
New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers Honors Award**

The Gibbsboro Greenway



2004 NJ DEP's Environmental Excellence Award

The Gibbsboro Greenway and Bikeway Network



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Borough of Gibbsboro
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Dear Friend:

It is a pleasure to provide our most recent guide to the award winning Gibbsboro Bikeway Network. Our system is well designed and functional. Whether you are out for leisurely stroll or to ride to work, you'll enjoy the routes that we have laid out. The guide will share with you some of our rich history and sensitize you to the environmental riches for which we are custodians. And, if you are fortunate, you may see some incredible wildlife.

We welcome walkers and bicyclists. Please respect the private property along the way and remove trash – take only pictures and leave only footprints.

I hope that you have the opportunity to walk or ride through the system and see Gibbsboro as I know it – an incredible mix of people, places, and paths! May the sun shine this day on the paths you choose to travel.

Best wishes,



Edward G. Campbell, III
Mayor

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Sponsorship Opportunities

If you are looking for a great memorial to a loved one, we have hundreds of opportunities for interested parties to sponsor the evolution of our bikeway and greenway system. The next phase of our system will include brick pavers – you can sponsor one. Benches, picnic tables, signs, lights, mile markers, and virtually every part of the system offers an opportunity for sponsorship, including memorial pavers. For more information contact our Borough Clerk at (856) 783-6655 extension 105.

Donations are tax deductible.

Major Funding Sources and Sponsors

Federal Department of Transportation

New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund

Camden County Open Space Trust Fund

The State of New Jersey

New Jersey Recreational Trails Fund

Scarborough Properties

Gibraltar

T&L Transportation

Chick's Block Company

Bikeway Rules

Bikeway is open dawn to dusk, conditions permitting. The bikeways are closed if ice or snow covered.

Ride within your ability – if you cannot navigate a section dismount and walk.

No motorized vehicles.

Dogs must be tightly leashed at all times. No free ranging. Clean up pet waste.

No horses.

Removal of plants or animals from open space is prohibited. No hunting.

No drugs or alcohol.

Report poor trail conditions to (856) 783-6655 extension 105.

For fires and emergencies call 9-1-1.



If I need assistance how do I identify my location?

In more remote areas, the Gibbsboro Bikeway is marked with mileage markers. Markers have been placed every one-tenth of a mile and these are located directly adjacent to the trails. Each trail is color coded. The picture left identifies mile marker 0.5 on the green trail. Emergency

personnel possess maps that include the location and color code for mile markers within the bikeway system. If you intend to travel in the remote sections of the system, make others aware of your route and expected return time. Presently we have three color coded trails – red, green, and blue.

Can I get lost?

Yes. Some of our trails wind through remote areas more than half a mile from a road or house. We strongly advise that you do not wander from marked trails. Directional signs will assist you in locating major roads or destinations. All of our marked bikeway trails end at destinations or public roads. Please respect private property.



When are the trails open?

The trails are open from dawn to dusk, conditions permitting. The trails should not be used when rain, snow, or ice covered.

What if I encounter wildlife?

The Gibbsboro Bikeway weaves through our extensive Greenway Network. It is very possible that you may see turkeys, deer, foxes or any number of native species. Wildlife should be respected at all times. Never attempt to interact with animals. Do not feed any animals including feral cats. Report animals that are aggressive or injured to authorities. Hunting on public lands is prohibited.

Are domestic animals permitted on the trails?

Yes, within reason. Dogs must be tightly leashed. Under no circumstances can dogs run freely on the bikeways or within any public lands. You must clean up after your dog. Horses are prohibited on public lands and on our bikeways.



I purchased an off road vehicle for my child. Can he (she) ride it on the bikeway?

No. Motorized vehicles are prohibited on our bikeway and within any municipal open space. Most private land owners, including the Tri-Boro gravel operations, have requested that the Gibbsboro Police prosecute trespassers. If you or your child is apprehended riding a motorized vehicle on public roads, land, trails, or bikeways, they will be prosecuted.

How do I report poor conditions?

If you encounter poor conditions on the bikeway we request that you call our Borough Hall at (856) 783-6655 extension 105. Depending on the problem, our Public Works Department or a contractor will inspect and address the issue.



Will there be a bikeway or sidewalk on Lake View Drive (county route 561)?

Yes. You have probably heard about the Borough's "Streetscape Project." Gibbsboro has \$700,000 in state and federal grants to fund bikeway and aesthetic improvements along portions of Lake View Drive and Clementon Road (from Lakeview Drive to Foster Avenue). In those areas the bikeway will be concrete and brick pavers as pictured above. New private developments along the will be required to build in accordance with the Borough's design standards and incorporate the bikeway and aesthetic improvements including an ornamental wall, fencing, and period style lighting matching the standards adopted by the Borough.

Why are there brick pavers in some streets?

Where possible we have tried to demark the locations of bikeway and greenway crossings with special road treatments. Pavers have been installed at three bikeway crossings and are included within some of the commercial developments along Lakeview Drive.



How did the Borough select the sign standards that are in use on the bikeway network?

The Borough selected a standard that was compatible with the period style lighting that has been installed at many locations in the historic district including Gibbsboro School and Borough Hall. The school's colors are green and white and our town owns a significant amount of open space so



it was natural to adopt green and white as our colors.

The Blue Trail

Start (0.0) Pavers crossing at Eastwick Drive near Lakeview Drive (CR 561)

End (1.1) Alton Avenue at Old Egg Harbor Road

Links The Red Trail connects at MM 0.0

Parking – Cricket Field

History Most of the Blue Trail is contained within the right-of-way for Old Egg Harbor Road. An old Indian trail once more than 50 miles long, this is the last remaining segment. The trail was a seasonal migration path for the local Lenape Indians that moved to the bays of the Atlantic Ocean in the summer and inland during the winter. When Europeans settled the area, it became a stage coach trail. Gibbsboro is working with Voorhees Township to clear hurdles to connect the current end point at Alton Avenue to the Voorhees bikeway at Clementon Road and on to Eastern High School.

Scenic Overlooks

B1 Sunshine Lake (Voorhees)

B2 Haines Point - From the intersection of Eastwick Drive and Old Egg harbor Road head south along a gravel road for about three tenths of a mile until the trail is paved. Proceed along the asphalt trail then again onto gravel. The point is directly adjacent to a private home so please respect this private property. There is a memorial to Bill and Edna Haines, donors of this land to Gibbsboro. The point is about 200 feet above sea level, the highest point in Gibbsboro. On a clear day you will see the Philadelphia skyline.

The Paintworks Walking Trail

Start (0.0) Silver Lake at Lakeview Drive (CR 561)

End (0.75) Silver Lake at Lakeview Drive

Links The Borough is planning to connect the green and blue trails to this trail in 2008.

Parking – Parking is available at the Paintworks Corporate Center.

History The trail around Silver Lake is 0.75 miles long and makes one complete loop around the lake. The trail passes the Lucas Homestead which fronts on Clementon Road. The homestead served as the summer home of industrialist John Lucas and was built in 1852. The town's symbol, the varnish stacks, are located on the opposite side of the lake and are incorporated into the Paintworks Corporate Center logo. In the evening they are illuminated.

Scenic Overlooks

PW1 The John Lucas Homestead – Built in 1852 this is the home of John and Harriet Lucas, founders of the John Lucas Company. Lucas was famous for his carriage paints and invented ready-mixed paints at the Gibbsboro facility.

PW2 The Varnish Stacks – More than a hundred years old the stacks are the most visible remnant of the former paint manufacturing facility.

The Green Trail

Start (0.0) Foster Avenue and South United States Avenue

End (1.1) Lindenwold border at Slab Cabin Branch (South Branch Cooper River)

Links The Red Trail connects between MM 0.5 and MM 0.6

Parking Lindenwold Park (nearest MM 1.1)
The Paintworks Corporate Center (MM 0.0)

History The Green Trail traverses the right-of-way of North United States Avenue (unimproved) some 100 feet west of South United States Avenue. Between the bikeway and South US Avenue lies the abandoned railway corridor last used in 1978 to bring raw materials to the former Sherwin Williams factory in Gibbsboro and take finished products to Philadelphia. The railway was originally installed to bring workers to Gibbsboro from nearby Lucaston (a neighborhood in Lindenwold) by horse drawn rail car. Later the line transported freight. John Lucas, founder of the John Lucas Company, was a board member of the Reading Seashore line and used his influence to bring the rail spur to his factory in Gibbsboro.

Scenic Overlooks

G1 Bridgewood Lake – This overlook often offers a glimpse of blue herons, turtles, and ducks. Amenities include picnic tables.

G2 Cooper River Headwaters – The Slab Cabin Branch passes beneath the bikeway at the Lindenwold border. This stream is the official start of the South Branch of the Cooper River.

The Red Trail

Start (0.0) South United States Avenue between green trail MM 0.5 and MM 0.6.

End (0.7) Pavers crossing on Eastwick Drive near Lakeview Drive (CR 561)

Links The Green Trail connects at MM 0.0
The Blue Trail connects at MM 0.8

Parking – Limited parking is available at the cul de sac on Berlin Road at CR 561.

History The Red Trail is the most scenic trail in the bikeway system. It creates a short cut between South United States Avenue and CR 561. The lands traversed were acquired by Gibbsboro in 1998 from the Tri-Boro Sand and Gravel Company. Near MM 0.3 is a short gravel trail and stairway to the summit of Blueberry Hill. At over 180 feet above sea level it is among the highest points in Gibbsboro and South Jersey. The summit is part of the divide between the inner and outer coastal plain that runs through Gibbsboro.

Scenic Overlooks

R1 Blueberry Hill – Ascend the steps near MM 0.3 of the red trail. Walk about 20 feet onto the summit. Turn and look west (the steps will be at a 45 degree angle on your right). On a clear day you will see the Philadelphia skyline.

R2 Cooper River Headwaters - Near MM 0.6 an astute observer will note the springs emerging from the hills to form Honey Run, a tributary to the South Branch of the Cooper River.

