

2021 Burlington County Cruise With Cash Prizes!

We are hoping for another great weather day for our 2021 Burlington County Cruise, so set aside April 17th (rain date Sunday 18th) for a pleasant drive through the pines of Burlington County.

Starting at 10 AM at the Red Lion Diner in Southampton, we will first proceed to Pakim Pond in the Brendan Byrne State Forest. Enjoy the quaint little villages of Red Lion, Friendship, Beaverville and Sooy Place along the way.

From Pakim Pond we take the circuitous route to Johnson's Locust Hall Farm for our second stop. Then on through Pemberton, founded in 1826. Travelling west toward Burlington, don't miss the many farms along the way.

After a brief drive through Mount Holly, the county seat, we arrive at our final destination, the Historic Smithville Park. Not the site of our May 1st Memorial car show, this Smithville is 30 miles west.

Upon arrival, we will award 3 gift certificates to the navigators (no drivers for safety sake!) that list the most farm signs passed along the route. \$75 for first place, \$50 for second and \$25 for third. Again, this is for **passengers only**, not drivers.

Enjoy this company town dating back before 1676. Visit the miles of hiking trails, displays and Smithville Mansion.

Bring a picnic lunch and beverage, as there is no food available at the park.

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Meet at the Red Lion Diner, Routes 206 and 70 in Southampton, NJ 08088. There is indoor and outdoor dining and restrooms. There is **no food** at the destination, so pack a lunch and take advantage of the museums and hiking trails at Smithville.

If the car behind you is delayed, pull over when safe and wait for them, helping keep the group together.

Any questions call Charlie Hofmann at 609-410-9390

Set your trip odometers to zero.

10 AM	Depart from the Red Lion Diner		
At 0.0	Go South on Rt 206	For 0.2 miles	
At 0.2	Right onto Allentown Road	For 0.7	
At 0.9	Left onto Old Red Lion Road Lion Inn @ stop toward Vincentown	For 1.5	Cross Rt 70, keep right of Red
At 2.4	Right onto Ridge Road	For 0.5	Cross Rt. 206 at light
At 2.9	Right onto New Road	For 2.6	Cross Rt. 70 at light
At 5.5	Left fork onto Friendship Road	For 3.2	Turns into Powell Place Road
At 8.7	Straight on Sooy Place Road left fork	For 5.7	Right at stop sign, then take
At 14.4	Left on County Road 563	For 0.8	
At 15.2	Left onto NJ Route 72	For 0.4	
At 15.6	Right on Buzzard Hill Road hard to see	For 0.4	Not marked, narrow turn,
At 16.0	Continue on Coopers Road Brendan Byrne State Forest	For 0.5	Arrive at Pakim Pond,

We will take a 15 minute break to stretch, use bathroom

At 16.5	Right back onto Coopers Road	For 0.6	
At 17.1	Right onto Shinn's Road	For 2.1	Pass park headquarters on right
At 19.2	Left onto Headquarters Road	For 0.3	
At 19.5	Right onto NJ Route 72	For 1.0	To traffic circle
At 20.5	Circle Take Second Right		This turn comes quick
	Onto 4 Mile Road - Pemberton	For 4.8	
At 25.3	Bear left at blinking light	For 0.6	Stay on Four Mile Road
At 25.9	Left to Pemberton Browns Mills Rd	For 2.1	Onto Route 530
At 28.0	Continue on Elizabeth Street	For 0.3	Into Downtown Pemberton
At 28.3	Left on Hannover Street	For 0.4	
At 28.7	Right on County Route 530	For 1.3	
At 30.0	Right onto Birmingham	For 0.8	
At 30.8	Right onto Brandywine Road	For 2.1	
At 32.9	Left onto Arney's Mount Road	For 1.7	
At 34.6	Right onto Monmouth Road	For 3.4	
At 38.0	Left to Johnson's Locust Hall Farm		We will take a 15 break to stretch, use bathroom
At 38.3	Left onto Monmouth Road	For 0.7	
At 39.0	Right onto Route 68	For 0.9	To ATX Welding on Left
At 39.9	Right on Springfield Meetinghouse Rd	For 1.3	
At 41.2	Left on Julious Georgetown Rd	For 0.8	
At 42.0	Right onto Saylor's Pond Road	For 1.2	
At 43.2	Left onto Monmouth Road	For 0.1	To traffic light
At 43.3	Right on Jacksonville Jobstown Rd	For 1.9	
At 45.2	Cross Rt 206 onto Burlington Jacksonville Rd	For 2.1	

At 47.3	Continue straight thru light	For 1.3	
At 48.6	Slight Left onto Burrs Road overpass – watch for		**** This turn is just before ****oncoming traffic
		For 2.8	
At 51.4	Right onto Rt. 541	For 0.6	
At 52.0	Right onto Hancock Lane	For 1.4	
At 53.4	Right onto Oxmead Road	For 1.7	
At 55.1	Right onto Kings Road	For 1.7	
At 56.8	Right onto Woodlane Road	For 0.4	
At 57.2	Left onto Woodpecker Lane	For 0.4	
At 57.6	Right onto Ridgley Street	For 300 feet	
At 57.6	Left onto High Street	For 0.8	
At 58.4	Left onto Mill Street	For 0.4	
At 58.8	Bear Right to continue on Mill Ewanville Rd.	For 1.8	Name changes to Mt. Holly -
At 60.6	Right onto Smithville Road	For 0.2	
At 60.8	Right onto Meade Lane into Smithville Mansion grass beyond parking lot		Head straight ahead and park on

Navigators – Please remember to turn in you list of farms to Charlie Hofmann upon arrival at destination. Prize will be awarded immediately!

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Mt. Holly

The first European settlement in what is now Mount Holly began in 1677, when Walter Reeves acquired land from the [Lenape](#) (Delaware) [Native Americans](#) living in the area. He constructed a dam on [Rancocas Creek](#) to channel water through a raceway to power a [grist mill](#) and saw mill. Edward Gaskill and his sons dug the mill race on their property between 1720 and 1723. After the mills were established, more settlers were attracted to the area and built houses and commercial buildings on High, Church, White, Mill, and Pine streets, including the [Shinn Curtis Log House](#) (1712). By 1800, over 250 dwellings had been built.

Today no mills remain on the raceway, which still flows in its original course from the Rancocas just above the dam. The raceway proved a way for herring to make their way above the dam and was the scene of an annual fish run in the spring which provided fresh herring for salting and eating. The former mill land has been preserved as the Mill Dam Park. It marks the importance of mills to the early settlements.

In 1793, Mt. Holly became the county seat for Burlington County. In 1847, the Burlington County Agricultural Society started the Mount Holly Fair. In 1856, the fairgrounds were built on Route 541 at Woodpecker Lane, what is now the Fairgrounds Plaza in Mount Holly. It featured a grandstand, exhibition buildings and a half-mile racetrack. New fairgrounds have since been established on Route 206.

Proceeding south on High Street you reach a road on the left called Evergreen Street. Evergreen is a steep, uphill road leading to the base of “The Mount” for which the town is named. The mount has the highest elevation in South Jersey. There are markers at the top acknowledging the elevation. Resuming south on High St, it is lined with houses on the historical registry.

The Burlington County Prison is on your right at the intersection of Grant St. The building was completed in 1811 and was the first fire proof prison in the US. It was featured in the TV show Ghost Hunt as there are many reports over the centuries of paranormal activity there.

Just past the prison, on the right is the original Burlington County Courthouse, built in 1796. Just past the courthouse, on the left is Saint Andrews Episcopal church built in 1844. It is well known throughout the area for its belltower and hourly chimes.

On the right at the corner of High Street and Rancocas Road is the Washington House, established as a tavern in 1749.

Across the street on the far left corner is the Quaker Meeting House. From the street, you can see where musket bullets had fired into the building during the revolutionary war.

Continuing south on high Street is an up-and-coming enterprise zoned area. They are all small, privately owned shops which include microbreweries, pizzeria, barbershop, and jewelry stores.

At the traffic light on the left at the end of High Street is a fountain that was designed from the original town center fountain.

Turn left onto Mill Street at more shops. At the intersection of Pine Street and Mill Street is another historic tavern currently called the Mill Street Tavern. It's original name was Three Tuns Tavern. It was built in 1723. It was occupied by the Hessian troops in 1776. A "tun" was a large cask that held 252 gallons of ale, wine, etc.

The Battle of Iron Works Hill, also known as the Battle of Mount Holly, was a series of minor skirmishes that took place on December 22 and 23, 1776, during the American War of Independence. These skirmishes were initiated to draw British and Hessian troops away from Trenton so that General Washington could cross the Delaware to take over Trenton.

Smithville

From the humble beginnings prior to 1676 as the town of Alumhatta, a Delaware Indian settlement, to the purchase of the village known as Shreveville by Hezekiah B. Smith in 1865, Smithville has undergone many changes. The property was first owned in 1676 by Henry Stacy from his purchase of a part of a share of Edward Byllinge's proprietorship of West Jersey. This was a 500 acre tract of land with creek frontage. In 1686, Henry Stacy's widow Mary sold the 500 acre tract of land to Sarah Parker. After Sarah Parker died, the land was owned by several different owners. It was known as Parker's Mills from about 1780 to 1830, Shreveville from 1831 to 1865 and finally Smithville from 1865 to present day. Each owner made his own changes and additions, but the common denominator was the available water power at the site, the "Rancocas Creek".

In 1831 Samuel and Jonathan Shreve purchased the property for the purpose of building a calico printing factory. At first the business was very successful. They built the Mansion in 1840 in the Greek Revival style of the time and had a thriving factory and village. When the government lifted the import tariffs on textiles, the Shreve brothers could not maintain their business and subsequently went bankrupt. After their deaths in 1856 and 1857, Shreveville was purchased in 1858 from the Sheriff by their brother Benjamin Shreve, who 7 years later was able to sell the property to Hezekiah B. Smith.

Hezekiah B. Smith, an inventor-industrialist from Lowell, Massachusetts, with his wife Agnes M. Gilkerson Smith came to New Jersey in 1865, purchased the village of Shreveville for \$20,000 and renamed it Smithville. The property offered all that Hezekiah B. Smith needed to expand his woodworking machine company. Within

five years after H.B. had purchased Smithville, he had rebuilt the shops and establish a foundry for the production of woodworking machinery. Depending on business conditions 125 to 275 men were employed. Smithville developed into a model industrial town in the 1870's with many opportunities for the workers and their families to improve themselves. The "New Jersey Mechanic" was first printed in Smithville in 1870. It was an eight page "weekly journal devoted to working men's interest and mechanics' arts". Agnes M. Smith was editor for the weekly journal. The descendants of Hezekiah Smith continued to live in the mansion until 1962, when it was purchased by Louis and Grace Thomas. In 1975 the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders purchased the mansion and property. Smithville is listed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places.

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List of Farm Signs Passed

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For Navigators Only – No Drivers

No Duplicates Please Note: There Are Not 28 Farms

Stay for Prizes Immediately After Cruise!

COVID-19 Update

The State of New Jersey requires that masks be worn inside any buildings, and outside when social distancing is not possible.

It is also required to wear a mask wherever posted at your destination. Please adhere to all park rules and regulations. You do not have to wear a mask inside your vehicle when driving.

Have a safe and happy tour and enjoy they day.