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A large, vibrant firework display in the night sky, with a silhouette of a person sitting on a lifeguard stand in the foreground. The fireworks are a mix of yellow, orange, and white, creating a dense, cascading pattern. The person is seen from behind, looking up at the fireworks. The lifeguard stand is a dark silhouette with a ladder-like structure. The background is a dark night sky with some distant lights on the horizon.

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Bradley Beach, NJ

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2025 MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Left to right: Commissioner Erik Anderson, Commissioner Dominick "Nick" DiRocco, Commissioner Director Thomas A. Arnone, Commissioner Deputy Director Susan M. Kiley, and Commissioner Ross F. Licitra.

Dear Friend,

On behalf of the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners, I would like to welcome you to Monmouth County! Known for our diverse beaches, expansive parks, shopping and antiquing, breathtaking sunrises, exciting nightlife, and as a food-and-drink-lover's paradise, Monmouth County is a destination where you'll always find something new, memorable, and fun.

Our location along the Jersey Shore places us about an hour from both New York City and Philadelphia. Easily accessible by car, train, bus, boat, or air, fifty-three municipalities that make up the County are ready to welcome you with diverse, year-round events and attractions. Whatever type of weekend getaway or vacation you desire, there is something for everyone in Monmouth County.

Our beautiful beaches and boardwalks provide fun for the entire family, from swimming, shelling, surfing, paddle boarding, and sandcastle building to quiet walks at sunset and ocean-front carousel rides.

I encourage visitors to take advantage of the Monmouth County Park System, which has achieved national accreditation from the National Recreation & Park Association, which highlights the remarkable services and programs our Park System offers our residents and visitors. Our Park System includes 148 miles of trails and more than 30 park areas to explore, as well as numerous public golf courses spread throughout the County.

For arts and culture enthusiasts and historians, we invite you to be a part of our captivating art galleries, museums, live theater performances, or many historical sites dating back to the American Revolution. Make sure to visit three lighthouses in Monmouth County, one of which is the oldest working lighthouse in the United States.

If dining, shopping, or live music is what you seek, we have plenty to tempt your palate, fill your suitcases, and get you dancing. Work up an appetite shopping in one of our downtowns, then enjoy dinner at one of our restaurants where the produce on your plate is likely to have been grown right in Monmouth County. End your day with a tour of our wineries and distilleries, take in a show, or listen to musical talent at one of our many indoor or outdoor music venues.

To learn more or plan your trip, visit the Monmouth County Tourism website at www.MonmouthCountyTourism.com and connect with [@MonmouthCountyTourism](https://www.facebook.com/MonmouthCountyTourism) on Facebook and Instagram. We invite you to explore and enjoy all that Monmouth County has to offer. Come learn why it's "The place you want to be!"

Looking forward to seeing you soon!



THOMAS A. ARNONE
Commissioner Director,
Tourism Liaison

Enjoy your visit!

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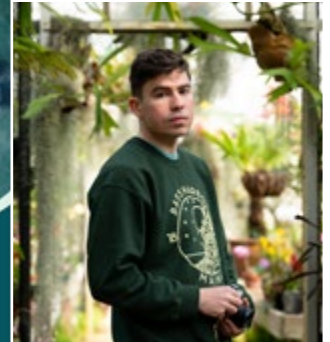
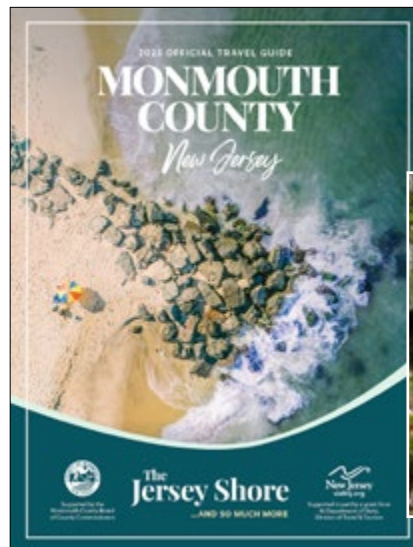
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Cover Contest Winner



Nick Zaremba is a professional photographer based in Middletown, NJ, and the owner of Nick Zaremba Photography LLC. With over 10 years of experience behind the lens, Zaremba has cultivated a keen eye for transforming the mundane into captivating works of art. Driven by a passion for constant learning and refining his craft, Zaremba utilizes an array of tools to capture unique perspectives. Whether shooting on 35mm film or launching his drone, he views the camera as an extension of his own worldview, a means to immortalize fleeting moments in each frame. Zaremba's creative spirit is deeply influenced by his close-knit friends and family, many of whom are involved in their own artistic disciplines. His uncle, Anthony Zaremba, was a renowned watercolorist whose work is displayed nationwide, while his brother, also Anthony Zaremba, is a practicing musician and writer. Through them, and many others in his immediate circle, Nick was exposed to creative pursuits from an early age.

Growing up in Monmouth County, Zaremba was drawn to the diverse beauty of his surroundings – from the serene trails around Swimming River Reservoir to the vibrant bustle of Red Bank. This rich landscape has fueled his wide-ranging photographic repertoire and sparked his desire to explore various styles, often travelling to discover new sources of allure. When not photographing for his personal projects, Zaremba specializes in portrait photography. His business mainly caters to outdoor portraits, with several of his shoots taking place in the many picturesque parks Monmouth County has to offer. He also works for Bella Baby Photography, as a newborn photographer at Ocean University Medical Center in Brick, NJ, and as a designer for their product team. Zaremba finds his work at the hospital particularly rewarding. He finds joy in connecting with families and their newest additions, creating lasting memories through images. When not at the hospital, designing from home, or working with clients, he dedicates as much time as he can to his creative personal projects. With a true passion for documenting the scenes around him and finding the extraordinary in the ordinary, Zaremba strives to become an exhibited artist and make his name in the photography world. He leaves us with a quote to think on while taking in the ample beauty Monmouth County has to offer.

"The camera is an instrument that teaches people how to see without a camera."

–Dorothea Lange

Cover Photo Location:
Sea Bright, NJ



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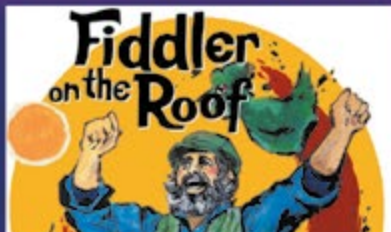
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Embrace Every Season in Monmouth County



Monmouth County is a four-season destination offering something for everyone. From vibrant festivals to cherished local traditions, each season unfolds with its own unique charm and allure.



The year begins with a bang of dazzling fireworks at Pier Village and lively celebrations. Spring breathes life into the County with a sea of green at the annual St. Patrick's Day parades in Belmar, Asbury Park, Rumson, Freehold, Highlands, Keyport, Keansburg, and Matawan; accompanied by a calendar brimming with events and the opportunity to harvest your own bounty at local farms.

Summer follows, setting the scene for endless days of sun-kissed adventures and evenings filled with seaside fun. Whether it's the thundering hooves of thoroughbreds at Monmouth Park, electrifying performances at the PNC Bank Arts Center, Count Basie's Hackensack Meridian Health Theatre, and

the Stone Pony's Summer Stage, or the tantalizing aromas of seafood festivals, the sound of ocean waves or gently lapping bays are never far.

As the landscape transforms into a rainbow of autumn hues, savor crisp apple ciders and visit local farms, tee off at one of the County's scenic golf courses, or wander in one of the sprawling parks throughout the County.

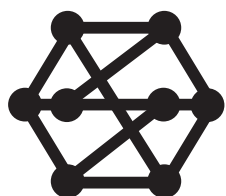
With the onset of winter, our downtowns come alive with the enchantment of holiday festivities, even the joyous arrival of Santa Claus himself.

Regardless of the season, Monmouth County eagerly awaits your arrival, ready to extend a warm embrace and create lasting memories to cherish.



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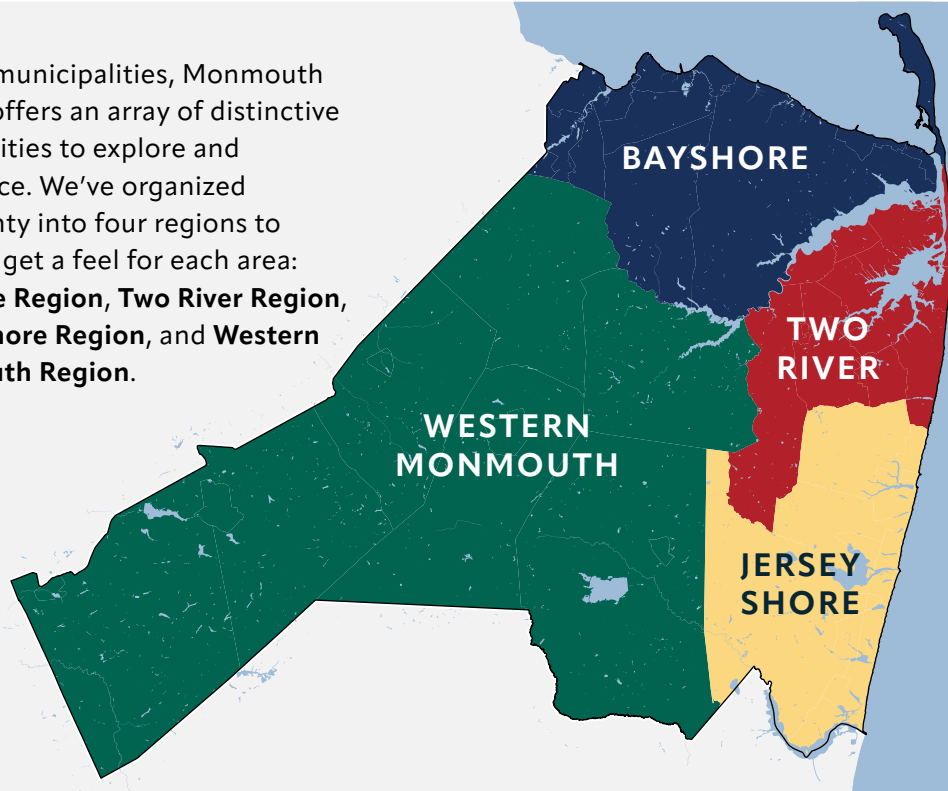
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Four Regions

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With 53 municipalities, Monmouth County offers an array of distinctive communities to explore and experience. We've organized the County into four regions to help you get a feel for each area:

Bayshore Region, Two River Region, Jersey Shore Region, and Western Monmouth Region.



Jersey Shore Region

So much more than just amazing beaches, the Jersey Shore Region offers world-famous beach towns, historic parks, lighthouses, and unforgettable entertainment venues. Home to the downtowns of Asbury Park, Belmar, Bradley Beach, Ocean Grove, Manasquan, and Spring Lake, there are endless possibilities to explore and enjoy.



Asbury Park, NJ

Bayshore Region

At the northern tip of the County, this region is home to the Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook Bay. Gateway National Recreation Area at Sandy Hook is one of many examples of the beaches, parks, marinas, boardwalks, landmarks, and historic sites you'll discover all along this shoreline. The downtowns of Keyport, Highlands, Atlantic Highlands, and more offer all the wonderful attractions you'd expect in the Bayshore, from garden walks to outside seating on the water, to film festivals run by award-winning directors and producers.



Keyport, NJ



Red Bank, NJ

Two River Region

Bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the east, this region takes its name from the two rivers that call it home – the Navesink and Shrewsbury rivers. Home to the downtown of Red Bank, with quaint shopping in many towns like Shrewsbury, Fair Haven, and Little Silver, this region offers a wealth of dining, theater, and golf. Sea Bright, Monmouth Beach, Long Branch, and Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park provide miles of sand and beaches, boardwalks, and waterfront memories.

Western Monmouth Region

Horse farms, golf courses, County parks, creeks and lakes dot this tranquil region rich with beauty and history. Monmouth Battlefield State Park invites visitors to one of the County's most significant historical locations, while the downtowns of Freehold and Allentown offer walkable Main Streets with shops, restaurants, and places to relax. With a constant list of exciting events and festivals, the Western Monmouth Region has it all.



Colts Neck, NJ

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Keyport

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Downtown Freehold
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Fair Haven Business Association
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Greater Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce
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Highlands Business Partnership
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Howell Chamber of Commerce
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Jersey Shore Chamber of Commerce
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Keyport Bayfront Business Cooperative
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Lake Como Tourism Commission
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Manalapan Business Association
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Manasquan Chamber of Commerce
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Manasquan Tourism Commission
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Matawan-Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce
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Monmouth-Ocean Development Council
modc.com

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Neptune Tourism Commission
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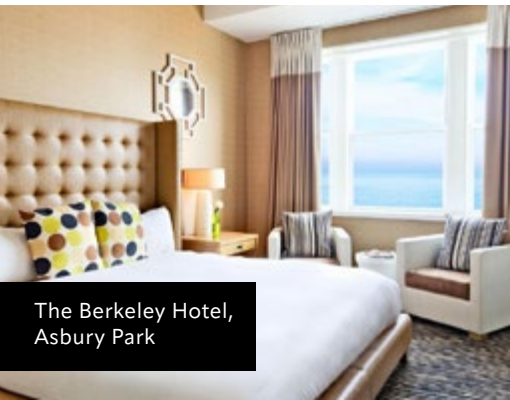
2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>Spring Fling</i> Arts & Crafts Show	May 3rd
<i>Vintage Car Show</i>	May 17th
<i>Spring Flea Market</i>	May 31st
<i>Summer Stroll</i>	July 19th
<i>Fall Flea Market</i>	Sept 6th
<i>British Car Show</i>	Sept 20th
<i>Fall Harvest Fest</i> Arts & Crafts Show	Oct 4th
<i>Halloween Event</i>	Oct 25th
<i>Small Business Saturday</i>	Nov 29th
<i>Holiday House Tour</i>	Dec 6th

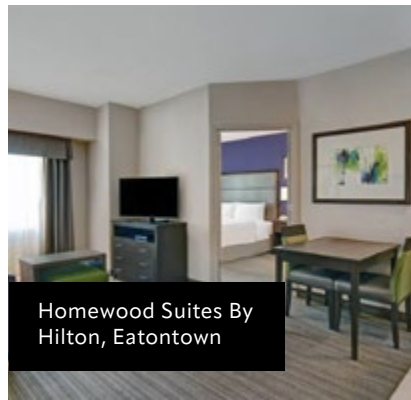
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The Asbury Hotel, Asbury Park

Monmouth County is a memorable place, and our goal is to help you create memories that will last you a lifetime. Whether you're here for a leisurely escape, a brief respite, or orchestrating a milestone event like a wedding, family reunion, or corporate gathering, our aim is to ensure your experience is nothing short of extraordinary.

Your choices are nearly endless in terms of wonderful options. Cozy bed-and-breakfast inns, boutique or sophisticated resort-style hotels, nature-rich campgrounds and RV parks, condos and extended-stay rentals, and a plethora of nationally branded hotels and motels are at your disposal. Indulge in rejuvenating spa visits, savor delectable cuisines, long walks in the sand, being close to the action, or simply revel in the serenity of our natural landscapes. Whatever your preferences — check in and enjoy.



Asbury Ocean Club,
Asbury Park



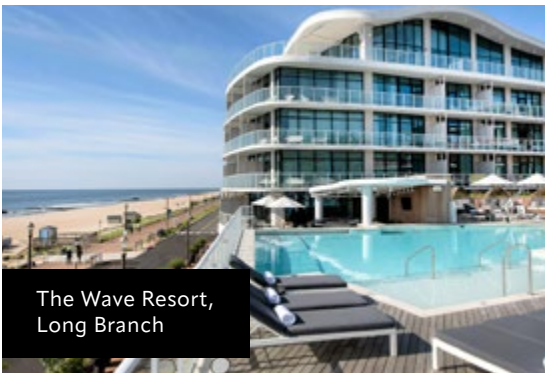
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Red Bank



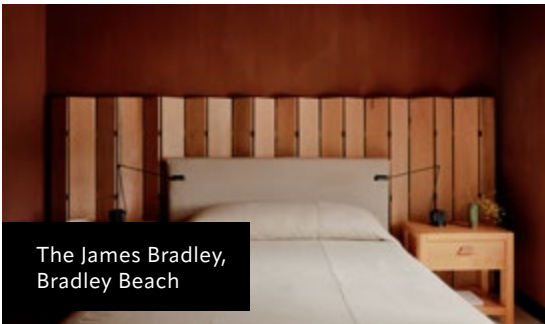
Ocean Place Resort &
Spa, Long Branch



Bungalow Hotel
Long Branch



The Wave Resort,
Long Branch



The James Bradley,
Bradley Beach

Need a space for more than a few? Company picnics, family reunions, and destination weddings are found in every type of venue from our sprawling parks and beaches to our elegant hotels and conference centers. Choosing where you and your guests stay may prove as difficult as choosing where to dine, because we believe we have some of the most enchanting and well-appointed locations in the Country.

Whether you're embarking on a romantic getaway or organizing a corporate retreat for a thousand, Monmouth County boasts a plethora of unique options to suit your every need and desire.

A stay in Monmouth County means every possibility from intimate to extravagant is waiting for your personal touch.

**STAY
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**For assistance, contact
Monmouth County Tourism
today at 800-523-2587.**

HEADING TO THE BEACH?



Sea Girt
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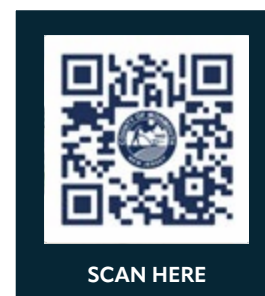
Make sure you check out Monmouth County's Public Safety Dashboard for Real-Time Beach Conditions & Safety Information

Monmouth County's Beach Public Safety Dashboard is the first of its kind digital safety tool that provides Monmouth County residents and visitors with up-to-the-minute beach details. The Dashboard allows beachgoers to take advantage of a variety of details to supplement their existing beach safety routine.

The Safety Dashboard utilizes real-time data acquired through call-for-service requests to populate information such as frequency and location of marine life activity, water safety conditions, including

reported rip current locations and wave height, pertinent weather details, including emergency weather events, frequently asked questions and tower locations and directions.

While the Safety Dashboard is built to be a resource for beachgoers, it also aids in directing resources and response. The information displayed through this platform provides staff with the tools they need to provide a safer beach experience for our beach communities.



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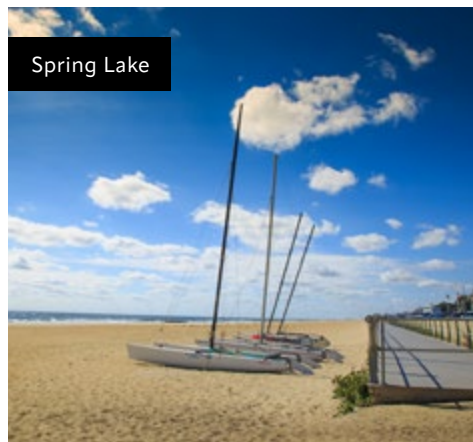
You can discover your perfect day at the Jersey Shore no matter how you choose to spend your time. Plan your unforgettable getaway and make memories to last a lifetime.

Monmouth County has an impressive array of shoreline delights. Spanning 27 miles of pristine, family-friendly beaches and an additional 26 miles of tranquil bayfront shores, the County is a haven for beach enthusiasts. With a total of 22 beaches to explore (comprising 15 oceanfront, 6 bayfront, and 1 offering both ocean and bay access), alongside 14 charming boardwalks and promenades, there's no shortage of coastal charm to discover. Before embarking on your day of seaside adventure, we recommend checking the availability of any services to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience.

Avon-by-the-Sea



Spring Lake



Asbury Park Beach & Boardwalk
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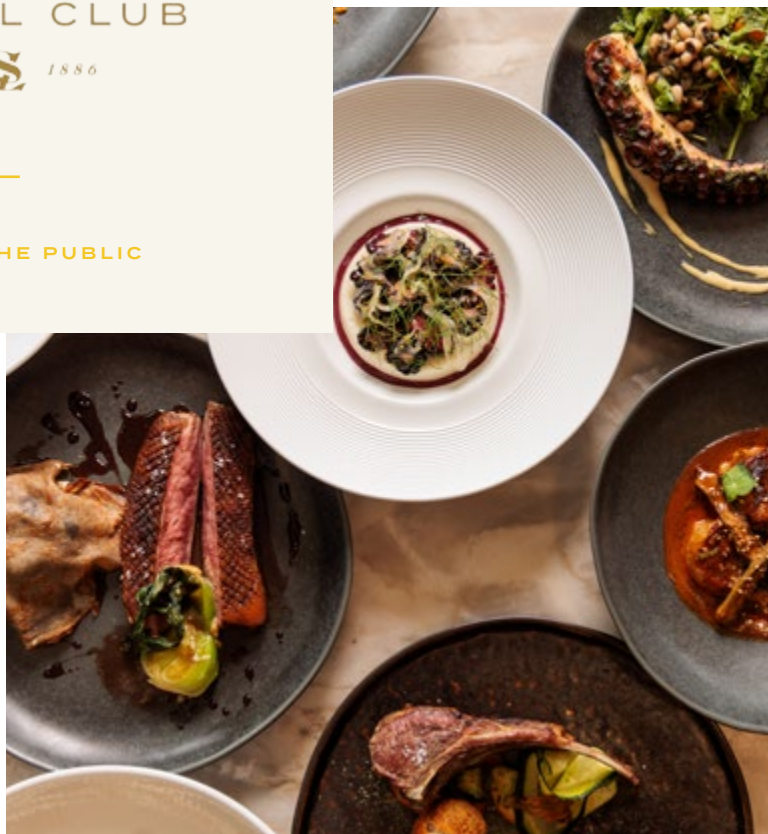




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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

BEACH BADGE

Most beaches in Monmouth County require visitors to purchase beach badges. Daily, weekly, and seasonal badges are available at each beach or through an app. Rates, discounts, and rules vary by location, so be sure to call ahead (see page 22) or visit [MonmouthCountyTourism.com](https://www.monmouthcountytourism.com) for more information.

BEACH ACCESSIBILITY

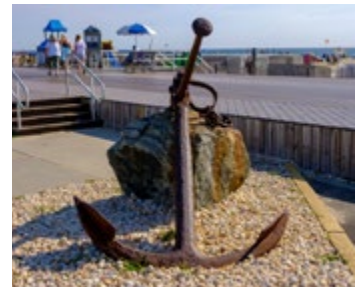
The Monmouth County Department of Health and Human Services regularly updates its Accessible Beach Guide, which is available by scanning the QR code below. Please review the Guide for information on beach access, curb cuts, ramps, walkways, mobile beach mats, surf chairs, and parking. This information is subject to change and accessibility at each beach varies.

BEACH SAFETY & REGULATIONS

While many beaches throughout Monmouth County have lifeguards on duty, each beach varies, and they are usually only available during summer months. Please call ahead (see page 22) or visit [MonmouthCountyBeaches.com](https://www.monmouthcountybeaches.com) for more information on beach safety.

Most areas welcome you to picnic, however, any type of glass or alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the beach. Pets are also excluded from beaches in-season, as well as most boardwalks. Non-powered vehicles, such as bikes, scooters, or skateboards, are restricted from most boardwalks and beaches during the summer.

Please check with the municipality where the beach is located to learn more.



ACCESSIBLE BEACH GUIDE





STROLL THE BOARDWALKS

Stunning beach views, delicious food, carnival games, shopping, famous treats like salt-water taffy and waffles and ice cream, are just some of the ways to enjoy time walking the diverse boardwalks of the County. Good times await at the Keansburg Amusement Park and Runaway Rapids while a day of shopping and cocktails can be found at Pier Village in Long Branch. Whether you spend a quiet afternoon in Manasquan or hit the clubs in Asbury Park, you'll never be bored on a Monmouth County boardwalk.

BUILD YOUR CASTLE IN THE SAND

Playing in the sand is fun no matter what time of the year you visit, but during the summer don't be surprised if you witness some epic sand art. For more than three decades the N.J. Sandcastle Contest on Belmar Beach has drawn crowds and competitors to 18th Avenue Beach for a day of digging and sculpting by the ocean. Another great day that includes sand art is the Wind & Sea Festival at the Bayshore Waterfront Park hosted by the Monmouth County Park System. So be sure to pack your shovels and buckets for a day of sun and sand.

CAST A WIDE NET

If it's fishing you enjoy, prepare to be thrilled. Monmouth County offers some of the best fishing spots in all of New Jersey. No idea how to fish? Not a problem! Monmouth County Park System offers annual freshwater fishing derbies for beginners as well as experienced anglers. Whether it's salt or fresh water, along the shore or off a pier, there's a spot for every type of fisherman. Please

contact each municipality (page 12) for more information on regulations, rules, and limits.

NOT ALL NETS ARE FOR FISHING

Whether it's volleyball or pickleball, frisbee or spikeball, gather your friends and your spirit of competition and get a game going. Many beaches in the County offer volleyball courts, and some, like Ocean Road Park in Spring Lake, offer pickleball courts.



Bayshore Waterfront Park,
Port Monmouth



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SWIM 'TIL YOUR HEART'S CONTENT

Our County offers many different types of waterways including coastal rivers, the Raritan Bay, and the Atlantic Ocean. Please visit **[MonmouthCountyBeaches.com](https://www.monmouthcountybeaches.com)** for information on lifeguards. If you prefer your swimming in a pool, many area hotels offer swimming pools with your stay and the YMCA of Greater Monmouth County offers day passes.

CATCH THE WAVES

Whether you surf or body board, Monmouth County has all the right ingredients for enjoying time in the Atlantic's surf. Asbury Park, Belmar, Deal, the Village of Loch Arbour, Long Branch, Manasquan, Sandy Hook, and Sea Bright are just a few of the places that offer steady waves, miles of sandy beaches, and a laid-back vibe. Summer waters may be the warmest, but it isn't the only season for surfing our shores. "Local summer", known also as September, brings both the Belmar Pro in Belmar and the Sea.Hear. Now festival in Asbury Park, where both amateur and pro surfers alike show their skills. Late fall into winter is considered one of the best times of the year to catch the larger swells and invites more seasoned surfers to pack their wetsuits.

ENJOY THE NEW YORK CITY SKYLINE

It's known all over the world as one of the most famous views - the expansive and impressive New York City Skyline. Monmouth County offers several ways to capture that excitement and beauty and two of our favorites are by land and by sea. A beach day at a Bayshore beach along the Raritan Bay offers unique views of the City, with her majestic bridges and imposing buildings creating a background for the water and sand. Want a closer look? One of our many marinas in the Bayshore can provide rentals, charters, or docks for boating enthusiasts.

THE RELAXED APPROACH

With so many beach adventures awaiting and things to do at our beaches we want you to remember to take time to relax. Breathe in the saltwater air, read a book, pack a picnic and taste each bite as you listen to the waves, or fly a kite and watch it dance through the air next to the seagulls. Manasquan, Ocean Grove, Sea Girt, Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park in Long Branch, and Spring Lake all offer easygoing, casual beaches where you can do so much or simply unwind.



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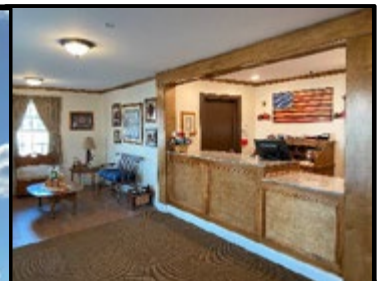
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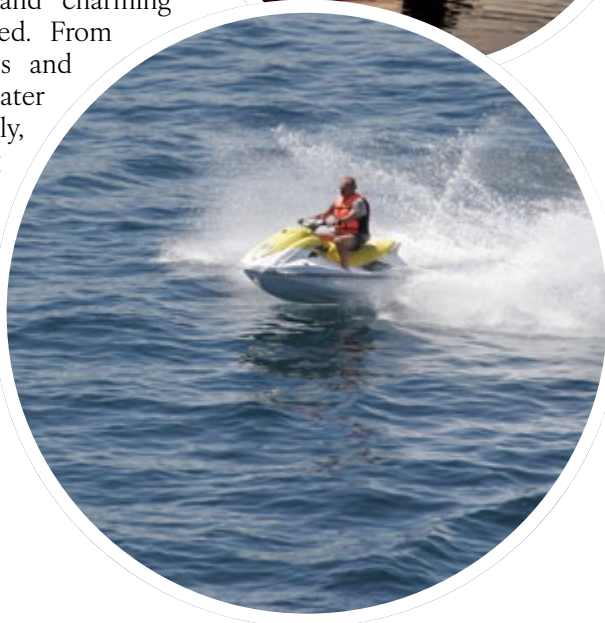
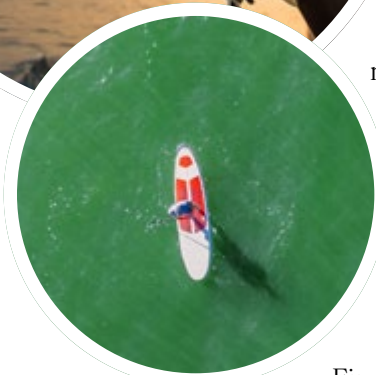
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Whether you seek a permanent haven for your vessel or a temporary spot to savor a sumptuous meal, there's no finer destination to tie your vessel and indulge in the allure of the Jersey Shore than the marinas throughout Monmouth County. Nestled along both oceanfront and bayfront locales, our premier marinas offer an array of services amidst deep channels, stunning sunsets, and charming towns waiting to be explored. From charter boats to party vessels and fishing expeditions, our marinas cater to diverse preferences. Additionally, many offer rentals spanning canoes, kayaks, rowboats, pontoons, and power boats. Whether your passion is fishing, sailing, leisurely water excursions, on-the-water festivities, or simply basking in the sunshine, our marinas eagerly await your arrival.

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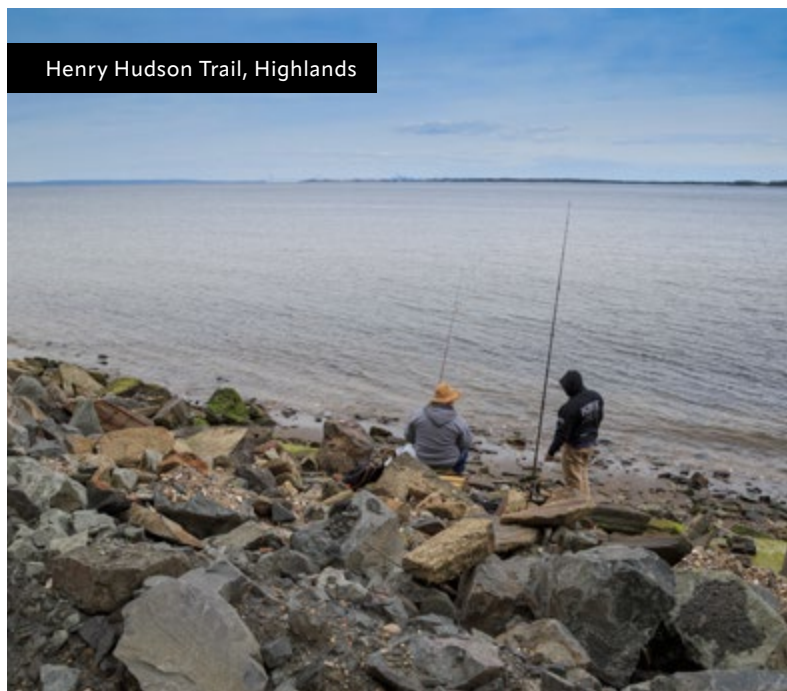
Thompson Park, Lincroft
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Experience a Day of Adventure in Monmouth County's Parks



Discover the wonders of the Monmouth County Park System, boasting 43 exquisite properties ranging from parks and golf courses to historic sites and conservation areas. With over 18,000 acres dedicated to parks and open space, our County offers an unparalleled sanctuary for nature enthusiasts and leisure seekers alike.

Whether you're an avid hiker, a history aficionado, or an angler at heart, our nationally recognized Park System will connect you with nature and offers a diverse array of activities.



Turkey Swamp Park,
Freehold



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Children and parks are a natural pairing. Whether it's winter, spring, summer, or fall, there's always something to do at Holmdel Park. The 664-acre park is loved for its winter fun, offering great hills for sledding and an ice-skating pond when conditions are right. With two playgrounds, nature trails, tennis courts, and a group picnic area available for rent, it's the perfect spot for a family gathering.

Dorbrook Recreation Area in Colts Neck is another kid-favorite spot. Basketball courts, tennis courts, pickleball courts, a playground for children of all abilities, a splash park, and an in-line skating rink make Dorbrook a great place to play. Furry friends are welcome at Monmouth County's parks! If you're planning a day at the park, be sure to bring your pup along with a leash.

LEARNING AS YOU EXPLORE

Dating back more than 340 years, Monmouth County is rich with history and stories of the past. From National Historic Sites, to farm life in the 1890s, to retracing the battles of the Revolutionary War, many County parks are living history museums of all that has come before. Historic Longstreet Farm and Historic Walnford both showcase life as it once was and are great places to start a day of history. (For more detail about historic sites, turn to our historic sites section starting on page 64.)

WATER ADVENTURES

If you're excited by the thought of navigating small watercrafts like canoes and kayaks, Manasquan River Greenway offers intermediate to expert challenges. For beginners, Bayshore Waterfront Park, Port Monmouth Park, and Turkey Swamp Park may be a better fit.

Historic Walnford,
Upper Freehold



Bayshore Waterfront Park,
Port Monmouth



GONE FISHIN'

Saltwater or freshwater fishing is plentiful throughout the County Park System. Depending on what you're after, striped bass, fluke, flounder, catfish, bluefish, trout, bass, or a plethora of other fish and shellfish can be found in our creeks, ponds, rivers, and the Atlantic Ocean. If you're looking to cast from the shore or a boat, Fisherman's Cove in Manasquan offers 55-acres of beachfront park. If ponds and rivers are more to your liking, try Shark River Park in Neptune and cast from shore for bluegills, sunnies, and trout.

GET YOUR GAME ON

Missing your weekly pickleball match? From East Side Park in Red Bank to Wardell Park in Tinton Falls, local parks offer both indoor and outdoor courts for tennis, basketball, pickleball, and other sports. Fort Monmouth Recreation Area in Tinton Falls has indoor and outdoor shared-use courts and hosts instructional programs and open play. Maybe disc golf is more your passion? Wolf Hill Recreation Area in Oceanport offers an 18-hole disc golf course where players are invited to bring their own disc and play for free. Is your athletic club or organization looking for a place to host a game? Several parks offer athletic field and facility rentals for larger groups, including: soccer, softball, in-line skating, field hockey, lacrosse, flag football, pickleball, and tennis at Dorbrook Recreation Area; a full gym and half gym at Fort Monmouth Recreation Center; tennis at Holmdel Park; tennis, pickleball, and rugby at Thompson Park; soccer at Turkey Swamp Park; and softball or disc golf at Wolf Hill Recreation Area.

STOP TO SMELL THE FLOWERS

Deep Cut Gardens in Middletown offers 54 acres of gardens and greenhouses planned as a living catalog of cultivated and native plant materials to be observed through the seasons. The Parterre features 52 varieties of roses with over 180 bushes often at peak bloom around mid-June. The greenhouse features a variety of plants, including orchids, and is open year-round.

TAKE A HIKE

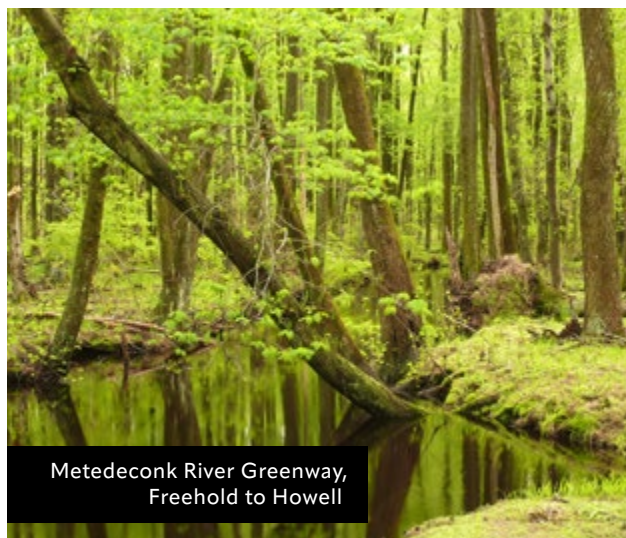
Whether you're looking for a leisurely walk or counting your steps, the 148 miles of trails throughout dozens of parks makes spending time outdoors a great option. Hartshorne Woods Park in Highlands offers a 15-mile trail to explore for those who enjoy a more challenging hike while taking in beautiful views of the Navesink River. The Henry Hudson Trail offers the County's longest trail spanning 24 miles with an Activity Center based in Leonardo. A former railroad right-of-way, the Trail is paved, relatively flat, and often tree-lined with views of surrounding wetlands, streams, and fields. Seeking a more relaxed nature trail? Try Huber Woods Park in Middletown Township and experience the sounds, sights, and smells of the seasons.



Deep Cut Gardens,
Middletown



Dorbrook Recreation Area,
Colts Neck



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Freehold to Howell

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Sunnyside Equestrian Center,
Lincroft



Manasquan Reservoir
Environmental Center , Howell



HORSE COUNTRY

Home to both equestrian champions and thoroughbred racehorses, Monmouth County has a long history with riding that includes 17 parks with more than 100 miles of horseback riding trails. The Sunnyside Equestrian Center in Lincroft is the home of the Park System's Equestrian Division that provides experiences for people of all abilities, with an emphasis on offering the benefits of therapeutic horseback riding to individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities. The Center features an indoor area, an outdoor instruction ring, and an 18-stall barn, as well as riding lessons and other programs.

CAMPING

If one day in the parks is just not enough, plan a camping trip at 2,388-acre Turkey Swamp Park in Freehold. A family campground is located in the Park, offering 64 tent and RV campsites along with three cabins. Amenities include electric, water services, restrooms and showers, fire rings, picnic areas, and a playground. Campsite reservations can be made online or by calling the campground office.

MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR

An event for all ages, packed with free entertainment, 4-H shows and exhibits, rides and games, live music, Robinson's Racing Pigs, Bwana Jim Wildlife Show, Hilby the Skinny German Juggle Boy, Tommy Turvey's Stunt Horses and Dogs, living history displays, home and garden demonstrations and many food vendors. A fun experience for all! For more information, visit MonmouthCountyFair.com.

Mark Your Calendars for the 2025 Monmouth County Fair!

July 23 through July 25 from 4:00 to 11:00 p.m.

July 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

July 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

To learn more about the
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Hit the Links

With six award-winning County courses for players of all skill levels, adding a round or two of golf to your vacation plan is as simple as scheduling a tee time on the Monmouth County Park System 24/7 online reservation site.

Featuring two 18-hole executive courses, five championship 18-hole courses, a 9-hole course, par-3 course, and many warm-up ranges, you can spend the day or just a few hours chasing fairways and putting greens.

BEL-AIRE GOLF COURSE

Wall

Open year-round, Bel-Aire Golf Course is a 27-hole facility, featuring an 18-hole executive par 60 course that has six par 4's, a 9-hole par 3 course, and a well-stocked golf center. Snacks and refreshments are available through vending machines. Bel-Aire is a wonderful place to learn the game of golf in a fun and relaxed setting. The Park System offers an extensive number of introductory and intermediate golf clinics for adults and juniors at Bel-Aire. Call 732-462-9224, ext. 1 for information on golf clinics and lessons.

CHARLESTON SPRINGS GOLF COURSE

Millstone Township

Designed by noted golf course architect Mark Mungeam, Charleston Springs offers two championship golf courses. Players can choose from the links-style North Course or the parkland-style South Course. The golf complex features a fully stocked golf center, food concession snack bar, locker rooms, and showers. The warm-up range has grass tees and six target greens. The well-manicured practice putting green is over half-acre in area and has eight target cups. There is also a 2-mile walking trail and discounted greens fees for Military Service Members, active and retired, and Veterans.

HOMINY HILL GOLF COURSE

Colts Neck

Often rated as New Jersey's #1 public golf course, Hominy Hill is the crown jewel of the Monmouth County Park System's golf offerings. This classic Robert Trent Jones design has been the host of two USGA National Amateur Public Links championships and numerous regional championship tournaments. The course measures 7,049 yards from the blue tees and has USGA course and slope ratings of 73.8 and 135 from the blue tees. Scattered throughout the course are 138 bunkers, with water coming into play at four holes. Golf course amenities include a well-stocked golf center, GHIN handicapping, a warm-up range, locker rooms with showers, a one-mile walking trail, and an immaculately manicured putting green. In addition, savor the taste of victory at the Hominy Hill Grille & Tap, the best spot for a quick and delicious refuel on the golf course. Featuring an all-new menu, the Grille & Tap offers more than just snacks and drinks; from savory bites, sweet treats, exclusive drinks, and refreshing sips, the menu is designed to keep you energized and focused on playing your best round. Along with the Grille & Tap, The Clubhouse at Hominy Hill is ready to plan your next event. Newly renovated with views overlooking the course, this space can host any social event from weddings to fundraisers.

HOWELL PARK GOLF COURSE

Farmingdale

A rustic setting, manicured bentgrass fairways, and fast-sloping greens, provide a golfing experience often associated with private clubs. Repeatedly ranked among the top 50 public golf courses in America by national golf publications, this par 72 course measures 6,964 yards from the blue tees and has USGA course and slope ratings of 73 and 126. There is also a warm-up range and a large, immaculately maintained practice green. Beginning and intermediate golf clinics are available.

PINE BROOK GOLF COURSE

Manalapan

This junior-friendly course offers an additional set of forward tee markers and an adjusted scorecard making it the perfect course to introduce a fledgling player. Equally exciting for seasoned players, Pine Brook is an 18-hole, par 61 executive-length golf course featuring a golf center as well as snacks and refreshments available through vending machines.

SHARK RIVER GOLF COURSE

Neptune

Designed by Scottish golf pro Joseph "Scotty" L'Anson in the early 1900s, Shark River Golf Course features tight, narrow fairways, deep-faced bunkers, and the challenge of small, well-protected greens. The holes vary from a short, drivable par 4 to a long, risky par 5, with some strong par 3 holes mixed in. Even at its modest length of 6,457 yards, this course offers a stern but fair test to all golfers.



TEE TIME SCAN CODE

For more on
Monmouth County
Golf Courses



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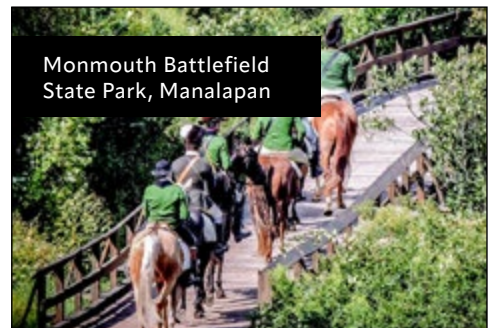
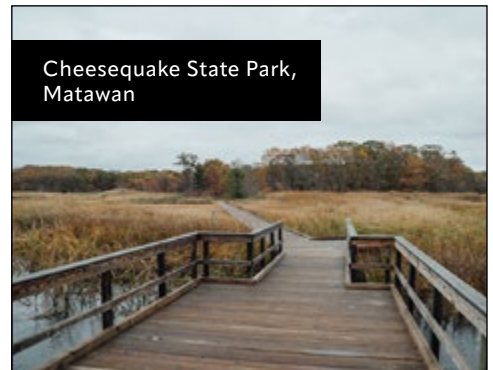


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ALLAIRE STATE PARK AND HISTORIC ALLAIRE VILLAGE

4265 Atlantic Avenue, Farmingdale | 732-938-2371
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The 3,199-acre park is best known for its historic 19th-century iron making town, Allaire Village, and the Pine Creek Railroad, a narrow-gauge train ride. Allaire Village offers living history with festivals, arts events, and other events throughout the year. The Manasquan River, which winds through the park, provides excellent opportunities for freshwater fishing. The river's floodplain provides habitat for more than 200 species of wildflowers, trees, and plants as well as habitat for birds and other wildlife. Hiking and multi-use trails are found throughout the Park.

CHEESEQUAKE STATE PARK

6 Gordon Road, Matawan | 732-566-2161
<https://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/cheesequakestatepark.html>

Cheesequake's uniqueness lies in its geographical location. The 1,569-acre park is situated in the middle of a transitional zone between two different ecosystems. Open fields, saltwater and freshwater marshes, a white cedar swamp, pine barrens, and a northeastern hardwood forest lend themselves to camping, fishing, swimming, boating, picnic areas, winter sports, trails, and an educational visitor center.

MONMOUTH BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK

347 Freehold-Englishtown Road, Manalapan | 732-462-9616
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On a blistering hot day on June 28, 1778, the 1,818 acres that is now Monmouth Battlefield State Park was the site of one of the longest and most significant battles of the American Revolutionary War. In the day-long battle in the hills, wood lots, farm fields, and meadows, the main Continental Army, retrained at Valley Forge, repulsed attacks by the main British Army. By the end, more than 600 men were dead, dying, or wounded and the Continental Army held the field. The Park depicts that history and includes Craig House, a restored Revolutionary War farmhouse, a visitor's center, picnic area, playground, hiking and cross-country ski trails, and a bridle path.

Sandy Hook

The Nation's Beach



MORE THAN 4,000 ACRES of land, bay, and ocean waters in Monmouth County are part of the gateway to the National Park Service for millions of visitors every year. Sandy Hook is a slender, six-mile strip of land that juts out from the northeast tip of the County and is part of the Gateway National Recreation Area. Offering green spaces and beaches alongside historic structures and cultural landscapes, every day the Park offers something for you to explore, envision, and enjoy!

Sandy Hook is a seaside playground rich with swimming, sailing, fishing, bird watching, nature walks, camping, cultural events, concerts, and historic sites. The 2,000-acre barrier peninsula offers ocean beaches and a beautiful view of the Manhattan skyline. The bay side of the peninsula is perfect for water sports, while the inlet or western shore is lined with protected bay beaches that are home to a maritime forest and bird sanctuary designated by the National Audubon Society as a globally significant Important Bird Area. The Park includes a visitor center and multi-use trails for biking, skating, and walking.

At the northern tip of the peninsula are Fort Hancock, Sandy Hook Proving Ground, and the Sandy Hook

Lighthouse which are all National Historic Landmarks. Fort Hancock is a U.S. Army Coast Artillery Post that protected the New York Harbor from 1895 to 1974 and has remained vital to American defense up until the nuclear age. Home to several batteries and historic Army buildings, including the oldest operating lighthouse in the U.S., as well as a former United States Life-Saving Service station building, and Spmaceti Cove, these landmarks bear witness to the maritime history of the peninsula.

Gateway National Recreation Areas
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Sandy Hook Lighthouse

The oldest working lighthouse in the United States, and a National Historic Landmark, was first lit on June 11, 1764, to assist ships in the New York Harbor.



Plan to be Part of the Excitement

**MetLife Stadium in New Jersey
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In 2026, the world's premier international soccer competition will, once again, be played beginning on June 11, 2026, but this time in three host countries (Canada, Mexico, United States) and with 48 teams. The tournament promises to be one of the greatest and most diverse of all time - and part of the excitement will be in and around New Jersey. The FIFA World Cup Final is set for July 19, 2026 and the Meadowlands' MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ. is a host location for matches, as well as, the official host for the Final.

For the first time in history, the organization of the biggest soccer tournament on the planet will be divided among 16 cities. Most, 11, are located in the United States and the list

includes Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia and MetLife Stadium in NJ. FIFA has also approved a change in the format of the World Cup which will result in the largest and longest championship in soccer history with four Team Groups and 24 additional games. The tournament will take a total of 40 days with 104 games played throughout North America.

Monmouth County is ideally situated between Philadelphia and New York City and offers an easy drive and use of mass transit to both host sites. Start planning now for several weeks of sport and competition like the world has never before witnessed. For the most up to date information on the FIFA World Cup, visit fifa.com.

Call Monmouth County, NJ home during your FIFA World Cup experience, visit MonmouthCountyTourism.com today!



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The Bruce Springsteen Archives & Center for American Music will open a new 30,000 square foot building opening in Spring 2026. The new center will house Bruce Springsteen's official repository, host various American Music programming and symposia, related exhibition galleries, and a 250-seat, state-of-the-art Dolby certified theater. Designed by the acclaimed New York-based architectural firm, COOKFOX, the building will be located on the campus of Monmouth University.

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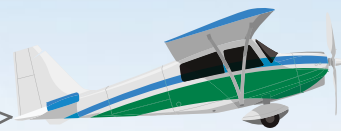
A Shore tradition since 1870, historic Monmouth Park in Oceanport has become a year-round entertainment destination. Famous at first for its high caliber racing, Monmouth Park still offers world-class thoroughbred racing with the added perks of year-round sports betting, festivals, family activities, and popular restaurants like Caesars Sports Bar, The Summer Wind, Lady's Secret Cafe & Paddock Bar, Blue Grotto Ristorante and the Beer Garden.

To make Monmouth Park even more of a family destination, picnic areas are available, as well as, the Bluegrass Mini Golf range. Kids will love pony rides, face painters, and bounce houses, plus children under 12 are given free admission. For more information, visit MonmouthPark.com.

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June 15	Father's Day
June 21	Jersey Eats: NJ Pizza Festival
July 6	Classic Car Show & Oldies Day
July 19	Haskell Day: Summer's Biggest Party
July 26-27	Italian Festival & Wine Tasting
Aug. 3	Latin Fest: Tacos & Tequila
Aug. 9	Bags, Bands & Beer Cornhole Tournament
Aug. 16-17	Surf & Turf Seafood Festival
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ALLENTOWN

Allentown is a community that values historic preservation and open space with small town values. A picturesque village nestled within the most western part of Monmouth County, Allentown is surrounded by a greenbelt made up of rich, lush farmland and features one of New Jersey's most charming and walkable Main Streets.

Spend the day in Allentown to explore the historic district with 225 homes on State and National registries, many that date prior to 1860. Shop unique retailers and service providers and enjoy a great meal in one of the many restaurants. Enjoy tranquil parks for fishing, water sports, walking, hiking, and more. Feast your eyes upon the rustic Old Mill, which dates back to 1855, sitting along the millpond.



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Recognizable Landmarks: Paramount Theater, Convention Hall and the iconic image of Tillie on the Wonder Bar in Asbury Park.
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ASBURY PARK

Home to a world-renowned music scene, beautiful beaches, and a foodie's paradise, Asbury Park is a small seaside city known for its sandy shore and beachfront boardwalk lined with shops, arcades, and cafes. The City's live music venues include the Stone Pony, which has hosted native New Jerseyans Bruce Springsteen and Jon Bon Jovi, Asbury Lanes and Wonder Bar. The Silverball Museum's video games, arcade games, and pinball machines date from the 1930s through the present. A downtown filled with history and creativity, Asbury has become a cultural hub. With a yearly calendar filled with events, there's always something to do including a visit to the Danny Clinch Transparent Gallery or taking in a great concert on the beach. Plan a visit during October and be part of the Asbury Park Zombie Walk, one of the most iconic events on the boardwalk that broke the Guinness World Record™ for World's Largest Gathering of Zombies.



ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS

A small Victorian town overlooking lower New York Bay with Manhattan in the distance offers an array of great restaurants, unique shops, theaters, and delicious ice cream. With the highest point on the eastern seaboard south of Maine, Atlantic Highlands' rolling hills offer beautiful water vistas. Once known as Portland Pointe, the Borough's waterfront is alive with activity for both the recreational boater and the promenade walker. Smodcastle Cinemas, a movie theater owned by Monmouth County native and movie actor, director, producer Kevin Smith, offers both cinema and an annual film festival.

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An aerial of Keyport Waterfront & Front Street. Photo credit: Carl Peña

BELMAR

Restaurant tours, seafood festivals, classic car shows, and a famous shipwreck off its shore make Belmar a community blessed with small town charm and an abundance of recreational activities on or off the mile-long boardwalk. Shops on Belmar's Ocean Avenue offer surfing gear, souvenirs, beach sundries, snacks, and fine dining while Belmar's Main Street features chic boutiques, art galleries, home decor specialists, coffee houses, and diverse and delicious eateries.

BRADLEY BEACH

This historic oceanfront community is known for its friendly residents and as a hub of markets, live music, and events. With a variety of restaurants, bars, and bakeries make sure to enjoy a meal or snack before heading to Riley Park for a movie screening or concert.

FREEHOLD

With always something to do, the County seat is an active-person's paradise. Known for its Victorian era homes and rich colonial history, Freehold is the place to shop, dine, discover, and explore. Whether going to Movie Night on Wednesdays, rocking out Thursdays to live music, or shopping at the Farmer's Market on Fridays, Gazebo and Performance Plaza is always buzzing with activity for locals and visitors alike. A year-round destination for parades and festivals, theater, and the arts, don't miss foodie favorites like the Fall Flavor of Freehold or the Food Truck Festival.

HIGHLANDS

With nearly 20 spectacular restaurants, nowhere else will you find such an eclectic selection of cuisine served in a

half square mile. Highlands' famous waterfront "dock and dine" restaurants at its full-service Marina offer a variety of choices to dine indoors or out. Unique bed and breakfasts and lodging are available in town if you decide to extend your visit to one of the many culinary, beer, or holiday events which make Highlands a famous visitor destination.

KEYPORT

Dine, shop, stroll - nicknamed "The Pearl of the Bayshore", Keyport packs a lot of culture, fun, and food into a land area of 1.40 square miles. Established as a borough in 1908, Keyport's geographic location along the Raritan Bay has fostered numerous harbor facilities and a strong charter boat industry. The Keyport Waterfront Park and Waterfront Path offer grassy areas for passive recreation, an open-air pavilion, a pedestrian plaza, and a variety of sitting and planting areas steps from favored restaurants and watering holes. Events throughout the year, like the Keyport GardenWalk, make Keyport a must-visit on your list.





Calendar of Events 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sat. 4/5 RD 4/12	Bunny Hop & Shop	12 noon - 5pm	MiniPark
Sat. 5/10 RD 5/11	I Love Keyport/ Taste of Keyport	12 noon - 6pm	MiniPark
Thurs. 6/5	Classic Car Show	6pm - 9pm	MiniPark
Sat. & Sun. 6/7 - 6/8	Keyport GardenWalk	12 noon - 3pm	Gazebo (start)
Thurs. 6/12	Woofstock	5pm - 8pm	MiniPark
Thursdays	Summer Concert Series July 3, 10, 17, 24	7pm - 10pm	MiniPark
Sat. 8/30	Light Up the Bay	6pm - 9pm	Gazebo
Tue.- Sat. 7/29-8/2	Firemens Fair - Fireworks on Sat 8/2	6pm - 10pm @ dark	Fireman's Park
Sat. 9/20	Keyport 5K Run	7am-10am	MiniPark
Thurs. 9/25	Duck Duck Jeep	6pm - 9pm	Waterfront
Sat. 10/25 RD 10/26	Bewitched	12 noon - 6pm	MiniPark
Sat. 11/29	Winter Wonderland & Tree Lighting	12 noon-8pm	MiniPark



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MANASQUAN

A great family town, Main Street in Manasquan offers much to see and do. Beyond the one-mile beach on the Atlantic Ocean and the Manasquan River for boaters and fisherman, downtown is rich with the Algonquin Theater, art galleries, restaurants, pubs, and many signature events. The “Meet Me on Main Street” concert series is a perennial favorite, as is the Independence Day Parade and fireworks.

OCEAN GROVE

“The good life” can be found in Ocean Grove where you can shop, dine, mingle, and explore the history of a town on the National Register of Historic Places. One square mile of natural beauty, Ocean Grove welcomes and delights visitors with tree-lined streets and the largest assemblage of authentic Victorian architecture in the Nation. A wonderful downtown to stroll or bike, events throughout the year highlight the many restaurants and sweet treat establishments. Be sure to continue your walk down to the ocean boardwalk and visit the Great Auditorium.



RED BANK

A vibrant town and the gateway to the Two River Peninsula, Red Bank offers fine arts and galleries, world class shopping and spas, gourmet and casual dining, performing arts, and the finest lodging. Offering both natural beauty along the Navesink River and historic architecture in the business district, the 2.2 square miles that is Red Bank is a place that *Smithsonian Magazine* named the 3rd best small town in America. Frequently called the Soho of New Jersey, venues for live music, film, and performing arts include the historic Count Basie Theatre and the Two River Theater.

SPRING LAKE

Turn-of-the-century architecture borders the wide, tree-lined streets surrounding a large lake where this delightful town takes its name. A visit to the Third Avenue Business District offers more than 60 shops and boutiques and a variety of gourmet restaurants. Cozy bed & breakfasts, inns, and hotels can be found in town and along the 2-mile stretch of beach and boardwalk, making Spring Lake the ideal location for a weekend getaway or vacation. The Spring Lake Community House Theatre and both Irish and Italian annual festivals help create lasting memories all year round. Be sure to take the self-guided walking tour and visit the footbridges that were recently restored.



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Highlands, NJ

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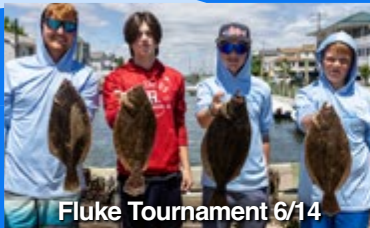
Fiesta de Mayo 5/3



Roar on the River 5/17-5/18



Seaport Craft Show 5/25



Fluke Tournament 6/14



Taste of Highlands 6/21



Farmers Market June - Nov.



Pride Fest in the Park 7/12



Clam Festival 8/1 - 8/3



Twin Lights Bike Ride 9/7



Fall Brew by the Bay 9/13



Oktoberfest 9/20



Fall Taste of Highlands 10/11

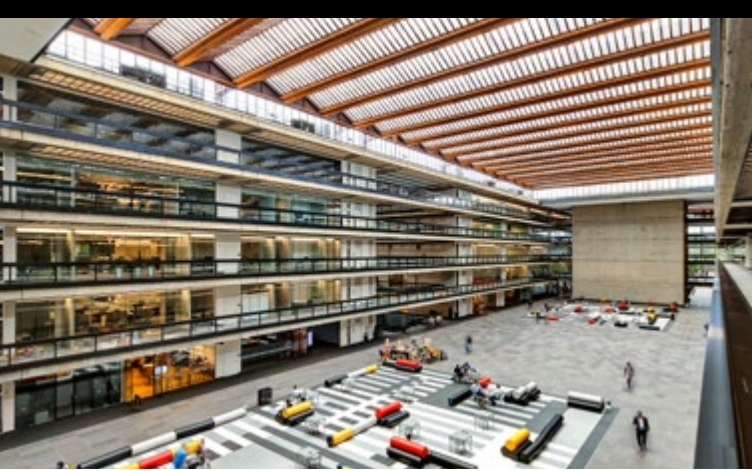


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Shops, Malls & Lifestyle Centers

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The Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners created Brewed & Distilled in Monmouth - an initiative focused on the promotion of the craft beverage industry in the County. In March 2025, Craft Beverage Month was kicked off at Birdsmouth Beer in Oceanport.

Monmouth County is home to more than 30 craft beverage makers, many of which offer tasting rooms for you to explore!

From the hoppy aromas of breweries to the rich, velvety notes of wineries, and the meticulously crafted spirits of artisan distilleries, there's a drink for every palate.

Monmouth County's craft beverage establishments ensures you uncover new favorites with every visit, with seasonal blends and new product releases. Embark on a journey through the County's spirited landscape, where every sip tells a story waiting to be savored.



Tall Oaks Farm & Brewery, Farmingdale



Wild Air Beerworks, Asbury Park



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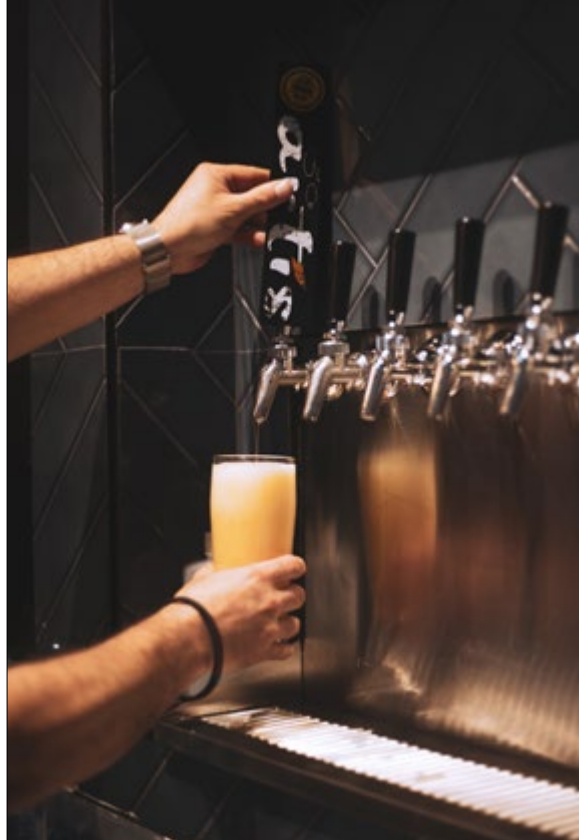
BREWRIES



Bakes Brewing Co., Belmar



Birdsmouth Beer, Oceanport



Artis Brewery, Freehold



Screamin' Hill Brewery, Cream Ridge

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ARTIS BREWERY

Freehold
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ASBURY PARK BREWERY

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BAKES BREWING CO.

Belmar
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BELFORD BREWING COMPANY

Belford
BelfordBrewing.com

BIRDSMOUTH BEER

Oceanport
BirdsmouthBeer.com

BRADLEY BREW PROJECT

Bradley Beach
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CARTON BREWING

Atlantic Highlands
CartonBrewing.com

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TallOaksBrew.com

TRIUMPH BREWING COMPANY

Red Bank
TriumphBrewing.com

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WILD AIR BEERWORKS

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WINERIES & MEADERIES

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Cream Ridge

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FOX HOLLOW VINEYARDS

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Cream Ridge Winery, Cream Ridge



Beach Bee Meadery, Long Branch

FUN FACT



The Garden State has a rich, long history in wine production. William Alexander and Edward Antill were the first wine growers in the State in 1758. Today there are more than 50 wineries in New Jersey.



Asbury Park Distilling Company, Asbury Park

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COLTS NECK STILLHOUSE

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FUN FACT



The nation's first licensed distillery was opened by Alexander Laird in Scobeyville, a small community within Colts Neck, in the late 1600s. He emigrated from County Fife, Scotland to America, settling in Monmouth County and applied his liquor making skills to apples which were the most abundant natural resource in the area. This led to the production of Applejack, an apple brandy, and so began Monmouth County's long history with craft beverages. Applejack, also known as Jersey Lightning, is still found in Colts Neck today at the Laird & Company aging warehouse.



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Greater Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce 2025 Event Schedule

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May

Thursday May 8 Citizen of the Year Dinner - Sr. Carole MacKenthun
Saturday May 24 The Spring Lake Five Mile Run - www.springlake5.org
Saturday May 24 Spring Lake BID Beer Garden 10 - 4pm
Saturday May 24 & Sunday May 25 Spring Lake Race Day Sidewalk Sale
[Rain Date May 31 & June 1]
Sunday May 25 KICKOFF to Summer Cornhole Tournament @The Shore Club

June

Thursday June 5 House Tour sponsored by the SL Historical Society
Saturday June 7 Art in the Park
Saturday June 14 Spring Lake Irish Festival [Rain Date June 21]

July

Saturday July 5 Spring Lake Summer Art Walk
July "Annie" - Spring lake Theatre
Saturday July 12 Christmas in July - Santa Paddle on the lake
Saturday July 25 Spring Lake Ocean Swim

August

Saturday August 9 & Sunday August 10 SL Summer Sidewalk Sale
[Rain Date August 16 & 17]
August "Sound of Music" - Spring Lake Theatre
Saturday August 30 End of Summer Art Walk

Fall

Saturday September 20 Italian Festival & Art Walk [Rain Date Sept 27]
Saturday October 11 Witches' Paddle For a Cause & Pumpkin Patch Day
Saturday October 18 A Taste of Spring Lake Kitchen Tour
Saturday November 29 Small Business Saturday & Christmas Train Village
December "Scrooge" - Spring Lake Theatre
Thursday December 4 Holiday Soirre
Saturday December 6 Christmas Inn and House Tour

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Experience the charm of Monmouth County in the autumn, where fall fun awaits around every corner. Explore corn mazes, wander through pumpkin patches, capture beautiful fall photos, and get scared at thrilling haunted attractions. These seasonal delights are just a few of the exciting activities awaiting you and your family at farms, orchards, and gardens throughout the County. Don't forget to indulge in delicious seasonal treats like apple cider and cider doughnuts—perfect for savoring the season!

To learn more about the wide assortment of agricultural products and businesses throughout Monmouth County, visit **GrownInMonmouth.com**.



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Strauss Mansion Museum,
Atlantic Highlands



Crawford House, Tinton Falls

BAYSHORE DRIVE

While there is no single continuous roadway running along the Bayshore waterfront, the Bayshore Drive virtual tour allows residents and visitors to travel along local streets to explore the region's downtowns and waterfront destinations. Those seeking solitude can find remote beaches that provide panoramic views of New York City across the Bay.

COUNTRY TO COAST BYWAY

The Country to Coast Byway begins near a 19th century living history farm (Longstreet Farm/Holmdel Park) and ends with a view of the Atlantic Ocean from a bridge above the Shrewsbury River. Those traveling along this route get to experience three centuries of history and progress as they meander through woodlands, farm fields, horse country, villages, small towns, and some of the most exclusive neighborhoods in the County.



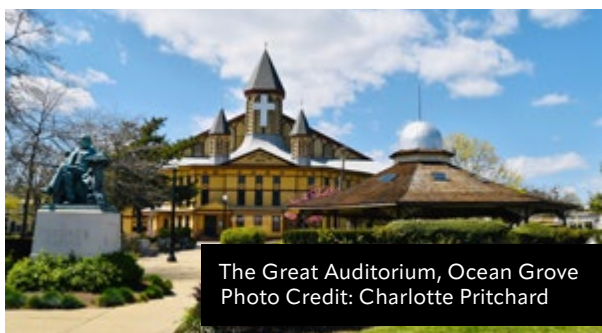
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Old Tennent Church, Manalapan



JB Soul Kitchen, Red Bank



The Great Auditorium, Ocean Grove
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Historic Allaire Village, Farmingdale



Holland Ridge Farms, Cream Ridge

HISTORIC MONMOUTH CROSSROADS

This route traverses Monmouth County from the rural reaches of Millstone Township to the Raritan Bayshore near the Borough of Highlands showcasing four centuries of legacy and legend found along the County's early American Crossroads. This route showcases Monmouth County's contribution to the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area which was established by Congress in 2006.

MOCO CULTURAL BYWAY

Spanning 41 municipalities, this is the tour for anyone seeking arts, culture, or entertainment. This region, which leads you through the County's arts corridor, features theaters, museums, historic districts, and recreation areas.

OCEAN DRIVE

Following the County's 27 miles of the Atlantic Ocean coastline, Ocean Drive begins and ends at two very important points of interest; the Manasquan Inlet and the Sandy Hook Lighthouse. Between these two iconic locales, the byway traverses through 15 shore towns including Monmouth County's Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park in Long Branch and the Gateway National Recreation Area at Sandy Hook. Travelers on this tour will have plenty of opportunities to stop and enjoy a stroll along any number of famous beachfront promenades and boardwalks or grab a bite to eat at a waterview restaurant.

SOUTH MONMOUTH EMERALD BYWAY

Beginning at the eastern edge of Upper Freehold Township within the Monmouth County panhandle, the South County Emerald Byway extends 23 ½ miles to the east-southeast, ending at the Manasquan River Inlet. Over this span across eight municipalities and seven sub-watersheds, the rich diversity of Monmouth County's history, natural environment, and scenery may be observed as the journey begins within the County's agricultural and rural heartland.

TWO RIVER TRI-WAY

The Two River region of Monmouth County refers to the area in and around the Navesink and Shrewsbury Rivers. This is the shortest tour in the byway series, as well as the only tri-way, meaning the route terminates in three locations. The Two River Tri-way provides historic context regarding the importance of the Two River peninsula in the overall countywide narrative.

UPPER FREEHOLD HISTORIC FARMLAND BYWAY

The lush rolling hills and farmland of Upper Freehold Township along with the historic downtown of the Borough of Allentown provide the rural background for this 24-mile loop tour through the furthest reaches of western Monmouth County. The history of this part of Monmouth County and its people can be traced back even earlier to the villages of the indigenous Lenape Native American tribes, along the banks of the local creeks, and the historic settlements of the European colonists.



Greetings from Monmouth County,

America's 250th birthday is coming on July 4, 2026!

Monmouth County has exciting plans in place to celebrate this important milestone in the history of the United States of America and of Monmouth County, New Jersey.

New Jersey is known as the crossroads of the American Revolution because of its location near the center of the 13 colonies and proximity between New York City and Philadelphia. Because of this, more battles were fought in New Jersey than in any other state. General George Washington spent more time in New Jersey than in any other colony during the American Revolution.

The Battle of Monmouth (June 28, 1778) was pivotal to the fight for freedom. Did you know that it was the biggest and longest one day battle of the Revolutionary War? But Monmouth County's story is more than that - it's the story of families and loyalties divided, and people from different backgrounds attempting to navigate through an uncertain time in our history.

The MonmouthNJ 250 Committee was formed by the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners to celebrate America's 250th birthday and our significant role in the fight for independence. We will also highlight and honor the people, places and events that have made Monmouth County a special place to live, work, visit and play.

America's 250th is coming and Monmouth County is ready to celebrate! We invite you and your family to join the excitement! Visit MonmouthNJ250.org and sign up for our email newsletter. Follow us on Social Media @MonmouthNJ250, too.

Sincerely,



Christine G. Hanlon
Monmouth County Clerk
Co-Chair

Christine Gordon Hanlon



Thomas A. Arnone
Monmouth County Commissioner Director
Co-Chair

Thomas A. Arnone



America's 250th Birthday is coming in 2026!

Monmouth County is ready to celebrate!

**Join us as we commemorate 250 years of our great country
and be a part of this historic milestone.**

MonmouthNJ250.org



@MonmouthNJ250

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NEWSLETTER**



MONMOUTH MILITARY HISTORY



From the earliest settlers in the New World to the Revolutionary War and beyond, Monmouth County has played an important role in our country's military history with her sons and daughters sacrificing life and safety for the freedoms we enjoy today. Below are five locations specifically dedicated to the overall history of the County as well as our military history. More than a dozen museums and historical locations are highlighted on the Cultural & Heritage Virtual Tours on pages 64 & 65 and guide you through the various locations. As ever, Monmouth County remains grateful to our military members for their service and many locations throughout the County offer discounts to current and retired military personnel.

MONMOUTH COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Freehold
monmouthhistory.org

FORT HANCOCK

Highlands
nps.gov/gate

MONMOUTH BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK

Manalapan
nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/monmouthbattlefieldstatepark.html

NATIONAL GUARD MILITIA MUSEUM OF NEW JERSEY

Sea Girt
njmilitiamuseum.org

NEW JERSEY VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL FOUNDATION AND VIETNAM ERA EDUCATIONAL CENTER

Holmdel
njvvmf.org



The Purple Heart Memorial at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel.

DID YOU KNOW?



Battle of Monmouth

The Battle of Monmouth, also known as the Battle of Monmouth Court House, was fought near Monmouth Court House in modern-day Freehold Borough, New Jersey, on June 28, 1778, during the American Revolutionary War. General George Washington led the Continental Army against the British forces in the hills and farmlands of Monmouth County in the War's longest battle.

The Battle is considered a major turning point because it caused future-president Washington's critics to see him as capable of handling the American forces. Annual reenactments of the battle take place at Monmouth Battlefield State Park to honor the anniversary and invites visitors to witness firsthand how the events unfolded.



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Visit one of our Jersey Shore locations:

- Long Branch – Steps from the beach at Pier Village
- Belmar – Home of the "Cakery", where all of our custom cakes are made
- Asbury Park – Right in the heart of the boardwalk action
- Red Bank – A sweet escape in the heart of downtown
- Toms River – Our drive-thru location offering over 60 flavors

Visit coneywaffle.com to find your nearest location and follow us on social media for our latest jaw-dropping creations!



NO TRIP TO MONMOUTH COUNTY IS COMPLETE WITHOUT A VISIT TO:

LONG BRANCH

24 Centennial Drive
Long Branch, NJ 07740

BELMAR

803 Ocean Avenue
Belmar, New Jersey 07719

ASBURY PARK

800 Ocean Avenue
Asbury Park, New Jersey 07712

RED BANK

13 Broad Street
Red Bank, New Jersey 07701

CAKERY

801 Belmar Plaza
Belmar, NJ 07719

TEST KITCHEN

801 Main St #1D
Belmar, NJ 07719

CONEYWAFFLE.COM
732-556-6951

TOMS RIVER

141 NJ-37, E
Toms River, NJ 08753



Lighting The Way



Photo Credit: Mick Zdonoyi

TWIN LIGHTS

Highlands

twinlightslighthouse.org

Twin Lights, once known as the Navesink Lighthouse, has stood watch over the waters of New Jersey since 1828. With a view like none other, it sits atop the highest elevation on the Atlantic Coast. On a clear day it seems as though the view goes on forever, taking in all of Sandy Hook, the ocean, the bay, the New York Skyline, the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge, and parts of Coney Island. Renowned for its history and innovation, Twin Lights is both a State and National Historic Landmark. For generations, Twin Lights was the brightest light on the entire Eastern Seaboard, with the first Fresnel lens lighting the way for mariners and illuminating the night sky. In 1949, the Lighthouse was decommissioned by the United States Coast Guard due to the advent of radar, sonar, and long-range navigation. The towers continued to be illuminated to aid private boats and ships. To learn all about the lighthouse's history, visit the Twin Lights Museum. It is hailed as one of the best small museums in New Jersey with more than \$2 million in historic flags and patriotic artifacts.

Spermaceti Cove Life-Saving Station, built in 1894, housed the men who risked their lives saving shipwrecked victims

and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 1915, the United States Life-Saving Service became part of the U.S. Coast Guard. The Station was used by the Coast Guard until the late 1940s. The National Park Service (NPS) converted it into a visitor center, which was used until it was damaged by Hurricane Sandy.

FUN FACT



In 1893, the Pledge of Allegiance is presented as the national oath of loyalty by its author, Francis Bellamy, during the Liberty Pole dedication ceremony at the Twin Lights Lighthouse. It marks the first time the Pledge is given at an official patriotic event.

GREETINGS FROM MONMOUTH COUNTY N.J.

INSTAGRAM: @MONMOUTHCOUNTYTOURISM
FACEBOOK: @MONMOUTHCOUNTYTOURISM
TWITTER: @MONMOUTHTOURISM



SANDY HOOK LIGHTHOUSE GATEWAY NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Highlands

[nps.gov/gate](https://www.nps.gov/gate)

First lit on June 11, 1764, Sandy Hook Lighthouse is the oldest surviving working lighthouse in what is now the United States. This National Historic Monument was financed by a lottery and built by the Colony of New York to keep ships safe as they passed by Sandy Hook on their way to and from New York Harbor. During the American Revolution, the British captured the Lighthouse and held it through the end of the War in 1783. During that time, the Continental Army tried to overtake it, but its thick walls protected it from cannonball fire or being destroyed. The Lighthouse was fortified again during the War of 1812 when the shortlived Fort Gates was built. Now operated by the U.S. Coast Guard, the Lighthouse is active and remains lit 24-hours-a-day.



SEA GIRL LIGHTHOUSE

Sea Girt

seagirlighthouse.com

The Sea Girt Lighthouse flashed its first light December 10, 1896, and became the last live-in lighthouse built on the Atlantic Coast. The beacon, which could be seen 15 miles at sea, guided countless mariners in their journeys and contributed to the State's economy. Built to illuminate a blind spot midway in the 38½-mile stretch between Navesink Lighthouse (Twin Lights) to the north and Barnegat Lighthouse to the south, it also served as a landmark for nearby Sea Girt Inlet and Wreck Pond. By the early 1900s, there were some 40 light stations along New Jersey's 130-mile coastline. Just over half of them survive, but only 11 of the original lighthouses, including Sea Girt, are open to the public. In mid-1921, Sea Girt became the first land-based light station equipped with a radio beacon navigation system, designed to enable mariners to navigate into New York Harbor and through local waters in poor conditions such as heavy fog. The Lighthouse was restored in 1981 and is in use 200 days of the year.

The Art of ENTERTAINMENT



Spring Lake Theatre, Spring Lake

A culture of creativity permeates Monmouth County with art, music, literature, live performances, festivals, galleries, and museums. With more than 19 venues offering live music, theater, and performances and more than 75 art groups, galleries, and museums there is an eclectic mix of every type of artistic expression including the arts of cooking, photography, dance, and mixology. You can see it in the murals and paintings in our towns, at the many classes and instructional opportunities for locals and visitors alike.

Influenced and inspired by the same sights and sounds you can experience for yourself, our towns have birthed not only great people but great works that speak to what it means to be human. Music legends Count Basie, Bruce Springsteen, and Jon Bon Jovi all started in our communities, as did actors Jack Nicholson and Danny DeVito. Author Mary Higgins Clark

called Spring Lake home and prolific author Norman Mailer was born in Long Branch. They are only a few of the many talented, exciting artists who have, or still, call Monmouth County home.

Don't be surprised if during a stroll through Red Bank you bump into a celebrity who is performing at the Count Basie Center for the Arts. Everyone from Frank Sinatra to James Taylor to Zac Brown Band and Led Zeppelin have performed at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel or Convention Hall in Asbury Park. Come see for yourself all the talent around us and share in all the excitement – the show starts with you.

In the following pages you'll find examples of just some of the many theaters, art galleries, museums, and music venues throughout Monmouth County.

For more information, visit [MonmouthCountyTourism.com](https://www.monmouthcountytourism.com)

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ENTERTAINMENT VENUES

ASBURY PARK THEATER COMPANY
asburyparktheatercompany.org

ALGONQUIN ARTS THEATRE
algonquinarts.org

AXELROD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
axelrodartscenter.com

BELL THEATER
belltheater.org

BROOKDALE PERFORMING ARTS
CENTER
brookdalecc.edu/pac

CENTER PLAYERS
centerplayers.org

COUNT BASIE CENTER FOR THE ARTS
thebasie.org

FIRST AVENUE PLAYHOUSE
firstavenueplayhouse.org

HOLMDEL THEATRE COMPANY
holmdeltheatrecompany.org

JERSEY SHORE ARTS CENTER
jerseyshoreartscenter.org

LAUREN K. WOODS THEATRE
monmouth.edu/mca/woods-theatre

NEW JERSEY REPERTORY COMPANY
njrep.org

POLLAK THEATRE
monmouth.edu/mca/pollack-theatre

SHORE THING THEATER
shorethingtheater.com

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS
spotlightplayers.org

SPRING LAKE THEATRE
springlaketheatre.com

THE PREMIER THEATRE COMPANY
premiertheatre.com

TWO RIVER THEATER
tworivertheater.org

THE VOGEL
thebasie.org/venue/the-vogel

For more venues, visit MonmouthCountyTourism.com



THE Arts

Pictured is a mural in Asbury Park, part of the Wooden Walls Public Art Project. Photo credit: Connor Kane

MONMOUTH ARTS

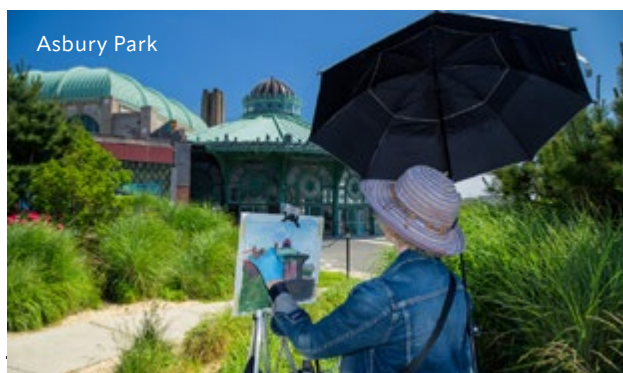
monmoutharts.org

Serving as the County's official arts agency for more than 50 years, Monmouth Arts is a nonprofit made up of artists, arts organizations, creative businesses, and supporters that nurture the vibrant arts community and enhance life in Monmouth County.

MONMOUTH MUSEUM

monmouthmuseum.org

Celebrating over 60 years, the Monmouth Museum is a 15,000-square-foot museum with two wings dedicated to children and two galleries with rotating art, history, and science exhibits. The grounds also feature a garden and outdoor spaces to enjoy. Educational programs at the Museum include guided tours, lectures, workshops, craft activities, and bus trips.



MIDDLETOWN ARTS CENTER

middletownarts.org

The Middletown Arts Center (MAC) is an award-winning, state-of-the-art facility dedicated to bringing quality arts programming and events to New Jersey. The MAC offers entertaining and educational events throughout the year for families and individuals of all ages and abilities. With 23,000 square feet of space, the MAC accommodates programming of all kinds including dance socials, art exhibits, concerts, theatrical performances, classes, workshops, day camps, and galas.

WOODEN WALLS PUBLIC ART PROJECT

woodenwallsproject.com

A perennial favorite has been the Wooden Walls public art installation, located along the Asbury Park boardwalk. Artists from across the globe have contributed to the Wooden Walls mural series since 2015. The Project is a collaborative initiative that brings art to Asbury Park to enrich the socio-cultural and socio-economic landscape in a thoughtful way. By creating a conversation with local, national, and international artists, attention is drawn to the creative spirit that is fundamental to Asbury Park.

**For more venues & galleries, visit
MonmouthCountyTourism.com**



TWO
RIVER
THEATER



GREAT AMERICAN THEATER IN RED BANK, NJ



Janelle McDermoth in *Hair*. Stephanie Berry and James A. Williams in August Wilson's *Gem of the Ocean*. Maggie Bofill, Addie Morales and Heather Velazquez in *American Mariachi*. Photos by T. Charles Erickson.



FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFO VISIT [TWO RIVER THEATER.ORG](https://www.tworivertheater.org)

MUSEUMS



Monmouth Museum, Lincroft
Photos Courtesy of @seek.discover.play IG

ALLEN HOUSE
Shrewsbury
monmouthhistory.org

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OCEAN GROVE
Ocean Grove
historicalsocietyofoceangrove.org

INFOAGE SCIENCE AND HISTORY MUSEUMS
Wall
infoage.org

JEWISH HERITAGE MUSEUM OF MONMOUTH COUNTY
Freehold
jhmomc.org

MONMOUTH COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
Freehold
monmouthhistory.org

MONMOUTH MUSEUM
LINCROFT
monmouthmuseum.org

THE NEW JERSEY MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION
Pine Creek Railroad at Allaire State Park
WALL
njmt.org

THE PARANORMAL MUSEUM
Asbury Park
paranormalbooksnj.com

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Ocean
oceanmuseum.org

T. THOMAS FORTUNE CULTURAL CENTER
RED BANK
tthomasfortuneculturalcenter.org



Nestled in the charming town of Spring Lake, you'll find the Spring Lake Community House and Theatre, a historic gem that celebrated its 100th year in 2023.

This remarkable place always offers something new to explore, from captivating theater performances of Broadway caliber and enriching children's programs to local art exhibitions in the Upper Gallery and memorable lawn parties.

COMING UP AT THE SPRING LAKE THEATRE:

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**JUL
2025**

SOUND OF MUSIC

**AUG
2025**

GREASE

**OCT
2025**

SCROOGE!

**DEC
2025**

WEDDING SINGER

**FEB
2026**

**JESUS CHRIST
SUPERSTAR**

**MAR
2026**

Visit springlaketheatre.com for tickets



The Stone Pony Summer Stage in Asbury Park
Photo credit: Connor Kane

A SMATTERING OF...MUSIC

ASBURY LANES

Asbury Park
asburylan.es.com

Asbury Lanes is a legendary concert venue, historic landmark, and vintage bowling alley located just two blocks away from the beach in Asbury Park. You can find live concerts featuring both national and local talent, bowl with your friends, and visit the diner located on premise - a Jersey classic!

DANNY CLINCH TRANSPARENT GALLERY

Asbury Park
transparentclinchgallery.com

Danny Clinch is a world-renowned photographer, author, and director most famous for his photographs of musicians and co-founding the Sea.Hear.Now Festival. The Transparent Gallery highlights his fine-art prints and offers live, ticketed music events.

MONMOUTH CIVIC CHORUS

monmouthcivicchorus.org

A community chorus in Monmouth County often cited as one of the best in the Northeast. Hand-picked professional instrumentalists accompany the chorus and play orchestral works. The Monmouth Civic Chorus performs throughout the County, but also throughout the world since 1949. Its most memorable performances include those at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican in Rome and St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna.

MONMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

monmouthsymphony.org

The Monmouth Symphony Orchestra has brought live classical music to the New Jersey Shore since 1948. Having started as the Spring Lake Sinfonietta, the orchestra performs in numerous locations throughout the metropolitan area.



Danny Clinch at the Transparent Gallery in Asbury Park



PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel

PNC BANK ARTS CENTER

Holmdel

pncbankartscenter.com

The PNC Bank Arts Center is ranked among the top five most successful amphitheatres in the Country. It has a mega seating capacity of 17,500 - 7,000 seats and the grass area can hold about 10,500. Designed by noted modernist architect Edward Durell Stone, the Arts Center features open sides covered by a 200-foot saucer-like roof. Concerts are held from May through September featuring 45-50 different events of many types of musical styles.

THE GREAT AUDITORIUM

Ocean Grove

oceangrove.org

The organ in The Great Auditorium in Ocean Grove dates back to 1894 and is said to have a sound like no other. It is one of the largest pipe organs in the world, it has 202 ranks, 10 divisions, more than 12,000 pipes, and is powered by five turbines. Few other American concert halls have featured concerts by John Philip Sousa, Enrico Caruso, Kenny Rogers, and The Beach Boys. Even fewer have natural acoustics that conductor Leonard Bernstein once compared to Carnegie Hall. Throughout the year, music events take place in the Auditorium with the waves of the ocean lapping only feet away.

HOUSE OF INDEPENDENTS

Asbury Park

houseofindependents.com

The house Asbury built. House of Independents brings Asbury Park's ever-growing community of creative thinkers a venue that reflects their originality and versatility.

THE STONE PONY

Asbury Park

stoneponyonline.com

Celebrating 50 years and counting, The Stony Pony is a historic live music venue in Asbury Park that opened in 1974. It gained fame for hosting local musicians, including Bruce Springsteen, Southside Johnny and Steven Van Zandt. The venue is world renowned and has become a staple of the New Jersey music scene, hosting legendary acts and up-and-coming artists alike. This venue also features outdoor concerts on The Summer Stage.

WONDER BAR

Asbury Park

wonderbarasburypark.com

Known for its live music and colorful paint job, the Wonder Bar is all about having fun. From the tunes to the tiki bar to the world famous Yappy Hour, a good time is a guarantee. And you're also just steps from the Asbury Park Boardwalk.



Monmouth County native Kevin Smith at the SModcastle Film Festival. Photo Credit: Tom Zapcic



Monmouth County dignitaries, celebrities, and Garden State Film Festival creators on the red carpet.

FUN FACT



Netflix has purchased the former 300-acre Fort Monmouth U.S. Army installation in Eatontown and Oceanport to create one of the largest production facilities in the world. The company will build a state-of-the-art production facility with 12 sound stages to produce TV series and films in Monmouth County. New Jersey is home to many productions, including Apple TV's *Severance*, which is filmed at Bell Works in Holmdel.

FILM FESTIVALS

FILMONEFEST

July 19, 2025 | Atlantic Highlands

aharts.org/filmonefest

The Jersey Shore's preeminent showcase for all forms of short film under two minutes in length. Submissions are accepted from anywhere in the world and the summer festival is a free, family-friendly event. The best short films from around the world are shown against the backdrop of the Atlantic Highlands Marina, overlooking New York City.

SMODCASTLE FILM FESTIVAL

August 7 - August 10, 2025 | Atlantic Highlands

smodcastle.cinemas.com/smodcastlefilmfestival

From actor, director, producer Kevin Smith & Friends comes the SModCastle Film Festival - a Central Jersey showcase of cinema hosted by the guy who made "Clerks". The inaugural event in 2022 was held at the very theater where "Clerks" auditions took place, Atlantic Moviehouse, now renamed to SModcastle Cinemas. Welcoming entries from all over the world, the SModcastle Film Festival is a week-long event filled with features, short films, animation, documentaries and more.

GARDEN STATE FILM FESTIVAL

March 27 - March 30, 2025 | Asbury Park

gsff.org

The Garden State Film Festival was born in 2002 after a chance encounter in a Sea Girt grocery store by film industry veteran Diane Raver and the well-known Hollywood actor Robert Pastorelli. Through their deep ties to Hollywood, Pastorelli and Raver were able to bring an all-encompassing event to the State of New Jersey. It premiered in 2003 and was immediately deemed a huge success. The festival, which is held annually every March, celebrates independent films and gives a forum for filmmakers to network with other industry pros. Since its inception, industry notables such as Glenn Close, Christopher Lloyd, Batman producer Michael Uslan, Austin Pendleton, Kurtwood Smith, Clarence Clemons, Bruce Springsteen, Lainie Kazan, Diane Ladd, Laura Dern, Bebe Neuwirth, Armand Asante, Sally Struthers, the late Ed Asner, James Gandolfini and many others have lent their support.

THE ULTIMATE PREVIEW *of* Upcoming Local Events

There's always something happening in Monmouth County!

Concerts, culinary and cultural festivals, craft markets, outdoor movies, fairs, flea markets, farmer's markets, film festivals, car shows, races and competitions, holiday celebrations, fireworks and so much more.

Join us and be a part of our friendly local culture!

ASBURY PARK SPRING BAZAAR

May 10 & 11

Convention Hall, Asbury Park, NJ
asburyparkbazaar.com

TASTE OF KEYPORT

May 10

West Front Street, Keyport, NJ
visitkeyport.org

NJ SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

May 16-18

Silver Lake Park, NJ
belmar.com

ROAR ON THE RIVER

May 17-18

Highlands Waterfront, NJ
highlandsnj.com

VINTAGE CAR SHOW

May 17

Main Street, Ocean Grove, NJ
oceangrovenj.com

THE SPRING LAKE FIVE MILE RUN

May 24

Spring Lake, NJ
springlake5.org

SEAPORT CRAFT SHOW

May 25

Huddy Park, Highlands, NJ
highlandsnj.com

SPRING FLEA MARKET

May 31

Great Auditorium, Ocean Grove, NJ
oceangrovenj.com

JERSEY PRIDE PARADE & FESTIVAL

June 1

Bradley Park, Asbury Park, NJ
jerseypride.org

SPRING LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOUSE TOUR

June 5

Spring Lake, NJ
springlakehistoricalsociety.org

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

June 5

West Front Street, Keyport, NJ
visitkeyport.org

ASBURYFEST

June 6, 7 & 8

Bradley Park, Asbury Park, NJ
Asburyparkchamber.com

ALLAIRE ARTS FESTIVAL

June 7

Historic Village at Allaire,
Farmingdale, NJ
allairevillage.org

FAERIE FESTIVAL

June 7

Allentown, NJ
allentownnj.com

NEW JERSEY IRISH FESTIVAL

June 8

Monmouth Park, Oceanport, NJ
monmouthpark.com

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

June 8

1 East Main Street, Freehold, NJ
mcdiversityalliance.com

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS CAR SHOW

June 14

First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ
ahchamber.org

IRISH FESTIVAL

June 14

Spring Lake, NJ
visitspringlake.com

NORTH TO SHORE FESTIVAL

June 14-29

Asbury Park, NJ
northtoshore.com

RED BANK 5K CLASSIC

June 14

Red Bank
redbank.org

THE JERSEY EATS: NJ PIZZA FESTIVAL

June 21

Monmouth Park, Oceanport, NJ
monmouthpark.com

TASTE OF HIGHLANDS

June 21

Restaurants throughout Highlands, NJ
highlandsnj.com

LOCAL EVENTS

BATTLE OF MONMOUTH REENACTMENT

June 28 & 29

16 Highway 33-BR, Manalapan, NJ

friendsofmonmouth.org

OCEANFEST

July 4

Long Branch Oceanfront Promenade,
Long Branch, NJ

longbranchchamber.org

THE CLASSIC CAR SHOW & OLDIES DAY

July 6

Monmouth Park, Oceanport, NJ

monmouthpark.com

PRIDE FEST IN THE PARK

July 12

Huddy Park, Highlands, NJ

highlandsnj.com

HASKELL DAY!

July 19

Monmouth Park, Oceanport, NJ

monmouthpark.com

FILMONEFEST

July 19

Atlantic Highlands Marina, Atlantic
Highlands, NJ

aharts.org

MONMOUTH COUNTY FAIR

July 23-27

East Freehold Showgrounds,
Freehold, NJ

monmouthcountyparks.com

ITALIAN FESTIVAL & WINE TASTING

July 26 & 27

Monmouth Park, Oceanport, NJ

monmouthpark.com

CLAMFEST

August 1-3

Huddy Park, Highlands, NJ

highlandsnj.com



OCEANFEST

July 4

Long Branch Oceanfront Promenade,
Long Branch, NJ

LongBranchChamber.org

The largest Independence Day celebration anywhere in New Jersey! An all-day, family friendly festival that caps off with the most spectacular fireworks display you'll see anywhere along the Jersey coast.

SEA GIRT 5K

August 2

The Plaza, Sea Girt, NJ

seagirt5k.com

LATIN FESTIVAL: TACOS & TEQUILA

August 3

Monmouth Park, Oceanport, NJ

monmouthpark.com

IAATO ITALIAN FESTIVAL

August 6-10

Joe Palaia Park, Oakhurst, NJ

iaato.com

RED BANK SIDEWALK SALE

August 8-10

Downtown Red Bank, NJ

redbank.org

SURF & TURF SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

August 16 & 17

Monmouth Park, Oceanport, NJ

monmouthpark.com

LONG BRANCH JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL

August 23

Green Lawn & Promenade,
Long Branch, NJ

longbranch.org

BBQ & CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

August 30 – September 1

Monmouth Park, Oceanport, NJ

monmouthpark.com

FOOD TRUCKTEMBERFEST

September 6

Monmouth Park, Oceanport, NJ

monmouthpark.com

BRIELLE DAY CRAFT FAIR

September 6

Brielle Park, Brielle, NJ

thewomansclubofbrielle.org

Photo Credit: Skyview Media



SEA.HEAR.NOW FESTIVAL

September 13-14

Asbury Park, NJ

SeaHearNowFestival.com

Two days of music with more than 25 bands on three stages: two in the sand and one in the park, all on the iconic Asbury Park Waterfront. Headlining this year is Hozier and Blink 182, plus Lenny Kravitz, Sublime, Alabama Shakes and LCD Soundsystem, among many others!

SAN GENNARO FESTIVAL

To Be Announced

Belmar, NJ

belmar.com

SEA.HEAR.NOW FESTIVAL

September 13-14

Asbury Park, NJ

seahearnowfestival.com

FALL BREW BY THE BAY

September 13

Seafarer Bar, Highlands, NJ

highlandsnj.com

HIGHLANDS OKTOBERFEST

September 20

Veterans Park, Highlands, NJ

highlandsnj.com

ITALIAN FESTIVAL

September 20

Downtown Business District,
Spring Lake NJ

visitspringlake.com

TASTE OF ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS

September 21

Atlantic Highlands, NJ

ahchamber.org

FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL

October 4

Ocean Grove, NJ

oceangrovenj.com

FREEHOLD OKTOBERFEST

October 5

West Main Street, Freehold, NJ

downtownfreehold.com

FALL FLAVOR OF FREEHOLD

October 8 & 9

West Main Street, Freehold, NJ

downtownfreehold.com

FALL FESTIVAL

October 11

Main Street, Allentown, NJ

allentownnj.com

RED BANK OKTOBERFEST

October 11

Edmund Wilson Plaza, Red Bank

redbank.org

TASTE OF HIGHLANDS

October 11

Highlands, NJ

highlandsnj.com

GRANNY'S ATTIC

November 22

Thompson Middle School,
Middletown, NJ

thompsonpfa.com

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

December 6

Ocean Grove, NJ

oceangrovenj.com

MADE IN MONMOUTH

To Be Announced

Lincroft, NJ

madeinmonmouth.com

The events listed are just the tip of the iceberg!

You can find more events – all year round – at
MonmouthCountyTourism.com or by scanning the QR code.

To ensure accuracy, please check the event's website prior to attending.



TRAVELING WITH YOUR FURRY FRIENDS

Tips for a PAWsome Time!



YAPPY HOUR

Wonder Bar, Asbury Park
wonderbarasburypark.com

An especially pet-friendly location is the Wonder Bar in Asbury Park. Yappy Hours are designed for your dog with plenty of fenced-in outdoor space where they can meet friends, get some exercise, or just chill by the water bowl. Certain days are designated for smaller dogs and special events are offered. Visit the Wonder Bar website for the latest information.

Wonder Bar, Asbury Park



WALKING THE METROBURB

Bell Works, Holmdel
bell.works

The former home of Bell Labs in Holmdel, which is designated historic by the National Register of Historic places, is now called the Bell Works metroburbs and is a blend of shops, restaurants, events, and offices and is dog-friendly. Bell Works is a great indoor space for a long stretch of the legs for both you and your dog. As long as dogs are leashed and stay off the turf and carpeted areas indoors, dogs are welcomed even at Bar Bella, the rooftop tiki-bar.

FURRY FRIENDS ARE WELCOME at many hotels, outdoor events, parks, and at the beach certain times of the year. You can bring your favorite friend with you and the family and not have the worry of leaving them at home, but it's always best to check ahead, as policies may change.

While you're engaged in activities or at a location that is not pet-friendly, there are numerous businesses throughout the County that specialize in caring for your friend. Short- and long-term boarding, as well as doggie daycare, is available and many provide play-grounds, dog pools, massage, grooming, and luxury suites. Your pets can have a vacation of their own!

The Monmouth County Park System welcomes pets. If you're planning a day at the park, be sure to bring your pup along with a leash. Four-legged friends are able to run free in fenced,

off-leash dog areas at Thompson Park and Wolf Hill Recreation Area.

While most parks welcome leashed pets, most beaches and boardwalks restrict pet access during the summer season. Please check with each municipality you plan on visiting.

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ROAD TRIP

The Garden State Parkway runs north/south through the County located between mile/exit 98 (Belmar and Spring Lake) and 117 (Keyport/Aberdeen). Interstate 195 runs east/west through the County, connecting the Garden State Parkway to the New Jersey Turnpike. Monmouth County sits about 45 miles from New York City, 60 miles from Philadelphia, 75 miles from Atlantic City, 125 miles from Lancaster, PA, 190 miles from Washington, D.C., and 260 miles from Boston. You can choose to drive your own car, rent a car, or take the bus. Bus lines provide service to Monmouth County from Newark, Jersey City, and Midtown and Lower Manhattan. Local bus service is available throughout the County. There is also limited bus service to southern Monmouth County available from Philadelphia.

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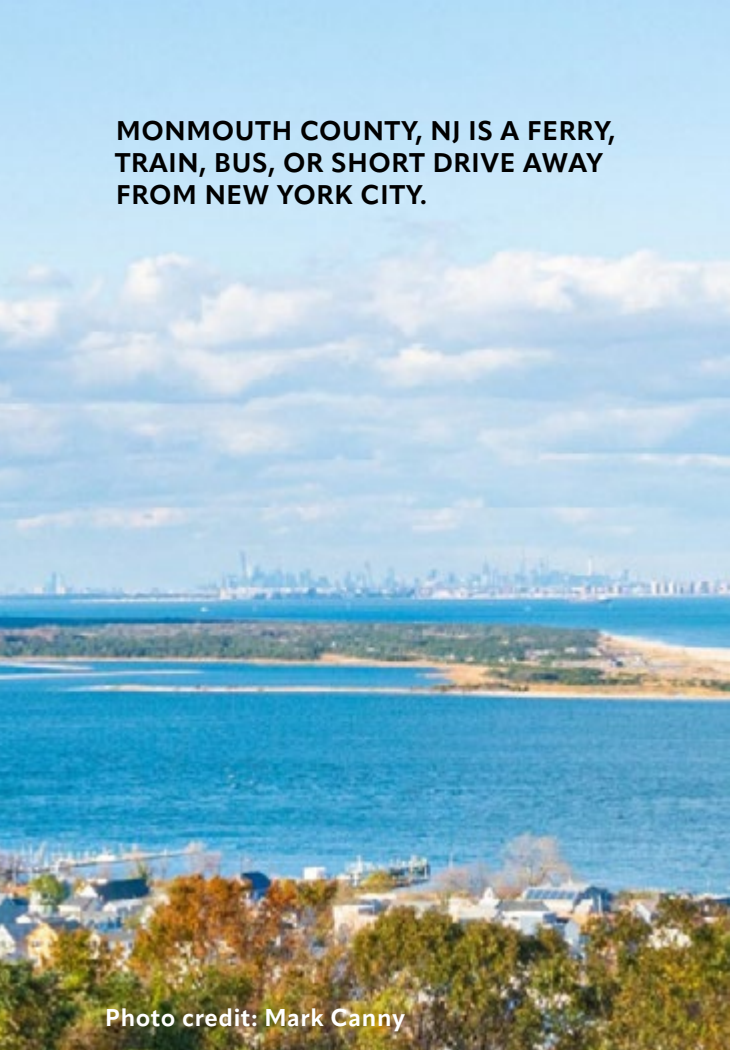


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TAKE THE TRAIN

The New Jersey Transit North Jersey Coast Line connects midtown Manhattan's New York Penn Station and Newark Penn Station to Manasquan, Spring Lake, Belmar, Bradley Beach, Asbury Park, Allenhurst, Elberon, Long Branch, Monmouth Park (seasonal), Little Silver, Red Bank, Middletown, Hazlet, and Aberdeen-Matawan.

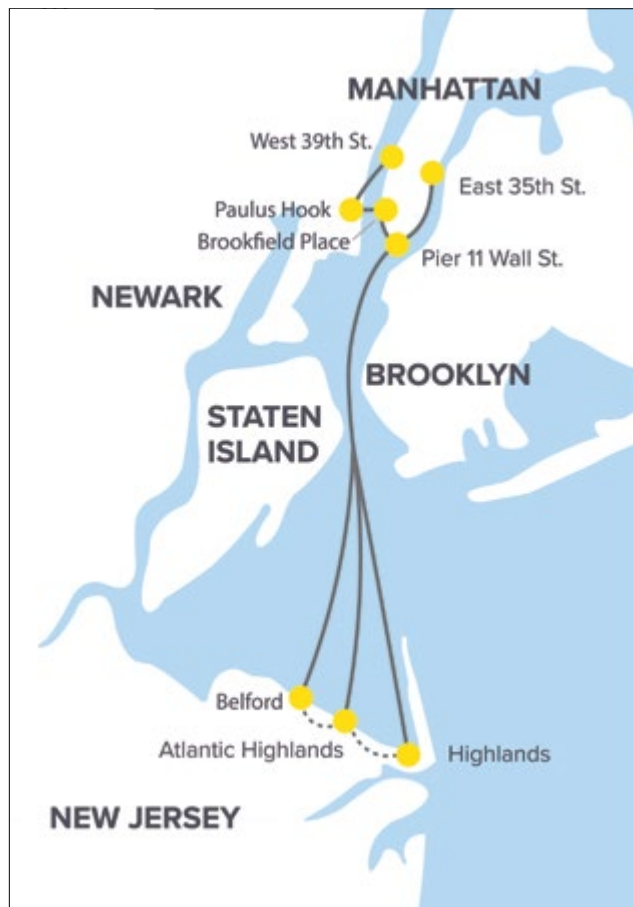
NJ Transit
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COME BY SEA

Set your course for our Shore as the numerous marinas in Monmouth County can accommodate vessels of all sizes. If you prefer to let someone else steer the ship, service to and from New York and Massachusetts is available.

Seastreak Ferry
seastreak.com



Seastreak Ferry Service Map from New York Harbor and Monmouth County

TAKING TO THE SKIES

Conveniently located near four airports, you can literally travel almost anywhere in the world to and from Monmouth County. Leave plenty of time when traveling to any of the airports as traffic will depend on season and the time of day. Allow anywhere from 45 minutes to two hours depending on which location you choose.

Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR)
newarkairport.com

Philadelphia International Airport (PHL)
phl.org

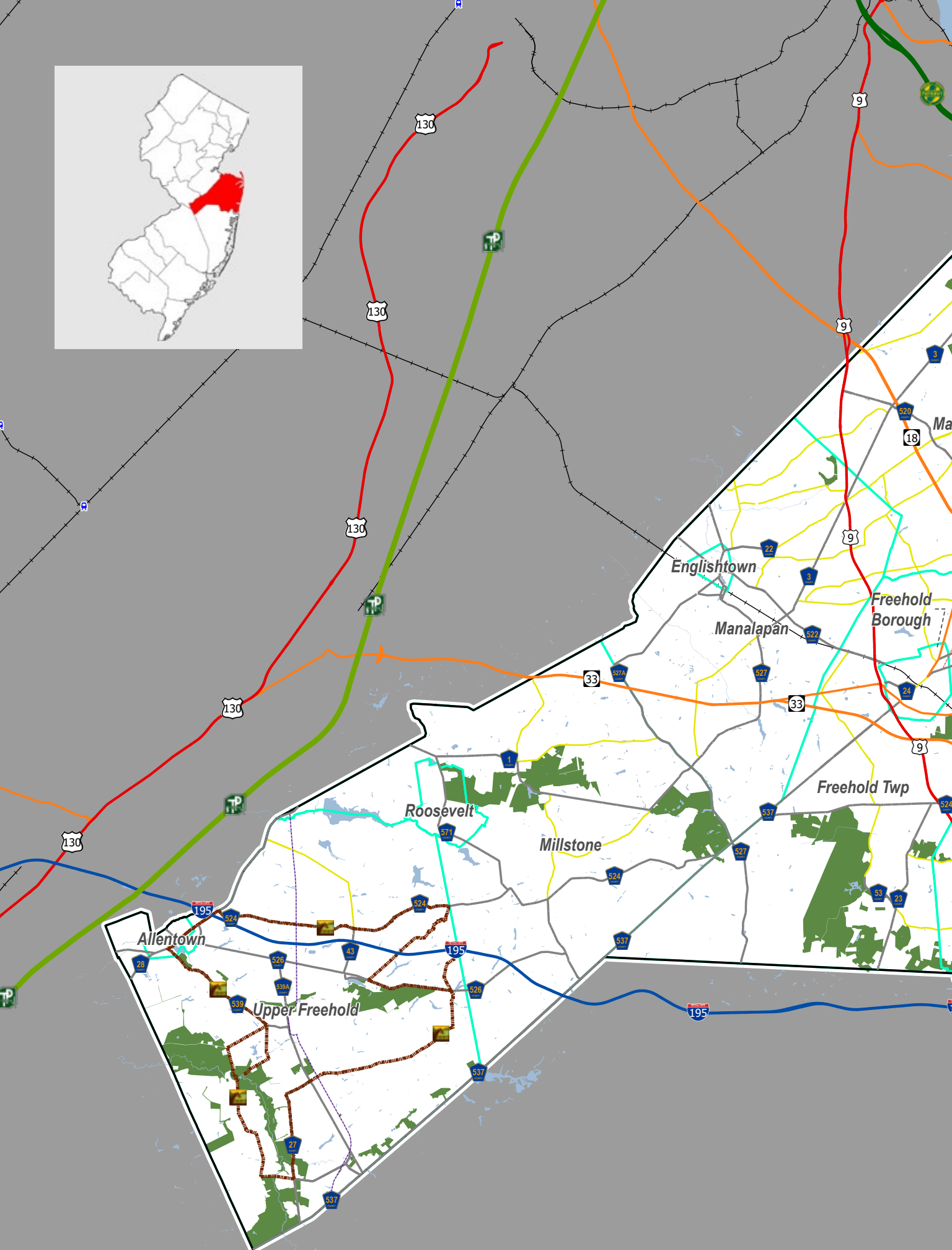
Atlantic City International Airport (ACY)
acairport.com

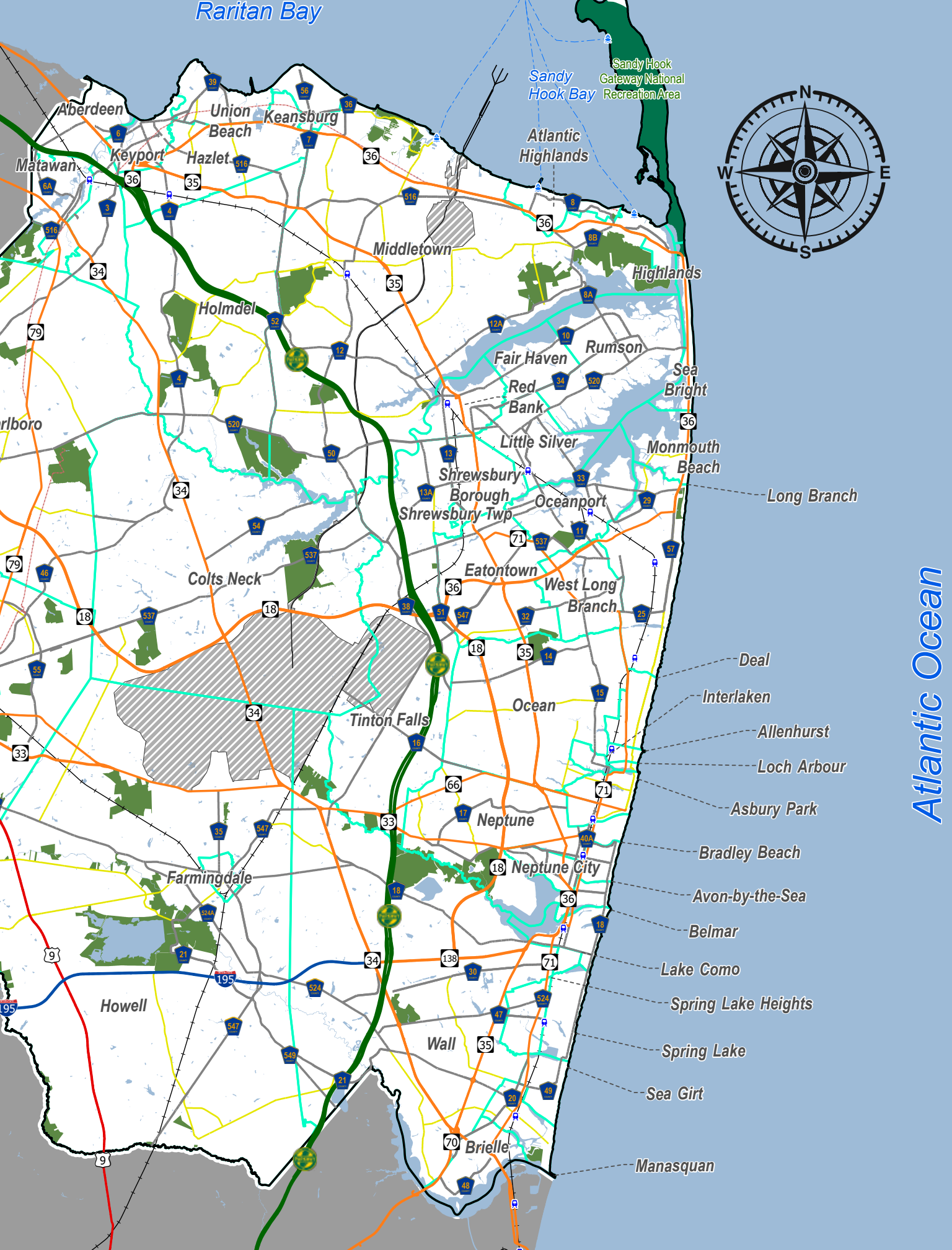
Monmouth Executive Airport (BLM)
monmouthjetcenter.com

TRAVEL ASSISTANCE & MORE INFORMATION

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