

Section 1

FROM: FLAG PLAZA, LIBERTY STATE- PARK, JERSEY CITY
TO: WEST END OF MORRIS CANAL BIG BASIN
DISTANCE: 3.0 MILES

Starting at Flag Plaza east of the Visitors' Center at the southern corner of Liberty State Park, the trail follows a short distance out to the Hudson Harbor waterfront and Liberty Walk to go north to the former Central Railroad of New Jersey station, now a museum and terminal for ferries to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. West of the station the trail leads along the former Morris Canal Big Basin to the basin's end where the trail leads across Mill Creek to Jersey Avenue, Jersey City.

Highlights:

Visitors' Center Flag Plaza
Liberation Monument
Liberty Walk
Hudson Harbor Waterscape Central Railroad Station Museum
Statue of Liberty Ferry Ellis Island Ferry
Ferries to Manhattan Liberty Landing Marina
Morris Canal Big Basin
Liberty Science Center

Access to Liberty State Park: Liberty Park Water Taxi from lower Manhattan Light Rail from Exchange Place, Jersey City N.J. Turnpike to Exit 14B

Parking: Mostly free; fee may apply at large lot west of CRR station; two hour free parking next to station.

Rest Rooms: Visitors' Center CRR Station

Section 2

FROM: WEST END OF MORRIS CANAL BIG BASIN, JERSEY CITY

TO: LINCOLN PARK, JERSEY CITY AT ROUTE 440

DISTANCE: 5.0 MILES

At the west end of the Morris Canal Big Basin the trail turns north, crosses Mill Creek on an old railroad bridge and follows Jersey Avenue and other streets leading across the city, per map, to Lincoln Park and Route 440.

Highlights:

The handsome quarters of the Jersey City Art Museum at 350 Montgomery Street, just off Mercer Street, are very much worth a visit. Many fine early landscape pictures of Jersey City and the Hudson waterfront depict the rise of the industrial city.

Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Station (The trail crosses it just north of the canal basin).

Site of filled-in Morris Canal crossing at Canal Street Jersey City Library,

Jersey City Museum, 350 Montgomery Street

Van Vorst Park and brownstone era row houses, York Street

City Hall, Grove Street, seat of legendary Mayor Frank Hague, 1917-1947 Hard Grove Cafe, Grove Street

Hudson County Court House, Newark Avenue

Journal Square, PATH and bus terminal

"The Mystic Lincoln" sculpture by James Earle Fraser, JFK Boulevard Lincoln Park, serpentine lake, Casino-in-the-Park

Parking: Liberty Park, Lincoln Park, On street.

Rest Rooms: Liberty Park, Journal Square, Terminal Lincoln Park.