

Hunting for Bridges:

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LEG 0: GATHER FOR THE HUNT

We will all exit the diner onto US 22 East. Look for the next median opening and make a U-turn in the median - that's right, no jughandle needed. We'll stay on US 22 for exactly 4.5 miles until it's about to merge into I-78, then bear right toward Annandale. This is original US 22 / NJ 28 through a picturesque village. In one mile, turn left across Route 31 (recently reconstructed), then make the next left at the light onto Center Street. Right before the road merges onto Route 31, you'll see a sign for the Park & Ride. Pull to the right and we will all gather here to consolidate cars. I suggest pull straight back from where we entered, so we all end up in the same spot.

LEG 1: HAMMING IT UP

Once we're together, make a right out of the lot onto Route 31 South. After I-78 make the next right on Country Club Drive, then a left on Leigh St. in 1.4 miles. Make a right on Hamden Road in 0.8 miles and our first stop is just ahead. Park on the left just after crossing the bridge and we can take a few quick photos, do a quick walk across-and-back if you so wish.

LEG 2: TWO FOR ONE

Turn back over the bridge and make the next right to continue on Hamden Road. Make a right on Lilac Road in 1.1 miles, then the second right on River Road. In half a mile make a left on... wouldn't ya know, Hamden Road! When you get to the railroad, if you want to take your time crossing, you can get a long-distance view of that bridge. Be discreet and don't stay long! Make the next right on Camp Buck Road and let's see how far we can go. The old stone Pine Hill Road bridge is about 1,000 feet in, and then Camp Buck Bridge itself is being reconstructed. We should be able to park before or after the stone bridge and spend a little time checking it all out on foot. Don't park on the stone bridge though!



LEG 3: SUNNYSIDE UP

Once you get turned around, make a right back out onto Hamden Road. Keep your eyes peeled, because in about 1/4 mile the road curves right onto another nice truss. I don't think we should be stopping here, so slow down approaching the curve for the best viewing angle. Make your next left in about 1.4 miles onto Kiceniuk Bridge. Just over the bridge there is a nice parking lot on the right for Sunnyside Park. We'll stop there and maybe explore for some side views - careful if you walk the bridge, there is no pedestrian path and only one lane for cars.



LEG 4: STATIONARY

There are a pair of nice bridges just around the corner, but unfortunately we can't stop to see them. Continue east on Kiceniuk Road and then make the next right. You'll cross an old pony truss bridge and then the Kings Mill Stone Bridge just after that, but private property takes away any good side views we could get. (If you want to pause and let passengers try to get good shots, I won't complain.) 0.6 miles later, just after Hamden Road comes in (that has been mentioned in every single leg so far!), we'll cross the Smith Homestead Stone Bridge. Another old one-laner with nowhere to stop, and again I won't complain if you try. Make the next left on Stanton Station Rd. and we can TOTALLY stop for this one in 1/2 mile, on the right just before the truss. See what kind of photo angles we can get.



LEG 5: STATION STOP

Because I know y'all by now, we're taking a quick break. Cross the bridge, pass the old railroad station (now just ruins), and turn right on Route 31 South. In 5 miles make a left on Church Street, then a right into the Wawa. I'll allow up to 15 minutes for whatever y'all need.

LEG 6: GETTING HIGGY WITH IT

A bit more driving to our next stop. Head out of the south side of Wawa and turn right onto Route 31 North. In 1.3 miles turn right on CR 523, then right at the light in 0.8 miles onto River Road. It's a bit out of the way because in about half a mile you'll see a nice railroad truss on your left. Get your photos as you pass, make the next left to stay on River Road, and then the next left after that for the Rockafellow's Mill Bridge. No place to stop here, so we'll keep going and get the unpaved mileage that makes this a real road trip. Make the next right on River Ave. and enjoy an old railroad underpass in 1/2 mile. Don't turn right there, but stay on River Ave. as it curves right in another 1/4 mile. When you get to the light, turn right on US 202 South, then get in the left lane and make the next left onto Railroad Ave. (See, not all of NJ is jughandles!) As you go around the curve, you'll see the old Easton and Amboy Bridge abutment. At the end of the road, turn right, passing the old Three Bridges Station as you cross the railroad, and then make the next left on Hillsborough Rd. In one mile, bear left at the "Y" on 3 Bridges Road. You'll cross two truss bridges in rapid succession. There is then room to pull off to the right. Please park head-in so we can make room for everyone, and then use your discretion if you want to walk to the bridges or the waterfront. (Single file on the road, please!)



LEG 7: STATION, BABY, ONE MORE TIME

We're almost done. Go back across the bridges and turn left. Keep left at Hockenbury Road. At the end of the road, turn left and we'll cross the old Woodfern Road Iron Bridge - two trusses at an angle, but nowhere to stop. Turn right at the end to stay on Woodfern into Neshanic Station. When we curve left in 1.7 miles, the old Neshanic Station is the yellow and blue building on the right. Make the next right on Elm Street, and there's a parking lot on the right before the truss. We'll park here, and trust me, you'll want to walk this one - there's a footpath, tall viaduct to the north, and abandoned railroad truss to the south. If you walk to the right from the east end of the bridge, you can see the old abutments where that abandoned railroad crossed what's now CR 567.



LEG 8: ENOUGH, ALREADY!

That's a wrap. From the parking lot, turn right across the bridge, left under the viaduct. In 2.6 miles, make a right on Old York Road, old NJ 29/US 122, to avoid median closure on US 202. So we'll make the next left on US 202 and the next right onto Pleasant Run Rd. - you'll see how this used to be a jughandle but the left turn is now closed off. Turn left on Grange Road in 6 miles, then bear right onto Route 31 North. Bear left onto I-78 West in 4.3 miles, stay in the right lane, and take the next exit (15). Make a right on Main Street and park on the right in 0.3 miles; there's a lot just before the gas station. There are two bridges to walk to from here: the 1925 SHR 9 bridge that NJ 173 (old US 22) crosses, and the delicate truss a block to the north on Main Street. Take your time walking around and enjoying both bridges.

LEG 9: HUNTING PARTY

When it's time, we'll make our way back to the Park & Ride. The easiest way is to turn right out on Route 173, right on Center Street in a mile, then into the lot. Or you can drive across the Main Street bridge and make the next left on Center Street. Or you can go to the end of Main Street and... you get the idea. It's been great having you around, and maybe you'll join us for dinner! Thinking Cryan's Tavern in Annandale, let's get a headcount.

LEG *: SECRET BONUS (+45 minutes)

I think most people will have had enough bridges by now. But then again, this is the Hunterdon County Bridge Meet, so isn't that why you're here? So let's hunt down a couple more! If the bonus leg happens, figure dinner will be about an hour after the end of Leg 9.

Your car's friendly navigator will take you back left out of the Park & Ride, right at the light across Route 31, and then make a left toward Route 31 North. But before then, make the next right onto Grayrock Road. When it ends, turn left and then right at the light onto 31. In 1.3 miles, there's a little old alignment to the right you can follow. 1.3 miles after that, you'll see the old alignment of Route 31 start to diverge to the right. Make the next right (Hunt Place), and turn left to follow the old alignment. (I don't want to take you down that dead end - hard to U-turn I discovered.)

From there, in 0.8 miles, bear right on Bell Avenue for our first Bonus Bridge. It's just under half a mile, but you'll see there's nowhere to stop, so slow down and get your photos on the road. Make the next left (Mackenzie Road), then bear left to stay on Mackenzie back to where it ends at Route 31. Turn right, and in about a quarter mile you will see on your left the Lackawanna Railroad bridge abutment. It's a really cool abutment, but unfortunately the parking lot next to it is an active business, so again we can't stop. Please don't slow down on Route 31 - you can try to make a quick right on Manor Drive and U-turn for photos, but be discreet about it.



Instead of making the next left, we'll go to the next traffic light and make a left that should be a little easier. Follow Main Street, old NJ 30 (then 69, now 31), until you're forced back onto Route 31. You used to be able to cross here. Instead, make the next left on School Street and then pull into one of the parking lots on the right to check out the Glen Gardner Bridge on foot.

Now that is truly the end of the meet. Turn left out, left on Route 31, then bear right in 5.3 miles toward Annandale (just after the underpass in case the sign is missing). Turn right, putting us back on old NJ 28/Beaver Ave. Keep going straight into the dead end and you are forced to turn... into Cryan's Tavern.