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Your Travel Guide To New Jersey's Local Legends And Best Kept Secrets



Traveling Along Jacob's Ladder And Seeing The Devil's Tomb



Now, we may be wrong, but isn't Jacob's Ladder supposed to be the ascent to heaven? Here are two stories from fellow travelers we met along the road about their favorite weird spots in Somerset County.

Jacob's Ladder

One of the weirdest places to explore in Somerset County are the Bernardsville Mountains. The first spot to check out is Jacob's Ladder. This is a small stretch of road, paved like a staircase with a series of small, steep hills with short stretches of flat road thrown in between. If you go down this too fast, there will defiantly be air in between the road and your tires. If you've never driven on it before, beware. There is a blind curve at the end which is hard to see coming, even in the daytime.

Erik Dresner



Jacob's Ladder and the Devil's Grave (Tomb)

It is said that once, monks that lived on the hill near Blairsden held a sacrifice and tricked the devil himself into attending. Then they chained him to the ground with silver shackles. To prevent people from being tricked by the devil, they built a tomb around him. It consists of a stone building with no doors or windows. The people who attempted to free the devil were killed and buried in the roadway, to act as a warning to others.

After driving down Lake Road, make a right onto Pembroke Road. It's the first road after the field. The road goes for a 1/4 mile before turning into Jacob's Ladder. You'll know when! At the top of the road off to the left in the woods is the Tomb, about 50 feet back.

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