

NORTH COUNTY

Boudinot-Southard-Ross Estate

135 North Maple Avenue
Basking Ridge (Bernards), NJ 07920

- Tours of the house, grounds, and Giving Garden
- Actors portraying historical characters
- Paint Out! for artists of all media
- Scavenger hunts

Brick Academy

15 W. Oak Street
Basking Ridge (Bernards), NJ 07920

- Exhibits and displays
- Docents will answer guests' questions

Jacobus Vanderveer House

3055 River Road
Bedminster, NJ 07921

- Site tours
- Refreshments available by donation (weather permitting)

Saturday Only, Noon – 2PM: The Long Hill String Band will perform, and author Michael Gabriele will discuss his book, *Colonial Taverns of New Jersey – Libations, Liberty, and Revolution*, published by The History Press.

Kennedy-Martin-Stelle Farmstead

450 King George Road
Basking Ridge (Bernards), NJ 07920

- Site tours
- Saturday Only, 11AM – 2PM:** “Folk Art Demonstration with Derek Polzer”

Sunday Only, 3PM – 4PM: “Theater Preview with The Lord Stirling Theater Company”

Kirch Ford Terrill House

1 Reinman Road
Warren, NJ 07059

- Full interior tours
- Ongoing spinning demonstration with an 18th Century Living History Reenactor
- Make and take drop spindle craft

Mount Bethel Baptist Meeting House

Mountainview and Mt. Bethel Roads
Warren, NJ 07059

- Full interior tours

Pluckemin Schoolhouse

2020 Burnt Mills Road
Bedminster NJ 07921

- Building tours
- Exhibitions by Barbara Wallace and Angela Pilgrim, New Jersey's two leading contemporary artists

Texier House Museum

10 Mountain Boulevard
Watchung, NJ 07069

- The Watchung Historical Committee will have books and postcards on Watchung History available for purchase at the event. We invite adults and children alike to custom color their own T-shirt, each with a different landmark from Watchung! Shirts being sold for \$15 each.
- Tours of the Texier House Museum

USGA Golf Museum

77 Liberty Corner Road
Liberty Corner (Far Hills), NJ 07938

- Free admission to the museum
- Free putting on the Pynes Putting Course (putters and golf balls are provided by the museum); appropriate footwear required (high heels and heavy-soled boots will not be permitted)

Washington Rock Park

One Rock Road East
Green Brook, NJ 08812

- Local historians will discuss the history of Washington Rock
- Facilities available for picnicking, hiking, and photography

Sunday Only, 1PM: General George Washington, as portrayed by Sam Davis, will give a talk followed by a question-and-answer session. This event will be held rain or shine. For comfort, consider bringing a folding chair!

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more information!



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JOURNEY THROUGH THE PAST

2024 Tours, Exhibits & Special Events



Saturday, October 12, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 13, 2024
Noon – 4:00 p.m.

CENTRAL COUNTY

Abraham Staats House

17 Von Steuben Lane
South Bound Brook, NJ 08880

- Dana Bala will discuss resources for researching female ancestors in history
- Guided tours of the c. 1740 historic house or self-exploration, including special exhibits
- Live music by Tom Harabin

Andrew Ten Eyck House

671 Old York Road
Branchburg, NJ 08876

- Guided tours of the site

Daniel Robert House

25 West End Avenue
Somerville, NJ 08876

- Interior and exterior guided tours

Fisher Family & St. Andrew's Cemetery

280 Main Street
South Bound Brook, NJ 08880

- Self-guided tour of cemetery, highlights and video presentation on the history of the cemetery and St. Andrew Memorial Church (asphalt and gravel, grass paths, may be uneven footing); printed and online (smartphone) walking guides will be provided
- Guided tours (Saturday at 11 AM and 1 PM) & Sunday (1 PM) of St. Andrew Cemetery
- Scavenger hunt and other kid's activities
- St. Andrew Memorial Church will be opened for private reflection (ramp and stairs to access)

General John Frelinghuysen House

54 East Somerset Street
Raritan, NJ 08869

- Self-guided tours all weekend during operating hours

Historic Brook Theatre

10 Hamilton Street
Bound Brook, NJ 08805

- Guided tours of the Brook Theater

Lane-Voorhees House

551 Milltown Road
Bridgewater, NJ 08807



Note: Only the grounds will be open to the public. The house remains closed for restoration.

- Self-guided tour of Lane-Voorhees-Brokaw History Exhibit all day
- Guided tours of the Lane-Voorhees-Brokaw History Exhibit every hour on the half hour
- Recorded music of The United States Army Old Fife and Drum Corp

Old Dutch Parsonage

71 Somerset Street
Somerville, NJ 08876

- Open House
- "Politics at the Parsonage" featuring the American Revolution, World War I and voting rights in New Jersey history

Sunday Only at 2PM: "Songs America Voted By" with historical musician Linda Russell

Old Presbyterian Graveyard

Corner of East High and East Streets
Bound Brook, NJ 08805

- Guided tours of the Graveyard

Philip Van Horne House

941 East Main Street
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

- 'A Weekend of Privateering at Philip Van Horne House,' featuring 1740-1750 merchant log details, presented by the Heritage Trail Association
- 1-hour interactive privateering event: navigation, grog, crafts, and more. Tours start every 15 min.
- Costumes encouraged and rewarded
- Privateer Captain Samuel Von Siegel from the American War for Independence Privateer Museum; Q&A /refreshments, until 4 PM both days

Somerville Exempt Fire Museum

23 North Doughty Avenue
Somerville, NJ 08876

- Fire Fighter and Historical Committee tours and artifact exhibits

Van Veghten House

9 Van Veghten Drive
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

- Interactive exhibit with Revolutionary Era teas and candies
- Reenactors and W3R representatives will discuss the Middlebrook Encampment and historic routes

Saturday Only, Noon, 1PM & 2PM: Ladies of the Revolution, presented by Katie Greene, featuring a documentary on the Middlebrook site

SOUTH COUNTY

1860 School House

1353 Main Street
Millstone, NJ 08844

- Learn about 19th and early 20th century rules for teachers and students, and the development of school architecture in New Jersey
- Display of 18th, 19th, and 20th century map reproductions
- Exhibition of vintage children's books and schoolbooks

Blawenburg Reformed Church

424 Route 518 (Georgetown Franklin Turnpike)
Skillman, NJ 08558

- Sanctuary and church grounds will be open for public visitation. Docents will provide information about the church's history and artifacts

Saturday Only, 2:00PM: Tales of Blawenburg author David Cochran and Blawenburg Pastor Jeff Knol will hold a walking tour telling the stories of the Blawenburg Cemetery, the old houses, and Broad View Farm. The tour begins and ends in the parking area behind Blawenburg Village Square (378 Route 518, Skillman, NJ 08550). Rain date: Sunday, Oct. 13, 2pm. Check blawenburgchurch.org for event changes.

East Millstone Bridgetender's Home and Station

2371 Amwell Road/Route 514 at the canal
East Millstone (Franklin), NJ 08876

- Guided tours of the house and newly restored station

Griggstown Bridgetender's House

2 Griggstown Causeway
Princeton (Franklin), NJ 08540

- House tours and D&R Canal history
- "Gifts from the Garden," an exhibit of food, medicines and household items grown in a 19th century garden

Montgomery Farm Museum

124 Montgomery Road
Skillman, NJ 08558

(Follow driveway past the 124 Club (big white house on the left) to the parking lot in back - farm museum is on the right.)

- Local farmers will discuss farm tools and practices at various times over the two days

Old Millstone Forge

9 North River Street
Millstone, NJ 08844

- Tours and demonstrations
- Historical tools, documents, and pictures on display
- Handcrafted goods for purchase (donation to the forge)

Six Mile Run Reformed Church

3037 State Rt 27

Franklin Park (Franklin), NJ 08823

- Tours of the historic church
- Light refreshments will be available for visitors

Saturday and Sunday, Only 2PM - 2:30PM:

An introduction to the 1892 tubular pneumatic organ. Julian Jenson, the church's music director and doctoral student at Temple University, will give a tour of the sights and sounds of this kind of instruments in the church's historic sanctuary. Come hear him demonstrate its versatility and discuss the challenges of making music with a piece of history.

Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum

189 Hollow Road

Skillman (Montgomery), NJ 08558

- Museum open to the public
- Saturday Only, Noon – 4PM:** Camp Meeting Reenactment with historical reenactors, live music by SSAAM Heritage Ensemble and Laticia Lewis, kids' crafts and scavenger hunts, plus baked goods and treats.

Sunday Only: Museum open hours with staff and docents, featuring the new exhibit: 'The Head that Wears the Crown: Black Women's Headwear from Slavery to Freedom'.

Wyckoff-Garretson House

215 South Middlebush Road
Somerset (Franklin), NJ 08873

- The Meadows Foundation will be proudly honoring the first occupants of the area - the Native Americans. In the Carriage Barn, visitors will be able to make and take home a Native American instrument that was used for ceremonies and entertainment
- Docent-led tours of the home, with all three floors open

• Please check www.SCHistoryWeekend.com for the most updated information.

