

= New Jersey Route 183 =

Route 183 is a 2 @. @ 12 @- @ mile (3 @. @ 41 km) long state highway in the northern regions of New Jersey . The southern end of NJ 183 is at an interchange with Interstate 80 and U.S. Route 206 near Netcong , while the northern end is at an interchange with US 206 in Stanhope . The route heads northward through downtown Netcong and along the shores of Lake Musconetcong and enters Sussex County , New Jersey . The route is a former alignment of US 206 bypassed in 1973 .

The highway dates back to the designations of State Highway Route 31 , which was main north ? south highway in New Jersey . The Netcong Circle , a traffic circle in Netcong between NJ 183 and U.S. Route 46 was present for the entire lifetime of NJ 183 until it was replaced by a signalized intersection in 2013 . A nearby bridge over a New Jersey Transit line was also replaced .

= = Route description = =

Route 183 begins at a partial cloverleaf interchange with U.S. Route 206 and Interstate 80 in the community of Roxbury , New Jersey . The route heads northward , intersecting with local dead @- @ end streets deep in the forests of rural Morris County . Route 183 passes a nearby factory and intersects U.S. Route 46 . The route continues northward , crossing over a creek and entering downtown Netcong . Downtown Netcong is highly developed , and Route 183 serves as the main street through the community . The highway intersects with Allen Street (Morris County Route 631) before running along the shores of Lake Musconetcong and into Sussex County .

Upon entering Sussex County , Route 183 enters the community of Stanhope . At the intersection with Musconetcong Avenue , the highway turns to the northwest , leaving the shores of the lake . Route 183 continues through the residential developments in Stanhope , working its way into the mountains above the lake . At the intersection with Dell Road , Route 183 becomes intertwined with the interchange on U.S. Route 206 northbound , and the highways merge a short distance later in Stanhope .

= = History = =

The original designation in the area of Netcong along Route 183 's alignment is State Highway Route 31 , which consisted much of the alignment of current @- @ day U.S. Route 206 . The route was first assigned in the 1927 state highway renumbering as a co @- @ designation to US 206 . This alignment remained in place for about two and half decades , when in the 1953 state highway renumbering , the State Highway Route 31 designation was dropped in favor of using U.S. Route 206 . The route in Netcong stayed the same for several years after the decommissioning until the Regional Plan Association proposed a freeway realignment of US 206 in 1962 . The highway was to serve local recreation areas and relieve traffic on Interstate 287 to the east . The route was advocated through 1972 , and after the fiscal year budgets went sour , the proposal was dropped .

In 2007 , the New Jersey Department of Transportation proposed the elimination of the Netcong Traffic Circle , located at the intersections of U.S. Route 46 and Route 183 just north of the interchange with Interstate 80 . The project was to produce two outcomes : replacement of the New Jersey Transit bridge that Route 183 crosses , and the elimination of the Netcong Circle with a signalized intersection . The project had issues dealing with the vertical clearance of the overpass for U.S. Route 46 westbound . The removal of the circle would eliminate this bridge , and the land would go to use as the new signalized intersection , with pedestrian and bicycle fittings . The entire project cost about \$ 13 @. @ 3 million (2009 USD) of state and local funds to construct . The Netcong Circle was replaced with a temporary junction in January 2013 ; the permanent intersection configuration opened in August of that year . The new bridge over the New Jersey Transit line opened in March 2013 .

The circle itself dated back to construction in 1938 . The circle itself could not handle the 17 @, @ 000 vehicles a year that use the large roadway daily , and was the site of several accidents , including 45 in 2007 alone . The entire traffic circle conversion will eliminate two businesses in the

area and is still slated for construction .

= = Major intersections = =