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# The Garden State Parkway

This Manual of Regulations has been prepared to guide motorists in their use of the Garden State Parkway. Careful observance of these regulations will add to the safety, pleasure and convenience of our patrons.

The regulations contained herein and the Motor Vehicle Act are enforced by the New Jersey State Police. The State Police continually patrol the entire length of this divided highway which extends from the New York Thruway in the north to Cape May in the south.

In brief, the more important rules are:

—Only motor vehicles primarily designed for passenger use, including station wagons and buses, are allowed on all sections of the Parkway.

—Trucks may use the Parkway only south of Interchange 90 near Lakewood.

—Maximum speed limit under normal conditions is 60 miles per hour.

—Backing up is prohibited.

—Operation of vehicles at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic is prohibited.

—Vehicles normally must keep to the right except when passing.

—Hitch-hikers and all other pedestrians are barred. Picking up of passengers is also illegal.

—Bicycles and motor scooters are not allowed.

—U-turns anywhere along Parkway roadways are prohibited.

—House, boat or other trailers drawn by passenger vehicles not exceeding an overall size of 50' length, 8' width and 13-½' height, are permitted.

A complete schedule of tolls can be found on pages 10 and 11. Please drive carefully.

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**NEW JERSEY HIGHWAY AUTHORITY**  
**REGULATIONS**  
**GOVERNING USE OF**  
**THE GARDEN STATE PARKWAY**  
Effective October 1, 1958  
**AUTHORIZATION, PENALTIES AND**  
**DEFINITIONS**

**A. AUTHORIZATION:**

These regulations are entitled and may be referred to as "Regulations Governing Use of the Garden State Parkway" and have been adopted under authority of the New Jersey Highway Authority Act, L. 1952, c. 16 as amended, and particularly Sections 5 (i) and (q), 14, 17, 18 (g) and 20 of the said Act.

**B. PENALTIES:**

Any violation of any regulation adopted by the Authority under the provisions of N.J.S. 27:12B-18 is punishable by a fine not exceeding Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days or by both fine and imprisonment. In addition, every registration certificate and every license certificate to drive a motor vehicle may be suspended or revoked and any person may be prohibited from obtaining a driver's license or registration certificate. (Digested from N.J.S. 27:12B-18).

Violators may be required to leave the Parkway at the next exit in the direction of traffic.

**C. DEFINITIONS:**

The following words and terms in these regulations have the following meanings unless the context shall indicate another or different meaning or intent:

- (a) **AUTHORITY:** The New Jersey Highway Authority created by L. 1952, c. 16 and its statutory successors.
- (b) **GARDEN STATE PARKWAY:** The highway project known as the Garden State Parkway as defined and described in L. 1952, c. 16 and particularly Section 20 thereof.
- (c) **PARKWAY:** The Garden State Parkway.
- (d) **PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE:** A motor vehicle primarily designed for passenger use, and designed to carry nine or fewer passengers.
- (e) **OMNIBUS:** A motor vehicle designed to carry ten or more passengers and used solely to transport passengers and their baggage.

## SECTION I

### **Article 1.1.1. Speed Limits**

The maximum speed at which vehicles may be operated on the Parkway shall be sixty (60) miles per hour except where otherwise posted, and except when such maximum speeds are unsafe.

### **Article 1.1.2. Retarding Traffic**

No vehicle shall be operated at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation thereof.

### **Article 1.1.3. Uniform Direction Of Traffic**

No vehicle shall be operated, backed, pushed or otherwise caused to move in a direction which is against the normal flow of traffic on any traffic lane, deceleration lane, acceleration lane, access ramp, shoulder or other roadway on the Parkway.

### **Article 1.1.4. Passing**

Drivers shall keep to the right except to pass. If vehicles on the roadway are moving in two or more substantially continuous lines, the provisions of this article shall not be considered as prohibiting the vehicles in one line overtaking and passing the vehicles in another line, either on the right or left.

### **Article 1.1.5. "U" Turns Prohibited**

The making of a "U" turn at any point on the Parkway is prohibited. Excepted from the provisions of this article are:

(a) Police vehicles

(b) Vehicles operated by authorized Authority employees

(c) Authorized construction, maintenance, repair and towing vehicles.

(d) Ambulances, fire engines and other vehicles performing official emergency functions.

The foregoing exceptions shall be for the sole purpose of crossing to a roadway carrying traffic bound in the opposite direction, and no excepted vehicles shall make crossings in such manner as to create a hazard to other vehicles.

#### **Article 1.1.6. Use of Medial Strip And Roadside Areas Prohibited**

The medial strip between roadways, including crossovers and roadside areas beyond roadways, shall not be used by vehicles or persons on foot for any purpose, except at service, recreational, maintenance and police areas, or for maintenance, construction or official purposes, or in emergencies.

#### **Article 1.1.7.—Parking, Standing Or Stopping On Parkway Prohibited Except In Cases Of Emergency**

No parking, standing or stopping is permitted on the Parkway except in areas designated by the Authority or in cases of emergency. In cases of emergency, as hereinafter defined, vehicles shall be permitted to park, stop and stand on the shoulders to the right of the travel lane facing in the direction of travel with all wheels and projecting parts of any such vehicles, including the load thereof, completely clear of the travel lanes.

For the purposes of this regulation, an "emergency" is defined as existing only when and so long as the vehicle in question is physically inoperable, or the driver of the vehicle is ill or fatigued, but in no case shall the parking, standing or stopping exceed a two hour period.

Vehicles violating this article may be towed away at the cost of the owner.

Stopping of vehicles on any part of the Parkway for the purpose of picking up or discharging any person is prohibited.

### **Article 1.1.8. Limitations On Use Of Parkway**

A. No vehicle shall enter upon or leave the Parkway except at access points designated by the Authority.

B. Use of the Parkway and entry thereon by the following is prohibited at all times:

(1) pedestrians except on sidewalks, foot-paths, or in areas specifically designated by the Authority for that purpose,

(2) vehicles drawn by animals.

(3) bicycles with or without motors, and motor scooters,

(4) animals led, ridden or driven on the hoof except horses on bridle paths and leashed dogs in permitted areas,

(5) vehicles containing animals or poultry not properly confined,

(6) vehicles whose condition, equipment or tires create a probable hazard to such vehicles or others,

(7) farm implements and farm machinery, whether self-propelled or towed,

(8) vehicles with improperly secured attachments or loads,

(9) vehicles with deflated pneumatic tires, metal or solid tires, and vehicles with caterpillar treads,

(10) construction equipment other than trucks, except by special permit from the Authority,

(11) vehicles, or combinations of vehicles, including any load thereon, exceeding the following maximum dimensions, except by special permit from the Authority: height 13'6", width 8' no inches, length 50' no inches,

(12) motor vehicles in tow, except removal of disabled vehicles from the Parkway under State Police control,

(13) vehicles with loads extending more than four (4) feet beyond the rear or the front of the body,

(14) passenger cars carrying sport, recreation, camping or similar equipment on the top, on the sides, or in the rear with lateral projection in excess of twelve (12) inches,

(15) all vehicles except passenger motor vehicles and any attached non-commercial trailer or semi-trailer, omnibuses and taxicabs not cruising for passengers and vehicles entitled to toll-free passage under Article 1.3.2. of these Regulations, are excluded from any part of the Parkway north of Interchange No. 90 east of Lakewood in Ocean County,

(16) vehicles while operated by a person under the influence of intoxicating liquors or any narcotic or habit-forming drug.

### **Article 1.1.9 Civil Defense Regulations**

Applicable Civil Defense regulations as promulgated by the Department of Defense of the State of New Jersey shall be complied with on the Parkway.

### **Article 1.1.10. Load Limit Of Structures**

No person shall cause any structure owned or maintained by the Authority to be subjected to a load in excess of load limits which may be posted at the approaches or upon such structures. In the absence of such posting, the maximum limits applicable to State roads shall control.

## **SECTION II — GENERAL REGULATIONS**

### **Article 1.2.1. Waste and Rubbish**

No person shall throw, drop or discard bottles, cans, paper, garbage, rubbish or other material of any kind or description on the Parkway.

### **Article 1.2.2. Damaging of Shrubs or Plants and Defacement of Parkway Prohibited**

No person shall cut, mutilate or remove any trees, shrubs, flowers, plants, top soil, or sod located upon the Parkway or attempt to do so. Injury, defacement, removal or destruction of the surfaces of the Parkway, or its structures, appurtenances, recreation facilities or property is prohibited.

### **Article 1.2.3. Display of Posters Prohibited**

No person shall erect, place or display any advertising matter, posters or placards of any kind, regardless of character of message, on the Parkway, except as otherwise authorized by the Authority.

#### **Article 1.2.4. Parades and Demonstrations Prohibited: Picnics Prohibited Except at Designated Areas**

Parades or other demonstrations are prohibited. Picnics or other gatherings, games, entertainment or sports, on the Parkway are prohibited except at sites which may be designated for such purposes.

#### **Article 1.2.5. Hunting and Trapping Prohibited**

No person shall hunt, trap or molest any wild life upon the Parkway, or fish on or from the Parkway, except at designated locations.

#### **Article 1.2.6. Use of Firearms Prohibited**

The use, display or discharge of any firearms or other weapons or fireworks on the Parkway, except by persons authorized by the Authority or by law, is prohibited.

#### **Article 1.2.7. Fires Prohibited**

The igniting of fires for any purpose whatsoever is prohibited on the Parkway, except in fireplaces or pits provided by the Authority for that purpose.

#### **Article 1.2.8. Soliciting of Alms Prohibited**

Soliciting of alms or contributions on the Parkway is prohibited.

#### **Article 1.2.9. Hitch-Hiking and Loitering Prohibited**

Soliciting of rides on the Parkway, commonly known as "hitch-hiking", is prohibited.

Loitering in or about the Parkway for the purpose of "hitch-hiking" or participating in a "car pool", or as part of a demonstration or protest, or for any other purpose, is prohibited.

#### **Article 1.2.10 Sales and Distribution Prohibited**

No person shall enter or remain on the Parkway for the purpose of selling, hiring or leasing any goods, wares, merchandise or services, nor for the purpose of distributing samples, pamphlets or advertising matter of any sort, except as authorized by the Authority.

## SECTION III

### Article 1.3.1. Tolls

Tolls shall be paid for passage of all vehicles on the Parkway in amounts and at the locations

Toll Area	* Type of Toll Area	Pas. Veh. or Motor-cycle (2 axles)	Pas. Veh. w./semi-Trailer (3 axles)
Hillsdale	Across Parkway	.25	.35
Bergen	Across Parkway	.25	.35
Fair Lawn	Ramp Int. 158	.25	.35
Clifton	Ramp Int. 154	.10	.15
Passaic	Ramp Int. 153	.10	.15
Watchung	Ramp Int. 151	.25	.35
Essex	Across Parkway	.25	.35
Irvington	Ramp Int. 143	.15	.25
Union	Across Parkway	.25	.35
Raritan	Across Parkway	.25	.35
Red Bank	Ramp Int. 109	.10	.15
Eatontown	Ramp Int. 105	.25	.35
Asbury Park	Across Parkway	.25	.35
Lakehurst	Ramp Int. 88	.10	.15
Toms River	Across Parkway	.25	.35
Barneгат	Across Parkway	.25	.35
New Gretna	Across Parkway	.25	.35
Tilton	Ramp Int. 36	.10	.15
Great Egg	Across Parkway	.25	.35
Cape May	Across Parkway	.25	.35

\*Vehicles traveling through length of Parkway pay only at Across Parkway Toll Areas. Total fare for PASSENGER VEHICLES for full 173-mile trip is \$2.75. Toll Areas on ramps affect only vehicles either entering or leaving the Parkway at those specified interchanges. There are eleven (11) Across Parkway Toll Areas and nine (9) Ramp Toll Areas.

designated in the following schedule, except as hereinafter provided:

Pas. Veh. w./full Trailer (4 axles)	Omnibus	** Light Truck	** Truck 2-5 Ton	** Truck over 5-Ton	** Truck or Tractor & Semi-Trailer	**Truck or Tractor & Full Trailer
.50	.75	—	—	—	—	—
.50	.75	—	—	—	—	—
.50	.75	—	—	—	—	—
.20	.25	—	—	—	—	—
.20	.25	—	—	—	—	—
.50	1.00	—	—	—	—	—
.50	1.00	—	—	—	—	—
.30	1.00	—	—	—	—	—
.50	1.00	—	—	—	—	—
.50	.75	—	—	—	—	—
.20	.25	—	—	—	—	—
.50	.50	—	—	—	—	—
.50	.75	—	—	—	—	—
.20	.25	.10	.15	.20	.30	.40
.50	.50	.25	.35	.50	.75	1.00
.50	.50	.25	.35	.50	.75	1.00
.50	.50	.25	.35	.50	.75	1.00
.20	.25	.10	.15	.20	.30	.40
.50	.50	.25	.35	.50	.75	1.00
.50	.50	.25	.35	.50	.75	1.00

\*\* TRUCKS are permitted only south of Interchange No. 90 near Lakewood.

### Article 1.3.2. Toll-Free Passage

Unless expressly authorized by the Authority, no toll-free passage through toll collection points on the Parkway will be permitted except the following.

- a. The Governor of the State of New Jersey, Commissioners and Executive Staff members of the Authority.
- b. Consultants, employees of the Authority and members of the State Police assigned to the Authority in the actual course of performance of their duties or while traveling to or from the place of performance of such duties.
- c. Vehicles carrying persons to or from destinations on the Parkway where such persons are required by law to perform specified functions on the Parkway.
- d. Members of the Fire Department of any local municipality or political subdivision in the course of performance of duties on the Parkway.
- e. The emergency passage of ambulances or rescue vehicles when driven by authorized members of any public or non-profit ambulance or rescue squad service.
- f. Authorized vehicles when engaged in the performance of construction, service or maintenance contracts when such vehicles are operated by personnel authorized by the Authority to perform duties under the terms of contracts with the Authority.