My Adventure on the Deadly Route 1

On Friday afternoon, Kevin and I decided to do our project for FRS 142. This involved connecting our GPS to the computer after taking a hike or a bike ride. There was only one thing standing in the way; my computer does not have a serial port to download the data into. To resolve this problem, Kevin and I planned a bike ride down to the nearest computer store to buy a USB-Serial port converter. We hopped onto our bikes on started out for Nassau St. We took a left once we hit Nassau St. We were hoping to find Mercer St., take it down to Quaker Rd. and then ride until we hit Quaker Bridge Mall so that we could go into the Circuit City there and buy what we were after. That plan failed miserably. We ended up on Stockton Rd. for the beginning of our trip. We then spotted Quaker Rd. and headed down it toward Route 1. We then turned right onto Mercer St. thinking it was Quaker Rd. Once we were firmly on our way down the road, I commented to Kevin saying, “I don’t think this is Quaker Rd. anymore.” He agreed. We came to a light and took a left turn. The idiot in the car apparently did not know bike signals because when I signaled that I was going left, she accelerated and almost hit me. I believed that we were headed down Princeton Pike, or something like that. We kept on the path. After about 5 minutes of riding, we came to a light. When we looked to our left, we saw a CompUSA and decided that Quaker Bridge Mall could wait for when we had cars. We crossed the street and wound up on the backside of the store. We rode around to the front, passing a Home Depot and a Borders Book Store. We went inside, found a $60 USB-Serial port connector. We talked the sales rep into selling it to us for $35. We then decided to go to Borders and I bought a book. We then went to Best Buy to see if they had Sleepy Hollow. They didn’t. We then got a sales rep to take our picture. We hopped on our bikes, headed south on Route 1, took the closest U-turn. We then headed north on Route 1. About half of a mile, we had to stop because the front tire on my bike was coming loose. After a quick fix, we got headed back to Princeton. We kept heading north, without many interferences or dilemmas. When we got to Washington Rd. we pulled off to the right to make the left turn. After getting onto Washington Rd. we took the ride a little bit slower so that we could enjoy the scenery. When we got to West Windsor fields, where the rugby team has practice, I went off road to chase the geese while riding my bike. I seem to like to do that. After chasing the geese, I got back onto Washington Rd. We then rode all the way up to Fine Hall. We got off of our bikes, turned the GPS unit off and headed up to Frist for late meal. On Saturday and Sunday, we tried uploading the GPS information onto my computer using both GPSTrackMaker and EasyGPS. Both failed miserably. Kevin downloaded ExpertGPS onto his computer and we were finally able to get the route to show up on his computer. Hopefully I will be able to get the route to show up on my computer during class. This was a good project, full of fun and exercise.