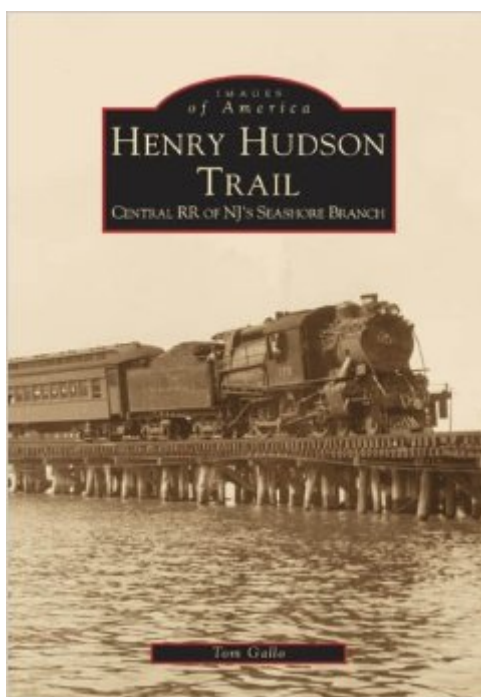


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Henry Hudson Trail: Central RR Of NJ's Seashore Branch (Images Of America: New Jersey)



Synopsis

The Central Railroad of New Jersey's Seashore Branch provided rail and boat services from New York City to points along the New Jersey Shore. It discontinued passenger service in 1966, with the last freight train operating in 1983. Official abandonment proceedings sparked the need to keep the right of way for future mass transit needs. This led to interim use. Today, the area is called the Henry Hudson Trail and is one of over 500 parks referred to nationally as a Rail-Trail. This free, ten-mile-long, hiking, biking, and walking trail is administered by the Monmouth County Parks System, and connects several towns of the Raritan Bay shore area. This rare look will enlighten trail users through images of views gone forever, while pointing out structures still in place. Over 200 images are set in geographical sequence to guide the reader along the trail.

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This is a great pictorial history of the Jersey Central's Seaside Branch from Matawan, N.J. to Atlantic Highlands, N.J., site of the Sandy Hook ferries to New York City. The book abounds with pictures of locomotives, equipment (both passenger and freight), stations and stops, and, to a lesser extent, the communities served. All the photos, which are black and white, are nicely labelled and identified. Many of the photos are of scenes along the railroad from 50 or more years ago. Considering the age of the photos, and reflecting on what photographic equipment of 50 years ago (or longer) was capable of, do not expect to see pictures of today's 35mm or digital quality. My only reason for not giving a FIVE STAR rating was the book's lack of any significant narrative history of the CRRNJ's

Seaside Branch. The introduction gives a very brief, almost a timeline, history of the railroad's development, and later demise, along the shore. Additional information is gained by viewing the many pictures and their captions. The author in his introduction indicated that he lives alongside the Henry Hudson Trail, the linear park that has been built on the railroad's right-of-way, and was inspired to write the book after being approached by many trail users asking him what the park used to be. Taken in that context, I highly recommend this book.

If you don't have a clue about the former CNJ route that used to run through the bayshore area of Monmouth County, this book is for you. I thought it was a good read, and full of interesting knowledge and photos

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