

= New Jersey Route 88 =

Route 88 is a state highway in the northern part of Ocean County , New Jersey , United States . It runs 10 @. @ 02 mi (16 @. @ 13 km) from an intersection with U.S. Route 9 (US 9) and County Route 547 (CR 547) in Lakewood Township to an intersection with Route 35 in Point Pleasant . It is a two @-@ lane undivided road that passes through mostly residential and commercial areas . The route intersects CR 549 in Lakewood , Route 70 in Brick Township at the former Laurelton Circle , and CR 549 Spur in Point Pleasant . The road is mentioned in the lyrics of the 1973 song " Spirit in the Night " by Bruce Springsteen .

The route was built as a gravel county road in 1903 and became part of pre @-@ 1927 Route 4 , a route that was to run from Absecon to Rahway , in 1916 . US 9 was designated along this stretch of road in 1926 when the U.S. Highway System was created . A year later , in 1927 , this portion of pre @-@ 1927 Route 4 became a part of Route 35 , a route that was to from Lakewood to South Amboy . By the 1940s , US 9 was moved off this road to follow its current alignment between Lakewood and South Amboy . In 1953 , Route 35 was realigned to follow a portion of Route 37 between Point Pleasant and Seaside Heights , and Route 88 was designated along the former alignment of Route 35 between Lakewood and Point Pleasant . The Laurelton Circle at Route 70 , built in 1937 , was replaced with the current intersection by the 1990s .

= = Route description = =

Route 88 begins at an intersection with US 9 and CR 547 in Lakewood Township , and heads eastward on Main Street , a two @-@ lane undivided road . The road heads through the downtown before heading into wooded residential areas , where it becomes Ocean Avenue at the Pearl Street intersection before coming to a junction with CR 20 . Past this intersection , the route heads through a mix of residences and businesses with some woodland . Route 88 intersects CR 623 , where it heads through a commercial district , crossing CR 549 . A short distance later , the route passes under the Garden State Parkway without an interchange before crossing the Metedeconk River into Brick Township . Here , the road heads through a mix of residential and commercial areas , intersecting CR 64 , CR 44 , CR 40 , and CR 16 . It turns south and intersects CR 40 before crossing Route 70 .

Past this intersection , Route 88 briefly splits into a one @-@ way pair . Here , the eastbound direction follows Princeton Avenue southeast before turning north onto Post Road , with CR 630 continuing along Princeton Avenue , while westbound Route 88 follows Princeton Post Road . Past the one @-@ way pair , the route continues northeast on Princeton Post Road , which passes by numerous businesses . Along this stretch of road Route 88 intersects several county routes , including CR 64 again , CR 42 , CR 10 , and CR 54 . The route heads into Point Pleasant , where it intersects CR 56 before crossing Beaver Dam Creek and becoming Sea Avenue . From here , the road crosses CR 632 before heading east and intersecting CR 549 Spur and CR 630 . After this intersection , Route 88 crosses the Point Pleasant Canal (part of the Intracoastal Waterway) on a lift bridge before heading east through residential areas with some businesses . Here , the road intersects CR 633 / CR 10 , CR 6 , and CR 604 . A short distance later , Route 88 ends at an intersection with Route 35 on the border of Point Pleasant and Point Pleasant Beach .

= = History = =

What is modern @-@ day Route 88 was first built as a hard gravel county road back in 1903 , the first such road in Ocean County . In 1916 , this road was designated as a part of pre @-@ 1927 Route 4 , a state road that was to run from Absecon north to Rahway . With the creation of the U.S. Highway System in 1926 , US 9 was also designated along this route , running concurrent with Route 4 . In the 1927 New Jersey state highway renumbering a year later , Route 35 replaced this portion of pre @-@ 1927 Route 4 as part of its route from Lakewood to South Amboy . By the 1940s , US 9 was moved off this portion of Route 35 to follow its current alignment along Route 4 between

Lakewood and South Amboy . In the 1953 New Jersey state highway renumbering , Route 35 was realigned to follow what was a part of Route 37 between Point Pleasant and Seaside Heights , and Route 88 was designated along the former alignment of Route 35 between Lakewood and Point Pleasant . A traffic circle called the Laurelton Circle , built in 1937 , once existed at the intersection with Route 70 ; it was replaced with its current configuration by the 1990s .

Route 88 was referred to in the 1973 song " Spirit in the Night " by Bruce Springsteen on his debut album Greetings from Asbury Park , N.J ..

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Ocean County .