

Brendan T. Byrne State Forest

Approximate GPS coordinates: **39.87479, -74.54743**

General Driving Considerations: Brendan T. Byrne State Forest is located by the NJ-70 / NJ-72 traffic circle and to the south of McGuire Air Force Base and the town of Pemberton, in a sparsely populated area of the New Jersey Pine Barrens. The entrance to the Pakim Pond area (Buzzard Hill Road, which is unmarked) is on NJ-72 (East), **3.1 miles** from the aforementioned traffic circle.

From the US-1 / NJ-18 Interchange near Rutgers University [about 56 miles in approximately 1 hour and 14 minutes]: Exit from US-1 and merge onto NJ-18 (South). Travel **0.5 mile** [if approaching from US-1 (North)] or **0.7 mile** [if approaching from US-1 (South)] to the first traffic light, whereupon take the NJ Turnpike ramp on the right. Pass through the toll booths and keep right at the fork to merge onto the southbound I-95 / NJ Turnpike. Travel **29.5 miles** and take **Exit 7**. After paying the toll, keep left at the fork to merge onto US-206 (South). Drive **11.2 miles** and then turn left onto County Road 530 (East) / South Pemberton Road (**Note:** Look for a large “Vincentown Diner” sign on the right immediately before the intersection). Proceed for **2.7 miles** and make a right onto Magnolia Road (**Note:** Look for a Burger King on the left *before* the turn). Travel **6.8 miles** and enter the NJ-70 / NJ-72 traffic circle. Take the **2nd exit** onto NJ-72 (East) and drive **3.1 miles**. Turn left onto Buzzard Hill Road (**Note:** There is no sign here) to enter Brendan Byrne State Forest (**Note:** If you reach the County Road 563 junction, you overshot the entrance by 0.4 mile) and drive **0.9 mile** to the fenced Pakim Pond parking lot on the left.

From the US-202 / NJ-31 Traffic Circle in Flemington, NJ [57.3 miles in approximately 1 hour and 31 minutes]: Take southbound NJ-31 / US-202 for **5.7 miles** and then continue on US-202 (South) for **0.7 mile**. Exit onto NJ-179 (South) and drive **5.8 miles** to the first traffic light (entering Lambertville). Continue straight onto US-29 (South) for **18.7 miles** and then onto I-195 (East) for **0.3 mile**. Take **Exit 1A** and merge onto US-206 (South). Drive **14.8 miles**, and then turn left onto County Road 530 (East) / South Pemberton Road (**Note:** Look for a large “Vincentown Diner” sign on the right immediately before the intersection). Proceed for **2.7 miles** and make a right onto Magnolia Road (**Note:** Look for a Burger King on the left

before the turn). Travel **6.8 miles** and enter the NJ-70 / NJ-72 traffic circle. Take the **2nd exit** onto NJ-72 (East) and drive **3.1 miles**. Turn left onto Buzzard Hill Road (**Note:** There is no sign here) to enter Brendan Byrne State Forest (**Note:** If you reach the County Road 563 junction, you overshot the entrance by 0.4 mile) and drive **0.9 mile** to the fenced Pakim Pond parking lot on the left.

From Exit 40A on the Northbound I-295 [23.5 miles in approximately 43 minutes]: Merge onto NJ-38 (East) and drive **9.8 miles**. Continue straight onto County Road 530 (East) / South Pemberton Road for **2.7 miles** and then make a right onto Magnolia Road (**Note:** Look for a Burger King on the left **before** the turn). Travel **6.8 miles** and enter the NJ-70 / NJ-72 traffic circle. Take the **2nd exit** onto NJ-72 (East) and drive **3.1 miles**. Turn left onto Buzzard Hill Road (**Note:** There is no sign here) to enter Brendan Byrne State Forest (**Note:** If you reach the County Road 563 junction, you overshot the entrance by 0.4 mile) and drive **0.9 mile** to the fenced Pakim Pond parking lot on the left.

From Exit 28 on the Atlantic City Expressway near Hammonton, NJ [32.7-33.1 miles in approximately 47 minutes]: Take **Exit 28** on the Atlantic City Expressway, pay the toll and merge onto NJ-54 (North) / 12th Street toward Hammonton. Travel **2.9 miles** (if approaching from the westbound ACE) or **3.1 miles** (if approaching from the eastbound ACE) through Hammonton and then turn right onto Bellevue Road toward US-206 / US-30 junction (marked by a sign). Go straight through the junction to continue on US-206 (North) and drive **17.6 miles**. Enter the US-206 / NJ-70 traffic circle and take the **first exit** onto NJ-70 (East). Drive **7.7 miles** and then enter the NJ-70 / NJ-72 traffic circle. Take the first exit onto NJ-72 (East) and proceed for **3.1 miles**. Turn left onto Buzzard Hill Road (**Note:** There is no sign here) to enter Brendan Byrne State Forest (**Note:** If you reach the County Road 563 junction, you overshot the entrance by 0.4 mile) and drive **0.9 mile** to the fenced Pakim Pond parking lot on the left.

From Exit 67 on the Garden State Parkway near Barnegat, NJ [18.8-19.2 miles in approximately 28 minutes]: Monitor your odometer readings. Take the exit, merge onto County Road 554 (West) and travel **4.5 miles** (if approaching from the southbound GSP) or **4.7 miles** (if

approaching from the northbound GSP). Continue onto NJ-72 (West) and drive **13.1 miles** to the Buzzard Hill Road entrance on the right (**Note:** this inconspicuous entrance has no sign and is just 0.4 mile following County Road 563 junction). Drive **0.9 mile** on Buzzard Hill Road to the fenced Pakim Pond parking lot on the left.

From Exit 88 on the Southbound Garden State Parkway near Lakewood, NJ [30.7 miles in approximately 43 minutes]: Take the exit and merge onto NJ-70 (West). Travel **26.5 miles** and enter the NJ-70 / NJ-72 traffic circle. Take the **4th exit off of the circle** onto NJ-72 (East) and drive **3.1 miles**. Turn left onto Buzzard Hill Road (**Note:** There is no sign here) to enter Brendan Byrne State Forest (**Note:** If you reach the County Road 563 junction, you overshot the entrance by 0.4 mile) and drive **0.9 mile** to the fenced Pakim Pond parking lot on the left.