

HISTORIC SITES & MUSEUMS

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BATSTO HISTORIC VILLAGE

**31 Batsto Road, Hammonton
(609) 561-0024**

www.batstovillage.org

Batsto Village is a New Jersey historic site, which is administered by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Parks & Forestry. Located in the South Central Pinelands, this site is nationally recognized for its historical significance and beauty. The roots of Batsto Village can be traced back to 1766. Two centuries of American history are available to visitors, with the Pinelands environment as a scenic backdrop. The iron mining village at Batsto, a principal source of ammunition for the Revolution, continued to produce iron through the nineteenth century. Traditional crafts are still practiced here, and you can enjoy the home of financier Joseph Wharton. Attractions include village buildings, gristmill, saw mill, visitors center, museum and museum shop, and nature center.

BAY HEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

**1643 Bay Avenue (corner of Bay
and Bridge Avenues), Point Pleasant
(732) 892-0223**

www.bayheadhistoricalsociety.com

The Bay Head Historical Society Museum is open to the public seasonally from May to October. This 1867 farm home with outstanding interior wood-work has been restored to its former glory. The museum is home to memorabilia and history of life in this part of the Jersey Shore. An exhibit of turn-of-the-century photographs of the area plus artifacts and heirlooms donated by local residents are on permanent display during the season. The front salon is a gallery for changing displays of local art and special area exhibits. The Victorian garden, the sea grass garden, and the lilac memorial garden are outstanding. Completing the complex is the Dale Cottage, which celebrates the maritime heritage of the area. Open Fri. - Mon. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Groups by appointment.

Bay Head



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CHRIST CHURCH

**380 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury
(732) 741-2220**

www.christchurchshrewsbury.org

Serving an Episcopal congregation since in 1702, the 1769 Christ Church building was designed by colonial architect Robert Smith. A clock tower with bell was added in 1874. The church was used as a barracks during the Revolutionary War, resulting in a bullet hole in the steeple gilt ball and a musket ball embedded in the original pulpit. Many settlers of Monmouth County are buried in the graveyard surrounding the church whose earliest grave marker is dated 1719. Inside are a number of objects of historical interest. These include a 1716 "Vinegar" bible (famed for the misprints it contains), a Bishop's chair carved by the parish clerk from a churchyard oak tree, the communion service given to the church by Queen Anne in 1708, and the Parish's royal charter granted in 1738. The church is on the National and State Registers of Historic Places and is part of the Four Corners Historic District.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MIDDLETOWN

**90 Kings Highway, Middletown
(732) 671-2524**

www.christchurchmiddletown.org

This church has served a Church of England congregation since the 1680s. In 1795, the Church was deeded land of the Middletown Village blockhouse and county court by a former justice of the court. In 1744, a church building was erected on the blockhouse foundation. The present Christ Church building was built in 1836, still using the blockhouse foundation dating to 1670.

THE CHURCH OF THE PRESIDENTS

**1260 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch
www.churchofthepresidents.org**

In the late 1800s, Long Branch prospered and grew from the nation's first seashore resort to the "summer capital of the nation." Seven U.S. Presidents (Grant, Hayes, Wilson, Garfield, Arthur, Harrison, and McKinley) all chose to summer here

and worship. In 1881, the St. James Episcopal Chapel was built and consecrated. Constructed in the traditional shape of a cross, its architecture resembles a cottage of the pseudo-Tudor design which was popular in the 1880s. Now the home of the Long Branch Historical Museum, it contains artifacts and memorabilia relating to Long Branch's national historical role, the original altar, transepts, and part of the nave are preserved. While there, visit Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park on the corner of Ocean and Joline Avenues (732-842-4000). This 38-acre park was named to honor the seven presidents who vacationed in the immediate area.

THE COTTAGE MUSEUM

**105 Simpson Avenue, Island Heights
(732) 929-1486**

www.islandhts.org or www.islandheightsboro.com/events.htm

The Island Heights Cultural and Heritage Association showcases a circa 1880 Carpenter Gothic cottage, which is furnished in the simple "summer at the shore" style, making it a living museum. Open April - December on Saturdays 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

COVENHOVEN HOUSE

**150 West Main Street, Freehold
(732) 462-1466**

www.monmouthhistory.org

Built 1752-1753, Covenhoven House served as headquarters for British General Sir Henry Clinton before the Battle of Monmouth in 1778. Open May - September, Fri., Sat., Sun. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

GIFFORDTOWN SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM

**35 Leitz Boulevard and Wisteria Lane
Little Egg Harbor, (609) 294-1547**

www.tuckertonhistoricalsociety.org

The Giffordtown Schoolhouse Museum dates back to 1884. The original one-room building was later enlarged to two rooms. All students from West Tuckerton and the Little Egg Harbor Township area attended through eighth grade, with four grades in each room. Pot-bellied stoves, fueled by wood and coal, provided heat, and a hand pump in the entryway (the Cloakroom) provided water. The School was in operation until 1951. Formally dedicated on August 7, 1982, the Museum contains a large collection of artifacts relating to the Tuckerton (Clamtown) area, including documents from Ebenezer Tucker, Quaker memorabilia, antique furniture, and exhibits of the Tuckerton Railroad and the Tuckerton Wireless Tower. Open Wednesdays, year-round: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (by appointment); Saturdays, June - Labor Day: 2:00 PM - 4:00; Thursdays, February - October: the first Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

HAVENS HOMESTEAD MUSEUM

**521 Herbertsville Road, Brick
(732) 785-2500**

www.bricktwphistoricalsociety.com

Restored 1827 homestead of farmer and fish peddler Josiah Curtis Havens. See original 14' x 15' single room home plus 1846 addition created as tavern and inn for stagecoach passengers. The homestead contains many historic items from our area. Open April through October, Sat. 10:00 AM - noon; Sun.: noon - 2:00 PM. Closed holidays.