

Sussex County Arts & Heritage Council's



13th Annual Heritage Weekend

Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 7th & 8th, 2023

Come tour our county's varied sites
amidst the splendor of Fall color.














Sussex County Heritage Weekend

Take this opportunity to explore and discover the history and uniqueness of Sussex County.

- Further information is posted at SCAHC.ORG/EVENTS – with an interactive map, also showing our county's historic marker locations, along with other places of related interest.
- Visit our Farms, Farm Markets, Vineyard, & Fall Festivals.
- See High Point Monument – dedicated to NJ's Veterans.
- Drive our Scenic Byway.

Legend

2023 Heritage Weekend - Please check each Site's website and/or Facebook page for any UPDATE!

-  Historic Site - Open Saturday
-  Historic Site - Open Sunday
-  Historic Site - Open Both Days
-  Historic Site
-  Historic Village - Open Sunday
-  Historic Village - Open Both Days
-  Society Location
-  Tourist Museum
-  Farmers Market
-  Farm
-  Vineyard
-  Street Festival
-  SCAHC - sponsor

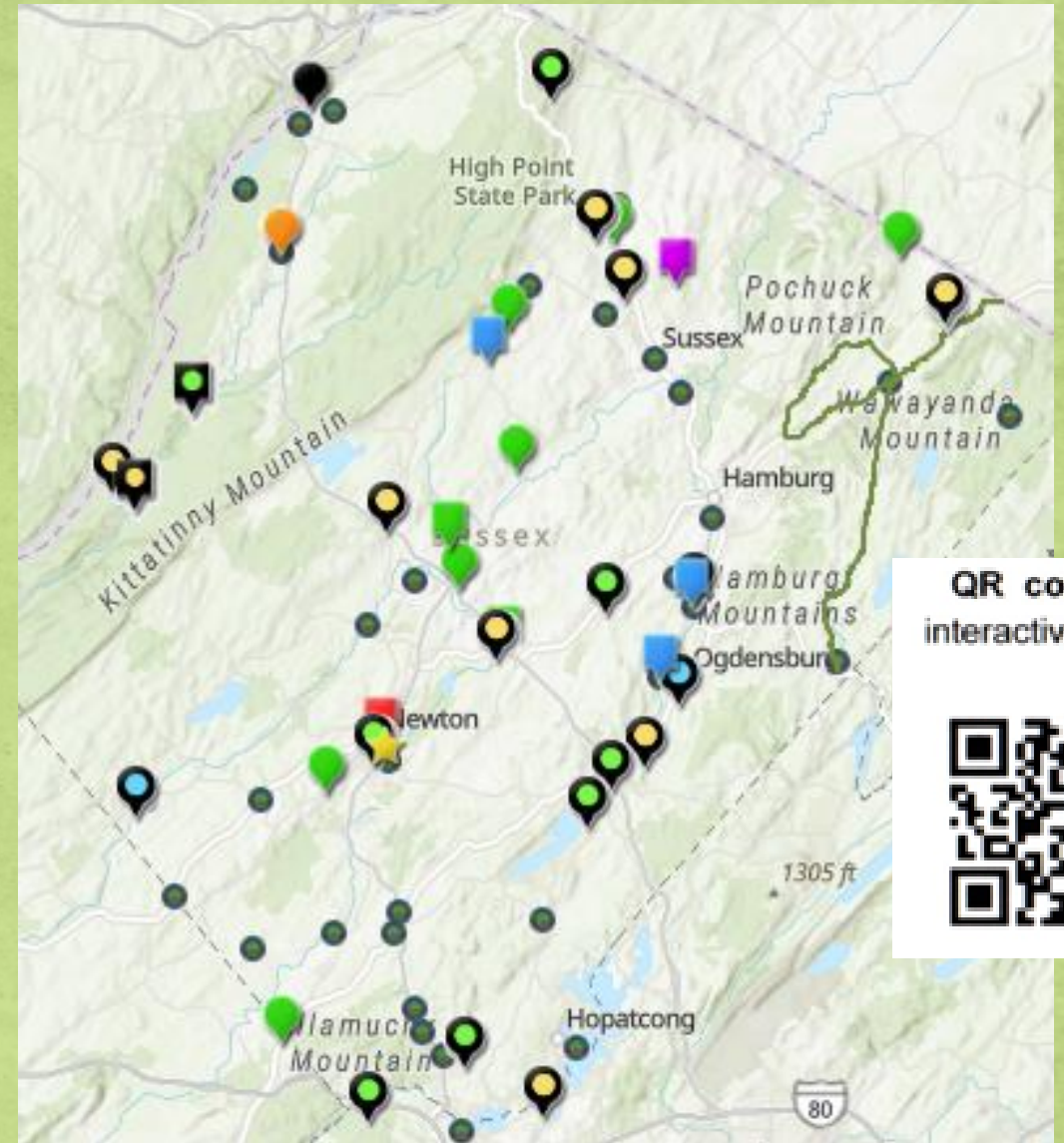
Western Highlands Scenic Byway

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At <http://bit.ly/scahctour> click on each symbol to open up its own info box that contains that site's address, a website and / or Facebook links, and notes the day(s) and hours when the location will be open.

National Register of Historic Places or Historic District info for the thus designated sites, and other information is also included there.

The Interactive Map & added info is posted at SCAHC.ORG/EVENTS



QR code to
interactive map:



Check the Sussex County Historic Markers [small dots]. Map at: <http://bit.ly/schistoricmarkers>

Tour these sites open only Sat., Oct. 7th

Franklin Historical Heritage Museum, Franklin

Old Schoolhouse & Firehouse Museum, Ogdensburg

Stillwater Historical Museum, Stillwater

Franklin Historical Heritage Museum

- Organization: Franklin Historical Society
- Address: 95 Main Street, near Junction St.
- Time: Sat., 10am – 4pm
- Municipality: Franklin
- Zip Code: 07416

- Displays elaborate on Franklin's Legacy: the Men, the Mines, & the Minerals - creating the Fluorescent Mineral Capital of the World.
- Special exhibit of the background history and use of the old-world babushka, its use & changes in past years. Will feature vintage and historical kitchen items & recipes for making homemade noodles and soups.



Franklin Heritage Museum is located in what were once the "time offices" of the New Jersey Zinc Co.

The relocated former Edison School / Hungarian Church. – is across the street.

Old Schoolhouse & Firehouse Museum



Ground floor.: Retired 1935 & 1958 American Las France pumper trucks.

Displays on 2nd floor represent varied aspects of Ogdensburg.

- Organization: Ogdensburg Historical Society
 - Address: 6 Passaic Avenue corner of Main St. (CR 517)
 - Time: Sat., 10am – 5pm
 - Municipality: Ogdensburg
 - Zip Code: 07439
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- Reflects the History of Ogdensburg. Have a special fluorescent mineral sample [small scale replica of slab featured at Halls of Gems and Minerals exhibit at the Museum of Natural History] and fluorescence gallery.
 - 2nd fl.: Refreshed display of NJ Zinc Mine milling operation, various displays on the history of Ogdensburg, and displays of Edison Recorder.

Stillwater Historical Museum



Visit the nearby Casper & Abraham Shafer Grist Mill - a National Register site, and the Stillwater Café [historic Garriss General Store] are on Main Street and will be open 11AM – 3PM.

- Organization: Historical Society of Stillwater Township
- Address: 900 Main Street, near Maple Ave.
- Time: Sat., 11 am - 4:30 pm
- Municipality: Stillwater
- Zip Code: 07875
- Original Robbins Store items, vintage clothing exhibit, and a school room in the older part of the museum – which 1842 to 1909 was a school called "The Academy".
- On Sat. 10/7, town's 17th annual Fall Festival overlaps onto the school property next door.

These Historic Sites / Historic Districts open Oct. 7th & 8th

- **High Point State Park & NJ Veteran's Mem'l / HD, Montague & Wantage ***
- **Peters Valley - Gallery/ HD, Layton [Sandyston] ***
- **Hill Memorial Museum NR / Newton Town HD, Newton**
- **Roseville Schoolhouse Museum, Byram**
- **Old Monroe Schoolhouse, Hardyston [use Franklin for GPS]**
- **White Deer Plaza & Boardwalk Historic District, Sparta**
- **Waterloo Village Historic Site NR / HD, Stanhope ***



Some sites are within: * Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area * NJDEP/Parks.
Information about the historic districts can be found, along with photos taken at the time of their National Register applications, via links within the info boxes on the interactive map.

High Point State Park & NJ Veteran's Memorial / HD

- Organization: High Point State Park
 - Address: 1480 State Route 23
 - Time: Sat. & Sun., 8am - 8pm
 - Municipality: Wantage (use *Sussex* for GPS)
 - Zip Code: 07461
- Monument, dedicated in 1930, sits at the highest point in NJ and honors the state's veterans. Monument interior opened staff and weather permitting, 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Enjoy a panoramic view from its base or hike one of the many scenic trails.
- See: <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/highpoint.html>



Col. Anthony Kuser had the 220 foot tall obelisk erected and later donated his land to the State of NJ.

Visitor Center & Park Office has some displays - open 8am to 4pm

Peters Valley School of Craft Gallery / HD



The Peters Valley Gallery is located in the former Bevan's General Store and Post Office.

The Bevan's Church & its cemetery is across the road.

Historic District was designated in 1980.

- Organization: Peters Valley School of Craft
- Address: 19 Kuhn Rd. by County Route 615
- Time: Sat. & Sun., 10am - 6pm
- Municipality: Layton
- Zip Code: 07851

- The former village of Bevans was repurposed for art studios. Visit **Gallery & Store** on website.

- Check online for any current Gallery exhibition.

Their 50th Anniversary [1970-2020] video:

<https://youtu.be/oWJozDRrBdM>

Hill Memorial Museum / Newton Town Plot HD



Built for the Society's use and dedicated in 1917. Constructed through a donation from Joshua Hill.

A National Register site as of 1985, it is located within the 1992 separately designated Historic District.

Organization: Sussex County Historical Society

Address: 82 Main St.

Time: Sat. 10am - 3pm Sun. Noon - 3pm

Municipality: Newton

Zip Code: 07860

- The only building erected in Newton for a civic or cultural purpose around the time of the First World War.
- Will be featuring a new display about World War II, with artifacts that are directly associated with Sussex County.

Old Monroe Schoolhouse NR



Side view of the schoolhouse right alongside Route 94. It was added to the National Register in 1977.

- Organization: Hardyston Heritage Society
 - Address: 3143 Rte. 94
 - Time: Sat. & Sun., Noon - 2pm
 - Municipality: Hardyston
 - Zip Code: 07419
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- Built around 1819 by the Sparta Board of Education, with walls of randomly coursed field stones. Remained in service until 1926, when the Hardyston Township Board of Education constructed a two-room schoolhouse. The school building opened in 1980 as a museum, administered by Hardyston Heritage Society.

Sparta Train Station



The original Sparta station was a standard design once used in all of the NYS&W depots. By the 1940's, the passenger service ended, but the station continued as a freight depot until the 1960's. Building is a reconstructed original depot structure, a standard design once used in all NYS&W depots - one of 15 built in the county in 1881.

- Organization: Sparta Train Station
- Address: 30 Station Road
- Time: Sat. 10am-5pm Sun. Noon - 5pm
- Municipality: Sparta
- Zip Code: 07871
- Retains its original surviving water tower.
"The station made Sparta a popular place to go in the late 1800's ... there were 30 resort hotels in the area."
See its history at <http://www.spartatrainstation.com/history>
- A knowledgeable train enthusiast will have his model train set up and running. A video will provide the history of this site & artifacts will be on display.

White Deer Plaza & Boardwalk HD



Boardwalk offers a picturesque view of Lake Mohawk.

Info about the area:

<https://www.lakemohawkcc.com/Discover-Lake-Mohawk>

- Designation: White Deer Plaza & Boardwalk
- Address: West Shore Trail & Winona Parkway
- Time: Sat. & Sun., 10am- 5pm
- Municipality: Sparta
- Zip Code: 07871

- View a unique architectural style, known as “Lake Mohawk Tudor”. Its styles incorporate: French Normandy, German Baronial, English Cottage and Tudor.

- The Historic District was designated in 1988.

Roseville Schoolhouse Museum

- Organization: Byram Township Historical Society
- Address: By 10 Mansfield Drive (off CR 607) at corner.
- Time: Sat. & Sun., 10am - 2pm
- Municipality: Byram
- Zip Code: 07874
- Later opened as St. John's Episcopal Mission 1935-1973, then was moved to site and dedicated as a museum in 1986.
- Display 1860 Byram Map [then included Stanhope and Hopatcong Borough] indicates sites of 7 schoolhouses.
- As town's 225th anniversary, featuring local transportation history with pictures and/or videos of RR trains & Morris Canal. Pictorial timeline of the Lackawanna Cutoff and Sussex RR also exhibited.



Represents a typical one-room schoolhouse used 1889 til 1925 .

Waterloo Village Historic Site NR / HD

- Organization: NJ DEP State Park Service
 - Address: 525 Waterloo Rd. (County Route 604)
 - Time: Sat. & Sun., Dawn - Dusk
 - Municipality: Stanhope
 - Zip Code: 07874
- Walk to tour on your own – as buildings may remain closed. Early 19th-century restored village contains a “working mill” complex with gristmills and sawmills, a general store, blacksmith shop and several historic houses.
See <https://www.facebook.com/waterloo.village.historic.site/>



Its National Register designation was initially given in 1977 - the Historic District was approved in 2015.

View an overall map of this area at:
<https://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/maps/step%20&%20alla-muchy-03-23-07.pdf>

Visit these Historic sites open only on Sun., Oct. 8th

- **Branchville Borough Historical Museum, Branchville**
- **Ludlum-Mabee House /Lafayette Village HD, Lafayette**
- **Van Kirk Homestead Museum, Sparta**
- **Price's Switch Schoolhouse, Vernon**
- **Elias Van Bunscooten House / Museum, Wantage**
- **Old Clove Church, Wantage**
- **Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum, Landing**
- **Van Campen Inn / Old Mine Road HD, Walpack ***
- **Walpack Center HD, Walpack ***

Located within the **Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area**

Check the Walpack Historical Society Facebook page for any updates.

Branchville Borough Historical Museum

- Organization:
Branchville Borough Historical Society
- Address: 34 Wantage Ave. (CR 519)
- Time: Sun., Noon - 3pm
- Municipality: Branchville
- Zip Code: 07826

- Will feature a display of photographs & artifacts from the "Branchville Railroad" with presentations/discussions of how that branch of the Sussex RR impacted Branchville, as well as the towns along the line.



Museum is located on the upper floor of the current Municipal Building, which was the former Branchville School. The five steps to 2nd floor also have a wheelchair assist.

Elias Van Bunschooten Museum NR



House was built in 1787 as the home of the Reverend Elias Van Bunschooten.

https://www.njdar.org/van_bunschooten.html

This Dutch Colonial homestead, including its barn, wagon house, ice house, & privy were listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and Places in 1974.

- Organization: Chinkchewunska Chapter, NSDAR
- Address: 1097 State Route 23
- Time: Sun., 1pm - 4pm
- Municipality: Wantage
- Zip Code: 07461
- Furnished with period items - some original to house. New displays of women's dresses, some from 1871 & 1920 weddings; children's clothing from the 18th & 19th centuries - many owned by original owners of the house, and a wedding coat from 1775, along with items from the 19th century never displayed before.
<https://www.vanbunschootenmuseum.com/>

Old Clove Church NR

- Organization: Old Clove Church
501(c)(3) non-profit organization
- Address: 889 NJ Route 23
- Time: Sun., 11am - 4pm
- Municipality: Wantage
- Zip Code: 07461

- Used by the congregation until 1972, it was placed on the NJ State & the National Historic Registers in 1982.
- Often a site rented for wedding ceremonies.

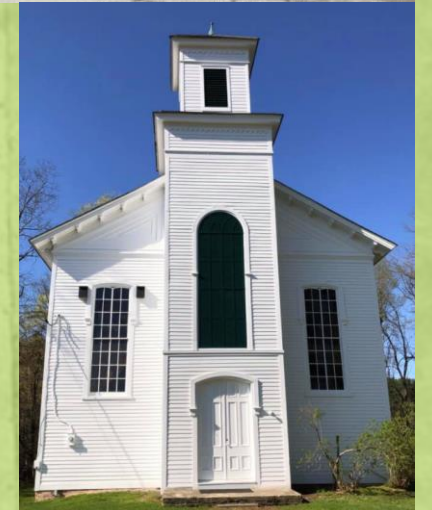
Read its history at: <http://www.oldclovechurch.org/index.php/history>



This original First Presbyterian Church of Wantage was built 1829.

Walpack Center HD

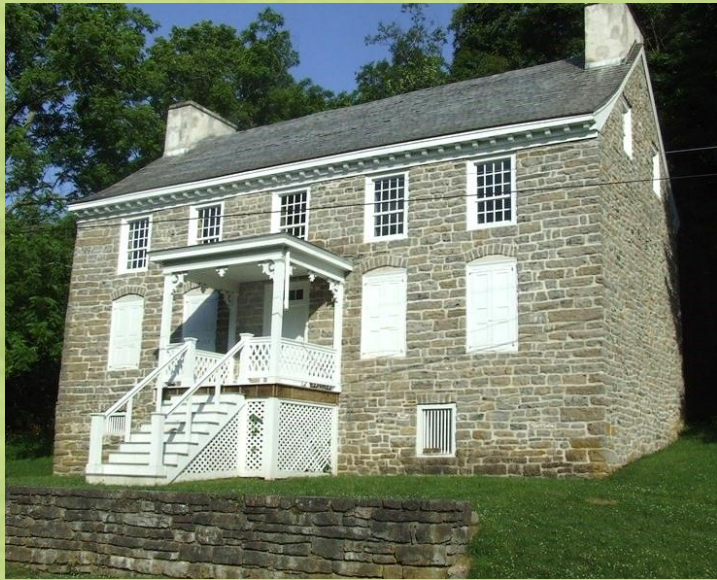
- Organization: Walpack Historical Society
 - Address: Main Street, off NPS 615
(Walpack Flatbrook Road)
 - Time: Sun., Noon – 4pm
 - Municipality: Walpack Center
 - Zip Code: 07881
- Authentic village setting, with a former one room schoolhouse, General Store / Post Office, and varied homes. New displays will be available to be seen that day in a former residence and the Methodist Church will be open.



Historic District was added to the National Register in 1980.

See: www.npshistory.com/publications/dewa/spanning-the-gap/v11-2-1.pdf

Van Campen Inn / Old Mine Road HD



The Military Trail, that connects to Walpack Center, is nearby.

<https://www.nps.gov/dewa/planyourvisit/historic-places.htm>

- Organization: Walpack Historical Society
- Directions: take Kuhn Rd. out of Peters Valley & turn left onto the unpaved Old Mine Road
- Time: Sun., Noon - 4pm "Van Campen Day"
- Municipality: Walpack
- Zip Code: 07881
- A restored stone "Yaugh" house from Colonial times. Those traveling to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia would stop here. Gen. Gates' regiment and Count Pulaski's Corp encamped in Shapanack during the Revolutionary War. Old Mine Road Historic District was established in 1980.

Ludlum-Mabee House / Lafayette Village HD

- Organization: Lafayette Preservation Foundation
- Address: 115 State Route 15 , near Meadows Rd.
- Time: Sun., Noon – 4pm
- Municipality: Lafayette
- Zip Code: 07848
- Ca. 1830 house in neoclassical style was built by the original owners of the Lafayette Mill. Will be displaying old toys, including a recently donated 1909 handmade doll house & carriage house, and will offer tours of the house.
- The historic district encompasses the surviving 19th century village, associated with the area's early settlement as a milling and farming community.



Parking is behind the house itself & is also allowed by the Lafayette Pond to the right - walk over the small bridge.

Historic District was added in 2013.
Antique shops are nearby.

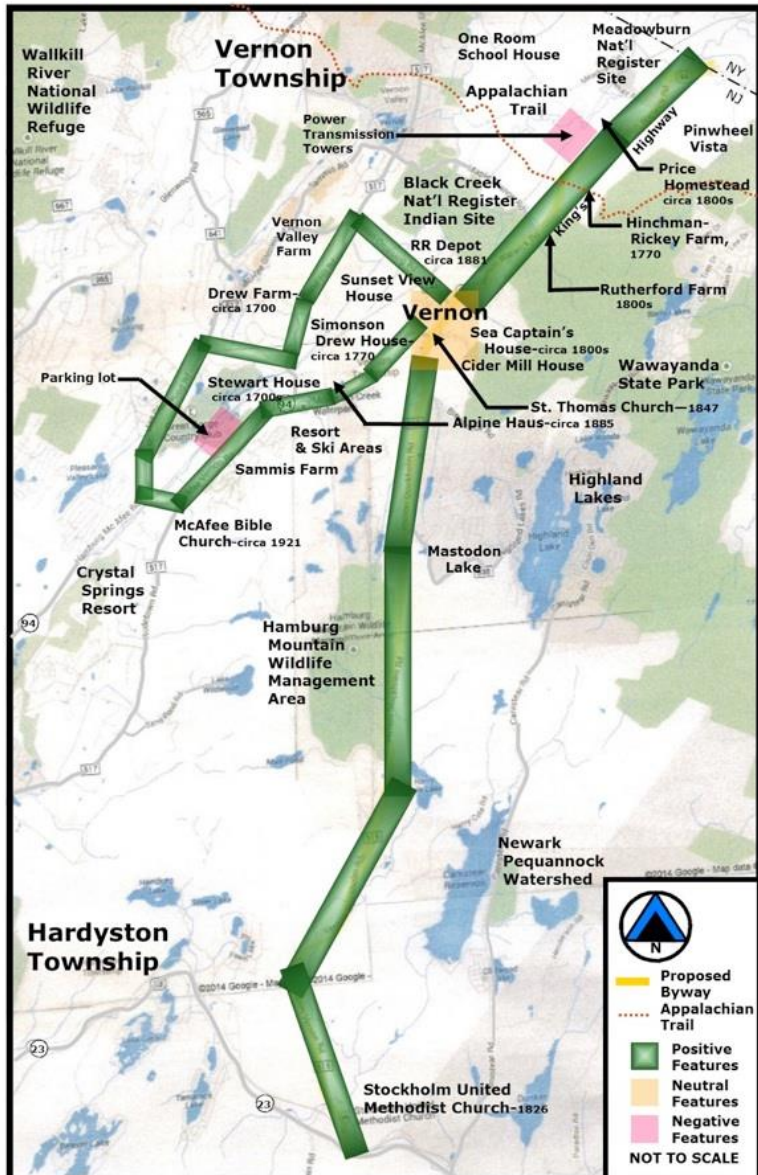
Van Kirk Homestead Museum

- Organization: Sparta Historical Society
 - Address: 336 Main Street
[off lane to Sparta Middle School]
 - Time: Sun., 1pm - 4pm
 - Municipality: Sparta
 - Zip Code: 07871
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- Offering a special Fall exhibit titled "Lenni-Lenape Life".
 - The house itself dates to the 1780s, with later expansions added while the Van Kirk's resided there, until sold to the Sparta BOE in 1996.



Ca. 1780 house of the Van Kirk family.

The Homestead had been occupied by the Van Kirk family for over 200 years.



**Western Highlands Scenic Byway
Byway Resource Inventory Map**

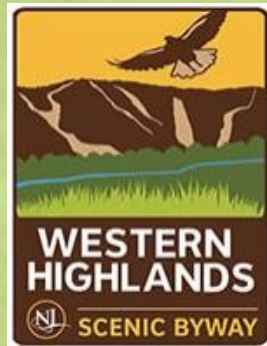
Sponsored by: The Vernon Historical Society
Application Date: 4-3-2014 Revision: 7-9-14

The Western Highlands Scenic Byway

..... travels north through Hardyston and Vernon Townships from Route 23 to the New Jersey/New York border.

The Appalachian Trail crosses the route north of Vernon and there are spectacular views along this hiking trail.

Several historic sites are located along the Byway as well.



Western Highlands Scenic Byway views

www.state.nj.us/transportation/community/scenic/western.shtm

Price's Switch Schoolhouse



Built in 1840, was the last one-room school house to operate in Sussex County. This building originally sat a ¼ mile north of Price's Switch Road, and was moved to its current location in 1883.

See the Map info box for town's Historic Markers.

- Organization:
Vernon Township Historical Society
- Address: County Route 515 - near intersection with Meadowburn Rd.
- Time: Sun., 11am - 4pm
- Municipality: Vernon
- Zip Code: 07462
- The last used county one room schoolhouse that survives fully intact - with its coal stove, desks, chalkboards, and outhouse, as when its doors closed June 1958.
- Mock lesson to be taught, as in the early 20th C.

Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum

- Organization: Lk. Hopatcong Historical Society
- Address: 6 Lakeside Boulevard
within Hopatcong State Park
- Time: Sun., Noon - 4pm
- Municipality: Landing
- Zip Code: 07850
- Located in a 19th century building, that originally served as a Morris Canal locktender's house, the Museum offers an engaging and informative look at the history of New Jersey's largest lake. Will be featuring Bertrand Island Park ,in the 40th anniversary of its last season.
- Lk. Hopatcong was once a major northeastern resort & some 40 hotels and rooming houses sat along its shores.

See: <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/hopatcong.html>



Lake Hopatcong is New Jersey's largest lake - originally created as part of the Morris Canal, a 90-mile waterway that ran from Newark to Phillipsburg and the chief means of transporting coal, iron and zinc across New Jersey in the 1860s.

Other places to stop by, while viewing our Fall foliage, or to return to visit on another day!

Tourist Museums \$

Franklin Mineral Museum

Sterling Hill Mining Museum

Space Farms Zoo & Museum

Also visit

New Jersey's Greenest County
FARMS & FARM MARKETS

www.sussexfarmvisits.com

Ventimiglia Vineyard \$



Look at our online map!

Please check our map for these other
historical locations & their info.
Consider visiting them, when opened.

Andover Museum, Andover

Col. John Coursen Homestead, Fredon

Foster-Armstrong House NR &
Nelden-Roberts Stone Schoolhouse,
Montague

Foster-Armstrong House NR



Circa 1790 Dutch Colonial house with its gambrel roof, original Dutch door, and a bee-hive oven.

Placed on the National Register in 1979.

- Organization: M.A.R.C.H.
- Address: 320 River Rd. (County Route 521)
- Municipality: Montague
- Zip Code: 07827

- Built by Julius Foster, the wood framed portion of the house is more characteristic of coastal Dutch architecture than that of the upper Delaware Valley. Foster's son-in-law, James B. Armstrong, added the stone portion and his descendants resided here.

See: <http://www.npshistory.com/publications/dewa/spanning-the-gap/v7-1-3.pdf>
Also maintains the Nelden-Roberts Stone Schoolhouse.

Col. John Coursen Homestead

- Organization: The Keepers of Coursen's Corners
- Address: 8 Stillwater Road
by Route 94 & Stillwater Rd.
- Municipality: Fredon
- Zip Code: 07860
- In 1763, Johannes Coursen purchased over 800 acres in Fredon. Probably replacing an early log home, this mansion was built about 1805. The four-corners land was later inherited by his son, Colonel John. Site is being restored and maintained in its original state.



The home was to be torn down when the land, that Lodestar Park was to be built on, was bought. The Keepers of Coursen's Corners then formed and convinced the town to leave the barn and farmhouse.

Andover Museum



View the society's Facebook page to see when the museum may be open. There are many antique shops along Main St.

- Organization:
The Historical Society of Andover Borough
- Address: 137 Main Street [Smith Street entry]
- Municipality: Andover
- Zip Code: 07821
- Museum has varied artifacts & displays. Andover once had a number of mines extracting iron ore. This led to the Sussex Railroad being developed to transport the ore.
See: www.revolutionarywarnewjersey.com/

Kittatinny Valley State Park with its lakes and trails is nearby.

View : <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/kittval.html>

SCAHC Gallery

- **Sponsoring Organization:**
Sussex County Arts & Heritage Council
- **Address:** 133 Spring St.
- **Municipality:** Newton
- **Zip Code:** 07860

Hosting an off-site event **Sat. 10/7 "Sussex County 'Last Blast' Food Truck and Music Festival"** at the Sussex County Fairgrounds in Augusta from 11am - 6pm. Tickets required. \$5 admission for Adults - Kids Free
Buy at the door or via Eventbrite link: lastblast2023.eventbrite.com

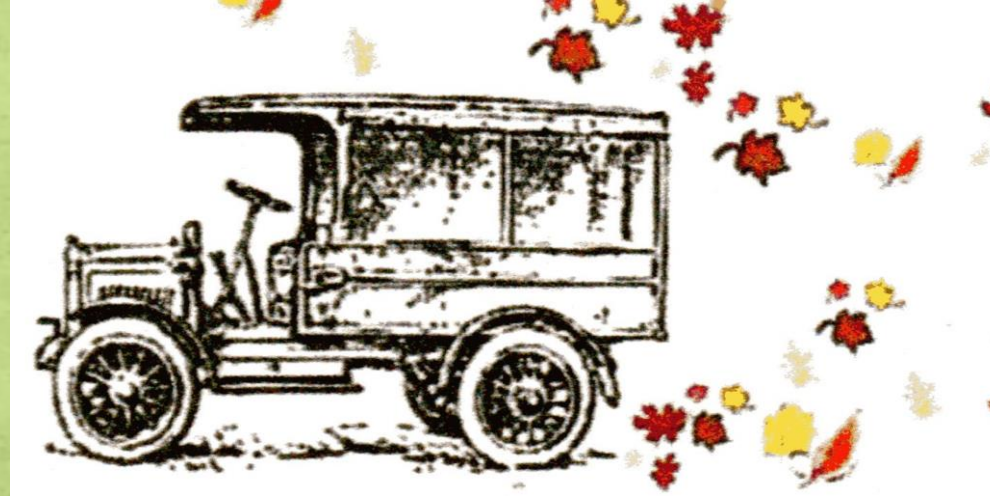
A Fall Festival sponsored by the *Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce* is being held **11am - 4pm** along Spring St. **Sun., Oct. 8th**. <https://greaternewtoncc.com/fall-festival/>
[Enter at the Union Pl. or Moran St. intersections.]



Gallery exhibitions & programs have resumed.

Check **SCAHC.ORG**

Please check Websites & Facebook pages for any updates!



Consider exploring Sussex County further; return to visit our sites whenever they open, to learn even more about our rich heritage!

Funding of the Sussex County Arts & Heritage Council has been made available in part by the NJ State Council on the Arts / Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through the State/County Partnership Block Grant Program, as administered by the Sussex County Arts & Heritage Council.

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