

## = New Jersey Route 12 =

Route 12 is a state highway located in Hunterdon County , New Jersey , United States . It runs 11 @. @ 69 mi ( 18 @. @ 81 km ) from the Uhlerstown @-@ Frenchtown Bridge at the Delaware River border with Pennsylvania in Frenchtown east to an intersection with U.S. Route 202 ( US 202 ) and Route 31 at the Flemington Circle in Flemington . The route is mostly a two @-@ lane undivided road that passes through rural areas of woodland and farmland . It intersects Route 29 and County Route 513 ( CR 513 ) in Frenchtown , CR 519 in Kingwood Township , CR 579 on the border of Delaware Township and Raritan Township , and CR 523 in Raritan Township .

The route was designated in 1927 to run from Frenchtown to Raritan , Somerset County , running along its current alignment to Flemington and following present @-@ day US 202 between Flemington and Raritan . By the 1940s , US 202 and Route 29 replaced Route 12 east of Flemington , and the route was officially designated to end in Flemington in 1953 . There are currently plans to modify or eliminate three traffic circles along the route in Flemington to ease traffic congestion .

## = = Route description = =

Route 12 begins at the Uhlerstown @-@ Frenchtown Bridge over the Delaware River in Frenchtown at the Pennsylvania / New Jersey border , where it connects to Pennsylvania Route 32 . The bridge and short portion of its eastern approach is maintained by the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission . The route continues through the downtown area of Frenchtown as county @-@ maintained ( designated and signed by Hunterdon County as County Route 610 ) two @-@ lane undivided Bridge Street . Here , it intersects Trenton Avenue which is also the northern terminus of Route 29 before turning north onto Race Street and intersecting the southern terminus of CR 513 . Route 12 heads east on Kingwood Avenue and passes through residential areas . The route crosses into Kingwood Township , where it becomes maintained by the New Jersey Department of Transportation with two eastbound lanes and one westbound lane . As Route 12 climbs into the Hunterdon Plateau , it heads through a mix of woods and farms with intermittent residences , narrowing to one lane in each direction at the top of the plateau before crossing CR 519 in Baptistown .

Route 12 continues southeast through rural areas , crossing the Lockatong Creek before intersecting CR 615 , where it becomes the Samuel Hill Highway . A short distance past this intersection , the route briefly passes through the southern corner of Franklin Township before entering Delaware Township . Here , the road crosses Wickecheoke Creek before coming to an intersection with CR 579 . Past this intersection , Route 12 enters Raritan Township , where it continues through rural areas with some residences . The residential development along the road increases before it reaches the Dvoor 's Circle ( a traffic circle ) with CR 523 . Past the traffic circle , the route crosses a small stream and enters Flemington . Here , Route 12 passes businesses before crossing the Black River & Western Railroad and coming to the Main Street Circle , a modern @-@ designed roundabout , where it intersects CR 611 and Reaville Avenue . From here , the route continues east a short distance as a four @-@ lane divided highway before ending at US 202 and Route 31 at the Flemington Circle .

## = = History = =

Route 12 was legislated as a new route in the 1927 New Jersey state highway renumbering that was to run from Frenchtown east to Route 28 in Raritan borough , running along its current alignment to Flemington and following present @-@ day US 202 to Raritan . By the 1940s , US 202 and Route 29 were designated along the alignment of Route 12 between Flemington and Raritan , cutting the route 's eastern terminus back to Flemington . In the 1953 New Jersey state highway renumbering , Route 12 was officially legislated to run from Frenchtown to US 202 and Route 69 ( now Route 31 ) in Flemington . There are currently plans to modify or eliminate the three traffic

circles along Route 12 in Flemington in order to ease traffic congestion along the route . The Main Street Circle was converted to a modern roundabout in 2010 while plans are still being thought out for the other two traffic circles .

= = Major intersections = =