



Frequently asked questions

Construction is scheduled to begin on the new Forked River Service Area in September 2019

The service area facilities will be demolished and new ones built in their place. The work is scheduled to begin shortly after Labor Day 2019 and be completed by Memorial Day 2020. Here are answers to some frequently asked questions about how the construction will affect drivers.

◇ **Will the service area be closed during construction?**

Yes. There will be no public access to the property. No fuel, no food, no restrooms, no commuter parking, and no oversize parking area will be available at this location during construction.

◇ **If I need fuel, food, a rest room, or oversize parking what are my nearest options on the Parkway while Forked River is closed?**

The nearest service area north of Forked River is Monmouth, which is 24 miles away in the median at milepost 100. Food and beverage choices at Monmouth include Shake Shack, Starbucks, Auntie Anne's, and a Z Market. A Sunoco fuel station and convenience store are also available. This location also has an oversize parking facility.

The nearest service area south of Forked River is Atlantic, which is 34.6 miles away in the median at milepost 41.4. Food and beverage choices there include Burger King, Starbucks, Auntie Anne's, and a Z Market. A Sunoco fuel station and convenience store are also available. This location also has an oversize parking facility.

◇ **How about commuter parking? I park in the commuter lot at Forked River to catch an Academy bus to New York. What should I do when that's closed?**

The nearest Academy lot on the Parkway is the Buckelew lot at Interchange 91 in Brick. The Buckelew lot is located on the northbound side of the Parkway.

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Service Area Improvements

Forked River is one of 16 service areas on the New Jersey Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway that are to be rebuilt or remodeled under an agreement between the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and its service area operators, HMS Host and Sunoco. Here is the status of the work as of July 2019:

Scheduled to be rebuilt:

- Monmouth (Parkway). Completed. Opened in the spring of 2019
- Thomas Edison (Turnpike). Completed. Opened in the summer of 2019
- Brookdale North (Parkway). Completed. A new convenience store opened in the summer of 2019.
- Alexander Hamilton (Turnpike). Underway. Scheduled to be completed in early August 2019.
- Vince Lombardi (Turnpike). Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2019.
- Forked River (Parkway). Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2019.
- Joyce Kilmer (Turnpike). Construction is scheduled to begin in 2021
- Walt Whitman (Turnpike). Construction is scheduled to begin in 2021.
- Clara Barton (Turnpike). Construction is scheduled to begin in 2022.
- John Fenwick (Turnpike). Construction is scheduled to begin in 2022.

Scheduled to be remodeled

- Richard Stockton (Turnpike). Construction is scheduled to begin 2019
- Woodrow Wilson (Turnpike). Construction is scheduled to begin 2020.
- Molly Pitcher (Turnpike). Construction is scheduled to begin 2020
- James Fenimore Cooper (Turnpike). Construction is scheduled to begin 2021.
- Cheesequake (Parkway). Construction is scheduled to begin 2023.
- Montvale (Parkway). Construction is scheduled to begin 2023.

