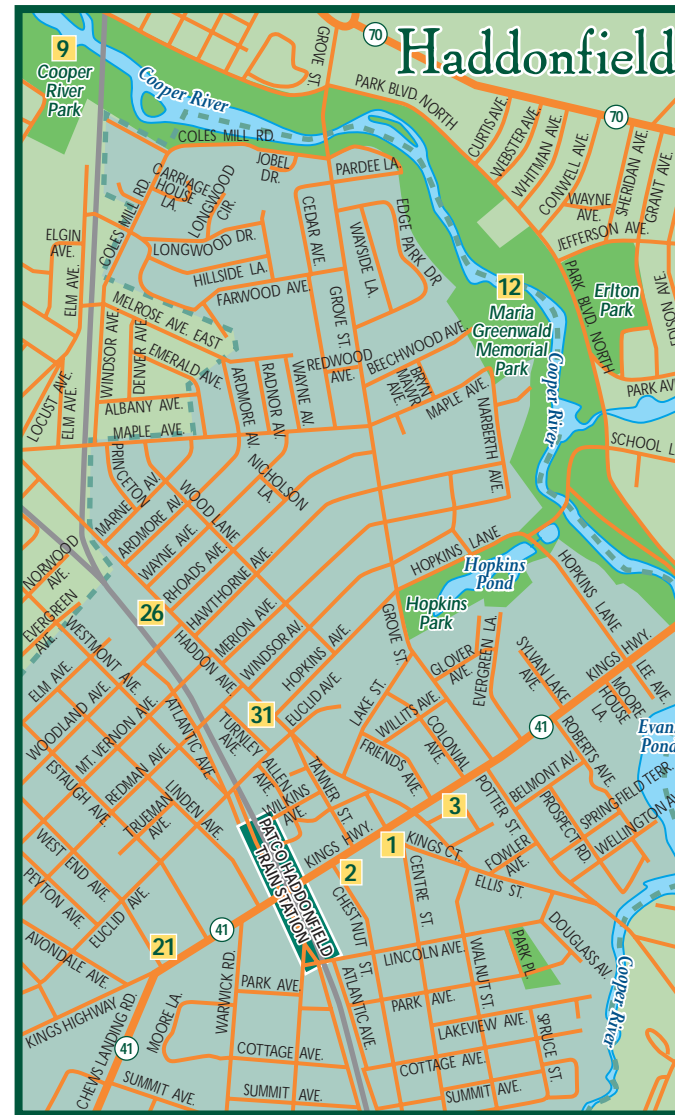


Map of the Lower Delaware Tributaries' Watersheds



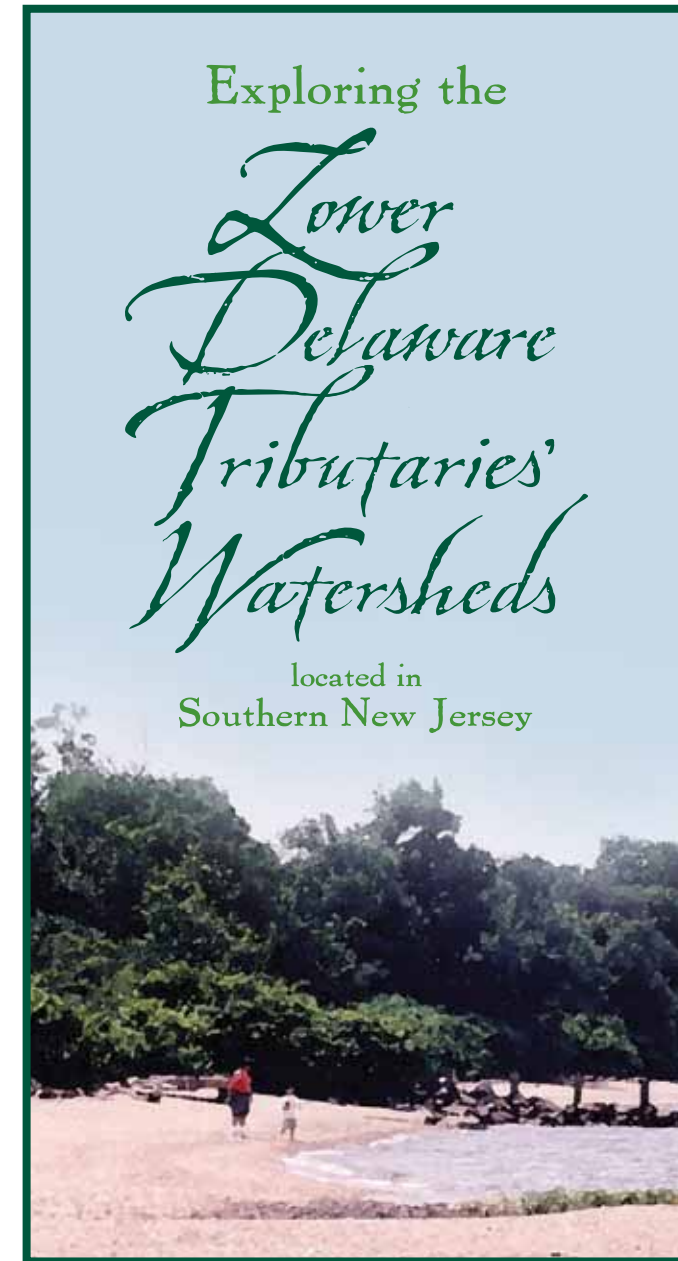
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For more information, call 1-800-445-4935 or visit our web site at www.DelawareEstuary.org.

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Exploring the
Lower Delaware Tributaries' Watersheds
 located in
 Southern New Jersey

"The melody of waters fill'd the fresh and boundless wood."

James Fennimore Cooper



New Jersey's **Lower Delaware Tributaries**, affectionately known as the "Lower Tribs," has been a lively and energetic area for quite some time.

The area was originally inhabited by the Lenni Lenape Indians who made use of the wildlife in the Lower Tribs for sustenance. When the European colonists of Swedish, Dutch, and English descent arrived, they navigated the waterways of the Lower Tribs to transport goods to and from Philadelphia. In 1858, with the discovery of the first nearly complete dinosaur skeleton, this area was able to trace its heritage back to prehistoric times. In the 20th Century, industry found its way to the shores of the Delaware River; the New Jersey Turnpike and Interstate 295 bisected the region, carrying travelers to and from the mid-Atlantic's major cities; and most recently, the problems of suburban sprawl have reared their ugly head.

The region is comprised of the Cooper River, and the Big Timber, Mantua, Newton, Oldmans, Pennsauken, Pompeston, Raccoon, Repaupo, and Woodbury Creeks, encompassing a watershed area of 391 square miles. These waterways are some of the many tributaries of the Delaware Estuary. The Delaware Estuary Region extends from the falls at Trenton, New Jersey and Morrisville, Pennsylvania to the mouth of the Delaware Bay. It is the tidal portion of the Delaware River – where salt and fresh water mix. The Delaware Estuary provides critical habitat for many species of plants, animals, birds, and fish.

Identified in this brochure are listings of natural areas, recreational resources, and 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 Lower Tribs. Many of the proprietors listed have a professed interest in our environment. 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 wonderful area.

We hope you find this guide helpful and that you enjoy your visit to the Lower Tribs.

In Town...

There are many "creek" towns in the Lower Tribs, all with a fascinating history and connection to the waterways, but we chose to introduce you to two – Haddonfield and Mullica Hill.

Haddonfield

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Haddonfield is one town that knows how to capitalize on its colonial charm. Described as a "Rockwellesque" community, its streets are lined with historic mansions, its shopkeepers sell their wares with "old-world hospitality," and its taverns are filled with liquid spirits and invisible apparitions.

Begin your day of discovery at the **1 Haddonfield Visitor and Information Center**, 12 Kings Court, Haddonfield (856) 216-7253, or research before you go at www.haddonfieldnj.org. Walking tours of certain historic sites are offered. Learn more by contacting the **2 Historical Society of Haddonfield**, 343 King's Hwy. East, (856) 429-7375, or craft your own tour. You might try winding your way through the renovated rooms of the **3 Indian King Tavern Museum**, 233 Kings Hwy. East, (856)-429-6792. Safety issues prevent you from roaming its spooky subterranean chambers.

In 1858, a vacationing and very curious, William Parker Foulke, hired a crew of excavators to dig in a local marl pit, finding, as he had expected, the bones of a seven to eight ton herbivorous dinosaur – *Hadrosaurus foulkii*. The creature's permanent home is at The Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, but its original resting place, in Haddonfield, was lost until 1984, when a local boy scout took it upon himself to rediscover this historic site. It is now marked with a stone in a tiny landscaped section of **Maria Greenwald Memorial Park** (see location in the next column). *Hadrosaurus Run*, a tributary to the Cooper River rambles its way through the park revealing gray and brown marl deposits where ancient seashells can still be found.

Mullica Hill

Straddling the Raccoon Creek, the village of Mullica Hill welcomes visitors to "antique country." Many of its historic structures have been restored to house shops and galleries. In 1991, the entire village was placed on the National Register of Historic Places and the New Jersey State Register of Historic Places in recognition of its historic and architectural significance. Start your serious antiquing at the **4 King's Row Antique Center**, 46 N. Main St., (856) 478-4361. Browsers will enjoy sifting through the bottles, books, jewelry, and other collectibles at **5 The Warehouse**, 2 S. Main St., (856) 478-0007, and **6 The Old Mill Antique Mall**, 1 S. Main St., (856) 478-9810. Before you go, check out www.mullicahill.com.

Enjoying nature...

7 Red Bank Battlefield in National Park, (856) 853-5120, was a former plantation owned by the Whitall family for four generations; and the site of the Battle of Red Bank, which took place during the Revolutionary War. It's a beautiful park located on the Delaware River that has something for everyone – history, passive recreation, and access to the water.

8 Palmyra Cove Nature Park in Palmyra, (856) 829-1900, has an extensive trail system, which begins at the environmental education center and wanders by an ecologically sensitive tidal marsh – a prime bird watching area. The site is famous for its migrants, particularly in the fall. During mid-September as many as 27 warbler species have been recorded in a single day. Visit www.palmyracove.org for more information.

For extensive recreation options, try a couple of Camden County's waterfront parks. **9 Cooper River Park**, in Cherry Hill, has 300 acres of recreational space with a bike path, picnic area, softball field, playground, and restaurant. Also available are a boat-launching site, dog-park, and a cross-country course. Nearby is **10 Newton Lake Park**, in Collingswood. Smaller than Cooper River Park, Newton Lake Park has three picnic areas, two playgrounds, and a boat ramp.

11 The Taylor Wildlife Preserve, owned by the Taylor family since 1720, is open to the public to explore the wetlands and meadows that provide habitat for a diversity of wildlife. The preserve entrance is an easy-to-miss dirt driveway across from the Hoeganaes-Interlake industrial site on River Road – Rt. 543.

12 Maria Greenwald Memorial Park in Haddonfield, keeps everyone active either playing softball, volleyball, cycling, or jogging. Sports enthusiasts exist amicably among birders and historians in this space where the *Hadrosaurus foulkii* was discovered.

Other places of interest...

South Jersey's glass manufacturing past is in good hands at the **13 Glassboro Heritage Museum**, Center and High Sts., Glassboro, (856) 881-7468. Bottles and jars of all styles and colors are on display. Do you know how the city of Glassboro got its name? Find out here: www.glassboroonline.com/glassboro_nj_arts1.htm.

The Camden Waterfront, www.camdenwaterfront.com, (856) 757-9400, is home to the **14 New Jersey State Aquarium** www.njaquarium.org, (856) 365-3300; the **15 Camden Children's Garden**, a special place for the young and the young at heart to explore and discover the natural world www.camdenchildrensgarden.org, (856) 365-8733; and **16 Wiggins Park**, a waterfront open space with a marina for pleasure craft, (856) 795-PARK.

17 Camden County Historical Society, 1900 Park Blvd., Camden, (856) 964-3333, has an extensive research library, museum, educational programs, and a grand Georgian-style plantation house.

18 Walt Whitman's House, in Camden, at 328 Mickle Boulevard, (856) 964-5383, is a National Historic Landmark. History and literary buffs will find an intimate glimpse into the life of the poet whose original letters, personal belongings, and the bed in which he died have all been preserved. www.ci.camden.nj.us/htdocs/walt.html.

Believed to have been built around 1638, the **19 C.A. Nothnagle Log House**, at 406 Swedesboro Rd., (856) 423-0916 in Gibbstown is the oldest log cabin in the United States. It is currently a private home, however the owners do offer tours, as long as they are notified in advance of your visit.

In use since 1880, the **20 Tinicum Rear Range Lighthouse** (856) 423-1505 or (856) 423-2545, sits in the middle of a recreational complex in Billingsport. The lighthouse is open to the public on the third weekend of the month from April through October.

Where to lay your head...

21 Haddonfield Inn, 44 West End Ave., Haddonfield. This intimate, elegant hotel in historic Haddonfield is located minutes from the Cooper and the Delaware Rivers. (856) 428-2195 or www.haddonfieldinn.com.

22 Victorian Lady Bed and Breakfast, 301 W. Main St., Moorestown. Two bedrooms with private baths and full breakfast. (856) 235-4988

23 Timberlane Campground, 117 Timberlane Rd., Clarksboro. This year-round campground features RV and tent sites, a four-person cabin, swimming pool, game room, and more. (856) 423-6677 or www.timberlanecampground.com

24 Lake Kandle Campground, 250 Chapel Heights Rd., Sewell. A family-oriented campground with boating and fishing opportunities and great swimming in their lake or two pools. (856) 589-2158 or www.lakekandle.com

Where the locals grab a bite...

25 La Campagne, 312 Kresson Rd., Cherry Hill. Say "oui" to their French cuisine. (856) 429-7647

26 The Little Tuna, 403 N. Haddon Ave., Haddonfield. A BYOB steak and seafood restaurant with rave reviews. (856) 795-0888

27 C.J.'s Tavern, 610 Hessian Ave., National Park. Casual eats on an outdoor deck. (856) 845-2990

28 Harrison House, Rte. 45 and 322, Mullica Hill. A popular diner and meeting place for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. (856) 478-6077

29 Hilltop Restaurant, 47 S. Main St., Mullica Hill. Friendly staff serving homemade cakes to hungry antiquers. (856) 478-2112

30 Pat's Pizzeria of Mullica Hill, 104 N. Main St., Mullica Hill. Come in and grab a slice. (856) 223-9977

31 Three Beans Coffee Co., 140 N. Haddon Ave., Haddonfield. The town's hippest hangout. (856) 354-2220

32 Angelo's Glassboro Diner, 26 N. Main St., Glassboro. Diner grub at its best. (856) 881-9854

33 Swedes Café/Bar/Restaurant, 1301 Kings Highway, Swedesboro. The old Swedesboro Inn, built in 1771, has found new life as Swedes, except that someone forgot to tell Edith, its 12-year old ghost, who seems to like table #8 on the porch. (856) 467-2052