

## Jakes Branch County Park

(Approximate GPS coordinates for the park entrance: **39.929513, -74.209653**)

**General Driving Considerations:** Jakes Branch County Park is located to the south of Toms River and just to the west of the Garden State Parkway between Exits 77 and 80 (see the directions below if you are traveling on the GSP). Drivers originating from mid-central NJ should rely on navigating major highways (I-95 and I-195), as well as local thruways (NJ-18-South and US-9-South). Those who live in southwestern NJ (Cherry Hill, Mt. Laurel, etc.) should take advantage of NJ-70 (East) as a practical shortcut across the beautiful Pine Barrens.

**From the US-1 / NJ-18 Interchange near Rutgers University [about 42.0 miles in approximately 1 hour]:** Exit from US-1 and merge onto NJ-18 (South). Travel approximately **10.0 miles** and then take Exit 30. Merge onto US-9 (South) toward Freehold and drive **27.6 miles**. Take the US-9-South / GSP-South ramp toward Atlantic City (see Home Depot immediately on your right) and merge onto Garden State Parkway (South). Drive **3.2 miles** and then take Exit 80. While on the exit ramp, stay in the left lane and proceed to a stop sign. Turn left onto County Route 619 / Double Trouble Road and drive **0.8 mile** to the park entrance on the right. Take the Park Road straight toward the parking lot next to the Nature Center.

**From the NJ-73 / NJ-70 Interchange near Marlton, NJ [41.7 miles in approximately 1 hour]:** Drive **10.2 miles** on NJ-70 (East) and enter a traffic circle (interchange with US-206). Take the 2nd exit and continue to follow NJ-70 (East) for **7.8 miles**. Enter yet another traffic circle (interchange with NJ-72), take the 2nd exit onto NJ-70 (East) and proceed for **12.0 miles**. Make a right onto Country Road 530 (East) toward Whiting Forked River (look for the out-of-business Exxon gas station on your right before the turn) and travel **7.8 miles**. Turn left to stay on Country Road 530 (East) / Dover Road and drive **2.9 miles** to the 2nd traffic light. Turn right onto County Route 619 / Double Trouble Road and drive **0.9 mile** to the park entrance on the right. Take the Park Road straight toward the parking lot next to the Nature Center.

**From Exit 77 on the Northbound Garden State Parkway [3.1 miles in approximately 7 minutes]:** Take the exit and proceed to the traffic light at the bottom of the ramp. Turn left onto County Route 618 / Forest Hills Parkway and drive **0.6 mile**. Make a right at the traffic light onto Double Trouble Road and drive **2.3 miles** to the park entrance on the left. Take the Park Road straight toward the parking lot next to the Nature Center.

**From Exit 80 on the Southbound Garden State Parkway [1 mile in approximately 2 minutes]:** Take the exit, stay in the left lane and proceed to a stop sign at the bottom of the ramp. Turn left onto County Route 619 / Double Trouble Road and drive **0.8 mile** to the park entrance on the right. Take the Park Road straight toward the parking lot next to the Nature Center.