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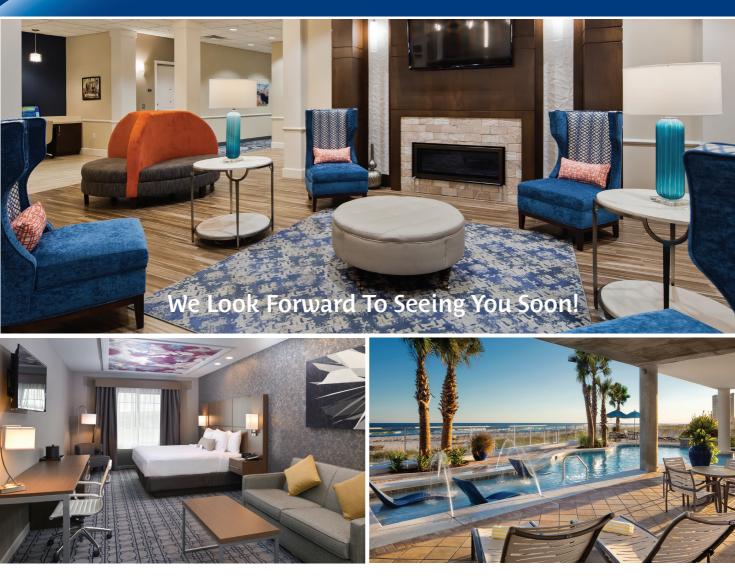
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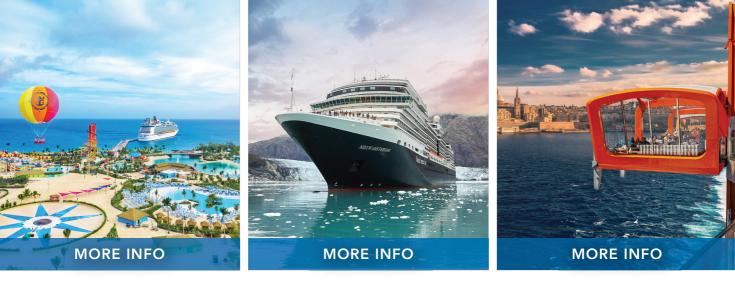
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#### 01 UPPER DELAWARE SCENIC BYWAY

#### 22.3 miles: 0 hours, 27 minutes

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#### 02 BRANDYWINE VALLEY SCENIC BYWAY, DE

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#### 03 DELAWARE FARMLANDS SCENIC DRIVE

#### 13.9 miles: 0 hours, 19 minutes

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#### 04 PALISADES INTERSTATE SCENIC PARKWAY, NJ

#### 11.2 miles: 0 hours, 11 minutes

Take a winding path through New Jersey, paralleling the Hudson River, ending at the New York border.

#### 05 CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS SCENIC HIGHWAY, NJ

#### **25.3 miles: 0 hours, 22 minutes** A hike up Mount Tammany at the

Delaware Water Gap affords breathtaking vistas; bald eagles and raptors may be seen in summer and fall, respectively.

#### 06 ATLANTIC COAST

#### 115.8 miles: 3 hours, 45 minutes

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One way to acquaint yourself with Delaware is to rely on its oldest "residents." Restored houses and taverns, abandoned mills, groomed village greens and meticulous gardens sprinkle the state, silently declaring their chapter in history.

Gingerbread does not go stale in Laurel; about 800 colorful Victorian houses appear much as they did in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Erected in 1638, the first log cabin sits proudly in Wilmington. Downtown boasts the Quaker Hill Historic District with residences 1745-1890, 19<sup>th</sup>-century churches and an 1816 Quaker meeting hall.

The granite, pentagon-shaped fortress of Fort Delaware looms on Pea Patch Island. Woodburn, the Dover governor's mansion since 1965, was reputed to have been a station on the Underground Railroad. And the Amish way of life is alive and well near Dover—the clop of horses' hooves echoes along modern, blacktop roads.

Ghosts of noteworthy residents are omnipresent. Thomas McKean, a delegate to the Continental Congress of 1774, practiced law in New Castle. John Dickinson, the Penman of the American Revolution who wrote the Articles of Confederation and documents protesting British rule, lived in Dover. And the Robinson House in Wilmington served as a home for George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

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town home. The colors of Great Britain, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United States flap in the breeze over the Georgian-style courthouse, representing four changes in ownership.

#### Which George is it?

History oozes out of every blade of grass on The Green in Dover. The square is a spitting image of its original platting in 1722. During the Revolutionary War, the tract served as a meeting place for Delaware's Continental Regiment; they mustered here in 1775 and set out on a march to join Washington's army in the fight for independence. Blue hen chickens, noted for their pugnacious nature, waddled along to fight with the men.

One year later: The Declaration of Independence is read aloud to crowds gathered on The Green. Their enthusiasm shows in the shouts of "Freedom!" and the torching of King George III's portrait. Near The Green, a tavern now known as the Kent County Court House upheld the same independent spirit—locals maintain that it sported a sign showing the shoulders



of the "Old George" and a face painted over with the likeness of the "New George."

And overlooking the square was the Golden Fleece Tavern, where, on a chilly December day in 1787,delegates to Delaware's Constitutional Congress took a deep breath and voted to ratify the Constitution, making Delaware the first state to do so. A bronze plaque commemorates the site.

#### **Going Dutch**

Coined the "first town in the first state," the harbor port of Lewes was settled by the Dutch in 1631. To commemorate its 300th anniversary, residents erected the Zwaanendael building; the elaborate stonework and ornamental gable are copies of similar features adorning a town hall in Holland.

Among brightly painted Victorian homes in Lewes stands one near-casualty of war, the cedar-shingled Cannonball House. Why the name? You guessed it during a British bombardment in the War of 1812, a cannonball was fired at the house and lodged into the wall, becoming a permanent part of the structure. Fortunately, the naval attack resulted only in the death of a chicken and the wounding of a pig.

Through careful preservation of original architecture and landscaping, Delaware history and culture remain vital. The physical appearance of many sites, coupled with the tradition they embrace, makes for a fascinating story.

#### Recreation

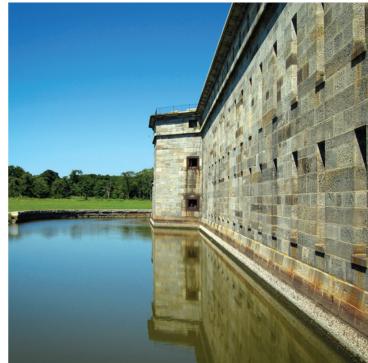
About 25 miles of coastline add up to excitement. Colorful windsurfing sails dot the shallow bays at Delaware Seashore State Park in Rehoboth Beach. Salty breezes cater to sailing, and boaters can explore numerous coves. Delaware Bay is another great place where first mates can cast off.

Picture yourself casually paddling amid wildflowers, lily pads and stands of bald cypress trees. It isn't paradise, just the designated wilderness canoe trail at Trap Pond State Park. If a wilder ride is more your style, tube down Brandywine Creek in Wilmington.

The lure of the rod and reel is difficult to resist in Delaware. Fishing in Killens Pond State Park hooks bluegill, catfish, carp, crappie, largemouth bass, perch and pickerel. Brandywine Creek and Trap Pond state parks also attract anglers. Two piers make for pleasant casting at Lums Pond, where ice fishing is an option in winter. Make some new winged acquaintances while birdwatching. Grab your binoculars and climb to the top of the refurbished World War II observation tower at Cape Henlopen State Park in Rehoboth Beach for a 360-degree bird's-eye view; at Gordon's Pond, bird lovers can see osprey, as well as the endangered piping plover and American bald eagle. The dunes at Fenwick Island State Park also are home to several species of endangered seabirds.

Follow the trails on Burton's Island in Delaware Seashore State Park for a peek at noisy gulls and terns nesting in the salt marshes. Follow the trails on Burton's Island in Delaware Seashore State Park for a peek at noisy gulls and terns nesting in the salt marshes. Two ocean swimming areas, fishing and boating opportunities also are featured at this popular park. Be sure to check out the Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge in Smyrna; it's a habitat for migrating and wintering ducks and northbound migrating geese. The marshes of Fort Delaware State Park provide a summer home for nine species of egrets, herons and ibis. Photography and nature study enthusiasts will enjoy the hiking trail and it observation platform.

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#### **GOOD FACTS TO KNOW**

#### **ABOUT THE STATE**

**POPULATION:** 989,948.

**AREA:** 1,982 square miles; ranks 49th.

CAPITAL: Dover.

HIGHEST POINT: 448 ft., near Ebright Road, Brandywine.

LOWEST POINT: Sea level, Atlantic Ocean.

TIME ZONE(S): Eastern. DST.

#### GAMBLING

MINIMUM AGE FOR GAMBLING: 21.

#### REGULATIONS

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**MOVE OVER LAW:** Driver is required to slow down and vacate the lane nearest stopped police, fire and rescue vehicles as well as tow trucks when those vehicles are using audible or flashing signals.

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**INFORMATION CENTERS:** State welcome centers that provide details about state attractions, accommodations, historic sites, parks and events are on I-95 between exit 1 and exit 3 on the edge of Newark, phone (302) 731-8599 ● and at the junction of US 13 and SR 1 north of Smyrna, exit 19A, phone (302) 659-6750. The I-95 center is open daily 8-8 (closed Christmas). The US 13 center is open Mon.-Fri. 7-5, Fri.-Sun. 7-7, Memorial Day-Labor Day, and daily 7-5, rest of year.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION FOR VISITORS:

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Lums Pond 2,091 acres 10 mi. s. of Newark off SR 71. Historic. Hunting; game courts, horse trails,

Trap Pond 2,689 acres 6 mi. s.e. of Laurel off SR 24. Birdwatching, hunting, kayaking; horse trails, nature

White Clay Creek 3,600 acres 3 mi. n. of Newark via SR 896. Historic. Disc golf, hunting; fitness trails.

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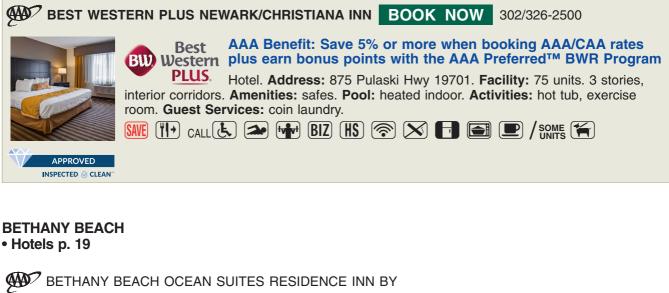
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Although one early missionary feared the prevalent "bugs and mascatoes," Dover was established in 1683 as the seat of Kent County and adopted as the state capital in 1777 after British forces invaded New Castle, forcing statesmen to flee south. Delaware's deciding vote for independence from British rule had been cast in Philadelphia a year earlier by Continental Congress delegate Caesar Rodney, whose historic 80-mile ride from Dover brought him to Independence Hall just minutes before the debate closed.

The city grew quickly in the early 18th century, with stately houses built around an attractive green designed by William Penn. It was at the Golden Fleece Tavern on The Green that Delawareans voted in 1787 to ratify the Constitution, making Delaware the first of the 13 states to do so.

Dover residents were divided about the slavery issue, but many prominent families helped runaway slaves escape to the North by means of the Underground Railroad. One such station may have been Woodburn, now the governor's residence, on King's Highway south of Division Street. Free tours of the home and gardens are available Monday through Friday upon request; phone (302) 739-5656.

Dover claims as its favorite daughter astronomer Annie Jump Cannon, who developed a prismatic technique of telescopic photography that enabled her to classify more than 400,000 stars. Her work at the Harvard Observatory during the first half of the 20th century contributed greatly to the Henry Draper Catalog, which is still used by astronomers.

Although Legislative Hall has been in use only since 1933, its 18th-century style handmade brick exterior and interior woodwork give it the same appearance as much of historic Dover. By visiting First State Heritage Park, visitors may view the governor's reception area and portraits of Delaware's governors and World War II heroes in Legislative Hall, on Legislative Avenue between Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and William Penn St.; for guided tours phone (302) 739-9194 for First State Heritage Park.

Fine 18th- and 19th-century houses remain concentrated around The Green and north and south State Street. Many examples of Victorian architecture line S. State and S. Bradford streets, and 19th-century commercial structures still stand along Loockerman Street. The Old Dover Historic District includes Christ Church, The Green, the Richardson and Robbins Complex, Wesley College and Woodburn, birthplace of Annie Jump Cannon.

Live harness racing takes place at Dover Downs on US 13 early November to mid-April; phone (302) 674-4600 or (800) 711-5882.

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Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce: 435 N. Du-Pont Hwy. (US 13), Dover, DE 19901. Phone: (302) 734-7513.

**Self-guiding tours:** Brochures outlining tours to many of the city's most interesting buildings and attractions are available at the Welcome Center, 121 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.; phone (302) 744-5055.

**AIR MOBILITY COMMAND MUSEUM** is off SR 1/US 113 exit 91, then .7 mi e., following signs. Vintage airplanes and military aviation artifacts are displayed in a restored World War II hangar on Dover Air Force Base. The museum is home to the behemoth C-5A Galaxy, the largest airlifter in the Air Force; the VC-9C, which transported America's presidents, vice presidents and first ladies from 1975-2011; a B-17G (Flying Fortress); a C-47 airlift aircraft; a rare WWII CG-4A Glider; and C-124A and C-133B transports as well as jet fighters and trainers. Visitors are also able to fly free flight simulators, sit in a real jet cockpit, climb the control tower to watch airfield operations and learn from interactive exhibits. **Time:** Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (302) 677-5938.

BIGGS MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART is w. on Court St., then n. to jct. of Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and Federal St. The museum contains Sewell C. Biggs' personal art and antiques collection, which was in the making for more than half a century. It is in the 1858 former Kent County government building, one of the state's first fireproof buildings.

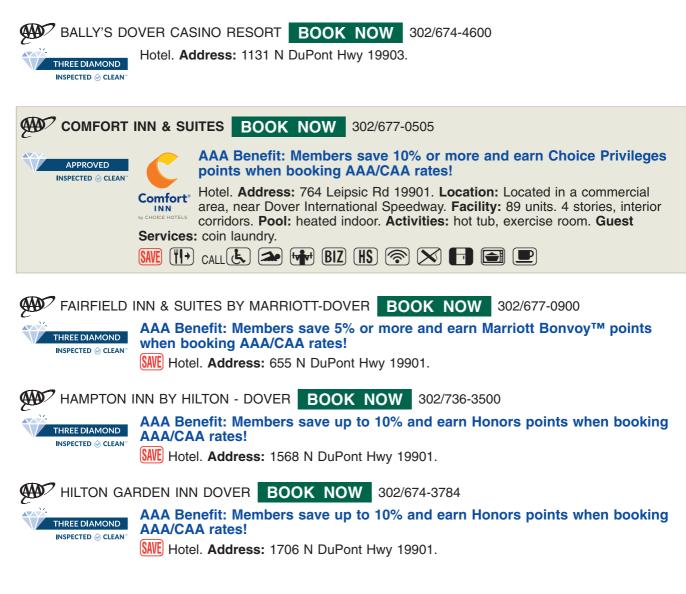
Works spanning nearly 300 years survey major periods in American art. Exhibits feature the paintings of regional artists and celebrated masters: Albert Bierstadt, William Merritt Chase, Childe Hassam, George Inness, Charles Willson Peale, Frank Schoonover and Gilbert Stuart. The collection also includes pastels, drawings, modern art and sculpture.

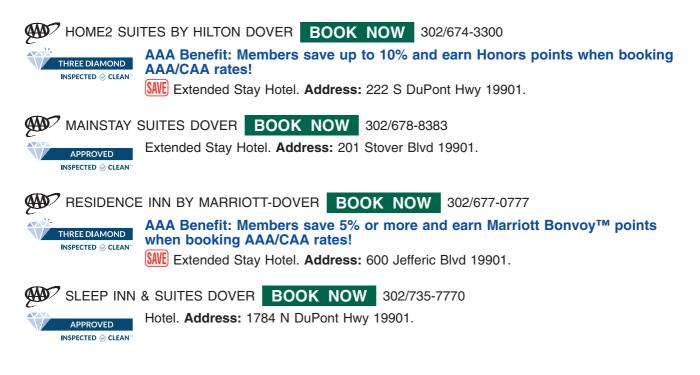


Biggs' assemblage of fine furniture and silver represents the work of some of the best Delaware and Philadelphia craftsmen of the Colonial and Federal periods. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (302) 674-2111. **GT** 

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and gold chains recovered from the ill-fated Spanish galleon *Nuestra Señora de Atocha*. Carrying an estimated \$400 million in treasure, the ship sank in a 1622 hurricane. Videotapes chronicle the discovery of the galleon; visitors also may listen to a recording about the finding of the cannons.

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Harrington Raceway, at the fairgrounds, offers spring and fall harness racing sessions; phone (302) 398-7223.

In central Delaware's agricultural region, Harrington is home to the Delaware State Fair. The fairgrounds com-

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#### LEWES

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West of Cape Henlopen, Lewes (LOO-is) was founded in 1631 by a group of settlers from Hoorn, Holland. Originally called *Zwaanendael*, Valley of the Swans, the little colony intended to establish an agricultural and whaling industry, but the Siconese Indians destroyed it within a year. The interruption was brief, however. Promptly rebuilt, the town flourished, surviving pirate attacks, British bombardment in the War of 1812 and the profusion of summer vacationers to its beaches.

The DeVries Monument on Pilottown Road commemorates the 1631 Dutch settlement. Constructed before the exact position of the Dutch fort was determined, the monument later was discovered to be on the site of the fortification's north bastion.

Lewes is the traditional home of the pilots who guide ships up Delaware Bay. This maritime orientation also makes the town a natural site for the College of Earth, Ocean and Environment at the University of Delaware.

Ferries connect Lewes with Cape May, N.J., daily. The 17mile trip takes 85 minutes. For information write Cape May-Lewes Ferry, Cape May Terminal, 1200 Lincoln Blvd., Cape May, NJ 08204; phone (800) 643-3779. Cape May-Lewes ferry information also is available at AAA Mid-Atlantic, 55 Greentree Dr., in Dover; phone (302) 674-8020.

**Lewes Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau:** 120 Kings Hwy., Lewes, DE 19958. **Phone:** (302) 645-8073 or (877) 465-3937.

**Self-guiding tours:** Brochures and maps, including a self-guiding maritime trail covering 12 sites, are available from the chamber of commerce and visitor bureau.

**FISHERMAN'S WHARF CRUISES**, 3 mi. e. of SR 1 on SR 9 Bus. Rte. (Anglers Rd.), just beside the drawbridge, offers dolphin- and whale-watching cruises. Sunset cruises and fishing excursions are also available.

Phone: (302) 645-8862.

#### WINERIES

• Nassau Valley Vineyards Winery and Visitors Center, 2 mi. w. on US 9 to jct. US 404 and SR 1, then .5 mi. n. on SR 1 to overpass, then w. onto CR 14B, following signs to 32165 Winery Wy. in Nassau Commons. Phone: (302) 645-9463. GT

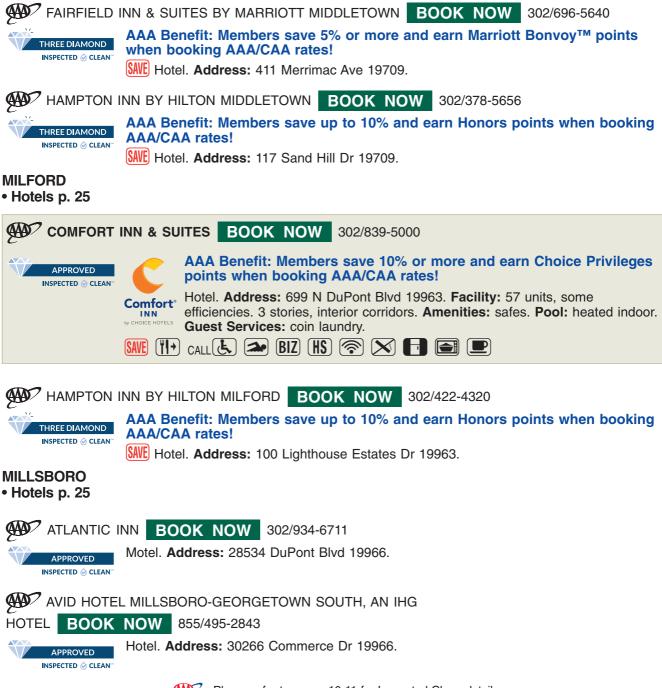






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#### **NEWARK**

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Newark originated as the crossroads of two Lenni Lenape Indian trails spanning the peninsula between the Chesapeake Bay and the Delaware River. The intersection gradually matured into a village, and brickyards, mills and tanneries developed in the vicinity. Legend maintains that in 1777 Betsy Ross' flag was flown for the first time at nearby Cooch's Bridge, the site of Delaware's only Revolutionary War battle. The Battle of Cooch's Bridge took place west off SR 896 via Welsh Tract Road or Old Baltimore Pike.



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Hotel. **Address:** 94 E Main Building 1000 St 19711. **Location:** Corner of a Academy and East Main. **Facility:** 104 units. 7 stories, interior corridors. *Bath:* shower only. **Parking:** on-site (fee). **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** heated indoor. **Activities:** exercise room. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry.







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THREE DIAMOND

William Penn first set foot in North America near what is now the corner of Strand and Delaware streets. The town prospered under Penn's Quaker administration, producing two signers of the Declaration of Independence—George Read and Thomas McKean.

New Castle was a trade center until 1824 when a fire leveled the business district. Although the New Castle-Frenchtown Railroad gave New Castle new life in 1832, in the mid-19th century the main railroad lines were rerouted through Wilmington, isolating the town. New Castle's resulting seclusion has had one desirable effect: Much of its Colonial and Federal architecture remains unaltered.

The Old Library Museum, housed in a restored 1892 Victorian library designed by Philadelphia architect Frank Furness and featuring a cupola, skylight and leaded-glass doors, presents changing historic exhibits; phone (302) 322-2794. New Castle's inhabitants own a 700-acre tract of land dating from the earliest days of Dutch settlement. Administered by the Trustees of New Castle Common instead of the municipal government, its many uses yield considerable revenue for the common good of the community.

**Self-guiding tours:** Brochures for the New Castle Heritage Trail walking tour are available at the New Castle Court House Museum *(see attraction listing)* and the city administration building at the corner of Third and Delaware streets across from The Green. The tour covers historic areas and buildings dating from the mid-17th century.

**NEW CASTLE COURT HOUSE MUSEUM** is at 211 Delaware St. between Market and Third sts. Built in 1732, the courthouse was occupied by the Colonial Assembly until 1776; was the site of the adoption of Delaware's first constitution on Sept. 20, 1776; and served as the state's first capitol until 1777. It has been restored to its Colonial appearance and contains portraits, artifacts and furnishings relating to Delaware history. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (302) 323-4453.



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#### ODESSA

With its emergence in the early 19th century as one of the area's most important grain shipping ports, the name of the town known as Cantwell's Bridge was changed to Odessa, after Russia's seaport. Farmers brought their produce to town, where it was shipped down Appoquinimink Creek to the Delaware River, then to domestic and foreign ports.

The significance of the port was eclipsed in the mid-1800s with the coming of the railroad. The railroad bypassed the city on its way through the Delmarva Peninsula and the Midwest became the nation's major grain producing region. Odessa was a primary station of the Underground Railroad prior to the outbreak of the Civil War. Well-preserved examples of 18th- and 19th-century architecture line Odessa's shaded streets.

**HISTORIC HOUSES OF ODESSA**, on Main and Second sts., is a cluster of 18th-century historic structures, including fine houses furnished in period. Admission is by 90-minute guided tour that departs from the visitor center in the Historic Odessa Bank, designed by Philadelphia architect Samuel Sloane and built in 1853. Brochures for self-guiding walking tours are available. **Phone:** (302) 378-4119.

**Collins-Sharp House,** on Second and High sts., dates to around 1700, making it one of Delaware's oldest houses. The English gambrel-roof house was moved from Collins Beach on the Delaware River to its present location in 1962. **Phone:** (302) 378-4119.

**Corbit-Sharp House**, on the s. side of Main St. at Second St., is a 22-room brick Georgian house. Built in 1774 by William Corbit, a Quaker and local tanner, the home stayed in the Corbit family for more than 150 years.

Period furniture and local handicrafts decorate the late 18th-century house; Colonial revival-style gardens adorn the grounds. Changing exhibits are featured.

Phone: (302) 378-4119.

**Wilson-Warner House**, next to the Corbit-Sharp House, was built by a local merchant in 1769. Fine paneling and 18th- and 19th-century furniture reflecting items recorded in the Wilson family bankruptcy sale in 1829 grace the interior. The 13-room brick Georgian house was purchased by family descendent Mary Corbit Warner and later became one of Delaware's first house museums upon her death in 1923.

Phone: (302) 378-4119.

#### **REHOBOTH BEACH**

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Rehoboth is a biblical term meaning "room enough." Its remote location kept the beach area almost untouched until 1872 when the Rehoboth Beach Camp Meeting Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church purchased land along the sea and platted a town. Made accessible by a railroad line extended from Lewes in 1878, the town was the site of revival camp meetings until the 1880s.

When the highway replaced the railroad in the 1920s, Rehoboth Beach was well on its way to becoming a popular resort. The nearest ocean resort to the nation's capital, the town is deluged every summer by humidityweary Washingtonians. Natives of Delaware seem scarce by comparison in the summer capital.

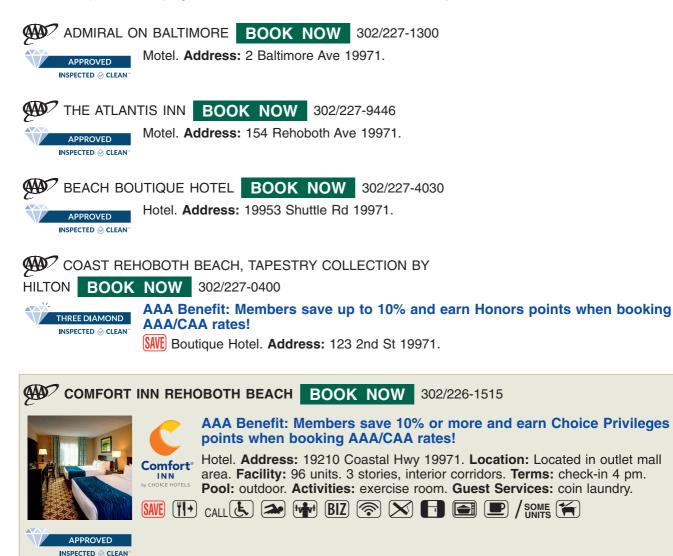
Clamming, crabbing, nature cruises, deep-sea and freshwater fishing, golfing, birding, sailing and swimming are some of the recreational pursuits available to visitors.



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In late October, the town hosts the 😴 Sea Witch Halloween and Fiddler's Festival, during which fiddlers compete in banjo, fiddle and bluegrass categories; a parade, craft show and costume contest round out the festivities.

Camping is available at Delaware Seashore State Park (see Recreation Areas Chart) on a 7-mile strip of land between the Atlantic Ocean and the Rehoboth and Indian River bays. Cape Henlopen State Park (see Recreation Areas Chart) offers camping, nature trails, bathhouses,

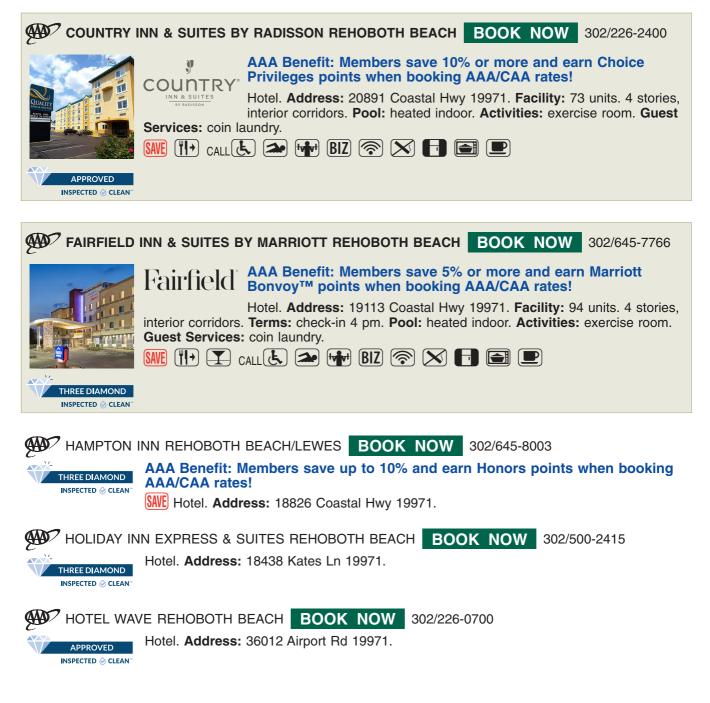


surf fishing and swimming areas where Delaware Bay meets the Atlantic Ocean.

**Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center:** Rehoboth Railroad Station, 501 Rehoboth Ave., P.O. Box 216, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971-0216. **Phone:** (302) 227-2233 or (800) 441-1329.

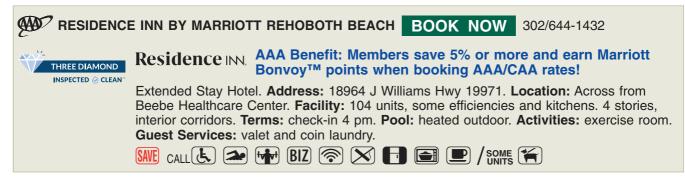
**Shopping:** Tanger Outlets on SR 1 has more than 130 outlet stores, including Ann Taylor, Corningware, Michael Kors, Polo Ralph Lauren and Nike.











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**BOMBAY HOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE** is s. on US 13, e. on SR 12, s. on SR 9, then about 2.5 mi. e. on Whitehall Neck Rd. Although the refuge primarily protects migrating ducks, geese and other seasonal birds, wildlife can be seen year-round. Five walking trails and a 12-mile round-trip driving route offer opportunities to explore the 15,978-acre refuge, and three observation towers provide a panorama of the area.

Picnic tables are available near the visitors center. Phone: (302) 653-6872.  $\overline{A}$ 

#### WILMINGTON

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Quakers laid out Wilmington in 1731. The settlement grew into an important market and shipping center. Industrial growth followed, stimulated by Wilmington's accessibility to other eastern ports and by the abundant water power in the Brandywine River Valley.

In the early 19th century Wilmington attracted Éleuthère Irénée du Pont and his two sons, who intended to finance a colony based on Utopian ideas. Seeing a need for highquality gunpowder, however, the du Ponts abandoned their original plan, and in 1803 their new Eleutherian Mills produced the first barrel of Du Pont powder. The du Pont influence was instrumental in shaping Delaware's largest city into an industrial, financial and shipping hub.

A highlight of Wilmington's downtown renewal effort is the 1871 Grand Opera House, 818 N. Market St., with its ornate cast-iron facade. Free tours are available by reservation; phone (302) 658-7897. The Custom House, Sixth and King streets, was Wilmington's first federal building. Built in 1855, it is noted for its simple but bold exterior lines and impressive interior.

The Quaker Hill Historic District, downtown between Jefferson and Tatnall streets and Second and Eighth streets, was Wilmington's first neighborhood. It contains residences built 1745-1890, 19th-century churches and an 1816 Quaker meeting hall with a large cemetery.

The 18th-century John Chads House, built by a local innkeeper and ferry operator, is open for tours, which include a beehive oven baking demonstration.

Riverwalk is a mile-long landscaped path along the Christina River with scenic overlooks and parks as well as access to several cafes.

The Wilmington and Western Railroad offers 1- and 2-hour scenic rides through the Red Clay Valley area on

weekends as well as seasonal specialty rides March through December. For schedule and fare information phone (302) 998-1930.

Greater Wilmington Convention and Visitors Bureau: 100 W. 10th St., Suite 20, Wilmington, DE 19801. Phone: (302) 295-2210 or (800) 489-6664.

**Self-guiding tours:** Maps for a self-guiding walking tour of the Quaker Hill Historic District are available from the Quaker Hill Historic Preservation Foundation at 521 N. West St.; phone (302) 655-2500.

**Shopping:** Vendors at Riverfront Market, a Europeanstyle marketplace in a historic warehouse, sell fresh produce, meat, fish and gourmet food items.

**BRANDYWINE PARK AND ZOO** is at 1001 N. Park Dr. along the Brandywine River between Augustine and Market sts. The 180-acre park was designed by the creator of New York City's Central Park, Frederick Law Olmstead, and features the Josephine Garden, which has 118 Japanese cherry trees. The zoo houses a Florida bobcat, Amur tiger, small mammals and a variety of North and South American reptiles and birds.

**Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (302) 571-7747.

**DELAWARE ART MUSEUM**, 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., contains a renowned collection of American paintings and illustrations by 19th-, 20th- and 21st-century artists and one of the largest collections of pre-Raphaelite art outside the United Kingdom. A 9-acre sculpture park, changing exhibits and an art research library provide further enrichment. A children's gallery features hands-on activities designed to stimulate creativity.

**Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (302) 571-9590 or (866) 232-3714.

**DELAWARE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM** is at 550 Justison St. The museum helps children learn through play in a fun, stimulating environment. Interactive exhibits highlight money management, the human body and other subjects, with trains and cars for the very young to explore. Examples include the Stratosphere, a climbing structure; the Power of Me, a biology and nutrition exhibit; Econnect, focusing on nature; and Bank on It, which explores math. **Time:** Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (302) 654-2340.

HAGLEY MUSEUM AND LIBRARY is 3 mi. n. on SR 52 and .5 mi. n. on SR 141, then s. to Old Barley Mill Rd., following signs. The museum occupies 235 acres on the site of the original du Pont gunpowder



mills, estate and gardens. Many restored mills show the development of water power on the Brandywine River.

The visitor center is in an old stone cotton-spinning mill that houses interactive science exhibits tracing DuPont Co. history, from explosives manufacturing to the development of chemical products that changed the world. Highlights include a reproduction of Jeff Gordon's #24 DuPont NASCAR race car and a space suit made of DuPont materials.

Eleutherian Mills, a Georgian house erected by Éleuthère Irénée du Pont in 1803, contains furnishings reflecting the tastes of five generations of du Ponts.

Exhibits and demonstrations along the river depict the evolution of the American economy and include a wooden water wheel, turbine powered roll mills, an operating steam engine and a restored 1870s machine shop. Working models in the Millwright Shop demonstrate the production of black powder.

The ruins of mills near the museum demonstrate an unusual construction style once used along the river. Three sides of the building were constructed of heavy stone topped by roofs with ridges set toward the walls opposite the river. The walls facing the river were made of wood. Consequently, the inevitable accidental explosions blew the back walls and roof sections toward the river, minimizing damage to both buildings and workers.

A restored workers' community features a one-room schoolhouse and a worker's dwelling. Also on the grounds are the first office of the DuPont Co., Lammot du Pont's workshop, a 19th-century formal French garden and a barn with 19th-century farm tools, antique horse-drawn vehicles and a 1928 DuPont Motors Co. automobile. Guided tours are available.

Time: Allow 3 hours minimum. Phone: (302) 658-2400.

**NEMOURS ESTATE** is at 1600 Rockland Rd. The modified Louis XVI chateau was built in 1909-10 by Alfred I. du Pont. The 47,000-square-foot mansion contains European antiques, tapestries, Oriental rugs and paintings as well as several of A.I. du Pont's innovations.

The 222-acre estate is a fine example of formal French gardens. Admission includes full access to all open areas of the estate, including Nemours Mansion, gardens, grounds and the Chauffeur's Garage. Interpretive staff enhance self-guiding tours.

Note: The self-guiding tours include several stairways. Time: Allow 3 hours minimum. Phone: (302) 651-6912 or (800) 651-6912.

**ROCKWOOD MUSEUM**, is at 4651 Washington Street Extension. A rare example of Rural Gothic architecture, the 72-acre estate contains an 1851 manor house furnished as it was in 1892. Also on the grounds are a conservatory, the gardener's cottage, the carriage house, a lighted walking trail and six acres of gardens that exemplify fine landscape design. Guided tours of the grounds are available.

**Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (302) 761-4340.

WINTERTHUR MUSEUM, GARDEN & LIBRARY is 6 mi. n.w. off I-95 exit 7 (Pennsylvania Ave.) on SR 52. The former home of Henry Francis du Pont was designed in the style of an English country estate and holds one of the richest collections of American decorative arts, reflecting both early America and the du Pont family's life at this glorious estate. Guided tours of the 175room house are available and special exhibitions in the galleries include the Campbell Collection of Soup Tureens.

The 1,000-acre estate reflects du Pont's mastery of horticulture and includes a 60-acre naturalistic garden considered a masterpiece of color and design. Narrated tram tours and guided garden walks are available. Enchanted Woods is a unique three-acre children's garden at Winterthur canopied by majestic oak trees and transformed into a place of mystery and discovery. Thus Yuletide at Winterthur, featuring the house bedecked in holiday finery, is held mid-November to early January.

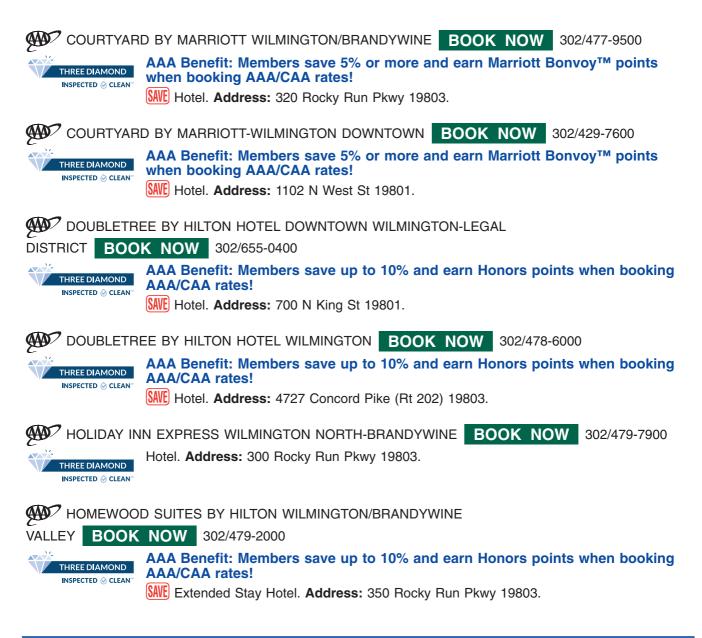
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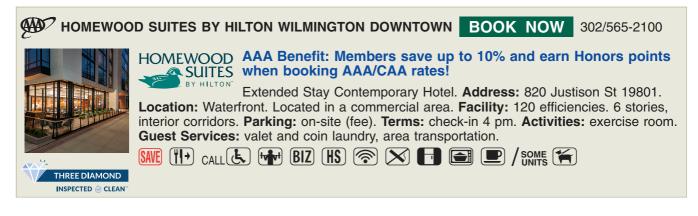




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Hotel. Address: 818 Shipyard Dr 19801. Facility: 180 units. 10 stories, interior corridors. Amenities: safes. Activities: trails, exercise room. Guest Services: valet laundry.









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Grand estates. Ethnic neighborhoods. Revolutionary War sites. Miles of beaches. Nostalgic Atlantic City. The Garden State abounds with cultural, historical and natural treasures.

Flowering trees, shrubs and botanical displays brighten Chatfield Garden in Elizabeth, Duke Farms in Hillsborough, Leonard J. Buck Garden in Far Hills, New Jersey Botanical Garden in Ringwood and Rutgers Gardens in New Brunswick.

The Kittatinny Mountains, although unsuitable for large-scale agriculture, carve a notch in terms of geologic diversity. Millions of years of evolution-flood, uplift, glaciation and erosion-molded the terrain. Dairy farms are tucked amid the ash, maple and oak forests lining the mountains.

Salt marshes, swamps, cranberry bogs and stands of cedar, oak and pine characterize the Pine Barrens. And New Jersey's extensive preservation efforts-in the Great Swamp, Basking Ridge and the Hackensack Meadows, among other places—guarantee habitats for birds and other native wildlife.

#### Vital to National History

And, since it's the third-oldest state, New Jersey has historical significance as well.

Museums house Native American relics that tell about the state's first inhabitants.

The beach resort of Long Branch was a favorite summer getaway for presidents Ulysses Grant, Rutherford

Hayes, James Garfield, Chester Arthur, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley and Woodrow Wilson. Another president, Grover Cleveland, was a Caldwell native.

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But Washington had the state's highest presidential profile. During the Revolutionary War he tracked through Fort Lee, Freehold, Hackensack, Morristown and Somerville.

Washington Crossing State Park in Titusville commemorates the general's crossing of the Delaware River before surprising and defeating British forces at Trenton: the Old Barracks Museum has exhibits about this pivotal skirmish.

And Washington did, indeed, sleep here. During his military occupation, the general lived and worked at the Dey and Ford mansions and the Wallace House.

Jump a few years ahead to discover why New Jersey has so many ethnicities: Ellis Island was the entry point for millions of newcomers.

Today's visitors, though, prefer different accommodations: Atlantic City's casino hotels. The gambling center offers baccarat, blackjack, craps, roulette and most games in between. The boardwalk also is a big draw:



experience it from a rolling chair that an attendant pushes up and down the pier.

Ingenious as the chairs may be, they can't hold a candle—or rather, a light bulb—to the inventions of Thomas Alva Edison. The imagination of the "Wizard of Menlo Park" gave rise to the phonograph, movie camera and automatic telegraph.

#### Thriving in the Great Swamp

The Great Swamp, which was once Lake Passaic, is a vital wetland near Basking Ridge. The marshy woodland habitat nurtures muskrats, foxes, fish and birds.

The Pine Barrens weave scrub, pitch pine, river, swamps and bogs into an area suitable for cranberry and blueberry production and recreational escapes. Among the oddities of this southern-region woodland: stunted pygmy pines; ventriloquist tree frogs; and the "Jersey Devil," a mythical winged creature that in January 1909 supposedly noshed on trash in Burlington, fended off a ferocious broom beating in Camden and circled above Clementon trolley riders until the drivers felt it necessary to bear arms for protection.

Water surrounds the state, except for 48 miles bordering New York. Ocean cruises depart from Cape May and Wildwood. A sea view is also possible from Barnegat Lighthouse in Barnegat Light or the north tower at Twin Lights State Historic Site in Highlands.

#### Recreation

Many long stretches of sand are set aside as public beaches. Enjoy swimming in such seaside towns as Avalon, Brigantine, Point Pleasant Beach and Sea Bright. Barnegat Bay is good for windsurfing and kayaking.

Canoe inland waterways such as the canal in Delaware & Raritan Canal Park in Somerset or raft down the placid Delaware River. Parasail in Beach Haven or Neptune, or scuba dive or snorkel in Belmar, Manasquan, Somers Point and Strathmere.

Saltwater fishing yields marlin, tuna and sea bass. Deep-sea charters are based in Atlantic City, Belmar, Cape May and the Wildwoods. Muskellunge, pike, shad, bass, perch and walleye dwell in Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area's fresh water. And the south branch of the Raritan River in Hunterdon County is a hub for fly-fishing.

Bird-watchers can spot more than 435 species here along the Atlantic Flyway. Warblers, ospreys and great horned owls visit the Sandy Hook Unit of Gateway National Recreation Area, and the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge welcomes egrets, Canada and snow geese and golden eagles.

Hiking takes you to spectacular gorges and waterfalls in Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. From Wharton State Forest north of Batsto, pick up the Batona (short for back to nature) Trail for the best views of the Pine Barrens. New Jersey's part of the Appalachian Trail traces the Kittatinny Ridge to High Point.

Bicycle and horseback riders use the wooded trails at Middletown's Hartshorne Woods Park or Andover's Kittatinny Valley State Park. And spectacular scenery makes Jenny Jump State Forest in Hope a favorite camping destination.

Cold-weather activity peaks in the Skylands in northwest New Jersey. Mountain Creek in Vernon is the premier downhill skiing resort. Institute Woods in Princeton, High Point State Park in Sussex and Holmdel Park in Holmdel offer cross-country skiing. Snowmobiling and sledding areas blanket Belleplain State Forest, near Woodbine.

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# **GOOD FACTS TO KNOW**

#### **ABOUT THE STATE**

POPULATION: 9,288,994. AREA: 8,723 square miles; ranks 47th. CAPITAL: Trenton. HIGHEST POINT: 1,803 ft., High Point. LOWEST POINT: Sea level, Atlantic Ocean. TIME ZONE(S): Eastern. DST.

#### GAMBLING

MINIMUM AGE FOR GAMBLING: 21.

#### REGULATIONS

**TEEN DRIVING LAWS:** Driving is not permitted 11 p.m.-5 a.m. unless for work or religious activity. No more than one unrelated passenger is permitted. The minimum age for an unrestricted driver's license is 18. Phone (609) 292-6500.

**SEAT BELT/CHILD RESTRAINT LAWS:** Seat belts required for driver and all passengers age 8 and older. Appropriate child restraints— required for under age 8 and under 57 inches— must be in the rear seat if possible. Children under the age of 4 and less than 40 pounds must be in a harness seat; children younger than age 2 and less than 30 pounds must be in a rear-facing infant seat. AAA recommends seat belts/child restraints for driver and all passengers.

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**HOLIDAYS:** Jan. 1 • Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. (3rd Mon.) • Presidents Day, Feb. (3rd Mon.) • Memorial Day, May (last Mon.) • Juneteenth, June 19 • July 4 • Labor Day, Sept.

(1st Mon.) ● Columbus Day, Oct. (2nd Mon.) ● Election Day, Nov. (1st Tues. after 1st Mon.) ● Veterans Day, Nov. 11 ● Thanksgiving, Nov. (4th Thurs.) ● Christmas, Dec. 25.

#### MONEY

**TAXES:** New Jersey's state sales tax is 6.625 percent. Localities may impose an Occupancy Tax of up to 5 percent. Atlantic City has a 9.625 percent alcoholic beverage tax and a 13.625 percent lodgings and related services tax. Combined state and city taxes may be subject to different maximum percentages.

#### **VISITOR INFORMATION**

**INFORMATION CENTERS:** State welcome centers are at Milepost 3.5 on the Atlantic City Expwy. in Atlantic City • Milepost 172N on the Garden State Pkwy. N. near Montvale • Milepost 18.3 on the Garden State Pkwy. S. near Ocean View • in Elizabeth at The Mills at Jersey Gardens at 651 Kapkowski Rd. • off I-195 exit 16 on Monmouth Rd. in the Jackson Premium Outlets in Jackson • I-295N exit 2B near Deepwater • off exit 14B in Liberty State Park in Jersey City • in Piscataway at 100 Sutphen Rd. at Rutgers The State University of New Jersey 
Milepost 71.9 on the New Jersey Turnpike S. near Cranbury • off the New Jersey Turnpike N. exit 13A or exit 14 in Newark Liberty International Airport, International Arrivals, Terminal B and Terminal C in Newark • in Flemington in the Liberty Village Premium Outlets on SR 12 • in Bridgewater at US 22 and Grove Street and in Trenton at the corner of Lafayette and Barrack sts. Phone (609) 292-2470 for exact hours/schedules.

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#### FISHING AND HUNTING REGULATIONS:

Department of Environmental Protection Division of Fish and Wildlife 501 E. State St., 3rd Floor P.O. Box 420 Trenton, NJ 08625-0400 (609) 292-2965

#### **RECREATION INFORMATION:**

Division of Parks and Forestry, State Park Service 501 E. State St., 4th Floor Trenton, NJ 08625 (609) 984-0370 (800) 843-6420 (within New Jersey)





# **Recreation Areas**



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<b>Gateway</b> over 26,000 acres in the New York City metropolitan area with units in both New York and New Jersey.														
<b>Breezy Point District</b> in Jamaica Bay Unit, Rockaway Peninsula, N.Y.														
Jamaica Bay Unit in Brooklyn and Queens, N.Y. Archery, bird-watching, cross-country skiing, golf (18 holes); beach, bicycle, kayak and horse rentals, marina, model airplane field, sports facilities, wildlife refuge.														
Staten Island Unit in Staten Island, N.Y. Historic. Bird-watching; marina.														
<b>Sandy Hook Unit</b> off SR 36 at Highlands, N.J. 1,600 acres. Beach; bird-watching; lighthouse.														
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<b>Allaire</b> 3,199 acres 1.5 mi. w. of Garden State Pkwy. exit 98. Historic. Cross-country skiing; bridle trails, historic buildings, nature center, nature trails.												
<b>Allamuchy Mountain</b> 9,092 acres 2 mi. n. of Hacketts- town on CR 517. Canoeing, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, hunting, ice boating, ice fishing, rock climbing, sledding.												
<b>Bass River Forest</b> 29,147 acres 3 mi. w. of Tuckerton on CR 592. Nature programs. Cross-country skiing, hunting, snowmobiling; bridle trails.												
<b>Belleplain Forest</b> 21,254 acres on CR 550 at Belle- plain. Nature programs. Cross-country skiing, hunting, ice fishing, snowmobiling; bridle trails, playground.												



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<b>Brendan T. Byrne Forest</b> 37,242 acres s. of Fort Dix off SRs 70 and 72. Cross-country skiing, hunting; bridle trails, playground.														
<b>Cape May Point</b> 244 acres 1.2 mi. w. of Cape May via Sunset Blvd. (CR 606). Historic. Interpretive center and programs. Bird-watching; lighthouse tours, nature trails.														
<b>Cheesequake</b> 1,610 acres 3 mi. w. of Matawan on SR 34. Interpretive center. Canoeing, cross-country skiing, kayaking, sledding, snowshoeing; nature trails.														
<b>Corson's Inlet</b> 341 acres just n. of Strathmere on Ocean Dr. Crabbing; interpretive tours.														
<b>Delaware and Raritan Canal</b> 6,595 acres 7 mi. w. of New Brunswick on CR 514. Canoeing, cross-country skiing; bridle trails, nature programs.														
Bull's Island Section 80 acres 3 mi. n. of Stockton on SR 29.														
<b>Double Trouble</b> 8,495 acres 1 mi. w. of Garden State Pkwy. S. exit 77 in Berkeley. Interpretive programs. Canoeing, hunting, kayaking; bridle trails, historic village.														
<b>Hacklebarney</b> 1,186 acres 3 mi. s.w. of Chester via US 206. Interpretive programs. Hunting; playground.														
<b>High Point</b> 16,091 acres 8 mi. n.w. of Sussex on SR 23. Scenic. Canoeing, cross-country skiing, hunt- ing, ice fishing, snowmobiling; bridle trails, nature trails.														
<b>Hopatcong</b> 163 acres 2 mi. n. of Landing off I-80. Canoeing, hunting, ice fishing, iceboating, ice sailing, ice-skating, sledding, snowmobiling; sports courts and fields; playground.														



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<b>Island Beach</b> 3,003 acres 3 mi. s. of Seaside Park on SR 35. Bird-watching, canoeing, kayaking, sailboard- ing, scuba diving, surfing, waterfoul hunting; bridle trails, coastal dunes, interpretive tours, nature trails.														
<b>Jenny Jump Forest</b> 5,656 acres 3 mi. e. of Hope off CR 519. Canoeing, cross-country skiing, dog sledding, geocaching, hunting, ice fishing; astronomy observa- tion point; playground.														
<b>Kittatinny Valley</b> 3,641 acres 1 mi. n. of SR 206 off Goodale Rd. in Andover. Interpretive programs. Cross- country skiing, dog sledding, geocaching, horseback riding, hunting, ice fishing, snowshoeing; nature trails.														
<b>Liberty</b> 1,212 acres off New Jersey Tpke. exit 14B. Crabbing, kayaking. Interpretive center, marina, playground.														
<b>Parvin</b> 2,092 acres 6 mi. w. of Vineland on CR 540. Interpretive programs. Canoeing, hunting; nature trails.														
<b>Penn Forest</b> 3,366 acres 5 mi. s.e. of Chatsworth off CR 563. Canoeing, cross-country skiing, hunting.														
<b>Ringwood</b> 6,199 acres 2.5 mi. n. of Ringwood via Skyline Dr., CR 511 and Sloatsburg Rd. Cross-country skiing, hunting, ice fishing, sledding, snowmobiling; bridle trails, historic buildings.														
Ringwood Manor 895 acres. Historic.														
<b>Shepherd Lake</b> 1,220 acres. Canoeing, ice fishing, ice-skating.														



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<b>Round Valley</b> 3,684 acres 2 mi. s. of Lebanon off US 22. Interpretive programs. Canoeing, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, ice fishing, ice-skating, scuba and skin diving, sledding, waterfowl hunting, wilderness camping.														
<b>Spruce Run</b> 2,030 acres 3 mi. n. of Clinton on SR 31. Interpretive programs. Cross-country skiing, hunting, ice boating, ice fishing; playground, sports courts.														
<b>Stephens</b> 805 acres 2 mi. e. of Hackettstown on CR 604. Interpretive programs. Cross-country skiing, hunting, rock climbing; bridle trails, playground.														
<b>Stokes Forest</b> 16,447 acres 3 mi. n. of Branchville on US 206. Interpretive programs. Canoeing, cross-country skiing, hunting, ice fishing, ice-skating, snow-mobiling; bridle trails, nature trails.														
<b>Swartswood</b> 3,460 acres 5 mi. w. of Newton on CRs 622 and 619. Bird-watching, canoeing, horseback riding, hunting, ice fishing, ice-skating, inline skating, skateboarding, sledding, snowmobiling; playground.														
<b>Voorhees Park</b> 1,336 acres 2 mi. n. of High Bridge on CR 513. Interpretive programs. Cross-country skiing, hunting, sledding; exercise course, playground, skywatching programs.														
<b>Wawayanda</b> 35,524 acres 3 mi. e. of Vernon on CR 94. Canoeing, cross-country skiing, hunting, ice fishing, ice-skating, snowmobiling; bridle trails, inter- pretive trails.														



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Wharton Forest 122,880 acres 35 mi. s. of Trenton off US 206. Nature programs. Bird-watching, canoeing, cross-country skiing, hunting, ice fishing, ice-skating; bridle trails, playground.														
<b>Worthington Forest</b> 6,660 acres 16 mi. n.e. of Blair- stown on Millbrook Rd. Interpretive programs. Canoe- ing, cross-country skiing, hunting, snowmobiling.														
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<b>Cape May County</b> 200 acres 2 mi. n. of Cape May Court House on US 9N. Disc golf, nature trails, zoo.														
<b>Estell Manor County Park</b> 1,700 acres 3 mi. s. of Mays Landing on SR 50. Canoeing, cross-country skiing, hunting, kayaking; exercise trail, nature center, sports fields.														
Lake Lenape Park 1,900 acres on Old Harding Hwy. in Mays Landing. Bird-watching, canoeing, cross- country skiing, hunting, kayaking; playground.														
<b>Ocean County</b> 323 acres in Lakewood on SR 88. Cross-country skiing, disc golf; driving range, nature trails, playground, sports fields, tennis, volleyball.														
<b>South Mountain Reservation</b> 2,110 acres off I-280 exit 7, then 2 mi. s. on Pleasant Valley Way in West Orange. Cross-country skiing, indoor ice-skating; archery range, bridle trails, dog park, zoo.														
<b>Turkey Swamp Park</b> 2,173 acres 4.5 mi. s. of Free- hold via US 9, CR 524 and Georgia Rd. Canoeing, ice-skating, horseback riding, kayaking, paddleboating, rowboating; archery range, nature trails, playground.														



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**Wells Mills County Park** 910 acres 5 mi. w. of Waretown on Wells Mills Rd. (CR 532). Canoe rental, hiking trails, nature center, observation deck.

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#### **ASBURY PARK**

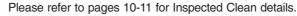
Asbury Park was established in 1871 as a summering spot for temperance advocates so that the nearby camp meeting center of Ocean Grove would have no unseemly neighbors. During the late 1930s and 1940s Asbury Park's mile-long boardwalk and its centerpiece, the restored Convention Hall, made the city a premier shore resort. The city declined during the 1960s as newly constructed shopping centers drew people away. It gained new life, however, as a music center. Local blue-collar bars began nurturing their own brand of home-grown rock 'n' roll, which soon was made famous by such performers as Bruce Springsteen, Jon Bon Jovi and Southside Johnny.

Asbury Park Chamber of Commerce: Springwood Center, 1201 Springwood Ave., #104, P.O. Box 649, Asbury Park, NJ 07712. Phone: (732) 775-7676.

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# Then & Now

Atlantic City has had its ups and downs, but like the Comeback Kid, the scrappy city keeps on swinging. The beach resort's heyday came during the 1920s and early '30s Prohibition era when liquor laws were disregarded and mobsters and crime ruled. The decadence of those golden days was re-created in the 2010-2014 HBO television series "Boardwalk Empire."

This early 1900s playground of the wealthy still bears some of the scars of the economic downturn that hit in the 1950s, when air travel inspired curious travelers to seek adventure farther from home. Like an aged beauty queen, Atlantic City slipped into sad decline, with abandoned buildings, disrepair and empty streets taking the place of grand hotels and promenading tourists dressed to the nines.

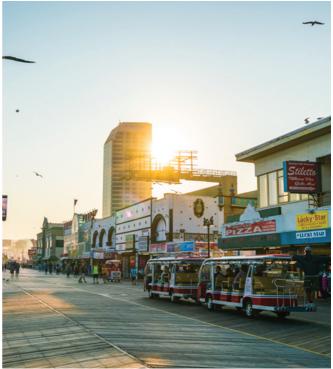
Once the first casino, Resorts International, entered the picture in the late 1970s, the beach town entered another profitable period. Soon entertainment entrepreneurs like Merv Griffin, Donald Trump and Steve Wynn were on the scene, spurring casino development and creating an East Coast gambling hub. Then the Borgata casino hotel opened in 2003 to much fanfare. First-rate shops and restaurants sprouted and slowly but surely started to glam up the Boardwalk and marina areas.

The potential almost seemed realized—until the Great Recession, Superstorm Sandy in 2012 and the advent of casinos in nearby areas took their toll on tourism dollars. In 2014, Atlantic Club Casino Hotel, Showboat—The Mardi Gras Casino, Trump Plaza Hotel & Casino, and even newly built Revel announced in quick succession that they were folding. Trump Taj Mahal Casino Hotel closed in 2016.

But don't count out "America's Favorite Playground." Simply put: Folks still come here for the challenge of mastering Lady Luck. They can also mingle at the latest martini or tequila bar and dance the night away in chic velvetrope dance clubs reminiscent of Vegas, all fun things to do with friends.

With nighttime thrills aplenty, it's nice to know that you can also indulge in laid-back pursuits such as unwinding in a spa or embarking on a relaxing ocean cruise. Beachcombers

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# Ø Destination Atlantic City

This map shows cities in the Atlantic City vicinity where you will find attractions, hotels and restaurants. Cities are listed alphabetically in this book on the following pages.



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#### **FAST FACTS**

#### **ABOUT THE CITY**

#### **POP:** 39,558 • **ELEV:** 21 ft.

#### MONEY

**SALES TAX:** New Jersey's statewide sales tax is 7 percent; the county has a 10 percent lodging tax and \$5 per day rental car surcharge.

#### WHOM TO CALL

#### EMERGENCY: 911

POLICE (non-emergency): (609) 347-5780

**HOSPITALS:** AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, (609) 345-4000.

#### **VISITOR INFORMATION**

**Boardwalk Information Center**: 2301 Boardwalk, Atlantic City, NJ 08401. **Phone:** (888) 228-4748.

Atlantic City Casino Reinvestment Development Authority: 2314 Pacific Ave., Atlantic City, NJ 08401. Phone: (609) 348-7100 or (888) 228-4748.

#### TRANSPORTATION

**AIR TRAVEL:** Atlantic City International Airport (ACY), 12.5 miles west of Atlantic City, is served by several airlines. Short-term (1- to 4-hour) airport parking costs \$2 for the first hour and \$1 per each additional hour; long-term parking costs \$10-\$20 per day. Cab service from the airport to Atlantic City averages \$35.

**RENTAL CARS:** Hertz offers discounts to AAA members; phone (609) 646-7733 or (800) 654-3080.

can sun themselves on a stretch of sand close to the hotels' bars and live bands.

More active adventure travelers can join a friendly game of beach volleyball or escape to the jetties for saltwater fishing. For some exercise along with a view, the ambitious tackle the 228 steps of the Absecon Lighthouse.

And what's more, Atlantic City is fun in a retro sort of way. Brimming with nostalgia, the Boardwalk lures casual strollers to "hit the boards" and take a trip down memory lane. You'll pass Boardwalk Hall, home of the Miss America Pageant, reminders of which are reflected in the lobby of the Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel and by commemorative plaques cemented in Michigan Avenue's



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**RAIL SERVICE:** New Jersey Transit travels from the rail terminal at 1 Atlantic City Expwy. to Absecon, Egg Harbor City, Hammonton, Atco, Lindenwold, Cherry Hill and Philadelphia. A valid rail ticket also can be used for free shuttle service from the terminal to casinos; phone (973) 275-5555.

**BUSES:** Greyhound Lines Inc., (800) 231-2222, and New Jersey Transit, (973) 275-5555, operate from the terminal at Michigan and Atlantic avenues.

**TAXIS:** Companies include Mutual Taxi & Limousine Service, (609) 345-6111 • and Yellow Cab, (609) 344-1221. Base fare is \$3.40, plus 60c per one-tenth mile. Maximum fare to any city destination is \$13 for up to five people.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:** The buses of New Jersey Transit operate along Atlantic and Ventnor avenues as far south as Longport. The fare is \$1.60 each way; 75c (ages 5-11 and 62+).

Minibuses (jitneys) operate 24 hours a day. Route 1 runs from New Hampshire Avenue to Jackson Avenue via Pacific Avenue. Routes 2 and 3 go to the marina area, Harrah's Resort and the Golden Nugget Atlantic City; route 2 runs from Delaware Avenue to Pacific Avenue, and route 3 runs from Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard to Inlet on Pacific Avenue. From 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. jitneys run on route 4 from Jackson Avenue to Indiana Avenue, with stops at the bus terminal, convention center and within two blocks of the rail terminal.

Jitney fare is \$2.25; 75c (ages 62+). Prepaid 10-ticket books are available for \$20; \$7.50 (ages 62+). Airport shuttles also are available with reservations. For more information phone (609) 344-8642.

sidewalk. And the famous rolling chairs, which made their debut in the 1880s, can still whisk you to and fro on the Boardwalk—for a small fee, of course. If you're a fan of mid-century modernism, take a short drive south to the small beachside town of Wildwood Crest, where dozens of colorful, 1950s-era motels all done up in the kitschy "Doo Wop" style of architecture line Ocean Avenue.

Despite redevelopment, some landmarks continue to withstand the test of time. Rediscover your inner kid by taking a roller coaster or Ferris wheel ride at Steel Pier, site of amusements and other diversions since 1898. Or amble over to White House Sub Shop, praised for its uber-sandwiches sampled by the likes of the Beatles, Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley.

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Before you leave, don't forget to pick up that iconic Atlantic City souvenir—some saltwater taffy from FraIinger's or James' Candy, both satisfying the sweet tooth of generations of patrons with their sugary concoctions since the late 1800s.

#### Must Do: AAA Editor's Picks

- Stroll along the **Atlantic City Boardwalk**, just like folks have been doing since 1870. You'll witness a real slice of beachside life as you amble along the iconic wooden structure in search of salt water taffy, food stands or souvenir shops. It's also a great place to watch passersby as they check out the scene. Don't feel like walking? Hail one of the famous rolling chairs, and an operator will push you to your destination.
- Climb to the top of the **Absecon Lighthouse** (31 S. Rhode Island Ave.). The 1857 structure is one of the country's oldest of its kind and reputedly the tallest in New Jersey. Your reward for tackling the 228 steps will be expansive views of the coast and the Atlantic City skyline. You also can explore a small museum that includes a reproduced lightkeeper's dwelling and a Fresnel lens exhibit.



- Indulge in some casino gambling. With most casino hotels open around the clock—offering blackjack, craps, poker, roulette, slots and more—you're bound to find a good fit. If Lady Luck is on your side, spend your winnings in one of the hot nightlife venues, glitzy shops or pampering spas dotted throughout the casino hotels.
- Talk a walk on the **beach**. Atlantic City's stretch of sand has free access and runs from Jackson to Maine avenues, with the Boardwalk lining a 6-mile section. Calm waters (warm during summer) lure swimmers, while surfers head to the beaches at Delaware, New Hampshire and Raleigh avenues.
- Ride a **jitney**. These small 13-passenger buses are a great way to get around the city, stopping at tourist attractions, casino hotels, the NJ Transit Rail Terminal (Atlantic City Rail Line, 1 Atlantic City Expwy.) and other points of interest. Casino hoppers will be pleased to know that the jitneys run 24 hours a day for \$2.25 per ride; 75c (ages 62+).
- If you've always wanted to walk in Miss America's shoes, now's your chance (sort of). Miss America memorabilia, including the shoes, dresses and crowns of former contestants, is on display at the Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel.
- Shop until you drop. Bargain hunters head to **Tanger** Outlets (2014 Baltic Ave.). All the usual chains are represented, and you can refuel at one of the restaurants within the complex. Nostalgic shoppers will appreciate the Miss America plaques embedded in the sidewalk along Michigan Avenue.
- Go **boating. Atlantic City Cruises** (800 N. New Hampshire Ave.) offers a dolphin-watching adventure as well as a morning skyline tour complemented by narration about area history. This and other sightseeing cruises depart from historic Gardner's Basin, a former fishing village that's also the spot to rent water sports equipment and bikes, hire a fishing charter or explore craft shops.
- Entertain yourself. The casino hotels host a vast array of enticing performances and events—magic and comedy acts, boxing matches and musical shows are typically part of the agenda. Boardwalk Hall serves as a key concert and sports venue.
- Plan a day trip to **Historic Smithville and the Village Greene** (615 E. Moss Mill Rd.), a re-creation of a 1700s village. Here, you can browse charming shops displaying such wares as lace, crafts, quilts, candles and other collectibles, or grab a bite in a quaint inn or tavern.
- Have fun at an amusement pier. Steel Pier (1000 Boardwalk) is the place to be if you want to go for a spin on the Ferris wheel, ride the Crazy Mouse roller

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coaster, brave the bumper cars or try your hand at some carnival games. **Central Pier** (1400 Boardwalk) features a game arcade along with a large go-kart track.

#### Atlantic City 1-day Itinerary

AAA editors suggest these activities for a great short vacation experience.

#### Morning

- Jump-start your day by fueling up at a breakfast buffet in one of Atlantic City's casino hotels. A popular choice is the Borgata Buffet at Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa (1 Borgata Way).
- Take a detour to nearby Margate to see **Lucy the Elephant** (9200 Atlantic Ave.), an elephantine structure built in 1881 that's said to be one of the oldest American roadside attractions around. If you want to get to know "The World's Greatest Elephant" better, join a guided tour, where you'll learn about her interesting history. Then climb a spiral staircase to enjoy a wonderful panorama.
- If the weather is nice, consider reserving a spot on the morning skyline tour provided by Atlantic City Cruises (800 N. New Hampshire Ave.). The narrated trip, departing from Gardner's Basin, travels past the city's eclectic assortment of casino hotels, providing a good orientation to the various points of interest you'll no doubt visit later today. And you'll enjoy the coastal scenery and cooling ocean breezes, too.
- Those seeking a greater level of activity—perhaps to burn off that buffet breakfast—can head toward the Boardwalk's northern end to visit Absecon
   Lighthouse (31 S. Rhode Island Ave.); there are 228 steps leading to spectacular views from the top. (A replicated lightkeeper's quarters will interest those who don't want to tackle the steps.) You can peer through the lighthouse's lens toward the south—you'll want to head in this direction so you can spend the afternoon exploring the Boardwalk, Atlantic City's pride and joy.

#### Afternoon

- Stroll along the Boardwalk (or have someone push you in a rolling chair), and you'll encounter amusements interspersed among the casino hotels. If you're traveling from the north end of the Boardwalk (near the lighthouse) to the south, head to Steel Pier (1000 Boardwalk) for some good old-fashioned fun on the midway—complete with bumper cars and cotton candy.
- Continuing southward along the Boardwalk, be on the lookout for Fralinger's Salt Water Taffy (1325 Boardwalk at Tennessee), where they're still using the original 1880s recipe. Near the junction of Park Place and the Boardwalk, you'll encounter the **New Jersey Korean War Veterans Memorial**, inscribed with the

names of New Jerseyans who died in the conflict. As you approach the intersection of the Boardwalk and Arkansas Avenue, you'll find plenty to do.

- Want to unwind? **The Playground** (1 Atlantic Ocean), once known as The Pier Shops at Caesars, features shops, such as Apple and Tiffany & Co., as well as restaurants and bars.
- If you're looking for a snack, head 3 blocks west at Boardwalk & Mississippi to arrive at the White House Sub Shop (2301 Arctic Ave.). You might want to split one of the enormous hoagies or cheesesteaks, which you and a friend can savor while checking out the celebrity photos and other bric-a-brac displayed on the walls.

#### Evening

• Retrace your steps back to the Boardwalk, where you can pick up some literature at the **Boardwalk** 



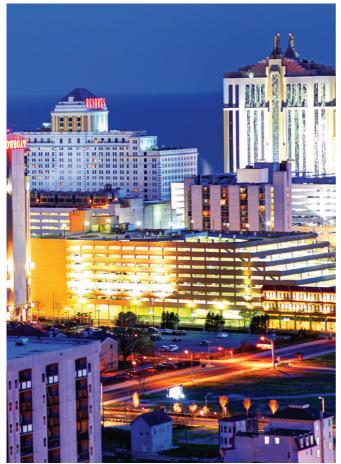
Dock's Oyster House / Courtesy of Dock's Oyster House



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**Information Center** (2301 Boardwalk). The center resides in Boardwalk Hall, famed for hosting the Miss America Pageant. Sneak a peek at the hall's pipe organ, said to be the world's largest.

- You'll find a number of restaurants around the Boardwalk. **Dock's Oyster House** (2405 Atlantic Ave.), a local favorite since 1897, is known for its raw bar and Italian-inspired seafood dishes.
- You'll have no trouble entertaining yourself during Atlantic City evenings. If you're hoping to encounter Lady Luck, you need only wander the Boardwalk or hop on a shuttle bus (known as a jitney): Tropicana Atlantic City (2831 Boardwalk), Bally's Atlantic City (1900 Boardwalk) and Caesars Atlantic City (2100 Pacific Ave.) are included in the lineup of casino gambling venues bordering the oceanside promenade.



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#### By Car

The city's principal gateway is the Atlantic City Expressway, a superhighway that connects with nearly all major mid-Atlantic highways. In the Philadelphia-Camden metropolitan area the expressway collects I-76 traffic from central Pennsylvania; I-95 from the Washington, D.C.-Baltimore-Wilmington corridor to the southwest and Newark-New York City to the northeast; I-295 between Wilmington and Trenton; and the New Jersey Turnpike.

A few miles west of Atlantic City the expressway intersects with the Garden State Parkway, a major coastal route linking Newark to the north and, via the Cape May-Lewes Ferry, Delaware and southern Maryland to the south. US 30 and US 40/322 also enter Atlantic City, arriving via Absecon Boulevard and Albany Avenue respectively. The Atlantic City Expressway is the preferred route.

#### **Getting Around**

#### Street System

As neatly gridlike as the Monopoly board on which some of its street names are perpetuated, Atlantic City's basic plan is easy to comprehend. Avenues parallel to the ocean are named for oceans or seas: Arctic, Mediterranean and Baltic. Some of these change names near the inlet or "downbeach"; for example, Baltic becomes Madison at its north end and Winchester at its south.

With a few exceptions, streets perpendicular to the ocean bear the names of states in an order roughly approximating the state's geographic position. New Hampshire and Vermont are at the northeast end of the island; Indiana and Illinois are about in the middle. Why Iowa Avenue is farther south than Texas and California avenues remains a mystery.

Numbers are in blocks of 100, increasing as they progress southward from Maine Avenue and inland from the Boardwalk. The few diagonal streets are mostly extensions of the roads that lead into the city.

#### Parking

Most businesses provide parking spaces near their premises, and most casino-hotels charge at least the state-mandated \$5 fee for parking. That fee is valid at all Atlantic City casino-hotels for one day, with the proceeds earmarked for the revitalization of Atlantic City. Some casino-hotels may charge as much as \$10 for parking, with the fee rising during special events. Although rare, parking rates have climbed as high as \$50 for some bigname concerts.

Public parking lots are many and scattered throughout the city, and Boardwalk Hall at Mississippi Avenue and Boardwalk offers indoor parking. Daily rates—sometimes applied to any part of a 12-hour period—at privately owned lots generally range from \$6 to \$10 weekdays and from \$10 to \$20 weekends. Drivers should expect higher prices during special events.

#### Shopping

As you might guess, Atlantic City's casino hotels lure their customers with numerous ways to spend their winnings, therefore providing the most lucrative hunting ground for shoppers—and entertainment hunters in general.

**The Playground** (1 Atlantic Ocean), once known as the Pier Shops at Caesars, includes a number of luxury retailers that includes Burberry, Gucci and Tiffany & Co.

The Quarter at Tropicana (2801 Pacific Ave.), a multilevel establishment with an Old Havana-inspired theme, also dazzles shoppers. An assortment of emporiums like Swarovski and White House/Black Market entices visitors, along with a collection of lively nightspots and restaurants ranging from casual to elegant. The Tropicana's **Marketplace** (Brighton Avenue and Boardwalk) is a smaller, more family-friendly shopping alternative that includes a food court and spills out onto the Boardwalk.

The Waterfront at Harrah's (777 Harrah's Blvd.) presents a handful of shops touting shoes, jewelry and apparel in a marbled galleria, while the contribution of Borgata (1 Borgata Way) to retail bliss is **The Shoppes at the Water Club**, a small yet sleek assembly of fine merchants including Hugo Boss and Just Cavalli.

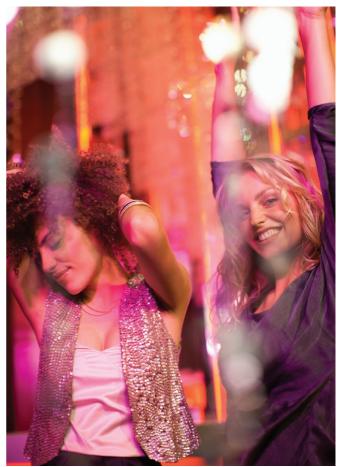
The glitter of the casinos has not diminished the Boardwalk's older charms: You'll have fun trolling for kitschy souvenirs, beachwear and T-shirts emblazoned while you wait. And like a kid in a candy store, you'll be tempted by an amazing variety of old-time treats, especially those colorful dollops of saltwater taffy at fixtures like **Fralinger's Salt Water Taffy** (1325 Boardwalk at Tennessee) and **James' Candy** (1519 Boardwalk at New York Avenue).

**Tanger Outlets** (2014 Baltic Ave.), a shopping, dining and entertainment complex, captivates shoppers with its impressive medley of national chains. You'll encounter all the usual suspects—Adidas, Banana Republic, Express and Gap, to name a few—along with some higher-end designer outlets to round out the mix.

Locals usually hit the shops downtown at the north end of Atlantic Avenue—mainly strip malls and groceries—or venture to one of the suburban shopping malls. These include the **Central Square Shopping Center** (199 New Rd.) in **Linwood**, with more than 70 specialty businesses; **Hamilton Mall** (4403 E. Black Horse Pike) in **Mays Landing** with some 140 shops and amenities; and **Harbor Square** (6725 Black Horse Pike) in **Egg Harbor Township**. **Historic Smithville and Village Greene** (615 E. Moss Mill Rd.), about a 25-minute drive, offers a family-oriented shopping experience in a re-creation of a 1700s coastal town with quaint cobblestone streets and a charming gazebo. Kids can ride the carousel and mini-train or play in the arcade while their parents peruse stores laden with handicrafts, antiques, Christmas ornaments and other treasures.

#### Nightlife

Whether you're inclined to sip a margarita at a laid-back beachside hamlet, nurse a martini in a sleek lounge or dance the night away in a high-energy club, you've come to the right place: The casino hotels deliver all of this, and then some. Almost all the hotels present some type of entertainment, many with varied venues catering to the whims of their guests. Be sure to inquire in advance regarding operating hours, cover charges and dress codes.



Enjoy the high-energy nightlife / © iStockphoto.com / Robert Daly



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These casino hotels also are places to see and be seen, where superb nightspots add to the mix. Harrah's (777 Harrah's Blvd.) lures patrons to the circular **X Bar** and **The Pool After Dark**, complete with cabanas and bikini-clad waitresses. **The Bar at Harry's** at Bally's (1900 Pacific Ave.) is a comfortable spot with nine flat-screen TVs and a courtyard that overlooks the Boardwalk. Those looking for a watering hole with 24-hour access can amble up to the Western-themed **Mountain Bar** at Bally's Wild West Casino, featuring nightly acts during summer.

The Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa (1 Borgata Way) cultivates a lively, upscale DJ scene Friday through Monday night at its new Premier Nightclub. (Plan to dress up, as shorts, athletic wear, baggy clothing, hats and shoes like flip-flops, sandals, sneakers and work boots, are all prohibited.) Anyone who favors tequila will enjoy ordering a flight at the **Gypsy Bar**, but be forewarned—the rock



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music is loud. And the kind of audience you'll encounter at the **Music Box**, Borgata's venue for comedians and musicians, depends on who's performing.

Clubs at **The Quarter** (2801 Pacific Ave.) is the Tropicana's answer to entertaining the masses—visitors can suit their fancy by choosing from a dozen or so thriving nightspots. At **Cuba Libre**, salsa dancers mesmerize all walks of life at the weekend Late Night Latin Floorshow, and the rum bar makes a mean mojito. Karaoke aficionados have tons of fun at **Planet Rose**, a smallish lounge with flashy décor and a medley of nightly drink specials.

There are worthy venues removed from the hubbub of casino gambling. The Chelsea Hotel (111 S. Chelsea Ave.) and its fifth floor thrives with a range of nighttime opportunities sure to satisfy a variety of tastes. A DJ spins tunes amid lush greenery and poolside seating at the Chelsea's open-air, summer-only **Cabana Club**.

#### **Big Events**

Several shows and events take place in the Atlantic City Convention Center. Shows include the Classics in Atlantic City Car Show & Auction in February and the Progressive Insurance Atlantic City Boat Show in March.

Bands, floats and performers proceed down the **Board**walk for the **St. Patrick's Day Parade**, which is in March.

Thunder Over the Boardwalk (Atlantic City Airshow), a 1-day aviation extravaganza over the beach and the Boardwalk, lands in late summer.

#### Sports & Rec

Before gambling came to this resort, it was the sun, ocean breezes and breakers washing the wide sand beach that made Atlantic City a leading playground. Popular as early as the 19th century, the beach is still a major attraction. Because there is less undertow than at other beach areas, **swimming** is particularly good. **Surfing** is permitted at Crystal Beach at New Hampshire Avenue; the Delaware Avenue beach; and the Downtown Beach at Raleigh Avenue. The beaches at South Carolina and Albany avenues have facilities that are accessible to the physically impaired. Lifeguards are on duty July 1-Labor Day (and at some beaches Memorial Day-June 30 and day after Labor Day- Sept. 30).

**Fishing** is as close as the ocean or inlet. Surf or pier fishing brings in striped bass, flounder, tautog and snapper blues; the inlet also yields croakers and crabs. Farther out, such fighters as marlin, tuna and bonito can be caught. In general, the summer months see the heaviest runs of most species.

**Boating** can be for fun as well as for fishing; the Thorofares—the network of waterways that separates Absecon and other islets from the mainland—provide a different perspective from which to view the city. Rental



crafts ranging from one-person day sailers to six-person powerboats are available.

**Bicycling** is a popular pastime, particularly along the Boardwalk. Bicycle rentals, available from about 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., can be found along the length of the Great Wood Way.

**Golf** courses can be found all around the Atlantic City area. Public golf courses, all with 18 holes, include Atlantic City Country Club, 1 Leo Fraser Dr., Northfield; Blue Heron Pines Golf Club, 550 Country Club Dr., Egg Harbor City; Harbor Pines Golf Club, 500 Saint Andrews Dr., Egg Harbor Township; Brigantine Beach Golf Links, 1075 North Shore Dr., Brigantine; Seaview Golf Resort and Spa (both the Bay and Pines courses), 401 S. New York Rd., Absecon; and Twisted Dune Golf Club, 2101 Ocean Heights Ave., Egg Harbor Township.

Some large hotels provide facilities for **racquetball**, **squash** or **tennis**. Public tennis courts are at 400 N. Jerome Ave. in Margate City and at S. Suffolk and Atlantic avenues in Ventnor.

#### Gambling

Gambling in Atlantic City is confined to the casinohotels. To qualify for a casino operation, a hotel must have a minimum of 500 rooms and meet architectural requirements, not the least of which is approval of the design by the Atlantic City Planning Board and the New Jersey Casino Control Commission. Casinos are open daily 24 hours. The minimum age for participation is 21.

Baccarat, minibaccarat, big six wheel, blackjack, craps, poker, red dog, pai gow, sic bo, roulette, slots and keno

are available, making the visitor who resists the temptation to gamble a rarity. It is recommended that those who accept the challenge to gamble first pick up one of the readily obtainable "how-to" books about gambling. While knowing something about the game won't alter the odds, which ultimately favor the house, it will increase the chances of breaking even or provide some understanding of why the bet was lost.

Some casinos will provide literature about the games; others even give classes for novice patrons. For first-time visitors, credit will be tight or non-existent. Once credit has been established with further visits, it will be as easy to obtain \$1,000 as \$10.



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**ABSECON LIGHTHOUSE** is at jct. Pacific and Rhode Island aves. at 31 S. Rhode Island Ave. This restored 1857 lighthouse, the tallest beacon on the Jersey Shore and the third tallest in the country, still has its original Fresnel lens. Visitors can climb 228 steps to the top for a panorama of the Atlantic City skyline, nearby Brigantine and Absecon Inlet. The reconstructed Keeper's House contains a museum. Dogs on leashes are welcome in the museum.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (609) 449-1360.



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**ATLANTIC CITY AQUARIUM** is at 800 N. New Hampshire Ave. at Gardner's Basin. Visitors can regard the marine life of both local (Mullica River) and foreign (Australia) ecosystems. Highlights include living coral, jellyfish, moray eels and colorful tropical fish. Touch tanks for sharks and Cownose stingrays provide a hands-on experience. Other exhibits include a tropical rainforest exhibit, which houses turtles, iguanas and rays, as well as a piranha tank. **Phone:** (609) 348-2880.

#### NEW JERSEY KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

is in Brighton Park at jct. Boardwalk and Park PI. Etched in the memorial's granite wall are the names of the 890 New Jerseyans who died or were listed as missing in action in the Korean War. A bronze eternal flame rests atop the wall, and bronze statues depict such poignant scenes as soldiers in combat gear standing in pensive, reflective stances or assisting wounded comrades. A Medal of Honor Wall depicts five New Jerseyans who received the Medal of Honor.

Two video screens continuously play documentaries chronicling the 1950-53 conflict. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (609) 530-7049.

#### Sightseeing

#### **Boardwalk Tours**

Atlantic City's highlight is its Boardwalk, which can be explored on foot or by bicycle. Another way of seeing the Boardwalk is in the legendary rolling chair, which resembles a huge wicker chair on wheels. Pushed by an attendant, the chairs seat up to three people.

The chairs generally operate daily 8 a.m.-1 a.m. (also Fri.-Sat. 1-4 a.m.), weather permitting. Fares for up to two people start at \$5 for 5 blocks and fewer; otherwise may vary.

#### **Boat Tours**

**ATLANTIC CITY CRUISES** is at Historic Gardner's Basin at 800 N. New Hampshire Ave. Narrated 1-hour Morning Skyline and Afternoon Delight trips, hourlong Happy Hour cruises and 2-hour naturalist-narrated Dolphin Watching cruises are offered aboard the 130passenger *Cruisn 1*.

**Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (609) 347-7600.

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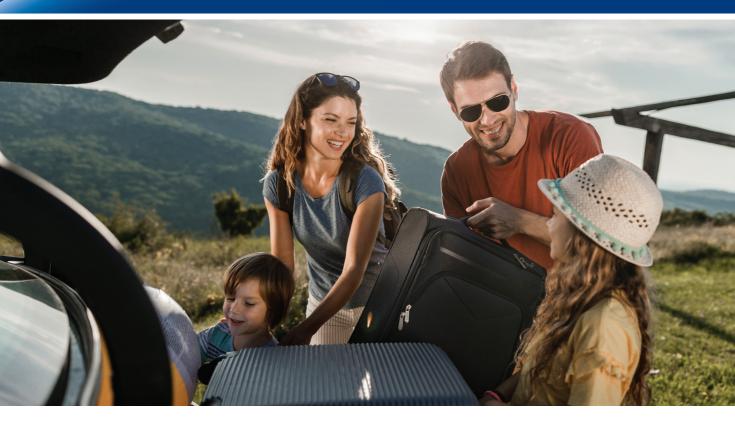
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Contemporary Hotel. **Address:** One Borgata Way 08401. **Facility:** Polished marble, handcrafted Chihuly chandeliers and a stable of fine restaurants and shops border the bustling casino at this upscale hotel. Guest rooms are spacious and offer sleek, modern decor. 1970 units, some two bedrooms. 43 stories, interior corridors. **Parking:** on-site (fee) and valet. **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Amenities:** safes. **Dining:** 13 restaurants, nightclub, entertainment. **Pool:** heated indoor. **Activities:** sauna, hot tub, steamroom, health club, spa. **Guest Services:** valet laundry. Affiliated with MGM Resorts International.





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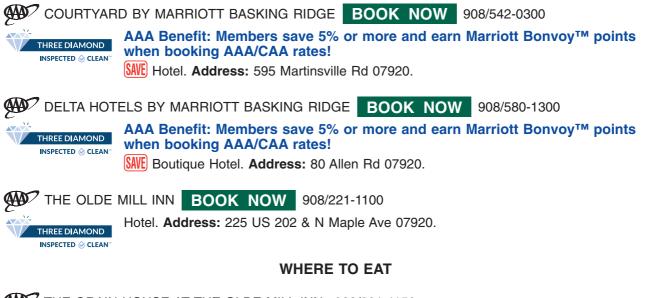


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#### **BASKING RIDGE**

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A hillside where animals from the surrounding swamplands could sun themselves inspired the name Basking Ridge. More than 10,000 years ago most of the region to the east was part of Lake Passaic, created when an accumulation of earth and stone carried by the Wisconsin Glacier blocked the Passaic River. A portion of the former lake, now a wetland, is known as the "Great Swamp" of New Jersey.



THE GRAIN HOUSE AT THE OLDE MILL INN 908/221-1150

American Casual Dining. Address: 225 US 202 & N Maple Ave 07920.

#### **BEACH HAVEN**

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Specialty districts, featuring restaurants, shops and historic buildings, help make this a quintessential small beach community. Bay access and beaches offer many recreational opportunities like surfing and parasailing.

Beach badges for beaches between Nelson Avenue and 12th Street can be obtained from the Beach Badge Office (2 Centre. St.), Mon.-Sat. 10-4 and Sun. 10-3, May through Labor Day. A daily badge is \$5 per person or free for children 12 and under and ages 65 and over. Dogs are permitted on the beach from mid-September to mid-May. For in-season beach information phone (609) 492-9193. **THUNDERING SURF WATER PARK** is at Taylor and Bay aves. Features include the Flowhouse, where visitors can indulge in simulated boogie boarding and flow boarding; eight waterslides; the Cowabunga Beach interactive water play area with attractions for all ages; the Lazy Crazy River, which has interactive play elements both in and out of the water; a toddler area with dancing and bubbling fountains and four kiddie slides; two observation decks; a sun deck; and slide. Also on the grounds are two 18-hole "adventure" golf courses.

Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. Phone: (609) 492-0869.



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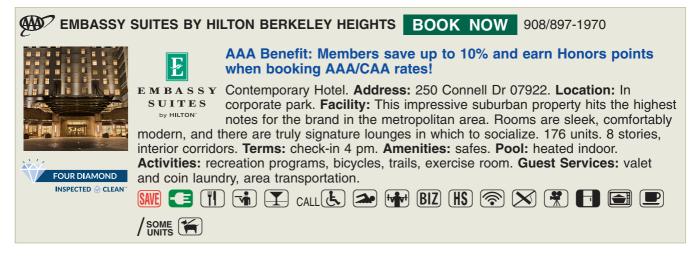
PLUCKEMIN INN 908/658-9292

New American Fine Dining. Address: 359 US 206 S & Pluckemin Way 07921.

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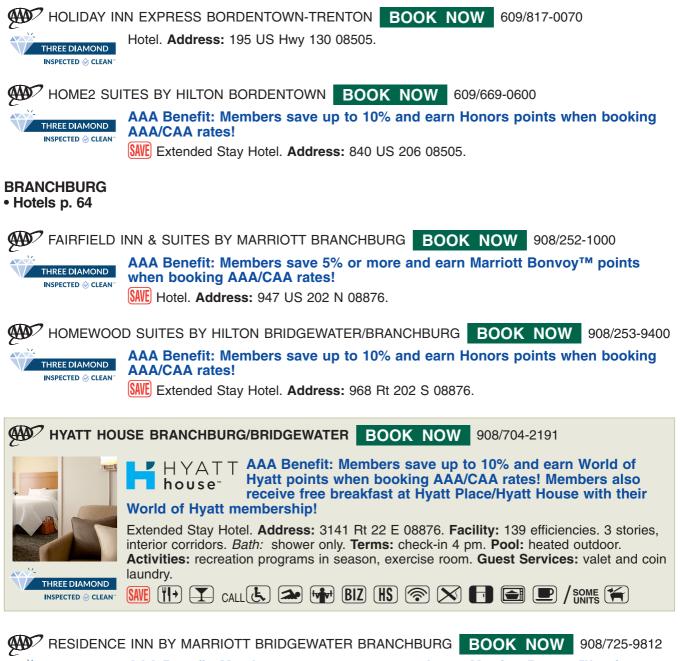
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Somerset County Business Partnership: 360 Grove St., Bridgewater, NJ 08807. Phone: (908) 218-4300.

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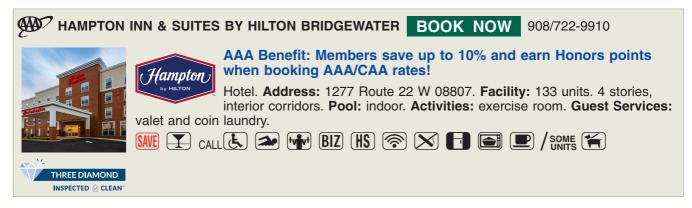


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**SAVE** Boutique Contemporary Hotel. **Address:** 600 Somerset Corporate Blvd 08807.









BURLINGTON

One of the first permanent settlements in the western part of the colony, Burlington was established by members of the Society of Friends in 1677. It became the capital of West Jersey and shared that status with Perth Amboy after East and West Jersey united. A strategic location on the Delaware River between Trenton and Camden made the flourishing port so prosperous that its citizens—primarily Quaker settlers and pacifists—were relatively uninvolved in the Revolution.

Venerable buildings that are open to the public by appointment include the 1703 Old St. Mary's Church, at Broad and Wood streets; the 1685 Revell House, in the 200 block of Wood Street; the 1785 Friends Meeting House, on High Street near Broad Street; the 1797 John Hoskins House, 202 High St.; the 1792 Friends School, at York and Penn streets; and the restored carriage house on Smith's Alley between High and Wood streets.

**Burlington County Regional Chamber of Commerce:** 520 Fellowship Rd., Suite E502, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054. **Phone:** (856) 439-2520.

**BURLINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY COM-PLEX** is 2 blks. n. of US 130 at 451-459 High St. The Corson Poley Center contains a library, museum, Children's History Center and three historic houses: the Bard-How House, the Capt. James Lawrence House and the James Fenimore Cooper House. The museum displays a locally made jinrikisha—an Asian hand-pulled carriage—as well as a collection of tall case clocks and quilts. Another exhibit, The American Revolution: A Global Conflict, explores early American history. The Children's History Center offers interactive experiences for children ages 2 and up.

The library's genealogical records are available for research. **Phone:** (609) 386-4773.

**Bard-How House**, 453 High St. in the Burlington County Historical Society Complex, was built around 1743 for merchant Bennett Bard and his wife, Sarah Pattison Bard. It was purchased in 1756 by butcher and tavern owner Samuel How. Period furnishings and other accessories decorate the restored house, including a tall case clock that dates from 1740. Phone: (609) 386-4773.

**Capt. James Lawrence House**, 459 High St. in the Burlington County Historical Society Complex, is the birthplace of the American naval hero of the War of 1812. The commander of the USS *Chesapeake* engaged in battle against the HMS *Shannon*, and the mortally wounded Lawrence issued his famous last command, remembered as "Don't give up the ship." The house is furnished in period and also contains a toy collection.

Phone: (609) 386-4773.

James Fenimore Cooper House, 457 High St. in the Burlington County Historical Society Complex, is the birthplace of the author of the "Leatherstocking Tales," novels depicting the era of American frontiersmen and Native Americans. "The Last of the Mohicans" and "The Deerslayer" are among the best known titles in the series, written 1826-41. The 1780 Cooper House has five museum rooms.

**Phone:** (609) 386-4773.

# CAMDEN

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The site of William Cooper's ferryboat operation on the Delaware River in the 1680s grew into a city wellestablished in industry and transportation, especially after becoming the terminus for the Camden & Amboy Railroad in 1834. Yet echoes of the city's shipbuilding past remain ever-present.

Port facilities along the deep, broad Delaware River led to a boom in shipbuilding during World Wars I and II. The first nuclear-powered merchant ship, the *Savannah*, was built in Camden. On the cultural side, poet Walt Whitman—whose unfettered, subjective style revolutionized poetic expression in the mid-19th century—lived his last years in Camden. The tomb of the good gray poet is in Harleigh Cemetery on Haddon Avenue.

**ADVENTURE AQUARIUM** is on the banks of the Delaware River at 1 Riverside Dr. Sea life and wildlife can be seen and touched in a variety of exhibits, including Kid-Zone, an interactive exhibit designed specifically for kids. Shark Realm, a 40-foot walk-through tunnel, houses more



than 20 sharks and 850 other marine animals. For an alternate view of the exhibit, guests can walk above it on the rope-suspension Shark Bridge. Hippo Haven houses hippopotamuses and porcupines. Little Blue Beach is home to tiny blue penguins. Films shown in a 4-D theater depict the wonders of underwater life. A Swim with the Sharks snorkeling program and special behind-thescenes animal adventures also are offered.

Ferry/trolley service to the museum is available to and from the riverfront in Philadelphia Memorial Day through Labor Day. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (856) 365-3300 or (800) 616-5297.

**BATTLESHIP** *NEW JERSEY* is berthed at 62 Battleship PI. on the Camden waterfront. This Iowa Class vessel, launched from the Philadelphia Navy Yard in 1942, is celebrated as the U.S. Navy's most decorated battleship. After serving in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf, the ship was decommissioned in 1990. Gun turrets, bridge communications, captain's and admiral's cabins, and enlisted men's bunks and mess area can be seen.

The 2-hour Fire Power Tour offers an in-depth look at the ship's weapons systems and the combat engagement center. The 90-minute Turret II Experience explores the battleship's legendary 16-inch gun turret.

**Note:** Video cameras, bags, backpacks and baby strollers are not permitted. Comfortable dress and shoes are recommended. A video version is available for those physically unable to take the tour. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (856) 966-1652 or (866) 877-6262. **GT** 

**CAMDEN CHILDREN'S GARDEN** is on the riverfront at 3 Riverside Dr., adjacent to Adventure Aquarium. It features a variety of themed gardens designed for children ages 12 and under, including a dinosaur garden, a fitness garden and a picnic garden. Storybook Gardens features the Giant's Garden, Three Little Pigs Garden and an English-style garden like the one depicted in the different versions of the movie "The Secret Garden." There also is a butterfly garden, a maze and a tree house. Indoor exhibits include the Philadelphia Eagles Butterfly House, Benjamin Franklin's Secret Workshop and the tropically landscaped Plaza de Aibonito.

Visitors also can ride the Garden Carousel, the Arrow River Train and the Spring Butterfly Ride, which raises riders 30 feet in the air to provide a butterfly's-eye view of the gardens. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (856) 365-8733.





#### CAPE MAY

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Have you ever wondered how Cape May got its name? Explorer Cornelius Jacobsen May, sent by the Dutch East India Co. to explore the then-mysterious East Coast, found the climate "charming" and lent his moniker to the shore area.

Victorian gingerbread is a recurrent architectural theme; the prevalence of well-preserved late 19th-century structures led to Cape May being designated a national historic landmark in 1976. Representative of this florid style is the Emlen Physick Estate (*see attraction listing*). The Pink House on Perry Street exemplifies the ornate "wedding cake" architectural style.

At New Jersey's southernmost tip, Cape May is one of the oldest seashore resorts on the Atlantic Coast. During the first half of the 19th century it rivaled Newport, R.I., as a favored summer retreat for Philadelphia and New York socialites. Presidents Buchanan, Grant, Harrison and Pierce were among the notables who vacationed here. Another, more infamous visitor was pirate Captain Kidd, who filled his water casks near Lily Pond.

In addition to the pleasures of the beach and the amusements of the promenade, Cape May offers good boating and fishing. Various craft can be rented for fishing in the ocean or in Delaware Bay. Rockhounds pursue their interest also; the tide-worn quartz pebbles known as "Cape May Diamonds" can be found on the beach at nearby Cape May Point and along lower Delaware Bay.

Those who prefer entertainment rather than sand with their food should try Elaine's Famous Dinner Theater at Elaine's Victorian Inn, 513 Lafayette St.; phone (609) 884-4358. Visitors also can enjoy a number of special events throughout the year. Three major celebrations are the Cape May Food and Wine Celebration in September; Victorian Weekend, a 4-day festival held in October; and Christmas Candlelight House Tours in December, a self-guiding tour of fancifully decorated Victorian inns, hotels, guesthouses and churches.

At Cape May Point State Park *(see Recreation Areas Chart)*, 1.2 miles west via Sunset Boulevard (CR 606), is the historic Cape May Lighthouse, erected in 1859 *(see attraction listing)*. The state park is one of three prime bird-watching areas adjacent to Cape May Bird Observatory in nearby Cape May Point. Higbee's Beach Wildlife Management Area and Cape May Migratory Bird Refuge are other observation points.

The World War II Lookout Tower (see attraction listing), formerly Fire Control Tower No. 23, off Sunset Boulevard on the state park grounds, is one of two artillery lookout towers remaining in the area and the only one accessible to the public. Interpretive signs at each level along the ascent to the top (via a spiral staircase) provide background about the tower's history and purpose; phone (609) 884-5404 or (800) 275-4278.

Explore this charming community with guided tours conducted by the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities. The organization's Cape May Trolley Tours (*see attraction listing*) features the historic district as well as carriage tours, historic house tours and guided walking tours that depart from the Washington Street Mall information booth.

Of special interest in nearby Cold Spring is The Cemetery at Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, where the oldest grave dates to 1742 and the present church building to 1823; phone (609) 884-5130 or (609) 884-4065. Also nearby, north of Cape May near Rio Grande, is the Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum. This former training facility for dive-bomber squadrons during World War II remembers the Navy airmen who died during training; phone (609) 886-8787.

The Cape May-Lewes Ferry runs daily between Cape May and Lewes, Del. The New Jersey terminal is at the junction of Lincoln Boulevard and US 9, about 2.5 miles west of the southern end of the Garden State Parkway. The 17-mile trip takes 85 minutes. Reservations are recommended and should be made at least 1 day in advance; phone (800) 643-3779.

Cape May Welcome Center: 609 Lafayette St., Cape May, NJ 08204. Phone: (609) 884-5508.

**Self-guiding tours:** Brochures outlining a walking tour of Cape May's historic sites are available at the welcome center.

**CAPE MAY LIGHTHOUSE** is at jct. Lighthouse Ave. and Sunset Blvd. in Cape May Point State Park. The lighthouse was built in 1859 and has been fully restored. Visitors who choose to climb the 199 steps to the top will be rewarded with a view of the Jersey Cape, where the Delaware Bay and Atlantic Ocean meet. Information about the lighthouse's structure and history is posted along the ascent. A visitor orientation center also is on site.

**Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (609) 884-5404, (800) 275-4278 or TTY (805) 882-7899.

**CAPE MAY TROLLEY TOURS** depart from the Washington Street Mall information booth at Ocean St. The Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts provides scenic tours around the Cape May area ranging from 45 minutes to 2 hours in length. Offerings include historic districts, children's attractions and even supernatural hot spots. Seasonal and holiday tours also are available.



Inquire about wheelchair-accessible trolley tours; offerings may vary. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (609) 884-5404 or (800) 275-4278. **GT** 

**EMLEN PHYSICK ESTATE** is at 1048 Washington St. at Lafayette St. This 18-room, 1879 Victorian house was designed by notable Philadelphia architect Frank Furness. Emlen Physick Jr., a gentleman farmer, was the grandson of Dr. Philip Syng Physick, a surgeon who invented procedures and instruments that are still used. Tours through restored rooms provide insight into the lifestyles of two distinct Victorian classes: the wealthy and the servants. A combination ticket with the Cape May Trolley also is available.

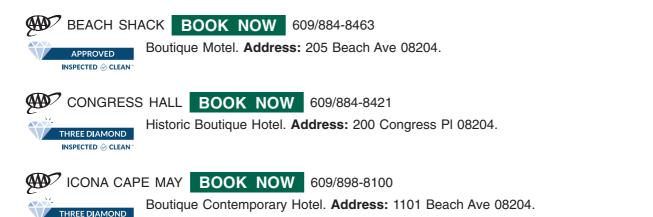
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HISTORIC COLD SPRING VILLAGE is at 720 US 9S. This open-air, living-history museum portrays 19th-century lifestyles, trades, crafts and architecture in a South Jersey rural community. The 22-acre wooded village consists of 25 restored buildings. Interpreters demonstrate such trades and crafts as pottery making, blacksmithing, yarn spinning, woodworking, broom making, basket weaving, printing and book binding. A welcome center features exhibits, a 7-minute video and interactive stations highlighting the village's history.

**Time:** Allow 3 hours minimum. **Phone:** (609) 898-2300.

**WORLD WAR II LOOKOUT TOWER** is 1 mi. w. on CR 606 (Sunset Blvd.) at Sunset Beach. Providing sweeping views, this tall, slender concrete tower was constructed in 1942 as part of Fort Miles. Known as Fire Control Tower No. 23, it took aim for large shore guns by using triangulation. This is the only surviving public example of the 15 towers constructed along the coast from Cape May to Bethany Beach, Del.

Displays show regional and military history along the wooden walkway and throughout the six levels of the tower. The adjacent All Veteran's Memorial, featuring a copper cauldron and eternal brass flames by craftsman Stephen D. Bradway, is a contemplative sculpture dedicated to all veterans. **Note:** Full mobility is required to climb the narrow staircase in the tower. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (609) 884-5404 or (800) 275-4278.



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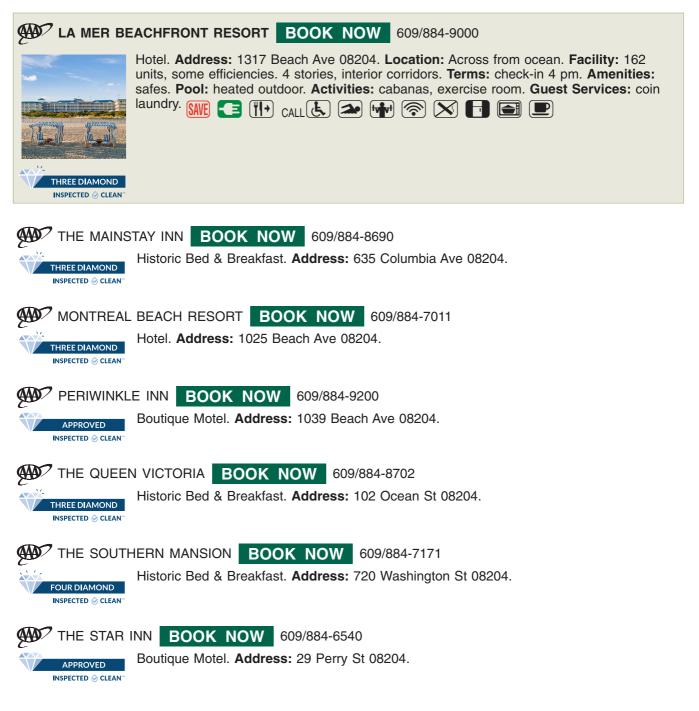
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The county seat, Cape May Court House is a good place to begin a tour of the Victorian and historic houses throughout Cape May County.

Cape May County Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Information Center: 13 Crest Haven Rd., P.O. Box 74, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210. Phone: (609) 465-7181.

CAPE MAY COUNTY PARK AND ZOO is off Garden State Pkwy, exit 11 at 707 US 9N. This 200-acre park contains a zoo that is home to some 250 species of animals including bison, camels, deer, exotic birds, foxes, giraffes, lemurs, leopards, lions, monkeys, mountain bongos, oryxes, reptiles and zebras. Many of the animals are rare or endangered species. An 800-foot boardwalk leads to an African savanna habitat. See Recreation Areas Chart.

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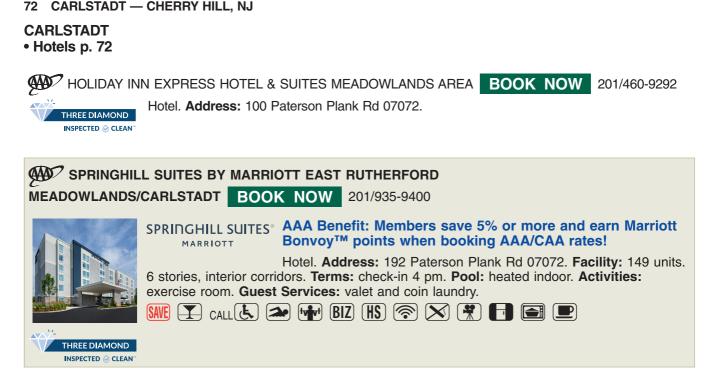
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3 mi. s. on US 206, .4 mi. w. on Spring Lake Dr., .3 mi. s. on Bamboo Ln., then .2 mi. e. to 170 Longview Rd. Gardeners, landscape architects and nature lovers will all find something to enjoy on this 100-acre site that was once known as Merchiston Farm. Nature trails meander by the brook and through meadows, where birds, butterflies and other creatures can be discovered. Along with formal gardens and native plants, there are mature trees, including the Japanese Scholar Tree (Sophora japonica) and American hophornbean (Ostrya virginiana).

Bamboo Brook was created by Martha Brookes Hutcheson, one of the first professionally trained female landscape architects in the United States; she lived there 1911-59. Two immaculate formal gardens surround a 1792 house. Cypress, oak and maple trees, bamboo, wildflowers, lilac shrubs and more than 100 types of willows are just a few of the species seen on meadow and forest trails peppered with cool brooks and ponds.

The delightful water features and white cedar allée, or walkway, add to the experience. **Note:** Pets are not permitted. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (973) 326-7600.

Willowwood Arboretum is 3 mi. s. on US 206, .4 mi. w. on Spring Lake Dr., .3 mi. s. on Bamboo Ln., then .2 mi. e. to 300 Longview Rd. The 130-acre of rolling farmland, designed in 1908 by brothers Henry and Robert Tubbs, contains 3,500 native and exotic plants. In addition to virgin forest, one can find oak, maple, willow, magnolia, lilac, cherry, fir, pine and a dawn redwood (Metasequoia) now more than 98 feet tall. Other sights include ferns as well as wildflowers.

Both wild and cultivated plantings can be seen on selfguiding tours; pick up a map with a list of identified trees at the parking lot. **Note:** Dogs and horses are not permitted. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (908) 234-1815.

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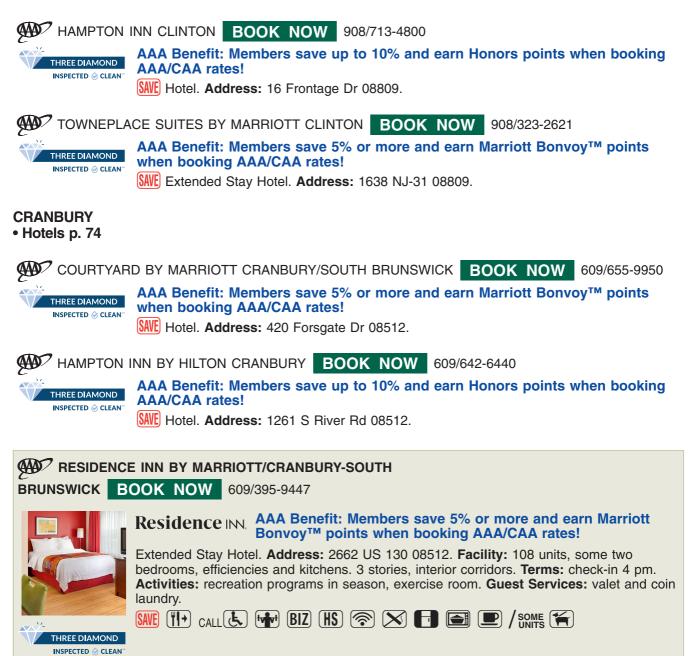
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Clinton was a prominent mill town and stagecoach stop in the mid-19th century. The historic Red Mill and Stone

Mill, which stand on opposite banks of the Raritan River, are picturesque reminders of its past. Nearby Spruce Run and Round Valley recreation areas *(see Recreation Areas Chart)* offer a variety of recreational opportunities.





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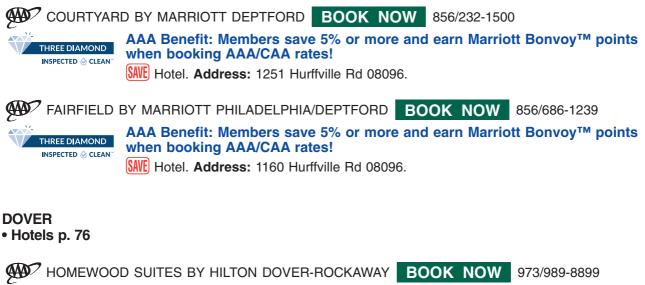
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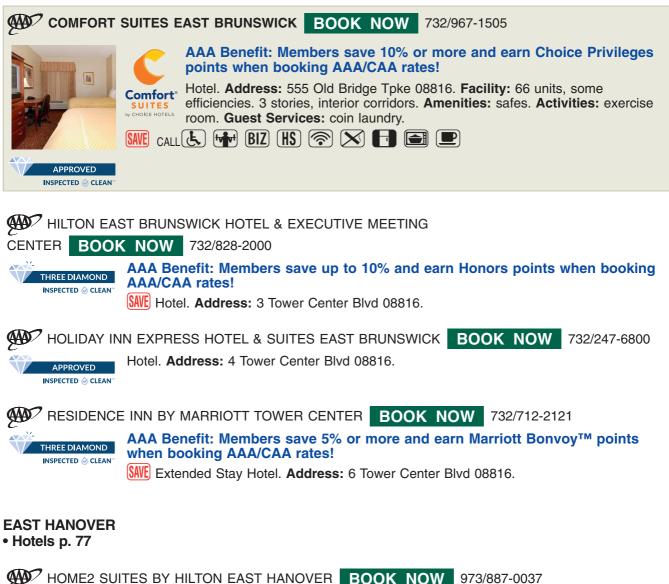
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The Meadowlands Sports Complex, at the intersection of New Jersey Turnpike exit 16W and SR 3, includes MetLife Stadium, home of both the New York Giants and the New York Jets of the National Football League. Meadowlands Racetrack offers both thoroughbred and harness racing.

Guided tours of MetLife Stadium are offered by appointment; phone (201) 559-1500 for tour information, (201) 559-1515 for general information, (201) 559-1300 for the arena/stadium box office or (201) 843-2446 for the racetrack.

**Note:** Policies concerning admittance of children to parimutuel betting facilities vary. Phone for information. **Meadowlands Regional Chamber of Commerce:** 201 SR 17N, 2nd Floor, Rutherford, NJ 07070. **Phone:** (201) 939-0707 or (877) 652-8287.

**Shopping:** American Dream, 1 American Dream Way, is a mega-mall that boasts more than 125 stores, a theme park, a water park, 2 mini golf courses and more. These popular attractions draw large crowds on weekends and during school holidays. The indoor DreamWorks Water Park features slides and play areas themed after popular DreamWorks movies including "Shrek," "Penguins of Madagascar" and "Kung Fu Panda."

The theme park is Nickelodeon Universe and features characters that will induce nostalgia in adults and excitement in children. Rides are themed after "Avatar: The Last Airbender," "PAW Patrol," "Rugrats," "SpongeBob SquarePants" and others. Attractions and schedules may vary; phone ahead.



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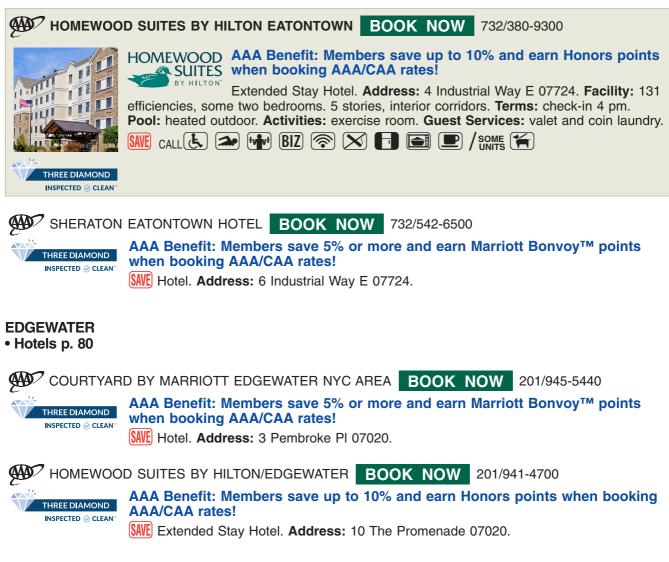
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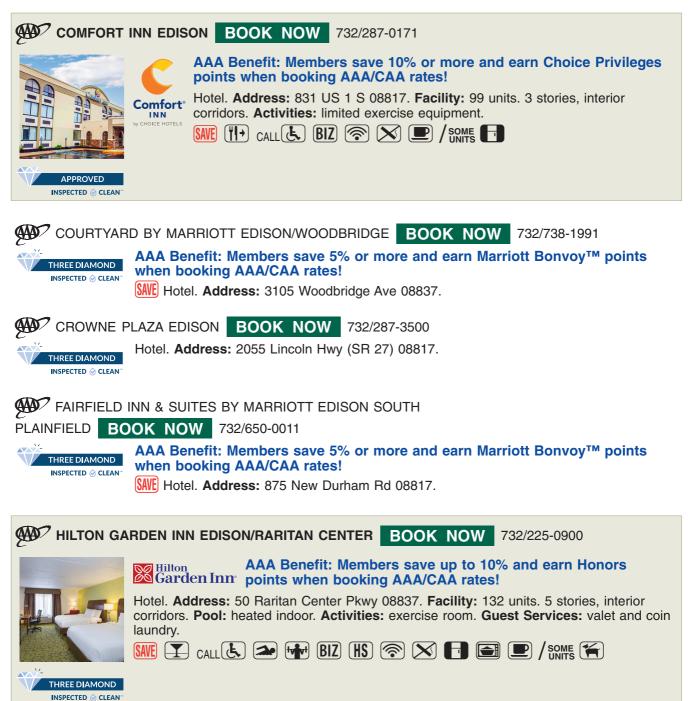
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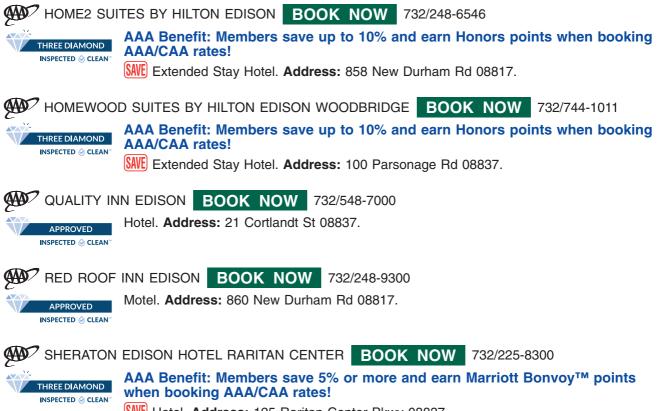
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Settled in the late 1600s and first known as Raritan Township, the community honored the "Wizard of Menlo Park," aka Thomas Alva Edison, with a name change in 1954. Twelve period street lamps, which evoke the first incandescent lamps that illuminated Christie Street, and the Edison Memorial Tower stand testament to the famous inventor's contribution to the area, where he conducted numerous experiments.









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#### EGG HARBOR CITY

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Egg Harbor City's hallmark is neither eggs nor a harbor but acres of vineyards. The 1858 discovery that soil in the

vicinity was conducive to growing wine grapes attracted German and Italian vintners to the area, and the town prospered. Some of the vineyards are still operated by the original founding families.

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### ELIZABETH

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Elizabeth is part of metropolitan New York City's extensive, densely populated urban conurbation. The city's marine terminal is one of the largest container ports in the world; it was here that John Philip Holland assembled the first successful submarine, later purchased by the U.S. Navy. The College of New Jersey, the school that would eventually become Princeton University, was founded in Elizabeth by Jonathan Dickinson in 1746.

Notable early residents include Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr, both of whom attended the old academy on the site now occupied by the First Presbyterian Church parish house; James Caldwell, the fiery "Fighting Parson" of the Revolution; and Gen. Winfield Scott, the 1852 Whig party presidential candidate.

Nearly two dozen pre-Revolutionary War structures remain standing in a city that suffered many attacks and skirmishes. Several of them, identified by plaques, are located in the 1000 and 1100 blocks of E. Jersey Street. The Bonnell House, 1045 E. Jersey St., dates from about 1682 and is one of the city's oldest buildings. Boxwood Hall, 1073 E. Jersey St., was built around 1750 and is the former home of Elias Boudinot, president of the Continental Congress 1782-83. In 1789 George Washington visited the Boudinot home en route to New York for his presidential inauguration. Hamilton also was a frequent visitor, having lived for a time with the Boudinot family while attending school.

Enjoy the floriferous beauty at Henry S. Chatfield Memorial Garden; the spring display of tulips in late April and early May is particularly noteworthy. The garden is in Warinanco Park, designed by noted landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted. The city's largest park is an oasis of huge old trees, winding paths and recreational facilities that include tennis courts, an ice-skating rink and football, baseball and soccer fields. The park is off Garden State Parkway exit 137 at the intersection of Rahway and Park avenues; for directions and other information phone (908) 527-4900.

Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce: 456 N. Broad St., Elizabeth, NJ 07208. Phone: (908) 355-7600.



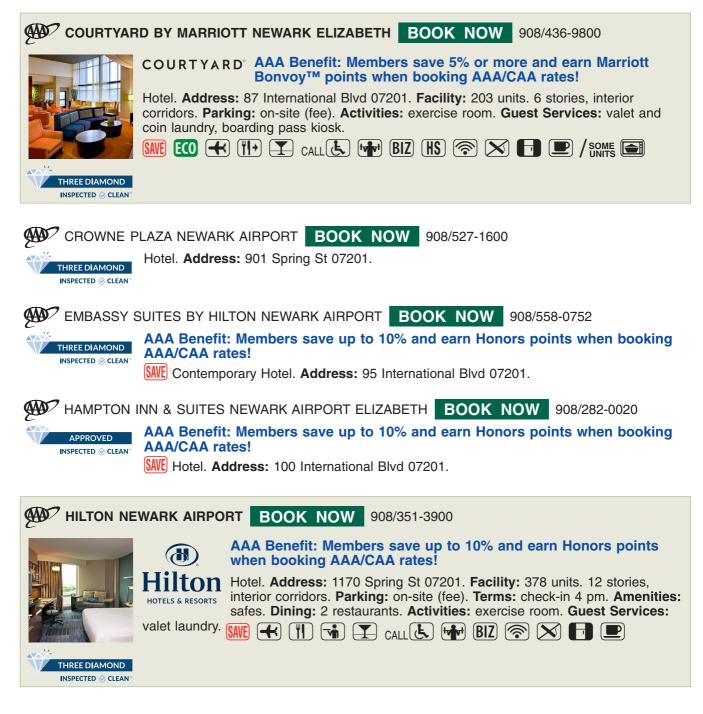
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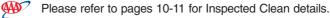


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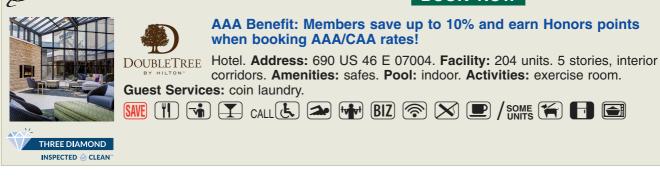
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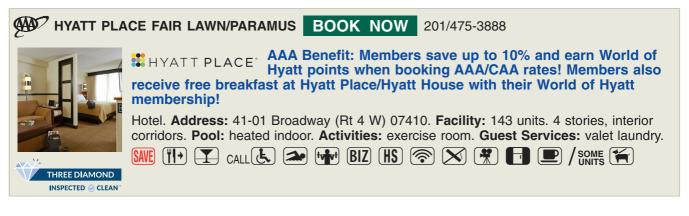






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#### FAR HILLS

On the western edge of the northeastern New Jersey metropolitan urban area, Far Hills is in an area of rolling hills and grand estates where wealthy residents originally engaged in farming and fox hunting. In more recent years many of the estate homes have been converted into corporate headquarters offices.

**USGA MUSEUM** is at 77 Liberty Corner Rd. The 1919 John Russell Pope residence, now home to the Arnold Palmer Center for Golf History, features rooms dedicated to such legendary golfers as Arnold Palmer, Robert Tyre "Bobby" Jones Jr., Ben Hogan, Mickey Wright and Jack Nicklaus. The history of golf in America is brought to life through entertaining and interactive displays.

The Pynes Putting Course is open early spring to late fall. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (908) 234-2300, ext. 1057.

#### FLEMINGTON

Flemington became widely known in the early 20th century for the manufacture of pottery and cut glass, but notoriety of a different sort came to town in 1935 when the much-publicized Lindbergh kidnapping trial was held in the county courthouse.

Steam and vintage diesel locomotives provide the power for 11-mile round trips aboard the Black River & Western Railroad. Summer weekend and holiday trips depart from Flemington Station, 12 Stangl Rd. off SR 12W, and travel to the Ringoes Station on CR 579. Seasonal



**Shopping:** Liberty Village, at 1 Church St., features specialty shops and outlet stores housed in Colonial-style buildings on the site of an old railroad turntable.

themed excursions also are available. For information and

**NORTHLANDZ** is at 495 US 202. This 16-acre complex features one of the world's most extensive model railroads. The Great American Railway is a miniature world of cities and towns, landscapes that include 35-foot-tall mountains, more than 100 trains comprising some 10,000 freight cars, and 8 miles of track. Also on the premises is a 94-room dollhouse, a doll museum, a music hall and an art gallery. Outdoor train rides are offered on weekends and holidays as well.

Phone: (908) 782-4022.

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## FLORHAM PARK

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The name Florham Park was derived from the first names of millionaire Hamilton Twombly and his wife, Florence; "Park" was added in honor of Dr. Leslie D. Ward's estate, Brooklake Park.

The College of St. Elizabeth, a Catholic liberal arts college founded in Morris County in 1899, is said to be the oldest women's college in the state. The 200-acre campus is partially in the town of Convent Station; phone (973) 290-4000.

Shared by the town of Madison, the Florham-Madison campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University occupies 187

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acres on the site of the former Twombly estate. The 100room Twombly Mansion, begun in 1893 and completed in 1896, is a replica of one wing of Hampton Court in England. The manor house serves as a campus administration building. Tours of the campus are available by appointment; phone (973) 443-8500. The Little Red Schoolhouse, Ridgedale Avenue and Columbia Turnpike, was built in 1866 and used as a school until 1914. The schoolhouse is now a museum operated by the Florham Park Historical Society; phone (973) 377-3713.



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Situated on the Hudson River palisades, Fort Lee was a critical point in Gen. George Washington's unsuccessful attempts to stem the tide of British forces in 1776. The convenient and dramatic location also made Fort Lee the motion picture capital of America from 1910 until the mid-1920s. The borough's striking scenery and a ready labor force made it a lucrative filming site; talent scouts often waited outside local schools to ask children to appear in movies under production. At the peak of activity before World War I, seven studios and 21 companies produced the silent films that revolutionized entertainment around the world.

Realizing that New Jersey winters were not conducive to movie production, the studios eventually relocated to Hollywood. Fire destroyed many of the buildings in the Coytesville area, where companies such as Universal Studios got their start, and the remaining structures were converted to other uses. Fort Lee, however, earned its place in pop culture when Gilda Radner, as recurring character Roseanne Roseannadanna on the Weekend Update segment of "Saturday Night Live," would begin one of her monologues by reading a letter from "a Mr. Richard Fader of Fort Lee, New Jersey."

This residential suburb of New York City is connected to the metropolis by the George Washington Bridge. The bridge serves as the southern terminus of Palisades Interstate Parkway, a scenic section of highway that skirts the Hudson River and continues north into New York.

Fort Lee Regional Chamber of Commerce: 210 Whiteman St., Suite 102, Fort Lee, NJ 07024. Phone: (201) 944-7575.

**FORT LEE HISTORIC PARK** is off Hudson Terr. in Palisades Interstate Park. The 33-acre site atop the Palisades was chosen by Gen. George Washington in 1776 to defend New York and the Hudson River against British warships. Washington's army was forced into retreat by the British army under Gen. Charles Cornwallis.

The visitor center chronicles Fort Lee's role in the Revolutionary War. Trails lead to two points overlooking the New York skyline. Gun batteries, a rifle parapet and a soldier's hut have been restored. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (201) 461-1776.







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The Battle of Monmouth occurred in Freehold on June 28, 1778, when Gen. George Washington's army overtook Sir Henry Clinton's army as it retreated from Philadelphia. During this battle Molly Pitcher—so called because she brought water to the battlefield for the soldiers—helped to keep her husband's cannon in action when he was overcome by the 100-degree heat.

Just before the battle, Clinton used the house of a local farmer as his headquarters. Covenhoven House, 150 W. Main St., dates from the early 1750s and contains period furnishings. The house is open May through September; phone (732) 462-1466.

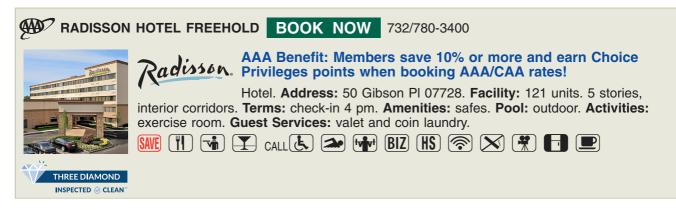
Outdoor recreation is available at nearby Turkey Swamp Park *(see Recreation Areas Chart)*. Camping is available early Apr. to mid-November, while boat rentals are offered daily in the summer and on fall weekends; phone (732) 462-7286.

Harness racing takes place at Freehold Raceway, US 9 and SR 33, during most of the year; phone (732) 462-3800.

**Note:** Policies concerning admittance of children to parimutuel betting facilities vary. Phone for information.

**Greater Monmouth Chamber of Commerce:** 10 E. Main St., Suite 1A, Freehold, NJ 07728. **Phone:** (732) 462-3030.





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#### GATEWAY NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Comprising the Jamaica Bay and Staten Island units in New York City and Sandy Hook Unit in New Jersey, Gateway National Recreation Area offers urban residents and visitors a chance to enjoy nature and the sea.

So named because it is at the entrance to the great New York-New Jersey estuary, the recreation area was created by Congress in 1972 to reclaim the parkland's ocean beaches, dunes, wooded uplands and bays from the effects of urbanization, which had decimated the region's bird, fish and animal populations.

Among the numbers of replenished wildlife are more than 300 species of birds that frequent the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge and Sandy Hook Unit along the Atlantic flyway.

The Jamaica Bay Unit includes Breezy Point, historic Fort Tilden, Jacob Riis Beach, Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge in Queens, Bergen Beach, Canarsie Pier, Plumb Beach, Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn and Frank Charles Memorial Park. The Staten Island Unit consists of Fort Wadsworth, Great Kills Park and Miller Field. The Sandy Hook Unit in Highlands, N.J., includes a beach, a lighthouse and Fort Hancock.

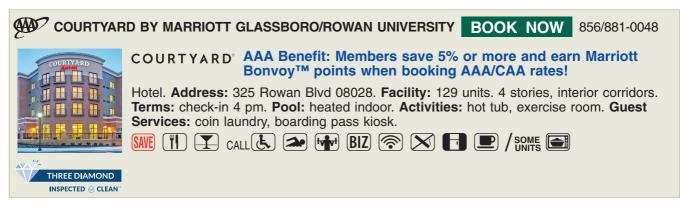
Historical, educational, cultural and recreational events are presented throughout the year. The beaches are open daily and lifeguards are on duty Memorial Day weekend-Labor Day.

Exhibits highlighting the history of Floyd Bennett Field are featured at the William Fitts Ryan Visitor Center. Floyd Bennett Field is open daily dawn-dusk. The William Fitts Ryan Visitor Center is open daily 9-4:30, early March through mid-November; Wednesday through Sunday 10-4, rest of year.

For further information contact the Public Affairs Office, Gateway National Recreation Area, 210 New York Ave., Staten Island, NY 10305. Phone (718) 354-4606. *See Recreation Areas Chart.* 

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#### HADDONFIELD

In 1701, Elizabeth Haddon was sent from England by her father—who had no sons—to develop 550 acres southeast of Camden. In less than a year the industrious Quaker lass had built a house, begun the colony and proposed marriage to Quaker missionary John Estaugh (he accepted). Their romance is at the center of "The Theologian's Tale" in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "Tales of a Wayside Inn."

#### HALEDON

During the 1913 Paterson Silk strike, Haledon received national attention when the town's socialist mayor invited strikers to meet at co-worker Pietro Botto's home. Thousands gathered, unmolested by Paterson authorities, to hear labor organizer William "Big Bill" Haywood and writers John Reed and Upton Sinclair. Although the workers' petitions were not immediately met, the Paterson Silk strike was a major turning point in the history of unionized labor.



#### SAVE AMERICAN LABOR MUSEUM/BOTTO HOUSE

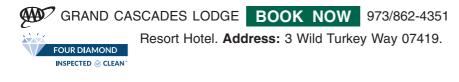
**NATIONAL LANDMARK** is at 83 Norwood St. The museum occupies the 1908 Botto House, the former home of an Italian immigrant silk mill worker. Period rooms and changing exhibits illustrate the history of the

world labor movement and the lifestyle of immigrant workers and their families in early 20th-century America.

An 18-minute video precedes a guided tour. An exhibit about the 1913 Paterson Silk strike is in the building's library. **Time:** Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (973) 595-7953.

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#### HAMILTON

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Hamilton, in the southern part of Mercer County, is adjacent to the Trenton metropolitan area.

Kuser Farm Mansion and Park has entrances at 390 Newkirk Ave. and on Kuser Road. The Fred Kuser family, which manufactured the Mercer Motor Car in Hamilton, helped finance the movie company that would become 20th Century Fox. A private projection room in the 1892 mansion is among rooms open to visitors on weekends. The 22-acre estate features a formal garden, tennis house, laundry house, coach house, barn, corn crib, shower house, windmill and gazebo; phone (609) 890-3630.

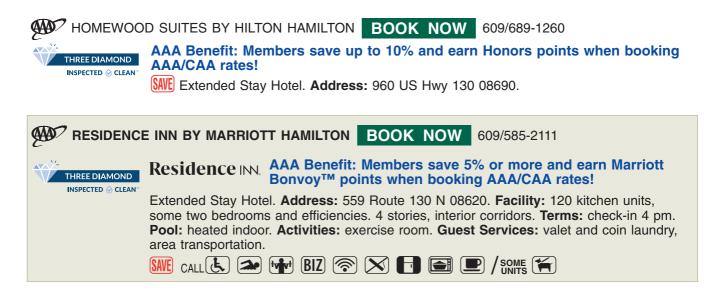
**GROUNDS FOR SCULPTURE** is off I-295 exit 65B, .2 mi. w. on Sloan Ave. to Klockner Rd., s. to E. State St., .8 mi. e. to Sculptor's Way, then .2 mi. s. to 18 Fairgrounds Rd. The 42-acre sculpture park, built on the site of the former New Jersey State Fairgrounds, features three buildings, each of which houses museum galleries whose exhibitions rotate seasonally with contemporary art sculptures. The Domestic Arts Building offers two exhibit spaces; the steel-framed Museum Building offers the largest gallery; a third structure, the Seward Johnson Center for the Arts, contains a visitor center and educational areas at which workshops are offered, as well as the 7,500-square-foot East Gallery. More than 270 large-scale contemporary sculptures by American and international artists in such media as bronze, wood, stone and steel are displayed outdoors in both formal and naturalistic landscape settings.

The park contains lotus ponds, waterfalls, misting features, a water garden, bridges, a courtyard of Japanese maples, winding pathways and two allées. Peacocks roam the grounds. An arboretum features many unusual conifers, bamboos and ornamental grasses. A Tree Tour brochure of 78 interesting specimens is available. Touch tours for the visually impaired and cart rides for the mobility impaired are available with advance notice.

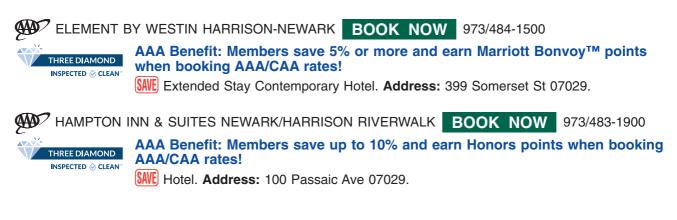
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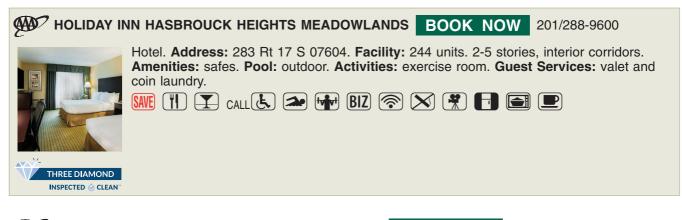
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#### HILLSBOROUGH

**DUKE FARMS** is at 1112 Dukes Pkwy. W. First developed by tobacco and hydropower magnate James Buchanan Duke in 1893 and later enhanced by his daughter, Doris, this 2,740-acre estate features wetlands, buildings, fountains and stone walls. Open to the public, it allows recreational opportunities such as geocaching and biking, as well as environmental programs.

Many buildings have been repurposed with eco-friendly power and water systems. The Orientation Center, which is on the first floor of the Farm Barn, presents interactive exhibits on land stewardship and sustainability. Orchids and exotic flowers from around the world can be seen in Doris Duke's greenhouses.

Note: Trails and paths may require full mobility as they are undeveloped, with loose gravel or wood chips. Motor vehicle traffic is limited, but a tram makes regular stops, including at the conservatory/greenhouse. Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. Phone: (908) 722-3700.

#### HOBOKEN

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Squeezed into little more than a square mile of land between the Hudson River and North Bergen, Hoboken is nevertheless a major railroad terminal and seaport across the river from New York City. West of the Hudson River is Stevens Institute of Technology, founded in 1870 as an engineering academy. The college has expanded from its original location at Castle Point to include centers for science, research, management and engineering.

While beer gardens and fireworks attracted revelers to Hoboken's River Walkway, the scenic countryside called out to such literary, artistic and society figures as John Jacob Astor, Washington Irving and William Cullen Bryant. John Stevens, a prominent Hoboken native, built the country's first steam locomotive in 1824.

Hoboken Historical Museum, 1301 Hudson St., offers changing exhibits, activities and events and a self-guiding walking tour of historic buildings and homes; phone (201) 656-2240.

Hoboken Chamber of Commerce: 50 Harrison St., Suite PH450, Hoboken, NJ 07030. Phone: (201) 222-1100.

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**Parking:** valet only. **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Amenities:** safes. **Activities:** recreation programs, bicycles, exercise room, spa. **Guest Services:** valet laundry.



#### HOLMDEL

The tree-shaded village of Holmdel is one of the oldest communities in Monmouth County, originally settled by the Holmes family in the mid-1600s. The Holmes-Hendrickson House, built by William Holmes about 1754, still stands at 62 Longstreet Rd. and is a fine example of local Dutch building traditions. Visitors can tour the house from May through September; phone (732) 462-1466.

#### VIETNAM ERA MUSEUM & EDUCATIONAL CENTER is

off Garden State Pkwy. exit 116 on the grounds of the PNC Bank Arts Center, following signs to 1 Memorial Ln. The museum's exhibits offer a comprehensive overview of the Vietnam era and its cultural complexities and lasting impact on American culture. A display of personal letters and photos of New Jersey residents underscores the larger issues of the era.



**Time:** Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (732) 335-0033.

**New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial** is off Garden State Pkwy. exit 116 on the grounds of the PNC Bank Arts Center, following signs. The memorial features an emotionally moving bronze statue that depicts a nurse tending to a wounded soldier. Also on view are 366 black granite panels inscribed with the names of 1,562 New Jerseyans who were either killed or listed as missing. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (732) 335-0033.

#### HOPE

"Jenny, jump!" Apparently the young girl did, foiling the Native Americans her father had spotted sneaking up on her. The true story remains unknown, but the warning cry is commemorated in the name of the mountain that rises above Hope. The village was settled in 1769 by Moravians from Bethlehem, Pa. They built a sturdy, selfsustaining community with mills, a church, a public inn, a brewery and a distillery. Several old structures remain, their stone walls contrasting with more recent buildings. The Moravians' position as conscientious objectors during the Revolution did not endear them to Patriot forces, but they won respect by caring for sick and wounded soldiers. The colony diminished by a smallpox epidemic—returned to Pennsylvania in 1808.

**Self-guiding tours:** Brochures outlining a walking tour past Hope's Moravian architecture can be obtained at stores and banks throughout town and at the Municipal Building Clerk's Office at 407 Great Meadows Rd. (CR 611); phone (908) 459-5011.

**LAND OF MAKE BELIEVE** is at 354 Great Meadows Rd. This 32-acre family amusement and water park offers rides, shows, attractions and play areas geared to children under 13 and their parents. Highlights include Middle Earth Theater, a talking scarecrow, a Ferris wheel, two roller coasters, the Grand Carousel, an enchanted Christmas Village, a 4x4 off-road safari ride, an 1863 train, hayrides and Old McDonald's Farm, as well as waterslides, river tubing and a life-size pirate ship in a wading pool.

Time: Allow 3 hours minimum. Phone: (908) 459-9000. (See ad p. 97.) []]

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#### JACKSON

A township at the northern fringes of the Pine Barrens, Jackson has several campgrounds and parks. The New Jersey Forest Nursery is off CR 527-528. Prospertown Lake, a wildlife management area west on CR 537, offers fishing and hunting. Canoeing is available on the Upper Toms River. In nearby Lakewood, the Sister Mary Grace Burns Arboretum of Georgian Court University, 900 Lakewood Ave., features formal gardens, impressive sculptures and fountains; phone (732) 364-2200. A 50-room Georgian-style mansion that was once the winter home of George Jay Gould, the son of a 19th-century railroad tycoon, also is on the premises but is not open to the public.





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Jackson Chamber of Commerce: 1021 W. Commodore Blvd., Jackson, NJ 08527. Phone: (732) 833-0005.

SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE & SA-FARI, 1 Six Flags Blvd., has more than 100 rides and attractions in themed areas. Highlights encompass roller coasters, including the wooden coaster El Toro and the steel coasters Nitro, The Joker and many others such as Kingda Ka and Batman the Ride; three children's areas that offer various rides and activities; and shows featuring animals and characters.

The park also offers Safari Off Road Adventure, a guided off-road tour through a 350-acre wildlife preserve. From safari-style vehicles, visitors can view 1,200 species of animals from around the world, including lions, elephants, rhinoceroses, bears and giraffes.

Allow a full day. **Phone:** (732) 928-2000.

**Six Flags Hurricane Harbor,** 1 Six Flags Blvd., is a 45-acre water park featuring thrill rides, slides, a million-gallon wave pool and a half-mile lazy river. The Tornado launches riders on a four-person raft into a 60-foot-tall, 132-foot-long funnel filled with gushing water. On Big Wave Racer, guests climb 4 stories and then race to the end in water toboggans, and you can also cool off in our Calypso Springs Activity Pool. For little ones there is Discovery Bay and Caribbean Cove.

**Time:** Allow 3 hours minimum. **Phone:** (732) 928-2000.

## JERSEY CITY

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Jersey City, a major manufacturing and transportation center, occupies a peninsula in the Hudson River west of Manhattan Island. More than \$1.3 billion annually in steel, chemicals, soaps, perfumes, elevators and myriad other products pour from the city's approximately 600 industrial plants. Completion of the Hudson River railroad tunnels in 1910 cemented Jersey City's position as the transportation and distribution heart of the New York-New Jersey megalopolis.

The Paulus Hook peninsula first was settled by the Dutch about 1630, but less-than-friendly relations with American Indians delayed the establishment of the first permanent settlement at Bergen until 1660. The hook became a strategic link between New York and cities to the west and south, and therefore played an important role in the American Revolution; it was the 1779 site of the Battle of Paulus Hook. Urban revitalization rescued such architectural treasures as the brownstone houses that were home to the city's elite during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. A number of these restored houses are in the Hamilton Park neighborhood.

The octagonal Colgate Clock, at the foot of Essex Street on the Hudson River, was first set in motion in December 1924. It stands at the former site of Colgate-Palmolive & Company, a symbol of an era when factories dominated the Jersey City waterfront. The clock faces Manhattan and is best viewed from the water. Its dial is 50 feet in diameter; the minute hand is 25 feet, 10 inches long, weighs 2,200 pounds and moves 23 inches every minute.

Hudson County Chamber of Commerce: 150 Hudson St., Suite 100, Jersey City, NJ 07311. Phone: (201) 386-0699.

**LIBERTY STATE PARK** is off New Jersey Tpke. exit 14B at Audrey Zapp Dr. and Phillip St. This urban park faces Liberty Island, site of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, and offers a view of the New York City skyline. Facilities include a bicycle trail; an interpretive center; a playground; and Liberty Walk, a 1.3-mile promenade lining the harbor. The pathway leads to the historic Central Railroad of New Jersey Terminal, from which early settlers departed. *See Recreation Areas Chart.* 

Statue Cruises makes daily trips to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. **Phone:** (201) 915-3400, or (877) 523-9849 for ferry information.  $\overline{A}$ 

Liberty Science Center is off New Jersey Tpke. exit 14C at 222 Jersey City Blvd., in Liberty State Park. With hundreds of interactive exhibits and reputedly the nation's largest IMAX dome screen, the center allows visitors ages 2 and older to explore nature, science and technology. Four floors feature 12 museum exhibition halls with permanent and changing displays. At the Skyscraper! exhibit, visitors can walk an I-beam 18 feet above the floor and brave simulated hurricane-force winds and rain.

Visitors also can see creatures from around the globe, including poison dart frogs and tiny tamarin monkeys. A huge suspended climbing cage challenges guests to hop on 64 platforms to the top, 35 feet above the floor. Kids ages 2-5 have their own gallery with an air maze that shoots out softballs to catch. Another highlight is the 2-million-volt Tesla indoor lightning show.

Changing live science demonstrations are presented throughout the day.

**Time:** Allow 3 hours minimum. **Phone:** (201) 200-1000.



STATUE OF LIBERTY NATIONAL MONUMENT is in Upper New York Bay on Liberty Island. The

Ver in Upper New York Bay on Liberty Island. The Statue of Liberty is accessible only by ferry service from The Battery; take the subway to the South Ferry stop to reach the departure point. The statue was presented to the United States by France and dedicated in 1886 in commemoration of the two countries' alliance during the American Revolution. Measuring 151 feet high on a 154foot-high pedestal, it is the tallest statue of modern times. Ellis Island *(see attraction listing this page)* is nearby.

Visitors can take ranger-led or self-guiding tours of Liberty Island. Audio tours that can be used on both Liberty and Ellis islands are available as part of the ferry ticket. Free timed passes for entrance inside the pedestal are available but must be reserved at time of ferry ticket purchase; a limited quantity is available. A Flex ticket permits the user to visit the park once within 3 consecutive days. A 90-minute Hard Hat Tour of the 750-bed Ellis Island hospital complex also is available.

Only 10 people at a time are permitted to ascend the 377 steps from the main lobby to the crown platform. The walk is strenuous and is not recommended for the physically impaired. The crown's stairwell is a tightly enclosed area and is not air-conditioned.

**Note:** Visitors to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island must pass through primary security screening (similar to airport security procedures) before boarding the ferry. As part of security procedures, it is recommended that you allow ample time and maintain a flexible schedule to include security screening and boarding the ferry. Tickets can be purchased in advance as wait times can be several hours, particularly during peak seasons. Liberty Island is accessible only by ferry service, available daily from The Battery in Lower Manhattan and from Liberty State Park in Jersey City. A round-trip ticket includes stops at both Liberty and Ellis islands. **Time:** Allow 3 hours minimum. **Phone:** (212) 363-3200 for the National Park Service's information line, or (877) 523-9849 for ferry departures from N.J. and N.Y. and for crown reservations.  $\overline{(GT)}$   $\overline{[T]}$ 

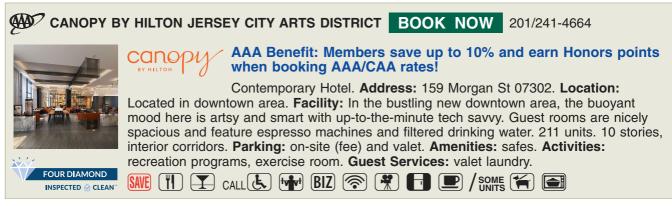
**ELLIS ISLAND** is in New York Harbor north of the Statue of Liberty. Ellis Island is accessible only by ferry service from The Battery in Lower Manhattan and from Liberty State Park in Jersey City, N.J.; take the subway to the South Ferry stop to reach the ferry departure point. This was the nation's main point of entry for millions of immigrants 1892-1954. The National Museum of Immigration has some 30 galleries and exhibits chronicling the history of immigration into the United States.

Highlights include the baggage, registry and hearing rooms; the American Family Immigration History Center, a computerized genealogy center with the names of immigrants processed during the peak years, 1820-1957; and The American Immigrant Wall of Honor, containing the names of more than 750,000 individuals.

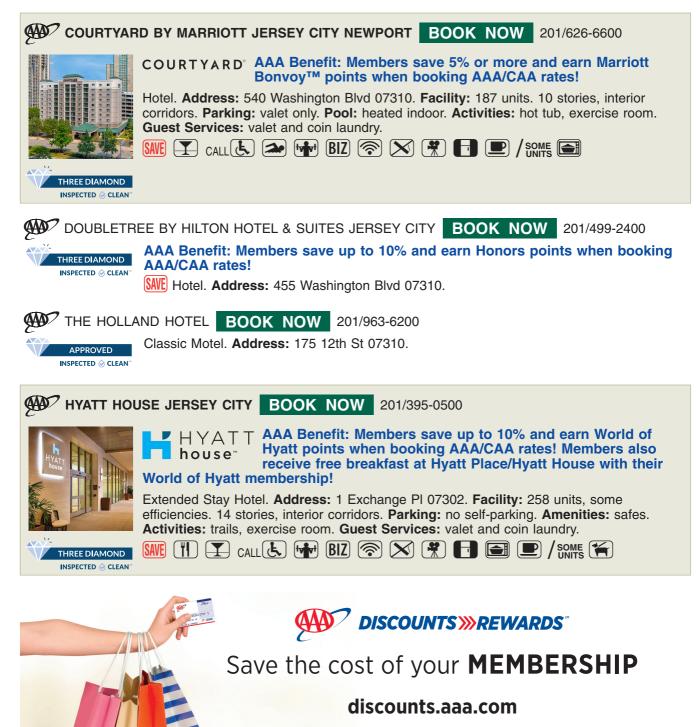
The Peopling of America Center features exhibits dedicated to those who arrived before the immigration station opened in 1892, including early Native Americans, slaves, colonists and Europeans. "The Journey: New Eras of Immigration" exhibit focuses on the period after Ellis Island closed as a processing center. It presents interactive displays examining modern-day issues, highlighting the Immigration Act of 1965 and other legislation.

Ranger-led and audio tours are available. The 28minute film "Island of Hope, Island of Tears" tells the story of immigrants traveling via steerage to the United States.

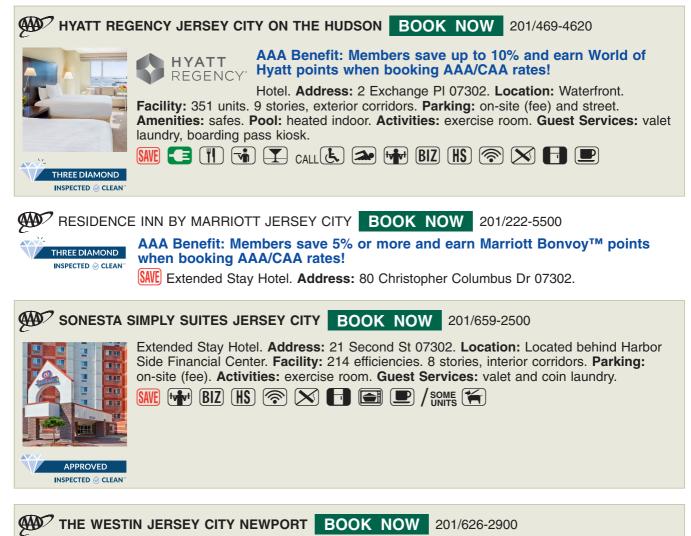
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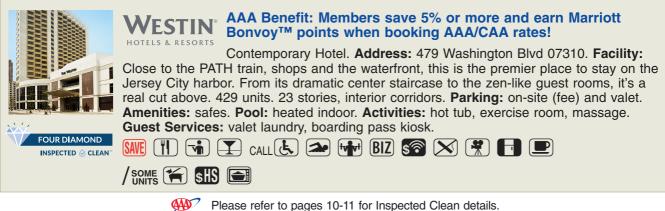












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Collectors from the mid-Atlantic come for antiques, crafts and art galleries that fill Bridge, Union and Coryell sts. The tree-lined neighborhood looks like a movie set from a New England town, and if you arrive from Pennsylvania over the Delaware River, the Lambertville Station should remind guests about the borough's railroad history. It is now a popular hotel and restaurant to go along with all of the shops, coffee bars and other bistros.

Self-guiding tours: A guide outlining the various shops and things to do in the area is available at the convention and visitors bureau.

Shopping: The Antiques Center at The People's Store at the corner of Church and Union features three floors that have seen selling action since 1839. If you arrive from the Washington Crossing Park side of town, you'll pass right by the Golden Nugget Antique Flea Market, a much higher-end "flea" than you're used to, with 60 shops.

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One of America's earliest seashore resorts, Long Branch rivaled Saratoga, N.Y., in popularity during its heyday. The stiff Philadelphia moral codes of the late 18th century required that a female beachgoer be escorted to the water by a male companion. Wealthy socialites preferring to choose their own partners created a lucrative business for available young men, a custom that lasted until the Gay '90s.

Once mores relaxed Long Branch boomed with coed beaches, gambling and other adult amusements. Such colorful personalities as Diamond Jim Brady and Lily Langtry frequented the resort. Long Branch also was the preferred summer home of Presidents Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Chester A. Arthur, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley and Woodrow Wilson.



#### 106 LONG BRANCH — MADISON, NJ

Attractions here include a 2-mile boardwalk and 5 miles of oceanfront good for swimming, sunbathing and surf fishing. Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park embraces 38 acres along the coast; phone (732) 229-0924 Memorial Day-Labor Day. **Greater Long Branch Chamber of Commerce:** 228 Broadway, P.O. Box 628, Long Branch, NJ 07740. **Phone:** (732) 222-0400.



#### LYNDHURST

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Nearby Kingsland was the site of the Canadian Car and Foundry Plant, a munitions factory set ablaze by German saboteurs in 1917, 4 months before America's entry into World War I. Despite the explosion of a half-million artillery shells, no one was killed. Exhibits about the terrorist attack are displayed at the 1893 Little Red Schoolhouse on Riverside Avenue; phone (201) 804-2513. **MEDIEVAL TIMES DINNER & TOURNAMENT** is off New Jersey Tpke. exit 16W, w. on SR 3, then s. on SR 17 to 149 Polito Ave. In a building resembling an 11thcentury European castle, visitors consume a four-course dinner sans silverware and then watch an arena performance of live jousting, swordplay, horsemanship and falconry. Guests are encouraged to cheer for one of six "Knights of the Realm," named after historic regions of medieval Spain.

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#### MADISON

Madison, settled about 1685, was first known as Bottle Hill after a local tavern that existed in Colonial days. It was renamed for President James Madison in 1834. Tours of the Drew University and Fairleigh Dickinson University campuses can be arranged; phone (973) 408-3739 for Drew University or (973) 443-8500 for Fairleigh Dickinson University.

The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, in residence at Drew University, presents Shakespeare's works as well as classical and modern plays from late May through December; phone (973) 408-5600.



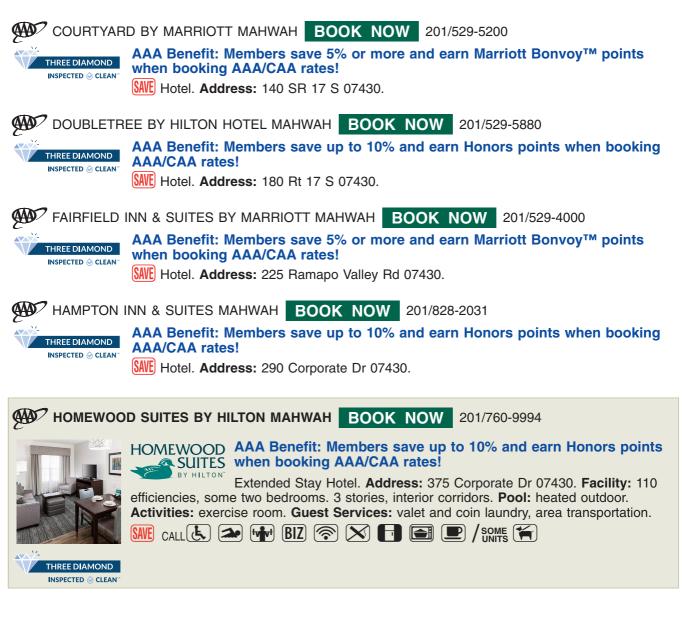
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Formed out of other townships, the community drew its name from *mawewi*, a Lenape Indian word for "meeting

place" or "place where paths meet." It has a strong history of industry; it inspired singer Bruce Springsteen's "Johnny 99."

Several county- and state-run parks draw recreation seekers. Popular activities include skiing and camping.







#### MIDDLETOWN

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On Raritan Bay, Middletown is the largest township in the Northern Monmouth area. A semblance of Colonial-era atmosphere manages to prevail along some residential streets, where ancient shade trees tower over large old houses. A few 17th-century structures still stand, including Marlpit Hall, a 1756 Dutch Colonial house at 137 Kings Hwy., that contains furnishings from the mid-18th century. The house is open to the public Friday through Sunday from May through September; phone (732) 462-1466.



#### MILLBURN

Millburn came into existence via a 1664 land grant by Charles II and was settled in the 1720s. Stewart Hartshorn, inventor of the window shade, acquired more than 1,500 acres in town in 1877 and designed a village called Short Hills. Although it likely cut into sales of his invention, Hartshorn's meandering street plan called for the preservation of as many trees as possible. The Cora Hartshorn Arboretum and Bird Sanctuary, 324 Forest Dr. S. in Short Hills, was founded in 1923 by Hartshorn's daughter. The 16.5-acre site offers good bird-watching and has a natural amphitheater; phone (973) 376-3587.

The success of many lumber, paper, cloth and hat mills was assured with the arrival of the Morris and Essex Railroad, later called the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad. The tracks linked Millburn with Newark, New York City and the coal industry to the northwest. A former mill on Brookside Drive is now the home of the Paper Mill Playhouse, New Jersey's designated state theater. The season runs from October through June. Phone (973) 376-4343.

Millburn-Short Hills Chamber of Commerce: 343 Millburn Ave., Suite 303, P.O. Box 651, Millburn, NJ 07041. Phone: (973) 379-1198.

#### MILLVILLE

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At the head of the tidewater on the Maurice (MOR-ris) River, Millville was initially a river port. The discovery of silica sand fostered the growth of glassmaking; by the end of the 19th century the only American city to produce more glassware was Pittsburgh. Glass remains among Millville's diversified industries. The designation "The Holly City" rests on a holly farm in neighboring East Millville that once



produced 14 varieties of the ornamental shrub for shipment around the world.

The region also is noted for having been the home of hunter and woodsman "Stretch" Garrison, whose alleged feats included riding sharks and porpoises up the Maurice River and raising a rooster so tall that it ate from the porch roof. Although his nickname resulted from what was done to the truth, "Stretch" remains a local folk hero.

Greater Millville Chamber of Commerce: 2 N. High St., P.O. Box 831, Millville, NJ 08332. Phone: (856) 825-2600.

**MILLVILLE ARMY AIR FIELD MUSEUM** is at 1 Leddon St. at the Millville Airport. Dedicated by the U.S. War Department in 1941, the Millville Army Air Field was known as "America's First Defense Airport." Some 10,000 men and women served in Millville during World War II, including 1,500 fighter pilots. Exhibits include aviation artifacts and displays dedicated to the Tuskegee airmen, USO women and veterans of World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam. **Phone:** (856) 327-2347. WHEATON ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTER is off Wade Blvd. at 1100 Village Dr. It focuses on the art of and history behind American glass and glassmaking and traditional southern New Jersey crafts. Artist demonstrations take place throughout the day.

The complex includes the Museum of American Glass; glass, ceramics and woodcarving studios; and a picnic and playground area.

**Time:** Allow 3 hours minimum. **Phone:** (856) 825-6800 or (800) 998-4552.

**Museum of American Glass** is at 1000 Village Dr., in the Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center. More than 22,000 objects span the history of American glass from the early 1700s to the present. Exhibits include pieces by the New England, Tiffany, Boston & Sandwich and Steuben glass companies, and by contemporary artists Dale Chihuly and Paul Stankard.

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#### MONMOUTH JUNCTION • Hotels p. 109

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#### MONTCLAIR

Because the town of West Bloomfield wanted a rail link to New York City and the town of Bloomfield did not, the former separated from the latter in 1868, renamed itself Montclair and built the railroad. The result is a prosperous suburban business center, of which little could be purchased with the original price paid the Native Americans for the region—"two guns, three coats and 13 cans of rum."

For a backdrop Montclair has First Mountain, from which the British were denied entry to the upper Passaic River Valley during the Revolution. In nearby Upper Montclair a normal school was established in 1908; today Montclair State University is New Jersey's second-largest college. Mountainside Park on Upper Mountain Avenue includes the Presby Memorial Iris Gardens, which usually bloom in May.

**MONTCLAIR ART MUSEUM** is off I-280 exit 8B, 2.5 mi. n.e. on Prospect Ave., then s.e. on Bloomfield Ave. to 3 S. Mountain Ave. The museum's collection includes American paintings and Native American art and artifacts. Works by Adolph Gottlieb, Georgia O'Keeffe, Andy Warhol and Montclair native George Inness are augmented by examples



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from the Hudson River School, Realism and Abstract Expressionism. The museum also presents a series of solo exhibitions of contemporary art.

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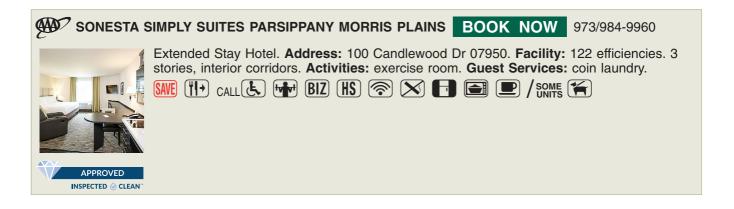
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THE STICKLEY MUSEUM AT CRAFTSMAN FARMS is off I-287 exit 39, then 3 mi. w. to 2352 SR 10 at Manor Ln. Gustav Stickley, a key proponent of the American Arts and Crafts movement, built this log house on his 650-acre farm in 1911. Best known for his elegantly simple

Craftsman, or Mission, furniture, Stickley was a major influence in home design and helped popularize the Bungalow movement in the United States. His house, situated on 35 acres, has been preserved, and many original furnishings have been reacquired.

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The Revolutionary War demanded iron, and a lot of it was processed at the furnaces and forges in Morristown. Much of the powder used by the Continental Army was made at Jacob Ford's powder mill. These operations were attractive targets for the British, who made several attempts to take the town. This led Gen. George Washington to select Morristown for his army's winter guarters in 1777 and again 2 years later (see Morristown National



Historical Park p. 113). Elaborate Victorian houses still stand in some of the oldest neighborhoods.

Morris County Visitors Center: 6 Court St., Morristown, NJ 07960. Phone: (973) 631-5151.

ACORN HALL is at jct. Morris Ave. and Whippany Rd. at 68 Morris Ave. The 1853 Victorian Italianate mansion is decorated and furnished in period and features a research library with information about the Victorian era, a Victorian-style garden and changing exhibits focusing on local history.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (973) 746-5555.



Pieces from the Crane-Hone and Schermerhorn families—both of whom lived in the mansion—constitute the majority of the furnishings, which also include contributions from other notable Morris County families. Special events and workshops hosted by the Morris County Historical Society also are offered.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (973) 267-3465.

**FOSTERFIELDS LIVING HISTORICAL FARM** is off I-287 exit 35, w. on SR 124 (Madison Ave.), then 1.1 mi. w. of the Morristown Green on CR 510 to 73 Kahdena Rd. The farm was purchased in 1852 by the grandson of Paul Revere. Joseph Warren Revere built The Willows, a 19thcentury Gothic Revival house. The estate-farm was the residence of the Foster family from 1881 to 1979.

Visitors can watch an introductory film; view exhibits; explore the farm on a self-guiding tour; see draft horses, Jersey cows, sheep, pigs, chickens and a 1920s farmhouse; and observe demonstrations of late 19th- and early 20th-century farming practices.

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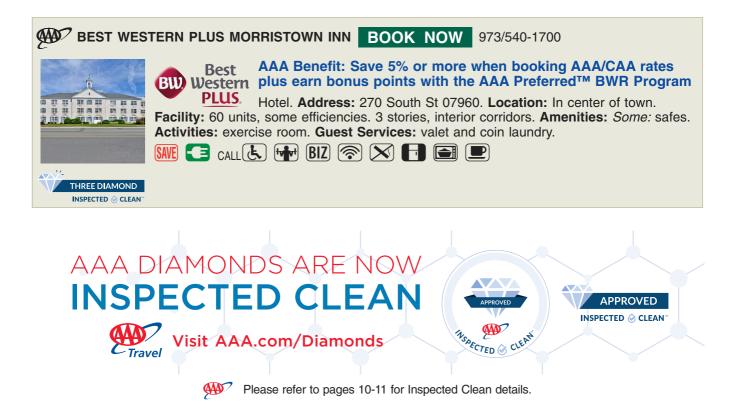
**HISTORIC SPEEDWELL,** 333 Speedwell Ave., preserves the homestead estate of Stephen Vail, including the factory building where his son, Alfred, assisted Samuel Morse with perfecting the telegraph and Morse code. The complex includes an exhibit about the Speedwell Iron Works, built in the early 1800s, three farm buildings and three historic houses. A timeline of modern communication and an exhibit about the telegraph also are on view.

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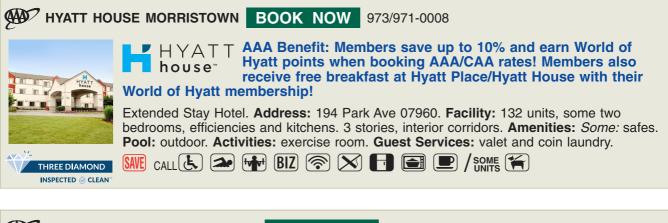
MORRIS MUSEUM is 2.5 mi. e. on CR 510 at 6 Normandy Heights Rd. Housed in the Frelinghuysen mansion at Twin Oaks, the collection includes some 48,000 items representing the decorative and fine arts, costumes and textiles, natural science, anthropology, mineralogy and paleontology. A highlight is the Murtogh D. Guinness Collection: Musical Machines & Living Dolls, a permanent exhibit that displays more than 150 mechanical musical instruments and automata, most dating to the 19th century; a viewable storage area houses another 550 pieces.

Other permanent exhibitions are Dinosaur Den, an exploration of dinosaurs that lived 65 million years ago, the American Indian Gallery and galleries devoted to rocks, minerals and mammals. The museum also has a significant costume collection, which is drawn on for annual costume exhibitions. Changing exhibits are featured as well.

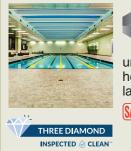
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# MORRISTOWN NATIONAL HISTORICAL

Consisting of four units, two in Morristown and two 6 miles southwest, Morristown National Historical Park includes the Ford Mansion (Washington's Headquarters), the site of Fort Nonsense, Jockey Hollow and the New Jersey Brigade Area. Gen. George Washington selected this easily defensible site for his military headquarters and the main encampment of the Continental Army of the Middle Colonies in the "Hard Winter" of 1779-80.

Despite starvation, disease and mutiny, he reorganized his weary and depleted forces almost within sight of strong British lines in New York. For a time this village was the U.S. military capital. Most park buildings are open Wed.-Sun. 9:30-5. Closed Jan. 1, Thanksgiving and Christmas. A combination ticket offering a guided tour of Ford Mansion and admittance to the museum and library is \$7; under 16 free with adult. Phone (973) 539-2016, ext. 210.

FORD MANSION (WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS)

is at 30 Washington PI. Built 1772-74 for Col. Jacob Ford Jr., the Colonial house is furnished in period and has a few original 18th-century pieces. During the winter of 1779-80 it was the home of Gen. and Mrs. George Washington. Entrance to the mansion is by guided tour only.

Phone: (973) 539-2016, ext. 210.

**Washington's Headquarters Museum and Library** is at 30 Washington PI. The museum's three exhibit galleries display material relating to the 1779-80 encampment. The library, open to the public only by appointment, houses some 40,000 manuscripts and more than 20,000 printed works dealing with both the Colonial and Revolutionary eras. Park headquarters is on the premises.

**Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (973) 539-2016, ext. 210.

**FORT NONSENSE,** off Ann St. near Western Ave., was built on a hill overlooking Morristown at Washington's order in 1777 as a defense for supplies stored in the village. The fort had cannons to protect the town below and the main roads leading north and south. Legend has it that the fort's name derived from Washington's intent to keep his troops busy, thus preventing idleness and desertion. Visitors will see a cannon, waysides describing historical events and an outline of the fort.

**JOCKEY HOLLOW** is 5 mi. s.w. of Morristown at jct. Jockey Hollow and Tempe Wick rds. The hollow contains most of the sites occupied by the Continental Army 1779-80. That "Hard Winter" proved to be one of the harshest of the 18th century. The army stripped the surrounding woods to build more than 1,000 huts, each housing 12 men. Five of these soldier huts have been recreated. The 1,200-acre area is also a wildlife sanctuary with several hiking trails. A visitor center offers displays and DVD presentations.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (973) 543-4030.

**Wick House and Garden** is in Jockey Hollow, 5 mi. s.w. of Morristown at jct. Jockey Hollow and Tempe Wick rds., off Jockey Hollow Rd. The 1750 farmhouse was occupied by Maj. Gen. Arthur St. Clair 1779-80. Henry Wick's 1,400-acre farm of timberland and open fields was central to the army occupation. The restored six-room house and adjacent herb garden reflect the life of a relatively prosperous farmer during the Revolutionary period. **Phone:** (973) 543-4030.

**NEW JERSEY BRIGADE AREA** is 1.5 mi. s. on Leddell Rd. to Old Jockey Hollow Rd. in Bernardsville. Some 900 men belonging to the New Jersey Brigade camped here during the winter of 1779-80. The four regiments of the "Jersey Blues," the last brigade to arrive, spent Christmas building log huts. Hiking trails and the Cross Estate Gardens are on the grounds.



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The Lenni-Lenape first called the Delaware Valley home until the 1700s when early European settlers, notably the Dutch, arrived fleeing religious persecution. Its proximity to Philadelphia helped increase the city's growth. The New Jersey Turnpike and I-295 both go through the community.

Laurel Acres Park, 1045 S. Church St., with its lake and grassy hill provide recreational opportunities such as fishing and, in winter, sledding. Concerts occur at the park, mainly in July and August. There's also a Veterans Memorial on-site. Phone (856) 234-0001, ext. 1220.





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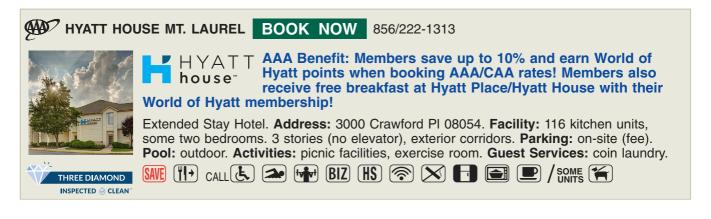
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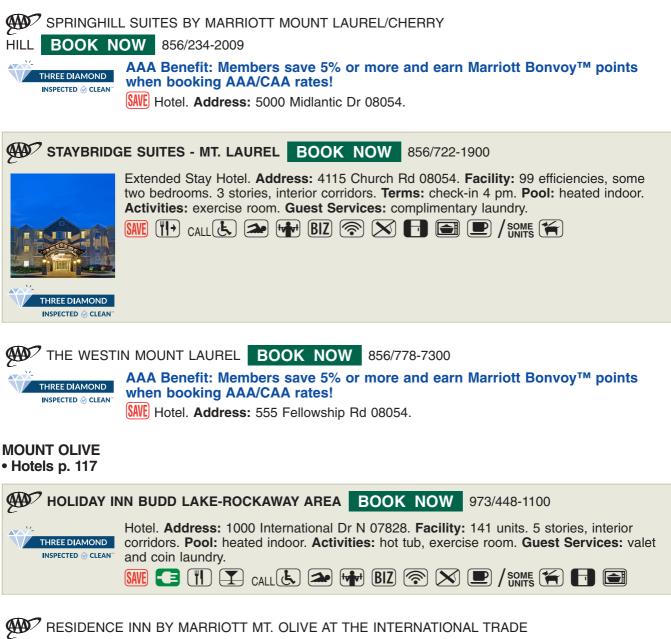


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# NEWARK

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New Jersey's largest city had a humble start: two streets laid out by Puritans from Connecticut in 1666. A major land, sea and air transportation center, Newark is a headquarters for leading insurance companies, banks and retail operations, as well as many federal and state agencies.

The city's midtown college complex is the home of four institutions of higher learning: Rutgers University at Newark, which includes the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey; Seton Hall University School of Law; the New Jersey Institute of Technology; and Essex County College. The Rutgers Institute of Jazz Studies maintains an extensive collection of jazz recordings, while a gallery in Rutgers' Paul Robeson Cultural Center, 600 Bartholomew Rd. (adjacent to the Busch Campus Center), displays changing art exhibits. Phone (973) 353-5595 and (848) 445-3545, respectively.

Inspiring statues in wedged-shaped Military Park, downtown between Broad Street, Center Street and Park Place, includes the monumental "Wars of America" by Mount Rushmore sculptor Gutzon Borglum and a bust of President John F. Kennedy by Jacques Lipchitz. Parking is available at the Military Park Garage, 42-50 Park Pl.; phone (973) 643-4700.

Conceived by renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead in 1867, 360-acre Branch Brook Park is known for its necklace of waterways—streams, ponds and open lakes—that are traversed by 19 bridges. Branch Brook Park Lake is stocked with trout, and the park has miles of winding pathways and more than 4,000 Japanese cherry trees that put on an extravagant floral display in the spring. There are multiple entrances for cars along the park's 2-mile length; parking is available off Bloomfield Avenue. For park information phone (973) 268-3500.

City Hall, 920 Broad St., is a fine example of Beaux Arts architecture. Dedicated in 1906, the building features a grand central staircase and a skylight. James Street Commons, next to Washington Park, is a 20-block area that contains a number of well-preserved Victorian row houses.

Newark was the birthplace of Whitney Houston, who became one of the world's best-selling recording artists in the 1980s. She also starred in "The Bodyguard"; the 1992 movie's theme song, the Dolly Parton-penned "I Will Always Love You," became Houston's signature hit. The sixtime Grammy winner died Feb. 11, 2012, on the eve of the 54th annual awards ceremony.

The New Jersey State Opera performs at venues around the state. The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra gives concerts at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 1 Center St.; for more information about the symphony phone (973) 624-3713 or (800) 255-3476 for the box office.

The Prudential Center, 25 Lafayette St., is home to the National Hockey League's New Jersey Devils, who hit the ice from mid-October to mid-April, and the Seton Hall University Pirates men's basketball team. The arena seats more than 18,500 for concerts, family shows and sporting events; phone (973) 757-6000 for general information, (973) 757-6600 for the Prudential Center box office or (973) 275-4255 for the Seton Hall ticket office.

**Greater Newark Convention & Visitors Bureau:** 60 Park Pl., Suite 104, Newark, NJ 07012. **Phone:** (973) 735-2135.



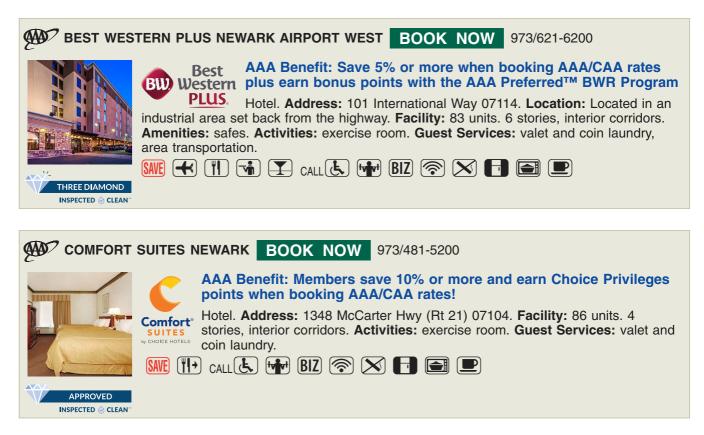
**THE NEWARK MUSEUM** is at 49 Washington St. (at Central Ave.). The museum's 80 galleries exhibit collections of art representing ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome as well as Africa, Asia, the Pacific and the Americas.

The Asian wing features an extensive collection of Tibetan art, including a Buddhist altar that the 14th Dalai Lama consecrated in 1990. American art includes Colonial-era pieces as well as contemporary works, including paintings by Mary Cassatt, Thomas Cole, Edward Hopper, Georgia O'Keeffe, Joseph Stella and Henry Ossawa Tanner. Rocks, minerals, fossils, insects and shells are among the extensive collections in the museum's Natural Science Collection. The complex also includes the Alice and Leonard Dreyfuss Planetarium and a memorial garden.

**Time:** Allow 3 hours minimum. **Phone:** (973) 596-6550.

**Ballantine House** is at 49 Washington St., adjacent to The Newark Museum. This restored 1885 Victorian mansion, which belonged to brewer John H. Ballantine, contains eight rooms furnished as they would have been in 1891. Six galleries and two hallways display a collection of decorative arts.

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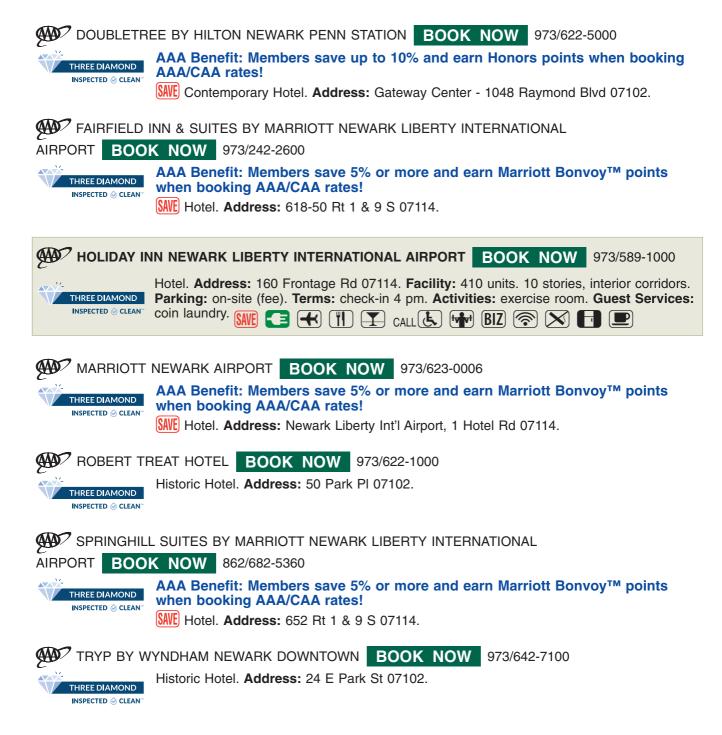
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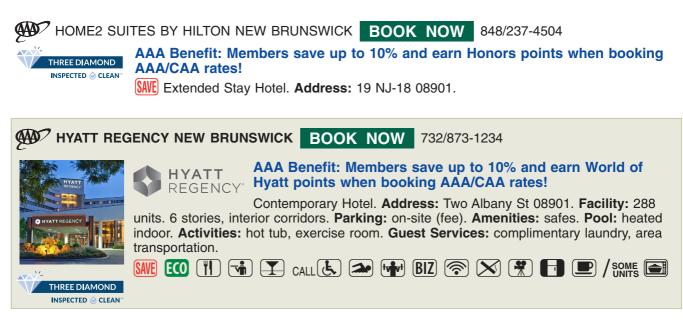
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New Brunswick originated in 1686 as a ferry crossing in an area known as Prigmore's Swamp. A port and water power afforded by the Raritan River made the settlement a major shipping and milling depot by the 1750s.

Queen's College opened in 1771 in a tavern. After years of monetary struggles and shifting locations and monetary struggles, it was renamed Rutgers in 1825. The State University of New Jersey now occupies several campuses in the city.

Buccleuch Park, at the north end of College Avenue, overlooks the Raritan River. On the grounds is a house built in 1729 by a British officer. The birthplace of Alfred Joyce Kilmer, best known for his poem "Trees," is at 17 Joyce Kilmer Ave.

**Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce:** 109 Church St., New Brunswick, NJ 08901. **Phone:** (732) 745-8090.



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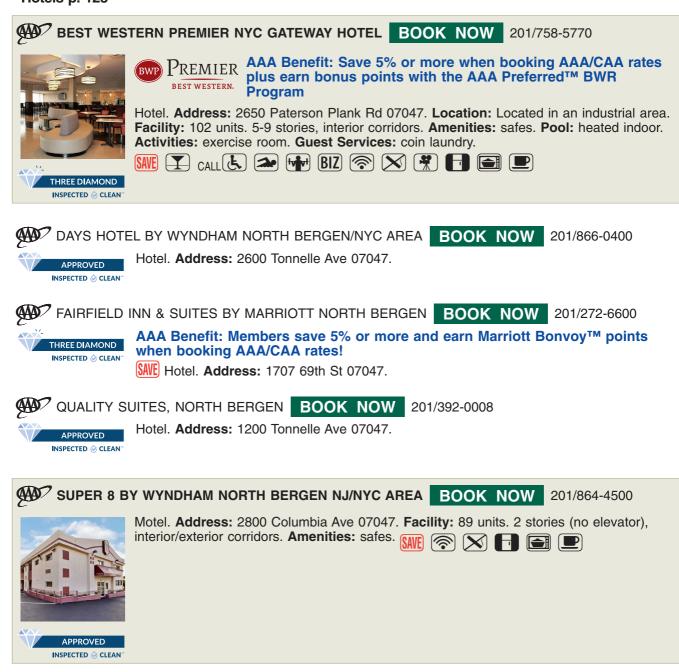
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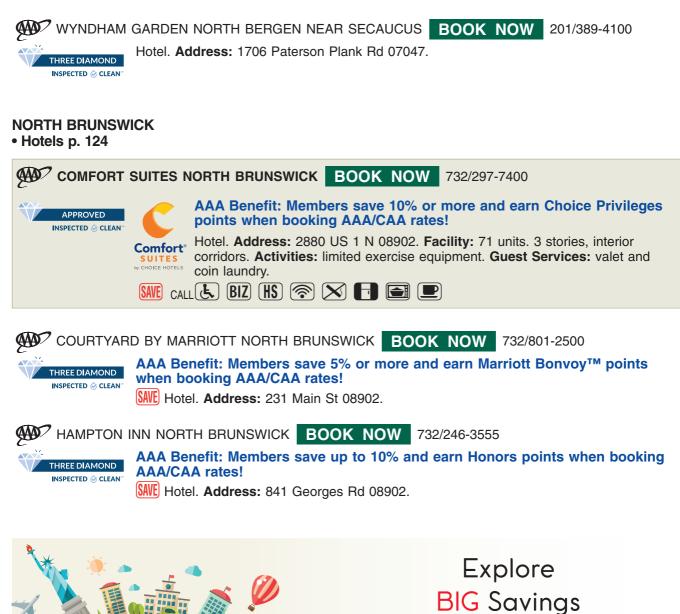




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When the Lake brothers—ministers all—established Ocean City as a proper Christian summer resort in 1879, they decreed that no liquor would be sold. The injunction, which is still in effect, might account in part for the town's long-standing popularity with families. Other reasons the area is a favorite vacation spot are obvious: the 8-milelong beach, an equable climate, excellent sport fishing and all the standard amenities of a summer seashore vacation community.

At the north end of an island between the Atlantic and Great Egg Harbor, Ocean City offers easy access to both the ocean and to inland waterways, making it a favored summer port for yacht owners. Chief among the many recreational facilities is the town boardwalk, lined with shops and amusements. Marinas accommodate visiting craft as well as charter boats for sightseeing and fishing, and the downtown area has numerous boutiques and restaurants to browse.

The Music Pier is Ocean City's primary entertainment center; band concerts take place regularly in summer. Gillian's Wonderland Pier and Playland's Castaway Cove have family-oriented amusement parks that operate from early April to mid-October. The Ocean City Arts Center, 1735 Simpson Ave., presents monthly art exhibits; phone (609) 399-7628.

**Ocean City Regional Chamber of Commerce:** P.O. Box 1706, Ocean City, NJ 08226. The Roy Gillian Welcome Center is on the route 52 Causeway. **Phone:** (609) 399-1412.



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• Part of Atlantic City area— see map p. 50

**EDWIN B. FORSYTHE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE** is 1 mi. e. of US 9 on Great Creek Rd. More than 320 species of waterfowl and other birds have been identified within this refuge's 47,000 acres of tidal marshes and forests. Two observation towers can be climbed; the best seasons for wildlife observation are spring and fall.

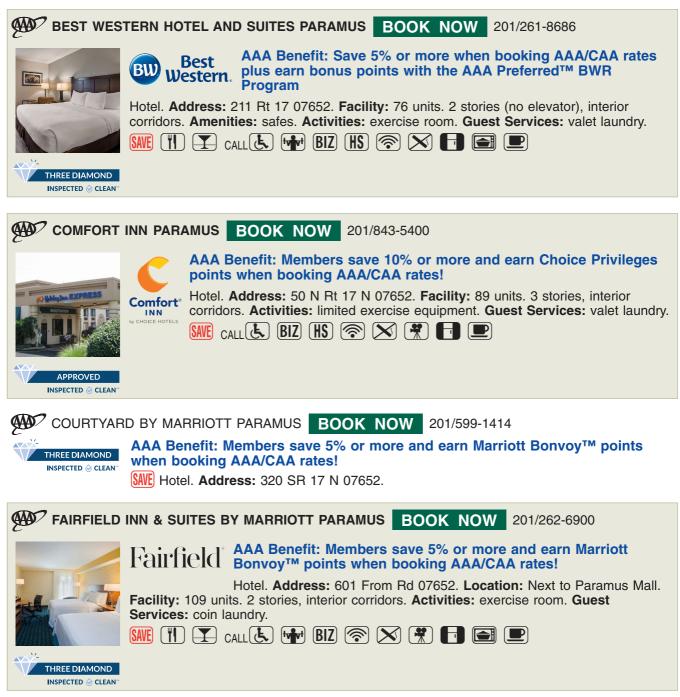
Visitors can view wetland and upland areas on an 8-mile drive. There also are four trail loops ranging from a quarter-mile to 5 miles in length. **Phone:** (609) 652-1665.



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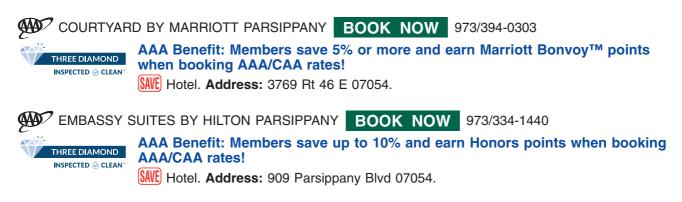


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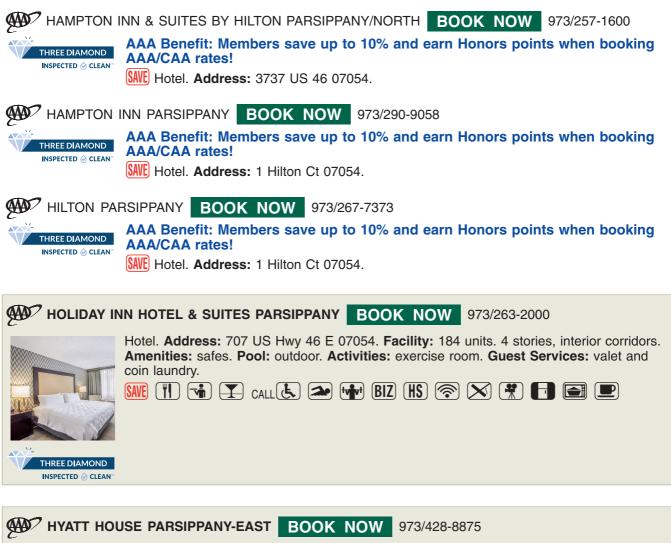
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It's a populous Morris County municipality pronounced par-SIP-eny, though its official name is Parsippany-Troy Hills Township. Parsippany is a derivation of the Lenape word "parsipanong" or "place where the river winds through the valley." Once a popular summer resort area, convenience to Manhattan and Newark helped the area grow considerably.

The 360-acre Knoll Golf Club, 990 Greenback Dr., includes the 18-hole West Course and East Course. Knoll Golf Club East is the par-70 public facility. Phone (973) 263-7115 for the East Course or (973) 263-7100 for the West Course.

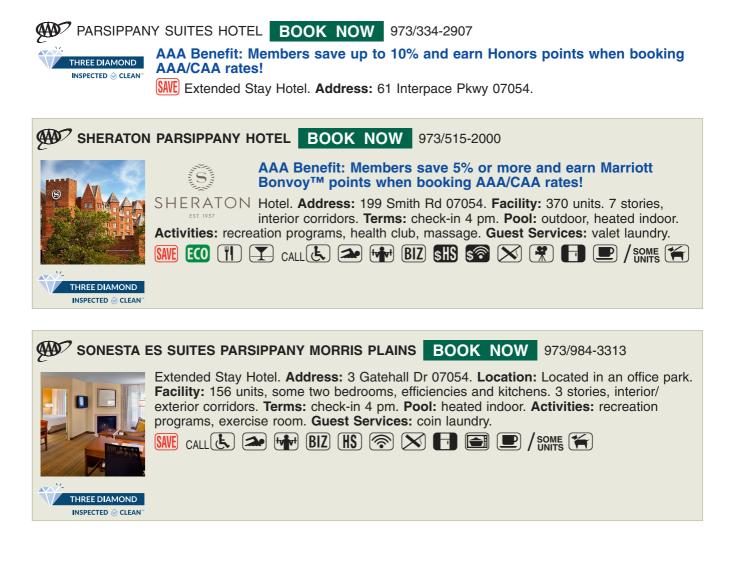












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**CORNELIUS LOW HOUSE/MIDDLESEX COUNTY MU-SEUM** is adjacent to the Rutgers University New Brunswick/Piscataway campus at 1225 River Rd. This two-story stone building was constructed in 1741 for Cornelius Low, a prosperous Dutch merchant and prominent Raritan Landing citizen; the Low family owned the home until 1793. The museum presents changing exhibits pertaining to local and state history.

**Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (732) 745-4177 or TTY (732) 745-3888.

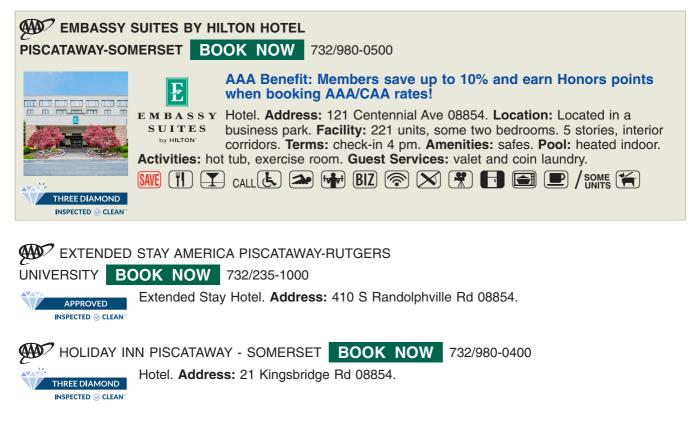
EAST JERSEY OLD TOWN VILLAGE, 1050 River Rd., features reconstructed and replica buildings from the 18th

and 19th centuries. The village is a charming time capsule in which visitors can experience the period of America's founding and as a fledgling nation. Learn about life on the farm and as a merchant from costumed interpreters who will tell you about the lives and events of the era and take in even more history from their fantastic exhibits as you tour the buildings. Visit the stone carver, gardens, a smokehouse, a blacksmith's shop and a tavern.

Daily musket demonstrations will be a highlight of the visit. Check ahead to see if the Liberty Baseball Club is playing a game, and bring a blanket to lounge on while watching the team in period uniforms play with nineteenth century rules and equipment. Historical interpreters are on site Apr.-Oct. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (732) 745-3030. **GT**  $\xrightarrow{\text{CR}}$ 

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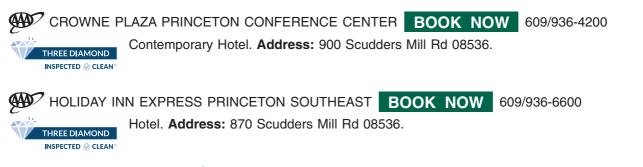


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In the early 20th century, visitors from around the world flocked to the Walker-Gordon Dairy Farm, where a rotary machine milked 50 cows in 12 minutes. Borden Milk's original mascot Elsie, a Jersey cow intriguingly named "You'll Do Lobelia," is buried at the farm on Plainsboro Road. The 17-room Wicoff House, built in the 1880s by one of the town's founding fathers, now houses the museum of the Plainsboro Historical Society; phone (609) 799-0909.

In 1982, road construction unearthed an archeological site at Plainsboro estimated to be up to 3,700 years old. Some 25,000 artifacts have been excavated, including the remains of structures indicating a permanent settlement.





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#### POINT PLEASANT BEACH

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The Unami Indians spent spring and summer fishing and collecting shells along the coast of what is now Point Pleasant Beach, a livelihood that was disrupted in the 18th century with the arrival of the first European settlers. This area began to take on the air of a seaside resort by the mid-19th century. The completion of the Garden State Parkway turned Point Pleasant Beach into one of New Jersey's leading summer vacation destinations.

Family-oriented amusements prevail along mile-long Jenkinson's Boardwalk. Neighboring Manasquan Inlet provides ocean access and boating opportunities.

Everyone looks forward to the 🐨 Festival of the Sea, a street fair complete with goodies like funnel cakes and

fried Oreos, not to mention clam chowder, shrimp skewers and other seafood favorites. The event, which takes place in mid-September along Arnold and Bay avenues downtown, also offers pony rides, hundreds of craft booths and live entertainment courtesy of local musicians.

**Point Pleasant Beach Chamber of Commerce:** 517A Arnold Ave., Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742. **Phone:** (732) 899-2424 or (888) 772-3862.

**JENKINSON'S AQUARIUM** is at 300 Ocean Ave. The aquarium features a touch tank, a live coral reef and exhibits featuring Atlantic and Pacific shark species, penguins, seals and American alligators. Animal feedings take place throughout the day.

**Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (732) 899-1212 or (732) 892-0600.



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Hotel. Address: 140 SR 23 N 07444.

## PRINCETON

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The key to Princeton's future was turned in 1756 when the College of New Jersey, founded in Elizabeth by royal charter in 1746, was moved to the town; it was not officially renamed Princeton University until 1896. The school's Nassau Hall was the site of another pivotal event: the 1776 meeting of the first New Jersey state legislature at which William Livingston was inaugurated as governor.

A short time afterward Gen. Charles Cornwallis' troops occupied Nassau Hall as they pushed Gen. George Washington's army westward. Early the next year Washington followed up his victory at Trenton by surprising and defeating the British in the Battle of Princeton. A monument at Mercer, Nassau and Stockton streets commemorates the battle. In 1783 the Continental Congress met in Nassau Hall when mutinous American soldiers drove its members from Philadelphia. It was during this time that members received news of the treaty of peace with Great Britain.

Community life has long melded with that of the university and other institutions of higher education. Albert Einstein spent his last years at the Institute for Advanced Study.

The Historical Society of Princeton offers a 2-hour guided walking tour of historic Princeton every Sunday at 2; phone (609) 921-6748. The Princeton Tour Company *(see attraction listing)* offers self-guiding audio and guided bus and walking tours of Princeton University and the city's historic areas.

**Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce:** 182 Nassau St., Suite 301, Princeton, NJ 08542. **Phone:** (609) 924-1776.

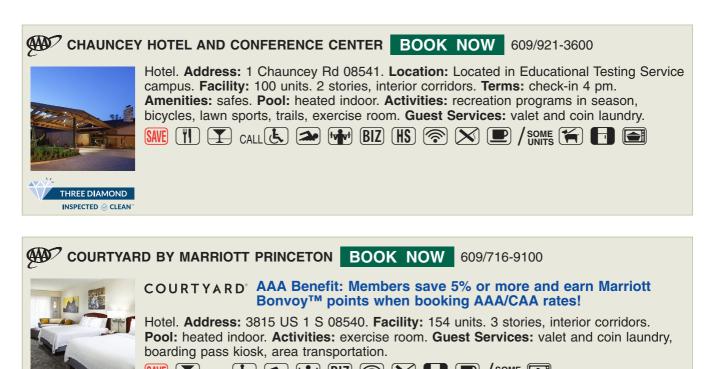


**Self-guiding tours:** The Historical Society of Princeton has brochures outlining walking tours around such topics as 18th-century houses and architecture. These brochures can be obtained at the society's headquarters at the Updike Farmstead, 354 Quaker Rd.

**PRINCETON TOUR COMPANY** is at 116 Nassau St.; walking tours depart from inside Princeton University U-Store. This indie tour company offers 1.5- to 2-hour walking tours as well as bus tours, air tours, holiday trolley tours and fall ghost tours. All tours view—but not enter—the buildings that make up historic Princeton.

Depending on the tour, stops may include Princeton University, the main business district and Revolutionary War sites. Famous residents, students and alumni also are covered; presidents Woodrow Wilson, James Madison and Grover Cleveland found their way here as have numerous Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winners.

**Note:** One walking tour may cover about 3 miles over 2 hours with only brief informational stops; phone ahead about accessibility. **Time:** Allow 2 hours, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (855) 743-1415. **GT** 



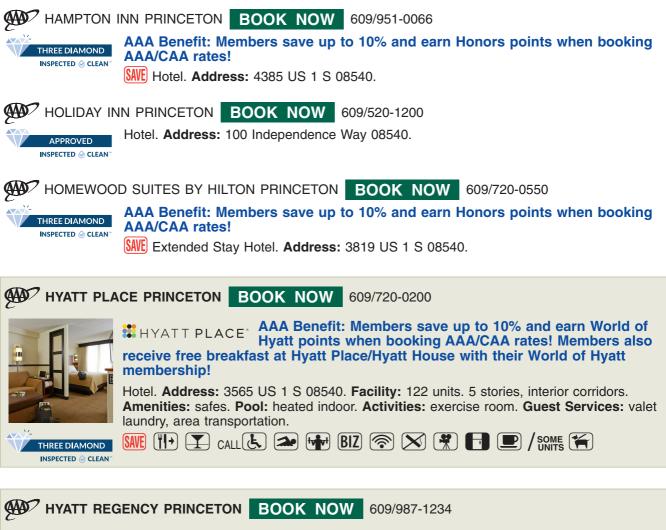






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Contemporary Hotel. Address: 102 Carnegie Center 08540. Location: Located in Carnegie Office Complex. Facility: 330 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site and valet. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet laundry.



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# THE PEACOCK INN BOOK NOW 609/924-1707





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Historic Boutique Country Inn. **Address:** 20 Bayard Ln 08540. **Facility:** Charming Princeton has its fair share of gracious accommodations, but this small inn tops the ranks, intelligently blending the authentically historical with stylish contemporary luxury. 16 units. 3 stories (no elevator), interior corridors. **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Guest Services:** valet laundry. Affiliated with Ascend Hotel Collection Member.





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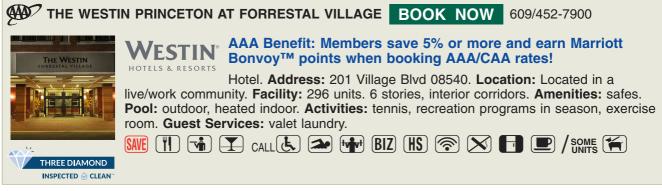
Classic Hotel. **Address:** 100 College Rd E 08540. **Location:** Located in Princeton Forrestal Center. **Facility:** Ivy-covered and buffered by trees, this brick conference hotel is well hidden from the nearby corporate park. Public

areas feature Craftsman-style furnishings and an inviting lounge with a fireplace. 302 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Pool:** heated indoor. **Activities:** tennis, game room, exercise room, spa. **Guest Services:** valet and coin laundry.





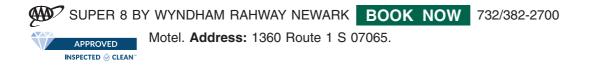




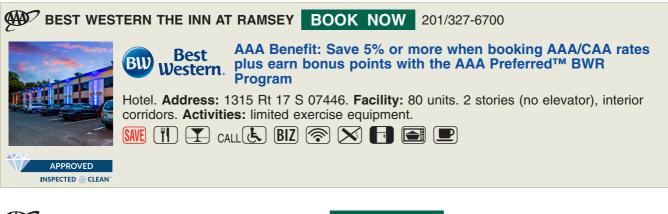
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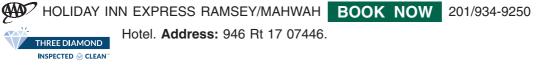
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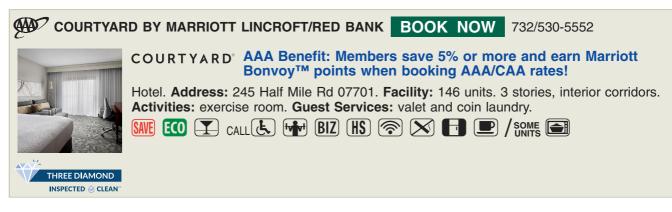
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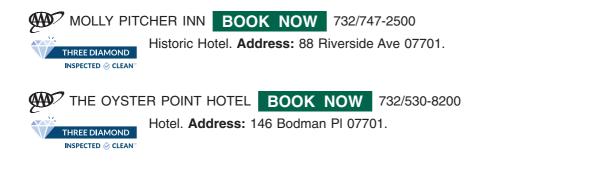




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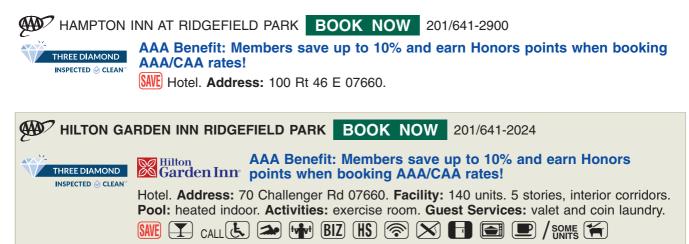






**RIDGEFIELD PARK** 

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#### RINGWOOD

Claiming a colorful past as an iron-mining and forging center, Ringwood has been described as "more a company than a town, and more a tradition than a company." The iron-rich Ramapo Mountains were responsible for Ringwood's early importance as a mining and forging center. The first forge was built in 1739; by 1771 it had become the lucrative, London-based American Iron Co. Wealthy mine and forge owners built homes on vast tracts of land. When the Revolutionary War erupted, ironmaster Robert Erskine sided with the Colonies and became the surveyor general for the Continental Armies. Meanwhile his forges worked overtime turning out munitions, cannons and most of the huge chain that was stretched across the Hudson to prevent British ships from reaching West Point. The Ringwood iron mine continued to produce until 1931.

Ringwood Chamber of Commerce: P.O. Box 62, Ringwood, NJ 07456.



#### ROBBINSVILLE

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# ROCKAWAY

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SAVE Hotel. Address: 375 Mount Hope Ave 07866.

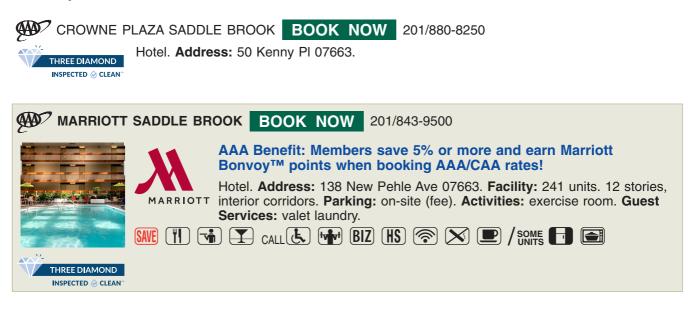
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#### SADDLE BROOK

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#### SEABROOK

After the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, more than 100,000 Japanese Americans were sent to detainment camps. At the same time, farms such as the one owned by Charles Franklin Seabrook were in need of help, and an arrangement allowed them to leave the camps and work as seasonal farm employees. After the detainment camps were shut down, many workers chose to stay on at Seabrook Farms, where prefabricated homes and a Buddhist temple were built.

Migrant workers from the South, Estonian immigrants and German prisoners of war also were employed by Seabrook Farms Co., which went on to become one of the world's largest producers of packaged frozen fruits and vegetables.

# SECAUCUS

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The city can trace its origins to the Dutch, who settled part of the area in the 1660s. The name, however, is derived from Algonquin for "place of snakes." In its early existence, Secaucus was devoted to agriculture—first flowers and then pigs. Those odorous days are over now as it's become an important transportation hub, with railroads and the New Jersey Turnpike, as well as corporate headquarters. Well-known organizations include Major League Baseball's MLB Network as well as the National Basketball Association's Replay Center. Recreational offerings include nature walks, birding and wildlife viewing in the Hackensack Meadowlands, which partially surrounds the city.





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SAVE Hotel. Address: 875 Rt 3 E Service Rd 07094.





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Hotel. Address: 575 Park Plaza Dr 07094. Facility: 159 units. 9 stories, interior corridors. Amenities: safes. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet laundry.

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#### SOMERSET

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**COLONIAL PARK** is 2.7 mi. w. on Amwell Rd. (CR 514), then .5 mi. n. to 156 Mettlers Rd. This 685-acre facility features an arboretum displaying ornamental trees and shrubs from around the world; a rose garden decorated with arches, gazebos and trellises; a perennial garden; and a fragrance and sensory garden.

Paddleboats can be rented for use on one of the park's three ponds; fishing is permitted on all three. There are tennis courts, bocce courts, a softball field, grills and picnic tables, a leash-free dog park, a 1.4-mile fitness track, an ADA-accessible playground, and 18-hole and miniature golf courses. A nature trail can be hiked in summer and is used for cross-country skiing and ice skating in winter.

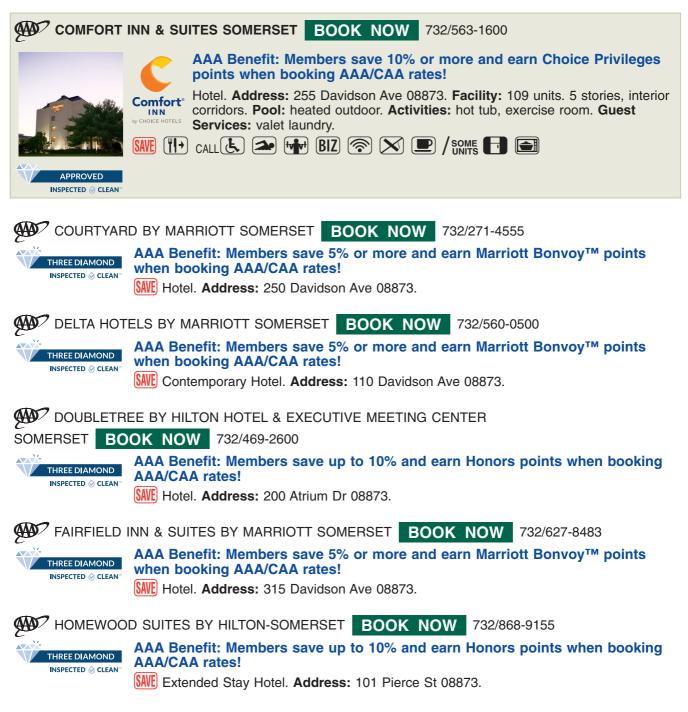
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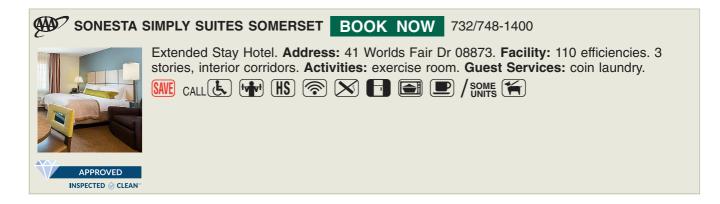


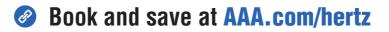


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Extended Stay Hotel. **Address:** 260 Davidson Ave 08873. **Facility:** 140 kitchen units, some two bedrooms. 2 stories (no elevator), interior/exterior corridors. **Amenities:** safes. **Pool:** heated outdoor. **Activities:** recreation programs in season, exercise room. **Guest Services:** coin laundry.





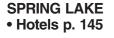






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#### STANHOPE

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Stanhope dates from Revolutionary War times, when the Sussex Iron Works was a major industry. The nation's first anthracite furnace was built in town around 1821. Hopatcong State Park *(see Recreation Areas Chart)* is on the shore of nearby Lake Hopatcong. Stanhope is at the eastern end of a scenic stretch of I-80 that runs 28 miles to the Delaware Water Gap and continues into Pennsylvania.



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#### TEANECK

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Hotel. Address: 100 Frank W Burr Blvd 07666. Facility: This impressive property in North Jersey has large, modern guest rooms that are minimalist in design. Enjoy the extensive meeting space, in-house dining and lounges

at this business-oriented hotel. 345 units. 15 stories, interior corridors. **Terms:** check-in 4 pm. **Amenities:** safes. **Activities:** health club, massage. **Guest Services:** valet laundry.





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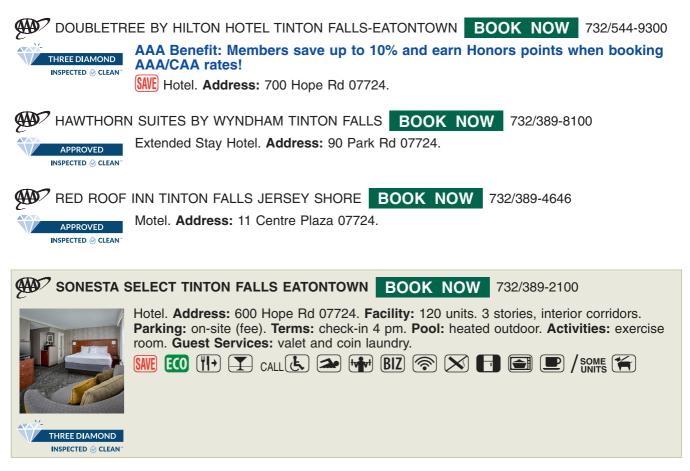
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#### TOMS RIVER

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Founded in the early 18th century, the village of Toms River was a haven from which privateers wreaked havoc on British shipping early in the Revolutionary War. It rose to brief post-Revolutionary prominence in 1782 when Tories tried to seize the highly prized local saltworks and warehouses by burning the blockhouse, killing its defenders and hanging its commander, Capt. Joshua Huddy. Huddy Park and a replica of the original blockhouse, both near the waterfront in downtown Toms River, commemorate this event.

Whaling and shipping were major local industries. The first tourists, adventurous harbingers of today's thriving industry, reputedly arrived aboard empty seafood carts following the morning's deliveries to Philadelphia. Today locals and visitors alike enjoy the shops, coffee houses and waterfront restaurants that line Main and Water streets downtown.

Winding River Park, north on Main Street to SR 37 then 1 mile west to Hospital Road, straddles the Toms River. Within the park are two picnic areas, a small fishing pond, hiking and biking trails, a skating rink, playgrounds and a lighted softball field.

**Ocean County Department of Tourism:** 101 Hooper Ave., P.O. Box 2191, Toms River, NJ 08754-2191. **Phone:** (732) 929-2000 or (800) 722-0291.

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from around the globe—the museum focuses on the impact insects have had on the human world. Home to ants, beetles, butterflies, moths, spiders and termites, the learning center also features hands-on displays in several

themed exhibit areas, including Bug University, Caterpillar Cafe and the Rubber Tree Power Plant.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (732) 349-7090.



#### TRENTON

The New Jersey state capital's location was selected in 1679 because it was the highest navigable point on the Delaware River. The site's potential for industry, trade and shipping was recognized by Philadelphia merchant William Trent, who in 1714 purchased 1,600 acres and a mill built by the original settlers. The village came to be known as Trent's Town, later modified to Trenton.

In 1776 Hessian troops occupied the city for the British as Gen. George Washington and his army crossed New Jersey into Pennsylvania. On Dec. 26, 1776, after crossing the Delaware 8 miles upstream, Washington surprised the Hessian garrison, taking about 1,000 prisoners. The victory at the Battle of Trenton was his first in the Revolutionary War.

The city was designated the state capital in 1790; the State House, at 125 W. State St., was constructed in

1792. The 1883 opening of the Brooklyn Bridge brought fame to Trenton-based John A. Roebling's Sons Co., also designers of the George Washington and Golden Gate bridges. Trenton was the center of the American pottery industry for 60 years after the Civil War, and porcelain from Boehm and Cybis ranks among the city's major manufacturing products.

Seven historic districts preserve many key sites. The Mill Hill Historic District, between Mercer and Jackson streets, has brick sidewalks, gaslights and restored Victorian houses. The State House Historic District, W. State Street between Willow and Calhoun streets, is an architecturally rich area where 19th-century Trenton's prominent families have been supplanted by 21st-century Trenton's prominent lobbyists.

Veterans' Park, 2206 Kuser Rd., is dedicated to area residents who served in the U.S. Armed Forces. The 320-acre park contains the Camp Olden Civil War and Native



American Museum, which features Civil War and Delaware Indian exhibits, and the John Abbott II House, a two-story home built in 1730 that served as a repository for funds as the British advanced on Trenton in 1776.

Destination Trenton Visitor Center: 102 Barracks St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Phone: (609) 777-1770.

NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM is at 205 W. State St., in the State House Historic District. Three floors of exhibits focus on archeology, fine arts, cultural history and natural science. Highlights include Native American artifacts, mastodon skeletons, a full-size model of a dinosaur and a mine replica with fluorescent minerals. Changing art exhibits as well as films, concerts and lectures are presented. The museum's planetarium offers changing programs emphasizing the solar system and the night sky. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (609) 292-6464.

**OLD BARRACKS MUSEUM** is at 101 Barrack St. near the New Jersey State Capitol Complex. The army barracks, constructed in 1758, served as winter quarters for British "regulars" returning from fighting in the frontier regions of the French and Indian War. The structure also was occupied at various times by Hessian and Continental troops during the Revolutionary War. Following the Battles of Trenton, the barracks served as a military hospital for smallpox inoculations. The museum offers 18th-century furnishings in restored officers' quarters, soldiers' barracks rooms and a hospital room. Rotating special exhibitions also are presented. Historical interpreters portray Trentonians circa 1777 including nurses, doctors and Continental Army soldiers—who describe the Battles of Trenton and medical techniques of the day.

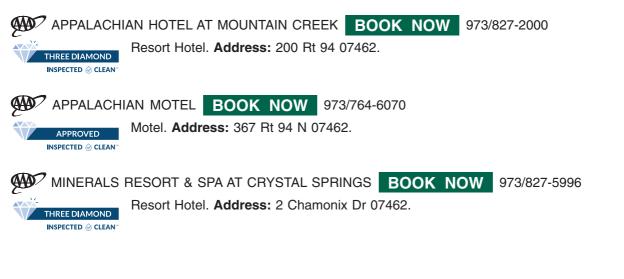
**Phone:** (609) 396-1776 Mon.-Fri., or (609) 777-3599 on Sat.

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**MOUNTAIN CREEK WATERPARK** is at 200 SR 94. This water park features more than 20 major attractions for the bold. Several slides, including ZERO-G and Vortex, will get risk-takers' adrenaline pumping, while water play areas and miniature slides keep younger visitors occupied. Also within the park are rope swings, cliffs from which adventurous guests can plunge into a mountain spring, and a wave pool.

Phone: (973) 827-2000.







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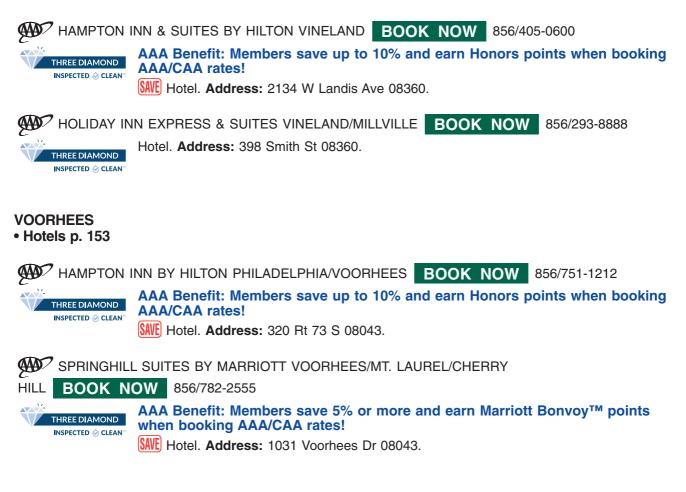
Vineland has plenty of room to grow: At 69 square miles, geographically it's the largest city in the state. And as the name implies, this busy manufacturing center was originally intended to be the focus of a wine-producing region. In 1861, promoter Charles K. Landis attracted farmers from other mid-Atlantic states as well as Italian immigrants familiar with grape production to the area.

After a quarter-century of growth, disease struck the vines, and the wine-grape industry was all but abandoned. But an enterprising dentist named Thomas Welch developed a non-fermentative method of preserving grape juice, one that became permanently associated with his name.

In 1868 female citizens staged one of the earliest women's suffrage demonstrations in the country. Unwilling to have their opinions go unheard during that year's presidential election, 172 women defiantly cast their token votes, a number of them supporting suffrage pioneer Elizabeth Cady Stanton for president.

Landis, Howard Pagliughi, Gittone and Giampietro city parks all have recreational facilities. Six miles west of town via CR 540 is Parvin State Park *(see Recreation Areas Chart)*.

Greater Vineland Chamber of Commerce: 2115 S. Delsea Dr., Vineland, NJ 08360-0489. Phone: (856) 691-7400.



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#### WAYNE

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The Wayne area is the setting for Albert Payson Terhune's "Lad: A Dog" and other books about the collies he raised until his death in 1942. Sunnybank, Terhune's estate, is 4 miles north of Wayne on US 202; it is now part of Terhune Memorial Park, featuring gardens and a picnic ground.

Shopping: Willowbrook Mall, at 1400 Willowbrook Mall, offers Bloomingdale's and Macy's among its stores.





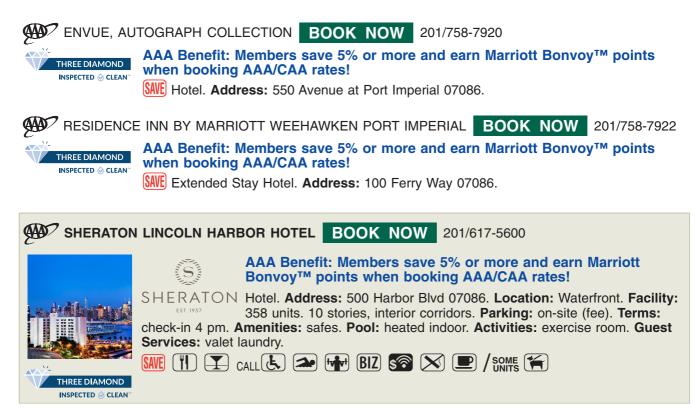


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Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr met on a dueling ground in Weehawken on July 11, 1804, the result of a minor insult exacerbated by a long-standing enmity. Hamilton was mortally wounded; Burr's political career suffered a fatal blow. In a tragic twist of fate, Hamilton's 19year-old son had been killed on the same field 3 years earlier, and Hamilton chose his son's dueling pistol as a weapon.

Weehawken is the home of the Lincoln Tunnel, which links central New Jersey and midtown Manhattan beneath the Hudson River. Each year some 22 million commuters travel through Weehawken via the world's only threeportal underwater vehicular tunnel.





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Hotel. Address: 294 SR 36 E 07764.

#### WEST ORANGE

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Along with its sibling municipalities—Orange, South Orange, East Orange and Maplewood—the city of West Orange is a primarily residential Newark suburb. Eagle Rock Reservation, at Prospect and Eagle Rock Avenues, is a tract of wooded land on the crest of First Mountain part of the Watchung Mountains, a series of long, low hills in northeastern New Jersey. Lookout Point provides a grand view of the New York City skyline from the George Washington Bridge to the Verrazano Bridge. Also within the park is a memorial to 9/11; the sculpture and plaza commemorate the site where hundreds of people watched the horrific events of Sept. 11, 2001, unfold. The wooded areas are crisscrossed with bridle paths and hiking trails. For park information phone (973) 268-3500. **THOMAS EDISON NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK** is at Main St. and Lakeside Ave. The Laboratory Complex includes 14 structures, many of which contain their original furnishings. The collection of 400,000plus artifacts includes Edison's prototype and commercial inventions. The archives house millions of documents, sound recordings, rare books and photographs.

Most notable inside Glenmont, where Edison and wife Mina Miller Edison lived, is the second-floor living room. Here Edison often conceived inventions at his "thought bench." A greenhouse, barn, stables and garage stand on the landscaped grounds as well as the couple's graves. Video cameras and strollers are not allowed on tours. **Time:** Allow 2 hours, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (973) 736-0550.

**Edison Laboratory Complex** is at Main St. and Lakeside Ave. in Thomas Edison National Historical Park. Built in

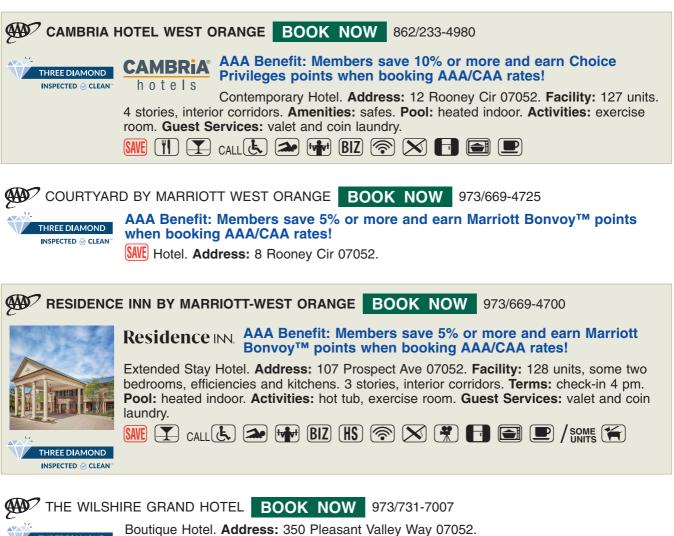


1887, the complex includes chemical, physics and metallurgical laboratories, a machine shop, a stockroom and even the inventor's library/office. His personal desk is preserved in the exact condition it was in at the time of his death. Many original inventions—phonographs as well as a full-size reproduction of the Black Maria, the world's first motion picture studio—are on display.

Phone: (973) 736-0550.

**Glenmont** is at 15 Honeysuckle in Llewellyn Park. Grounds include the greenhouse, garage, barn, stables and Edison's home from 1886 until his death in 1931. The 29-room Queen Anne-style mansion is on the 15-acre estate and contains its original furnishings. The graves of Edison and his wife Mina are behind the house.

Note: Full mobility is required. Phone: (973) 736-0550.





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#### WILDWOOD

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The four communities that make up this popular shore resort are usually referred to in the plural. Although the Wildwoods—North Wildwood, West Wildwood, Wildwood and Wildwood Crest (*see place listing p. 160*)—are separate municipalities, their boundaries are indistinguishable. Together they occupy the state's southernmost isle, just north of Cape May.

For decades after the mid-18th-century departure of the Ketchemeche Indians, the land's first inhabitants, offshore farmers grazed their livestock. It wasn't until the late 19th century that fishermen and whalers began settling the region.

But it was tourism that quickly became a Wildwoods calling card. First conceived in 1899 as a practical way to keep sand out of visitors' shoes, the boardwalk evolved from a temporary feature to a cherished landmark. The first roller coaster arrived in 1916. Today the boardwalk, nearly 2 miles long, boasts three amusement piers and a variety of shops and eateries.

From Easter weekend through September batteryoperated tram cars travel the wooden walkway between Cresse Avenue, at the Wildwood/Wildwood Crest border, and 16th Street in North Wildwood. Passengers can board anywhere along the route; the entire one-way trip takes about 30 minutes. For more information contact Sightseers Tram Car, 5308 Boardwalk; phone (609) 523-8726. The open-air trolleys provided by Five Mile Beach Electric Railway Co. are another fun way to get around the Wildwoods resort area during the summer; phone (800) 487-6559. The Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce organizes special events in the spring and fall; for more information phone (609) 729-4000.

Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce: 3306 Pacific Ave., Wildwood, NJ 08260. Phone: (609) 729-4000.

**Self-guiding tours:** A brochure describing a self-guiding walking tour of the area's kitschy landmarks is available at the chamber of commerce. The vivid architectural style is courtesy of the many funky-looking signs, motels and restaurants erected during the 1950s, '60s and '70s.

**DOO WOP EXPERIENCE MUSEUM** is at 4500 Ocean Ave. at Burk Ave. and across from the convention center. The Wildwoods, a refurbished Surfside restaurant from the 1960s, is said to contain the country's largest collection of mid-century resort architecture. The museum features 1950s and '60s furniture and household items, a diner interior, jukebox and reference books designed to reflect what it was like during the period when Doo-Wop architecture and motels were in their heyday.

Short videos and a video board display make up the I-Wall, an interactive exhibit about the area and its motels. A neon sign garden showcases restored motel and restaurant signs. An optional 90-minute bus tour carries guests to various Doo-Wop locations nearby. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (609) 551-2289. **GT** 

*SILVER BULLET* **SPEEDBOAT** departs from Wildwood Marina at the foot of the bridge at 508 W. Rio Grande Ave. Ninety-minute trips aboard a 70-foot vessel travel the Intracoastal Waterway and the Wildwood coast offering sightings of birds, dolphins and sometimes whales. **Phone:** (609) 522-6060.







#### WILDWOOD CREST

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Founded in 1905, Wildwood Crest is the Wildwoods' southernmost town. Unlike neighboring beach towns North Wildwood and Wildwood, Wildwood Crest has a historical past: The only Revolutionary War battle fought in Cape May County took place near Sunset Lake. Turtle Gut Park and Memorial, located at New Jersey and Miami avenues, commemorates the site. The lake offers opportunities for fishing, sailboating and water skiing; for information about recreational activities phone (609) 522-0221.

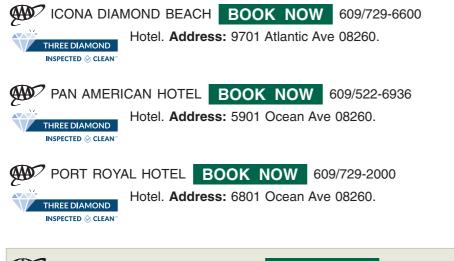
There's no boardwalk in town, although a bicycle trail edges the beach. Two-wheelers can be rented from DR

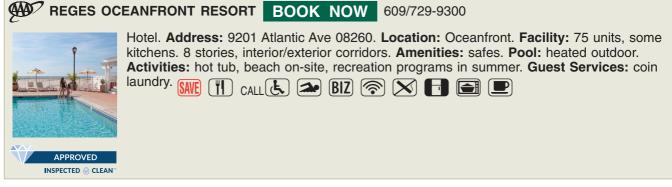
Bradley Bikes at Ocean Avenue and Rambler Road, phone (609) 729-1444; and from Crest Bike Rental, 500 E. Heather Rd., phone (609) 522-5763. The offshore waters are home to a large population of bottlenose dolphins; the best way to glimpse them is aboard a sightseeing cruise.

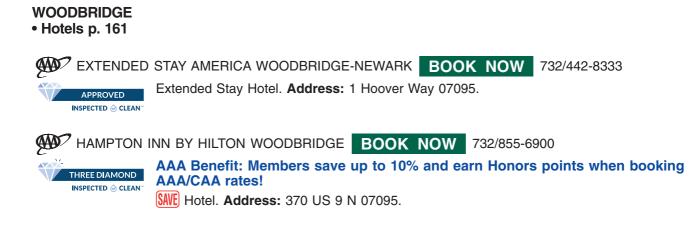
The entire Wildwood resort area is known for its "Doo Wop" architecture, a style popular in the 1950s that is defined by brightly painted, angular buildings, boomerangshaped roofs, funky neon signs, and futuristic space-age decorative details. A 20-block stretch of Ocean Avenue in Wildwood Crest has a large concentration of Doo Wopstyle motels. For information about educational programs and materials, contact the Doo Wop Preservation League; phone (609) 729-4000.















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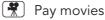
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