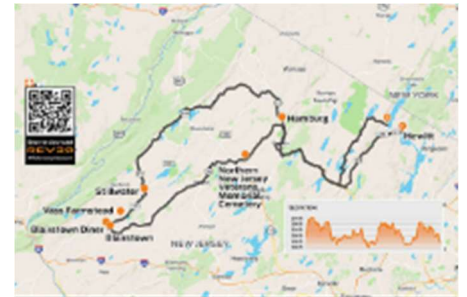


Northwest New Jersey shatters the "concrete jungle" stereotype by offering a dramatic, rural landscape defined by the Appalachian Mountains, sweeping valley switchbacks, and **continuous twisties**. Tucked into the state's Skylands Region—primarily encompassing Sussex and Warren counties—this area provides empty backroads, deep forests, and unique technical elevation changes that surprise riders who only know New Jersey from its major highways.



Topography and Atmosphere

***The Terrain:** The rolling hills fade into legitimate mountain climbs and technical mountain gaps.

****The Traffic:** Population density drops off steeply compared to Eastern Jersey, creating wide-open, stress-free pavement.

*****The Scenery:** Routes snake past active farmlands, reservoirs, historical stone structures, and dense state forests.

Legendary Riding Routes

County Road 519: A favorite for "throttle therapy", this long, woodsy route twists cleanly through the state's rural northwest corner with little commercial congestion.

Sunrise Mountain Road: Located deep inside [Stokes State Forest](#), this narrow, challenging, and exceptionally scenic ridge run tests lower-speed handling.

Route 23 to High Point State Park: Climbs straight to the state's highest elevation at High Point State Park, offering panoramic views into Pennsylvania and New York.

Clinton Road/(252) West Milford, NJ: Winding along the reservoirs of the Pequannock Watershed, this tight, newly repaved road is as famous for its technical switchbacks as it is for local urban legends.

Tri-State Access

Northwest Jersey sits uniquely at the crossroads of three states. A single afternoon ride allows you to seamlessly cross the Delaware River into the sweeping hills of Pennsylvania, or head just minutes north into New York to hit the iconic cliffside curves of the **Hawk's Nest overlook** on Route 97.