

Section 3

FROM: LINCOLN PARK, JERSEY CITY
TO: HAYES PARK, NEWARK
DISTANCE: 2.9 MILES

The trail leaves Lincoln Park near the corner of Communipaw Avenue and Route 440. Here, Truck Routes 1 and 9, coming south co-aligned with Route 440, turn west toward Newark. The trail follows a rudimentary weedy pathway along the south side of Routes 1 and 9. This is a part of the Lincoln Highway, a now much altered transcontinental roadway dedicated in 1913 as a memorial to the Civil War President.

Hikers should first cross Communipaw Avenue at the traffic light, then cross Route 440 to reach the southwest corner of the intersection. Proceeding on the south side of the highway, the trail crosses the Hackensack and Passaic Rivers on notable look-alike lift bridges with catwalks for pedestrians.

Just beyond the Passaic River the trail follows down a vehicular ramp to cross Doremus Avenue, Newark at a traffic light. Turning left it continues along the outside of a curving ramp leading north and then west to pass under the New Jersey Turnpike, Pulaski Skyway and a railroad bridge. Hikers should be careful to watch for trucks coming from behind to turn right onto Raymond BLVD the entrance of the Essex County Resource Recovery Plant/Covanta Energy.

After crossing Raymond Boulevard at push button light, the trail turns right on a sidewalk and then, keeping to the left, follows on to Ferry Street. Hayes Park, a small local pool and playground, appears on the right.

Highlights:

Broad riverine views from Hackensack and Passaic River bridges
Industrial and commercial landscape of South Kearny
Pulaski Skyway Bridge

Rest Rooms and Parking: **Lincoln Park**