Sussex County Arts & Heritage Council's

12th Annual Heritage Weekend

Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 8th & 9th, 2022

Enjoy Columbus Day weekend.
Come tour our county's varied sites.

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 county historic marker locations and other places of related interest.
- Visit our Farms and Farm Markets, Vineyard & a Fall Festival.
- See High Point Monument – dedicated to NJ's Veterans.
- Drive our Scenic Byway.

Legend

2022 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

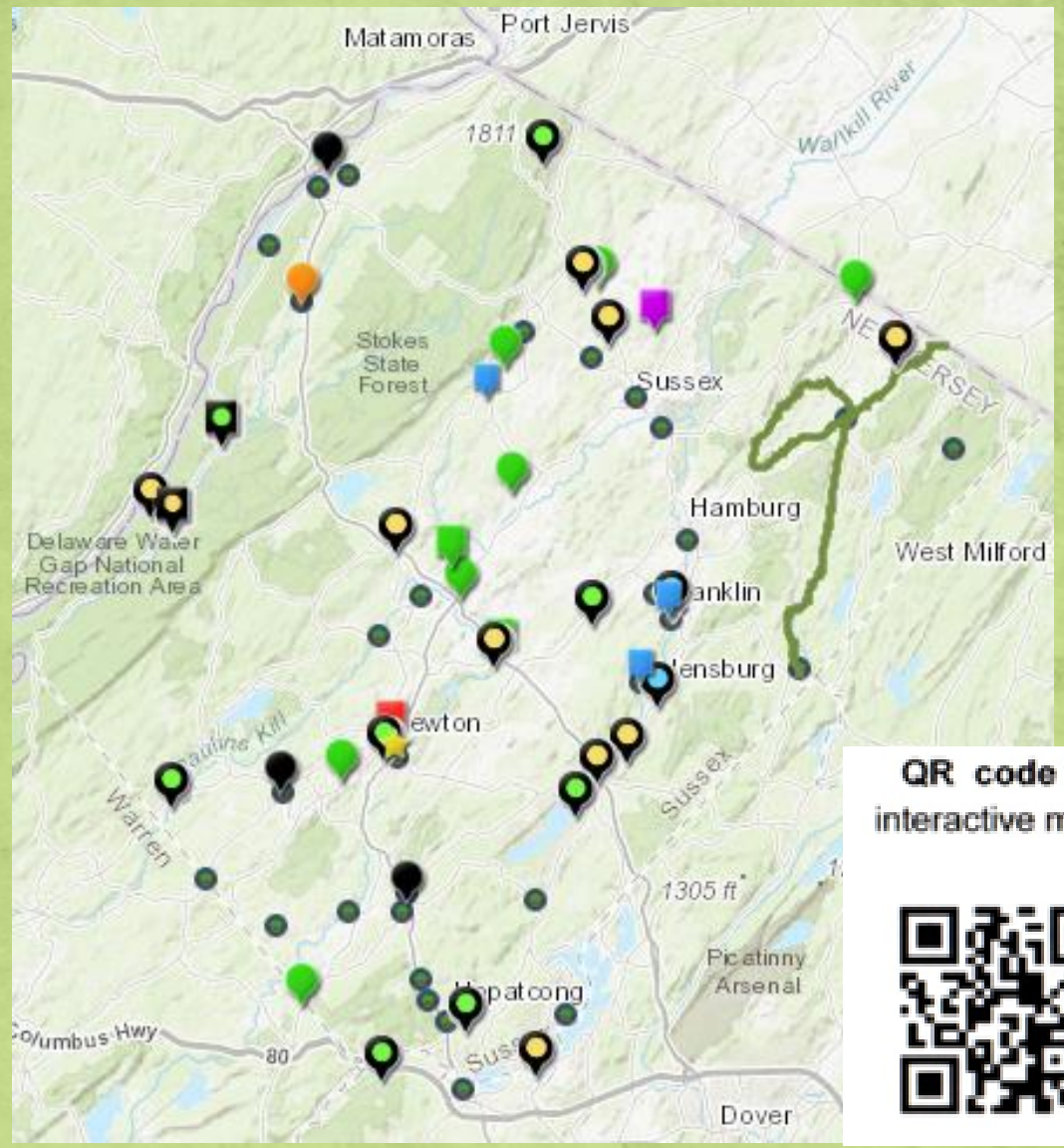
Western Highlands Scenic Byway

- Click on the Line for More Information

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

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

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



QR code to interactive map:

Also check out the Sussex County Historic Markers map at: *http://bit.ly/schistoricmarkers*

Tour these sites open only Sat., Oct. 8th

- **Franklin Historical Heritage Museum**, Franklin
- **Old Schoolhouse & Firehouse Museum**, Ogdensburg

Franklin Historical Heritage Museum

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

- Offers a display on the men, minerals, & the Zinc mine - creating the Fluorescent Mineral Capital of the World.
- Can peruse & enjoy the many volumes Curator/Historian Joseph Bene put together for posterity, regarding Franklin's local history.

Franklin Heritage Museum is located in what were once the "time offices" of the New Jersey Zinc Co.
Across the street, now sits the former Edison School / Hungarian Church.

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

- 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.
- Exhibits about NJ Zinc Mine milling operation, plus various aspects telling of the history of Ogdensburg, & display of the Edison Recorder..

Tour these Historic Sites / Historic Districts Oct. 8th & 9th

- **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
- **Stillwater Historical Museum,** Stillwater
- **Old Monroe Schoolhouse,** Hardyston [Franklin for GPS]
- **White Deer Plaza & Boardwalk Historic District,** Sparta
- **Waterloo Village Historic Site NR / HD**, Stanhope *

Look at our online map!

Some sites are within: * **Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area** * **NJDEP/Parks**.

Check online as these sites remain subject to those agencies COVID restrictions.

Information about all the historic districts can be found, along with photos taken at the time of the National Register applications, via links available in 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 is opened staff and weather permitting, 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Enjoy seeing the 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 Centert & 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 just across the road. This 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 – masks required indoors per NPS regs.**
- Check online for their current Gallery exhibition.

50th Anniv. [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. & Sun., 10am - 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.
- A presentation will be offered focusing on the society's additions: the Tully House and the Newton Academy, ongoing work and future plans for those buildings, the Museum, and the Old Newton Burial Grounds.

Old Monroe Schoolhouse NR

Side view of the schoolhouse 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

- 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.

White Deer Plaza & Boardwalk HD

Boardwalk offers 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

- Was later opened as St. John's Episcopal Mission 1935-1973, then moved to site and dedicated as a museum in 1986.
- Display 1860 Byram Map [included Stanhope and Hopatcong Borough] indicating sites of their 7 schoolhouses. Displays about the Sussex Branch RR & The Lackawanna Cutoff.
- Will show films of local RR trains (c. 1950).

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

Stillwater Historical Museum

Visit the nearby Casper & Abraham Shafer Grist Mill - a National Register site, and the restored Geo. D. Garris General Store.
Both are on Main St.

- Organization: Historical Society of Stillwater Township
- Address: 900 Main Street, near Maple Ave.
- Time: Sat., 11 am – 4:30 pm; Sun., 2pm - 5pm
- Municipality: Stillwater
- Zip Code: 07875
- Original Garris General Store items, vintage clothing exhibit , and school room in older part of the museum - the 1842 to 1909 school called "The Academy".
- Sat. 10/8, during which the Museum will be open, a Fall Festival overlaps onto the school property nearby.

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 approved in 2015.

To view an overall map of the area: *https://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/maps/step%20&%20allamuchy-03-23-07.pdf*

Visit these Historic sites open only Sun., Oct. 9th

- **Branchville Borough Historical Museum,** Branchville
- **Ludlum-Mabee House /Lafayette Village HD**, Lafayette
- **Van Kirk Homestead Museum**, Sparta
- **Sparta Train Station**, 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 **Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area** – sites follow NPS COVID guidelines. Check the Walpack Historical Society Facebook page for 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

- Special display about D.L.B. Smith, founder of Selected Risks (now Selective Insurance), and his impact on the town of Branchville.

Museum is located on the upper floor of the current Municipal Building, which was the former Branchville School.

The five steps to 2nd floor have a wheelchair assist.

Elias Van Bunschooten Museum NR

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

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

The house and the out buildings 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

- This Dutch Colonial homestead includes its barn, wagon house, ice house, & privy. furnished with period items - some original to house. Read about site at *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

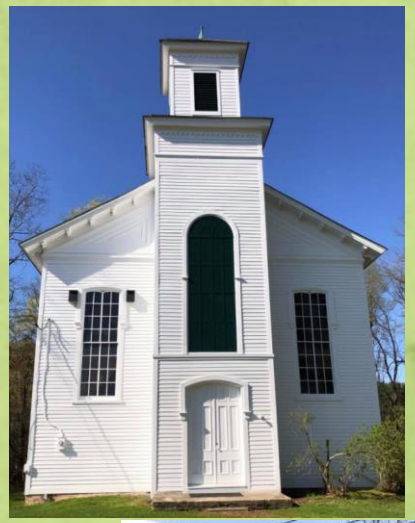
- Used by the congregation until 1972, it was placed on the NJ State & the National Historic Registers in 1982.
- Often a site for weddings

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

This original First Presbyterian Church of Wantage was built 1829.

Walpack Center HD

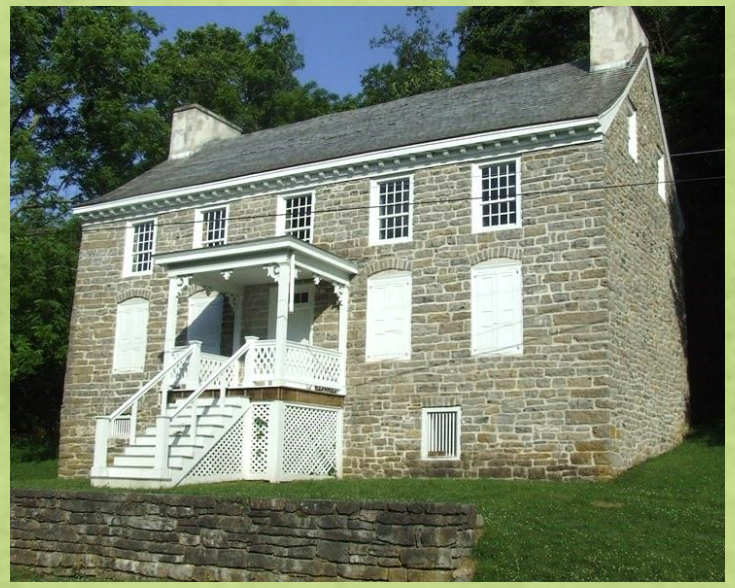
- Organization: Walpack Historical Society
- Address: Main Street, off NPS 615
  (Walpack Flatbrook Road)
- Time: Sun., Noon – 4pm
- Municipality: Walpack Center
- Zip Code: 07881



- Intact village setting - its Methodist Church will be open and a former residence: Village includes its former one room schoolhouse, the hamlet's General Store / Post Office, and residences
- 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.

NPS requires wearing mask indoors.
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 had 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. It is within the Historic District added to the National Register in 2013. Varied info displayed.
- 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 and also allowed by the Lafayette Pond off to the right - walk over the small bridge.

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

- Offering a special exhibit – a vintage duck decoy collection, in addition to other displays.
- The house itself dates to the 1780s, with later expansions added while the Van Kirk's resided there.

Ca. 1780 house of the Van Kirk family. The Homestead had been occupied by the Van Kirk family for over 200 years.

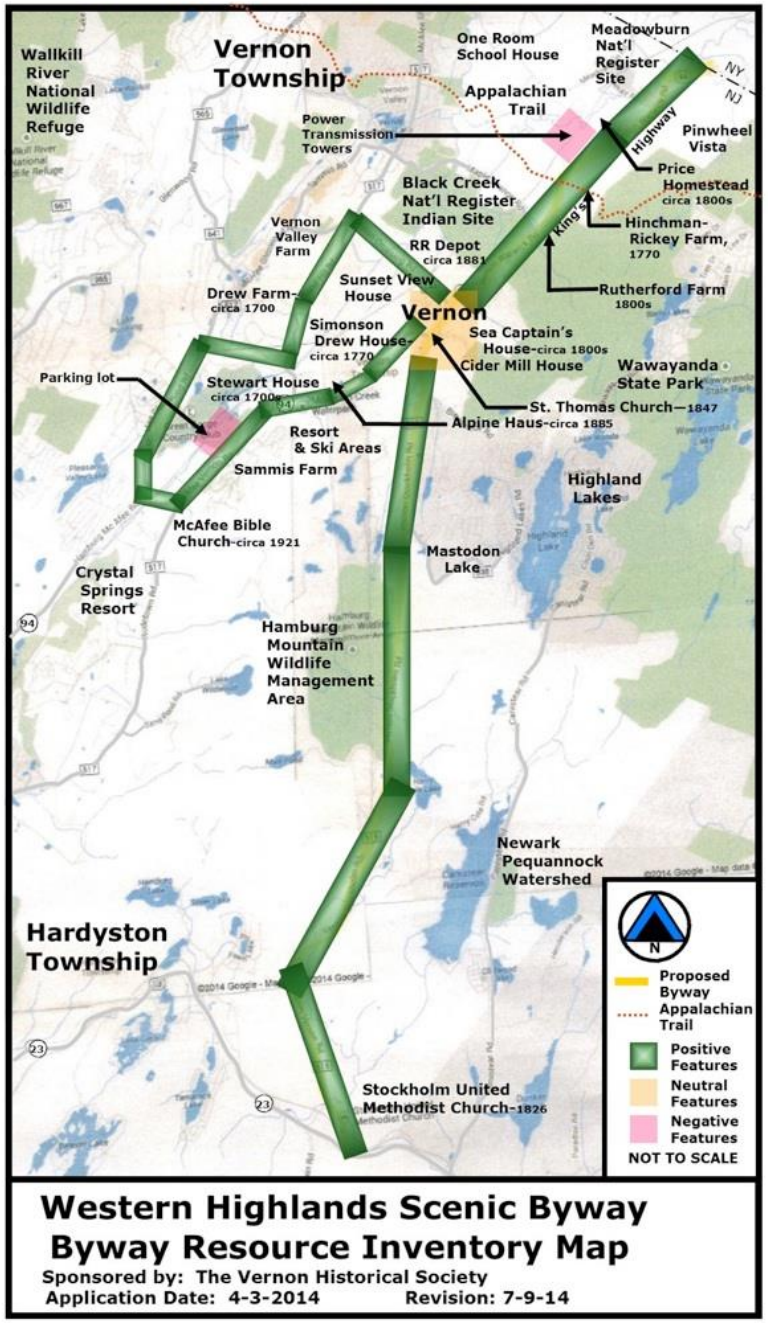
Sparta Train Station

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.

- Organization: Sparta Train Station
- Address: 30 Station Road
- Time: Sun., 11am - 4pm
- Municipality: Sparta
- Zip Code: 07871

- A reconstructed depot - one of 15 built in the county in 1881.
- It retains its original surviving water tower. "The station made Sparta a popular place to go in the late 1800s … there were 30 resort hotels in the area."

See its history at ***http://www.spartatrainstation.com/history***



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. Building originally sat a 1/4mile north of Price's Switch Road, and was moved to this current location in 1883.

See info on map for other Historic Markers.

- Organization: Vernon Township Historical Society
- Address: County Route 515 near the intersection with Meadowburn Road
- Time: Sun., 11am - 4pm
- Municipality: Vernon
- Zip Code: 07462

- The only county one room schoolhouse that survives today. Completely intact with its coal stove, desks, chalkboards, and outhouse - just as it was when its doors closed in June 1958.

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.
- Lake Hopatcong was once a major northeastern resort and some 40 hotels and rooming houses graced 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.

Places to stop by while viewing our Fall foliage!

Tourist Museums $

Franklin Mineral Museum

Sterling Hill Mining Museum

Space Farms Zoo & Museum

Look at our online map!

Please checkout map for these other historical locations & their info.
Consider visiting them when they open.

Andover Museum, Andover

Col. John Coursen Homestead, Fredon

Foster-Armstrong House NR, Montague

Also visit

Sussex County - New Jersey's Greenest County

FARMS & FARM MARKETS

www.sussexfarmvisits.com

Ventimiglia Vineyard $

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

Col. John Coursen Homestead

- Organization: The Keepers of Coursen's Corners
- Address: 8 Stillwater Road
  by Route 94 & Stillwater Road
- 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 open. There are 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

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

- A **Fall Festival** sponsored by the Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce is being held **11am - 4pm** along Spring St. on **Sunday, Oct. 9th.**

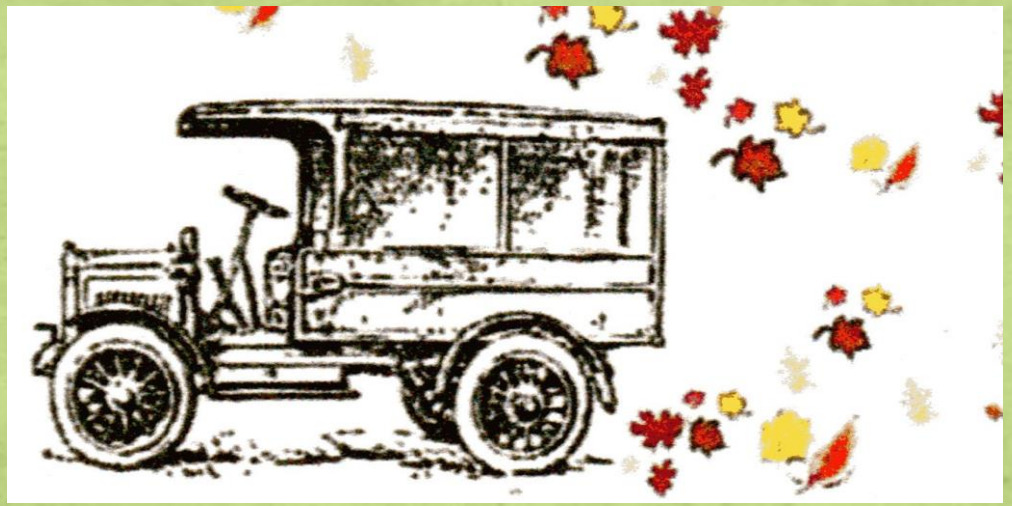
  [Enter at the Union Pl. or Moran St. intersections.]

  See: ***https://greaternewtoncc.com/fall-festival/***

Gallery exhibitions have resumed

Check scahc.org

Please check websites and Facebook pages for any changes or updates!



Consider exploring Sussex County again and do return to visit our sites again when they open, to learn more about our rich heritage!

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