



Monmouth County Historical Commission







Saturday, May 6, 2023 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Welcome to Monmouth County History

The Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners and the Historical Commission welcome you to the Fourteenth Annual Weekend in Old Monmouth self-guided tour of historic sites. This year, the tour includes nearly 50 sites organized into four segments:

-  Bayshore or Purple Tour - sites 1 - 15
-  Two Rivers or Blue Tour - sites 16 - 28
-  Seashore or Green Tour - sites 29 - 37
-  Western or Orange Tour - sites 38 - 50

Experience indicates that some tour followers attempt to visit as many sites as possible while others opt for a small number, often those close to home. Regarding organization, the tour places some widely separated sites in a semblance of order. Conversely, other sites are located close together. Visitors may see the sites in any order, or no order, or reverse the sequence from the proposed starting points. Three of the tours begin in proximity to county borders, while Two Rivers begins in a population center that is readily accessible from the Garden State Parkway. The suggested routes offer logical, easy-to-follow directions, but those familiar with the local landscape or possessing GPS systems may wish to use alternate roads.

We suggest making a point to visit Site 49, the Monmouth County Historical Association Museum and Library. The Association has an incomparable collection of Monmouth artifacts, extensive research holdings and features informative changing exhibitions on Monmouth County history. While there, also visit the Battle of Monmouth Monument in front of the Monmouth County Courthouse.

If you have questions, please email the Executive Director, John Fabiano at john.fabiano@co.monmouth.nj.us.

Front Cover Photo:  Portland Place, Highlands

Back Cover:  Monmouth Boat Club, Red Bank

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**Keyport
Historical
Society Museum**
34 Main Street
Keyport, NJ 07735



This charming 1836 Victorian cottage opened as the new home of the Keyport Historical Society Museum in 2017—5 years to the day that their beloved Steamboat Dock Museum on the waterfront and much of its contents were destroyed by Superstorm Sandy. A variety of entertaining exhibits pertaining to the rich history of Keyport are available for viewing. These include local Steamboats and Ship Building, Oyster Industry, Aero Marine Plane and Motor Corporation, trolleys and railroads, schools, Women's Suffrage, and a plethora of artifacts from earlier living. The new 1800's parlor room allows visitors to step back in time. The grounds feature an in progress outdoor self-tour exhibit.

The Museum cottage is one of the oldest homes in Keyport. Ownership includes many prominent people from Monmouth County. The property was purchased by Isaac Lippincott, a Freehold resident active in the Monmouth County Bible Society, during the sale of lots from the Kearney Estate in 1829. Lydia Bedle Burrowes bought the lot for \$50 in 1835 and built this home the following year. Lydia passed the home to her son James Madison Burrowes in 1838. When his wife passed away in 1882, the home was deeded to their two daughters, Elizabeth M. Bedle & Sarah B. Lyster. Elizabeth lived there until her death in 1918 when the home was inherited by her 3 daughters. Anna Bedle, Isabelle Bedle & Elizabeth Hyer sold the house in 1920 to Stephen & Dorothy Arnold. Stephen passed away in the 1970's but Dorothy lived in the house until the mid-90's and maintained life rights even after she deeded the property to Bill & Carole Cerase. After Dorothy's death, the Cerases restored the cottage and opened it as Tea Room & Antiques Shop.

The Keyport Historical Society purchased the home from the Cerases with a Sandy Resiliency Grant from the NJEDA in 2015 & have transformed this architecturally distinct 180 plus year old gem into a museum. The Society has made great strides while closed during the peak COVID period, working behind the scenes rebuilding and cataloging its collection through generous donations and loans from current and former Keyport residents. The Society is digitizing a large percentage of its paper archives and creating ways for people to search and access the collections in new and interesting ways.

Website: Keyporthistoricalsociety.com
Email: keyporthistoricalsociety@gmail.com
Facebook: Keyport Historical Society
Contact: Tom Gallo, President
Events: Check website for monthly programs and other events.
Regular Hours: Sundays 1-4 p.m. from April-October.
Check website for confirm schedule. Call for special tours to fit your schedule April through October.
ADA Accessible: Yes
Public Restroom: Yes
Parking: On Main Street
Phone: 732-739-7379



**Keyport Fire
Museum and
Education Center**
86 Broad Street
Keyport, 07735



The Keyport Fire Museum is located in the former Raritan Hose Firehouse at 86 Broad Street. Raritan Hose Co. No. 2 was organized in 1893 by members of Company G, 3d Regiment, National Guard of New Jersey. At the time, membership was limited to military men. They originally used the armory for meetings and storage of their carriage. In 1900, a lot was bought on Division Street to erect a hose house. The hose house was completed three months later. In 1919, due to nuisance flooding and the inability for their new apparatus to make it up the hill, the members purchased a lot on Broad Street and subsequently moved the building one block over. The company remained there up until 1969 when they built a new building on Maple Place. The hose house was then sold and turned into a thrift store.

In the early 2000s, members of the department began the process of forming a fire museum. Thanks to the dedication of these members, along with a state and county grant, the dream became a reality. On July 2, 2002 the borough of Keyport purchased the property and leased it back to the Keyport Fire Museum Association. Volunteer firefighters, residents and businesses joined forces to rehabilitate the structure, which opened as the first fire museum in Monmouth County on October 19, 2003. On exhibit are a wide variety of firefighting equipment, historic company uniforms, badges, leather helmets & leather buckets.

The Keyport Fire Department was formed after a fire devoured most of the downtown on the early morning of September 21, 1877. By morning, 35 buildings were destroyed and the town lay in ashes. The first company to be organized was Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1. They carried 139 feet of ground ladders and two dozen buckets. Up until 1889, when Engine Co. No. 1 was formed, the only way to extinguish a fire in town was from a bucket brigade. The museum honors the legacy of all the men and women who have served with the Keyport Fire Department with valor and courage.

There is no admission charge. Call us for special tours at your convenience!

Organization: Keyport Fire Museum and Education Center
Website: www.KeyportFireMuseum.org
Facebook: Keyport Fire Museum and Education Center
Email: KFMA86@gmail.com
Hours: Saturday and Sundays 11 - 3 p.m.
Open from March until December
Special tours by appointment
Contact: Robert Poling, Secretary/Treasurer
ADA accessible: No
Public Restroom: Yes
Parking: Adjacent lot and street
Phone: 732-739-5362



**Burrowes
Mansion Museum**
94 Main Street
Matawan NJ 07747



Built in 1723 by John Bowne III, the home later became known as the Burrowes Mansion, after Major John (“Corn King”) Burrowes- a member of the Son of Liberty and a patriot to the cause of American independence. The home became the site of the first mustering and training grounds of the first New Jersey militia for independence and became a site of British attacks during the revolution. Maj. Burrowes was also an integral supplier of provisions to the Continental Army and was captured and imprisoned in New York during the revolution by British forces.

In 1778, British Loyalist forces attacked the home and set fire to all its contents. A fire was also set to burn the home whereby John Burrowes Jr. narrowly escaped capture out the rear of the home. His wife Margaret was brutally attacked by these British Loyalists, known as: “Skinner’s Greens,” after refusing to give any quartering to British forces.

The home became a site of various prominent weddings, was later used as a hotel, restaurant and private residence of prominent Monmouth County residents, including the editor of the Matawan Journal- the primary newspaper for Monmouth County during the 19th Century.

The home abuts Matawan Creek, which was an integral thoroughfare of goods and trade during the 17th through 19th Centuries in Monmouth County. It also was the site of the infamous Jersey Shore Shark Attacks of 1916, which included five attacks, including three brutal attacks in the creek, resulting in two traumatic deaths of prominent Matawan family members.

The Matawan Historical Society acquired operation of the home in 1973 and since that time has been operating as a living museum, with monthly presentations and special annual events.

Website: www.MatawanHistoricalSociety.org, www.BurrowesMansion.org

Facebook: Burrowes Mansion & Matawan Historical Society

Email: MatawanKurtis@gmail.com

Contact: Kurtis Roinestad, Town Historian

Regular Hours: 2 - 4 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Sundays from March - December

ADA accessible: No

Parking: Street & rear lot

Phone: 732-566-5605



**Longstreet Farm
(Historic)**
44 Longstreet Rd.
Holmdel, NJ 07733



The sights, sounds and smells of rural Monmouth County in the 1890s have been re-created on nine acres at Longstreet Farm in Holmdel Park. Interpreters in period dress show both daily and seasonal agricultural and domestic activities common to agricultural life in the 19th century. You may find them tending animals and crops, preparing foods or using period tools.

In the 1890s, most Holmdel land was in use as productive farms; family farms averaged 80 acres. Holmdel farmers grew a variety of crops and raised animals for local use as well as New York City. The three Longstreet Family farms totaled 475 acres and were among the largest and most prosperous in Holmdel.

Fresh produce such as potatoes, apples, and corn from Longstreet Farm was served on the tables of fashionable Atlantic shore resorts, as well as the homes of the growing railroad suburbs of northern New Jersey. Canning factories as the Brakeley Cannery in Freehold preserved the harvest for months to come and enabled food to be easily shipped over long distances.

Visit Longstreet Farm and meet the animals. Explore the restored house and numerous out-buildings. Discover the summer kitchen, carriage house, workshop and Dutch barn. Experience life on a Monmouth County farm as it was in the 1890s.

Parents: Explore our family friendly programs and demonstrations:

Information about free weekend activities and program registration available on website

Organization: Monmouth County Park System

Website: www.monmouthcountyparks.com

Email: philip.andras@co.monmouth.nj.us

Contact: Phil Andras

Events: Potato Harvest- August 26-27: 12 - 2 pm

Harvest Home Festival-September 24: 11 am – 5 pm

Regular Hours: Farm: daily, year-round, 10 am – 4 pm, except Memorial Day to Labor Day, 9 am – 5 pm

Farmhouse: March - December, weekends and holidays
Noon – 3:30 pm

ADA accessible: Limited. Some buildings have ramps. All terrain wheel-chair available upon request.

Public Restroom: Yes

Parking: Lot on Site

Phone: 732-946-3758



Holmes-Hendrickson House

62 Longstreet Road
Holmdel, NJ 07733



Holmes-Hendrickson House, built circa 1754, reflects the adoption of some English features on a basically Dutch house form. It is a testament to the cultural heritage of its occupants. The symmetrical exterior façade and interior floor plan incorporate English design characteristics, while the framing system is strictly out of the Dutch tradition.

The furnishings further indicate a blending of traditional Dutch ways with the dominant English colonial culture and are representative of a prosperous farm family. Although the house no longer stands on its original site, it is a remarkable example of 18th century vernacular architecture, never having been significantly altered or equipped with a heating system, plumbing, or electricity.

Holmes-Hendrickson House is on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places.

Organization: Monmouth County Historical Association

Website: www.monmouthhistory.org

Email: info@monmouthhistory.org

Contact: Tom Ballard, Volunteer Coordinator (volunteer@monmouthhistory.org)

Phone: 732-462-1466

Events: Wool Days, last weekend in April, in collaboration with Longstreet Farm.

See website for further information on events.

Visits: See website for information regarding public tours of interior and special programs. Other visits may be arranged by appointment

ADA accessible: No

Public Restroom: No

Parking: Lot on site or at Holmdel Park



Dr. Robert W. Cooke's Medical Office

67 McCampbell Road
Holmdel NJ 07733



This c.1823 Federal-influenced vernacular building is arguably the oldest medical office building in America. Note the fine detail on a simple structure. It consists of reception and examination rooms at grade and a second story bedroom.

Cooke, who also served as Holmdel's first postmaster, 1830-1849, practiced here from 1823 until his death in 1867. Dr. Henry Gansvoort Cooke succeeded his father here for 40 years.

In 1986, Wilbur and Edith Trapp donated the building to the Holmdel Historical Society. The building, recorded by HABS and entered on the National Register of Historic Places, conveys an atmosphere of Cooke's time, an era when medical treatment was hardly an advanced science. The Holmdel Historical Society would love to hear from anyone who can document an older freestanding medical office.

Website: www.HolmdelHistoricalSociety.org

Email: holmdelhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Contact: Peter Manieri, President

Organization: Holmdel Historical Society

Regular Hours: By appointment

ADA accessible: No restroom

Parking: On site - adjacent to Village School.

Phone: 732-768-7583 or 732-685-4450



**Joseph Murray
Farmhouse**
345 Oakhill Rd. (GPS)
Red Bank, NJ 07701



The farmhouse & barn are outstanding examples of Colonial middle-class structures. Built c 1770, they remain on original foundations. Simple plaster walls and brick fireplaces underestimate the sturdiness and charm of the original 5-room house. Joseph Murray, a stonemason from Ireland, and his mother arrived in 1767. Here he met and married Rebecca Morris, whose family had lived in Monmouth County for several generations. They had four children, William, James, Joseph, and a daughter. With the onset of the Revolutionary War, Joseph joined the local militia and was openly defiant of British rule. He earned the label of a “daring, notorious rebel.”

The property stayed in the possession of the Murray family until 1861. It was farmed and the house was inhabited until it was purchased in 1973 by Middletown Township at the encouragement of the Poricy Park Citizens Committee to save the land from development. The buildings were restored and Middletown Township and the Poricy Park Conservancy maintain the property.

Organization: Poricy Park Conservancy

Website: www.poricypark.org

Email: poricypark@poricypark.org

Contact: Elaine Hinckley, President
Poricy Park Conservancy Board

Special Event: 6th Annual Antique Car Show on May 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain date May 3

Year-round Programs: All School Education programs; Fossil Hunts and Scout Programs are conducted by the Middletown Township Recreation Department. Murray Farmhouse and Barn education programs must be scheduled by Recreation Dept. www.middletownnj.org/155/Recreation

Regular Hours: Varied- Please call Nature Center or refer to website for monthly updates on programs and events.

ADA accessible: Farmhouse, No; Nature Center, Yes

Public Restroom: Nature Center, Yes

Phone: 732-268-7034



**Old First Church
(Middletown
Baptist)**
69 Kings Highway
Middletown, NJ 07748



In 1688, the Baptist Church in New Jersey was founded on this lot. The Greek Revival edifice, the third on the site, was built in 1832 on a 1720 stone foundation. Its tall, narrow steeple fell in an 1890 storm, and was replaced with the present, shorter steeple in 1891. The visit offers costumed tours of the building and cemetery, as well as viewing of church artifacts, which date from the 17th and 18th centuries.

West of the Middletown Meetinghouse, as the building was called, is the Women’s Christian Temperance Union Hall, built around 1894, sold to the church and moved from Conover St. to this site in 1908. The former Victorian-era church parsonage at 59 Kings Highway (now a private residence), stands nearby.

The large cemetery monument to former Pastor, Rev. Abel Morgan (1713 -1785), bears witness to his prominence during the American Revolutionary period. Morgan boldly led his congregation in support of the new American government, in direct opposition to the British “Enemy.” In 1778, the church was occupied and used as a hospital by the British following the Battle of Monmouth. Revolutionary War soldiers lie in the cemetery, including patriot Joseph Murray, murdered by Tories in 1780.

During a tour of the building, one can see the type of construction in the Meetinghouse and view how successful builders were with limited resources. Middletown Baptist changed its name to Old First Church following a joint affiliation with the United Church of Christ in 1963.

Special Event: Saturday, May 6 at 1:00 PM The Reverend Dr. John Inscore Essick author of “Baptists in Early North America: Middletown Baptist Church”

Website: www.oldfirstchurchnj.org

Email: ofc@oldfirstchurchnj.org

Contact: Elaine Lent, Church Historian 732-216-6345

Regular Hours: Sundays. Engaging worship at 10:30 am

Special Events: See website

ADA accessible: Enter through center recessed doors and turn right for ramp into sanctuary.

Parking: Along church frontage and in adjacent church lot

Phone: 732-671-1905



Marlpit Hall
137 Kings Highway
Middletown, NJ 07748



Marlpit Hall, built in part about 1686 but greatly enlarged about 1756, was home to the prominent loyalist Taylor family at the time of the Revolution. Edward Taylor endured house arrest for his political position and the family lost much of its fortune and influence. Marlpit Hall remained in Taylor family ownership until 1930. The house was restored, furnished and donated in 1936 to Monmouth County Historical Association by Mrs. J. Amory Haskell. It became the first restored house museum in the area. Mrs. Haskell was a very prominent collector of Americana, notably decorative arts. Marlpit Hall presently serves as a showcase for the Association's 18th century furniture collection. The old kitchen is furnished as a "keeping room" as it might have appeared about 1710 or 1720. Other rooms contain exceptional examples of Chippendale furniture made in Monmouth County, New York, and Pennsylvania. Many items from the Taylor family are also on display.

A key property in the Middletown Village Historic District, Marlpit Hall has been placed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places. It is listed on the NJ Women's History Trail in honor of Mrs. Haskell's preservation work.

Current exhibit: Marlpit Hall is home to the award-winning exhibit, *Beneath the Floorboards, Whispers of the Enslaved* at Marlpit Hall. MCHA debuted the first exhibit of its *Living & Breathing* project at this site, designed to give voice to the enslaved who lived and worked at each of its four colonial era properties. *Beneath the Floorboards: Whispers of the Enslaved* at Marlpit Hall tells the story of seven men, women and children who lived at the house. It is a semi-permanent exhibit. This exhibition has garnered county, state and national recognition.

Organization: Monmouth County Historical Association
Website: www.monmouthhistory.org
Email: info@monmouthhistory.org
Contact: Tom Ballard, Volunteer Coordinator (volunteer@monmouthhistory.org)
Regular Hours: Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 1 - 4 pm. School groups and other tours may be arranged by appointment. Additionally, self-guided tours of the exterior are available on website.
Events: See website for upcoming events.
ADA accessible: Partially
Public Restroom: Yes
Parking: Small lot at adjacent Taylor-Butler House
Phone: 732-462-1466



Taylor-Butler House
127 Kings Highway
Middletown, NJ 07748



Taylor-Butler House was built about 1853 by later generations of Marlpit Hall's Taylor family. The family had been very successful in the China Trade out of New York and when Joseph and Mary Holmes Taylor married in 1849, they decided to move back to Middletown and build a grand house in a restrained Italianate style on the family farm. Here they raised two children: Edward, who became an early local photographer, and Mary Holmes Taylor who would be the last family member to live in the house. After her death in 1930 the house stood empty until architect Henry Ludwig Kramer purchased it for his home and office. He restored the house and added indoor plumbing, replacing the two-story outhouse that had extended over the kitchen wing and courtyard. In 1954, George and Helen Butler purchased the property and were known for their community involvement and hospitality. The Association purchased the house and 5 acres from Mr. Butler's estate in 1999.

The house is available for weddings and other special events. Taylor-Butler House, a key property in the Middletown Village Historic District, has been placed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places.

Current exhibit: The Taylor-Butler House's spacious rooms have been converted to gallery space. A semi-permanent exhibit features 19th century portraits from MCHA's permanent collection featuring people from Monmouth County. Of special interest are 12 works by Middletown's resident artist, Harvey Jenkins (1822-1908).

Organization: Monmouth County Historical Association
Website: www.monmouthhistory.org
Email: info@monmouthhistory.org
Contact: Tom Ballard, Volunteer Coordinator (volunteer@monmouthhistory.org)
Visits: Self-guided tours of the exterior are available on website. If volunteers are available at Marlpit Hall (open Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 pm) they are happy to open the house. Visits at other times by appointment.
Events: Daffodils and Daiquiris, Mistletoe. See website for further details on events.
Building Rental: Taylor Butler is available to rent for private events and can accommodate up to 125 people info@monmouthhistory.org
ADA accessible: No
Public Restroom: Yes
Parking: Small lot on site
Phone: 732-462-1466



Strauss Mansion Museum

27 Prospect Circle
Atlantic Highlands, NJ
07716



Adolph Strauss, a wealthy German Jewish New York importer, and his wife Jeanette had this 21-room Queen Anne style summer cottage built in 1893. It was designed by New York architect Solomon Cohen, and sits at the top of the town's Hill District, an area of fine houses in Victorian-era styles. The Strausses, like many of their neighbors, were summer residents, and Adolph commuted to the city by steamboat along with other businessmen. Monmouth County's shore towns had been attracting vacationers escaping the summer heat of the city, including Jewish families denied access to Christian resorts elsewhere, since the 1860s. Atlantic Highlands' resort development accelerated when the railroad moved its steamboat terminus here in 1892.

The Strauss Mansion, entered in the National Register of Historic Places in 2012, is the County's only Queen Anne style house open to the public. It features the irregular surfaces, towers, gables and dormers characteristic of the style. Owned by the Strauss family only until 1907, the mansion suffered in its later incarnations, eventually housing several apartments, until threatened with demolition in 1980. The Atlantic Highlands Historical Society purchased the house the next year and undertook a massive, on-going restoration program that enabled its opening as a museum in 1986. Today it includes period rooms, a library, and exhibits on the town's history.

The Mansion is open on Sundays from 12 pm - 4:00 pm. The Society holds its meetings here on the third Wednesday of each month from April to November, typically with guest speakers. The Society also hosts a summer cruise, "Jersey Journeys" field trips to other historic sites, a full month of Halloween programming in October and longstanding annual events such as the Arts and Crafts Fair in July and the Fall Flea Market in September. The Mansion is available to rent for private events.

Website: www.ahhistory.org

Email: ahhistoricalinfo@gmail.com

Contact: All inquiries use email

Organization: Atlantic Highlands Historical Society

Regular Hours: April 9 - November 19 for 2023 on Sundays from 12 pm to 4 pm

ADA accessible: No

Public Restroom: Yes

Parking: Street



All Saints Memorial Church

202 Navesink Avenue,
PO Box 326
Navesink, NJ 07752



All Saints' Memorial Church (Episcopal) origins can be traced to 1861 when weeknight services were held at the Riceville (now Navesink) school house by the Rector of Trinity Church, Red Bank. All Saints' was constructed in 1863 as a memorial to Jennette E. Stephens Edgar and other family members of the Stephens, Edgar, and Milnor families.

The Church and its major buildings were designed by Richard M. Upjohn, son of Richard Upjohn, a prominent New York architect of more than 35 Episcopal churches including Trinity Church in New York City and St. John's Church in Boston. Both are recognized for their contributions to the English Gothic Revival in American architecture, All Saints' complex being a prime example.

The Church building was completed in 1864, the Parish House in 1865, the Rectory and Barn in 1870, and the Carriage sheds circa 1890, all surrounded by an English landscape style cemetery. All Saints' Memorial Church was placed on the New Jersey State Register of Historic Places in 1973, the National Register in 1974, and designated a National Historic Landmark in 1988. The slate roof of the both the Rectory and the Church have been replaced to NJ Historic Trust standards in the past year.

A Weekend in Old Monmouth offers a special opportunity to see the well-preserved interior of the Church, including the beautiful stained glass windows, most of which are original to the building. There are many other original details in the church including the chandeliers which are believed to date to circa 1910 when the church and other parish buildings were electrified.

Visitors may also visit the Parish Hall and walk our picturesque campus. Docents will be on-site to answer questions on both Saturday and Sunday.

Website: www.allsaintsnavesink.org

Email: office@allsaintsnavesink.org

Facebook: All Saints' Memorial Church

Contact: Rev. Debbie Cook, Rector or Becky Cosgrove, All Saints National Landmark Trust

Worship, Ministries and Events: Visit www.allsaintsnavesink.org or www.stonechurchtrust.org

ADA accessible: No

Public Restroom: Yes

Parking: Lot on site

Phone: 732-291-0214



Twin Lights Museum

2 Light House Road
Highlands, NJ 07732



The Twin Lights Museum, located at Twin Lights State Historic Site, reconfigured its exhibit galleries for 2022 and has opened a display in the 1849 Lifesaving Station. The lifesaving display marks the first time the structure has been formally opened and interpreted for the public in a decade. It features an original rescue surfboat, a rocket launcher used to shoot lines to stranded sailing ships and a Francis Life-Car that dates back to the 1850s. Among the new features in the Twin Lights Museum is a display on life in Monmouth County in 1828—the year the first set of “twin lights” were constructed.

Also on display at Twin Lights are the Granville Perkins painting that was used for the iconic print of the lighthouse in Picturesque America, and the largest surviving scientific artifact from the 1893 Colombian Exposition in Chicago, an enormous second-order Fresnel lens. For those who missed the popular flag exhibit—the original September 1892 printing of the Pledge of Allegiance—is on display along with artifacts that commemorate the Pledge, which was given as the national oath of loyalty during an 1893 patriotic ceremony at the lighthouse. The Twin Lights Museum also shows the Pledge of Allegiance documentary, You Heard It Here First starring Ed Asner, winner of Best Documentary at the Garden State Film Festival. Tours are available upon request all weekend long, bring some friends and join our historians on a journey through the site’s history and happenings.

Did You Know? If you own a smartphone, you are already connected to Twin Lights history. The first-ever commercial wireless messages were made at the lighthouse in 1899 by Guglielmo Marconi and paid for by the New York Herald newspaper.

Website: TwinLightsLighthouse.com

Email: twinlightshistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Facebook: [Facebook.com/TwinLightsHistoricalSociety](https://www.facebook.com/TwinLightsHistoricalSociety)

Contact: Noel Dempsey

NJ Parks and Forestry Contact: Nicholas Wood, RIS

Email: Nicholas.Wood@dep.nj.gov

NJ Parks and Forestry Website: state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/historic/twin-lights/twin-lights-index.htm

Regular Hours: Wednesday – Sunday • 10 am to 4 pm

ADA Accessible: Yes

Public Restroom: Yes

Parking: 2 Lighthouse Rd., Highlands

Phone: 732-872-1814



Battery Lewis, Hartshorn Woods Park-RockyPoint

1402 Portland Road
Highlands, NJ 07732



Step inside a key military structure for the defense of New York Harbor and the New Jersey Coastline, Battery Lewis, the largest coastal fortification ever built in New Jersey. Constructed during World War II, this massive earth-covered concrete and steel battery had two 16 inch guns, each measuring 68 feet long and weighing over 130 tons. These devastating weapons could fire their shells 25 miles, helping to safeguard America’s vulnerable shores.

The Monmouth County Park System acquired the property from the federal government for inclusion into Hartshorne Woods Park. Battery Lewis has since undergone a major restoration including the installation of one of the 16 inch guns from the USS New Jersey. However, make sure to bring a jacket! There was never any heating system installed for the soldiers, making working conditions harsh in the middle of winter; even in early May, it can still be chilly!

Website: www.monmouthcountyparks.com

Email: gail.hunton@co.monmouth.nj.us

Contact: Gail Hunton

Organization: Monmouth County Park System

Regular Hours: Memorial Day through October; 12-4 pm

Weekends. Free guided tours

Grounds, year-round during daylight

Events: Check website for special events and programs year-round. Private group and school tours may be scheduled for a fee.

ADA accessible: Yes

Public Restroom: Yes

Parking: Lot on site

Phone: 732-842-0336 Ranger Station, 732-842-4200 Parks System



Historic Portland Place Hartshorne Woods Park
200 Hartshorne Rd.
Locust, NJ 07760



Once a 200-acre farm, and later a summer home, Portland Place was owned by the Hartshorne family for most of its long history. Richard Hartshorne (1641-1722), an English Quaker, was one of the region's earliest settlers.

Located on a magnificent site overlooking the Navesink River, the restored 18th century house, furnishings, artwork, and exhibits help tell the story of the region's history and the Hartshorne family legacy in Monmouth County.

Daniel Ward Seitz, a Hartshorne descendant, bequeathed Portland Place to the Monmouth County Park System in 2008, thus ensuring its preservation for future generations and uniting the site with over 800 acres of preserved lands in Hartshorne Woods Park.

Portland Place has since undergone extensive historic restoration, landscape enhancements and public access improvements. The Park System acquired adjacent properties, former Hartshorne family lands, to expand the site to 35 riverfront acres.

Portland Place is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The house originated as a mid-18th century cabin. It was enlarged and renovated incrementally. In the late 19th/early 20th centuries during the "Country Place" movement, major alterations took place. The historic character of the house remains intact.

Visitor Center - The Visitor Center is housed in an adjacent restored 19th century barn. Interpretive panels help orient visitors to the Hartshorne family lineage and the region's early settlements.

Visitors enjoy the expansive views of the Navesink River from several vantage points along the bluff. Adjacent acres of maritime forest thrive today as habitat for sensitive wildlife and 200-year-old tulip trees. Although there is no river access, visitors may experience the bucolic setting much the way the Hartshorne family did for hundreds of years.

Organization: Monmouth County Park System
Website: monmouthcountyparks.com
Email: Dorothy.Reilly@monmouthcountyparks.com
Contact: Dorothy Reilly, Historic Site Interpreter
Regular Hours: Wednesday – Sunday, 10am – 4 pm, May 6 – November 19, 2023. Free guided tours: 10:30 and 11:30 am, 1:30 and 2:30 pm. Same day registration.
ADA accessible: Yes.
Public Restroom: Yes, during public hours
Parking: On-site parking for historic house visitors. Please use other parking areas in Hartshorne Woods for access to hiking and biking trails.
Phone: 732-842-4000 – Park System Main Number



Seabright Lawn Tennis & Cricket Club
5 Tennis Court Lane
Rumson, NJ 07760



The Seabright Tennis Club was founded in 1877 and organized the next year by a group of Seabright residents who originally played on their own estates. The original clubhouse was built in 1886 when the membership purchased the grounds for three turf courts and a cricket crease. Renwick, Aspinwall and Russell, a New York firm famous for such landmarks as St. Patrick's Cathedral and The Smithsonian Institution, designed the clubhouse, which employed elements of the Shingle and Tudor Revival styles. The clubhouse underwent extensive renovations in 1923 that included the addition of the upper balcony and an interior redesign. This is the building you see today.

The Seabright Lawn Tennis & Cricket Club, one of the oldest tennis clubs in the nation, played a long and prominent role in the development of the sport, notably by sponsorship of the famed Seabright Invitational Tournament from 1884 until 1950. In the early decades of the 20th century the Club was a major stop on the American tennis circuit and drew national and international players.

The clubhouse is decorated with 544 photographs of tennis "greats" of the period leading up to World War II. The photo collection was a gift of Bernon Prentice, club president from 1922-1938. Under the direction of club historian, Mary Lou Strong the photographic collection was restored and digitized by Barbara Bridgers of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Landmark Friends, a 501c3 organization continues to maintain the photograph collection and the integrity of the clubhouse.

The club was entered on the National Register of Historic Places in 1991 and designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1992.

SLTCC received a matching grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust for structural repairs in 2021 which were completed in 2022.

Website: www.slccc.org
Email: betsyford72@gmail.com
Contact: Betsy Ford (Tour), Mary Christman (Clubhouse Manager)
Regular Hours: None
ADA accessible: No
Public Restroom: Yes
Parking: Small lot on site
Phone: 732-245-4555



Parker Homestead
235 Rumson Road,
Little Silver 07739



Joseph Parker, who arrived in the environs from Portsmouth, Rhode Island in 1665, founded a family of major significance in Little Silver and the entire surrounding area. Their and the region's history will be interpreted through the family homestead begun by Joseph's son Peter by 1721 on a tract owned by the Parkers since their arrival and given to the public for that purpose by the eighth generation and last Parker resident, Julia Gertrude, who died in 1995.

Based on intensive study through a historic structures report completed in 2007, the houses exterior was restored between 1999 and 2009. That study revealed that the building was constructed in stages which began with the present center section which was initially one and one-half stories. A one-story addition to the east (right when facing the building) followed c.1740s which later in that century was expanded to two stories. Lean-tos were added, initially on the east c. early nineteenth century, and then the west, mid-nineteenth century. The house was given its present appearance after the center section was expanded to two stories by Julia's brother Frank in 1906-7.

The initial interior restoration has not only revealed the dwelling as inhabited, but uncovered once-hidden building elements. As restoration is on-going, first-time visitors will be able to view work in progress. The once extensive Parker holdings are largely developed, but a small section is still farmed by a descendant. The property is owned by the Borough of Little Silver and operated by the cited non-profit organization. The Parker Homestead was entered on the National Register of Historic Places in 2011.

Organization: Parker Homestead-1665
Website: www.parkerhomestead-1665.org
Email: keithbwells@gmail.com
Contact: Keith Wells
Regular Hours: None
Events: Check website for special events
ADA Accessible: No
Public Restroom: Yes, in Sickles Park nearby
Parking: Woman's Club Lot across Rumson Rd. or Sickles Park across Harrison Ave.
Phone: 908-489-2503



Red Bank Woman's Club
164 Broad Street
Red Bank NJ 07701



Anthony Reckless built this fine Italianate mansion designed by Chicago architect J.P. Huber and completed in 1874, a time when upper Broad Street was lined with homes of the wealthy on extensive tracts that typically extended west to Maple Avenue. He was a merchant, publisher, utility director and president of the New York and Long Branch Railroad, the key road that helped propel Red Bank's growth. Reckless, who also served in the New Jersey Senate, died here in 1889.

The building remained a residence until the Red Bank Woman's Club, which was incorporated in 1917, purchased the property in 1921. For decades the upper floors provided residential rooms for single woman. Now the entire premises are given over to the group's public service activities. They maintain a strong focus on education, which includes literacy programs and awarding scholarships. In recent years, the club has dedicated itself to the preservation of the historic building. Thanks to grants from Monmouth County and the NJ Historic Trust, the exterior restoration was completed in 2012.

While not maintaining regular hours for tours, the building, entered on the National Register of Historic Places, is open to the public for the events cited below.

Website: www.womansclubofredbank.org
Email: info@WomansClubOfRedBank.org
Contact: Christina Hardman, President; Jill Merriman, Joann Farina and Kate Rafferty, Preservation Committee
Events: Reckless Steamy Nights Concerts, last Friday of the month, 8 pm; Senior Café every Wednesday 10 am – 2 pm
ADA accessible: No
Public Restroom: Yes
Parking: Lot rear of building (weekends and after 6 pm)
Phone: 732-747-7425



Monmouth Boat Club

31 Union St.
Red Bank NJ 07701



Established in 1879, The Monmouth Boat Club is one of the oldest operating boat clubs in New Jersey. Still on its original site, the present building was constructed in 1895 and is the last surviving 19th Century building on the waterfront in Red Bank. From its inception, the Monmouth Boat Club played a major role in the recreational and social life of Red Bank. The club encouraged the recreational use of the Navesink River for various water activities such as rowing, canoeing, motor boating and sailing. Events of the club- regattas, races, dinners - were attended by people throughout the town and region. Members of the club included businessmen, merchants, doctors and lawyers- a microcosm of the burgeoning middle class in the 19th Century. Over many years, Winter Carnivals including skating races, fancy skating competitions, sail-skate races, and ice boat races, the Monmouth Boat Club became a willing and active participant, its members greatly involved in both the planning and the operation. The M.B.C. second balcony became the favorite location for concerts by the Town Band on such occasions. The Club was usually the finish line for racing events, the second or third balcony serving as the Judge's stand. The members of the M.B.C. were virtually all local businessmen and the Club, although private, considered itself very much an "institution of the town" as The Register had forecast back in 1880.

From time to time, special volunteer projects have been done by the Club. As early as 1970, plans were being laid for the celebration of the Club's 100th Anniversary, 1979. The idea advanced was that the Club should create a permanent museum of its history and also that of the River during the Club's era.

In 1994 The Monmouth Boat Club was placed on the State and National Register of Historic Places.

Organization: Monmouth Boat Club

Website: www.monmouthboatclub.org

Contact: Brian Bugbee, membership@monmouthboatclub.org

Parking: Metered on street or at Marine Park (free parking on Sunday)

ADA accessible: First floor only

Public restroom: No

Regular hours: Flexible based on Club calendar.

Events: Available on Club calendar (on website)

Phone: 732-704-4670



Grover House

930 West Front Street,
Red Bank NJ 07701



Grover House, c. 1730, is one of only a few remaining two-story, Dutch-framed houses in Monmouth County. The current structure is a variation of a double pile (two rooms deep), center-hall plan. It was built in two principal stages, c. 1730 and c. 1820-1840. It was included in the National Register of Historic Places in 2002, despite it having been moved from its original site.

The older section of the house was constructed c. 1730 for James Grover (1679–1752), son of Joseph Grover (1656–1689) and grandson of James Grover (1611–1685), who was one of the original twelve patentees of the 1665 Monmouth Patent. The house was occupied by Grover descendants until 1982.

Grover House is owned by Middletown Township and is the current headquarters of the Navesink Maritime Heritage Association. NMHA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to engaging Eastern Monmouth County with maritime and water related historical, skill building, environmental, and recreational activities, and encouraging responsible use of the Navesink estuary through its Discover, Engage, and Sustain approach. NMHA also performs the Grover house upgrade, restoration, and historical interpretation, mostly with volunteer labor, supported by occasional grants.

Join us on site for special activities and a tour of the house to learn about its construction and history.

Organization: Navesink Maritime Heritage Association

Website: navesinkmaritime.org

Email: cabel4@verizon.net

Contact: Chuck Abel

Phone: 732 977 3690

Regular hours: Saturdays 8:30am-11:00am and by appointment

ADA accessible: Yes, including bathroom

Parking: On site



T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center

94 Drs. James Parker Blvd.
Red Bank, NJ 07701



The T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center is a National Historic Landmark and the former home of the Black journalist, newspaper publisher, and social justice crusader, T. Thomas Fortune, who was born into slavery in Marianna, Florida, in 1856. He called the home Maple Hall when he lived there with his family. The T. Thomas Fortune Room fuses Black History, social justice, art, and technology together to amplify the story of T. Thomas Fortune's life, and the Black press. The Ida B. Wells Parlor Gallery showcases the Center's current exhibit, "A Love Letter to Count Basie: From The Great Migration to The Harlem Renaissance." The growing original art collection punctuates today's zeitgeist while looking back at the past for thought provoking conversation.

Located upstairs of the Second-Empire Victorian style home is the Carrie Smiley Fortune Research Library, that is home to a wide range of books that authenticate the Black Experience in America. Carrie, Fortune's wife was an activist and a founding member of the National Urban League, along with other social and political organizations.

Before the T. Thomas Fortune Foundation's acquisition of the home, from building developer, Roger Mumford, of Mumford Homes, it was a dilapidated eyesore in the community. It was determined in a 2017 dendrochronological study that the foundation of the home dates back to 1774, while other timber rendered dates were consistent with the mid-19th century. A 20th century addition was added by James Vaccarelli, in 1917, who bought the property shortly after the Fortune family moved from the home in 1912.

The home features a French Mansard roof and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1976, during the country's Bicentennial. Fortune's home is one of the most significant historic sites in the state, because of his contribution and personhood as a trailblazing figure, who demanded America live up to its principles of freedom, justice, and equality for all people. As editor of the New York Age newspaper, Fortune spoke truth to power for the social, political, and economic rights of Black people.

Organization: T. Thomas Fortune Foundation
Website: www.tthomasfortuneculturalcenter.org
Email: info@tthomasfortunefoundation.org
Contact: Gilda Rogers
Regular Hours: Saturday and Sunday – 1 pm to 5 pm
Events: Calendar on website
School Tours: Thursday and Friday 9:30-11:30 am and Noon-2 pm
ADA accessible: Yes
Public Restroom: Yes (2)
Parking: Limited lot space and on-street parking
Phone: 732-383-5483



Allen House

Blue Ball Tavern
400 Sycamore Avenue
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702



Allen House was initially built circa 1710 as a second residence for the Stillwell family of New York. Richard, a wealthy merchant, and his wife Mercy had eight children who were brought up primarily in Shrewsbury. By 1754, after Richard and Mercy had passed away, their heirs sold the property to Josiah Halstead who transformed the home into the Blue Ball Tavern, "the most noted tavern in Shrewsbury." Taverns served as community centers in the 18th century as much as places to drink and eat. The Vestry of Christ Church held meetings there as did the Shrewsbury Library Company and the Monmouth County Circuit Court.

Located at Shrewsbury's Historic Four Corners, the house is currently furnished to reflect its early use as a tavern. Allen House is on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places.

Events: Reading of the Declaration of Independence 10 am on July 4; Ghost Tours in October See website for further information on upcoming events

Organization: Monmouth County Historical Association
Website: www.monmouthhistory.org
Email: info@monmouthhistory.org
Contact: Tom Ballard, Volunteer Coordinator (volunteer@monmouthhistory.org)
Visits: Self-guided tours of the exterior are available using the website. See website for information regarding public tours of the interior and special programs. Other visits may be arranged by appointment
ADA accessible: No
Public Restroom: Yes
Parking: Lot on site, overflow across Sycamore Ave at Borough Hall
Phone: 732-462-1466



Shrewsbury Friends Meeting (Quakers)

375 Sycamore Ave.
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702



Friends have met in Shrewsbury since 1665 when a group from Rhode Island and Long Island established the Shrewsbury settlement. Shrewsbury Meeting was New Jersey's first Friends Meeting and is the state's oldest rural religious congregation. The first meetinghouse, built in 1672 in today's Little Silver, was visited then by Quaker founder George Fox.

Two meetinghouses have stood on this property, purchased from John Lippincott in 1689. The earlier one was destroyed by fire; this was built 1816 of wood timber construction with its walls filled by salvaged brick from the predecessor. The meetinghouse is two-cell form which affords women and men equal space for meetings and business. Movable wall panels, which separate the two, were closed for business and opened for worship and other functions. This classic Quaker design was established 1768 at Buckingham Meetinghouse, Bucks County, PA.

In 1940, the Historic American Building Survey studied and sketched the little-changed structure. After extensive fire damage to the east room in 1968, it was remodeled to provide a fellowship hall, kitchen and restrooms. The west room, which is now used for worship, has remained unchanged since it was built.

Organization: Shrewsbury Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Mailing Address: PO Box 92, Shrewsbury NJ 07702

Contact: Alan Brenner, alanbbr@me.com

Sunday Morning: Friendly Discussion 9:15 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.

Events: Pot-luck: 4th Sunday, Noon; Four Corners Lantern

Tour: 1st Friday of December

Website: www.shrewsburyquakers.org

ADA accessible: Wheelchair ramp at rear

Public Restroom: Yes

Parking: Lot in rear or on Sycamore Ave as permitted

Phone: 732-741-4138



Christ Church

380 Sycamore Ave.
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702



Christ Church, the Episcopal Parish in Shrewsbury, first held services in 1702, received a charter from King George II in 1738, and remains an active congregation that cherishes its history.

The present church was built in 1769 to replace a smaller 1730s brick structure. Historic items regularly on public view include the 1738 royal charter from George II; a 1717 "Vinegar" Bible printed in England and used in church services for 150 years; a set of 1867 Gothic revival stained-glass windows; a 99-year-old Odell tracker organ still played at every Sunday service; an 18th century steeple bell cast in France that tolls the hour (manually wound weekly by volunteers), and the church's original canopy pews.

The property on which the church is situated was acquired in 1706 and has been used as a graveyard ever since. The earliest gravestone is dated 1719 and nestles against the northwest corner of the church. Guided tours of the church and its historic graveyard can be arranged upon request; a self-guided tour booklet showing locations of notable people resting in the graveyard is also available.

Major Events: Church History Days are held during Weekend in Old Monmouth (May 6 and 7, 2023), displaying rare documents, artwork, and artifacts inside the 1769 church; on Memorial Day Sunday (May 28, 2023), costumed parishioners proclaim the names of veterans buried in the graveyard.

Website: www.christchurchshrewsbury.org

Email: christchurchshrewsbury@verizon.net

ADA accessible: Ramps to church, parish house restroom

Public Restroom: Yes

Parking: Access parking lot via driveway on Route 35 north just south of Sycamore Avenue, or a driveway on Sycamore Avenue, just east of Route 35

Phone: 732-741-2220



Shrewsbury Historical Museum

Municipal Complex
419 Sycamore Ave.
Shrewsbury NJ 07702



This museum, educational and research center was built in 1982 by a membership supported organization. It houses collections of artifacts, ephemera and library materials. Items reflect Shrewsbury's early colonial settlement, depicts its expansion to a major agricultural center and interpret its evolution to a desirable residential & business community. The museum anchors the southwest of the "Historic Four Corners." This National Register historic district also embraces the Sycamore Avenue historic houses that gave this fabled street its 19th century nickname, "Millionaires Row." "The cradle of civilization in Monmouth County."

A Weekend in Old Monmouth 2023 highlights a special exhibit of 60 Vintage chairs and more than 50 dolls.

The recently restored 1849 hand-drawn map of Shrewsbury Township is prominently displayed. The library contains over 2,000 titles and holdings of maps, wills and prints; scale models of the Allen House, Christ Church, Presbyterian Church, and the Shrewsbury Post Office; the Friendship Quilt; period tools and furniture, including spinning wheels, farm chairs and the Chichester Couch; a musket from the Battle of Monmouth; the General Stewart Van Vliet Civil War Collection; period clothing and uniforms; history of our ancestral namesake, Shrewsbury (pronounced Shrowsbury) in Shropshire County, England; and items from George Ford Morris, a noted horse portrait artist. The Shrewsbury Boro School collection includes a school bell, desks, yearbooks and photographs. A Hazard Ketchup bottle collection and the Genevieve S. Overbaugh collection of Indian artifacts are displayed. Children always enjoy the toy collection. Recent addition are several items for the C.F. Borden Estate.

Website: <https://www.shrewsburyboro.com/historical-society>

Email: shrewsburyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Contact: Don Burden, President, 732-747-3635

Organization: Shrewsbury Historical Society

Events: Autumn Garden Party and lectures

Regular Hours: By appointment

ADA accessible: Yes

Public Restroom: Yes (2)

Parking: Lot on Site (side & back)

Phone: 732-530-7974



Crawford House

750 Tinton Avenue
Tinton Falls, NJ 07724



The Crawford house was the home of four generations of the Crawford family, who ran their family abattoir (slaughterhouse) and butcher shop on the property from 1865 to the mid-1960's. John H. and Rebecca Crawford established a wholesale butchering business and raised 8 children in the house. In 1897, John H. retired, leaving his two sons, John C. and Albert B. in charge of the firm of Crawford Brothers, and sold the house to John C. and Ella W. Crawford, his wife. John C. Crawford also ran the general store (now the adjacent Portofino Restaurant), delivering groceries by horse and wagon to the surrounding farms. John C. and Ella's son Allen E. Crawford took ownership of the house and business in 1924. Allen and his wife Ruth continued the butchering business, and also acted as tax collectors for the town. Ruth Crawford assisted her husband, who was tax collector, for 20 years, and then acted as tax collector herself for another 25 years, retiring in 1973. During most of that time the tax office was in the Crawford home. Ruth's daughter Ann succeeded her in the position until the mid-1980's.

The house passed out of the family after Ruth's death in 1987. It is currently owned by the Borough of Tinton Falls and has been renovated for public use. The house is one of only a few remaining early nineteenth century houses in Monmouth County that has a 1 1/2 story, heavy timber Dutch frame. The house utilizes a Dutch framing system that was prevalent in 18th century Monmouth County, yet the timbers are sawn rather than hand-hewn.

It is a late surviving example of Dutch building traditions in Monmouth County. The property is also the site of a slave burial ground that dates back to Lewis Morris's 17th century ironworks.

Follow us on Facebook (Friends of the Crawford House), Twitter (@CrawfordHouseTF), and Instagram (@CrawfordHouseTF)

Events: Seasonal farm stand, Saturday mornings from 9 am to Noon, selling fresh produce from our community garden. For other events and information, check our website.

Organization: Friends of the Crawford House

Website: www.thecrawfordhouse.org

Email: crawfordhousefriends@gmail.com

Contact: Stacey Slowinski

Regular hours: None

ADA accessible: Yes

Public Restroom: Yes

Parking: Available on-site



Eatontown Historical Museum

75 Broad Street
Eatontown, NJ 07724



The Eatontown Historical Museum was purchased by the Borough of Eatontown in 1978. The basic structure of the original one-room house is believed to be mid-18th Century English architecture. Examples of mortise and tenon frame construction using wooden pegs can be seen in the house, as well as mud and straw used for insulation. A parlor and upstairs bedrooms were added in the 19th century and a kitchen was added in the early 20th century. Tour our “Step Back in Time House Museum” and view the dining room, parlor, kitchen, and bedroom furnished with artifacts donated by Eatontown residents.

2023 Events:

July 15: 2:00pm Florian Schantz Jazz Concert in Wolcott Park

October 12: 6:30pm – 8:30pm Adult Halloween Social

October 13: 6:30pm – 8:30pm Haunted Museum Tours

October 14: 6:30pm – 8:30pm Haunted Museum Tours

November 5: 1pm – 4pm Veterans Program and Honor of Flags

December 4: Holiday Open House

Organization: Eatontown Historical Committee

Email: EatontownHistoricalMuseum@gmail.com

Contact: Phyllis Trask, Chairperson

Regular Hours: 1st Sunday of each month, 1 - 4 pm
(Please note: Museum closed July 2 and September 3)

ADA accessible: No

Public Restroom: Yes

Parking: A parking lot behind the museum is shared with St. James Episcopal Church. The entrance is on Throckmorton Ave. Additional parking is located across the street behind the Eatontown Community Center.

Phone: Museum 732-542-4026



Twp. of Ocean Historical Museum

703 Deal Road
Ocean, NJ 07712



The Museum occupies the Eden Woolley House, an 18th century architectural gem and 250+ year repository of our regional history. It was saved from destruction in 2005 and moved 1,100 feet east to its present location in Joe Palaia Park. It is restored and open to the public to tell the story of coastal Monmouth County.

The oldest part of the house dates to 1747, the year that Thomas Woolley, Jr. constructed a small, timber-frame structure in the Dutch American style. Its Greek Revival extension was added in 1830 by its namesake, Eden Woolley, a farmer, businessman, and surveyor who was elected to the township's first governing body after Ocean split from Shrewsbury in 1849. The property remained in the Woolley family until 1926.

The Museum houses three galleries. The Our Town Gallery tells the story of Ocean Township, which once included most of coastal Monmouth County. The Hearth and Home Gallery illustrates the evolution of domestic life from the 18th century. The Richmond Gallery offers changing exhibits on historical topics of general appeal—with a local twist. The Eden Woolley House was voted the best Museum in Monmouth County in the Asbury Park Press Readers poll every year that “Museum” was included as a category.

2023 Exhibits: *Aftermath: How World War II Changed a Nation; The Eden Woolley Farmstead Archaeological Digs.*

Organization: Township of Ocean Historical Museum

Website: www.oceanmuseum.org

Email: oceanmuseum@yahoo.com

Contact: Paul Edelson

Events: See Museum's website

Regular Hours: Sundays, 1 – 4 pm; Thursdays, 7 – 9 pm
and by appointment

Admission: Free

ADA accessible: Yes

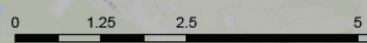
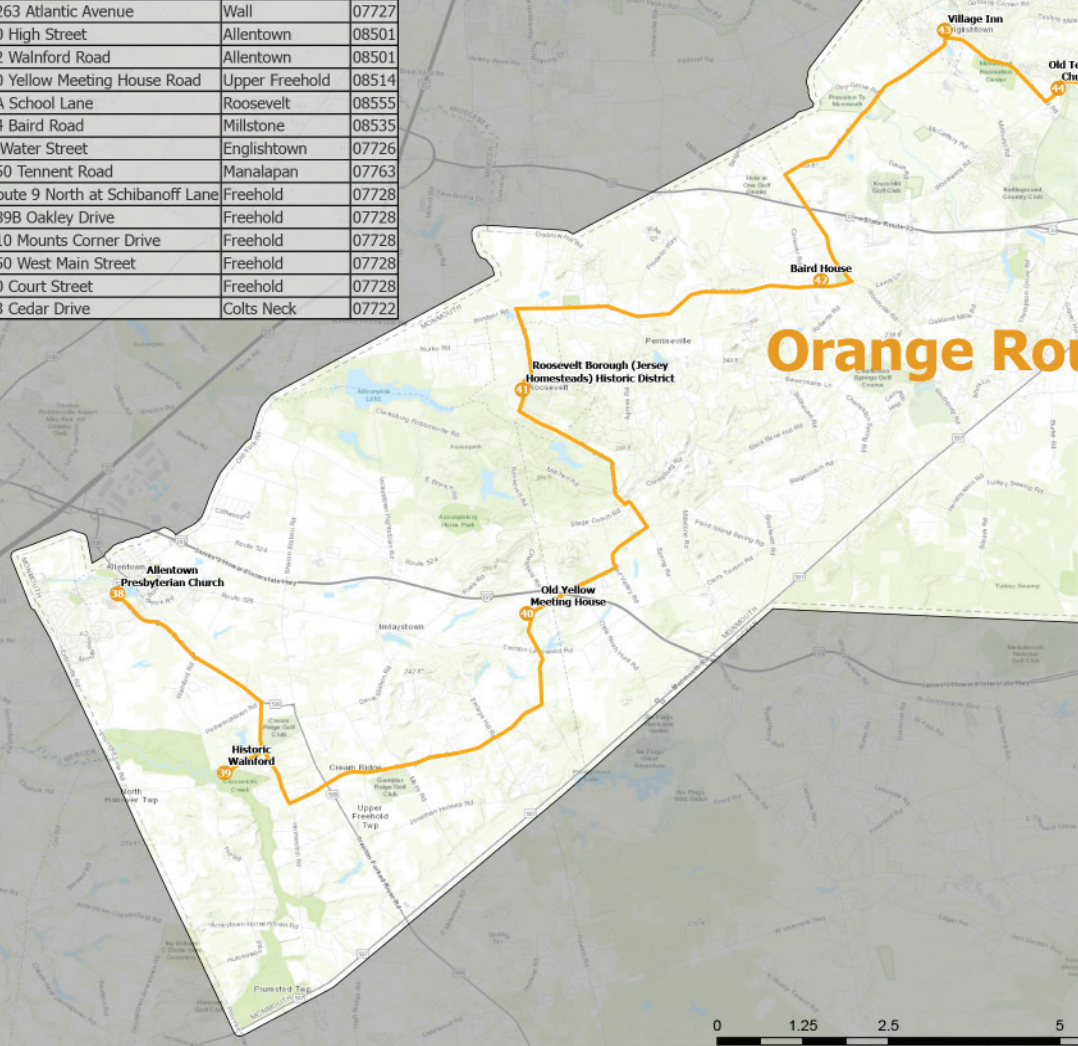
Public Restroom: Yes

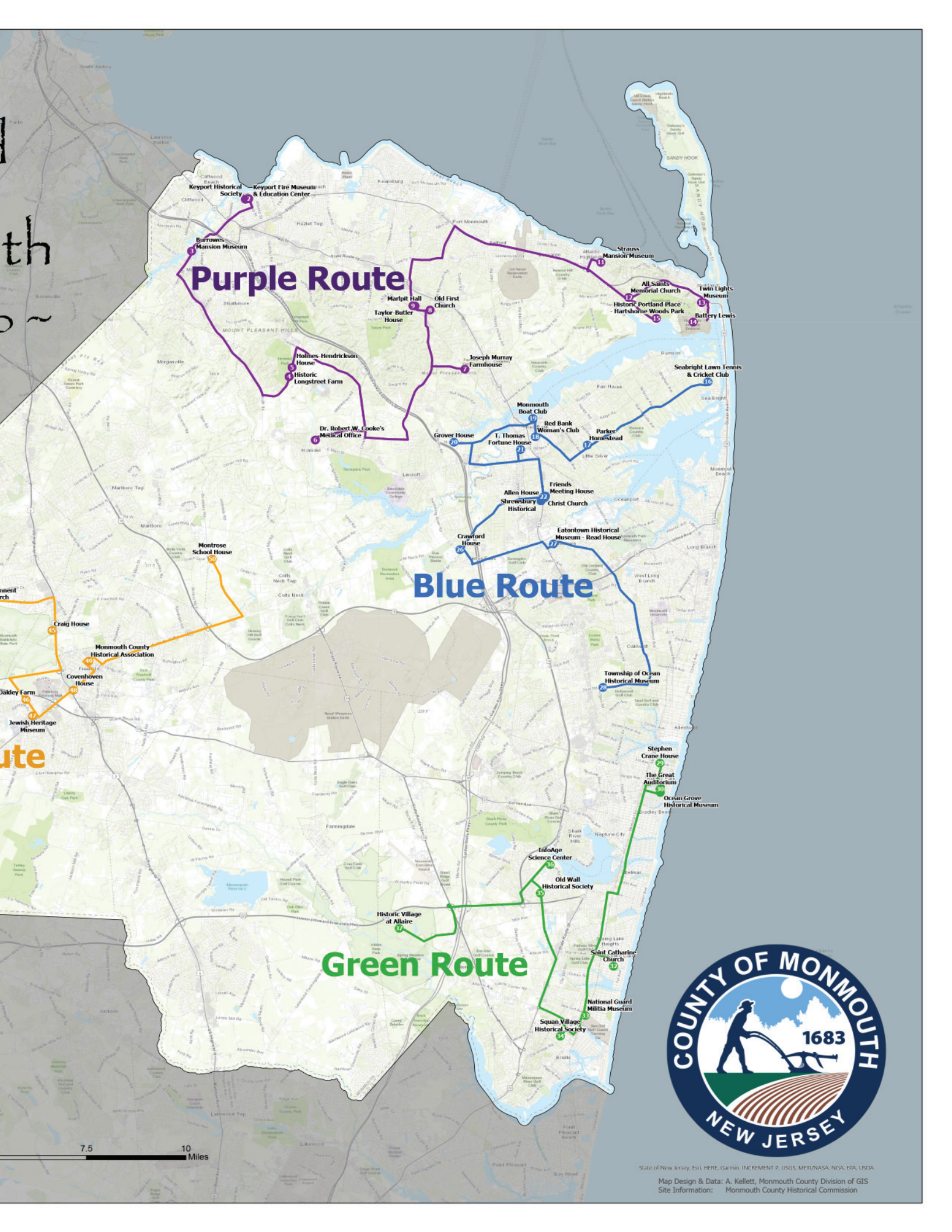
Parking: Adjacent lot

Phone: 732-531-2136

Site #	Historic Site	Address	City	Zip
1	Keyport Historical Society	34 Main Street	Keyport	07735
2	Keyport Fire Museum & Education Center	86 Broad Street	Keyport	07735
3	Burrowes Mansion Museum	94 Main Street	Matawan	07747
4	Historic Longstreet Farm	44 Longstreet Road	Holmdel	07733
5	Holmes-Hendrickson House	62 Longstreet Road	Holmdel	07733
6	Dr. Robert W. Cooke's Medical Office	67 McCampbell Rd	Holmdel	07733
7	Joseph Murray Farmhouse	345 Oakhill Road	Red Bank	07701
8	Old First Church	69 Kings Highway	Middletown	07748
9	Marlpit Hall	137 Kings Highway	Middletown	07748
10	Taylor-Butler House	127 Kings Highway	Middletown	07748
11	Strauss Mansion Museum	27 Prospect Circle	Atlantic Highlands	07716
12	All Saints Memorial Church	202 Navesink Avenue	Middletown	07748
13	Twin Lights Museum	Lighthouse Road	Highlands	07732
14	Battery Lewis	1402 Portland Road	Highlands	07732
15	Historic Portland Place - Hartshorne Woods Park	200 Hartshorne Road	Locust	07760
16	Seabright Lawn Tennis & Cricket Club	5 Tennis Court Lane	Rumson	07760
17	Parker Homestead	235 Rumson Road	Little Silver	07739
18	Red Bank Woman's Club	164 Broad Street	Red Bank	07701
19	Monmouth Boat Club	31 Union Street	Red Bank	07701
20	Grover House	930 West Front Street	Middletown	07701
21	T. Thomas Fortune House	94 Dr. James Parker Boulevard	Red Bank	07701
22	Allen House	400 Sycamore Avenue	Shrewsbury	07702
23	Friends Meeting House	375 Sycamore Avenue	Shrewsbury	07702
24	Christ Church	380 Sycamore Avenue	Shrewsbury	07702
25	Shrewsbury Historical	419 Sycamore Avenue	Shrewsbury	07702
26	Crawford House	750 Tinton Avenue	Tinton Falls	07724
27	Eatontown Historical Museum - Read House	75 Broad Street	Eatontown	07724
28	Township of Ocean Historical Museum	703 Deal Road	Ocean	07712
29	Stephen Crane House	508 Fourth Avenue	Asbury Park	07712
30	The Great Auditorium	21 Pilgrim Pathway	Neptune	07753
31	Ocean Grove Historical Museum	50 Pitman Avenue	Neptune	07753
32	Saint Catharine Church	214 Essex Avenue	Spring Lake	07762
33	National Guard Militia Museum	Sea Girt Avenue & Camp Drive	Sea Girt	08750
34	Squan Village Historical Society	105 South Street	Manasquan	08736
35	Old Wall Historical Society	1701 New Bedford Road	Wall	07719
36	InfoAge Science Center	2201 Marconi Road	Wall	07719
37	Historic Village at Allaire	4263 Atlantic Avenue	Wall	07727
38	Allentown Presbyterian Church	20 High Street	Allentown	08501
39	Historic Walnford	62 Walnford Road	Allentown	08501
40	Old Yellow Meeting House	70 Yellow Meeting House Road	Upper Freehold	08514
41	Roosevelt Borough (Jersey Homesteads) Historic District	2A School Lane	Roosevelt	08555
42	Baird House	24 Baird Road	Millstone	08535
43	Village Inn	2 Water Street	Englishtown	07726
44	Old Tennent Church	450 Tennent Road	Manalapan	07763
45	Craig House	Route 9 North at Schibanoff Lane	Freehold	07728
46	Oakley Farm	189B Oakley Drive	Freehold	07728
47	Jewish Heritage Museum	310 Mounts Corner Drive	Freehold	07728
48	Covenhoven House	150 West Main Street	Freehold	07728
49	Monmouth County Historical Association	70 Court Street	Freehold	07728
50	Montrose School House	13 Cedar Drive	Colts Neck	07722

A Weekend in Old Monmouth ~ 2023 Tour Map





Purple Route

Blue Route

Green Route



7.5 10 Miles



Stephen Crane House

508 Fourth Ave.
Asbury Park, NJ
07712



In 1871, when James Bradley bought the land that would become the famous resort city, Asbury Park, he created a grid of “Bradley lots, 150’x 50.’ The Stephen Crane House sits on one such “Bradley lot.” Built as a single-family, clapboard and shingle home in 1878, 12-year-old Stephen Crane, his widowed mother Mary Helen Peck Crane, an activist, and sister Agnes, schoolteacher, moved to Arbutus Cottage from Newark in 1883, the 4th deed owners. A distinguished feature, the wrap-around porch, was foreshortened over time to make way for rooms above. The house morphed into a boardinghouse and later, an inn and finally, the Florence Hotel. Through the decades, the house fell into decline and became the home of squatters.

In 1995, when it became known that the world-renowned writer, poet and journalist had resided there, Tom and Regina Hayes, the 23rd deed owners, purchased the building, refurbished it and created a museum and center for cultural events. In 2015, the 24th owner gave the building to the Asbury Park Historical Society for its headquarters. In 2016, the Stephen Crane House was named to both the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places. As of 2023, the Society is in the process of refurbishing the rooms.

Note: Stephen Crane is best known for his classic novel, Red Badge of Courage, as well as for influencing modern writing with his style, naturalism. Stephen died of tuberculosis at 28, in the healing resort of Badenweiler, Germany, now Asbury Park’s “sister city.”

Organization: Asbury Park Historical Society

Website: www.aphistoricalociety.org

Contacts: Tom Chesek, Trustee, Program Director & Resident

Regular hours: Sundays, Noon - 2 p.m. or by appointment

Tours: Sundays from Noon to 2 pm and by appointment

Parking: Street

ADA accessible: Yes

Public Restroom: Yes

Phone: 732-361-0189



The Great Auditorium

21 Pilgrim Pathway
P.O. Box 248
Ocean Grove, NJ
07756



Founded in 1869, Ocean Grove is a unique, historic and vibrant shore community that is noted for its pristine beaches, abundant Victorian architecture and old-fashioned charm that has drawn visitors for generations. Its strong Christian roots date back to the late 19th Century’s “camp meeting” movement, when a group of Methodist ministers, led by William B. Osborn and Ellwood Stokes, formed the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association to develop and operate a summer camp meeting at the Jersey shore. Today, the Camp Meeting Association continues to provide opportunities for spiritual birth, growth and renewal through worship, educational, cultural and recreational programs for all ages in a seaside setting.

At the heart of the community is the Great Auditorium, an historic wooden tabernacle that seats upwards of 6,000 people. Constructed in 1894, the Great Auditorium’s acoustics, resulting from its barrel-vaulted wooden ceiling, have been widely acclaimed. Six US Presidents, renowned ministers, international opera stars, distinguished organists, and world-class classical musicians and pop stars have appeared there. Today, the Great Auditorium hosts a robust schedule of religious, choral, classical and pop programs suited to families at affordable prices. The Camp Meeting also offers numerous programs for children, youth and families throughout the summer and many events are free!

Surrounding the Auditorium are 114 tents, which are occupied from May to September, as has been the case since 1869. Colorfully decorated, each tent is connected to a shed containing a kitchen and bathroom. There is such a demand that the waiting list is several years for a tent.

Organization: Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association

Website: www.oceangrove.org

Email: information@oceangrove.org

Contact: Michael Badger, President OGCMA Board of Trustees

Events: Many spiritual and music events offered (see website). Tours offered Wednesday and Friday (12:30) and Saturday (10:30) from June through August

ADA accessible: Yes

Public Restroom: Yes

Parking: Park on street. Take access road of choice east to Central Ave, turn north (left) to Surf Ave, turn west (left) to Pilgrim Pathway, turn south (left) to the Auditorium

Phone: 732-775-0035



**Ocean Grove
Historical
Museum**
50 Pitman Ave
PO Box 446
Ocean Grove, NJ
07756



The Historical Society of Ocean Grove has as its number one priority to help strengthen and further develop existing New Jersey history operations and programs. Since 1969 the Historical Society has pledged to preserve, document and encourage community interest in the history of Ocean Grove as well as sustain the heritage and honor of Ocean Grove being entered as a historic district in the National Register of Historic Districts (1976) and the New Jersey State Register of Historic (1975) sites. It is designated in the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail, the New Jersey Women's Heritage Trail, the Monmouth County Historical Trail, and the Methodist Heritage Trail. A permanent exhibit highlighting the history of Ocean Grove is a major feature of the museum. In addition, there are featured exhibits each year highlighting interesting aspects of the past.

Today, Ocean Grove is a leading example of a late 19th century planned community and contains over 1,000 Victorian homes, as well as many other important architectural styles. The New York Times called Ocean Grove a "museum of Victorian architecture." It is admired for its diversity, its sense of community, its religious commitment, and summer programs of music and the arts.

Centennial Cottage – McClintock Street and Central Avenue

Centennial Cottage serves as the Historical Society of Ocean Grove's living history museum. The Cottage is a "Swiss Chalet," a popular architectural style in the 19th century. Erected in 1884 the cottage originally stood at 47 Cookman Avenue. It was acquired by Robert and Mary Skold in 1969 and donated to the Camp Meeting Association to be maintained as a house museum by the Historical Society. Its purchase honored the 100th anniversary of the founding of Ocean Grove.

Visitors to the Cottage gain an understanding of life in a 19th Century Camp Meeting and seaside resort community. The cottage is furnished with 19th century pieces based on photographs of similar Ocean Grove cottages from the 1880s and 1890s.

Organization: Historical Society of Ocean Grove
Website: www.historicalsocietyofoceangrovehistory.org
Email: info@historicalsocietyofoceangrovehistory.org
Contact: Annie Fox, Museum Administrator
Events: Visit oceangrovehistory.org to view details and additional information about Architectural Tours, Women's History Walking Tours, Historic Walking Tours, Annual House Tour, and more.

Regular Hours: Museum: June 2-17, Friday and Saturday (10 am-3 pm); June 21-September 2, Wednesday through Saturday (10 am-3 pm); September 8-December 9, Friday and Saturday (10 am-3 pm), **Cottage Hours:** June 21-September 2, Wednesday through Saturday (11 am-3 pm)

Parking: Street

ADA accessible: Museum, Yes, first floor only; Cottage, No

Public Restroom: None, but municipal facility located nearby



**Saint Catharine
Church**
214 Essex Ave.
Spring Lake, NJ 07762



St. Catharine Church is the finest high-style example of Classical Revival architecture in Monmouth County. It was built of limestone and buff Pompeian brick in 1901 by the wealthy philanthropist Martin Maloney (1847-1929) to honor the memory of his daughter Catharine who died of tuberculosis at age 17. Horace Trumbauer's (1868-1938) design was inspired by Roman renaissance and baroque sources. The cornerstone was laid March 17, 1901 and the church was consecrated on May 25, 1902. Roman artist Professor Gonippo Raggi (1875-1959) decorated the interior with over 27 paintings, both canvasses and frescos which included replicas of the masters and original work. This two-phased work was completed in 1928.

St. Catharine's two-phased restoration project 1994-2006, restored its 1928 appearance and addressed contemporary needs. EverGreene Studios of New York, guided by photographs at the Spring Lake Historical Society, completed the artwork element. In 2021-2022, the Church underwent rehabilitation both on the exterior to replace deterioration of the piazza, the entrances, and lights. The interior work included replacement of the worn floors and pews.

While primarily a house of worship, the approximately 4,000 family community of St. Catharine/St. Margaret Parish is grateful for the Maloney gift and the efforts to preserve and restore this beautiful church. Recognizing the museum stature of this edifice, the parish is pleased to share it with visitors.

Please respect any Church events that may be in progress during a weekend visit. Visitors are invited to worship at the scheduled Masses on Saturday evening at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m. and Noon.

Website: www.stcatharine-stmargaret.com

Email: stcatharine@optonline.net

Contact/Phone: Barbara Kolarsick-Harrigan 732-974-1423

ADA accessible: Ramps at front doors

Public Restroom: Yes

Parking: Street



National Guard Militia Museum

Sea Girt Av. &
Camp Dr.
PO Box 277
Sea Girt, NJ 08750



Located on the grounds of the historic National Guard Training Center, The National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey (NGMMNJ) in Sea Girt is dedicated to preserving and explaining the military history of New Jersey. For over 40 years the museum has collected, preserved and displayed artifacts with specific historical relevance to the New Jersey National Guard. The museum presents the role of the New Jersey Militia and National Guard within the context of the larger history of the state, using original and reproduction uniforms, weapons, photographs, artifacts and art from the period of Dutch, Swedish and British colonization through the War for Independence, Civil War and World Wars I and II, the Global War on Terrorism to the present day. Parking for the NGMMNJ is located directly before the entry gate to the National Guard Training Center (NGTC) in Sea Girt at Sea Girt Avenue and Camp Drive. Admission is free.

The Museum is also home to the Center for US War Veterans' Oral History Project which contains over 600 interviews and records of local veterans of all branches from the Mexican Punitive Expedition to current day. In conjunction with the Library of Congress, veteran interviews are conducted and summarized for submission to the Veterans History Project. For more information or to access the collection, contact Assistant Curator Carol Fowler.

GPS Coordinates: 'N 40.07.337' W 074.02.344

Website: www.njmilitiamuseum.org

Facebook: National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey

Email: admin@njmilitiamuseum.org

Contact: Staff Sergeant Andrew Walker, Curator
andrew.l.walker2.mil@army.mil

Joseph G. Bilby, Assistant Curator

Carol Fowler, Assistant Curator

Events: See website and Facebook Page

Regular Hours: Weekdays, year-round 10 am-3 pm and by appointment

ADA accessible: Entrance at grade

Public Restroom: Yes

Parking: On-site

Phone: 732-974-4570



Squan Village Historical Society

105 South St.
Manasquan, NJ 08736



The Bailey-Reed House was originally a one room farmhouse built by John and Ann Bailey in the late 1700s. Over the years it has been enlarged to the 10 room home you see today. Four of the rooms feature furniture and fixtures appropriate to different periods of the home. These include a circa 1850 Parlor and Bedroom, a circa 1900 Dining Room and the original circa 1790s one-room section of the home. Additionally there are displays of local interest including a model of a fish pound.

The Squan Village Historical Society purchased the home from Sarah Reed in 1997. After extensive repair work, it was opened to the public as the Bailey-Reed House Museum.

On the rear of the property is the Carriage House/Barn. It is partially constructed from the spars from the local shipwreck "The Thistle". There is also a unique four-seater outhouse with curtained window and crescent moon.

Website: Squanvillagehistoricalsociety.org

Email: squanh@verizon.net

Contact: Phil Pilligra, President

Organization: Squan Village Historical Society

Regular Hours: Monday and Thursday (1:30 pm to 4.00 pm); second Sunday of the month, excluding January and February, (1:00 pm to 4.00 pm)

ADA Accessible: No

Public Restroom: Yes

Parking: on property

Phone: 732-223-6770



**Old Wall
Historical Society**
1701 New Bedford
Road
Wall, NJ 07719



The Allgor/Barkalow Homestead is a 10 room farmhouse c. 1800. It was the home of James Layton Allgor and Ellen Smith Allgor and their family. Mr. Allgor was postmaster, wreck master and Township committeeman of Wall. He ran the New Bedford General Store from one of the front rooms (1830-1844). It has been restored to the 1830's era with furniture and displays pertaining to Wall. An interesting vintage clothing (1860-1920) collection is a favorite. There are four outbuildings; a summer kitchen, a 3-seater outhouse, a smokehouse, and a pole barn. The homestead also houses the Genealogy Research Library.

The Blansingburg Schoolhouse Museum is a one room schoolhouse built in 1855. It was in use from 1856-1935. Moving it to this site in 1999 was quite a project. The tin walls, ceiling, wainscoting and black-board were still intact. It was restored and furnished with old desks (some original), books and memorabilia. It is used twice a week for teaching Wall's 2nd grade students. Girls in their pinafores and boys in suspenders are taken back to the 1800's to do math on chalkboards and read from McGuffey's readers.

The Morris-Allgor-Kittell Wheelwright Shop across the road from the Museums was built 1840 and is one of the few remaining brick commercial buildings in Monmouth County.

Website: www.oldwallhistoricalsociety.org

Email: dehearn5@gmail.com

Events: See website for information on scheduled events

Contact: De Hearn, Museum Director 732-681-3806

Regular Hours: Open Sunday's (1 - 4 pm)

ADA accessible: No

Public Restroom: Yes

Parking: Lot on premises



**InfoAge Science
Center**
Camp Evans
2201 Marconi Road
Wall, NJ 07719



The InfoAge Science and History Museums are located on the campus of Camp Evans, a former top secret US Army military installation. Since 2006, InfoAge has been developed as a group of eleven museums and seven exhibits that educate children and families in the technologies we use today, some of which were developed at Camp Evans. The site was declared a National Historic Landmark for its contributions to the Allied victory in World War II, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is New Jersey's World War II Living Memorial.

History was made here! Established in 1914 as the Marconi Belmar Transatlantic Wireless Station, Camp Evans opened worldwide wireless communications in World War I. The site became part of the Radio Corporation of America (RCA) just after WWI and Kings Christian College was located here from 1936 to 1941. During the Second World War, the site played a key role in the Allied victory through the development of radar. In 1946, Camp Evans pioneered space communications (Project Diana) and was a cold war technology base as well as a nucleonics research laboratory and a nuclear weapons testing monitoring site. Camp Evans was the birthplace of satellite-based hurricane tracking (Project TIROS); a precursor of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); and the birthplace of satellite communications (Project SCORE). It also played a key role in space exploration and the development of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). It was decommissioned as a military base in 1998 and, after environmental remediation was completed, the site was leased to InfoAge by Wall Township in 2006. At that point, InfoAge began the transformation of the 37 acre site into science and history museums and learning center.

MUSEUMS: The New Jersey Shipwreck Museum; The Radio and Television Technology Museum; The New Jersey Military Technology Museum; The Vintage Computer Museum; The Electronic Warfare Museum; The Garden State Central Model Railroad Museum; The Veteran Wireless Operators Association Memorial; The InfoAge Space Exploration Center; Computer Deconstruction Laboratory; WWII Battle Dioramas, Models and Artifacts Museum; the Military Electronics and Radar Museum.

EXHIBITS: NJ 9/11 Remembrance and Memorial; Black History; WWI Centennial; Cold War Fallout Shelter; WW II Homefront; Leni-Lenape, Colonization and Independence; The Berlin Airlift

Website: www.infoage.org

Email: mruane@infoage.org

Contact: Mike Ruane, Chief Executive Officer

Events: See website

Regular Hours: Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday (Noon - 5 pm)

ADA accessible: All museums

Public Restroom: Yes

Parking: Lot on premises

Phone: 732-280-3000



The Historic Village at Allaire

4263 Atlantic Ave.
Farmingdale, NJ
07727



Located in the heart of the Jersey Shore, within Allaire State Park, this early 19th century factory town will transport you and your family back into history. Meet villagers and learn about their lives in post-colonial New Jersey during our nation's first industrial revolution. Visit the tradesmen in their craft shops, and learn about what it was like to live in the 1830s by visiting the site's historic homes. Take a step into the largest general store in New Jersey since 1836 and browse our period wares for sale. Visit the Bakery and enjoy a cool drink and tasty treats. Visit the Allaire residence and tour the famous dwelling with their housekeeper, Mrs. Dickinson. The Enameling Building houses The Arthur Brisbane Continuing Education Center and hosts various exhibits, dioramas, and a Museum Gift Shop. We also offer a full year of special events that include historical re-enactments, flea markets, holiday lantern tours, children's educational programs, craft markets, weddings in the historic chapel and more! A surprise awaits you at every turn when you visit The Historic Village at Allaire; a place where history comes alive!

Return June 3rd for 1st Annual Allaire Arts Festival and June 30 to July 4th for Allaire's Antique American Flag Display!

Website: www.allairevillage.org

Email: info@allairevillage.org

Contact: Daryl O'Connell 732-919-3500 ext.13

Events: Go to Allairevillage.org (under the Events tab)

Visit us on Instagram at: [AllaireVillageInc](#) and **Facebook at:** The Historic Village at Allaire

Regular Hours: Visit our website at: www.allairevillage.org for annual hours of operation

ADA accessible: Varies

Public Restroom: Yes



Allentown Presbyterian Church

20 High Street
Allentown, NJ 08501



The Allentown Presbyterian Congregation is over 300 years of Presbyterians have probably worshipped in the Allentown area since the late 1600s, but it was 1720 when Rev. John Walton settled in at "the Presbyterian Church in Allentown" and a formal congregation was recognized. At that time, the congregation met in a shared meeting house situated across the pond on Lakeview Drive; the old burial ground is all that remains at that site. In 1744, Robert Imlay and Tobias Polhemus purchased for five shillings a lot on what is now High Street. A new meeting house was built in 1756 and a churchyard established on that site; in 1763 the "Feversham" bell was installed in the cupola to toll the events of the day.

By the 1830s the congregation had outgrown the meeting house, and, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Henry Perkins, a new church was planned. In 1837 the former church was torn down and many of the bricks and other materials were saved and used in the construction of the new church. Note bricks with name ROBERT DEBOW dated 1756 on side wall. The cost to build the new church was \$4,500. In 1858, 15 feet were added to the front of the building, and a steeple was erected, which included a town clock, replacing the cupola; of course, a larger steeple needed a larger bell, and the "Feversham" was replaced, but not retired. For years it called students to the adjacent secular Academy for school. There have been other changes to the site since 1858 to accommodate changing times and a growing congregation. The adjacent cemetery is the final resting place of many area residents, most notably, Governor William A. Newell, founder of the U.S. Life Saving Service.

In celebration of our 300th Anniversary (three years late because of the pandemic), we will have guided tours of the Cemetery from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM each day highlighting the PILLARS OF THE CHURCH. The walk will visit the graves of former leaders and pastors of the Church, and you will hear stories of their lives, and customs of their day. You may even encounter an occasional ghost! Tours will leave every 15 to 30 minutes, and last for approximately one hour. All are welcome to join us.

Please note that Church service on Sunday precludes access until after 1:30 pm.

Website: www.allentownpresbyterian.org

Email: clerk@allentownpresbyterian.org

Contact: Nancy Tindall, Clerk of Session

ADA accessible: Yes

Public Restroom: Yes

Parking: Lot across street from Church

Phone: 609-259-7289; during event 609-433-1343



Historic Walnford

62 Walnford Rd.
Cream Ridge, NJ
08514



At the heart of Crosswicks Creek Park, Historic Walnford showcases over 200 years of social, technological, and environmental history through exhibits, events, demonstrations, and reserved programs. The village began in 1734 with a gristmill. By 1772, the village had grown to include, in addition to the gristmill, a sawmill, fulling mill, blacksmith and cooper's shops, a smokehouse, a farm, a two-family home and many other structures. Richard Waln, a prosperous merchant trader and practicing Quaker from Philadelphia, purchased the property in 1772 and named it Walnford. Construction of a new home began in 1773 and was completed in 1774, when Richard moved in with his wife and children. The property remained in the Waln family until its sale to Edward and Joanne Mullen in 1973. The Mullen family resided at Walnford for several years before donating Walnford to the Monmouth County Park System in 1985. Although some of the historical buildings have been lost, many remain, including a 19th century Carriage House & Stable, the 18th century Waln House, several outbuildings, and Waln's Mill - a gristmill constructed in 1872 after the destruction by fire of its predecessor. The gristmill has been restored to an operable state, grinding corn into meal on weekend afternoons!

Milling Demonstrations: Saturdays and Sundays, April – November at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 pm

Events: Walnford Day, May 21 (11 am – 5 pm), Antique Auto Display, June 25 (10 am - 2 pm), Fall Antique Auto Display & Cornbread Contest, September 17 (10am – 2 pm)

Website: www.monmouthcountyparks.com

Email: julie.fenlon@co.monmouth.nj.us

Contact: Julie Fenlon, Historic Sites Supervisor

Organization: Monmouth County Park System

Regular Hours: Park: daily, year-round, 8 am – 4:30 pm except Memorial Day to Labor Day, 8 am - 7 pm Buildings: 9 am - 4 pm

ADA accessible: Limited. All terrain wheel-chair available upon request.

Public Restroom: Yes

Parking: Lot on site

Phone: 609-259-6275



Old Yellow Meeting House

70-72 Yellow Meeting House Road.
Cream Ridge, NJ
08514



Tradition states that Baptist worship began on this site c.1720 by local Baptists who were later released from the Middletown congregation. This meeting house was built c.1737, making it the oldest Baptist house of worship in New Jersey and one of the oldest in the country. At one time, three nearby Baptist churches were outgrowths of this Congregation, which relocated to Imlaystown in 1855 when this edifice fell into disuse. The cemetery, which remained active, is an often-cited historical part of Upper Freehold Township's history and merits a visit in its own right. The deteriorated building was rescued by the Friends of the Old Yellow Meeting House, a nonprofit corporation organized for that purpose in 1975, the same year listing on the National Register of Historic Place was secured. The results of their project have preserved an interior that showcases the simplicity of early houses of worship. The adjacent former parsonage is not open to the public. While visiting, walk around the cemetery for a fine insight into funerary practices from the past.

Website: www.oymh.org

Email: info@oymh.org

Organization: Friends of OYMH, PO Box 23, Cream Ridge NJ 08514

Contact: Wayne Ervin, President

Regular Public Hours: Grounds only – Dawn to Dusk

Events: Annual Meeting/Program – Sunday, September 24 at 2 pm

ADA accessible: No

Public Restroom: Portable on site

Parking: On site

Phone: 732-770-7399 (cell)



**Roosevelt
Borough (Jersey
Homesteads)
Historic District**
2A School Lane
Roosevelt NJ 08555



Roosevelt was founded as a New Deal resettlement community, one of over 100 nationwide. It was organized during the Great Depression as a cooperative community for Jewish garment workers, most of whom came from New York. Construction, which began in 1934, was followed in 1936 by the arrival of the first residents. The 1.93 square-mile community, known as Jersey Homesteads, formed within Millstone Township as a separate incorporated borough the next year; its name was changed in 1945 to honor recently deceased president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, whose programs established the town. The town was designed by architects Alfred Kastner and Louis Kahn in a style similar to the Bauhaus in Germany, giving the housing a uniform appearance. Its plan incorporated interior and exterior greenbelts along "garden city" principles developed in England by Ebenezer Howard. These factors were crucial in the State and National Register historic designation of the entire town. The population was known from its beginnings for strong community activism and a passion for the arts. Many artists have resided here, most notably Ben Shahn who painted the mural inside the elementary school. His son Jonathan sculpted the head of the president dedicated in 1962 and located in the adjoining park. The address is that of the school.

Events: Ben Shahn mural lecture at 2 p.m. each day at the Elementary School

Website: www.rooseveltnj.us

Email: mticktin@aol.com

Contact: Michael L. Ticktin, Borough Historian

ADA accessible: No

Public Restroom: Yes, in Elementary School

Parking: Lot on site

Phone: 609-947-0491



**Thomas Baird
Homestead**
24 Baird Road
Millstone
Township, NJ 08535



The Thomas Baird Homestead reflects Millstone Township's agrarian lifestyle in the 1800s. The Baird Home is an excellent example of a Greek Revival farmhouse, built circa 1830 by Thomas Baird who lived there for the rest of his life. The house has a 5 bay center hall plan with four interior chimneys that retains the original Greek Revival style front door with pilasters, four-light transom and sidelights and a hearth in the kitchen with a beehive bake oven.

The Bairds were early settlers in the township, Thomas' father, Captain David Baird owned about 500 acres. In addition to grain crops, the Bairds were among the first to plant extensive orchards, expanding into a nursery with fruit trees and ornamental trees on a large scale, shipped by train to Maryland & Delaware. Thomas Baird was one of the original founders and first vice-president of the Monmouth County Agricultural Society in 1853, along with Governor Joel Parker.

In 2010, the "Friends" saved the ca. 1800s, Clarksburg Allen Hay Barn and Wagon House, from demolition when the barns were scheduled to be taken down and hauled off to the landfill to make way for affordable housing. The New Jersey Barn Company sketched and labeled all the parts as they disassembled the beams for storage. The historic structures were raised again on the Baird Homestead site in 2013-15. The barns are timber framed with mortise and tenon joints. The wagon house is now a blacksmith shop and the stable barn is our museum. This historic journey will be documented and celebrated here today...a piece of our heritage remains for future generations to see and enjoy.

**Special Activities during Weekend in Old Monmouth:
Both Saturday & Sunday:** Meet the farm animals, a self-guided House Tour, 4-H will host a cooking and food preservation demonstration

Events: Check website for schedule of events

Organization: Friends of Millstone Township Historic Registered Properties

Website: www.savinghistorywithfriends.org

Email: mtfriendsofhistory@gmail.com

Contact: Pat Butch, Robin Bruins

Regular Hours: Open house first Monday of each month from Noon to 4 pm

ADA accessible: Yes, barns, rest rooms and classroom; House main floor only

Public Restroom: Yes, plus a picnic area

Parking: On-site

Phone: 609-915-3444, 609-290-8229



Village Inn
Two Water Street
Englishtown, NJ 07726



The oldest part of the building dates circa 1726 when it was first occupied by Robert Newel who ran a tailor shop. The building's historic status stems from its longer role as a tavern. The building was converted into a tavern in 1766 by Moses Davis. In 1668, the provincial government mandated every town to have a tavern (public house) for the accommodation of travelers. During the Battle of Monmouth, the tavern was owned by Daniel Herbert. A circa 1815 addition gave the building its present appearance. In 1923, Grace Hazel (Fleming) Applegate inherited the building and named the building, "The Village Inn." The building was in continual use by the public until 1965. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. In 1978 when the building was threatened with demolition, the Battleground Historical Society purchased and restored the building. The building was opened to the public in 1993 and serves as our headquarters and museum.

Exhibit: Local History

Website: www.thevillageinn.org

Email: hkernast@yahoo.com

Contact: Hans Kernast

Organization: Battleground Historical Society

Events: Monthly meetings 4th Thursday 7:00 pm (except summer) For special events see website

Regular Hours: Every third Sunday of the month (1:00-4:00 pm) Group Tours by appointment

ADA accessible: First Floor only

Public Restroom: Yes

Parking: Backyard

Phone: 908-907-3523



Old Tennent Presbyterian Church
450 Tennent Road
Tennent, NJ 07763



In 2017, Old Tennent Presbyterian Church celebrated the 325th anniversary of the 1692 log church built by a small group of Scottish Presbyterians at Free Hill in present Marlboro. The church relocated here to White Oak Hill in 1731 and built a small church on land granted by King George II to Walter Ker, our first Elder, who subsequently sold a 1-acre parcel to the church for the grand total of 1 shilling. William Tennent, Jr., who began his 44-year pastorate in 1733 succeeding his brother John, grew the church membership larger than ever expected in such a short time. They decided to expand the sanctuary by redesigning the structure and adding a gallery (balcony) to double the seating capacity. That remodeled building was completed in 1751, a substantial house of worship that has been host to many famous visiting clergy including George Whitfield, Jonathan Edwards, David Brainerd and Jacobus Frelinghuysen. Note the raised pulpit and box pews. The building may have been damaged by shell fragments and musket balls during the Battle of Monmouth when used as a field hospital for the wounded. Some of the dead from both sides are buried in the church cemetery, which contains a number of notables in Monmouth history and a variety of tombstones and monuments. (While not a part of the tour, the National Register Old Scots Burying Ground on Gordon's Corner Road, Marlboro, near the site of the church's founding, merits a visit.) Old Tennent adopted its present name in 1859 after being alternately known as Old Scots Church, the Presbyterian Church of Monmouth County, the Presbyterian Church of Freehold and the First Presbyterian Church of the County of Monmouth.

Website: www.oldtennent.org

Email: ot.church@verizon.net

Contact: Rev. Doug Hughes

The office located in Old Scots Hall is open (9 am – Noon)
Monday - Friday

Worship: September - June: Church, 11 am

July - August: Old Scots Hall, 9:30 am

ADA Accessible: No.

Public Restroom: No

Parking: Lots south and west of hill; cemetery, sides of roads; not on roadway to church.

Phone: 732-446-6299



Craig House at Monmouth Battlefield State Park

Route 9 North at Schibanoff Lane
Freehold Twp., NJ 07728



The Battle of Monmouth, fought June 28, 1778, was one of the largest, longest and most significant battles of the American Revolution. The conflict, which began when Continental forces attacked part of a massive British army evacuating Philadelphia for New York via a march across New Jersey, involved over the course of a hot day numerous clashes among parts of the respective armies. While at the end of the day, the fight on the field was essentially a draw, the battle was a major political victory and morale booster because General Washington and his improved forces were able to hold their own against the British. The battle marked the end of the Revolutionary War's formal fighting in the north. Much of the battlefield is protected by the nearly 2,000 acre State Park, which through on-going preservation efforts is shaping the landscape to restore the old environment.

There are two sites to visit in the Battlefield Park, interpreted by Park staff and Friends of Monmouth Battlefield:

The Visitor Center, located at 20 State Route 33, west of Rt. 9, features exhibits, a 10-minute movie and a Gift Shop. There will be a walking tour of the Battlefield at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday only (meet at Visitor Center).

The Historic 1740 Craig House will be open on Saturday (10:00 am to 4:00 pm) and Sunday (11:00 am to 4:00 pm), located about 3 miles from the Visitor Center, off Rt. 9 North at Schibanoff Lane.

Websites: www.monmouthbattlefield.nj.gov (Park)
www.friendsofmonmouth.org (Friends)

Contact: Michael Timpanaro, Park Historian

Organization: Friends of Monmouth Battlefield

Email: (Friends) dmartin@peddie.org

Events: See websites

Regular Hours: Visitor Center is open daily 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Gift shop is open Sundays 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Craig House is open Sundays 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (April through November)

ADA accessible: Visitor Center-Yes; Craig House-No

Public Restroom: Visitor Center-Yes; Craig House-No

Parking: Lots at Visitor Center; park in field at Craig House

Phone: 732-462-9616 (Park)



Oakley Farm House

189B Oakley Drive
Freehold Twp., NJ 07728



The Walker Combs Hartshorne Farmstead, known as the Oakley Farm for its last owners, reflects three centuries the township's agrarian roots. The site of the regularly-expanded house amidst outbuildings suggests a working farm. The earliest owner was Richard Clark, who purchased the 200 acre property in 1706 for £ 200 sterling and built an 8 by 10 ft. cabin.

The first name-sake owner, George Walker, bought 100 acres in 1720 and the remaining property in 1729. In 1801, his descendants sold to Elijah Combs who farmed 240 acres and likely gave the house its present appearance. The Hartshornes were descendants of Richard, who was among Monmouth's earliest settlers and a major 17th century figure in Middletown. A branch of the family later settled in Freehold. The first of the family here, Richard S. Hartshorne, Sr., who bought the place in 1842, was succeeded in 1873 by his son Acton, an important member of the Monmouth bar who in time leased the farm, and then sold it to Charles Oakley, Jr. in 1911.

The Township of Freehold bought a 6 acre property from an Oakley in 1997. While the Oakley Farm House, entered on the National Register in 1990, has a fascinating chain of title, its appeal is the simplicity of the large house set among surviving outbuildings.

The **West Freehold School** at 209 Wemrock Rd. will also be open for tours during A Weekend in Old Monmouth. Earlier known as the West Freehold Seminary and Collegiate Institute, was built in 1847 on a small piece of the Walker-Combs-Hartshorne Farm. The **Georgia Road Schoolhouse** at corner of Jackson Mill and Georgia Rds., another early school house owned by Freehold Township, may be open, but tours will not be available.

Website: www.oakleyfarmmuseum.org and www.twp.freehold.nj.us/heritage

Email: ftheritagesociety@gmail.com

Contact: Freehold Township Historic Preservation Commission, Cheryl Polverino, Township Historian

Events: Community Yard Sales, Car Shows, Artisan Festival, Local Theatrical performances, Oakley Farm Jams (Old Time Music), tours, local honey sales, community garden, Architectural Salvage for sale, Rental of Property for Weddings, Birthdays, etc.

Regular Hours: The house is open on most days or by appointment. Grounds, during daylight, Check website for current events

ADA accessible: Limited to House, first floor

Public Restroom: Farmhouse, Yes

Parking: On-site and along Oakley Drive

Phone: 732-577-9766



**Jewish Heritage
Museum of
Monmouth
County**

310 Mounts Corner Dr.
Freehold, NJ 07728



This site will not be open Saturday, May 6th, but will be open on Sunday, May 7th, 2023

The Museum invites visitors to explore its exciting Permanent Exhibit, "Three Centuries of Growth & Change: A History of the Jews in Monmouth County." This story of immigration and settlement, while focused on the County's Jewish population, is a microcosm of America's history from colonial times to the present. This extensive exhibit serves as the core of the Museum's mission. The Museum also is pleased to announce its newest exhibit, The Eisner Family: From Stitching Military Uniforms to Stitching Together the Red Bank Jewish Community. The Museum also offers an opportunity for families to contribute their family's genealogy to a community database via MyHeritage.com. Your Story is Here! Come Visit!

The Museum is dedicated to the promotion of public awareness of the County's Jewish heritage for the education and enjoyment of all, and fulfills this mission through a variety of exhibitions, cultural programs, and publications that celebrate, preserve, explore, and illustrate the history and contributions of Monmouth's Jewish residents to the community.

The Museum is located in the second story (over retail at grade) of an early 19th century barn once part of the farm of Levi Solomon, descendent of Jonas Solomon, one of the County's first Jewish residents. Notable are its post and beam construction, the restored interior water tank dated 1875, and original hay fork. The space was dedicated to historical use by Bernard Hochberg by a long-term lease as part of a land use agreement with the Township of Freehold, while the Jewish Federation of Monmouth County provided initial support. The site has been designated as a local landmark by the Freehold Township Historic Preservation Commission.

Events: See website for a variety of historical and cultural exhibits and events.

Website: www.jhmomc.org

Email: info@jhmomc.org

Contact: Jessica Solomon, Executive Director

Organization: Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County

Regular Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 10 am - 3 pm,
Sunday 11 am - 3 pm

ADA accessible: Yes - accessible by lift

Public Restroom: Yes

Parking: A few spaces are adjacent to the building; also use shopping center lot.

Phone: 732-252-6990



**Covenhoven
House**

150 West Main Street
Freehold, NJ 07728



Covenhoven House, built by a successful Dutch farmer, architecturally reflects the emergence of the Georgian style in Central New Jersey, which is also symbolic socially for the merging of Dutch culture into prevailing English taste. A fine state of preservation, distinctive interior finishing and informative interpretive programs of the Association make Covenhoven a compelling visit. William A. Covenhoven and wife Elizabeth Van Cleef reflected their inherited wealth through the acquisition of land and of an impressive home. Among the house's interior appointments are finely detailed paneling on major fireplace walls, cupboards with glazed doors and carved shell bonnets and painted woodwork decoration in the master bedroom. The house's long reference as Freehold's outstanding residence has brought it numerous names in historical literature, notably: General Clinton's Headquarters for the British officer's occupancy prior to the Battle of Monmouth, the Hankinson and Moreau house for significant later owners. Covenhoven House is on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places. Recently a kitchen garden using the notes of Thomas Jefferson has been added to the site whose kitchen has a working hearth.

Organization: Monmouth County Historical Association

Website: www.monmouthhistory.org

Email: info@monmouthhistory.org

Contact: Tom Ballard, Volunteer Coordinator (volunteer@monmouthhistory.org)

Visits: Self-guided tours of the exterior are available using the website: See website for information regarding public tours of the interior and special programs. Other visits may be arranged by appointment.

Events: See the website for details on upcoming events

ADA accessible: No

Public Restroom: Yes

Parking: Lot on site

Phone: 732-462-1466



**Monmouth
County Historical
Association**
70 Court St.
Freehold, NJ 07728



Monmouth County Historical Association Headquarters houses its Museum, Archives, and Research Library in a building designed by J. Hallam Conover and built on land donated by member David Vanderveer Perrine. The elegant colonial revival brick structure was loosely based on Mt. Vernon. It opened on October 6, 1931 to a crowd of 300. The library and archives contain extensive holdings of printed, documentary, historical and genealogical materials. Museum exhibitions draw from a rich permanent collection augmented by loans.

Current Exhibits: Permanently on display is the stunning 1857 Leutze painting “Washington Rallying the Troops at Monmouth”.

Events: Gallery Tours, Lectures and Children’s Programs scheduled periodically, see website for more information on programs

Organization: Monmouth County Historical Association

Website: www.monmouthhistory.org

Email: info@monmouthhistory.org

Contact: Tom Ballard, Volunteer Coordinator (volunteer@monmouthhistory.org)

Dana Howell, Director of Education (dhowell@monmouthhistory.org)

Regular Hours: Archives and Research Library – Weekdays by appointment only

ADA accessible: First Floor

Public Restroom: Yes

Parking: West side only of Court Street, small lot behind building, or at Court House directly to the north.

Phone: 732-462-1466

The **Battle of Monmouth Monument** across Court St. was dedicated on the June 28, 1878 centennial of the battle, the monument was dedicated in a major celebration on November 13, 1884. The statue of Columbia Triumphant atop the 90-foot column was replaced after being struck by lightning in 1894. A bust of the original is mounted adjacent to the Hall of Records Annex two blocks to the south. Noteworthy are the James Edward Kelly sculpted bas reliefs of five Revolutionary scenes surrounding the column’s base and the seals of the thirteen colonies.



**Montrose
Schoolhouse**
Montrose Rd. &
Cedar Dr.
Colts Neck, NJ 07722



Montrose Schoolhouse, circa 1812, is last of the township’s six one-room schoolhouses. Situated on the corner of Cedar Drive and Montrose Road, it is the only one that retains its original architectural profile. Three are now private residences and two others are no longer standing. We are not certain when the school was originally built but all sources agree that the structure was built before 1820, maybe 1790 or possibly 1805. The Montrose Schoolhouse was originally known as the Barrenton School located in “the Barrens” just to the west and moved to its present location. Its name was changed at that time. With the opening of the Atlantic School on Route 537 in 1922 the schoolhouse ceased operation. It remained the property of the Emmans family until 1965 when it was donated to the now defunct Colts Neck Historical Society. It sat for over three decades opening only once for a historic Colts Neck house tour. In 2003 it was deeded to the Township of Colts Neck for \$1 and restored by the Colts Neck Township Committee under the strict guidance of then Mayor Lillian Burry and the Historical Preservation Committee. The Montrose Schoolhouse retains its original pumpkin pine floors, a potbelly wood burning stove and a collection of period school desks. The Montrose Schoolhouse is opened on special occasions. It is the focal point of Colts Neck’s Country Christmas celebration.

Organization: Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee

Website: www.colts-neck.nj.us/administration/committees/historic-preservation

Facebook: Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee

Email: cltnreality@aol.com

Contact: Lillian Burry

Regular Hours: None

ADA accessible: No

Public Restroom: No

Parking: Holland Lane (side street)

Phone: 732-462-6888



Take Weekend in Old Monmouth with you!

A virtual tour has been created to present all 50 tour locations in an interactive format that combines some of the information, photos and map in this booklet into a paperless online location. Each tour site is now a “story point” on an interactive map using state-of-the-art technology.

You can visit several points on the virtual tour to learn about a tour route; clicking-on an individual location will reveal more about a specific historic site.

You can click in order through the tour narrative, or you can browse the tour by interacting with the map or the mini-photo carousel. The tour is accessible on your computer, tablet, or smart phone.

Special thanks to the Monmouth County Information Technology Services staff who used Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology to generate the virtual tour for the 2023 Weekend in Old Monmouth.

Planning and personalizing your Weekend in Old Monmouth is now easier than ever. Use the virtual tour by logging onto this *website*: <https://rb.gy/heanai> or scan this QR code:



Monmouth County historic sites worth visiting at another time . . .

Gateway National Recreation Area - Often referred to as Sandy Hook, this National Park Service location has a spectacular natural environment. The 1,665 acre barrier peninsula has a rich history that embraces maritime, lifesaving, military recreation and scientific roles. The Sandy Hook Lighthouse and the Nike Missile Radar Site are worth a lengthy visit any time of the year. The park is open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. April 1 through October 31. <https://www.nps.gov/gate/planyourvisit/hours.htm>

The Great Hall at Monmouth University - The former Shadow Lawn mansion (c. 1929) was the private residence of former F.W. Woolworth Co. president Hubert Templeton Parson. This structure replaces the original one that was destroyed by fire in 1927; President Woodrow Wilson summered at that home in 1916. The University (then known as Monmouth College) acquired the property in 1956. www.monmouth.edu

The Monmouth County Historical Commission

The Monmouth County Historical Commission is the County agency established to promote preservation and an appreciation of the County's history. The Commission's major activities, in addition to the Weekend in Old Monmouth tour, are as follows:

- Initiated in 2017, a re-grant program provides matching funds to smaller history organizations for General Operational Support (GOS). Also, Special Project grants are available for specific history projects to both historical and non-historical organizations. These funds are made available by the New Jersey Historical Commission.
- A Preservation Grant program is offered for historic structures owned by municipalities and non-profit organizations. It is a one-for-one matching grant program for bricks and mortar type projects. Applications for each year's programs are solicited in July for a November 1st deadline.
- A Preservation Awards program recognizes any property owner's achievements in preserving historic structures in Monmouth County. Among eligible applicants are private homeowners, commercial buildings, institutional buildings and others of virtually any type.
- A Fifth Grade Essay Contest permits any fifth grade Monmouth County student to write about a historic site in the County that the student has visited or an event/person in family history important to the student.

See us on the web at www.visitmonmouth.com, clicking Departments on the top of the home page, then Historical Commission in the list of departments. More information about the aforementioned programs may be found there.

The Commission participates in Archives Day, a history fair sponsored by the Monmouth County Clerk and Archives to be held Saturday, October 28, 2023 at Brookdale Community College's Collins Arena, Lincroft. Visit us there.

www.visitmonmouth.com



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