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Cold Spring Bike Path *New Jersey*



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Starting at the southern endpoint of the Cold Spring Bike Path (sometimes called the Historic Cold Spring Village Bike Path) at US 9/Sandman Boulevard, head north 1 mile to the Historic Cold Spring Village. At this nonprofit openair living history museum, trail users can view life as it was in the early to mid-19th century and also enjoy a restored rail station. Just south of where US 9 meets the Historic Cold Spring Village, the path crosses an intermittent stream on an 8-foot-wide, 40-foot-long trestle bridge for bike and pedestrian traffic. The trail parallels Seashore Road as you travel under a canopy of trees, passing a high school and golf course to the right.

Connections

Just past the suburban community of Erma, at 2.7 miles, the Cold Spring Bike Path connects to the <u>Middle Township Bike</u> <u>Path</u>.

Trail History

The Jersey shore was a major vacation destination for residents of the Delaware Valley region throughout the early 20th century. From the 1890s to the 1930s, two parallel railroad lines—the Atlantic City Railroad and West Jersey & Seashore Railroad—shuttled passengers to the coast for a seashore break. The competing trains, visible to each other along the parallel tracks, used to race to see which company could reach Cape May the fastest. As private automobiles grew more popular and people began to turn their interest toward more exotic destinations, the railroads merged, and service was eventually discontinued.



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States: New Jersey Counties: Cape May Length: 2.7miles Trail end points: Cresse Ln. (Lower Township) to Sanman Blvd. (Cape May) Trail surfaces: Asphalt Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail category: Rail-Trail Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Cold Spring Bike Path runs between Cresse Ln. (Lower Township) and Sanman Blvd. (Cape May), parking is available at both ends.

Please see <u>TrailLink Map</u> for all parking options and detailed directions.



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