Stay off of State Parkways

When New York State’s picturesque parkway system was built early in the twentieth century, it was designed for automobiles. Some bridges on the parkway system have posted vertical clearances as low as 6’11”.

Commercial vehicles often strike low bridges causing serious accidents, long delays while they are removed and damage to property.

Don’t Break the Rules

Entering any parkway while driving a commercial vehicle could result in:

• Fines and/or points on your drivers license;
• Possible physical injury to yourself or others;
• Damage to your vehicle;
• Damage to infrastructure;
• Towing fees in excess of $10,000;
• Reimbursement costs to the State and City for bridge repair;
• Loss of wages; and
• Loss of employment.

What If I Do?

If you have mistakenly entered a parkway and are approaching a low overhead clearance:

• Stop the truck safely, on the shoulder where practical;
• Turn hazard lights on;
• Call 911 for assistance;
• Set out hazard warning devices if equipped and trained to do so.

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- PASSENGER CARS ONLY
- NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

These signs mean “No Trucks.” They are typically located at the entrance ramp for parkways or are attached to guide signs indicating roadways where trucks, trailers and tractor trailers are not permitted.

This sign prohibits all vehicles above 6’11” in height from entering a roadway where it is posted.

When a bridge has an overhead clearance less than 14 feet, this sign is posted on the bridge indicating the legal overhead clearance of the bridge or elevated structure.

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Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns about which state and city routes are designated for commercial vehicles, including trucks, tractor trailers and buses, please contact one of the following offices for assistance:

New York State Department of Transportation

Hudson Valley
In Columbia, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester Counties (845) 431-5750

Long Island
In Nassau and Suffolk Counties (631) 952-6022
In New York City (718) 482-4626

New York City Department of Transportation

Office of Freight Mobility
(212) 839-6670

Additional Resources

For additional information and resources to help you plan your trip, visit the agency websites listed below.

Visit NYSDOT.GOV for information on Trucks and Motor Carrier Safety
Visit NYPERMITS.ORG for information on obtaining truck permits and appropriate truck routes
Visit hudsonvalleytraveler.com for detailed information on New York State Parkway rules and regulations.
Visit 511NY.org for traffic and travel information or call 511 from your hands free phone for information on weather, construction and traffic delays.
Visit nyc.gov/trucks for information on truck routes and low bridges in New York City or call 311

Translated versions of this document are available by contacting 311 or by going to www.nyc.gov/dot or www.nyc.gov/gateway

truck drivers:

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It’s the Law!

Be prepared for your trip.

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