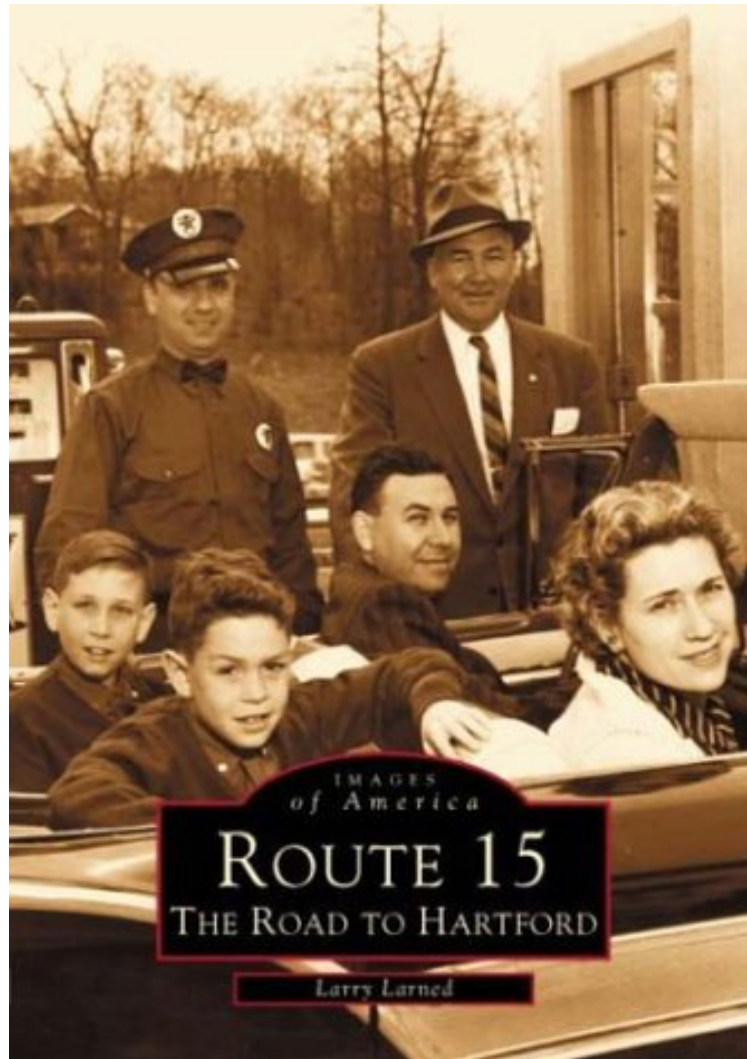


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This is a quick local history book, mostly made ...By My Two Cents This is a quick local history book, mostly made of historic photos presenting Route 15 in Connecticut, which is known in Fairfield County as the Merritt Parkway, in lower New Haven County as the Wilbur Cross Parkways, and points north of Meriden as the Berlin Turnpike. I found it interesting seeing local landmarks, such as the West Rock Tunnel, and the Charter Oak Bridge under construction. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fell short on content By Dolores Carron The Berlin Turnpike and Merritt Parkway were very busy and offered a lot of services prior

to Interstate 91 being built. The book showed only a small portion of its true activity. I wanted to read and see much more. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Another must-have for CT highway buffs

By Scott Oglesby

Consider "Route 15" a follow-on to Larned's 1998 "Traveling the Merritt Parkway." It covers more ground, both geographical and chronological, but offers a similar mix of historical information and vintage photographs for road buffs and car buffs. Larned starts with the Merritt Parkway: a bit of an overlap with the earlier book, but I didn't notice anything duplicated. Also covered is the Wilbur Cross Parkway (which was lightly treated in "Merritt") and Berlin Turnpike. There are some nice photos of the short-lived Connecticut River Boulevard (which I hadn't heard of until reading "Route 15") and a good treatment of the construction of the Charter Oak Bridge. East of the bridge, the Wilbur Cross Highway gets a few pages; perhaps this 1950s road will be highlighted in "The Road to Boston" :-). If you have read "Traveling the Merritt Parkway", here's how "Route 15" compares: Same layout; narrative driven by historical photos; generally ordered from south to north as you read. There's a bit more written information here than in "Merritt". There's a little more roadside culture, especially in the Berlin Turnpike section, and Larned diligently identifies all the classic cars you'll see in the photos. Like "Merritt", "Route 15" is made for skimming or reading straight through. There's no index, but given the geographical organization, its 128 pages are not that much to search through. For Connecticut roadgeeks, this book's a keeper, and we want to see more from this author. But "Route 15" should also hold interest for car buffs, historians, and even commuters wondering what the roads were like decades ago, and how they ended up where they are now.

Hartford is an old New England river city separated from its eastern neighbors by the Connecticut River. With the opening of the Merritt Parkway in 1940 and construction of the Wilbur Cross Parkway inviting traffic from Boston and New York, the Connecticut legislature realized a new river bridge at Hartford would be a must for local and through traffic. This became a reality in 1942, when the Charter Oak Bridge was opened to traffic. By 1948, the system of roads and highways numbered Route 15 was completed, with Hartford as its focal point. The character of the three Connecticut parkways, the Berlin Turnpike, the Hartford Bypass, and the Charter Oak Bridge is described in Route 15: The Road to Hartford. Highway historian and retired highway engineer Larry Larned, author of Traveling the Merritt Parkway, has appeared in television and radio interviews speaking about Route 15 and the nation's early roads. Route 15: The Road to Hartford presents images from his forty years of collecting and documenting Connecticut roadside culture, architecture, and engineering. His detailed account of the road to Hartford includes personal recollections of traveling Route 15 as a youngster and studying the details along the way—the tollbooths, the bow-tied gas station attendants, the families on picnics at rest stops.

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