

= New Jersey Route 68 =

Route 68 is a state highway located in Burlington County in the U.S. state of New Jersey , serving as the main connector between the New Jersey Turnpike and Joint Base McGuire ? Dix ? Lakehurst (JB MDL) . It runs from County Route 616 (CR 616) inside Fort Dix to U.S. Route 206 (US 206) in Mansfield Township , 0 @. @ 34 mi (0 @. @ 55 km) south of the New Jersey Turnpike ; a total route length of 7 @. @ 92 mi (12 @. @ 75 km) . The route passes through Wrightstown and Springfield Township as a two @- @ lane undivided road , crossing CR 537 . It continues through Mansfield Township as a four @- @ lane divided highway , intersecting with CR 543 . Outside of JB MDL , Route 68 passes through mostly agricultural and residential areas .

The route was originally designated as Route S39 in 1941 , a spur of Route 39 (present @- @ day US 206) that was to provide improved access to Fort Dix during World War II . In 1953 , Route S39 became Route 68 and it was legislated to extend south of Fort Dix to the Four Mile Circle with Route 70 and Route 72 . A freeway for Route 68 was proposed to run between a planned Route 38 freeway and the Four Mile Circle in 1960 ; however , it was never built .

= = Route description = =

Route 68 begins at General Circle (inaccessible to the general public) with CR 616 on the grounds of Fort Dix in New Hanover Township , heading to the north as a four @- @ lane divided highway called Fort Dix Road . After passing a security gate to JB MDL , the road continues through public areas of the fort and crosses into Wrightstown , where it narrows into a two @- @ lane undivided road before heading into Springfield Township . The route exits JB MDL at its intersection with CR 670 and upon leaving the fort , it heads through a mix of farmland and woodland . Route 68 crosses CR 537 before continuing north into agricultural areas with some homes .

The road enters Mansfield Township where it widens into a four @- @ lane divided highway as it intersects a road that provides access to parallel CR 545 to the east , which heads south to serve as an access road to McGuire Air Force Base . From here , the route turns northwest and crosses CR 543 before heading through a mix of farm fields and suburban residential neighborhoods . Past the intersection with White Pine Road , Route 68 passes in between two large auto auction lots . The route terminates at an intersection with US 206 located a short distance south of that route 's interchange with the New Jersey Turnpike (Interstate 95) . Route 68 serves as the main access route between Fort Dix and the New Jersey Turnpike .

= = History = =

As part of improving road access to the Fort Dix Military Reservation at the onset of World War II , a Works Progress Administration project improved the paved road connecting the fort to Bordentown . In 1941 , this road was legislated as Route S39 , a state highway spur of Route 39 (now US 206) that was to run from the fort to Mansfield Square . Construction on the access road was completed in 1943 at a cost of over \$ 2 million . Route S39 became Route 68 in the 1953 New Jersey state highway renumbering . The same year , an extension of Route 68 was legislated to run south from Fort Dix to the intersection with Route 70 and Route 72 at the Four Mile Circle . In 1961 , a freeway was proposed along the Route 68 corridor , running from a planned Route 38 freeway near Fort Dix south to Route 70 and Route 72 ; however , this was never built .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Burlington County .