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***Join Us This Saturday for ‘Celebrate Trails Day’* Trenton Walks! to Host Five Blockbuster Events**

Looking Back and Forward, City-bound and Beyond

TRENTON, N.J. – **Trenton Walks!** is gearing up for more than 12 miles of great walks over five events, including a walk this Saturday, April 25, which is a local opportunity to celebrate the national Rails to Trails Conservancy event called “Celebrate Trails Day.” Mercer County Executive Dan Benson will lead that 2.5-mile trek along the Delaware River Heritage Trail in South Trenton followed by light refreshments at Cooper’s Riverview after the walk ends.

Bordentown will be the focus of another event, with walkers exploring its many unique aspects from creeks to historic railroads and boating and swimming attractions. Local leaders will talk about all the city has to offer regional trail users including restaurants, shops, historic attractions, and access to transit. Members of Bordentown City’s Trails Committee will share the latest update on the trails plan as well as revisions to the municipal open space and conservation plan.

Another walk, this one along the East Coast Greenway, is called “2 States / 2 Bridges / 2 Canals.” Walkers will go from New Jersey to Pennsylvania and back in a loop through Trenton and Morrisville along the Delaware & Lehigh and Delaware & Raritan canals via the Calhoun Street and the Lower Delaware (“Trenton Makes”) bridges.

Trenton’s pivotal role in the American Revolutionary War will be the focus of two additional walks in July during the Semiquincentennial Celebration, or the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of independence.

Here are event details:

Saturday, April 25, 10:30 a.m. - Celebrate Trails Day from Coopers Riverview

Walkers will join in the national “Celebrate Trails Day” effort on a 2.5-mile hike in Trenton following the Delaware River Heritage Trail from the Old Trenton Wharf. The walk starts at 10:30 a.m. in front of Cooper’s Riverview, where there is plenty of free parking. Led by Mercer County Executive Dan Benson, participants will take a few minutes for an orientation about trails planned, under development or being updated in Mercer County before trekking along the beautiful South Riverwalk Park to Marine Terminal Park.

A key focus of the event will be an update on the status of the 872-mile Circuit Trail Network in the metropolitan Philadelphia area which includes all of Mercer County. More than a dozen trails will be highlighted, including the planned Johnson Trolley Trail, that will connect the Lawrence Hopewell Trail to Trenton and Princeton, as well as planned improvements to the D&R Canal State Park Towpath & Greenway in the City of Trenton, and the Revolutionary Bike Trail from Washington Crossing to Trenton and the Princeton Battlefield. Walkers will return to Cooper’s Riverview around noon for light refreshments and time to talk with old and new friends at Cooper’s Riverview.

Special Trenton Walks Event! Celebrate Trails Day with County Executive Dan Benson on the Delaware River Heritage Trail TGT Walk #8

Leave from and return to the Old Trenton Wharf next to Cooper’s Riverview, 50 Riverview Plaza and walk along the Delaware River behind the Trenton Thunder Arm & Hammer Baseball Park and along South Riverwalk Park to Marine Terminal Park and back in time for an hour of light refreshments and conversation with old and new friends at Cooper’s Riverview from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Participants will learn about the 870-mile Circuit Trails Network in the Greater Philadelphia Metropolitan Area as well as many trail projects and activities in Mercer County.

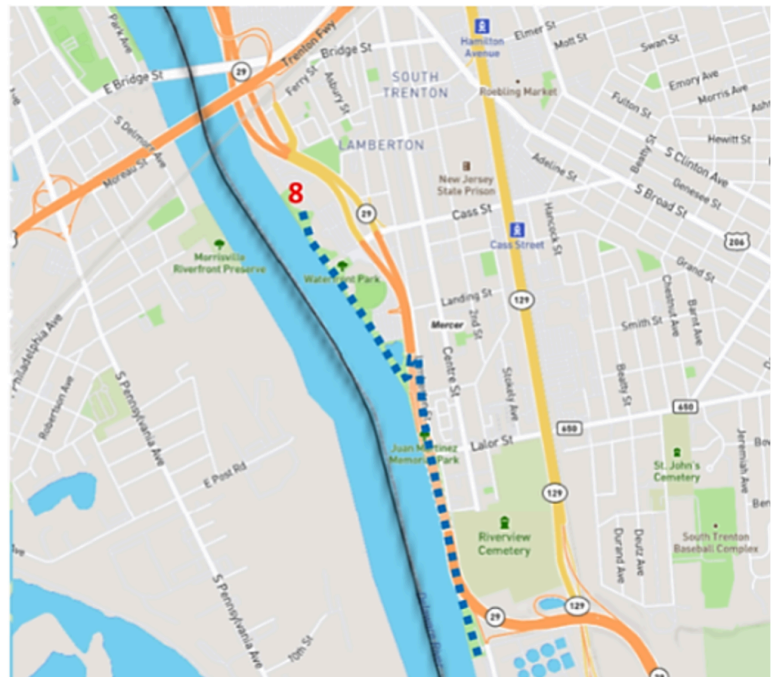
2.5 miles

Saturday, April 25

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Friday, May 8, at 4:30 p.m. - The many wonders of Bordentown

John Brodowski, chair of the Bordentown City Trails Committee, will lead an on- and off-road adventure through this charming regional trail hub in Burlington County. The walk starts and ends at the Bordentown RiverLINE station parking lot. First stop will be the new Railroad Heritage Park at the junction of the Camden & Amboy main line and the spur to Trenton. From there, walkers will travel to Bordentown Beach and the municipal boat ramp at the confluence of the Delaware River and Crosswicks and Blacks Creeks. After climbing back up the hill to enjoy the view from Thomas Paine Park, they will head back down to the Bordentown Yacht Club and cross the Crosswicks Creek on the Delaware River Heritage Trail to reach Lock #1 in Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park. On the way back to Bordentown's Farnsworth Avenue business district, walkers will use the Crosswicks Creek Trail for beautiful views of the Abbott Marshlands and stroll through Hilltop Park to Lime Kiln Park and the Blacks Creek Greenway.

Special Bordentown City Trenton Walk!

TGT Walk #35

35. Join John Brodowski, Chair of the Bordentown City Trails Committee on an off-road and on-road adventure through this charming regional trail hub in Burlington County. We will leave from and return to the Bordentown RiverLINE station parking lot (consider using public transit) and begin with the new Railroad Heritage Park at the junction of the Camden & Amboy main line and the spur to Trenton. We will travel down to Bordentown Beach and the municipal boat ramp at the confluence of the Delaware River and Crosswicks and Blacks Creeks. After climbing back up the hill to enjoy the view from Thomas Paine Park, we'll head back down to the Bordentown Yacht Club and cross the Crosswicks Creek on the Delaware River Heritage Trail to reach Lock #1 in Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park. On the way back to Bordentown's wonderful Farnsworth Avenue business district, we'll use the Crosswicks Creek Trail (for beautiful views of the Abbott Marshlands) and a set of steps to stroll through Hilltop Park. On the way back to our starting point, we'll stroll through some of the City's neighborhoods to Lime Kiln Park and the Blacks Creek Greenway. Members of Bordentown City's Trails Committee will share the latest update on the trails plan as well as revisions to the municipal open space and conservation plan.

2.6 miles

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4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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<https://www.cityofbordentown.com/documents/bordentown-city-environmental-commission/maps/open-space-and-trails-maps/21962768>



Friday, May 15, from 4:30-7 p.m. - “2 States, 2 Bridges, 2 Canals” Along East Coast Greenway

Join East Coast Greenway Alliance Managers Sofia Barandiaran (NJ & NY) and Daniel Paschall (Mid-Atlantic Region) on a special 4-mile trek across the Delaware River through Trenton and Morrisville, strategic locations on the Greenway. Participants will learn about the 3,000-mile multi-use East Coast Greenway trail that will run through 15 states and 450 communities from Maine to Florida, including the City of Trenton. Walkers will leave from and return to Cooper’s Riverview, 50 Riverview Plaza (with plenty of free parking). In the late afternoon walk through Trenton’s history, the route will include Revolutionary War sites and the Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park Towpath and will cross the Delaware River on the Calhoun Street Bridge. Walkers will travel through Morrisville on the Delaware Canal, part of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor. They will return to Trenton via the Lower Trenton (aka “Trenton Makes, the World Takes”) Bridge in time for light refreshments and conversation with old and new friends at Cooper’s Riverview.

Special East Coast Greenway Trenton Walks Event! Two States / Two Bridges / Two Canals

TGT Walk #34

34. Join East Coast Greenway Alliance Managers Sofia Barandiaran (NJ & NY) and Daniel Paschall (Mid-Atlantic Region) on a special trek across the Delaware River through Trenton and Morrisville, strategic locations on the Greenway. Leave from and return to Cooper’s Riverview, 50 Riverview Plaza (with plenty of free parking). Enjoy a late afternoon walk through Trenton’s history, including Revolutionary War sites and the Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park Towpath. Cross the Delaware River on the Calhoun Street Bridge and travel through Morrisville on the Delaware Canal, part of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor. Return to Trenton via the Lower Trenton (aka “Trenton Makes, the World Takes”) Bridge in time for light refreshments and conversation with old and new friends at Cooper’s Riverview. Participants will learn about the 3,000-mile multi-use East Coast Greenway trail that will run through 15 states and 450 communities from Maine to Florida, including the City of Trenton.

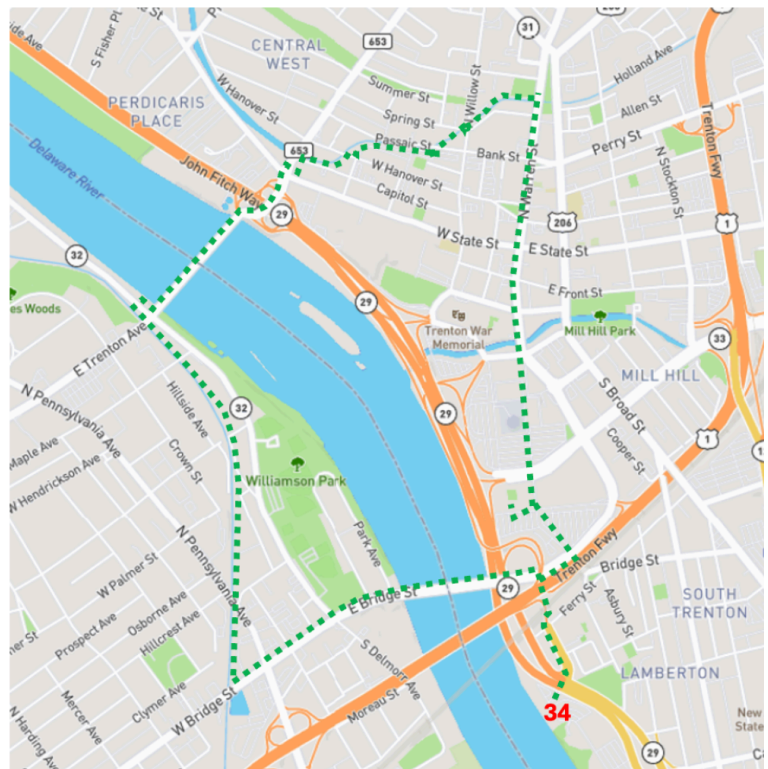
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Save the Date

Please save the following times and dates for two walks being planned around the pivotal role Trenton played in the American Revolution. Routes have not been finalized yet.

Sunday, July 5, at 2 p.m. starting at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Trenton

This Historic Churches Walk will only be about 1 mile long, taking 1.5 - 2 hours, with walkers traveling through historic downtown Trenton streets from St. Michael's Episcopal Church, to First Presbyterian Church to the Friends Meeting House.

Wednesday, July 8 at 3 p.m. - Site of the old Hunterdon County Courthouse in Trenton where the Declaration of Independence was read on July 8, 1776

The Downtown History Walk will run about two miles and will be a part of the Trenton History Fest, following the 250th anniversary of the reading of the Declaration of Independence.

The Trenton Green Team is **Trenton Walks!** executive sponsor, and the other key supporters of the walking program are the Mercer County Action Team of the Circuit Coalition and the Tri-State Transportation Campaign. Since **Trenton Walks!** was launched in June of 2024, the program has hosted 68 hikes, with 891 participants covering a total of 1,994 person-miles. That's the cumulative distance from Trenton to Key West, FL, plus the distance from Trenton to Calais, ME, on the Canadian border.

To learn more about the walks, to view maps and get the latest updates, please visit the Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association's "Trail Happenings" webpage: <https://gmtma.org/trail-happenings/>.

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