

DIRECTIONS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ:

The NJSPAP welcomes all artists to join their Wednesday painting groups. This is an informal gathering of artists who enjoy painting within a group environment. There is no art instruction, just the chance to get together and paint with other artists. Beginners as well as more advanced artists are welcome. Participants usually pack a lunch. Bring your own water supply, since there is often no running water nearby. We usually arrive around 9:30 and paint until 2:30 or so.

Belford Marina (Ferry Terminal) - Belford, NJ

From Garden State Parkway take exit 117 to Rt. 36 east. (As you exit follow signs for Keyport.)

Follow Rt. 36 for approximately 6 miles into the town of Belford. Do NOT get off at the first sign for Belford. Look for the blue and white ferry sign. Right after a light, take the jug handle which goes off to the right and crosses over Rt. 36 onto Main Street heading towards the ocean. Follow Main Street to the end and make a right. Go over the small bridge and follow the road to the ferry terminal. Meet at ferry terminal at 10:00 and figure out where the best places are to paint.

Branch Brook Park - Newark, NJ

From the Garden State Parkway
GSP North or South to Exit 148 (Bloomfield Avenue - CR 506). Turn onto Bloomfield Avenue towards Newark and proceed approximately 2.0 Miles. Bloomfield Ave. runs through the Park. Enter the Park by making a right or left onto Lake Street.

From the NJ Turnpike
(NYC, Philadelphia, New England) New Jersey Turnpike North or South to Exit 15W (Route 280). Take Route 280 West Approximately 3.5 Miles to Exit 15 (Broad Street/MLK Blvd). Make a left onto State Street. Make next right onto Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. Proceed .4 miles to Bloomfield Ave. Bear left onto Bloomfield Avenue. Proceed .6 miles to Lake Street. Enter the Park by making a right or left onto Lake Street.

From Route 78
(Allentown, PA and Points West) Take I-78 East to Exit 52 (Garden State Parkway North). Proceed Approximately 3.4 Miles to Exit 145 (Route 280). Get onto Route 280 East and proceed approximately 1.4 Miles to Exit 14A (ML King Blvd). Turn Left onto Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. Proceed .5 Miles and bear left onto Bloomfield Ave. Proceed .6 miles to Lake Street. Enter the Park by making a right or left onto Lake Street.

From Route 80/280
(Dover, NJ and Points Northwest) From I-80 East, Take Exit 47A (Route 280). Take Route 280 East Approximately 13 Miles to Exit 14A (ML King Blvd). Turn Left onto Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. Proceed .5 Miles and bear left onto Bloomfield Ave. Proceed .6 miles to Lake Street. Enter the Park by making a right or left onto Lake Street.

Buck Garden - Far Hills, NJ 11 Layton Road, Far Hills, NJ - (908) 234-2677

From Route 287 North and Southbound:

Follow Route 287 North to Exit #22B or follow Route 287 South to Exit #22. Both exits are marked Routes 202/206 North. Take Route 202/206 North and go through one traffic light at River Road. Routes 202 & 206 will split. At the fork, bear right onto Route 202 North toward Far Hills/ Morristown. Bear right again at the next light. You are still on Route 202 but it has briefly merged with Route 523 East - Lamington Road. Follow to railroad tracks, and just before the railroad tracks, make a right onto Liberty Corner Road (Route 512 East). Travel one mile and make a right onto Layton Road. The Buck Garden entrance will be on your left.

From Route 206 Southbound:

Follow Route 206 South to Far Hills. Make a left at the light onto Route 523 East Lamington Road. This road becomes Route 202 North. Follow to the railroad tracks and make a right turn just before the railroad tracks onto Liberty Corner/Far Hills Road (Route 512 East). Travel approximately one mile and make a right onto Layton Road. The Buck Garden entrance will be on your left.

From Route 206 Northbound:

Follow Route 202/206 North to Far Hills where the two routes will split. At the fork, bear right onto Route 202 North toward Far Hills/Morristown. Bear right again at the next light. You are still on Route 202 but it has briefly merged with Route 523 East - Lamington Road. Follow to railroad tracks, and just before the railroad tracks, make a right onto Liberty Corner Road (Route 512 East). Travel 1 mile and make a right onto Layton Road. The Buck Garden entrance will be on your left.

From Route 78 Westbound:

Follow Route 78 West to Exit 33. Turn right at the light at the end of exit ramp and proceed on Rt. 525 North to 4th traffic light. Turn left at the light onto Valley Road (the sign says Liberty Corner- Route 512 West). Turn left onto Liberty Corner Road (Route 512) and proceed 2.8 miles to Layton Road. Make a left onto Layton Road. The Buck Garden entrance will be on your left.

From Route 78 Eastbound:

Follow Route 78 East to Exit 29 for Route 287 and 202/206 North) toward Morristown. At exit ramp keep left and merge onto Route 287 North. Merge to the right lanes and proceed about one mile. Take exit marked 22B for 202/206 North. Go through one traffic light at River Road. Follow Route 202/206 North to Bedminster where the two routes will split. At the fork, bear right onto Route 202 North toward Far Hills/ Morristown. Bear right again at the next light. You are still on Route 202, but it has briefly merged with Route 523 East - Lamington Road. Follow to railroad tracks, and just before the railroad tracks, make a right onto Liberty Corner Road (Route 512 East). Travel 1 mile and make a right onto Layton Road. The Buck Garden entrance will be on your left.

Chester - NJ - Old Route 24

Meet along Main St. in front of the Publick House Restaurant. There are several public parking areas; look for the signs.

There are portable toilets set up in several locations, usually adjacent to parking lots, or you could drive down to the public library heading out of town west on 24. You can get a town map in one of the stores.

Child's Recreation Area - Dingman's Ferry, PA

A loop trail with steep stairs and boardwalks leads 1-8/10 mile and 100 ft. down a hemlock ravine and past three waterfalls on Dingmans Creek.

Take Rt. 206 north to Ross's Corner, where 206 turns left. Another 6.8 miles north of Ross's Corner you will pass a visitor's center, soon after entering Stokes State Forest (restroom opportunity). 1.1 miles past the visitor center turn-off, you will turn left onto Rt. 560 (see an Italian restaurant and sign for Dingman's Bridge on corner). Proceed

2.4 miles on 560 to where the road turns right in the town of Layton. Stay on 560. Go another 2.8 miles to Dingman's Bridge (75 cents in 2005). After crossing over the toll bridge into PA. the road turns into Rt. 739. Go 1.6 miles past the bridge, going through the junction of 209 and 739, and then turn left onto Silver Lake Rd. Go another 1.1 mile and turn left into the George Child's Picnic Area parking lot and park.

Walk into the woods from the lot, going to the right of the portable potties, and bear right on the path that goes by the stream and falls. We'll probably be at the second falls you come to. There's a covered pavilion right before where we'll be.

Note: If you drive a little past the picnic area parking lot and turn left where there is a big sign for George Child's Recreation Area and a blue library symbol, you will come to another parking lot on your left (in about a tenth of a mile) where there is a better rest room.

Clinton - Clinton, NJ

You may park at the municipal building, 43 Leigh Street. There is also a parking lot over the bridge on Leigh Street. Restrooms are located in either the municipal building or the library.

From Northeastern NJ

Interstate 80 West to 287 South. Follow 287 South to Interstate 78 West. Follow 78 West for approximately 15 miles to exit 15. At bottom of exit ramp turn right onto West Main Street (Rt. 173). Proceed to next traffic light and make right onto Leigh Street. Municipal building is immediately on left.

From Eastern NJ

Follow 78 West to exit 15. At bottom of exit ramp turn right onto West Main Street (Rt. 173). Proceed to next traffic light and make right onto Leigh Street. Municipal building is immediately on left.

From Northwestern NJ

Interstate 80 to Exit 4 (NJ). Follow Route 46 East to Route 31 South. Follow Route 31 South for approximately 20 miles to Halstead Street traffic light. Turn right and proceed approximately 0.5 miles to next light (RT 173). Proceed straight through light and Municipal building is immediately on left.

Convent of St. John Baptist - Mendham, NJ

From Morristown, take Washington St. (County Rd. 510 also known as Rt. 24) from Morristown Green. About 1 mile west of Mendham Center (Blackhorse Inn is at center), turn left into the grounds of The Community of St. John Baptist: also see “Daytop” sign at the entrance. Take right fork past large school/chapel, go through woods to convent (white building) and retreat house (red brick building). There is a parking area near the retreat house.

Coming from Chester, take Rt. 513 through Chester. Turn right onto Rt. 510 and go about 4 miles. Pass Ralston Fire House on your right. Go up a steep hill around a sharp turn. Shortly thereafter make a sharp right turn onto private drive marked Community of St. John Baptist/ Daytop. Proceed as above.

We may use restroom on first floor of red brick retreat house, but cannot wander inside since a group may be on retreat there.

Cross Estate Gardens - Bernardsville, NJ

Please note: restroom will be open as long as the volunteer gardeners are there (9:00 Am until 1:30 PM).

FROM THE NORTH: Take I-287 southbound to Harter Road (“A”) exit; turn left at the Stop sign onto Harter Road. Follow Harter Road to the end and turn left at the traffic light onto U.S. 202 southbound (Mt. Kemble Avenue). Continue for 2 miles and turn right at the traffic light onto Tempe Wick Road. Continue 2.0 miles (past the entrance to Jockey Hollow) and turn left onto Leddell Road at a waterfall. Continue for 1.1 miles and turn left onto the long driveway at the sign for “New Jersey Brigade Area — Cross Estate Gardens.” Park along the drive as you approach the house.

FROM THE SOUTH: Take I-287 northbound to 202 — Bernardsville (Jockey Hollow) (“B”) exit. Turn right at the traffic light onto U.S. 202 northbound (Mt. Kemble Avenue) for 1.7 miles. Turn left at the traffic light onto Tempe Wick Road. Continue 2.0 miles (past the entrance to Jockey Hollow) and turn left onto Leddell Road at a waterfall. Continue for 1.1 miles and turn left onto the long driveway at the sign for “New Jersey Brigade Area — Cross Estate Gardens.” The Gardens can also be reached from exit “B” by way of Hardscrabble Road, a winding and narrow country lane that takes you past the New Jersey Audubon Sanctuary. Stay right on Hardscrabble Road until you see the sign

for “ New Jersey Brigade Area” and follow the road uphill to the entrance driveway. Park along the driveway as you approach the house.

FROM MENDHAM: From old Rt. 24 (Rt. 510) in Mendham take Tempe Wick Rd. for about 2 miles. Turn right at waterfall onto Leddell Rd. Continue for 1.1 miles and turn left onto the long driveway at the sign for “New Jersey Brigade Area - Cross Estate Gardens”. Park along the driveway as you approach the house.

Fairview Farm Wildlife Preserve - Bedminster, NJ From Rt. 206 in the Peapack area - take Rt. 512 west toward Pottersville (Pottersville Rd.). Go one mile. Turn left onto Larger Cross Rd. (a dirt road). Go 0.6 mile and turn right at sign for Fairview Farm (and Upper Raritan Watershed Association). Go to end of narrow road and park to left of main building.

Office and restroom are in house-like main building; there is also a composting toilet on the grounds.

Fort Lee Historic Park - Fort Lee, NJ

Fort Lee Historic Park is located on top of the Palisades in Fort Lee, New Jersey, on Hudson Terrace immediately south of the George Washington Bridge.

From Routes 4 & 46, and I-95 local lanes: Take the exit for Fort Lee/Palisades Interstate Parkway (Exit 72 from I-95). Continue straight on Bruce Reynolds Boulevard (headed east) through several traffic lights. At Hudson Terrace go straight ahead through the traffic light into the entrance to Fort Lee Historic Park.

From I-95 Express Lanes: Take Exit 73 (last exit in New Jersey). Turn left at light onto Bruce Reynolds Boulevard. Proceed down the hill through traffic light, and straight into the Historic Park.

From the Palisades Interstate Parkway (southbound only): Take the last exit before the George Washington Bridge (Hudson Terrace). Turn left (south) onto Hudson Terrace. At the second traffic light (Bruce Reynolds Boulevard), turn left into the new entrance to Fort Lee Historic Park.

Frelinghuysen Arboretum - Morristown, NJ

The Frelinghuysen Arboretum is located on East Hanover Avenue, midway between Whippany Rd. and Ridgedale Ave., directly across from the Morris County Library in Morristown,

Restrooms are in the building adjacent to the parking lot.

Hurd Park - Dover, NJ

Hurd Park is located on Route 46 on your way west out of Dover toward Wharton (before you reach the hospital). Parking is limited to the street bordering the park, or across the highway on either Princeton Ave or Baker Avenue.

There are no facilities at the park, but the hospital is only about a quarter mile away and we could probably go into the main lobby and use their restroom if necessary. Sometimes they have a porta-potty at the park.

Meadowlands Environmental Center - Lyndhurst, NJ From the NJ Turnpike

1. Take exit 16W to Route 3 West.
2. Take Route 3 West to Route 17 South (Lyndhurst Exit). Follow around the ramp to the traffic light (Quality Inn will be on your left).
3. Make a left onto Polito Avenue. Continue to the end of Polito Avenue.
4. At the STOP sign make a left onto Valley Brook Avenue. Follow this road to the end (approx. 1 1/2 miles). Cross the railroad tracks (keep to the left).
5. The Meadowlands Environment Center is the first building on the left after the tracks. The second building houses the Commission administrative offices. The third building, across from the administrative offices, is the Science Center and Observatory.

Oldwick - NJ Oldwick

From I78 -

Take exit 24 north and follow Rt. 517 approximately 1.5 miles to the center of town where you will see Zion Lutheran Church on your right and the General Store on your left.

Coming from Long Valley, turn onto Rt. 517 south and follow this to Oldwick, about 8 miles or so. Look for the Zion Lutheran Church on your left and the General Store on your right. Park along the street or possibly in the parking area to the left of Zion Lutheran Church (next to the The Magic Shop), but ask at the shop for permission.

There is a rest room at the General Store and down the street at the library.

Presby Memorial Iris Gardens - Upper Montclair, NJ

Take Rt. 80 east to Rt. 46 east (exit 53 off Rt. 80). Take Rt. 46 east through Totowa and Little Falls. Pass exits for Browerton Rd., Great Notch and Lower Notch Roads. You will see large, green, overhead signs for Route 3/New York. Take exit for Clove Rd/Montclair State University. Follow the road through the back of the university. At the stop sign, go left onto Long Hill Rd.. Pass through the traffic light at Normal Ave. (name now changes to Upper Mountain Ave.) and pass through the next intersection with Mt. Hebron Rd. The Gardens are on the right. Restrooms are at the public tennis courts across the street and in the carriage house.

Reeves Reed Arboretum - Summit, NJ

The Reeves-Reed Arboretum, located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit, NJ (908) 2738787.

From the Garden State Parkway, traveling North to South
Take exit 142 (Springfield/Millburn) onto I-78 West. Keep to the right to enter Route 24. Once on Route 24, take the Hobart Avenue exit (exit 9B) to the first traffic light. Make a left and go back over Route 24. Go straight thru the next traffic light. The Arboretum entrance is 1/2 mile on left hand side. (If arriving by bus, please see special instructions.)

From the Garden State Parkway, traveling South to North

Take exit 142 to I-78 East. Then take exit 54 (Irvington/Hillside) and circle completely over the highway following the signs for I-78 West. Take exit 48 (Springfield/Millburn) onto Route 24 West. Take the Hobart Avenue exit (exit 9B) to the first traffic light. Make a left and go back over Route 24. Go straight thru the next traffic light. The Arboretum entrance is 1/2 mile on left hand side. (If arriving by bus, please see special instructions.)

From the New Jersey Turnpike

Take exit #14 (Newark Airport) onto I-78 West. Take exit 48 (Springfield/Millburn) onto Route 24 West. Take the Hobart Avenue exit (exit 9B) to the first traffic light. Make a left and go back over Route 24. Go straight thru the next traffic light. The Arboretum entrance is 1/2 mile on left hand side. (If arriving by bus, please see special instructions.)

From Western New Jersey

Take I-78 East. Follow signs for Route 24 West, staying to the right. Go to Hobart Avenue exit (exit 9B) and proceed to the first traffic light. Make a left and go back over Route 24. Go straight thru the next traffic light. The Arboretum entrance is 1/2 mile on left hand side. From Route 287, take exit 37 to Route 24 East (Springfield). Proceed to exit 8 (Summit Avenue). You will be on the service road, Route 124. Proceed to the second traffic light and make a right onto Hobart Avenue. The Arboretum entrance is 1/2 mile on left hand side. (If arriving by bus, please see special instructions.) The Arboretum has installed gates to keep out the deer. Please drive right up to the gate; it will slide open.

Ringwood Manor - Ringwood, NJ

Take 287 North to the Wanaque exit. Take Ringwood Avenue (Route 511) north. Eventually it will become Greenwood Lake Turnpike. Take the second right after Skyline Drive onto Sloatsburg Road. Ringwood Manor is about four miles up on the left.

Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park - Long Branch, NJ

Garden State Parkway to exit 105. Follow State Hwy. 36 (Joline Ave.) 6.5 miles to park entrance.

Restrooms are in the pavilion. No fee or permit required after September 7th (We are Good To Go)!

Skylands Botanical Gardens - Ringwood, NJ

Take I-287 north to exit 55. Turn right at exit ramp light onto Rt. 511 north (Ringwood Ave.). Stay on this 6 or 7 miles. You'll drive by the Wanaque Reservoir on your left as you continue. Turn right off Rt. 511 onto Sloatsburg Road. (You'll also pass Skyline Drive and Skylands Rd. on your right before you get to Sloatsburg Rd.). Go about 2 miles on Sloatsburg Rd.; you'll pass the Hewitt School on your right and a ball field next to the school as well as another ballfield on your left. After the 2 ball fields look for Morris Rd. Turn right onto Morris Rd. Follow Morris Rd. about 1.5 miles up the hill to the toll booth just after passing between the eagle statues.

An alternate route: Take Rt. 287 north to exit 57 to Skyline Drive. Go on Skylands Drive north to its end where it intersects with Rt. 511. Turn right onto 511. After a mile or so turn right onto Sloatsburg Rd. Follow above directions from there.

Park in lot A which is immediately on the left after the toll booth. Restrooms are in a stone building as you walk to the left down the road after coming out of the parking lot. There should be no fee on weekdays.

Water Wheel Farm - 124 Fredon-Marksboro Rd., Newton, NJ

West on Rt. 80 to exit 19 (Hackettstown/Allamuchy exit). Stay right at bottom of the ramp. Go directly across Rt. 517, descend 0.2 miles into Allamuchy, and turn left onto CR 612 north at the Allamuchy General Store. Travel about 4.7 miles to a stop sign and turn right onto Rt. 519 north. In 0.4 miles Rt. 519 turns right, but you continue straight on Rt. 661 (Ramsey Rd.) for an additional 1.3 miles to the T intersection at Rt. 94. Turn right onto Rt. 94 and go 2.0 miles to Fairview Hill Rd. which is on the left (sign is hidden, but look for red barn, etc. on corner). Turn left onto Fairview Hill Rd. and go about 0.8 miles (go up and down a hill) to a T. Turn right on Fredon-Marksboro Rd. and go 0.2 miles to the second red barn on your right, across from a big white and stone farmhouse.

It says Water Wheel Farm in front of the bright red barn. Park on the grass in front of fence before the red barn. Portable toilet is behind the barn, plus another one is by the green quonset hut next to the "zoo" (emu, llama, donkey, etc.!) a little way down Dixon Rd (could probably park there too).

Well Sweep Herb Farm - 205 Mt. Bethel Rd., Port Murray I -78 East:

(Allentown, PA area.) Take Exit 6 (Warren Glen - Asbury; at end of exit make left onto Route 632 East - there are no signs. Follow for 4.5 miles, at stop make left, then next immediate right onto 632 East/Asbury-Anderson Road, follow for 2.7 miles to light. Cross over Route 31 onto 632 East, follow for 4.4 miles, then make right onto 57 East for 0.2 miles. At the first traffic light, turn left onto 629 North/Port Murray Rd; follow this

1.5 miles. Once past the fire house, make a right onto 629 North/Rockport Rd. Go 1/2 mile and then bear left onto Mt. Bethel Road. The farm is one mile ahead on the left.

I -78 West:

Take Exit 17 for Route 31 North; follow 10.9 miles to Washington, NJ. At the light in Washington, turn right onto Route 57 East; follow for 3.4 miles. At the first traffic light, turn left onto 629 North/Port Murray Rd; follow this 1.5 miles. Once past the fire house, make a right onto 629 North/Rockport Rd. Go 1/2 mile and then bear left onto Mt. Bethel Road. The farm is one mile ahead on the left.

From the West (Route 22 from Easton & Allentown, PA):

Follow Route 22 East into Phillipsburg, NJ and take Route 57 East to Washington, NJ. At the main intersection in Washington, you will cross Route 31. From there follow Route 57 East for 3.4 miles to first traffic light. At the light, turn left onto 629 North/Port Murray Rd; follow this 1.5 miles. Once past the fire house, make a right onto 629 North/Rockport Rd. Go 1/2 mile and then bear left onto Mt. Bethel Road. The farm is one mile ahead on the left.

From Interstate 80 East (North New Jersey):

From Interstate 80 East, take Exit 19. At the end of the ramp, turn left onto Route 517 South. Follow approximately five miles to the third light. At light cross Route 46/Main Street to Grand Avenue. Follow for one mile to a one-lane train underpass. At this point, Grand Avenue becomes 629 South/Rockport Road. Continue on Rockport Road for 4.4 miles. After climbing a long hill and reaching its peak, you will make a right onto Mt. Bethel Rd. The farm is one mile ahead on the left.

Willowwood Arboretum - Chester, NJ

From Rt. 206 in the Peapack area get off onto Rt. 512 west toward Pottersville (Pottersville Rd.). Go less than a mile and turn right onto Lisk Hill Road. Go about about 0.1 mile on Lisk Hill Rd. to the T. Turn right and continue about 0.3 mile to the Y. Turn left at the Y onto Longview Road. Willowwood Arboretum will be about 0.5 mile on the left. Drive through the gates and over a bumpy deer guard in the road and go quite a ways on the long driveway to where it ends in a parking lot. There is a flush restroom in a shed-like building not far from the parking lot.