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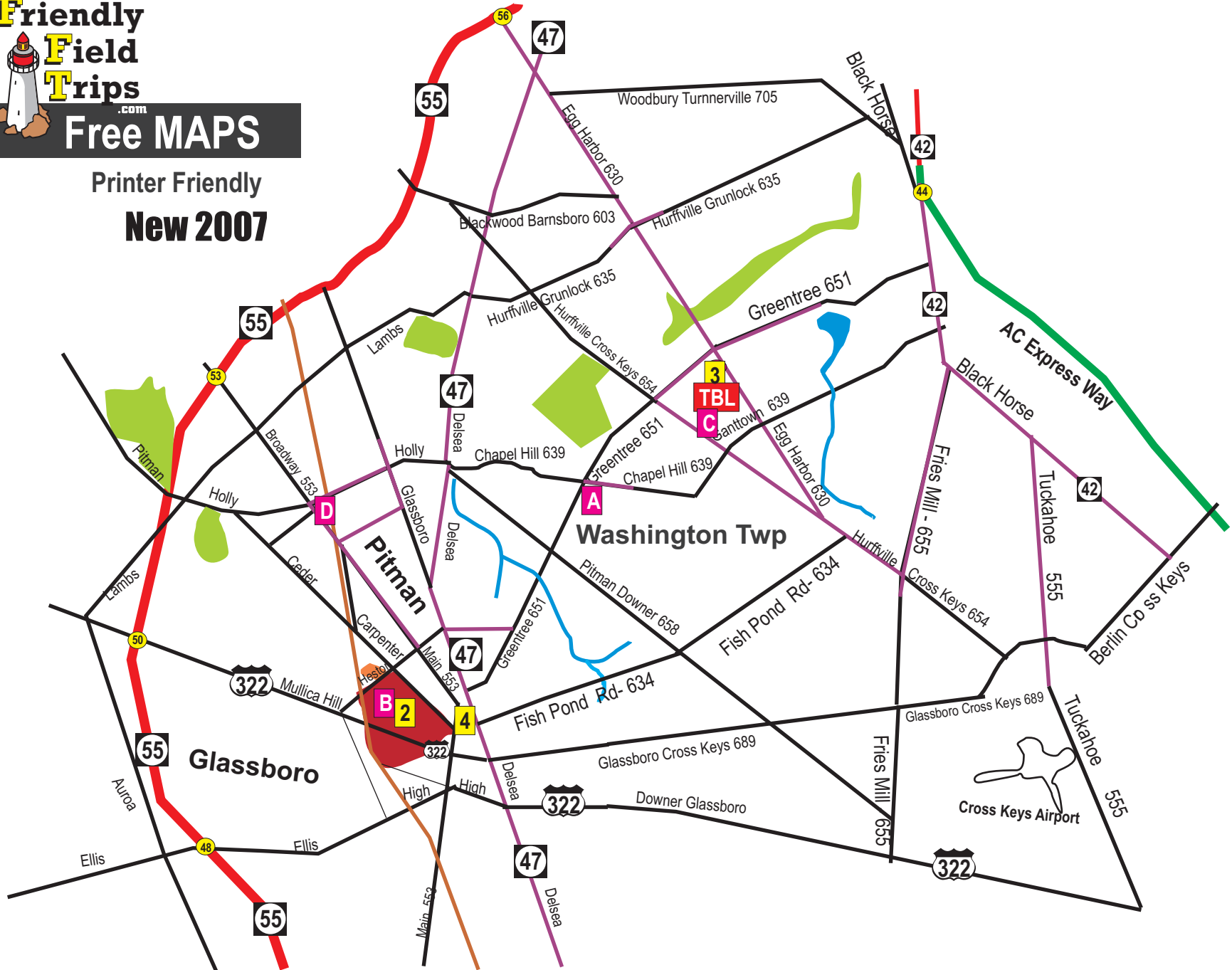
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**3 Fat Jack's BBQ** It has been 10 years since my husband, then boyfriend, took me to our first Valentine dinner at Fat Jacks BBQ. You might be wondering how romantic eating ribs could be, but with the right atmosphere and music, we ended up having a very relaxing meal with great food. My husband is a fanatic when it comes to eating ribs, and he rates Fat Jack's pork ribs as tied for first place out of everywhere he's been across the United States. During your initial visit to Fat Jacks, I recommend that you start off with their Jammin' Jambalaya or their Buzzard Breath Chili. Then, for the main course, go with the rack of Pork Ribs. I suggest that you order them dry with the sauce on the side. Then, to complement the ribs, you definitely want to get the Smashed Potatoes, Southern green beans and the BBQ beans. All platters are served with fresh homemade cornbread. Finally, loosen up the belts or take home a slice of the Sweet potato pie or any other of their delicious pies or bread puddings. **415 Egg Harbor Rd (630) (856)218-7427**

**4 The Landmark Americana Tap & Grill** continues a long tradition of friendly taverns and meeting places on the popular intersection of Route 322 and Main Street in Glassboro right down the road from Rowan University. Since the 1700's the location has hosted many a place to rest and have a warm meal. We certainly cannot speak first hand for the restaurants that stood decades before, but we can proudly say that the Landmark is one of the best casual dining and sports bar experiences we've come across. Nostalgic décor meets innovative style to superbly unite the college students and family crowds. Their appetizers, or finger foods, as they so appropriately refer to them as, are excellent whether you're starting your meal or snacking during a sports event. We recommend the buffalo chicken or shrimp served with your choice of sauces from mild to "I dare you" hot. Additionally, their specialty fries are a unique twist on the often boring staple. Varieties include Old Bay, Irish Nachos, Buffalo and Mexican Fries. Every restaurant we visit my husband always grades them on the soup, and their lobster bisque went over very well with him (and me). What's more, the salads are remarkably fresh and the 1/2 pound Black Angus® burgers come to you prepared hot off the grill and ready for devouring. We recommend the Landmark to families and friends and urge you all to come. But there's more...they are home to The Spot Nightclub for those who are not yet blessed with children or those who choose to leave the kids at home for a night on the town. Why travel across the bridge to Philly when you can experience fun and exciting nightlife right here **1 East West St. Glassboro, NJ (856) 863-6600**

**A Rowan University's College of Fine & Performing Arts** is a haven in the southern New Jersey area, offering the full scope of artistic achievement. The creative endeavors of students and faculty in art, music, theatre and dance are presented for the public in a series of performances and events throughout the academic year. Each season includes theatrical classics; diverse musical performances from opera to jazz; innovative and original dance works; and exhibits that spotlight the vast array of visual art styles. **Main Rt 322 Glassboro (856) 256-4000**

**A The Edelman Planetarium** is a university and public service facility on the campus of Rowan University. Their mission is to provide pedagogically sound and entertaining programs that educate the members of the Rowan community, the K-12 students of the region, and the general public. They advance the understanding of the universe and serve as a public resource for astronomical information. Programs include elements of other natural sciences, education, communications, and the fine and performing arts. Visitors can enjoy a wide variety of shows and special events designed to educate and entertain (including their night time laser shows), advance viewers' understanding of the universe, and provide up-to-date astronomical information. Come join to explore our world and worlds beyond. **Main Rt 322 Glassboro (856) 256-4000**

**10 Andrea's Trattoria Italiana** is a authentic Italian restaurant where you can enjoy a romantic evening with that someone special or bring the family for an enjoyable gathering. Andrea's bakes their own Focaccia and fresh Italian bread. Start off with their soup of the day or the fresh tasting Pasta e Fagioli. As an appetizer, we recommend their super fresh and tender Calamari Fritti or to truly experience the real deal, Italian deli style, try their Asparagi al Prosciutto or the Antipasto salad. Andrea makes excellent soups and most of the time the soup of the day includes seafood. His specialty is Italian seafood dishes. You must try the Tagliolini Gamberi e Sherry, shrimp with homemade pasta in sherry aurora sauce. If you really love seafood partnered with a Marinara sauce, go with the homemade Spagettin fra Diavolo. For something you don't see at many other places, if you order the fresh fish of the day, Andrea will come to your table and personally prepare and serve it to you. As you're dining, sit back and relax and enjoy the ambiance. Then get ready for dessert, as there is nothing store bought here. You cannot go wrong with the Panna Cotta All' Arancia, a wonderful custard that is complimented by a tangy orange sauce or be patient as they prepare the Bomba al Cioccolato, the best chocolate soufflé cake I've ever had- trust me when I tell you it is worth the wait. Come and meet Andrea or his family at any of their three locations. You will be impressed with the high quality of food and service. **Rt 40 Newfield NJ(856) 697-840**



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