

JOE 2019 PRE-TRIP Leader Packet for Th1- Meadowlands Eco Cruise Tour

Day: Thursday, August 29, 2019	Start Time: 8:00 am	End Time: 12:30 PM
Leader:	Co-Leader:	Limit: 12
Transportation: Personal Car/ Passenger Van	Driver:	Location: Secaucus, NJ
Tour Cost: \$30.00	Travel Distance: 9 miles	Travel Time: 20 minutes Hotel—Laurel Hill County Park

Th1-Meadowlands Eco Cruise

Join us for an incredible journey on the Hackensack River, through the marshes of the New Jersey Meadowlands, *and more!*

[Eco-Cruises](#) are fun, educational tours aboard Hackensack Riverkeeper's specially rigged 30-foot pontoon boats, the r/v *Robert H. Boyle II* and the r/v *Geraldine Theresa*. Captain Bill Sheehan started Eco-Cruises in 1994 to increase awareness of the lower Hackensack River as a vital natural and recreational resource. Since then, *more than 50,000 people* have traveled with us. Most Eco-Cruises include 2 ½ hours on the water and are fully narrated by either Capt. Bill or Program Director Capt. Hugh Carola – both of whom are US Coast Guard-licensed captains.



This trip takes participants on an excursion through the lower tidal reaches of the Hackensack River and its wildlife-rich estuary, the Meadowlands. The shallow draft of our boats enables us to visit numerous wetlands including the Mill Creek Marsh, Kingsland Creek, and the Berry's Creek Canal; but the highlight of every Meadowlands Eco-Cruise is a trip through the Sawmill Creek Wildlife Management Area – the “Jewel of the Meadowlands.” The Sawmill WMA is home to a staggering amount of wildlife including shorebirds, waterfowl, herons, raptors, muskrats, and terrapins.

- Tour Cost \$30.00 Advance Registration
- Travel Time: 8:00 am ~ 12:30 pm
- Actual Tour: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Distance from Hotel 20 Min
- Limit 12
- [NJ.com](#) | [NJ Urban](#) | [Yelp](#)

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Be sure to bring:

1. **A JACKET.** Temperatures are often 5-10 degrees cooler on the water, especially on windy and/or cloudy days.
2. **INSECT REPELLENT.** We rarely see mosquitoes, but gnats can be annoying in spring & summer. FYI there's generally no need to apply it on breezy days.
3. **WATER, REFRESHMENTS.** You are welcome to bring some. Food that doesn't require utensils works best. Beer & wine are permitted in moderation*. Smoking is prohibited.
4. **SUNSCREEN.** If you forget it, we'll have some onboard for your use.
5. **SUNGLASSES to protect against sun glare.**
6. **HAT** is great for sun protection
7. **Comfortable walking shoes and money for lunch.**
7. **Bring a camera and/or binocular.**

Leader Responsibilities

- Run the meet the leader meeting on Tuesday evening.
- Brief participants on what they need to bring. Sunscreen, hat, insect repellent, at least a liter of water, snack.
- Remind all participants that they must be packed, baggage brought to the storage room and checked out before departing on morning's activities
- Have participant phone numbers available cell and tell drivers to leave their phone on.
- Assign pre-approved drivers for carpools to Hackensack Riverkeeper at Laurel Hills County Park.
- Assign passengers to drivers.
- Caravan together to and from Laurel Hill County Park

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Logistics

6:30 am – 8:00 am Breakfast in the Breakfast Room adjoining lobby

6:30 am – 7:45 am Pack, checkout of room, store bags for a day in the hotel storage room.

7:45 am Meet in the lobby

8:00 am – 8:30 am Drive to Laurel Hill County Park. Meet Eco Cruise at Boat Dock.

8:30 am – 9:00 am Get organized, bathrooms, load the boat.

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Meadowlands Eco Cruise

12:15 pm to 12:30 pm Drive to Clifton Commons for lunch at the restaurant of your choice
Applebee's, Chevys Fresh Mex, Shannon Rose, Red Robin, Chipotle, Pizzeria Uno, Wendy's.

Glatt Kosher Option – Juniors Glatt Kosher Deli 215 Main Ave Passaic, NJ
Jerusalem Pizza & Falafel 233 Main Ave Passaic, NJ

1:30 pm Be back at the La Quinta Inn

2:15 pm Be outside with luggage for MOCA Camp Shuttle or depart to the car via your own car

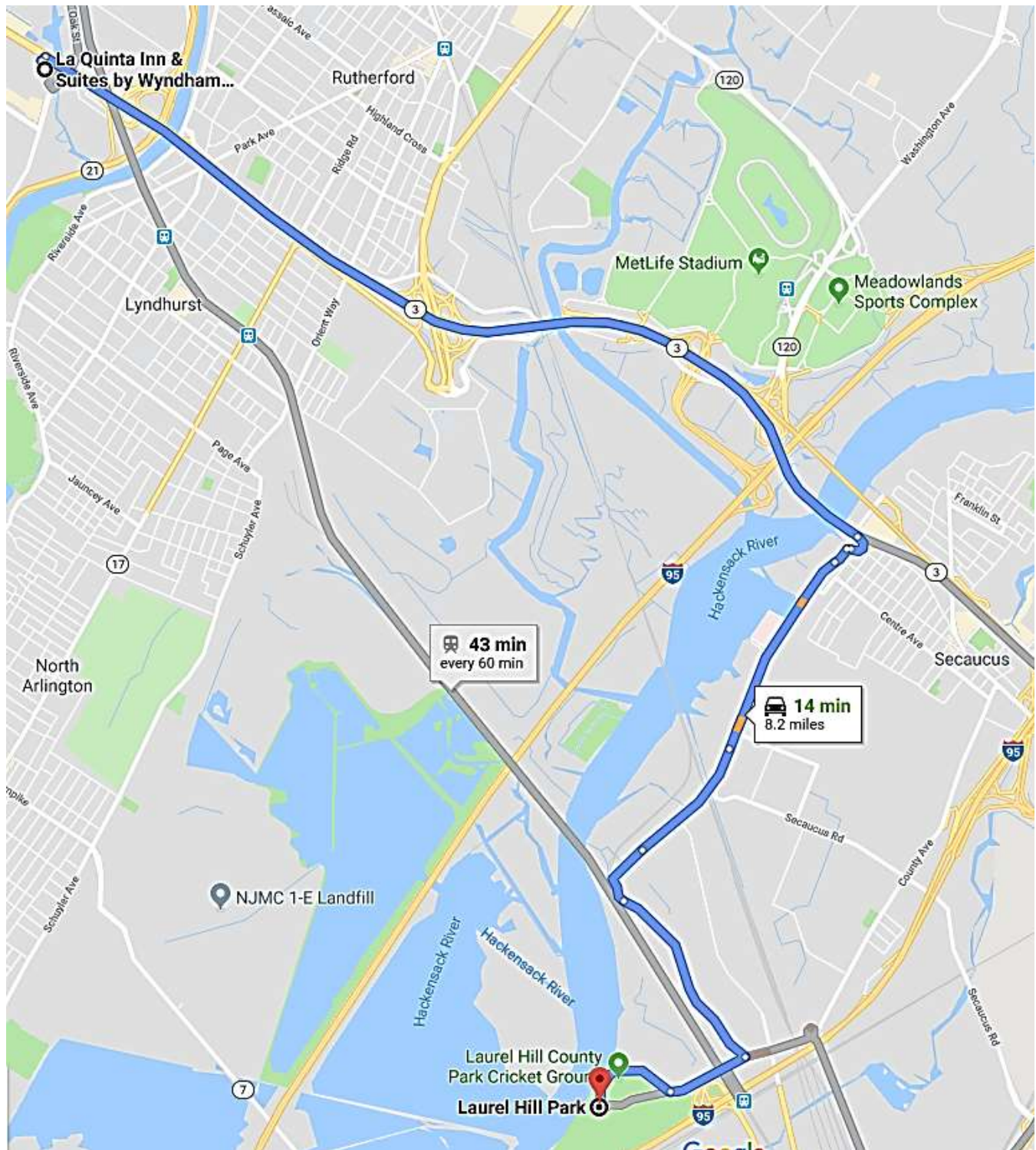
2:30 pm MOCA shuttle departs for Cedar Lake Camp

4:00 Arrive in Cedar Lake Camp, 570 Sawkill Rd Milford, PA

**Directions to Laurel Hill County Park, Secaucus, NJ
Hackensack Riverkeeper Eco Cruise and Kayaking**

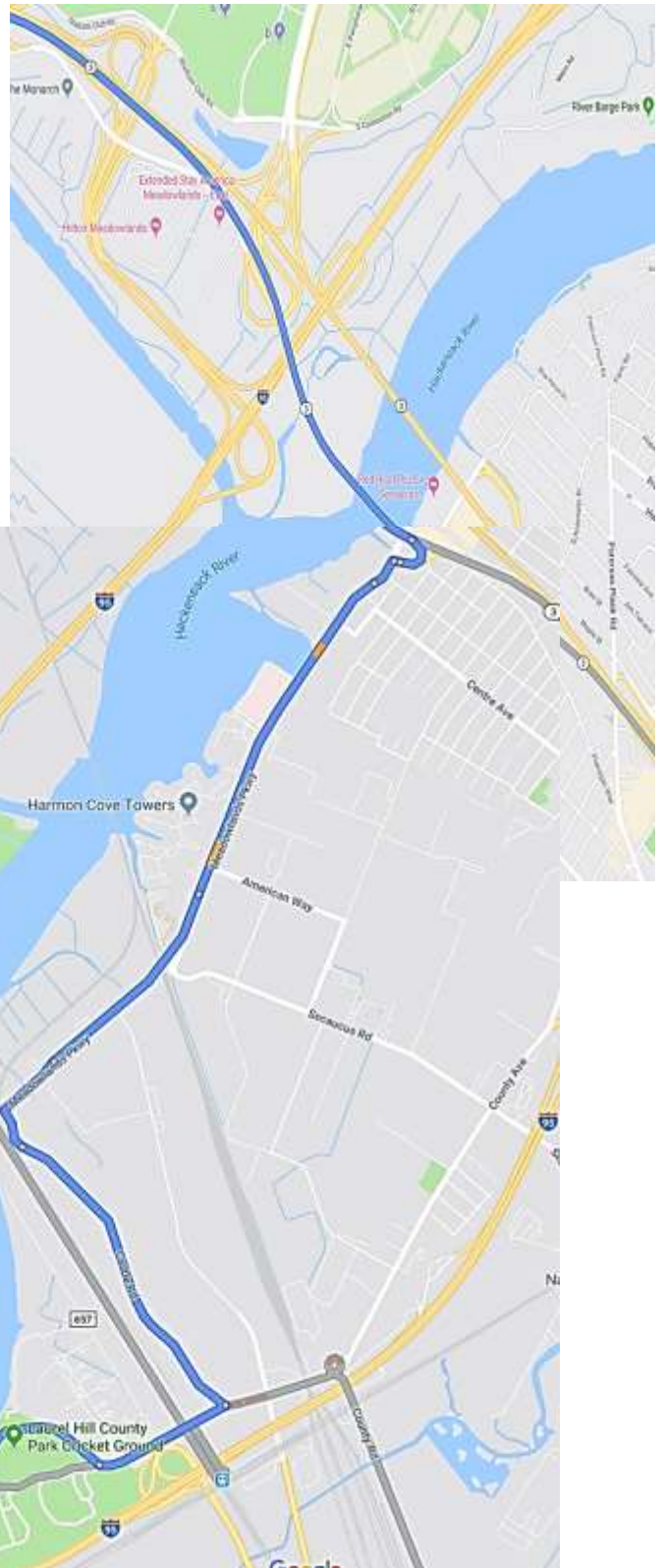
40°45'50.4"N 74°05'11.6"W Hugh Carola (201) 968-0808

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1. Turn right on Rt. 3 and then proceed east on Route 3 for four miles to exit to Meadowlands Parkway.
2. As you pass the Meadowlands Sports complex, get into the right lane. As you come over the bridge, take the Meadowlands Parkway exit. the 6th exit on your right and immediately after the Western Spur of the New Jersey Turnpike (
3. At the bottom of the ramp, turn left on to Meadowlands Parkway.
4. Take Meadowlands Parkway through several sets of traffic lights, over a bridge and straight past Harmon Cove Towers.
5. A short way past Harmon Cove Towers, Meadowlands Parkway becomes CASTLE ROAD until it ends at PAUL AMICO WAY.
6. Turn right on Paul Amico Way, proceed over a bridge and drive straight into Laurel Hill Park
7. Once inside the park, turn into the first parking lot on your right. Look for sign for Hackensack River Public Boat Launch



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Sign at the start of the park drive.

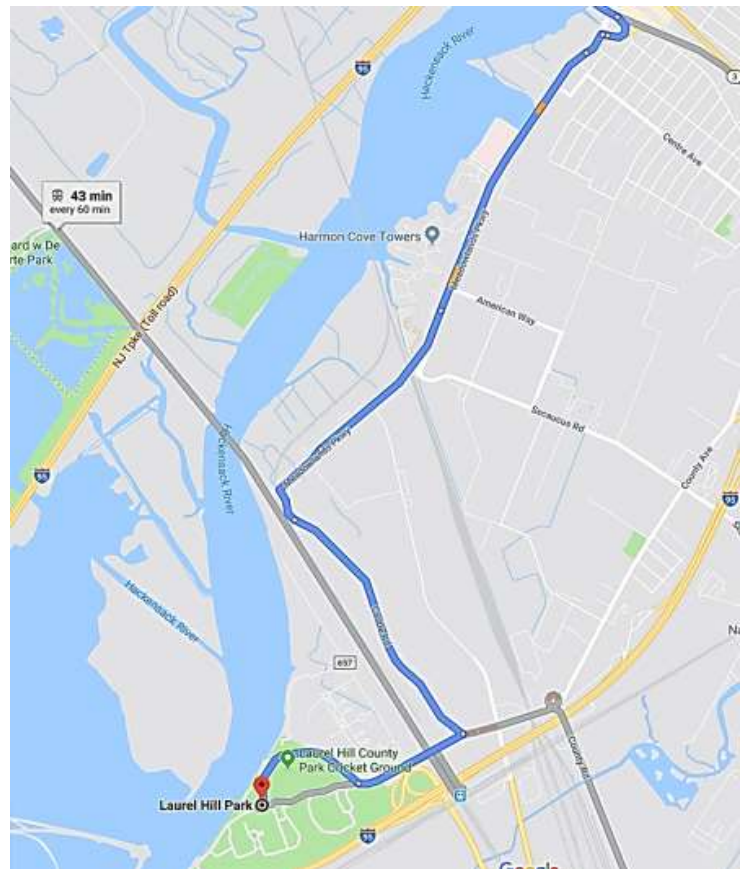


Sign at the parking lot

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Return Directions to La Quinta Inn, 265 Route 3 East, Clifton, NJ
(973) 778-6500 40°49'37.7"N 74°08'03.9"W
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1. Drive north out of Laurel Hill County Park
2. and cross the bridge taking first left on Castle Road.
3. Proceed west on Castle Road for one mile the road will bend sharply right and become Meadowlands Parkway.
4. Proceed north on Meadowlands Parkway for 1.75 miles to Route 3.
5. Cross under Route 3 and take the second right for Route 3 West.



8. Proceed west for 4.5 miles for exit to "Main Avenue, Nutley Passaic."
9. Turn left on Main Avenue and proceed under Route 3.
10. Turn left on the entrance ramp to Route 3.
11. After entering Route 3, the first entrance is for Clifton Commons for restaurants.
12. If you stay on Route 3, the third entrance right after the BP Gas Station is for the La Quinta Inn

