

Train Rides to Distant New Jersey Points From the Central RR of NJ Jersey City Terminal

The following is a list of cities which could be reached at one time via trains operating to and from the Central Railroad of New Jersey Terminal at Jersey City, now Liberty State Park. Given are only the New Jersey cities or towns and the railroads which handled the train. Most of these destinations were one-seat rides. We think this will be an eye-opener for many of you...

Asbury Park, NJ - CRR of NJ (CNJ) / NY & Long Branch RR (NY & LB)

Atlantic City, NJ - CNJ / Reading RR(RDG) - *Blue Comet* (this train operated from 21 Feb. 1929 to 27 Sept. 1941)

Atlantic Highlands, NJ - CNJ (Note: Circular trips could be arranged from this point by utilizing the all-rail route or the CNJ's "Sandy Hook Route" steamboats to and/or from NYC.)

Barnegat, NJ - CNJ

Bayside, NJ - CNJ (was on Delaware Bay - a ferry connected with a railroad in Delaware to take passengers to Smyrna and Clayton, DE)

Bellewood Park (A LV owned and operated amusement park at Pattenburg, NJ from 1904 to 1916. Attractions included a carousel, roller coaster, a miniature steam train, a ferris wheel, a fun house, a tunnel of love, a bowling alley, a shooting gallery, a toboggan slide, a penny arcade and a German beer garden.)- CNJ / LV*

Bridgeton, NJ - CNJ - (in 1938 the North Jersey Chapter National Railway Historical Society announced an "Extraordinary Excursion" over the CNJ from Jersey City to Bridgeton, Bivalve, Lakehurst, Tuckerton and the Raritan River RR to New Brunswick and return. Blue Comet equipment, including diner was to be used and a sightseeing gondola was to be attached to the train. Fare was to be about \$2.50... The Jersey Central was to handle all the reservations! The trip, was apparently too good to be true, as it was rescheduled to the spring of the following year with several changes. Note that this trip was scheduled long after regular passenger service to Bridgeton had been abandoned.)

Cape May, NJ - CNJ / RDG

Chester, NJ - CNJ

Dover, NJ - CNJ

Flemington, NJ - CNJ

Fort Hancock (on Sandy Hook) - CNJ - (Special excursions were offered during WW II.)

Freehold, NJ - CNJ

Lake Hopatcong, NJ - CNJ - (A very popular Sunday excursion service to Nolan's Point, where the CNJ maintained the grounds was provided for many years. Available to the patrons were: rental rowboats, tours of the lake in steam launches, and a hot dinner for 50¢ per person.)

Lakehurst, NJ - CNJ (Beginning in 1928 special passenger and sightseeing trains were operated to connect with Zeppelin air ships to and from Europe)

Lakewood, NJ - CNJ

Monmouth Park (horse) Racetrack - CNJ / NY & LB

Ocean City, NJ - CNJ / RDG

Phillipsburg - CNJ

Phillipsburg - CNJ / LV (LV RR main line passenger trains used the CNJ Jersey City Terminal from 1 May 1913 to 15 Sept. 1918.)

Point Pleasant Beach, NJ - CNJ / NY & Long Branch RR

Sandy Hook, NJ - CNJ

Sea Bright, NJ - CNJ

South Plainfield, NJ - CNJ / LV (commuter service was provided between the mid 1930's to May 1948 using gasoline-electric cars to and from a LV terminal track north of the CNJ Jersey City Terminal and Johnston Avenue - however, LV passengers utilized the CNJ ferries)

Toms River, NJ - CNJ

Vineland, NJ - CNJ

West Trenton, NJ - CNJ / RDG

Wildwood, NJ - CNJ / RDG