Brendan T. Byrne State Forest
Approximate GPS coordinates: 39.87479, -74.54743

**General Driving Considerations:** Brendan T. Byrne State Forest is located by the NJ-70 / NJ-72 traffic circle and to the south of McGuire Air Force Base and the town of Pemberton, in a sparsely populated area of the New Jersey Pine Barrens. The entrance to the Pakim Pond area (Buzzard Hill Road, which is unmarked) is on NJ-72 (East), **3.1 miles** from the aforementioned traffic circle.

**From the US-1 / NJ-18 Interchange near Rutgers University [about 56 miles in approximately 1 hour and 14 minutes]:** Exit from US-1 and merge onto NJ-18 (South). Travel **0.5 mile** [if approaching from US-1 (North)] or **0.7 mile** [if approaching from US-1 (South)] to the first traffic light, whereupon take the NJ Turnpike ramp on the right. Pass through the toll booths and keep right at the fork to merge onto the southbound I-95 / NJ Turnpike. Travel **29.5 miles** and take **Exit 7**. After paying the toll, keep left at the fork to merge onto US-206 (South). Drive **11.2 miles** and then turn left onto County Road 530 (East) / South Pemberton Road (**Note:** Look for a large “Vincentown Diner” sign on the right immediately before the intersection). Proceed for **2.7 miles** and make a right onto Magnolia Road (**Note:** Look for a Burger King on the left before the turn). Travel **6.8 miles** and enter the NJ-70 / NJ-72 traffic circle. Take the 2nd exit onto NJ-72 (East) and drive **3.1 miles**. Turn left onto Buzzard Hill Road (**Note:** There is no sign here) to enter Brendan Byrne State Forest (**Note:** If you reach the County Road 563 junction, you overshot the entrance by 0.4 mile) and drive **0.9 mile** to the fenced Pakim Pond parking lot on the left.

**From the US-202 / NJ-31 Traffic Circle in Flemington, NJ [57.3 miles in approximately 1 hour and 31 minutes]:** Take southbound NJ-31 / US-202 for **5.7 miles** and then continue on US-202 (South) for **0.7 mile**. Exit onto NJ-179 (South) and drive **5.8 miles** to the first traffic light (entering Lambertville). Continue straight onto US-29 (South) for **18.7 miles** and then onto I-195 (East) for **0.3 mile**. Take **Exit 1A** and merge onto US-206 (South). Drive **14.8 miles**, and then turn left onto County Road 530 (East) / South Pemberton Road (**Note:** Look for a large “Vincentown Diner” sign on the right immediately before the intersection). Proceed for **2.7 miles** and make a right onto Magnolia Road (**Note:** Look for a Burger King on the left
before the turn). Travel 6.8 miles and enter the NJ-70 / NJ-72 traffic circle. Take the 2nd exit onto NJ-72 (East) and drive 3.1 miles. Turn left onto Buzzard Hill Road (Note: There is no sign here) to enter Brendan Byrne State Forest (Note: If you reach the County Road 563 junction, you overshot the entrance by 0.4 mile) and drive 0.9 mile to the fenced Pakim Pond parking lot on the left.

From Exit 40A on the Northbound I-295 [23.5 miles in approximately 43 minutes]: Merge onto NJ-38 (East) and drive 9.8 miles. Continue straight onto County Road 530 (East) / South Pemberton Road for 2.7 miles and then make a right onto Magnolia Road (Note: Look for a Burger King on the left before the turn). Travel 6.8 miles and enter the NJ-70 / NJ-72 traffic circle. Take the 2nd exit onto NJ-72 (East) and drive 3.1 miles. Turn left onto Buzzard Hill Road (Note: There is no sign here) to enter Brendan Byrne State Forest (Note: If you reach the County Road 563 junction, you overshot the entrance by 0.4 mile) and drive 0.9 mile to the fenced Pakim Pond parking lot on the left.

From Exit 28 on the Atlantic City Expressway near Hammonton, NJ [32.7-33.1 miles in approximately 47 minutes]: Take Exit 28 on the Atlantic City Expressway, pay the toll and merge onto NJ-54 (North) / 12th Street toward Hammonton. Travel 2.9 miles (if approaching from the westbound ACE) or 3.1 miles (if approaching from the eastbound ACE) through Hammonton and then turn right onto Bellevue Road toward US-206 / US-30 junction (marked by a sign). Go straight through the junction to continue on US-206 (North) and drive 17.6 miles. Enter the US-206 / NJ-70 traffic circle and take the first exit onto NJ-70 (East). Drive 7.7 miles and then enter the NJ-70 / NJ-72 traffic circle. Take the first exit onto NJ-72 (East) and proceed for 3.1 miles. Turn left onto Buzzard Hill Road (Note: There is no sign here) to enter Brendan Byrne State Forest (Note: If you reach the County Road 563 junction, you overshot the entrance by 0.4 mile) and drive 0.9 mile to the fenced Pakim Pond parking lot on the left.

From Exit 67 on the Garden State Parkway near Barnegat, NJ [18.8-19.2 miles in approximately 28 minutes]: Monitor your odometer readings. Take the exit, merge onto County Road 554 (West) and travel 4.5 miles (if approaching from the southbound GSP) or 4.7 miles (if
approaching from the northbound GSP). Continue onto NJ-72 (West) and drive **13.1 miles** to the Buzzard Hill Road entrance on the right (Note: this inconspicuous entrance has no sign and is just 0.4 mile following County Road 563 junction). Drive **0.9 mile** on Buzzard Hill Road to the fenced Pakim Pond parking lot on the left.

**From Exit 88 on the Southbound Garden State Parkway near Lakewood, NJ [30.7 miles in approximately 43 minutes]:** Take the exit and merge onto NJ-70 (West). Travel **26.5 miles** and enter the NJ-70 / NJ-72 traffic circle. Take the **4th exit off of the circle** onto NJ-72 (East) and drive **3.1 miles**. Turn left onto Buzzard Hill Road (Note: There is no sign here) to enter Brendan Byrne State Forest (Note: If you reach the County Road 563 junction, you overshot the entrance by 0.4 mile) and drive **0.9 mile** to the fenced Pakim Pond parking lot on the left.