

Craigmeur Ski Club

Sussex Branch Trail - Bike Ride (AKA Jurassic Park Ride) Byram Township, NJ

*April 19, 2008 - 9:00 AM Sharp



This beautiful bike ride is only 22 to 24 miles long. It will be an excellent tune up for the upcoming NY 5 Boro Bike Ride. The ride will follow the rail bed of the former Sussex Branch of the Erie Lackawanna Railroad. The trail meanders through 21 miles of forest, farmland and small towns in this picturesque corner of the New Jersey Skylands.

This trail is an old railroad bed, and it is largely very level. It is packed with cinder in some parts. Other parts will be hard packed ground. About 20 percent of the ride will be on public roads.

The scenery along the way is constantly changing. It passes through rock cuts, woods, fields and farmland and past Cranberry Lake. Watch for beaver, deer, mink, muskrat, otter and other animals. Along the way we will stop at an Ostrich Farm, watch hundreds of the world's largest birds graze in the fields, and may be treated to a short lecture on the amazing Ostrich. For lunch we will be stopping at the Station House, Newton, NJ. An alternate route will take us back to our starting point.

Recommended Equipment:

*Mountain Bikes or Hybrid bikes. Sorry, Racing bikes are not recommended.

*Appropriate clothing, refreshments, and camera.



Easy Directions: Rt 80 to exit 25 (Route 206 North). Take exit for International Trade Center, then take right at first traffic light (Continental Dr.) towards Waterloo Village. At the end of the road, at stop sign, directly across will be a parking lot for Sussex Branch Trail. This is where we will meet at 9:00 AM.

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