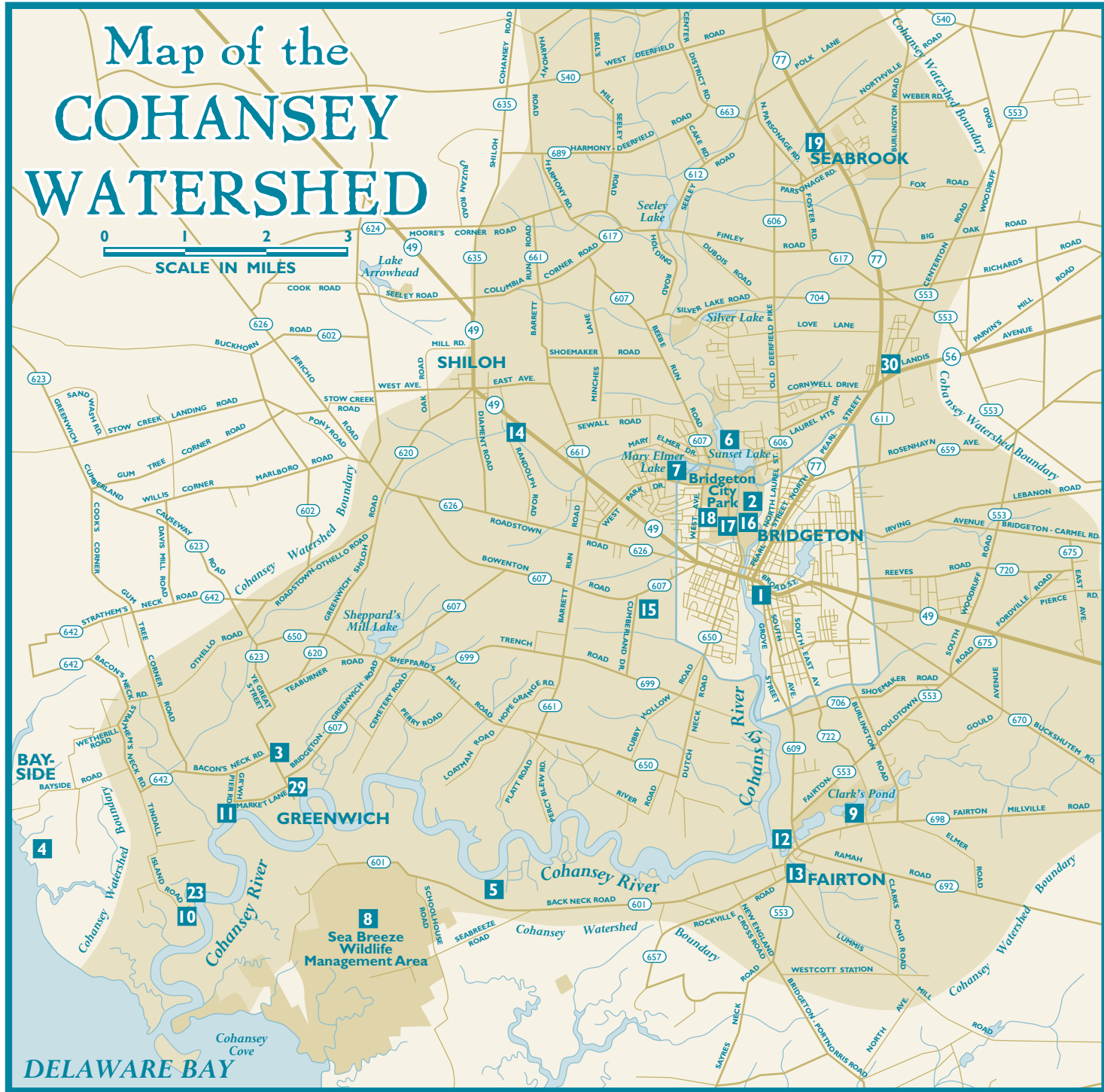
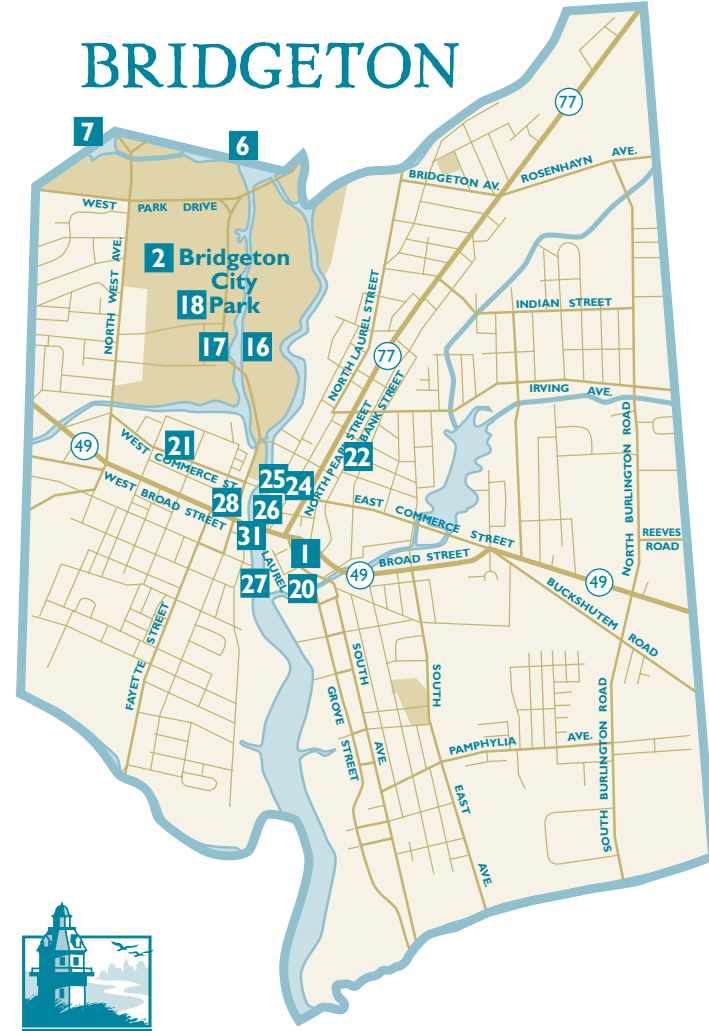


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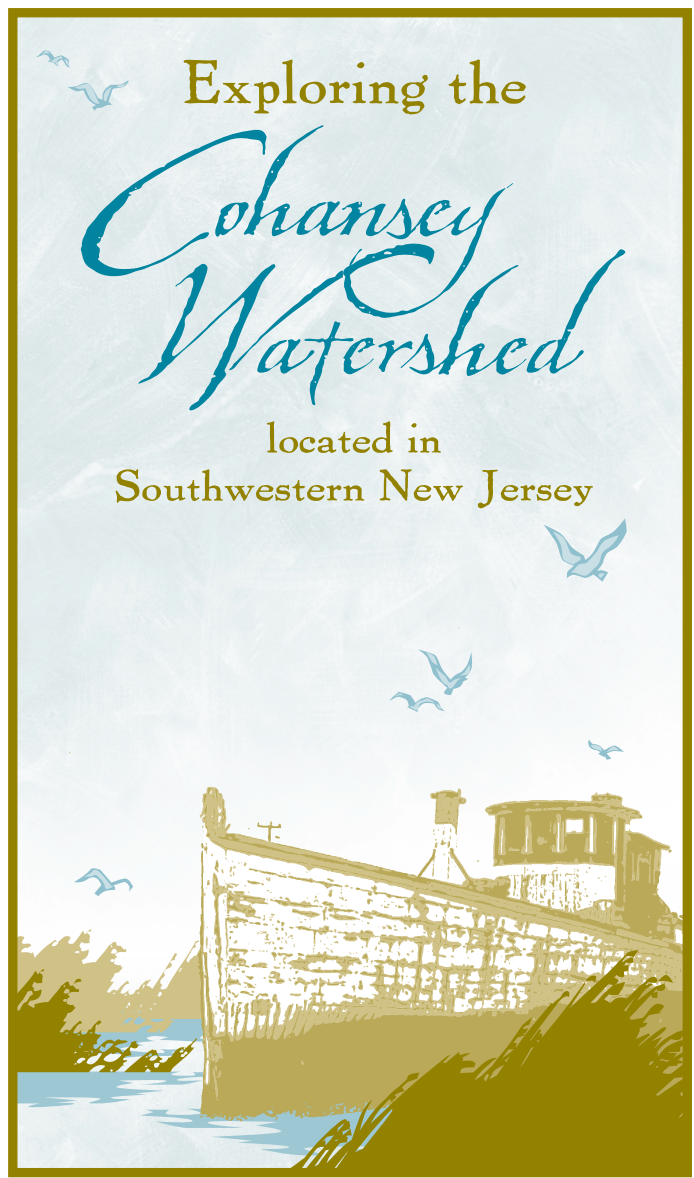
## BRIDGETON



The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary promotes the estuary as a regional resource through public education and outreach. Our goal, with this brochure, is to promote ecotourism based upon the estuary's watershed boundaries rather than politically designated county or township lines. It is also designed to educate you about the natural resources of this watershed while being sensitive to its preservation. For more information, call 1-800-445-4935.

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Exploring the  
*Cohansey  
Watershed*  
located in  
Southwestern New Jersey

“They say the field stretches to the sea and almost touches the waves.”

*Pablo Medina*



The **Cohansey Watershed** is an area full of history, wildlife, and natural beauty just waiting for your exploration. The Cohansey Watershed includes not only the river itself, but also the land it drains. From its headwaters in Salem County through the picturesque countryside of Cumberland County, visitors to this secluded region of South Jersey are provided with a wealth of opportunities for birding, boating, fishing and other outdoor activities.

The Cohansey River is the second largest river in Cumberland County and one of the most scenic and natural of all the tributaries to the Delaware Estuary. The Delaware Estuary Region extends from the falls at Trenton, New Jersey to the mouth of the Delaware Bay. It is the tidal portion of the Delaware River – where the salt waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the fresh waters of the river mix. It provides critical habitat for many species of plants, animals, birds, and fish.

Identified in this brochure are not only listings of natural areas and recreational resources, but also of locally owned and operated accommodations and eateries. We have made an effort to include businesses that provide visitors with a unique insight into the culture of the Cohansey Watershed. Your support for these businesses will in turn help to sustain the local economy and in doing so, may help to protect the natural resources of this unique corner of New Jersey.

We hope you find this guide helpful and that you enjoy your visit to the Cohansey Watershed.

## In Town...

### Bridgeton

We suggest using **Bridgeton** as your base for discovery. Bridgeton, a 300-year old city and the largest town in the Cohansey Watershed, is home to New Jersey's largest historic district. The Cohansey River runs directly through this town, and has played an important role in the area's history and present revitalization initiatives.

The self-guided Historic Bridgeton Walking Tour will introduce you to Colonial, Federalist, and Victorian historic structures as well as the newly constructed waterfront promenade. A complimentary walking tour map is available at the **1 Bridgeton Tourist Information Center**.

The town is committed to preserving its heritage and revitalizing the downtown. Bridgeton's diverse population is reflected in its choice of eateries. From pub grub to Latino grocers, the palate of any visitor is sure to be satisfied.

Take some time to visit the 1,100-acre **2 Bridgeton City Park**, which provides opportunities for boating, freshwater fishing, swimming, and hiking along the Albert J. Kolonich, Jr. Nature Trail. The Bridgeton City Park offers good birding at any time of the year.

### Greenwich

Visitors to the Cohansey could easily speed past the country village of Greenwich in seconds, but we feel it deserves a visit, if not to stroll through the John DuBois Maritime Museum, then for a bite at the Greenwich Country Store. Greenwich, founded in 1675, is a charming community of stately homes. It is probably best known, however, for a rather rowdy episode. It was in 1774 that a coalition of local men, dressed as American Indians, rode into town on horseback to loot and then set fire to a shipment of heavily taxed English Tea. The men were hailed as local heroes, and in 1908 a monument was erected in their honor. One of the tea-burners, Richard Howell, later became the Governor of New Jersey.

The **3 John DuBois Maritime Museum**, located at 949 Ye Greate St, (856) 455-1774, houses the largest collection of southern New Jersey maritime related items, including a collection of ship builder's models, caulking tools, and rigging. The museum is only open on Sundays from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., April through November.

## On the Road...

The Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders has published an excellent map that includes both the watershed's towns and byways.

While there are few designated cycling trails in the region, the roads in the Cohansey Watershed are quiet and less traveled. The **South Jersey Wheelmen** (856) 848-6123, a local cycling group, has identified a cycling route that runs through the watershed along Route 607 from Bridgeton to Greenwich and to points beyond. Remember to always wear a helmet and take the necessary precautions when riding on public roadways.

## Enjoying nature...

Public access for water-based recreation and fishing is available at both of **PSEG's Estuary Enhancement Sites** in the Cohansey Watershed. The mission of PSEG's Estuary Enhancement Program is to provide food sources for fish and other aquatic species by restoring and preserving aquatic habitats of the Delaware Estuary. For additional information about PSEG's Estuary Enhancement Sites, call 1-888-MARSHES.

The **4 Bayside Tract Natural Viewing Area** is a 4,500 acre site, open to the public for photography, fishing, crabbing and exploring (hunting and trapping by special permit only). A brochure and map for the Bayside Tract are available at Hancock Harbor located south of Greenwich, or by calling 1-888-MARSHES. The Bayside Tract is rich in both history and wildlife. At the turn of the last century, it was the site of the thriving sturgeon fishing port known as Caviar. It is now home to warblers and swallows, otters, killifish, and bay anchovy. The only sign of human influence are the aged pilings from the former fishing port, and a newly constructed observation tower that overlooks the Delaware Bay and marsh. The Bayside Tract, a spring resting area for migratory shorebirds, also supports several

protected bird species including the northern harrier, black rail, and bald eagle. So bring your fishing pole or your birding binoculars and enjoy the solitude of a day on the bay shore. *From Greenwich, take Bacon's Neck Road for a little over a mile. At the "T" intersection, make a right onto Stratthem's Neck Road and follow the signs for Bayside.*

The **5 Green Swamp Nature Trail at the Cohansey Watershed Wetland Restoration Site** has more than 1,000 acres of naturally preserved land. Hike through the property along designated nature trails. The boat launch on the Cohansey River is open to the public. Fishing and crabbing are also permitted. *From Fairton, take Back Neck Road (Route 601) for 4.2 miles. Look to the right for a green mailbox #666. Turn and park in the gravel lot. A gravel road will lead you to the boat launch.*

For freshwater fishing, the Cohansey Watershed is dotted with lakes. **6 Sunset Lake** and **7 Mary Elmer Lake** will provide anglers with some excellent fishing opportunities. *Public access to both lakes is found off of County Road 607 in Bridgeton City Park.*

Great horned owls and screech owls can be discovered in the **8 Sea Breeze Wildlife Management Area**, on its 2,500 acres of woods, fields, and salt marshes. *From Fairton, travel west for approximately 4 miles on Back Neck Road (Route 601). Veer left onto Seabreeze Road, which will lead you directly into the management area.*

**9 Clark's Pond Wildlife Management Area**, located near Fairton, contains four impounded ponds providing habitat for waterfowl. *Clark's Pond is accessible by taking Fairton-Gouldtown Road (Route 553) out of Fairton. Make a right onto Clark's Pond Road. Parking is available in a small dirt lot, which is located half a mile down on the right.*

For your bait and tackle supplies or fishing and boating needs, try the **10 Hancock Harbor Marina** located at the end of Tindall Island Road (856) 455-2610, the **11 Greenwich Boat Works & Marina** on Greenwich Pier Road (856) 451-7777, or the **12 Fairton Marina** on Main Street in Fairton (856) 451-3220. Further down Main in Fairton is **13 Bartone's Bait House** (856) 451-3288.

## Other places of interest...

**14 DeCou Orchards & Farm Market**, Route 49, Shiloh, (800) 300-8851. Select your own peaches, apples, or nectarines, or make a reservation to tour their facilities and learn how these fruits are grown. This is an excellent autumn excursion for pumpkins and mums. The orchard is open seven days a week, dawn 'til dusk.

**15 Sunny Slope Orchards**, 400 Bowenton Road, Bridgeton, (856) 451-0022. The orchard picks, packages, and sells fresh peaches to the public all on the same premises.

**16 Sunset Lake Fish Ladder**, Bridgeton. A project of PSEG to provide river herring with access to spawning areas. Located in Bridgeton City Park. Visible from the Albert J. Kolonich, Jr. Nature Trail.

**17 Cohanzyck Zoo**, Bridgeton, (856) 451-4551. New Jersey's first zoo houses more than 200 birds and mammals from around the world.

**18 New Sweden Farmstead/Museum**, Bridgeton City Park, (856) 451-4802. A re-creation of a 17th Century Swedish farmstead. Open from mid-April through October.

**19 Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center**, 1325 State Highway 77, Seabrook, (856) 451-8393. The cultural diversity of this region is celebrated through museum style exhibits.

The staff at the **1 Bridgeton Tourist Information Center**, located at Broad & Pearl Streets, (856) 451-4802, is extremely helpful. They can provide you with any of the resources mentioned in this publication including a map of Cumberland County and the Bridgeton Walking Tour Guide, as well as additional information needed for your adventure.

Need a place to take your wildlife photography for development? Consider **20 Dom's Photo Center**, located at 41 S. Laurel Street in Bridgeton. (856) 455-1484

## Where to lay your head...

**21 Stone House Inn Bed & Breakfast**, 151 West Commerce St., Bridgeton. A 19th Century Victorian B & B with five richly appointed rooms. (856) 451-4800

**22 Bank Street Bed & Breakfast**, 66 Bank St., Bridgeton. (856) 453-0500

## Where the locals grab a bite...

**23 Bait Box Restaurant**, Hancock Harbor, Greenwich. Dine on cooked-to-order food, while overlooking the Cohansey River. (856) 455-2610

**24 Benjamin's**, 101 East Commerce St., Bridgeton. Friendly staff and great food. (856) 451-6449

**25 Brenner's Brew**, 21 E. Commerce St., Bridgeton. An eclectic coffeehouse complete with mixed-matched furniture, board games, and poetry readings. (856) 451-5885

**26 Bridgeton Grill**, 11/2 E. Broad St., Bridgeton. A small but quaint diner along Bridgeton's waterfront promenade. (856) 451-0220

**27 Bridgewater Pub**, 22 S. Laurel St., Bridgeton. Good food, good service, and good spirits, accompanied by live music. (856) 455-9551

**28 Coach Room**, 59 W. Broad St., Bridgeton. A local favorite. (856) 451-0041

**29 Greenwich Country Store**, 1016 Ye Greate Street, Greenwich. Charming general store and sandwich shop. (856) 453-3622

**30 Tinker's Seafood**, Landis Ave., Bridgeton. Food, fresh from the estuary. (856) 455-1700

**31 Weber's Candy Store**, 16 S. Laurel St., Bridgeton. Manufacturing candy since 1888. (856) 451-7811