

= New Jersey Route 94 =

Route 94 is a state highway in the northwestern part of the New Jersey , United States . It runs 45 @. @ 94 mi (73 @. @ 93 km) from the Portland ? Columbia Toll Bridge over the Delaware River in Knowlton Township , Warren County , where it connects to Pennsylvania Route 611 (PA 611) , northeast to the New York state line in Vernon Township , Sussex County . At the New York border , New York State Route 94 (NY 94) continues to Newburgh , New York . Route 94 is mostly a two @- @ lane undivided road that runs through mountain and valley areas of Warren and Sussex counties , serving Columbia , Blirstown , Newton , and Hamburg . The route intersects several roads , including U.S. Route 46 (US 46) and Interstate 80 (I @- @ 80) in Knowlton Township , US 206 in Newton , Route 15 in Lafayette Township , and Route 23 in Hamburg .

What is now Route 94 was legislated as part of two separate routes in 1927 . The portion of road between Route 6 / US 46 near the Delaware Bridge to Newton became Route 8 , while the route north of Newton to the New York border became a part of Route 31 . Prior to 1953 , the only portion of Route 31 north of Newton that was a state highway was between North Church and Hamburg . In 1953 , Route 94 was designated to replace all of Route 8 as well as Route 31 north of Newton ; the number was chosen to match NY 94 . After the Portland ? Columbia Toll Bridge and the Delaware Water Gap Toll Bridge were both completed in December 1953 , the southern terminus of Route 94 was cut back to an intersection with US 611 in Columbia , which had been rerouted into New Jersey across both bridges , following a freeway between Columbia and the Delaware Water Gap Toll Bridge that would later become a part of I @- @ 80 . The former alignment of Route 94 between the Delaware Bridge and the Portland ? Columbia Toll Bridge became a part of US 46 . By 1969 , US 611 was routed out of New Jersey , and Route 94 was extended to the state line on the Portland ? Columbia Toll Bridge . Through the 1960s and 1970s , a freeway was proposed for the Route 94 corridor . This freeway , proposed to be a part of the Interstate Highway System , was never built .

= = Route description = =

= = = Warren County = = =

Route 94 begins at the two @- @ lane undivided Portland ? Columbia Toll Bridge over the Delaware River in Knowlton Township , where it connects to PA 611 on the Pennsylvania side of the river . This bridge is maintained by the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission ; the rest of Route 94 is maintained by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) . Immediately after the bridge , the route comes to a large interchange with the western terminus of US 46 as well as with I @- @ 80 a short distance later , near the community of Columbia . In the area of the US 46 / I @- @ 80 interchange , the directions of Route 94 split , carrying two lanes in each direction .

From here , the route becomes a two @- @ lane undivided road that continues northeast through a mix of woods and farms with some development , passing under the abandoned Lackawanna Cut @- @ Off . After passing through the community of Hainesburg , the road turns more to the east and enters Blirstown Township . Route 94 turns northeast before reaching the community of Blirstown , where the road continues east past some development before intersecting CR 521 . It forms a short wrong @- @ way concurrency with that route , along which it crosses the Paulins Kill . A short distance later , Route 94 enters Frelinghuysen Township , passing through more rural surroundings . The road turns northeast through the community of Marksboro before heading east again . After the intersection with CR 661 , Route 94 makes a sharp turn to the north @- @ northeast .

= = = Sussex County = = =

The route continues into Sussex County at Fredon Township , heading through rural areas . The road turns more to the northeast as a two @- @ lane road before heading east again and entering Newton . Here , Route 94 becomes High Street and passes several homes , intersecting CR 519 .

CR 519 forms a concurrency with Route 94 and the two routes continue to downtown Newton . In the downtown area , the road comes to the Park Place square , where it meets US 206 . At this point , all three routes run concurrent north on four @-@ lane undivided Water Street for a short distance . CR 519 splits from the road by turning north on Mill Street , while US 206 and Route 94 continue north as a three @-@ lane road with a center left @-@ turn lane , where a shopping district lines the road as it leaves Newton for Hampton Township . The road narrows back to two lanes as it heads into areas of farmland . Route 94 splits from US 206 by making a right turn to continue east .

The road passes a mobile home park before making a turn northeast and heading into Lafayette Township . In Lafayette Township , the route resumes to the east through a mix of rural and industrial areas . The road continues to a junction with Route 15 , where Route 94 makes a right turn to head southeast along Route 15 in a wrong way concurrency . Upon splitting , Route 15 stays straight and heads southeast as Route 94 turns at a right hand reverse jughandle to head northeast . Route 94 continues through more rural areas with occasional development and enters Sparta Township , where it is known as North Church Road . Here , the road passes near some residential developments before continuing into Hardyston Township . In Hardyston Township , the route runs through the community of North Church . After making a sharp turn to the east , Route 94 enters Hamburg and becomes Vernon Avenue . The route passes a few homes before intersecting Route 23 in the center of town . From this intersection , the route makes a turn to the northeast before leaving the town and heading back into Hardyston Township . The road passes rural developed areas before entering Vernon Township .

At this point , the surroundings become more wooded and mountainous as the road passes near residential areas and reaches the community of McAfee . In McAfee , CR 517 intersects with Route 94 and the two routes head east for a short wrong way concurrency , crossing the New York , Susquehanna and Western Railway before CR 517 turns to the south . Route 94 continues northeast as McAfee Vernon Road , briefly becoming a divided highway as it passes the entrance to the Mountain Creek ski resort . Continuing northeast , the route comes to an intersection with CR 515 , which it runs concurrent with on Vernon Warwick Road . The two routes continue north , with CR 515 splitting from Route 94 a short distance after crossing the Appalachian Trail . From here , Route 94 continues through more countryside before reaching the New York state line , where the road continues into that state as NY 94 .

= = History = =

In the 1927 renumbering of state highways , Route 8 was defined to run along present @-@ day Route 94 from Route 6 (current US 46) at the Delaware Bridge north to Columbia before turning northeast to Route 31 (now U.S. Route 206) in Newton . Past Newton , Route 31 continued northeast to the New York state line (current US 206 north of here was Route S31) . In the original version of the renumbering bill , Route 31 was to reach the border via Sussex , incorporating pre @-@ 1927 Route 8 (now Route 284) from Sussex to the state line . However , in the final version , Route 31 ran via Hamburg , using the same alignment as a planned spur of pre @-@ 1927 Route 8 from Lafayette to North Church . Route 8 was eventually taken over by the state . On the other hand , by 1949 , only one section of Route 31 north of the Route S31 split had been taken between North Church to Hamburg .

In the 1953 renumbering , Route 8 was renumbered to Route 94 , which was extended northeast past Newton along former Route 31 to the New York state line , matching NY 94 across the border . It was initially only marked south of Hamburg , as none of the route north of Hamburg was state @-@ maintained . Originally , Route 94 began at the now razed Delaware Bridge , where US 46 would cross into Pennsylvania . Route 94 would wind right and north @-@ east a few to Columbia , where it joined its current route . In December 1953 , both the Portland ? Columbia Toll Bridge and Delaware Water Gap Toll Bridge opened . That year a section of Old Mine Road was rebuilt and aligned as a four lane freeway between Columbia and the Delaware Water Gap Toll Bridge . Following this , US 46 was rerouted over the first several miles of Route 94 between the Delaware

Bridge and Columbia , and Route 94 was cut back to Columbia , near the Portland @-@ Columbia Toll Bridge . Here , US 46 would end and US 611 , would cross the Portland @-@ Columbia Toll Bridge from Pennsylvania and follow the freeway north to the Delaware Water Gap Toll Bridge . The freeway portion that US 611 followed became a part of I @-@ 80 in 1959 . When US 611 was removed from New Jersey by 1969 , Route 94 was extended to the state line on the Portland @-@ Columbia Toll Bridge . Also by this time , the unsigned portions of Route 94 north of Newton were signed . In 1973 , this whole area was realigned into a complex interchange as the New Jersey portion of Interstate 80 was completed .

In 1964 , a Route 94 freeway was proposed to run from I @-@ 80 in Netcong north to the planned Route 23 freeway in Hamburg , following US 206 north to Newton and current Route 94 to Hamburg . In the late 1960s , the NJDOT planned for the Route 94 freeway to run from I @-@ 80 / US 46 in Columbia northeast to the New York border near Wawayanda State Park . The NJDOT hoped to get funding for the freeway in 1970 for it to become an Interstate highway as it was planned to serve a proposed national recreation area along the Delaware River that would have been built in conjunction with the controversial Tocks Island Dam project . This proposed Interstate , which was to run from I @-@ 80 in Hope Township to I @-@ 84 in Port Jervis and continue northeast along US 209 , was denied funding . After reviewing the proposal again in 1972 , the NJDOT determined that the freeway would cost \$ 96 million . It was eventually canceled due to environmental concerns and financial constraints .

= = Major intersections = =