

= New Jersey Route 5 =

Route 5 is a 3 @.@ 18 @-@ mile (5 @.@ 12 km) state highway located entirely in Bergen County , New Jersey , United States . It runs from U.S. Route 1 / 9 in Ridgefield east down the New Jersey Palisades to end at County Route 505 (River Road) at the Hudson River in Edgewater . The route is a two- to four @-@ lane undivided highway its entire length , passing mostly through wooded residential neighborhoods . The route passes under Route 63 in Palisades Park , with access to that route provided by Bergen Boulevard , and intersects the southern terminus of Route 67 in Fort Lee .

The route was designated in 1916 as part of pre @-@ 1927 Route 10 , which was to run from Paterson east to the terminal of the Fort Lee Ferry in Edgewater , using the Paterson and Hackensack Turnpike between Paterson and Hackensack , the Bergen Turnpike from Hackensack to Ridgefield , and a new alignment between Ridgefield and Edgewater . In 1927 , the route was renumbered to Route 5 , with initial plans to build a new alignment for the route between Ridgefield and Little Ferry . Route 5 was also planned to run concurrent with Route 6 (now U.S. Route 46) between Paterson and Ridgefield . However , the plans were modified in 1929 to build Route 6 on a new alignment and have Route 5 end at Route 1 (now U.S. Route 1 / 9) in Ridgefield . The former alignment was designated as Route 10N with maintenance eventually turned over to the county . The eastern terminus of Route 5 was moved to its current location by the 2000s . In 2007 , construction began to improve the route in Palisades Park by replacing bridges and widening the road , with work expected to be completed in later 2009 .

= = Route description = =

Route 5 begins at an intersection with U.S. Route 1 / 9 (North Broad Avenue) in Ridgefield , heading east as a two @-@ lane undivided road through residential areas . It crosses County Route 31 (Maple Avenue) and enters Palisades Park . In Palisades Park , the road passes over Delia Avenue and turns south as it heads through wooded residential neighborhoods . Route 5 passes under Route 63 and enters Fort Lee , where the route immediately intersects Bergen Boulevard , which provides access to Route 63 . From there , the road heads east through wooded neighborhoods before turning north onto Glen Road .

Route 5 comes to an intersection with County Route 29 (Anderson Avenue) and County Route 54 (Central Boulevard) , where the route continues east on Central Boulevard as a four @-@ lane undivided road through inhabited areas . It meets the southern terminus of Route 67 (Palisade Avenue) and continues south along that road . After 0 @.@ 36 mi (0 @.@ 58 km) of following Palisade Avenue , Route 5 makes a left turn onto a two @-@ lane road , with County Route 27 continuing south on Palisade Avenue . The route descends the New Jersey Palisades on a winding road with hairpin turns , crossing into Edgewater . In Edgewater , the road briefly heads through commercial areas before ending at County Route 505 (River Road) along the Hudson River .

= = History = =

Pre @-@ 1927 Route 10 was legislated in 1916 to run from Paterson east by way of Hackensack and Ridgefield to the Public Service Railway 's Fort Lee Ferry at Edgewater . From Paterson it used the existing Paterson and Hackensack Turnpike (Market Street and Essex Street) to Hackensack and the Bergen Turnpike (Hudson Street) to Ridgefield . Rather than use existing roads from Ridgefield down the Palisades to Edgewater , a whole new route was surveyed with better grades . This road was built by 1922 . At its east end , Route 10 ran south several blocks on River Road to the ferry , just south of Dempsey Avenue . In Ridgefield , Broad Avenue was used to get between the new alignment and Bergen Turnpike .

In the 1927 New Jersey state highway renumbering , Route 10 was renumbered to Route 5 . Plans at the time were to build a new alignment from east of Ridgefield to Little Ferry southeast of Hackensack and form Route S5 (now Route 93) along the old road from Little Ferry to Ridgefield . The new Route 6 would share the alignment of Route 5 from Paterson to west of Hackensack ,

where it would turn southeast onto a new alignment to Little Ferry , then run with Route 5 again to east of Ridgefield and split onto its own alignment to the George Washington Bridge .

In 1929 , the routes were redefined . Route 6 would be a completely new alignment from Paterson to the George Washington Bridge , and Route 5 would only run east from Route 1 (Broad Avenue , now U.S. Route 1 / 9) in Ridgefield . The alignment of Route 10 west of Ridgefield was designated Route 10N until it was eventually turned over to the county . Route 5 retained its routing in the 1953 New Jersey state highway renumbering . By the 2000s , the section of Route 5 along River Road to the former ferry was removed . In June 2007 , construction began on a \$ 24 @. @ 6 million project to improve the route through Palisades Park . This project , which is to be completed later in 2009 , will involve the replacement of the bridge over Delia Avenue , the removal of a bridge over an abandoned rail line , and the widening of the two @-@ lane road to include a shoulder .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Bergen County .