

= New Jersey Route 48 =

Route 48 is an east ? west state highway in Salem County in the U.S. state of New Jersey . It is a 4 @. @ 26 @- @ mile (6 @. @ 86 km) route running from U.S. Route 130 (US 130) and County Route 675 (CR 675) in Penns Grove to US 40 in Carneys Point Township . It is known as East Main Street from US 130 to DuPont Road , and as the Harding Highway from DuPont Road to its terminus at US 40 . Route 48 is signed east ? west , although it travels more northwest @- @ southeast throughout its route . It is a two @- @ lane , undivided road through its entire length that intersects with Interstate 295 (I @- @ 295) and CR 551 .

The road was originally created as Route 18S , running from Penns Grove to Atlantic City , in 1923 , before becoming Route 48 in 1927 . In Penns Grove , the route ended at a ferry which crossed the Delaware River to Wilmington , Delaware , connecting with Delaware Route 48 (DE 48) until the ferry service was terminated in 1951 , when the Delaware Memorial Bridge opened . US 40 was also designated to run along the entire length of the route between Penns Grove and Atlantic City . On two occasions , US 40 has been relocated off portions of Route 48 : once following a realignment to a ferry between New Castle , Delaware and Pennsville and again after the Delaware Memorial Bridge and New Jersey Turnpike opened in 1951 . Route 48 was designated onto its current alignment in 1953 , eliminating the concurrency it shared with US 40 from Carneys Point Township to Atlantic City .

= = Route description = =

Route 48 begins at a traffic light with US 130 and CR 675 in Penns Grove , heading to the southeast on Main Street , a two @- @ lane , undivided road . CR 675 continues west on Main Street past US 130 . The road passes through residential areas , intersecting with local roads before entering Carneys Point Township . In Carneys Point Township , Route 48 crosses Dupont Road , becoming Harding Highway , and passes by Penns Grove High School , located on the south side of the road . The road enters a more rural setting and intersects CR 601 at a signalized intersection . Shortly after CR 601 , the road comes to an interchange with I @- @ 295 . Route 48 continues southeast through a mix of woodland and farmland , intersecting CR 551 at a traffic light . Just past the CR 551 intersection , the road intersects CR 628 , passing by Laytons Lake before crossing over the New Jersey Turnpike . Route 48 continues southeast for about another mile , crossing Stumpy Road before ending at an intersection with US 40 .

= = History = =

The route was designated as Route 18S in 1923 , running from Penns Grove southeast to Atlantic City along what was known as the Harding Highway . US 40 was designated along the length of Route 18S , running east from a ferry dock in Penns Grove where the route crossed the Delaware River to Wilmington , Delaware to continue its journey west . The entire routing of Route 18S was designated Route 48 in the 1927 renumbering of New Jersey state highways , running concurrent with US 40 its entire length . Until the Delaware Memorial Bridge opened in 1951 , a ferry connected Route 48 to DE 48 in Wilmington . US 40 had used this ferry , but was eventually moved to a ferry that ran from New Castle , Delaware to Pennsville , with US 40 being rerouted to follow present @- @ day Route 49 , various local roads , and CR 551 to reach Route 48 and continue east along with that route . Following the completion of both the Delaware Memorial Bridge and the New Jersey Turnpike in 1951 , US 40 was routed off more of Route 48 onto a new alignment , joining the route at its current eastern terminus . In the 1953 renumbering of New Jersey state highways , Route 48 was designated onto its current alignment from US 130 to US 40 , with the rest of the route dropped in favor of the US 40 designation . The old alignment of Route 48 to the ferry terminal is now CR 675 .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Salem County .