

Mercer County Mobility Guide

Keeping Mercer on the Move



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Introduction

Getting around Mercer County is easier than ever. For one, it's a prime location for one of the nation's most used public transportation providers, New Jersey Transit (NJ TRANSIT). In addition to transit, Mercer County has a host of other options designed to make personal mobility both simple and stress-free.

Whether you want to ride the bus, train, light rail, or explore the numerous other transportation options available to you, this guide has the answers. Take a look and learn the simple ins and outs of staying mobile in Mercer County.



HOW TO RIDE THE BUS

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Timetables

You will need a timetable for the bus route that you want to ride. Timetables can be obtained online at [NJ TRANSIT](#) or at most major bus and rail terminals. You can also check bus schedules by calling 973-275-5555. [Greater Mercer TMA](#), your local transportation management association, can also provide timetables by calling 609-452-1491.

How to Read the Timetable

Choose your direction of travel and choose the weekday (Monday-Friday) or weekend (Saturday, Sunday and holidays) section of the schedule.

Find the location that you want to start from on the timetable. *Not all bus stops are listed on the timetable.* The time points listed represent major stops on the bus route. The bus will also stop at locations along the route that are between the time points as long as it is safe to pull over. If your stop is between two time points, use the earlier time as your guide.

Select the time that you want to start your trip and read across the timetable to your destination to see the arrival time. If there is a letter listed to the left of the times listed for the trip that you plan to take, look for the explanation under or near the schedule block.

Route
Number

605

Service
Designation

To Princeton/Montgomery

Destination

Weekdays

Saturdays

Stops

Times
the bus
will
arrive at
stop

| LAWRENCE TWP. Quaker Bridge Mall | LAWRENCE TWP. Mercer Mall | WEST WINDSOR TWP. Nassau Park Wal-Mart | WEST WINDSOR TWP. Princeton Market Fair | PRINCETON BORO Railroad Station | PRINCETON BORO Witherspoon St. at Wiggins Street | PRINCETON TWP. Princeton Shopping Center | PRINCETON TWP. Princeton Community Village | PRINCETON TWP. Redding Terrace | PRINCETON TWP. Griggs Farm | MONTGOMERY Route 206 at Orchard Rd. |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| MAP REFERENCE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 750 | 756 | 759 | 800 | 816 | 820 | 830 | 834 | 839 | 848 | 857 |
| 900 | 906 | 909 | 919 | 926 | 930 | 940 | 944 | 949 | 958 | 1007 |
| 1015 | 1021 | 1024 | 1034 | 1041 | 1045 | 1055 | 1059 | 1104 | 1113 | 1122 |
| 1130 | 1136 | 1139 | 1149 | 1156 | 1200 | 1210 | 1214 | 1219 | 1228 | 1237 |
| 1245 | 1251 | 1254 | 1304 | 1311 | 1315 | 1325 | 1330 | 1334 | 1343 | 1352 |

| LAWRENCE TWP. Quaker Bridge Mall | LAWRENCE TWP. Mercer Mall | WEST WINDSOR TWP. Nassau Park Wal-Mart | WEST WINDSOR TWP. Princeton Market Fair | PRINCETON BORO Railroad Station | PRINCETON BORO Witherspoon St. at Wiggins Street | PRINCETON TWP. Princeton Shopping Center | PRINCETON TWP. Princeton Community Village | PRINCETON TWP. Redding Terrace | PRINCETON TWP. Griggs Farm | MONTGOMERY Route 206 at Orchard Rd. |
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| MAP REFERENCE | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 745 | 751 | 754 | 804 | 811 | 815 | 825 | 829 | 834 | 843 | 852 |
| 900 | 906 | 909 | 919 | 926 | 930 | 940 | 944 | 949 | 958 | 1007 |
| 1015 | 1021 | 1024 | 1034 | 1041 | 1045 | 1055 | 1059 | 1104 | 1113 | 1122 |
| 1130 | 1136 | 1139 | 1149 | 1156 | 1200 | 1210 | 1214 | 1219 | 1228 | 1237 |
| 1245 | 1251 | 1254 | 1304 | 1311 | 1315 | 1325 | 1330 | 1334 | 1343 | 1352 |



With service to

- MONTGOMERY
Montgomery Center
- PRINCETON TWP
Princeton North Shopping Center
- PRINCETON BORO
Princeton Shopping Center
Princeton Med Ctr
Palmer Square
- PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
Princeton University
Princeton Rail Station
- WEST WINDSOR TWP
Princeton Market Fair
Nassau Park
- LAWRENCE TWP
Mercer Mall
Quaker Bridge Mall

CUSTOMER SERVICE ★ STARS
Someone make your trip better?
Tell us who. NJTRANSIT.COM/STARS

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mybus NOW

NJ TRANSIT has launched a real-time service information system for bus customers. [mybus NOW](#) provides access to real-time bus location and arrival information.

Customers can obtain their bus stop ID online at njtransit.com or from **mybus** signs posted at bus stops statewide. Follow these easy steps to obtain information about your bus stop:

- Locate the **mybus** sign above the NJ TRANSIT bus stop sign.
- Identify the bus stop number.
- Call 973-275-5555 or text your bus stop # to mybus (69287).
- You will be provided with the time of the next bus scheduled to arrive at your stop.



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Flagging the Bus

Wait for your bus at a designated bus stop (where you see a bus stop sign or at a location where you have been told by a NJ TRANSIT representative to wait). Check the bus stop sign to make sure that your bus stops there.

Arrive at your stop at least 5 minutes earlier than the scheduled bus departure time.

When you see the bus approaching, raise your arm and wave your hand to the bus driver as a signal that you would like to board the bus.

Check the destination sign on the bus before boarding. Some buses have multiple destinations. If you are unsure, the driver will be glad to assist you.

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Getting on the Bus

When the bus arrives at the stop, board carefully and use the handrails if needed to assist you as you step on the bus.

All NJ TRANSIT buses can kneel (lowering the distance to the first step) making it easier to board the bus. If you need the bus to kneel to climb aboard do not hesitate to ask the driver for this service.



All NJ Transit routes are also operated with lift-equipped buses.

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Paying the Fare

NJ TRANSIT [fares](#) operate on a zone system. Your fare is based on the number of zones that you travel through. Check the map on the schedule to see how many zones you travel. Each time you cross a zone boundary you must pay for another zone.

[NJ TRANSIT Reduced Fare Program:](#) Individuals age 62 and older save 50% or more on NJ TRANSIT by using the reduced fare program. You may be asked to show the driver an ID with proof of your age. Any ID with your date of birth and issued by a government, social service or mass transit agency is acceptable (driver's license, Medicare card, etc.). You can also obtain a NJ TRANSIT Reduced Fare Card by calling NJ TRANSIT at 973-491-7112.



Tell the driver your destination so he or she can confirm your fare.

All Mercer County buses (except the 409/418) require **exact change** to pay the fare. One dollar bills and coins are accepted. Drivers cannot make change. Cash and coins are inserted into a fare box.

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Transfers

Sometimes it is necessary to transfer to another bus or light rail line to reach your destination. For these times, you need to purchase a transfer. Using a transfer saves money. The transfer is less expensive than paying the fare without a transfer on the second bus.

Transfers are purchased from the bus operator when you are paying for your fare. **Transfers for full fares cost \$.65 and \$.30 for reduced fares.**

The transfers are valid for two hours after your purchase. The transfers are valid for using a second bus or the NJ TRANSIT [River LINE](#) for a one zone ride. If travel on the second bus is greater than one zone, there will be an additional charge.

If you are beginning your trip on the River LINE and transferring to a bus, purchase one zone with a transfer ticket from the Ticket Vending Machine before boarding the River LINE.

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Fares

| Zone | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Transfer |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Reduced Fare | \$0.75 | \$1.00 | \$1.25 | \$1.50 | \$.30 |
| Full Fare | \$1.60 | \$2.25 | \$2.75 | \$3.35 | \$.70 |
| Monthly Pass | \$54.00 | \$71.00 | \$83.00 | \$90.00 | N/A |

NJ TRANSIT bus tickets and passes can now be purchased with your mobile phone through the [MyTix](#) program.

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Getting off the bus

As you are approaching your stop, simply press the signal strip located near the window to let the driver know that you plan to exit at the next stop. There will be an audible bell and sign at the front of the bus to indicate that you have requested a stop.

Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before leaving your seat.

| Rte. | Terminus #1 | Terminus #2 | Fare Collection | Notes |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--|
| <u>600</u> | Trenton Transit Center | Plainsboro | Exact Fare | |
| <u>601</u> | The College of New Jersey | Hamilton Marketplace | Exact Fare | Capital Connection |
| <u>603</u> | Mercer Mall | Hamilton Square | Exact Fare | |
| <u>605</u> | Quaker Bridge Mall | Montgomery Twp. | Exact Fare | |
| <u>606</u> | Princeton | Hamilton Marketplace | Exact Fare | Ltd. Weekdays to Ham. Railroad |
| <u>607</u> | Ewing | Hamilton Ind. Plaza | Exact Fare | |
| <u>608</u> | West Trenton | Hamilton Station | Exact Fare | Rush hour to State Police |
| <u>609</u> | Ewing | Quaker Bridge Mall | Exact Fare | Less frequent service 9AM—4PM to NJDOT |
| <u>611</u> | Trenton Circulator | | Exact Fare | Weekday rush hours |
| <u>612</u> | Princeton Junc. Rail Station | Lawrence Twp. Loop | Exact Fare | Rush hour peak direction |
| <u>613</u> | Mercer Mall | Hamilton Marketplace | Exact Fare | |
| <u>619</u> | Ewing | Mercer Comm. College | Exact Fare | No Sunday service |
| <u>624</u> | Pennington | East Trenton | Exact Fare | Merger of NJT 602 and 604 routes |
| <u>409</u> | Philadelphia | Trenton Transit Center | Exact Fare | |
| <u>418</u> | Camden | Trenton Transit Center | Full Service | Rush hour only |
| <u>Rte. 130</u> <u>Connect</u> | Hamilton Station | Warehouse Are, Monroe Twp. | Exact Fare | No Sunday Service |

| Destination | St. Francis Hospital | Princeton Medical Center at Plainsboro | Robert Wood Johnson U. Hospital | Capital Health - Regional | Capital Health - Hopewell | Market Fair | Mercer Mall | Quaker-bridge Mall | Nassau Park |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Origin | | | | | | | | | |
| East Windsor (Hightstown) | 130 Connection to 606 | 130 Connection to M6 | 130 Connection to 603 | 130 Connection to 603/613 | 130 Conn. to 601 to shuttle | 130 Connection to 606 | 130 Connection to 606 | 130 Connection to 606 | 130 Connection to 606 |
| Ewing | 601 619 609 | 601/607/624 to 600 | 601/607/624 to 603 | 601/624to 603/613 | 609 to shuttle 607 to 609 to shuttle | 601 to 600 607 to 600 | 601/607 to 603/613 | 609 | 601/607 to 603/613 |
| Hamilton | 601 606 609 | 606 to Tiger Transit For- restal Line | 601/606/609 to 603 | 603 or 613 | 601 to shuttle | 601 to 600 609 to 600 | 603 or 613 | 603 609 613 | 603 or 613 |
| Hopewell (Pennington) | 624 to 609 | 624 to 600 | 624 to 603 | 624 to 603 624to 613 | 624 to 601 to shuttle | 624 to 600 | 624 to 603 624 to 613 | 624 to 600 624 to 609 | 624 to 600 624 to 603/613 |
| Lawrence | 606 to 609 600 to 609 | 606 to Tiger Transit For- restal Line | 603 | 606 (across parking lot) | 606 to 601 to shuttle | 606 to 605 | 606 to 613 606 to 605 | 606 to 613 606 to 605 | 606 to 613 606 to 605 |
| Princeton | 606 605 to 609 | Tiger Transit Forrestal Line | 606 to 603 | 606 605 to 613 | 606 to 601 to shuttle | 606 or 605 | 606 or 605 | 606 or 605 | 606 or 605 |
| Robbinsville | 606 | 606 to Tiger Forrestal Line 606 to 600 | 606 to 603 | 606 606 to 613 606 to 603 | 606 to 601 to shuttle | 606 to 600 | 606 to 613 606 to 603 | 606 to 609 606 to 603 | 606 to 613 606 to 600 |
| Trenton | 609, 619 608 to 609 601 to 609 | 600 | 603 | 603 or 613 | 609 to shuttle 601 to shuttle | 600 608 to 600 609 to 600 | 613 or 603 | 613/603 600 609 | 600 608 to 600 609 to 600 |
| West Windsor | 612 to 609 | 612 to M6 or 612 to 600 | 612 to 603 | 612 to 603 612 to 613 | 600 to 609 600 to 619 600 to 601 | 612 to 603 612 to 600 | 612 to 603 | 612 | 612 to 600 |

| Destination | Princeton Shopping Center | Independence Mall | Hamilton Marketplace | Palmer Square | Mercer Co. Community College West Windsor | College of New Jersey | Rider University |
|---------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Origin | | | | | | | |
| East Windsor (Hightstown) | 130 Connection to 606 | 130 Connection to 613 | 130 Connection | 130 Connection to 606 | 130 Connection to 601/606 to 619 | 130 Connection to 606 to 624 | 130 Connection to 606 |
| Ewing | 608 to 606 601 to 606 609 to 605 | 607 to 603/613 609 to 603/613 601 to 603/613 | 601 or 606 624/609/608 to 601/606 | 601 to 606 607 to 606 609 to 605 | 619 608 to 619 609 to Shuttle | 601 or 624 | 607 to 606 609 to 606 601 to 606 |
| Hamilton | 606 609 to 605 | 603/613 606 to 603/613 | 601 or 606 or 603/613 | 606 | 619 603/613 to Shuttle | 601 603/613 to 601 609 to 601 | 606 603/613 to 606 609 to 606 |
| Hopewell (Pennington) | 624 to 606 | 624 to 603/613 | 624 to 601 or 624 to 603/613 | 624 to 606 | 624 to 619 | 624 | 624 to 606 |
| Lawrence | 606 or 605 | 603/613 606 to 603/613 600 to 603/613 | 606 603/613 600 to 603/613 | 606 | 619 603/613 to 619 605 to Shuttle | 606 to 601 603/613 to 601 600 to 601 | 606 |
| Princeton | 605 or 606 freeB | 606 to 603/613 605 to 603/613 | 606 605 to 603/613 | 606 or 605 freeB | 605 to Shuttle 605 to 619 | 606 to 601 606 to 624 | 606 |
| Robbinsville | 606 | 606 to 603/613 | 130 Connection or 606 | 606 | 130 Connection to 606 to 619 | 606 to 601 606 to 624 | 606 |
| Trenton | 606 | 613 | 606 or 601 | 606 | MCCC Shuttle 619 | 624 or 601 | 606 603/613 to 606 608 to 606 |
| West Windsor | 612 to 605 600 to 605 | 612 to 603/613 600 to 603/613 | 600 to 606/603/613 612 to 603/613 | 612 to 600 | 600 to 619 600 to Shuttle 612 to Shuttle | 600 to 601 600 to 624 | 600 to 606 |

| Destination | Hamilton Rail Station | Princeton Junction Station | Trenton Transit Center | West Trenton Station | Mercer Co. Waterfront Park | Grounds for Sculpture |
|---------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Origin | | | | | | |
| East Windsor (Hightstown) | 130 Connection | 130 Connection to Rail | 130 Connection to Rail/608 | 130 Connection to 608 | 130 Connection to 606 to 409 or River Line | 130 Connection to 606 |
| Ewing | 608 601 to 608 609 to 608 | 609 to 612 607/601 to 600 609/602 to 600 | 624 or 601 or 609 | 608 | 607 | 608 601 to 608 609 to 608 |
| Hamilton | 130 Connection 606 to 608 603/613 to 608 | 609 to 612 606/603/613 to 600 | 606 or 601 or 609 or 603/613 or 608 | 608 130 Connection to 608 | 603 to 607 606 to River Line 609 to River Line | 601 to 608 606 to 608 609 to 608 |
| Hopewell (Pennington) | 624 to 608 | 624 to Rail 624 to 600 | 624 | 624 to 608 | 602 to 607 624 to River Line | 624 to 608 |
| Lawrence | 606 to 608 603/613 to 608 | 600 603/613 to 600 603/613 to 612 | 606 or 600 | 606 to 608 603/613 to 608 600 to 608 | 600 to 607 606 to 607 603/613 to 607 | 600 to 608 606 to 608 603/613 to 608 |
| Princeton | 606 | Dinky Rail 605 to 612 605 to 600 | 606 605 to 609 605 to 600 | 606 to 608 | 606 to 607 606 to River Line | 606 to 608 |
| Robbinsville | 130 Connection or 606 | 130 Connection to Rail 606 to Rail | 606 130 Connection to 608 | 130 Connection to 608 606 to 608 | 606 to 607 606 to River Line | 606 to 608 130 Connection to 608 |
| Trenton | 608 | Use Rail | 609 | 608 or 619 | 607 or River Line | 608 |
| West Windsor | 600 to 608 600 to Rail 612 to Rail | 612 or 600 | 600 612 to 609 612 to 600 | 600 to 608 Rail to 608 | 600 to 607 600 to River Line | 600 to 608 |

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Princeton freeB

The [freeB Neighborhood](#) bus service is a **FREE** service funded by and serving the Princeton Community. The service runs between Elm Court, Redding Circle and Community Village with stops at locations such as Princeton Shopping Center, Municipal Complex and Library. The bus is open and available to people of all ages Monday—Saturday.



The [freeB Commuter](#) service runs between the Dinky Train Station and Princeton Shopping Center Monday - Friday in the early morning and evening hours.

The freeB will stop at any marked bus stop and anywhere along the route where it is safe to do so. The freeB has connections to the Jersey Transit 605 and 606.

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ZLine

The [ZLine](#) is a new bus service providing transportation to and from the Matrix Business Park at Exit 7A and the Amazon Fulfillment Center in Robbinsville. The [ZLine](#) meets NJ TRANSIT 601, 606 and 613 and some Route 130 Connection buses at the Hamilton Marketplace in Hamilton Township.

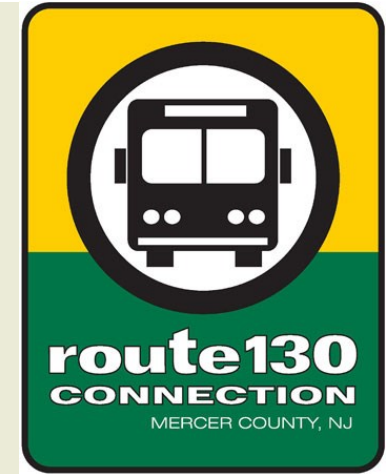
Pay your fare on a NJ TRANSIT bus or the Route 130 Connection and then ride the [ZLine](#) to work for [FREE](#). No transfer fee is required.



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Route 130 Connection

The [Route 130 Connection](#) serves the Trenton area and eastern Mercer County. The bus is operated by Mercer County and is open to people of all ages Monday—Saturday. The fare is \$1 each way and exact change is required. WFNJ clients ride free by showing their county-issued welfare identification card.



The service runs between the Trenton Transit Center and Monroe Township in Middlesex County with stops at locations such as the RWJ Health Center and Hospital, Hamilton Marketplace, East Windsor, Hightstown and the business parks near NJ Turnpike Exit 8A.

The [Route 130 Connection](#) links with the following transit services:

[Hamilton Train Station](#): 6o6, 6o8, NEC Train

[Hamilton Marketplace](#): 6o1, 6o3, 6o6, ZLine

[Route 130 & Half Acre Road](#): Middlesex County M1

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Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority ([SEPTA](#)) provides bus and rail service for the Philadelphia region. Its primary service area includes Bucks, Chester, Montgomery, Delaware and Philadelphia counties. Some of the services extend outside their region to nearby cities such as Trenton.



The [Route 127](#) bus serves Bucks County extending into the city of Trenton. The route terminus begins at the Trenton Transit Center and the other terminus is the Oxford Valley Mall in Falls Township.

The **Route 127** has a fare of \$2.25. Transfers are \$1.00.

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Middlesex County Area Transit (MCAT)

The **Middlesex County Area Transit** ([MCAT](#)) Shuttle program is a modified fixed route service developed by the Middlesex County Department of Transportation that combines the best features of para transit and fixed route transit to meet the needs of senior citizens, individuals with disabilities and the general public. Two MCAT routes operate in Mercer County:



[M-1](#): This route runs between the NJ Turnpike Exit 8A employment area and New Brunswick with stops in Cranbury, Jamesburg and North Brunswick.

[M-6](#): This route runs between the Princeton Junction Train Station and Jamesburg with stops in Cranbury, Plainsboro and Monroe Township.

The suggested fare is \$1 for the general public and \$.50 for senior citizens and people with disabilities. Exact change is required for fares.

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Rail Service in Mercer County

NJ TRANSIT provides rail service along the Northeast Corridor rail line between Trenton and New York City. The following stations are located in Mercer County:

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|-------------------------------|--|
| Trenton Transit Center | 72 South Clinton Ave., Trenton |
| Hamilton Station | Sloan Ave. near I-295, Hamilton |
| Princeton Junction | 2 Wallace Rd., West Windsor |

NJ TRANSIT also provides rail shuttle service called the Dinky between Princeton Borough (Alexander Rd.) and Princeton Junction.

NJ TRANSIT provides **light rail service** on the River LINE from Trenton to Camden. There are three stops located in Mercer County, all within Trenton: Cass Street, Hamilton Avenue, and Trenton Transit Center.

SEPTA provides regional rail service between Mercer County and Philadelphia. There are stops in Trenton and West Trenton.

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Train Timetables

Find Your Stations

NJ TRANSIT timetables and station locations can be found at njtransit.com or by calling 973-275-5555. Physical timetables can be found at most train stations. As always, call [GMTMA](http://gmtma.com) at 609-452-1491 for more information. With the timetable, you can see which stations are origins and destinations for each train on that particular route. Remember, not all trains stop at each station on a given run.

Read the Timetable

Once you know which two rail stations you will be traveling between, using train timetables is a snap. First, identify the section for the direction in which you would like to travel (AM or PM, weekday or weekend.) Next, find your desired station by reading **down** on the list and follow the line to the right until you get to your desired departure time. It's that easy! To find out when you will arrive, start at the departure time you just found and follow the column down until you reach the time across from your arrival location.

If you are unsure of which stations you need, the [NJ TRANSIT](http://njtransit.com) website can assist you by allowing you to use a landmark or street to find the appropriate station. You may also call 973-275-5555.

| TO | | NEWARK/NEW YORK | | | | | | | | | | MONDAY – FRIDAY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| AM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TRAINS | 3806 | 3808 | 3204 | 3700 | 3910 | 3810 | 3702 | 3812 | 3704 | 3914 | 3210 | 3814 | 3706 | 3918 | 3500 | 3818 | 3708 | 3920 | 3122 | 3922 | 3502 | 3710 | 3924 | 3124 | 3126 | 3712 | 3926 | 3504 |
| Departing from: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| via SEPTA from Philadelphia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Market East | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Suburban Station | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30th Street Station | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| arrive TRENTON TRANSIT CTR | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TRENTON TRANSIT CENTER | | 347 | 432 | | | 505 | 457 | 524 | 601 | 552 | 625 | 613 | 646 | 700 | | | 712 | | | | | | 719 | | | | 728 | |
| Hamilton | | 353 | 438 | | | 512 | 503 | 530 | 607 | 558 | 632 | 619 | 653 | 707 | | | 719 | | | | | | 722 | | | | 735 | |
| via Princeton Shuttle | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| arrive Princeton Junction | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Princeton Junction | | 359 | 445 | | | 519 | 510 | 537 | 615 | 605 | 639 | 627 | 701 | 714 | | | 727 | | | | | | 732 | | 740 | 746 | 752 | |
| Jersey Avenue | | | | | 501 | | | 530 | 605 | | | 628 | | | | 652 | | | | | | 715 | | | | 734 | | |
| New Brunswick | | 413 | 459 | | 506 | | 524 | 536 | 552 | 611 | | 625 | 635 | | | 642 | 658 | 709 | | | | 721 | | 730 | 736 | 742 | | |
| Edison | | 417 | | | 510 | | 529 | 540 | 557 | 615 | | 630 | 640 | | | 647 | 703 | 714 | | | | 726 | | 735 | 741 | 747 | | |
| Metuchen | | 422 | | | 515 | | 534 | 545 | 602 | 620 | | 635 | 646 | | | 652 | 708 | 719 | | | | 732 | | 740 | 746 | 752 | | |
| Metropark | | 427 | 508 | | 520 | | 538 | 549 | 607 | 625 | | 640 | 651 | | | 657 | 713 | 724 | | | | 737 | | 745 | 751 | 757 | | |

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Buying the Rail Ticket

Most rail stations have Ticket Offices or Ticket Vending Machines (TVMs). TVMs are easy to use. Simply follow the on-screen instructions. TVMs accept cash, debit cards and credit cards. The [NJ TRANSIT Station and Parking Guide](#) which is available at the NJ Transit website, provides additional details about Ticket Office hours and TVM locations.



Fares are based on the locations between which the trip occurs. Individuals with disabilities and seniors 62 and older (65 and older from Metro-North stations) with valid I.D. will receive reduced fares on all train trips.

NJ TRANSIT train tickets and passes can now be purchased with your mobile phone through the [MyTix](#) program.

Please note that all individuals without disabilities who purchase tickets on board the train when a Ticket Office is open or a Ticket Vending Machine (TVM) is available will pay a \$5.00 surcharge. Customers with disabilities may purchase a ticket on board the train without penalty.

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Boarding the Train

Signs on the platform of your station will indicate the directions that trains are traveling. Larger train stations will provide this information on the departure board.

For your safety, while waiting for your train to arrive, stand behind the yellow safety line and always wait until the train has come to a complete stop before attempting to board or detrain. Watch your step and if you need assistance, please ask for help from a train crewmember. Special bridge plates can be requested to bridge the gap between the platform and train for easier boarding and disembarking.

Once you board, you may take any seat available. Seats nearest the entrances are reserved for individuals with disabilities. Individuals with mobility devices may ride in the center vestibule of the train car. NJ TRANSIT trains are equipped with restrooms for your convenience.

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Amtrak

[Amtrak](#) operates two stations in Mercer County, one in [Trenton](#) and the other at [Princeton Junction](#). Amtrak also runs a high speed train, the [Acela Express](#), from Boston to Washington D.C.



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Riding the River LINE

The [River LINE](#) is a light rail train that operates from Trenton to Camden with stations at three Trenton locations: Trenton Transit Center, Hamilton Avenue, and Cass Street.

To ride light rail, tickets must be purchased from the station or Ticket Vending Machine before boarding.

When you ride light rail, your one-way ticket must be **time stamped at a validator box** before boarding or you will be subject to a fine. Monthly passes, transfers, and trip ticket receipts do not need to be time stamped.

Once on board, you can sit and enjoy the ride to your destination. When the train comes to a complete stop upon your arrival, push the green button to open the doors.

Now you can find out when the next train is arriving to any light rail station through [my LIGHT RAIL](#). Simply call **973-275-5555** or text the light rail **Station ID** to **69287** and you will get the next scheduled train to arrive at your station.



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SEPTA Regional Rail

[SEPTA](#) has two regional rail lines that serve Mercer County. The [Trenton Line](#) terminates at the Trenton Transit Center. The [West Trenton Line](#) terminates in West Trenton, Ewing Township. Both lines provide service to center city Philadelphia with local stops in Bucks County.



To ride the regional rail lines, tickets must be purchased at the train station or a penalty is applied to the fare. For stations that do not have a building with a ticket vendor, a penalty is not applied for tickets purchased on board.

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Bike and Ride

It's easy to take your bicycle with you on the bus—just use the racks on the front! Remember these tips for loading and unloading your bike:

Have your bike ready when the bus approaches. When it arrives, tell the operator you are going to use the rack.

Load and unload from the curb side of the bus.

Pull the bike rack down with one hand and lift the bike onto it with the other. The rack has slots labeled “front” and “back” for the tires.

Raise and release the support arm so it rests on the front tire.

When you get off, tell the driver you are unloading your bike. Remove the support bar, unload your bike and fold the rack back up if no one else is using it.

For more information and usage limitations, consult [NJ TRANSIT Bike and Ride](#) or call 973-275-5555.

Bikes are allowed on all NJ Transit trains except peak-hour trains to Newark, Hoboken and New York City (6-10 AM) and peak-hour trains from those stations (4-7 PM). Bikes must be stowed in the accessible areas of the train but priority for those spaces is given to persons with disabilities.

The RIVER LINE light rail allows bicycles at any time but they must be stowed in the low vestibule section or on hanging racks.

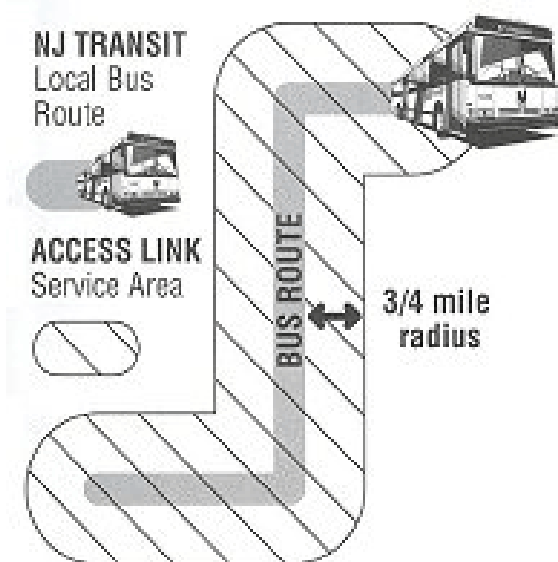


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Alternatives

NJ TRANSIT Access Link

- [Access Link](#) is a service for people with disabilities who are unable to use the local fixed-route bus. In order to use Access Link, you must first apply for eligibility. The service operates at the same time as the fixed-route bus.
- Like the bus, it is a shared ride system offering curb to curb service.
- Pick-up and drop-off points must be within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the fixed-route.
- Access Link drivers have a 20 minute window before and after your scheduled pick-up time.
- Reservations for Access Link Can be made by calling 1-800-955-2321 from 7:30 AM until 4:00 PM at least 24 hours before the trip (but no more than seven days.)
- Between 3 and 4PM, customers are limited to next-day trips only.



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Community Transportation Options

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| Service Option | <u>T.R.A.D.E.</u> |
| Service Area | Mercer County |
| Eligibility | Seniors (60+) and individuals with disabilities |
| Fare | Free (\$1 suggested donation) |
| Contact Information | (609) 530-1971 (609) 275-2929 for Princeton/Hightstown rides |

[T.R.A.D.E.](#) is a service operated by Mercer County to provide trips for registered senior citizens (60+) and individuals with disabilities. Trips are offered on an ongoing (subscription) or as-needed basis. Reservations are made 9:00 A.M.— 4:30 P.M. up to 14 days in advance. Those in need of lift equipment or space for a mobility assistant can arrange for them when making a reservation. To register, call T.R.A.D.E. at 609-530-1971. Trips are free but there is a \$1.00 suggested donation.

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| Service Option | RideProvide |
| Service Area | Mercer County, Plainsboro, Montgomery south of Rt. 518 |
| Eligibility | Seniors (65+) and adults with visual impairments |
| Hours | Weekdays 8 AM—5 PM |
| Fare | Fee based on zones |
| Contact Information | (609) 452-5140 for information info@rideprovide.org |

Another transportation option is [RideProvide](#), a membership service available to seniors and visually impaired adults. Door to door transportation is provided in a private automobile. Reservations must be made two days before the ride.

*Free trips are provided to and from Princeton Healthcare System facilities.

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| Service Option | Crosstown |
| Service Area | Princeton |
| Eligibility | Seniors (65+) and non-driving individuals with disabilities |
| Hours | Weekdays 8 AM—5 PM |
| Fare | \$3 per one-way voucher |
| Contact Information | (609) 924-7108 to register (609) 452-5144 to schedule rides |

[Crosstown](#) provides door-to-door transportation within Princeton only for residents 65 years and older or disabled who do not drive. Reservations must be made at least a day ahead of time. Rides are provided by car. You must register first with Princeton Senior Resource Center.

*Rides are available within Princeton and to the University Medical Center of Princeton at Plainsboro (UMCPP) and Princeton Fitness & Wellness Center. Rides to UMCPP and its facilities are free.

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| Service Option | <u>Hopewell Valley Rides</u> |
| Service Area | Pennington Borough, Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township |
| Eligibility | Seniors (60+) and individuals with disabilities |
| Hours | Weekdays 8 AM—5 PM |
| Fare | \$3 per one-way voucher |
| Contact Information | (609) 737-0605 x 692 to register (609) 452-5144 to schedule rides |

[Hopewell Valley Rides](#) is a transportation service offered by Hopewell Township. It is available to residents age 60+ and adults with disabilities within Hopewell Valley (Pennington, Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Twp.) Wheelchair accessible service is available.

*Free trips are provided to and from Princeton Healthcare System facilities.

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| Service Option | East Windsor Community Bus |
| Service Area | East Windsor Township |
| Eligibility | Seniors, individuals with disabilities, low-income persons |
| Hours | 9:00 AM departure, 11:00 AM return |
| Fare | \$.25 each way |
| Contact Information | (609) 371-7192 |

[East Windsor Community Bus](#) provides rides to multiple populations within the East Windsor Community. The bus runs on a scheduled route Monday—Thursday and on most Fridays. Call the East Windsor Senior Center at (609) 371-7192 for more information.

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| Service Option | Ewing Township Senior Center |
| Service Area | Ewing Township |
| Eligibility | Seniors (60+) |
| Hours | Monday—Friday: 8:30 A.M.—3:00 P.M. |
| Fare | Free |
| Contact Information | (609) 883-1776 x6205 |

The [Ewing Township Senior Center](#) provides transportation for its senior residents (60+). The service provides transportation for shopping, medical and Senior Center trips. Transportation is available Monday—Friday 8:30 A.M.—3:00 P.M. Reservations must be made between 8:30 A.M.—1 P.M. at least one day in advance.

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| Service Option | Hamilton Senior Center |
| Service Area | Hamilton Township |
| Eligibility | Seniors (65+) |
| Hours | Weekdays 8:30 AM—1:30 PM |
| Fare | Free |
| Contact Information | (609) 890-3686 |

[Hamilton Senior Center](#) provides curb-to-curb transportation to township seniors to medical appointments (Monday—Friday), grocery stores (Monday—Thursday on a weekly or bi-weekly basis) and the Senior Center. Advance notice is needed to arrange trips.

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| Service Option | Lawrence Township Senior Center |
| Service Area | Lawrence Township |
| Eligibility | Seniors (60+) |
| Hours | Monday—Friday: 9:00 A.M.—3:30 P.M. |
| Fare | Free |
| Contact Information | (609) 844-7048 |

The [Lawrence Township Senior Center](#) provides transportation for its senior residents (60+). The service provides transportation for medical and Senior Center trips. Transportation is available Monday—Friday 9:00 A.M.—3:30 P.M. Reservations must be made between 8:30 A.M.—4:30 P.M. at least three days in advance.

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| Service Option | Mercer County Community College Shuttles |
| Service Area | West Windsor, Trenton, Princeton |
| Eligibility | MCCC students only |
| Hours | Monday— Friday; Mornings and Afternoons |
| Fare | Free |
| Contact Information | West Windsor Campus: 609-570-3740 Trenton Campus: 609-570-3161 |

Mercer County Community College (MCCC) provides direct non-stop shuttle service between its main West Windsor Campus and its Trenton Campus. Students from the Princeton and Plainsboro areas can travel on NJ TRANSIT to the Quakerbridge Mall and connect with another MCCC shuttle that runs between the Mall and MCCC. The shuttles run on different schedules every school semester. Visit the [MCCC website](#) for up to date schedules and rules and regulations.

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Walk Around

Walking is a healthy and simple way to get where you need to go– it can also save a lot of gas money! Get out and walk and when you do, remember these safety tips:

- Use sidewalks and crosswalks, wherever possible.
- When sidewalks are unavailable, walk facing traffic.
- Obey traffic signs and signals.
- Always look before crossing. Be sure all lanes to be crossed are clear.
- Before crossing, stand clear of any visual obstacles that might prevent a driver from noticing you.
- Be alert to engine noise or backing lights near parking spaces or lots.
- If you can, walk with a buddy!



[GMTMA](#) offers a free pedestrian safety program geared specifically to older adults at senior centers, senior housing and other community facilities.

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Travel Training

GMTMA and the New Jersey Travel Independence Program (NJTIP) have partnered to develop a [Travel Training Program for Mercer County](#).

Travel training helps seniors, individuals with disabilities and people with lower income improve their mobility which is important to maintain healthy lifestyles, participate in their community and achieve economic success.

Travel training is a group of services used to teach safe and independent travel skills on public transportation. Riders learn how to plan their trips, read schedules, pay fares, use accessibility features and take precautions during their travel.



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Driving Safely

Driver safety is important whether you've been at it for years, months, or decades. Here are some tips to remember every time you get behind the wheel:

- Inspect the car before starting it up. Anything behind the tires? Mirrors adjusted?
- Call [511](#) or another service to check for delays, detours or rush hour congestion. The best route isn't always the same.
- When on the road, be cautious and ever-alert. Some drivers aren't as careful, and it's up to you to make up the difference!
- Keep the radio or discussion at a moderate volume, as auditory input is an important part of driving.
- Repeatedly check your mirrors and scan the road ahead. You can avoid sticky situations by seeing them in advance.
- While you're out, are there any places nearby you need to stop? How about filling up the gas tank?
- Finally, if driving is becoming too difficult to manage or you find yourself less capable of performing the proper procedures, it's time to give up the keys! This can be hard for many reasons, but as this guide has shown, getting around can be just as easy without a personal vehicle.

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Resources

Many organizations offer programs specifically designed for senior travelers.

- [AAA](#) offers a slate of driver education classes to assist the general public in becoming better drivers and have even designed a defensive driving course specifically for seniors.
- [NJ Find a Ride](#) offers a directory of accessible transportation options for people with disabilities and others in New Jersey who don't have easy, reliable access to private automobile transportation. To use their service, just follow the prompts and you'll be linked to the best suited trip provider!
- [The National Center on Senior Transportation](#) offers a wealth of material for older adults on topics ranging from mobility to community livability.
- The [AARP](#) provides information about transportation and other quality of life issues affecting older adults.
- [Mercer County's Office on Aging](#) is the primary advocate, planning and coordinating agency in the county, helping to both meet the needs of and implement plans to assist area seniors in every way possible, including transportation. Call 609-989-6661 for more information.

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Mobile Applications



[NJ TRANSIT Mobile App](#)



[Amtrak](#)



[SEPTA](#)



[Google Transit](#)



[TRANSIT](#)



[NJ TRANSIT Mobile Website](#)



[NJ TRANSIT mybus](#)



[NJ TRANSIT myLIGHT RAIL](#)



[NJ TRANSIT MyTix](#)

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| AAA | www.aaa.com | 877-457-0711 |
| AARP | www.aarp.com | 888-687-2277 |
| Access Link | www.njtransit.com | 973-491-7915 |
| East Windsor Senior Center | www.east-windsor.nj.us/ | 609-371-7192 |
| Ewing Twp. Senior Citizens | www.ewingnj.org | 609-883-1776 ext. 6205 |
| Greater Mercer TMA | www.gmtma.org | 609-452-1491 |
| Hamilton Senior Center | www.hamiltonnj.com | 609-890-3686 |
| Hopewell Valley Rides | www.rideprovide.org | 737-0605 ext. 692 609-452-5140 |
| Lawrence Twp. Office on Aging | www.lawrencetwp.com | 609-844-7048 |
| Mercer County Office on Aging | www.state.nj.us/counties/mercerc/ departments/hs/aging.html | 609-989-6661 |
| NJ TRANSIT | www.njtransit.com | 973-275-5555 |
| Princeton Crosstown | www.princeton senior.org www.rideprovide.org | 609-924-7108 609-452-5140 |
| RideProvide | www.rideprovide.org | 609-452-5140 |
| T.R.A.D.E. | www.state.nj.us/counties/mercerc/ departments/transportation/trad/ | 609-530-1971 |
| Trenton Senior Services | www.trentonnj.org | 609-989-3336 |

We hope this guide helps you get around Mercer
County, whichever way you choose.
Enjoy your next trip!

