

The Upper Freehold Historic Farmland Byway

Prominent Points of Interest

Historic Walnford (UF1, UF2): *Access from Walnford Road*
Within Monmouth County Park System’s Crosswicks Creek Park (UF2, UF57, UF58), Historic Walnford features one of the county’s most iconic places, a historically restored blue gristmill (UF2) on the Crosswicks Creek. This historic site also features the Waln House, the largest pre-Revolutionary War home in the county, constructed in 1773, and other domestic and agricultural structures.

Crosswicks Creek Park (UF2, UF57, UF58): *Access from Historic Walnford, Hutchinson Rd. in Allentown, County Route 537 in Cream Ridge, and Province Line Road (fishing).*
Find yourself removed from 21st century distractions in the 2,000 plus-acres surrounding Crosswicks Creek that are preserved by this park with Historic Walnford (UF1) as its centerpiece.

Historic Allentown Village (AT1-AT22): *Portions of High Street/Main Street/Church Street/ Waker Ave.*
The town is named after its founder, Nathan Allen, who purchased 638 acres in 1706. The village became a center of commerce and was an important crossroads during the American Revolution. While touring this charming village, seek out Cafferty’s Old Mill (AT5), Conine’s Millpond (AT4), Doctor’s Creek (AT4), and Heritage Park (AT6). Enjoy a stroll down Main Street (AT17) past many historic homes and buildings which now house shops and restaurants. Allentown is one of the largest National Register Historic Districts (AT13) in New Jersey.

Horse Park of New Jersey (UF17): *County Route 524*
The facility spans 185 acres and is a cornerstone of New Jersey’s robust equine industry. The result of a public-private partnership, and operated by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, the park opened in 1988 with the aim of providing a venue for diversified equine interests from throughout the region, from show riders to dressage practitioners, trail-riders to trainers.

Assunpink Wildlife Management Area (UF18): *Access from East Branch Road off County Route 524*
Operated by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, this tract of 6,300 acres of preserved land offers public hunting, fishing, hiking, and other forms of outdoor recreational activities.

Ye Old Robbins Burial Place (UF19): *County Route 524 between East Branch and Harmony Hill Rds.*
The cemetery dates back to 1695. One of the oldest graves on the site (1720) is that of Deborah Lincoln, the great-great aunt of President Abraham Lincoln. Visitors can park near the roadside marker and follow the path into the woods to the burial ground. The area is also known as Covell Hill.

Imlaystown Historic District (UF22): *Off County Route 526 at Imlaystown Road and Davis Station Road*
This National Historic Register village was founded in 1690 by John Baker who then sold the land to Richard Salter, Sr. who built a grist mill (circa 1700) parts of which still stand today. Salter hired distant relatives of Abraham Lincoln as ironmongers. With its narrow roads, closely spaced houses, and old-fashioned land marks, the village stands as a historic reminder of the many mill communities that once dotted the streams and ponds throughout central New Jersey.

Clayton Park (UF24): *Access from Emley’s Hill Road*
This scenic 450-acre tract in Upper Freehold is located amidst the rolling farmland of western Monmouth County. A tranquil, wooded property, Clayton Park is known for its stately stands of mature trees including red and white oak, beech, ash, and birch. Nearly 6 miles of forested trails are a popular destination for bicyclists, hikers, and equestrians.

Old Yellow Meeting House (UF26): *Take County Route 526 to Yellow Meeting House Road*
Originally known as Crosswicks Baptist Meeting, services were first held in members homes as early as 1700. In 1720, Thomas and Rachel Salter (Imlaystown) donated 25 acres of land for a house of worship. Thomas’ sister Hannah and her husband Mordecai Lincoln were the great-great grandparents of President Abraham Lincoln. The original church burnt down and was replaced by the current structure in 1737. It is the oldest Baptist Meeting House in New Jersey.

The Union Transportation Trail (UF43): *Access behind Upper Freehold Municipal Bldg. or County Route 539 near Arneytown-Hornerstown Rd.*
Once known as the Pemberton and Hightstown Railroad, operations began in 1868 to provide dairies and farms access to larger railroads and markets outside of Monmouth County. Passenger service ended in 1931 but freight continued along portions of the line until 1977. Today the Monmouth County Park System has converted the railroad right of way in our county in to a recreational trail, and Ocean and Mercer Counties are working on their connections.

Preserved Farmland
More than 10,000 acres of farmland throughout Upper Freehold Township have been preserved through state, county, and local efforts. Much of the Upper Freehold Historic Farmland Byway runs through these preserved lands which support agricultural retention and preserve historic landscapes in perpetuity. Concentration of preserved farmland can be found along portions of the byway including Rues Rd. (south of I-195), County Route 526, Burlington Path Rd., and Hill Rd.

Sights along the way!

ID	Point Of Interest	Location	VISITOR* ACCESS
UF1	Wains Mill (MCPS)	62 Walnford Road, Upper Freehold	Public
UF2	Historic Walnford & Crosswicks Creek Greenway (MCPS)	62 Walnford Road, Upper Freehold	Public
UF3	Cream Ridge Golf Course	181 Route 539, Cream Ridge (Upper Freehold)	Limited
UF4	Cream Ridge Winery (Grown in Monmouth)	145 County Rd. 539, Cream Ridge (Upper Freehold)	Public
UF5	Kaczor Mum Farm (Grown in Monmouth)	121 County Rd. 537, Upper Freehold	Public
AT1	Newell Elementary School	27 High Street, Allentown	Limited
AT2	Allentown Presbyterian Church and Burial Grounds	20 High Street, Allentown	Limited
AT3	William A. Newell House	81 S. Main Street, Allentown	Private
AT4	Conine's Millpond & Doctors Creek	Allentown	Locality
AT5	Cafferty's Old Mill	42 S. Main Street, Allentown	Public
AT6	Heritage Park	Allentown	Public
AT7	Sgt. George Ashby's burial place	Hamilton Street, Allentown	Public
AT8	Imlay House	28 S. Main Street, Allentown	Limited
AT9	George Middleton House	35 S. Main Street, Allentown	Private
AT10	Woody's (frm. Lower Tavern)	27-31 S. Main Street, Allentown	Public
AT11	Allentown Public Library (frm. First Baptist Church and Parsonage)	14-16 S. Main Street, Allentown	Public
AT12	David Brearley House	7 S. Main Street, Allentown	Limited
AT13	Historic Allentown Village (NRHP)	Allentown	Locality
AT14	DiMattia's Restaurant (frm. Giblerson Hotel)	1 N. Main Street, Allentown	Public
AT15	Farmer's National Bank Building	N. Main Street and Waker Avenue, Allentown	Public
AT16	Allentown Borough Hall (frm. Ephriam Robbins House)	8 N. Main Street, Allentown	Public
AT17	Main Street, Allentown, NJ		Public
AT18	Jacob Ford House	18 N. Main Street, Allentown	Private
AT19	Beatty House	29 N. Main Street, Allentown	Private
AT20	Holcombe House (frm. Upper Tavern)	32 N. Main Street, Allentown	Private
AT22	Borden House	76 N. Main Street, Allentown	Private
AT21	Allentown Tree Tour	81 N. Main Street, Allentown	Locality
UF6	Reed Sod Farm (Preserved Farmland)	1369 Old York Road, Upper Freehold	Limited
UF7	Keris Tree Farm and Christmas Shop (Grown in Monmouth)	848 Rte. 524, Upper Freehold	Public
UF8	Frieberger Family Farm (Preserved Farmland)	835 Rte 524, Upper Freehold	Private
UF9	Eglinton Mansion (destroyed)	Co. Rte. 524, Upper Freehold	Private
UF10	Gravatt Family Farm & Bent Creek Game Preserve (Preserved Farmland)	786 Rte. 524, Upper Freehold	Public
UF11	Union Transporation Trail (MCPS)	Co. Rte. 524, Upper Freehold	Public
UF12	Westhaven Farm (Grown in Monmouth)	725 Rte. 524, Upper Freehold	Public
UF13	Cox's Corner	Co. Rte. 524 and Imlaystown-Hightstown Road, Upper Freehold	Locality
UF14	High Point to Cape May Trail (Imlaystown-Hightstown Rd.)	Imlaystown-Hightstown Road, Upper Freehold	Locality
UF15	Capital to Coast Trail (connection)	Imlaystown-Hightstown Road north to Herbert & E. Branch	Locality
UF16	Merino Hill House and Farm (NRHP)	Co. Rte. 524, Upper Freehold	Private
UF17	Horse Park of New Jersey (NJDEP)	626 Rte. 524, Upper Freehold	Public
UF18	Assunpink Wildlife Management Area Access Road (NJDEP)	Access from East Branch Road, Upper Freehold	Public
UF19	Ye Olde Robbins Burial Place (Covell Hill)	Co. Rte. 524 near Harmony Hill Road, Upper Freehold	Public
UF20	Stone Hill Area	Chambers Road & Rues Lane, Upper Freehold	Private
UF21	Holland Ridge Farms (Preserved Farmland) (Grown in Monmouth)	Rues Road, Cream Ridge (Upper Freehold)	Limited
UF22	Imlaystown (incl. Salter's Mill)	Imlaystown (Upper Freehold)	Locality
UF23	Imlaystown Lake and Doctors Creek	Imlaystown (Upper Freehold)	Locality
UF24	Clayton Park (MCPS)	Emley's Hill Road along Doctor's Creek, Imlaystown (Upper Freehold)	Public
UF25	Red Valley Area (Preserved Farmland)	Co. Rte. 526 near Red Valley Road, Upper Freehold	Locality
UF26	Old Yellow Meeting House	Yellow Meeting House Road, Upper Freehold	Limited
UF27	Earth Friendly Organic Farm - Pick Your Own (Grown in Monmouth)	17 Olde Noah Hunt Road	Public
UF28	Red Valley Lake	Co. Rte. 526 near Millstone border, Upper Freehold	Locality
UF29	Doctor's Creek	Crossing at Red Valley Road, Upper Freehold	Locality
UF30	Fair Winds Farm (Preserved Farmland)	Red Valley Road, Cream Ridge (Upper Freehold)	Locality
UF31	Burlington Path Road (Preserved Farmland)	Burlington Path Road, Cream Ridge (Upper Freehold)	Locality
UF32	Coward-Smith House	Burlington Path Road, Cream Ridge (Upper Freehold)	Private
UF33	Emley's Hill Methodist Church	Corner of Burlington Path Road and Emley's Hill Road, Cream Ridge (Upper Freehold)	Limited
UF34	Screamn' Hill Brewery (Grown in Monmouth)	83 Emley's Hill Road, Cream Ridge (Upper Freehold)	Public
UF35	Bullock Farms-Pick Your Own (Grown in Monmouth)	83 Emley's Hill Road, Cream Ridge (Upper Freehold)	Limited
UF36	Coward-Hendrickson House	Burlington Path Road, Cream Ridge (Upper Freehold)	Private
UF37	High Point to Cape May Trail	Meirs road north, Burlington Path Road west	Locality
UF38	Gambliers Ridge Golf Course	121 Burlington Path Road, Cream Ridge (Upper Freehold)	Limited
UF39	Forge Ruins	Burlington Path and Harvey Roads, Upper Freehold	Private
UF40	Concord Stud Farm (Preserved Farmland)	20 Harvey Road, Upper Freehold	Locality
UF41	Meirs-Wygant House	3 Wygant Road	Private
UF42	Cream Ridge	Burlington Path Road, Cream Ridge (Upper Freehold)	Locality
UF43	Union Transportation Trail (MCPS)	Burlington Path Road near Miry Run Tributary, Cream Ridge (Upper Freehold)	Public
UF44	Good Earth Nursery-Greenhouse (Grown in Monmouth)	257 County Rte. 539, Cream Ridge (Upper Freehold)	Public
UF45	Rutgers Fruit and Ornamental Research Extension Center	283 Route 539, Cream Ridge (Upper Freehold)	Limited
UF46	Jonathan Holmes BICentennial Farm	86 Jonathan Holmes Road	Private
UF47	Joseph Holmes Farm	92 Holmes Mill Road, Cream Ridge (Upper Freehold)	Private
UF48	Former Creamery Location	131 Holmes Mill Road, Cream Ridge (Upper Freehold)	Private
UF49	Big Way Farm (a.k.a Collen B. Meirs House) (Preserved Farmland)	Holmes Mill Road north of Schoolhouse Road, Cream Ridge (Upper Freehold)	Private
UF50	Spring Wind Farm (CSA) (Grown in Monmouth)	95 Holmes Mill Road, Cream Ridge (Upper Freehold)	Limited
UF51	Lahaway Creek/Crosswicks Creek Greenway	Crossing at Holmes Mill Road, Cream Ridge (Upper Freehold)	Locality
UT52	Thomas Leonard Homesite	NE corner of Holmes Mill Road and Arneytown-Hornerstown Road, Cream Ridge (Upper Freehold)	Private
UF53	High Point to Cape May Trail	Holmes Mill Road north and south	Locality
UF54	Three Kings Tree Farm (Grown in Monmouth)	Arneytown	Public
UF55	Arneytown	Arneytown to Province Line Road, Upper Freehold	Locality
UF56	Hill Road Area (Preserved Farmland)	Hill Road, Upper Freehold	Private
UF57	Crosswicks Creek Greenway (MCPS) @ Iron Truss Bridge (Walnford Road)	Walnford Rd. over Crosswicks Creek Greenway	Public
UF58	Crosswicks Creek Greenway (MCPS) @ Iron Truss Bridge (Province Line Rd.)	Hill Rd. to Province Line Rd. over Crosswicks Creek Greenway	Public
UF59	Francis House of Prayer	84 Walnford Road, Upper Freehold	Limited

***Private Property/Accessibility:** The byway presented herein may include both public or private points-of-interest. Any person seeking to physically visit a specific point-of-interest may do so at their own risk and should make every effort ahead of time to verify that the site is open to the public and/or provides accommodations for persons with specific disabilities. Sources: Allentown, Upper Freehold, NJSHPO, MCPS, UFHFB Corridor Management Plan, Monmouth County Division of Planning

What is a Scenic Byway?

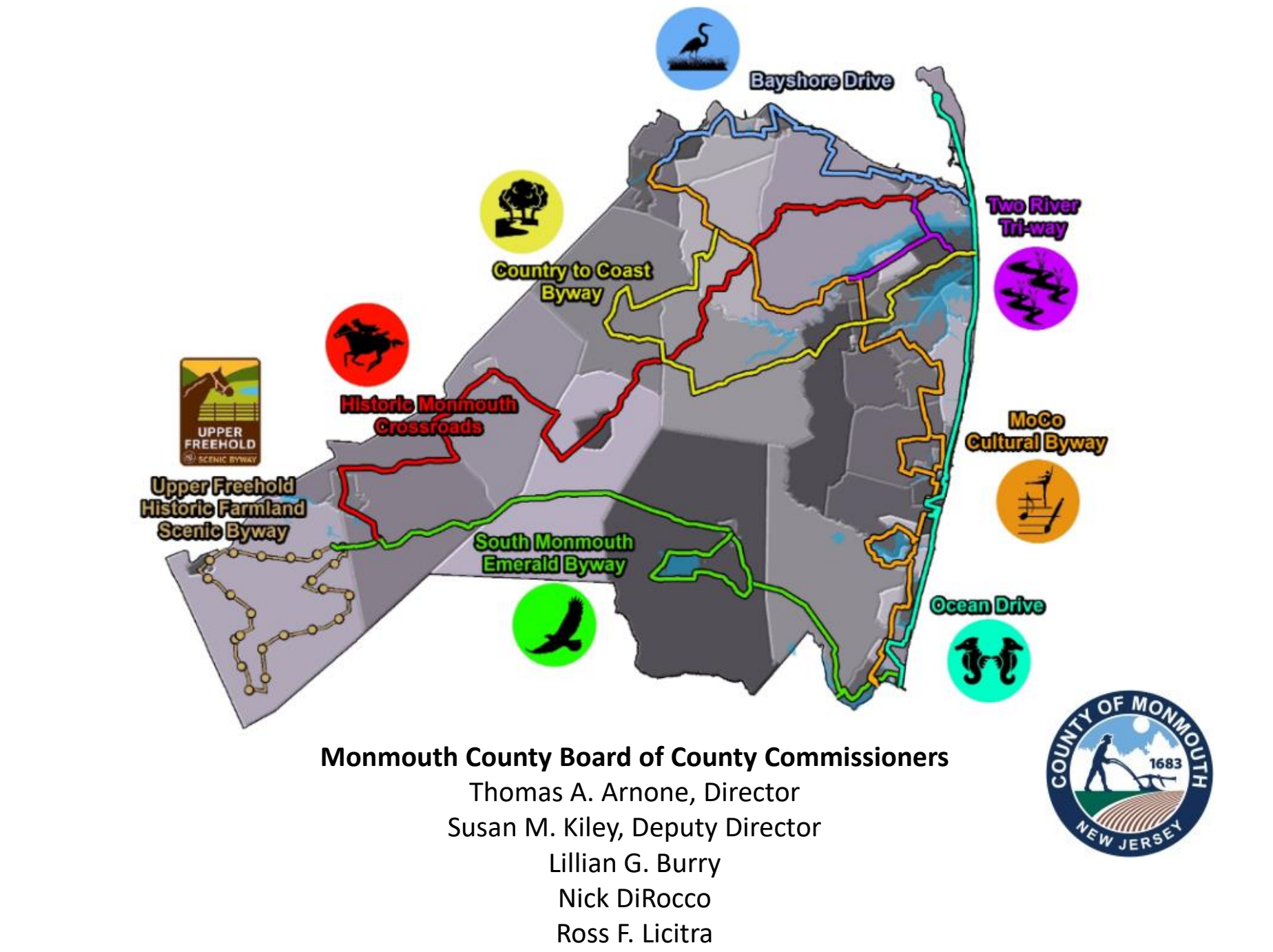
A scenic byway is a transportation corridor containing regionally significant intrinsic qualities such as scenic, natural, recreational, cultural, historic or archaeological resources. Each corridor is as unique and diverse as the community they showcase. Byways create a unified theme through a place to help convey the story of an area’s history, heritage, characteristics, and beauty.

Upper Freehold & Allentown’s Byway

A twenty-five mile loop provides visitors with the experience of lush rolling hills and miles of uninterrupted farmland in Upper Freehold Township which is further enhanced and complimented by the charming colonial village of Allentown Borough. All who travel the byway are encouraged to explore some of Monmouth County’s finest historic sites and preserved open spaces including numerous parks for hiking and recreation.

Monmouth County Cultural & Heritage Virtual Tours

Don’t have the time to do it all in one day? Explore the remainder of the Upper Freehold Historic Farmland Byway virtually, online, along with the opportunity to take seven other virtual tours that travel throughout the county. Tours can be accessed from the Monmouth County Tourism webpage at www.visitmonmouth.com.



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