

## Cheesequake State Park

GPS coordinates: **40.43615, -74.26530**

**General Driving Considerations:** Cheesequake State Park straddles the Garden State Parkway to the north of Matawan and to the south of South Amboy, and is accessible from Exit 120. Drivers originating from locations in NJ across the river from NYC should take the southbound NJ Turnpike and/or GSP. Drivers originating from Morristown, should access the park via NJ-24 (East), I-78 (East) and GSP (South). Drivers originating from Clinton, Somerville and Flemington should use I-287 (South) / NJ-440 (North) to southbound GSP. Finally, drivers originating from locations near Trenton are advised to take US-1 (North), NJ-18 (South) and local roads (see below).

### **From Exit 120 on the Southbound Garden State Parkway [1.7 miles in approximately 5 minutes]:**

Take the exit ramp and proceed for **0.2 mile**. As the ramp broadens to two lanes, stay in the right lane. Make a slight right onto County Road 689 / Matawan Road (going south) and travel **0.2 mile** to the first traffic light. Turn right (west) onto Cliffwood Road / Country Road 689, drive **0.3 mile** and then take the third right at a traffic light onto Gordon Road (**Note:** there is a separate lane for this maneuver). Follow this road into the Park for **0.9 mile**. The parking lot by the trailhead will be on your left

### **From Exit 120 on the Northbound Garden State Parkway [2 miles in approximately 6 minutes]:**

Take the exit and proceed for **0.2 mile**. At the bottom of the ramp, turn right onto County Road 689 / Matawan Road (going south) and travel **0.6 mile** to the first traffic light. Turn right (west) onto Cliffwood Road / Country Road 689, drive **0.3 mile** and then take the third right at a traffic light onto Gordon Road (**Note:** there is a separate lane for this maneuver). Follow this road into the Park for **0.9 mile**. The parking lot by the trailhead will be on your left.

### **From the US-1 / NJ-18 Interchange near Rutgers University [ 13.9-14.1 miles in approximately 28 minutes]:**

While travelling on the northbound / southbound US-1, take the NJ-18 (South) exit. Merge onto NJ-18 (South) and travel **6.0 miles** (if approaching from the northbound US-1) or **6.2 miles** (if approaching from southbound US-1). Immediately after driving under an overpass, take an exit onto Country Road 516 (East) / Country Route 527 (North) and travel **4.8 miles**. Make a left onto John Partridge Road (Note: look for a large 2-story brick house with white windows and black shutters on your left just before the turn) and drive **1.8 miles** to a T-intersection. Turn right onto County Road 689 / Morristown Road and proceed for **0.4 mile** to the first traffic light. Enter the Park by making a left onto Gordon Road and travel **0.9 mile** to the trailhead parking lot on your left.

### **From Exit 28B on I-195 [~22.2 miles in approximately 38 minutes]:**

Take **Exit 28B** ramp, merge onto US-9 (North) and travel **16.6 miles**. Immediately following the intersection with Cindy Street, take the exit on the right. Continue straight and then follow signs for County Road 516 / Matawan / Old Bridge. In **0.5 mile** (after leaving Rt. 9), take the exit ramp for Matawan, go **0.4 mile** and merge onto County Rd 516 (East). Drive **1.4 miles** and then make a left onto John Partridge Road (Note: look for a large 2-story brick house with white windows and black shutters on your left just before the turn). Go **1.8 miles** to a T-intersection, turn right onto County Road 689 / Morristown Road and proceed for **0.4 mile** to the first traffic light. Enter the Park by making a left onto Gordon Road and travel **0.9 mile** to the trailhead parking lot on your left.