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Guides



**Barnegat
Branch Trail**
New Jersey



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Open in three segments, and still under development, the Barnegat Branch Trail runs for nearly 12 miles through sandy and pine-canopied forest and New Jersey neighborhoods — with improvements and extensions in the works to ultimately make a continuous 16 miles path between Toms River and Barnegat Township.

About the Route

The Barnegat Branch Trail is open in 3 segments, the longest two of which are connected by an unimproved, trail route over gravel and dirt and a short segment of road.

In Beachwood (1 mile)

The Barnegat Branch Trail's northern endpoint is at Atlantic City Blvd & Admiral Ave (Beachwood), near the town's border with Toms River. From here, about 1 mile of paved path takes the trail south to 500 Berkeley Ave, through the borough of Beachwood. Also known as the Beachwood Borough Trail, this segment is the shortest of the three open as of 2024.

Between Bayville (part of Berkeley Township) and Lacey Township (3.1 miles)

South of Beachwood, the trail resumes at Segle Ave and E Railroad Ave in Bayville. Heading south, the trail hugs Railroad Avenue for 0.5 miles before heading into a more forested setting tucked behind quiet neighborhoods. After roughly 1 mile, the trail enters the wooded acres of Cedar Creek Park, an expansive forested park. Coming to Cedar Creek, the trail comes to an old railway relic called The Trestle. The renovated, 150-foot bridge provides an easy crossing over the creek for trail users, but some features of the original Trestle were left in place as a reminder of the railroad's important place in the area's history. The Trestle abuts Dudley Park, a neighborhood park popular for local fun from cookouts to kayaking. After crossing the bridge, the trail continues for 0.5 miles south to William Hebrew Park, another community greenspace, and the end of this segment of trail.

Trailusers can, however, connect to the southern portion of trail by taking Railroad Ave 0.25 miles south, where an unimproved trail segment proceeds another 1.7 miles to the southern segment between Forked River and Barnegat Township.

Between Forked River and Barnegat Township: 7.6 miles

The southernmost segment resumes at Musket Road and Railroad Avenue (Forked River). Continuing south, the trail takes Railroad Avenue again for 0.8 miles behind a segment of big box stores. After crossing Lacey Road, the trail leaves the



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States: New Jersey

Counties: Ocean

Length: 11.7miles

Trail end points: Atlantic City Blvd. & Admiral Ave. (Beachwood) to 104 Railroad Ave. (Barnegat)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed Stone, Dirt, Grass

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Barnegat Branch Trail runs between Atlantic City Blvd. & Admiral Ave. (Beachwood) and 104 Railroad Ave. (Barnegat) with parking available in Barnegat.

Parking is also available:

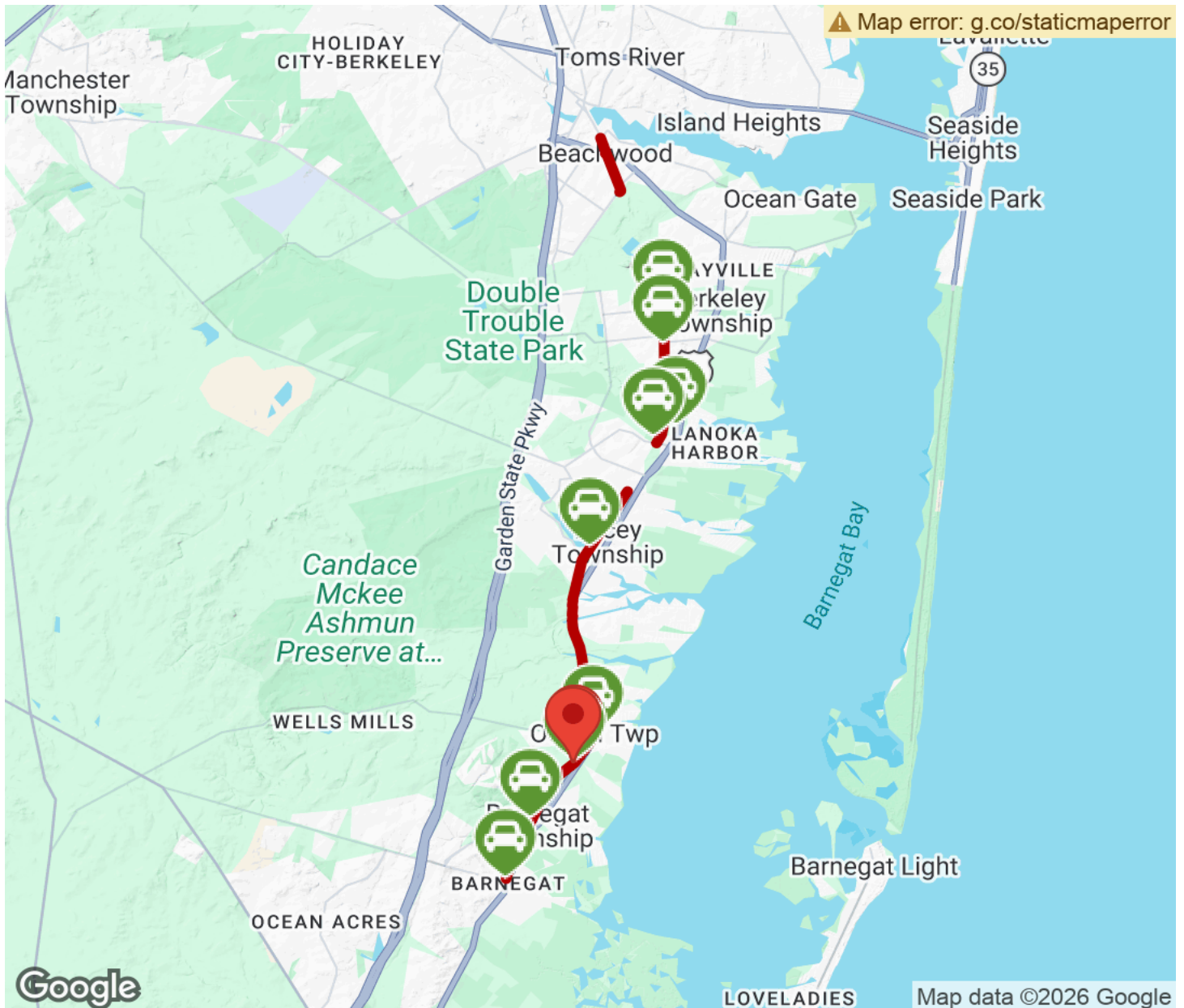
- Maryland Ave & Railroad Ave. (Berkeley Township)
- Station Dr & Mill St. (Lacey Township)
- N Main St & Country Lane Rd. (Waretown)

There are numerous parking options along this route, see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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