

= New Jersey Route 77 =

Route 77 is a state highway in the southern part of the U.S. state of New Jersey . It runs 22 @. @ 55 mi (36 @. @ 29 km) from an intersection with Route 49 in Bridgeton , Cumberland County north to a junction with Route 45 in Mullica Hill , Gloucester County . It is a mostly two @-@ lane , undivided road traversing through farmland in Cumberland , Salem , and Gloucester Counties . Along the way , Route 77 intersects Route 56 in Upper Deerfield Township and U.S. Route 40 (US 40) in Upper Pittsgrove Township .

Prior to 1927 , the route was a branch of pre @-@ 1927 Route 6 that ran from Bridgeton to Mullica Hill . In 1927 , it was designated as Route 46 , which replaced the Bridgeton @-@ Mullica Hill branch of pre @-@ 1927 Route 6 . In 1953 , it was renumbered to Route 77 to avoid conflicting with US 46 in the northern part of the state .

= = Route description = =

Route 77 heads north from Route 49 and County Route 609 (CR 609) in Bridgeton , Cumberland County on Pearl Street . In a short distance , the route intersects CR 670 and then crosses CR 552 , which ends a block to the west at Laurel Street . It continues north through residential areas of Bridgeton , meeting CR 665 and CR 659 . Route 77 heads into a commercial area , crossing into Upper Deerfield Township at the junction with Laurel Plaza Drive . The route intersects the western terminus of Route 56 and CR 622 , where the route is briefly a four @-@ lane road . Past this junction , Route 77 heads into farmland , where it encounters several county roads including CR 704 , CR 617 , and CR 658 . It heads north into Seabrook , where it meets CR 743 and CR 711 . Route 77 intersects CR 612 and CR 630 before crossing CR 540 in Deerfield . Past CR 540 , the route has junctions with CR 640 and CR 730 . Route 77 then encounters CR 614 , the last county route intersection in Cumberland County .

Route 77 crosses into Upper Pittsgrove Township , Salem County , where it becomes Pole Tavern @-@ Bridgeton Road , and crosses CR 611 in Shirley . It continues north through farms to Pole Tavern , where Route 77 meets US 40 , CR 604 , and CR 635 at the Pole Tavern Circle . Past the Pole Tavern Circle , the route becomes Bridgeton Pike and crosses CR 660 . Before leaving Salem County , Route 77 intersects two more county routes : CR 619 and CR 666 .

Route 77 crosses Oldmans Creek into Elk Township , Gloucester County , meeting CR 641 and CR 616 before crossing CR 538 . Past this junction , the route crosses CR 618 and enters Harrison Township . Route 77 continues northwest and enters Mullica Hill , where it intersects the northern terminus of CR 581 and heads north on South Main Street . Route 77 ends at Route 45 , where Route 45 continues to the north on South Main Street .

= = History = =

Prior to 1927 , the route was a branch of pre @-@ 1927 Route 6 , which had run south from Camden and split into two branches in Mullica Hill that ran to Salem and Bridgeton . In the 1927 New Jersey state highway renumbering , Route 46 was designated along the former branch of pre @-@ 1927 Route 6 that ran from Bridgeton to Mullica Hill . In the 1953 New Jersey state highway renumbering , which stated that no state route and U.S. route could share the same number , Route 46 was changed to Route 77 to avoid a conflict with US 46 in North Jersey .

= = Major intersections = =