

About the South Jersey Fall Foliage Tour

This self-driving fall foliage tour is a loop through the creek country of Salem and Cumberland counties. The roads were chosen because they are good places to see the fall change up close: marsh edges, forests, tree tunnels, mill ponds, and farm lanes, rather than from a highway shoulder. In early fall the color starts low, along the water, then moves up into the woods. You will see it in stretches rather than from one overlook.

The route stays off the through roads and follows the old pattern of this ground... settlements along navigable creeks, farms on the higher land, and wet meadow in between. That mix is still here. Salem County's western edge and Cumberland's bay shore were among the first English-settled parts of West Jersey, and much of the later story is agricultural rather than urban. Mills, bridges, and village streets served the same creeks the tour crosses. Greenwich remains the clearest surviving example, a colonial street still lined with the houses and public spaces of that earlier town. In the twentieth century, farming pulled back from the wettest ground, and those meadows became the open wildlife landscape you drive beside today.

What makes the loop worth taking is the continuity. One drive connects Mannington Meadow with the Alloway, Stow Creek, and Cohansey drainages, and with Greenwich and Alloway, two village centers that still read as rural towns. Traffic is light, the distances are short, and the foliage is close to the road.

Allow for approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes to complete the entire loop. We hope you enjoy the ride; drive safely!

South Jersey Preservation's Fall Foliage Driving Tour

1. Beginning at 19 Seabrook Rd., Mannington, NJ, turn left onto Seabrook Rd. and go 0.9 miles.

We begin and end the Backroads Fall Foliage Drive at the Dog & Ram tasting room on the historic Seabrook Estate. This small farm distillery makes vodka, dry gin, and bourbon in a restored carriage house. It is open Thursday through Saturday, 4:30 to 10:30 p.m. Stop in for craft spirits and cocktails, and look for the dogs and rams that gave the place its name. Visit dogandram.com.

2. Turn left onto Pointers Auburn Rd. and go 1.7 miles

Along this stretch of road, tourists will enjoy panoramic views of Mannington Meadows. This roughly 6,000 acre wetland along the Salem River is one of the state's richest bird sites, a bald eagle stronghold, and a major stop for black ducks, waterfowl, shorebirds, herons, and grassland birds.

3. Turn left onto Bypass Rd. Go 300 ft.

4. Turn left onto Rte. 45. Go 0.2 miles.

5. Turn right onto Dubois Rd. Go 1.5 miles.

Drive slowly. This road runs through a working farm with goats and other animals. Indian blue peafowl often stand in the road and will not move, so pass carefully.

6. Turn right onto Acton Station Rd. Go 2.7 miles.

Acton Station Road is home to two South Jersey landmarks. You will cross tracks of the historic Woodstown Central Railroad and pass through one of the places tied to the Jersey Devil. On the darkest nights, pull over at Clancy Road, switch off the lights, and roll down the windows. You may hear his screeches as he moves through the woods. For tours and events, visit woodstowncentral.com.

7. Turn left onto Rt. 49. Go 0.2 miles.

Quinton's Bridge crosses Alloway Creek in Quinton Township. On March 18, 1778, British troops lured local militia across the bridge into an ambush. Several Americans were killed, but the creek line held and the British never crossed. On your left is Bud's Market, a Salem County favorite and a good stop for snacks before the ride ahead.

8. Turn left onto Sickler St., which turns into Cross Rd. Go 4.1 miles.

You will drive past farms, woodlands, and waterways as you begin the more rural part of this tour.

9. Turn left onto Maskells Mill Rd, which turns into Friendship Rd. Go 2.2 miles.

Maskells Mill Pond Wildlife Management Area covers about 1,125 acres in Lower Alloways Creek and Quinton, around a small mill pond on Stow Creek. A mill dated to 1742, later run by the Maskell family, and the woods and wetlands still draw bald eagles, osprey, anglers, and paddlers.

10. Turn left onto Main St., which turns into Causeway Rd., which turns into Chestnut Rd., which changes into Ye Greate St. Go for 6.7 miles.

Ye Greate St. is the historic spine of Greenwich, a largely intact colonial street of brick houses, museums, and small shops. On December 22, 1774, local patriots dressed as Indians burned a cargo of British tea from the brig Greyhound in the market square, a year after the Boston Tea Party. The Cumberland County Historical Society hosts several stops along the street, including the ca. 1730 Gibbon House, the John DuBois Maritime Museum, and the Warren and Reba Lummis Genealogical and Historical Library. Nearby, Greenwich Tea Burners Farm grows and sells tea named for the 1774 protest. Visit:

www.cchistoc.org Visit: www.greenwichteaburnersteafarnj.com

11. Turn left onto Bridgeton-Greenwich Rd. Go 1.7 miles.

12. Turn left onto Sheppards Mill Rd. Go 1.7 miles.

Sheppards Mill Pond in Greenwich is a mill pond on Mill Creek behind an 1885 dam, used for fishing, paddling, and walking and is now part of the Cohansey River Wildlife Management Area with woods, a lake, and bald eagle habitat.

13. Turn right onto Springtown Rd. Go 1.9 miles.

14. Turn left onto Roadstown Rd. Go 0.3 miles.

15. Turn left onto Willis Rd. Go 0.2 miles.

16. Slight right onto Pony Rd., which turns into Stow Creek Rd. Go 3.5 miles.

17. Turn right onto Causeway Rd. Go 1.4 miles.

18. Turn right onto Friendship Rd. Go 1 mile.

19. Turn right onto Hell Neck Rd. Go 2 miles.

20. Turn right onto Jericho Rd. Go 0.6 miles.

21. *This is NOT a mistake. Turn left onto Jericho Rd. Go 3.3 miles.

22. Turn left onto Old Cohansey Rd. Go 1.6 miles.

23. Turn left onto Pecks Corner - Cohansey Rd. Go 1.6 miles.

24. Turn right onto Telegraph Rd. Go 3.9 miles.

This brings you to the town center of Alloway, a small rural village, set among farms and woods along Alloway Creek. The center runs along Greenwich and Main Street with Alloway Lake nearby for a picnic, catch-and-release fishing, or a quiet launch. Stop in at Alloway Pizza for a slice or a sub.

25. Turn Rt. onto East Main St. Go 0.4 miles. and where road splits, stay to the left and Go 0.3 miles.

26. Turn left onto Alloway-Woodstown Rd. Go 3.5 miles.

27. Turn left onto Mannington-Yorktown Rd. Go 0.9 miles.

28. Turn right onto Cemetery Rd. Go 0.2 miles.

29. Turn left onto Cheney Rd. Go 1 mile.

30. Turn right onto Rte. 45. Go 30 feet.

31. Turn left onto Hains Neck Rd. Go 1.3 miles.

32. Turn left onto Kings Highway. Go 2.3 miles.

Kings Highway in Mannington keeps the name of a colonial road. In 1681 West Jersey ordered a public highway between Burlington and Salem. By about 1702 it was called the King's Highway, for the English Crown. The name faded after the Revolution, but this stretch kept the name.

33. Turn right onto Seabrook Rd. End at Dog & Ram Distillery and Tasting Room at [19 Seabrook Rd.](#) Be sure to stop in for a drink!

Thank you for joining us on this tour. South Jersey Preservation works from a simple belief: we preserve, protect, and prosper what we love. We hope this drive gives you a clearer sense of this region, and a reason to care for it. Special thanks to Vickie Asher for her help with creating this tour.

Enjoy the view,

South Jersey Preservation