

# Hot Dog Johnny's Run / Western NJ Tour

## June 14, 2020

Today's route includes some steep drop offs after narrow bridges, view of the Red Mill in Clinton and a section on Route 519 in order to "stretch your legs". **This is a Trek/Tour and not a race**, you must obey all posted speed limits and be mindful of others that you will be sharing the road. **Please note: Due to the fact that there are limited places available that are open to eat, Hot Dog Johnny's may be very busy with long lines and limited parking. I have pointed out other options along the way for you to stop.**

**Sincerely - Peter Schneider**

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Mileage    Inst    Direction

**Rezero Trip as you start. Please drive with your headlights on for safety!**

0.0            1)    Turn right at Yield out of the SW Corner Parking Lot towards US 22.

0.1            2)    Use any lane to turn left onto US-22 West at the Traffic Light

1.2            3)    Straight at second Traffic Light

2.3            4)    Turn right onto Potterstown Rd, next instruction come up quickly

Potterstown: The First German Lutheran Church in New Jersey was built here C 1730. Potterstown once was home to taverns, a blacksmith, a store house, a wheelwright and a pottery shop which gave the hamlet its name

2.4            5)    Turn right to remain on Potterstown Rd

As you approach the next intersection you will be entering the Taylor Mill Historic District. English settler John Taylor established a gristmill c. 1760 approximately 0.7 miles downstream on Taylor's Mill Road. The mill supplied flour to American troops during the Revolutionary War and continued to operate into the early 20th century.

4.4            6)    Turn left at Stop onto Rockaway Rd

- 4.6            7)    Keep right at triangle to remain on Rockaway Rd

Use caution: Bicycle riders and walkers along this road

After crossing over the bridge you will see a stone house known as the “Creek House. Remarkable for its waterfront setting and its imaginative architecture, “Creek House” also enjoys a rich history. Originally part of New Jersey’s largest dairy farm, there are also reports that the home was a stop on the Underground Railroad. IBM chairman Thomas J. Watson — the owner of Creek House in the 1920s and 30s — once hosted President Herbert Hoover here as they fished for trout in the Rockaway Creek.

At the Stop Sign ahead of you is the Mountainville Post Office. Established in 1880 by the Farley Family, the Post stayed in the Family for 100 Years, it has served as a Post Office, General Store and restaurant and the focal point for the Village of Mountainville.

- 7.1            8)    Turn left at Stop onto Main St – Please obey local speed limits

At 53 Water Street, look sharp (hard to see – look back) on the left after the narrow little bridge behind the house, you might see an ‘old fashion’ advertising sign painted on a red barn.

- 8.7            9)    Turn right at Stop (Rt 639), follow the main road.

If you look sharp on your left you might see a brightly colored metal Rooster on the front porch

- 9.9            10)   After Mile Marker 4, turn right onto Mt Grove Rd (street sign is turned)

- 10.8           11)   Turn left onto Hoffmans Crossing Rd

Enjoy the view to the left as you drive down the hill

- 11.8           12)   Use caution crossing the narrow one lane bridge over the Raritan River.

- 11.9           13)   Turn left at Stop (Rt 513 South)

- 13.2           14)   Turn right onto Buffalo Hollow Rd, immediately after passing Ono Rosa Restaurant on your left

This becomes a very narrow road with several one lane bridges, check out the Buffalo and Triceratops at 146 Buffalo Hollow Rd

The last bridge has a steep drop-off where you cannot see the roadway on the other side

15.8            15)    Turn left at Stop at the bottom of the hill. There is a BBQ stand to the right of this corner, if you do not want Hot Dogs

15.86           16)    Turn left at Stop onto NJ-31 South. Use Caution.

17.8            17)    Turn right at 3<sup>rd</sup> Traffic Light onto Halstead St (513 South), **please obey all posted speed limits.**

You are now entering the Town of Clinton. The Historic District comprises almost all of the Town of Clinton. There are more than 200 properties built between 1810 and 1930. **Off Street parking is available if you want to linger. See Map.**

18.6            18)    Turn right at Traffic Light onto Rt 173 West

18.8            19)    Turn right on Main St. (Opposite the Exxon Station)

*Use caution while crossing the one lane steel bridge. Clinton is a great place to come back to. J.J. Scoop Ice Cream is ahead on the right next to Designer Dawgs Hot Dogs by the Stop sign.*

19.0            20)    Turn right at Stop onto Leigh St

19.05           21)    Turn right at Traffic Light onto Rt 173 West. (Yes, again!)

19.5            22)    Turn right at Traffic Light towards Phillipsburg to remain on Rt 173 West

20.1            23)    Straight onto I-78 West. You pass the Clinton Diner – Home of the 105-pound burger

20.6            24)    Take the first Exit (#13) for NJ-173 West.

The Pilot Service Station ahead has public restrooms

- 22.3      25)    Turn right at Traffic Light (Rt 635 North/Charlestown Rd – at Exxon)

You will be passing the Van Syckel's Tavern. Established in 1763, it served workers from the Union Forge. Tavern operator David Reynolds was convicted and hanged in 1773 at Morristown by the British for counterfeiting Colonial Currency.

- 25.2      26)    Turn left onto Mine Rd. (third road on the left)

- 25.5      27)    Turn right onto Iron Bridge Rd

This becomes a very narrow road, caution - on coming traffic

There is a narrow bridge that has a steep drop-off where you cannot see the roadway on the other side

- 27.0      28)    At the bottom of the hill turn left on River Rd to avoid a No Outlet

- 27.2      29)    Straight at Stop (Asbury West Portal Rd)

Ahead of you on the left as you cross over the Musconetcong River is the Asbury Graphite Mills. A 24 year old Harry Riddle began his venture by leasing a relative's Asbury flour mill in 1895. Harry listened intently for opportunity, and after a friend described the vast applications of graphite and its untapped industrial potential, an American enterprise was born.

The aging 1700s facility was reconstructed three decades prior and with the swift flow of the Musconetcong River, proved an ample source of power. His supply chain linked nearby New Jersey rails, where barrels of the raw materials were offloaded to make their final miles by horse/buggy.

As the 1990s came to a close, Asbury Graphite Mills made another significant acquisition, purchasing the U.S. graphite and lubricants division of Dixon Ticonderoga Co. Specializing in the production of writing instruments, art supplies, and office products, the addition allowed Asbury to put specialty lubricants in its product mix. In recent years the company took significant steps to preserve the heritage of its first facility. Asbury Graphite Mills deeded it, along with 3.5 acres of property and two other buildings, to the Musconetcong Watershed Association. The group is dedicated to the preservation of the heritage of the 42-mile Musconetcong River and raising funds to restore the mill and the region's most famous company.

- 30.5      30)    Use caution at the Railroad Crossing.

The small creek you will be crossing over was once part of the Morris Canal. The Morris Canal (1829–1924) was a 107-mile canal across northern New Jersey, from the Delaware River near Phillipsburg to New York Harbor at Jersey City. With a total elevation change of more than 900 feet, the canal was considered an ingenious technological marvel for its use of water-driven inclined planes, the first in the United States. The Bread Lock Museum on Rt 57 West of this location is open one Sunday a month and tells the story of the canal.

- 31.2      31)    Straight at Traffic Light to cross Rt 57 onto Millbrook Rd.

Rt 57 is also known as the John Duncan Bulkeley Memorial Highway (19 August 1911 – 6 April 1996). He was a Vice Admiral in United States Navy and was one of its most decorated naval officers. Bulkeley was born in New York City and grew up on a farm in Hackettstown, where he graduated from Hackettstown High School and was a 1933 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. Bulkeley received the Medal of Honor for actions in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He was also the PT boat skipper who evacuated General Douglas MacArthur from Corregidor in the Philippines and commanded at the Battle of La Ciotat. The United States Navy named an Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer after him: USS Bulkeley (DDG-84), commissioned in 2001.

Check out the lawn decorations at 290 Millbrook Rd

- 34.2      32)    Turn right at Stop onto Montana Rd

- 34.6      33)    Turn left at Stop onto Harmony Brass Castle Rd

- 35.2      34)    Keep right to go straight onto Fiddlers Elbow Rd towards warning sign.

This is another great narrow twisty road

- 36.8      35)    Turn left at Stop onto Ridge Rd.

- 37.0      36)    Turn right at Stop on Roxburg Hill

- 37.3      37)    Turn right at Stop (Rt 519 North - Hard to see traffic from the left).

Coming up on right is Zeeks Place serves Burgers, Cheesesteaks, Ice Cream.

39.5            38)    Turn right towards Rt 46 to remain on Rt 519 North.

41.2            39)    Straight at Stop/Blinker. Use caution!

Family owned and operated since 1944, John Kovalsky founded Hot Dog Johnny's thus earning himself the new nickname.

Hot Dog Johnny's opened its doors on Palm Sunday 1944 sharing space with a gas station at the intersection of Route 46 and 31 in Warren County, NJ. It wasn't long before John Kovalsky knew he outgrew the space he occupied thus leading him to buy land along the Pequest River on Route 46 not far from the original location.

The original stand is still displayed with pride on the grounds of the present Hot Dog Johnny's property. The business is currently being operated by Hot Dog Johnny's daughter Patricia Fotopoulos who has been involved with the business since it opened in 1944. At 8 years of age Pat stood on crates handing out sodas. Today she stands proudly handing out the best Hot Dog's ever to the most loyal customers ever. Hot Dog Johnny's has been sited by the Travel Channel as being one of the most popular roadside stands across the country, and has also been featured in many major newspapers.

42.9            40)    Turn right at Traffic Light onto Rt 46 East

43.9            41)    The ending destination will be on the right - **Hot Dog Johnny's**. There is also a small parking behind the swing set, the gravel driveway is at the far side of the main parking area.

**We hope that you enjoyed this Trek/Tour of Western New Jersey and please wear your masks and practice social distancing while at Hot Dog Johnny's**

**You are on your own from here.**

**To get home, you can remain on Rt 46 East to the next Traffic Light and either stay on Rt 46 East towards Hackettstown, or turn right on Rt 31 South to Clinton, NJ and Rt 78.**

## Map of Down Town Clinton (North)



(South)

You will be driving into town from the north

# HIGH MARQUES MOTOR CARS, MORRISTOWN, NJ

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## 1998 Porsche 911 (993) Cabriolet

Color: Arctic Silver / Boxster Red Leather. Miles: 46800. FEATURES: LAST YEAR OF THE AIR COOLED!! Special Order - Boxster Red FULL Supple leather interior. Fantastic Options! Very collectible  
Price : \$54,900

## 2011 Porsche 911 Speedster

Color: Carrara White / Black. Miles: 14800. This limited edition car is one of 356 built for the world and one of approximately 100 imported to the US. Most cars were bright blue, there were less than 30 in white. More powerful motor/ sexier shape  
Price : \$249,000

## 2011 Bentley Continental Supersports

Color: Beluga Black / Black. Miles: 14k. FEATURES: All Wheel Drive. 6.0 Liter W12, 621hp Biturbo, 590 lb-ft of Torque. 0 to 60 mph in 3.9 seconds, 202 mph Top Speed. Original list \$279,335 SAVE \$194,445!! LIKE NEW  
Price : \$84,900

## 2008 Porsche 911 Turbo Cabriolet

Color: Malachite Green Metallic / Natural Brown Leather. Miles: 18k. FEATURES: 480HP, All Wheel Drive, 6 Speed Manual. Full Custom Natural Leather Interior with additional leather trim: LAST OF THE STICK TURBOS  
Price : \$81,000

## 2008 Porsche 911 Turbo Cabriolet

Color: GT Silver Metallic / Black Full Leather. Miles: 22k. FEATURES: Twin Turbo / All-Wheel Drive / 480 HP / 0-60 in 3.5 sec 191 mph Top Speed. LAST OF THE STICK TURBOS  
Price : \$79,900

## 1999 Prowler

Color: Black/ Black. Miles: 2k ONE OWNER WITH ONLY 2000 MILES! THIS IS LIKELY THE LOWEST MILE, LOWEST DOLLAR, BEST COLOR EXAMPLE IN THE COUNTRY! Modern, Comfortable, HOT ROD  
Price : \$29,500

## 1975 Porsche 911 RSR Style Race Car

Porsche 911. Purchased by the current owner in 2007 and driven at PCA Driver's Education events for most of the last twelve years. The motor is a 3.4 307 rear wheel H.P. /2070 LBS Very sorted and beautiful condition. Ready to have fun  
Price : \$44,900

## 2015 Polaris Slingshot

NO SPECIAL LICENSE NEEDED Color: Grey Metallic / Black Miles: 6k FEATURES: General Motors 2.4 Ltr 182HP ,165 ft lbs of Torque 7200 rpm Red Line 1700 Lbs ABS Brakes, Stability Control Traction Control, Bluetooth ,Nav, Many custom options  
Price : \$16,500

## 2019 Mercedes S560 4Matic

Navy / Beige. 5200 miles. Loaded spec. Owner left the country, SAVE, SAVE  
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