

## = New Jersey Route 324 =

Route 324 is an isolated state highway in Logan Township in the U.S. state of New Jersey . The two @-@ lane concrete route runs along the 1 @.@ 51 @-@ mile @-@ long ( 2 @.@ 43 km ) alignment of Old Ferry Road from the shore of the Delaware River to a cul @-@ de @-@ sac near the interchange between U.S. Route 322 and U.S. Route 130 in Logan Township . The route does not intersect with any state routes or county routes along its entire alignment .

Route 324 was a former alignment of U.S. Route 322 that served the Bridgeport @-@ Chester ferry between Bridgeport , New Jersey , and Chester , Pennsylvania . The ferry first ran on July 1 , 1930 , with Route 322 being designated along the ferry and its access road in 1936 from Pennsylvania . The highway and ferry also shared the co @-@ designation of State Highway Route S @-@ 44 , a spur off State Highway Route 44 in Bridgeport . Route S @-@ 44 was decommissioned in the state highway renumbering while Route 322 remained intact until the opening of the Commodore Barry Bridge in February 1974 . The ferry made its last run at 8 p.m. on February 1 , and closed down for good . Route 322 was realigned onto the Commodore Barry Bridge while the former ferry alignment became Route 324 .

## = = Route description = =

Route 324 begins at a dead @-@ end along the shoreline of the Delaware River and the wreckage of the old ferry dock in Logan Township . Route 324 heads eastward along Old Ferry Road , a two @-@ lane concrete roadway surrounded by trees and fields . The two @-@ lane concrete highway remains such for a distance , paralleling U.S. Route 322 to the south , passing a business . The route heads to the east , crossing south of a pond and intersecting with Springer Lane and a dirt road in Logan Township .

At Springer Lane , which is a former alignment of Route 44 , the highway comes into the open , crossing under power lines and intersecting with former alignments of roadway , overgrown with grass . A short distance from Springers Lane , the highway continues to the only other intersection along the route , which is for Island Road , a connector to U.S. Route 130 . The highway , however , continues through the desolate portions of Logan Township along a power line . A short distance later , the route passes to the south of the only development along the highway , a boat marina and two homes . Route 324 continues as a two @-@ lane concrete road eastward until reaching a cul @-@ de @-@ sac just short of the U.S. Route 130 / U.S. Route 322 interchange in Logan Township , where the designation ends .

## = = History = =

The ferry route that Route 324 serviced first made its crossings of the Delaware River on July 1 , 1930 , from Chester , Pennsylvania , to Bridgeport , New Jersey . The ferry service was run with two boats , Chester , a large boat with a capacity of 60 motor vehicles , and Bridgeport , a smaller boat with a capacity of 48 . The ferry system was seen as an advantage across the Delaware , providing drivers a backup from the few bridges that existed along the river . In 1936 , the Bridgeport ? Chester Ferry was granted the alignment for the extension of U.S. Route 322 from Pennsylvania and into New Jersey . Along with the U.S. Route 322 designation , the New Jersey State Highway Department designated the alignment of Route 322 from the ferry to U.S. Route 130 , then designated as State Highway Route 44 , as State Highway Route S @-@ 44 .

Route 322 survived the state highway renumbering because of the fact that it was a U.S. Route . However , the co @-@ designation on the ferry stretch , State Highway Route S @-@ 44 was decommissioned in favor of just one designation . U.S. Route 322 remained on the ferry route for several years , and plans arose during the 1960s to construct a new bridge between the Delaware Memorial and Walt Whitman bridges . Construction began that year , and on February 1 , 1974 , the newly named Commodore Barry Bridge opened for traffic . At 8 p.m. that evening , the Bridgeport ? Chester Ferry ran its final 1 @-@ mile ( 1 @.@ 6 km ) boat ride across the Delaware , and the

service was closed down for good . The alignment of U.S. Route 322 was moved onto the Commodore Barry Bridge , while the former alignment was redesignated Route 324 . The route has remained virtually intact since then .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Logan Township , Gloucester County .