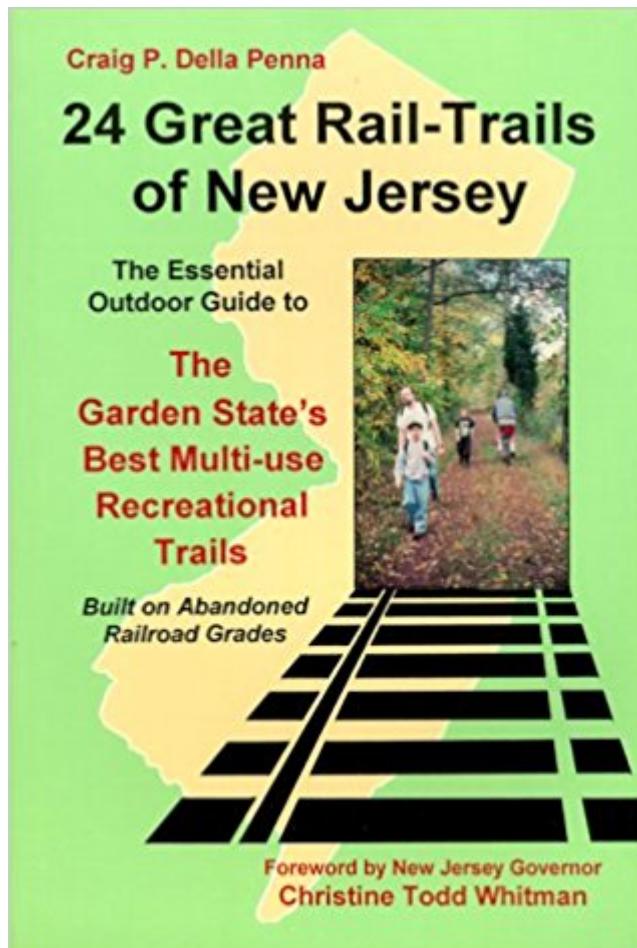


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# 24 Great Rail-Trails Of New Jersey



## **Synopsis**

24 Great Rail Trails of New Jersey is the essential outdoor guide to the best multi-use recreational trails in the Garden State. Each rail-trail has been converted from an abandoned railroad line as part of the nation-wide rails-to-trails movement, so these routes are historic as well as scenic. The accessibility and beauty of rail-trails can be enjoyed by a variety of outdoor enthusiasts, including bicyclists, hikers, equestrians, and the disabled. This guide contains all the information you need to experience the adventure of rail-trails: maps, specific directions, organizations, local contacts, B&Bs, resources for bike repair, plus fascinating stories of railroad history. You are invited to discover the delightful, educational, and healthy possibilities of the rail-trails.

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## **Customer Reviews**

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This is a great book especially for folks who want to walk out in nature without strenuous climbs and where there is a wide path usually to avoid things like ticks on brush. Also, very interesting history of the rail trails and area. A good read. Recommended.

For anyone interested in either discovering new trails to ride your bike on in new jersey or someone with an interest in railroading in the garden state the book is highly recommended. I live in northern n.j. (west paterson) and have taken the book with me on rides through some of the longer northern n.j. trails and have found the directions to the trail the sites to see and the remaining RR structures along the trail described very accurately. (Although the author seems to have missed mentioning the RR mile markers remaining on the essex branch by my house! ) Anyway i am 33 y.o. and i find that these long trails are sometimes a nice break from the more typical mtn. biking type of riding i also like to do in some of new jersey's other state parks. Dont get me wrong though ,these trails can certainly provide a great workout too. I recommend the southern section of the columbia trail through ken lockwood gorge as the nicest area in northern n.j.

This is the best book you can buy if you are interested in the great rail trails of NJ. Not only does it provide details about the trails, but the background and history is amazing. Reading the history of a trail before biking/hiking it makes the day more interesting. Great book!

This book is quite unique & even better than the author's previous book on the rail-trails of New England. Three things distinguish this book from others:(1) Insight into the history of the railroads.(2) Useful & reliable descriptions of each trail.(3) Needs of both cyclists & hikers are addressed.A must-have for any rail-trail rider or hiker who wondered about the railroads that once ruled the trail.

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