

Chol Hamoed Guide



This Sukkos, it's time to break the tradition of sitting around for hours debating where to go only to pile into the van at the last minute and race to get to your chosen destination before closing time. We've done the research so you don't have to, bringing you 100-plus fabulous attractions in and around Lakewood. To make it easier for you to find what you're looking for, we've revamped our trip guide and organized attractions by age group. Whether you're looking for a scenic park for long, leisurely walks with your new husband,

a family-friendly petting zoo for your little ones, a trip that will get your teens excited, or a small outing you and Zaidy can squeeze in for a breather from the hosting treadmill, we've got you covered.

As always, it's best to call locations in advance to confirm hours, availability, and pricing, as many of these fluctuate by the week.

So grab the kids, round up the cousins, and start planning. Your Chol Hamoed adventures are waiting!

Stay safe and have fun!

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→ TRIP TIPS:

Find discounts for your trip before heading out by checking out sites like beentheredonethattrips.com, groupon.com, and theocean-countylibrary.org.

Holders of Ocean County library cards in good standing (not more than \$25 in fines) can partake of museum passes to 14 museums and attractions in New York and New Jersey for free. Visit theocean-countylibrary.org/museum-pass-program for details.

A New Jersey Boating Safety Certificate is required to operate many motor-powered water vessels. You can obtain a certificate by completing an online boating safety course and applying for a license at the MVC. Processing can take a day or up to week, depending on availability of next scheduled exam. Visit njsp.njoag.gov/msb-boating-safety-cert-license for more details.

ICON KEY



Nature & parks



Waterways & beaches



Animal fun



Rides & adventure



Active & sports



Games & entertainment



Let's get creative



See and explore



Indoor attractions



Outdoor attractions

SPECIAL FOR CHOL HAMOED SUKKOS 2026

SUKKOS CARNIVAL

Details: The carnival is sponsored by Kollel Ner Avrohom Inc. (Dr. Roberts) in memory of Rochel bas Eliyahu. Enjoy nosh and prize giveaways along with a Rolla Bolla acrobatic show, FMX bike show, circus show, game show by Boruch Perlowitz, and an illusion and magic show.

Time: Wednesday, September 30, 11:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Admission: free

Address: Blue Claws Stadium (2 Stadium Way)

SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE & SAFARI: NCSY CHOL HAMOED SUKKOS

Details: Presented by NCSY, this is a one-day event with the entire park available exclusively through NCSY. Limited tickets available. Safari access is included with general admission at no additional cost, but per Six Flags policy, the safari can only be accessed through the theme park. Kosher food will be available for purchase, and a sukkah will be available on premises.

Time: Thursday, October 1. Theme park hours: 11 a.m.–8 p.m.; safari hours: 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Admission: Presale/early bird (through September 30): theme park \$63, parking \$40 (safari included). Day-of: theme park \$69, parking \$40 (safari included).

Address: 1 Six Flags Blvd., Jackson Township, NJ 08527

Phone: 201-862-0250 (general info); 973-634-3314 (group pricing)

Website: sixflags.ncsy.org

Notes: Tickets can be purchased at the gate or online. Questions can be emailed to sixflags@ncsy.org.

HERSHEY PARK EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE CHOL HAMOED SUKKOS EVENT

Details: This private Chol Hamoed event at Hersheypark features thrilling coasters, kiddie rides for all ages, food for sale (from Fahrenheit Catering), and on-site sukkos.

Time: Tuesday, September 29, 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

Admission: \$55.99 per person (online, save off gate price of \$65); parking \$15 per vehicle if purchased online by September 27 (\$25 at the gate on day of). Children under 3 don't need a ticket. Online ticket sales end September 27.

Website: hersheyparksukkot.com

Notes: Outside food is not permitted in the park. The boardwalk and water rides will be closed during this event.

CHOL HAMOED FUN IN TOMS RIVER

Details: Join in on a zip line, fun slide, turbo tubs, Ferris wheel, trackless train, Dixie Twister, bumper cars, rock wall bungee,

and many inflatables. Sukkah on premises.

Dates: Monday–Thursday, all days of Chol Hamoed, 11:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

Admission: Wristband package 1: \$24 for unlimited all day on all inflatables, fun slide, train rides, Ferris wheel, Dombo, Whirlwind, tubs, and Twister (excludes zip line). Package 2: \$35, all of the above plus bumper cars, 24-foot rock wall climbing, and bungee jumping (excludes zip line). A 20 percent early bird discount is available from 11:30 to 12. Pay per ride: \$4 and \$8 each.

Address: Riverwood Park, Toms River (Riverwood corner Whitsville)

⚡ ○ KNOCKERBALL

Details: Bounce, bump, and score in Knockerball—soccer like you’ve never played before! Play bumper soccer in a giant bubble suit. For ages 7 and up.

Admission: \$300/hour; includes 10 Knockerball suits and an inflatable playing field, suitable for large groups of 30+.

Address: 106 Johnson Ln., Jackson, NJ

Phone: 732-267-1156

Notes: Weather permitting. Must book in advance.

🔍 🧠 INFOAGE SCIENCE AND HISTORY MUSEUM’S SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Details: The museum will host a presentation by John Cervini, “Abraham Karem—Immigrant, Aviation Engineer, Entrepreneur,” introducing the audience to the career of Abraham Karem, considered the father of military drones. Admission includes access to all museums.

Time: Wednesday, September 30, at 3 p.m. Special museum hours: 12–6 p.m.

Admission: adults \$15, children (5–12) \$10, active military \$8



GOOGLE MAPS

Address: 2201 Marconi Rd., Wall, NJ 07719

Website: InfoAge.org

🎮 🧠 THE ARENA EXPERIENCE: SHAINDY PLOTZKER LIVE 2026

Details: Enjoy a concert experience presented by EG Productions, streaming worldwide.

Time: September 23–October 5

Website: shaindyplotzker.com

🎮 🧠 LOST BUT FOUND

Details: This film, presented by Malky Weingarten, follows a woman who couldn’t find her family...

until she found herself. A heartwarming drama with an enduring message from the producers of *Mali*, *Hush Hush*, and other films. Available as an exclusive streaming event, only for Chol Hamoed.

Admission: \$25 per person

Website: malkysmedia.com

🎮 🌧️ THE FINAL MOVE—TOURNAMENT 4: ENDGAME

Details: This film is presented by E. Brach—the final installment of the *Tournament* series. It's an independent story, filmed in Southeast Asia. For women and girls only. For the trailer, email thefinalmovetour4@gmail.com.

Time: Motzaei Yom Tov, September 27, 10 p.m.; Monday, September 28, 4:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.; Tuesday, September 29, 8:30 p.m.; Wednesday, September 30, 4:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.; Thursday, October 1, 8:15 p.m.

Admission: \$45 cash (exact change)

Address: Yeshivah Ktana, 120 Second St., Lakewood, NJ

Notes: For women and girls only. Additional viewings available in Monsey and Brooklyn; out-of-town, contact 347-546-9877.

🎮 🌧️ ZERO HOUR

Details: This film is presented by Lebowitz and Schorr—a suspenseful drama, filmed in Turkey. Women and girls only; endorsed by noted *mechanchos*. Duration: 60+ minutes. To see the trailer, email zerohourfilms5787@gmail.com.

Time: Motzaei Yom Tov, September 27, 10:15 p.m.; Monday, September 28, 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday, September 29, 9 p.m.; Wednesday, September 30, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; Thursday, October 1, 8:30 p.m.

Admission: \$30

Address: Ateres Reva, 500 Summer Ave., Lakewood, NJ

Notes: Additional showings in Boro Park and Monsey. For out-of-town, see local ads.

🎮 🌧️ EXTROSE: FRAMED

Details: This film is presented by R. Schick and R. Barri—a gripping, captivating drama. In the quest of truth, will she lose it all? Women and girls only; endorsed by noted *mechanchos*. To view the trailer, email extrose2026@gmail.com.

Time: Motzaei Yom Tov, September 27, 9:45 p.m.; Monday, September 28, 8:45 p.m.; Tuesday, September 29, 4:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.; Wednesday, September 30, 8:45 p.m.; Thursday, October 1, 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Admission: \$45 cash only; out-of-town prices vary

Address: BYHS, 277 James St., Lakewood, NJ

Notes: Women and girls only. Additional showings

in Boro Park and Monsey. For out-of-town showings, call 347-246-8261.

🎮 🌧️ CHOL HAMOED ENTERTAINMENT FILM RENTAL

Details: A film rental service offering a huge selection of popular films by famous producers, available for private rentals, with discounted rates for large groups. No internet needed. Titles include *Wheel of Death*, *The Last Man Standing*, *Bubby Trap*, *De Ja Vu*, *Salento 2*, *Who Are You*, *Istahar*, *Lulida*, *Persian Secrets*, *Trapped*, *Among Us*, *Just Go*, *Exit Stage Left*, *Follow Me*, *Lone Leaf*, *Whispering Waves*, and many more.

Phone: Lakewood: Squankum 732-228-3026, Oak and Vine 848-329-2000, Ridge 847-633-7715

OVERNIGHT GETAWAYS

With Chol Hamoed stretching for most of a week this year, there's more than enough time for an overnight getaway with the entire family. Pack a pop-up sukkah along, or use the local shul's public sukkah or on-premises sukkos at these locations for your meals.

SUKKOS IN NIAGARA

Niagara Falls is spectacular to visit anytime, and Chabad of Niagara's Jewish Niagara Sukkos program makes a getaway especially easy with kosher food, minyanim, sukkah options, accommodations, and more all arranged for you. If you prefer to plan your own trip, you can book your own accommodations and meals and simply enjoy the falls and the many attractions nearby.

🌧️ / 🌧️ JEWISH NIAGARA CHOL HAMOED SUKKOS 2026

Details: Jewish Niagara offers a full range of resources for *frum* visitors, including daily minyanim, kosher food, hotel accommodations, public sukkah options, discounted attraction tickets, and special Chol Hamoed programming. The Jewish Welcome Centre serves as a convenient home base for visitors throughout their stay.

Admission: Varies by activity. Attraction tickets, hotels, Food Fest, and other services are available for purchase or reservation; some programming, including *simchas beis hashoeivah* entertainment, is free.

Address: Jewish Niagara Welcome Centre, 6417 Main St., Niagara Falls, ON L2G 5Y3, Canada

Phone: 905-356-7200 ext. 772

Website: jewishniagara.com

Notes: Daily minyanim are available throughout Chol Hamoed. Sukkah options include an 8,000-square-foot

Food Fest sukkah, a public patio sukkah, and an overnight sukkah for men. The Chol Hamoed Food Fest runs September 28–30, with kosher food available throughout the day, and Jewish Niagara also offers live entertainment and *simchas beis hashoeivah* celebrations throughout Chol Hamoed.

🚤 MAID OF THE MIST

Details: Take a boat ride directly into the mist at the base of the American and Horseshoe Falls. The short but thrilling ride provides an up-close view of the falls and includes an elevator ride to the boat landing.

Admission: adults \$30.25; children ages 6–12: \$19.75; age 5 and under free

Address: Niagara Falls State Park, 304 Prospect St., Niagara Falls, NY 14303

Phone: 716-278-1794

Website: niagarafallsstatepark.com

Notes: Passengers receive ponchos, but expect to get wet. Tickets are first come, first served; online tickets can be used on any operating day.

🌿 CAVE OF THE WINDS

Details: Get incredibly close to the falls on a series of wooden walkways at the base of the Bridal Veil Falls. Visitors receive protective footwear and a poncho and can experience the spray and power of the falls from just feet away.

Admission: adults \$23, youth \$19 during the regular May–October season; lower rates apply during offseason.

Address: 10 Goat Island Loop Rd., Niagara Falls, NY 14303

Phone: 716-278-1794

Website: niagarafallsstatepark.com

Notes: Expect to get very wet! Tickets are sold at the attraction and are not currently available online. Hours vary substantially by



season.

🐠 AQUARIUM OF NIAGARA

Details: Visit this family-friendly aquarium featuring more than 1,500 aquatic animals, including seals, sea lions, penguins, sharks, jellyfish, and fish from the Great Lakes and around the world.

Admission: adults \$25; seniors 60+: \$23 ; children ages 3–12: \$18; age 2 and under free

Address: 701 Whirlpool St., Niagara Falls, NY 14305

Phone: 716-285-3575

Website: aquariumofniagara.org

Notes: Check the aquarium's web-

site for closing time and current schedule. Last admission is one hour before closing. Parking is \$7 during the main season and \$5 offseason.

WHIRLPOOL STATE PARK

Details: Enjoy spectacular views of the Niagara Whirlpool and powerful rapids from scenic overlooks along the Niagara Gorge. Families can stick to the easier upper-level paths or take the stairs down into the gorge for more challenging hiking along the river.

Admission: free

Address: Niagara Falls, NY 14305

Phone: 716-284-5778

Website: parks.ny.gov/parks/whirlpool

Notes: Open year-round from dawn to dusk. The lower gorge trails involve steep stairs and rocky terrain, so sturdy footwear is recommended.

WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT

Take a trip just a few hours' drive from Lakewood and discover a thriving *frum* community surrounded by plenty to see and do. With New England's beautiful fall foliage in full view, Waterbury makes for a particularly scenic visit this time of year.

For your convenience, Kosher World is a one-stop shop for groceries and prepared food, with pizza, deli, sushi, and a variety of fleishig takeout options. There are also lots of shuls in the area for a minyan that fits your schedule, several with sukkos available for public use.

RAILROAD MUSEUM OF NEW ENGLAND

Details: Explore this railroad museum based at historic Thomaston Station, with exhibits and scenic train rides along the Naugatuck River. The standard scenic route is about 20 miles round-trip.

Admission: Varies by excursion; train rides are ticketed separately. The museum operates scenic and historic excursions on the Naugatuck Railroad.

Address: 242 E. Main St., Thomaston, CT 06787

Phone: 860-283-7245

Website: rmne.org

Notes: Be sure to call before visiting, as the daily schedule changes often.

DANBURY RAILWAY MUSEUM

Details: Drop by this family-oriented railroad museum in the restored 1903 Danbury Union Station, with indoor exhibits plus a huge 15-track historic rail yard containing old locomotives and rail cars.

Admission: Check seasonal calendar for pricing, as it fluctuates often.

Address: 120 White St., Danbury, CT 06810

Phone: 203-778-8337

Website: danburyrailwaymuseum.org

SOUTHFORD FALLS STATE PARK

Details: Grab a camera and get ready to explore this scenic 169-acre park with a tiered waterfall, covered bridge, observation tower, pond, and about two miles of trails. Fall foliage makes the park particularly breathtaking this time of year.

Admission: free

Address: 175 Quaker Farms Rd., Southbury, CT 06488

Phone: 203-264-5169

Website: ctparks.com

HOP BROOK LAKE

Details: Enjoy this recreation area surrounding a lake with walking trails, picnic areas, wildlife viewing, and fishing. There are also areas for non-motorized boating.

Admission: free

Address: 4 Straits Turnpike, Middlebury, CT 06762

Phone: 203-729-8840

Website: recreation.gov

WHITESTONE CLIFFS TRAIL

Details: Put on your hiking boots for this short but moderately challenging rocky hiking trail through Matatuck State Forest with unusual white-rock cliffs and views over Naugatuck Valley. The trail has some steep and rocky sections, so it's best for families with older kids.

Admission: free

Address: Mt. Tobe Rd., Plymouth, CT 06782

Website: portal.ct.gov

BALTIMORE AND WASHINGTON, DC

The flourishing *frum* community in Baltimore and its close proximity to DC makes it the perfect vacation spot. You can choose to stay in Baltimore and explore their many local attractions or hop on over to DC for a day trip or two that will fascinate the history buffs in your family.

BALTIMORE

NATIONAL AQUARIUM

Details: One of Baltimore's biggest family attractions, the National Aquarium features sharks, rays, jellyfish, tropical fish, a rainforest habitat, dolphins, and other marine life spread across multiple floors and buildings in the Inner Harbor.

Admission: General admission is \$39.95–\$49.95, depending on age; children 4 and under are free. Prices and age categories are subject to change.

Address: 501 E. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21202

Phone: 410-576-3800

Website: aqua.org

Notes: Plan on several hours for a full visit. Timed admission is recommended. Outside food is not permitted inside, so plan to eat before or after your visit.

MARYLAND SCIENCE CENTER

Details: This hands-on science museum with three floors of interactive exhibits covers everything from the human body to physics and outer space. There's also a planetarium and IMAX theater, with additional admission for some experiences.

Admission: Paid admission; prices vary by age and may vary for special experiences.

Address: 601 Light St., Baltimore, MD 21230

Phone: 410-685-2370

Website: mdsciencecenter.org

Notes: A particularly good choice for families with school-age children and teens who enjoy hands-on exhibits. Located in the Inner Harbor, making it easy to combine with other nearby attractions.

THE MARYLAND ZOO

Details: Have fun at this large zoo in historic Druid Hill Park featuring African penguins, elephants, giraffes, lions, polar bears, farm animals, and more. Penguin Coast is one of the zoo's signature exhibits.

Admission: Prices vary by age and date.

Address: 1 Safari Pl., Baltimore, MD 21217

Phone: 410-396-7100

Website: marylandzoo.org

Notes: Mostly outdoors, so check the weather before going. The zoo is hilly, and comfortable shoes are recommended.



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WASHINGTON, DC

SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Details: One of DC's most popular family museums, the Smithsonian features fossils, gems, animals, ocean life, and other natural-history exhibits.

Admission: free

Address: 10th St. and Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20560

Phone: 202-633-1000

Website: naturalhistory.si.edu

Notes: A strong all-ages choice, especially for families with children who aren't necessarily museum buffs. Some exhibits are currently closed or undergoing changes, so check the museum website before visiting.

SMITHSONIAN'S NATIONAL ZOO

Details: Families will love this large zoo in Rock Creek Park with elephants, lions, orangutans, seals, birds, reptiles, and many other animals, along with children's areas and interactive exhibits.

Admission: Free; free entry passes are required.

Address: 3001 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20008

Phone: 202-633-2614

Website: nationalzoo.si.edu

Notes: The zoo is quite large and hilly, so expect plenty of walking. Some exhibits are currently undergoing renovation.

NATIONAL MALL AND MONUMENTS

Details: Take a scenic walk through the National Mall and visit some of Washington's most famous landmarks, including the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, World War II Memorial, and more.

Admission: free

Address: National Mall, Washington, DC

Phone: 202-426-6841

Website: nps.gov/nama

Notes: This is a great option for a family that wants to see DC without paying admission. The monuments are particularly beautiful around sunset and after dark, although families should plan for significant walking.

/ US CAPITOL

Details: Visit the iconic home of the US Congress, where visitors can tour the historic building and see the Rotunda, National Statuary Hall, and Crypt. Families that don't have time for a tour can walk around the Capitol grounds and take in the impressive exterior.

Admission: Free. Reservations are recommended for the interior tour, although same-day passes may be available.

Address: First St. SE and East Capitol St. NE, Washington, DC 20004

Phone: 202-226-8000

Website: visitthecapitol.gov

Notes: This can be an indoor or outdoor trip. A tour is required to see the historic rooms inside the Capitol; visitors can enjoy the exterior and grounds without taking a tour. Allow time for security screening.

/ THE WHITE HOUSE

Details: See one of America's most recognizable landmarks and the official home of the president of the United States. Arrange a free public tour to see several of the historic rooms on the State Floor.

Admission: Free. Public tours must be requested through a member of Congress and are subject to availability; requests should be made seven to 90 days in advance.

Address: 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20500

Phone: 202-456-1111

Website: whitehouse.gov

Notes: If you don't arrange a tour, you can still visit the area around the White House and see the building from the outside. Public tours are self-guided and include the Blue Room, Red Room, Green Room, State Dining Room, Cross Hall, and Entrance Hall.

FOR THE NEWLYWEDS

Whether you're being hosted for the entire Yom Tov or staying home for Chol Hamoed, you'll enjoy a day away for just the two of you. Choose from our selection covering every kind of trip, from beautiful flower gardens and scenic waterways to more adventurous outings like speedboating and horseback riding.

AQUA RENTZ BOAT RENTALS

Details: Rent a powerboat and take it out on Barnegat Bay. The fleet includes bowriders, center consoles, and pontoon boats, with boats accommodating up to eight passengers. Rentals are available for a half day, a full day, or multiple days. An NJ Boater Safety Certificate is encouraged but not required; renters without one can complete a pre-rental boating-safety instructional course at the marina.

Admission: Contact the attraction for current pricing as rates change often. Fuel is additional and typically runs \$50-\$100.

Address: 3245 Rt. 35 S., Lavallette, NJ 08735

Phone: 732-597-1957

Website: aquarentz.com

Notes: The renter must be 25 or older. Call to confirm availability and opening hours.

RUTGERS GARDENS

Details: Explore 180 acres of botanical gardens featuring display gardens, natural areas, a student vegetable farm, and university research plots. This includes themed gardens such as rose and perennial

gardens plus walking paths and benches throughout.

Admission: free

Address: Rutgers New Brunswick campus, 130 Log Cabin Rd., New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Phone: 848-932-7000

Website: rutgersgardens.rutgers.edu

SAYEN HOUSE AND GARDENS

Details: This 30-acre botanical garden features scenic walking paths, ponds, gazebos, and beautiful seasonal flowers. It's the perfect spot for a relaxing stroll, family outing, or scenic photos.

Admission: free

Address: 155 Hughes Dr., Hamilton, NJ 08690

Phone: 609-890-3588

Website: hamiltonnj.com

HARTSHORNE WOODS PARK

Details: This large wooded park overlooks the Navesink River and Atlantic coastline with scenic overlooks, historic military bunkers, and a small beach with a fishing pier. The park features over 16 miles of trails for hiking, mountain biking, and walking.

Admission: free

Address: Navesink Ave. and Hartshorne Rd., Highlands, NJ 07732

Phone: 732-872-0336

Website:

monmouthcountyparks.com

Notes: Trails vary from easy to challenging and are shared by hikers and mountain bikers. The park is divided into three sections—Buttermilk Valley, Monmouth Hills, and Rocky Point—with several scenic overlook points and historical World War II battery sites.

MANASQUAN RESERVOIR

Details: Visit this 1,204-acre park with walking paths and water activities. Boat rentals include rowboats, kayaks, double kayaks, and motorboats.

Admission: Rowboats/kayaks: \$16/hour; double kayaks: \$22/hour; motor-powered rowboats: \$48/4 hours. Patrons must be 18 or older to rent a boat.

Address: 311 Windeler Rd., Howell, NJ 07731

Phone: 732-919-0996

Website: monmouthcountyparks.com

Notes: The operation of an electric motorboat requires a NJ boating safety certificate.

SANDY HOOK NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Details: This barrier peninsula park contains seven miles of ocean beaches, scenic bayside views, and historic military sites. Visitors can bike the seven-mile path, explore historic Fort Hancock and the Sandy

Hook Lighthouse (the oldest working lighthouse in the US), hike the coastal trails, go fishing, or simply walk the beach and take in the ocean views.

Admission: free during offseason

Address: 128 S. Hartshorne Dr., Highlands, NJ 07732

Phone: 732-872-5970

Website: nps.gov/gate

Notes: Some facilities operate seasonally.

BREEZY MEADOW EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

Details: Enjoy guided trail rides through scenic wooded paths and hands-on riding lessons for beginners and developing riders. Small group rides keep the experience relaxed and beginner friendly.

Admission: Guided trail ride: 1 hour \$80, 30 minutes \$50 (2–6 riders per ride); lessons: 1 hour \$50, initial lesson \$60

Address: 49 Driftway Rd., Howell, NJ 07731

Phone: 609-752-5617

Website: breezymeadowequestriancentre.com

Family: age 7+, max weight 230 lb.

Notes: Reservation and advance payment required. One-hour lesson includes time to saddle the horse; actual riding time is 40 minutes.

BAY HEAD BIKES

Details: Rent beach cruisers, e-bikes, and other bikes and explore the quiet streets and scenic waterfront areas of Bay Head and the surrounding shore towns.

Admission: \$30 per day

Address: 520 Main Ave., Bay Head, NJ

Phone: 732-639-2095

Website: bayheadbikes.com

Notes: They also provide bike repairs and service.

LUCKY STRIKE

Details: Enjoy this massive 82-lane bowling center with arcade games, billiards, a lounge area, and an on-site pro shop. The center also offers special bowling promotions and event packages.

Admission: Bowling prices vary by day and time; special unlimited bowling deals are also offered at select times. Shoe rental is additional for some promotions. Check the website for current pricing and specials.

Address: 1 Carolier Ln., North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Phone: 732-846-2424

Website: bowlero.com

ESCAPOLOGY

Details: Step into an immersive themed escape room experience where players solve puzzles, find hidden clues, and crack codes to escape within an hour. Choose from multiple themes, including a kid-friendly mode for

ages 7–14. Private groups only, making each game a fully personal adventure.

Admission: \$40 per person (varies by room, group size, and time)

Address: 101 Crawfords Corner Rd., Holmdel, NJ 07733

Phone: 732-490-7175

Website: escapology.com

Notes: Allow 90 minutes for the experience.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES

If your kids (or grandkids) are young enough to be thrilled with a Chol Hamoed trip to the park or a small indoor play facility, this list of child-friendly attractions is for you.

DEERWOOD PARK

Details: This park includes a large play structure (ages 5–12), smaller play structure (ages 3–5), baby swings, four little league fields, batting cages, two roller hockey rinks, a skate park, open picnic space, and an outdoor park with walking paths.

Admission: free

Address: 2740 Lakewood-Allendale Rd., Howell, NJ

Phone: 732-938-4500

Website: twp.howell.nj.us

Notes: Restroom availability may vary.

WINDWARD BEACH PARK

Details: Visit this bayside park with a sandy beach along the Metedeconk River. It features playgrounds and a tot area, volleyball courts, fishing spots, picnic tables, a gazebo, walking areas, and scenic waterfront views.

Admission: free

Address: 265 Princeton Ave., Brick, NJ 08724

Phone: 732-262-1006

Website: oceancountytourism.com

CATTUS ISLAND COUNTY PARK

Details: Enjoy this beachfront park with walking trails, a bridge through a marsh, a playground, a butterfly garden, and a seasonal indoor nature center. Trails lead to the beach and offer opportunities to explore the marsh and local wildlife.

Admission: free

Address: 1170 Cattus Island Blvd., Toms River, NJ 08753

Phone: 732-270-6960

Website: oceancountyparks.org

LAKE SHENANDOAH

Details: This scenic 48-acre park features tall oaks and pines surrounding Lake Shenandoah. Enjoy trout-stocked waters with accessible fishing piers, 19 acres of open fields, a playground, bike paths, picnic areas, and a conservation area. Small boat launch available (electric motors only).

Admission: free

Address: 660 Ocean Ave./300 New Hampshire Ave., Lakewood, NJ 08701

Phone: 732-506-9090

Website: oceancountyparks.org

SEVEN PRESIDENTS OCEANFRONT PARK

Details: This oceanfront park features a wide sandy beach, dunes, playgrounds, picnic areas, and volleyball courts. It also includes Skateplex with a skatepark and inline skating rink, fishing spots along the shoreline, and open lawn areas for relaxing. The park covers 38 acres with nearly a mile of beachfront along the Atlantic Ocean.

Admission: free during offseason

Address: 221 Ocean Ave. N., Long Branch, NJ 07740

Phone: 732-229-7025 (park rangers)

Website: monmouthcountyparks.com

Notes: Skateplex closes at dusk.

DR. SUSS STABLES

Details: This family-run farm offers pony rides, horseback riding lessons, and a hands-on petting zoo with goats, rabbits, chickens, ducks, cows, and horses. Visitors can feed and interact with the animals.

Admission: \$8 per person for petting zoo visits; \$7 per horse ride; \$5 per hayride

Address: 240 Grawtown Rd., Jackson Township, NJ 08527

Phone: 732-823-9655

Website: drsussstables.com

Notes: Horseback riding lessons and sensory farm sessions are available by appointment. Longer hours on Chol Hamoed.

G & G STABLES

Details: Visit this hands-on farm where you can meet, pet, and feed animals. Picnic areas with tables are available. Customizable private tours start at \$200.

Admission: Farm visits: \$10 per person; children under 2 free. Cash only (exact change recommended).

Address: 49 Driftway Rd., Howell, NJ 07731

Phone: 732-682-8409

Website: gandgstableshowellnj.com

Note: All visits must be booked in advance; \$10 deposit required at booking.

ALLAIRE COMMUNITY FARM

Details: Take a trip to this petting zoo with rescued farm animals, tractor-drawn wagon rides (on weekends), farm train rides, and horseback riding lessons available for booking.

Admission: Petting zoo admission: adults (16 and over) \$6; children over age 1: \$4. Wagon rides and train rides are \$3 each.

Address: 1923 Bailey's Corner Rd., Wall Township, NJ 07719

Phone: 732-796-3298

Website: allairecommunityfarm.org

Notes: Picnicking/private food not allowed at the farm. Farm closes to visitors at 4 p.m.

JERSEY SHORE ALPACAS

Details: Meet, pet, and feed alpacas during a 30-minute guided tour (limited to six people per tour).

Admission: \$27–\$64 per tour (varies with tour size); children under 2 free

Address: 521 Rt. 47 S., Cape May, NJ 08204

Phone: 609-889-4957

Website: jerseyshorealpacas.com

Notes: Closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Must book in advance.

VAN SAUN COUNTY PARK AND BERGEN COUNTY ZOO

Details: Visit this 130-acre park with playgrounds, splash pads, ball fields, tennis courts, over three miles of walking and biking paths, pony rides, a millennium carousel, a miniature train ride, and the Bergen County Zoo. The zoo features a variety of animals, educational programs, and seasonal exhibits.

Admission: Train and carousel \$3 per person; pony rides (available at the park) \$5; zoo: adults \$10, children (3–14) \$7, under 3 free, seniors \$4

Address: 216 Forest Ave., Paramus, NJ 07652

Phone: 201-336-7275

Website: bergencountynj.gov

HOLMDEL PARK AND LONGSTREET FARM

Details: Explore Historic Longstreet Farm and watch interpreters in period dress demonstrate traditional farm activities. Weekend demonstrations may include rug braiding, sheep shearing, wood carving, and blacksmithing.

Admission: free

Address: 44 Longstreet Rd., Holmdel, NJ 07733

Phone: 732-946-3758

Website: monmouthcountyparks.com

Notes: Animals can be viewed around the farm, but they

aren't available for petting or feeding.

MILK AND HONEY MEADOWS

Details: Visit this hands-on farm where visitors can play with puppies; hold baby goats, chicks, and lambs; milk a goat; and take part in a beekeeping and *melachos* demo. It includes free unlimited hayrides, a paintball target range, and a Jr. Farmer Playground (gravel pit, giant bubbles, mud kitchen, horsey corral, calf-roping games). You can also pick your own seasonal vegetables and flowers.

Time: Monday–Thursday, 12–6 p.m.

Admission: \$12 per person; children under 2 are free. U-Pick is free; you pay for whatever you pick.

Address: 967 E. Veterans Hwy., Jackson, NJ 08527

Phone: 908-FUN-FARM

Website: milkandhoneymeadows.com

Notes: Pre-book tickets required.

DOODLE FARM

Details: Enjoy this hands-on farm with goats, sheep, ponies, donkeys, cows, rabbits, chickens, birds, emus, peacocks, skunks, and more. Visitors go in with the animals, feed them, and can enjoy pony rides and hayrides. There's also a corn pit.

Time: Open Chol Hamoed, September 28–October 1, 10 a.m.–7 p.m.

Admission: Approximately \$8 per person; children under 2 are free; Bubby and Zeidy are free. Animal food is available for purchase. Prices may change, so call ahead to confirm.

Address: 251 Oak Glen Rd., Howell, NJ 07731

Phone: 848-367-8616

Website: thedoodlefarm.com

Notes: Family friendly and best suited for preschool and elementary school-age children. New baby ponies and sheep are currently at the farm.

IMAGINE THAT!

Details: Kids can play, climb, create, and explore at more than 20 hands-on areas in this 16,000-square-foot indoor children's museum. Highlights include a three-story playscape, arts-and-crafts room, music room, grocery store, pretend-play areas, and plenty of opportunities for imaginative play.

Admission: children (1–10) \$21.99, adults (11+) \$6.99, children under 12 months free

Address: 4 Vreeland Rd., Florham Park, NJ 07932

Phone: 973-966-8000

Website: imaginethatmuseum.com

Notes: Open Tuesday–Sunday, with hours varying by the day and occasional private-event closures. Check the calendar before visiting.

 SLIME WORLD

Details: Kids can create and customize their own slime using different colors, scents, and toppings at this interactive slime-making studio. Visitors can make two types of slime, play in a slime pool, and use a photo booth and craft stations. The experience is designed to let kids enjoy messy creative play without the cleanup at home.

Admission: Full experience: Wednesday–Thursday \$26 + tax; Friday–Sunday \$34 + tax. Express experience: Wednesday–Thursday \$16 + tax; Friday–Sunday \$19 + tax.

Address: 3710 US Highway 9, unit C142, Freehold Raceway Mall, Freehold, NJ 07728

Phone: 732-209-3991

Website: slimeworldusa.com

Notes: Reservations recommended; walk-ins accepted depending on availability.

 MONMOUTH MUSEUM

Details: Explore this interactive museum with rotating art, science, and history exhibits plus hands-on children's areas including climbing structures, imaginative play exhibits (space station, pirate ship, weather station), craft areas, and educational activities designed for younger children.

Admission: adults and children (ages 2–64) \$15, seniors \$10, children under 2 free

Address: 765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft, NJ 07738 (Brookdale Community College campus)

Phone: 732-747-2266

Website: monmouthmuseum.org

Notes: Some wings or galleries may occasionally close for school tours or exhibit installation. Check website before visiting.

 GO PLAYLAND

Details: Enjoy this indoor playground designed for children, with climbing structures, slides, tunnels, ball pits, obstacle courses, ride-on toys, and a toddler play area. The space includes seating and tables for parents.

Admission: \$20 per child for all-day play (one adult included; additional adults may have a small fee)

Address: 1201 Hooper Ave., unit 1064 (Ocean County Mall), Toms River, NJ 08753

Phone: 848-238-9146

Website: goplayland.com

Notes: Socks required for adults and children; waiver required. Children can leave and return the same day with a hand stamp for all-day access.

 WIGGLE ROOM

Details: This indoor soft-play facility is designed for ages 1–12, with soft play, pretend play, and toddler play

areas. A sukkah is on premises.

Address: 2066 Lakewood Rd. #8, Toms River, NJ

Phone: 732-732-5968

Website: wiggleroomusa.com

Notes: Reservation recommended to ensure admission on Chol Hamoed, as admission closes when capacity is reached.

 JUNGLE JIM & JANE

Details: This state-of-the-art indoor soft playground features interactive slides, climbing structures, projection wall and floor games, ball pits, and age-appropriate arcade games. It includes a separate soft play area for toddlers.

Admission: 6–24 months \$10; age 2 and up \$20, adults \$5

Address: 2399 NJ Rt. 36, Eastpointe Plaza, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

Phone: 732-872-4380

Website: junglejimandjane.com

Notes: By reservation only. Ideal for children 6 months to 6 years

 CHUCK E. CHEESE

Details: Enjoy this fun-filled arcade with kiddie rides, a trampoline zone for younger children, obstacle courses, a digital dance floor, and themed play areas.

Admission: Pay-per-point (rates vary) or \$33–\$36 per hour

Address: 56 Chambers Bridge Rd., Brick, NJ 08723

Phone: 732-262-9200

Website: chuckecheese.com

 THE CRAYOLA EXPERIENCE

Details: This experience includes more than 25 creative activities, including melted wax spin art, creating your own Crayola crayon, and seeing yourself turned into a cartoon by the CrayolaBot. Explore Melt & Mold and hands-on exhibits combining color, chemistry, and technology.

Admission: \$30.99 per person; children 2 and under free; seniors (65+) \$27.99 with valid ID; \$3 off if purchased online in advance. Group rates available for 15+ paying guests.

Address: 30 Centre Sq., Easton, PA 18042 (use main entrance on Center Sq.)

Phone: 610-515-8000

Website: crayolaexperience.com

Notes: Recommended visit 3–4 hours; last ticket sold one hour before closing; last entry 30 minutes before closing. No outside food or beverages permitted.

 PLAY BIG ZONE

Details: This indoor entertainment center features a two-story obstacle course, bumper cars, human foos-

ball, a laser maze, Orbeez gun arcade, virtual reality, light-up floor tile games, arcade games, and a toddler play area. Crafts such as spin art and wax hands are also available.

Admission: \$10 per child (includes unlimited time, 20 attraction credits, and access to Amazing Race obstacle course or toddler room). Adults free. Game cards are used for additional attractions.

Address: 300 Campus Dr., unit H, Morganville, NJ 07751

Phone: 732-991-1993

Website: playbigzone.com

Notes: Non-slip socks are required for the Amazing Race obstacle course and toddler room; bring your own or purchase for \$3.

STORYBOOK LAND

Details: This classic fairy tale-themed amusement park is designed especially for younger children. The park brings nursery rhymes and storybook characters to life with themed attractions, along with rides like a junior roller coaster, Ferris wheel, train ride around the park, carousel, and spinning rides.

Admission: Online general admission \$42.95 (ages 2–64); gate price \$45.95; children under 2 free. Admission includes unlimited access to all attractions.

Address: 6415 E. Black Horse Pike, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

Phone: 609-646-0103

Website: storybookland.com

Notes: Many rides allow children 36 inches tall to ride with an adult. Outside food permitted in picnic areas.

DIGGERLAND USA

Details: Drive, ride, and operate real construction equipment like excavators, skid steers, and dump trucks in a safe environment at this construction-themed amusement park. The park features 40+ rides and attractions, including a ropes course, zip line, rock wall, arcade, and construction-style rides designed especially for kids.

Admission: Fall admission starts at \$46.99 online + \$0.99 fee; at-the-gate tickets are \$50.99–\$53.99. Children under 36 inches free. Admission includes 40+ rides and attractions.

Address: 100 Pinedge Dr., West Berlin, NJ 08091

Phone: 856-768-1110

Website: diggerlandusa.com

Notes: Most rides require riders to be at least 36 inches tall, and some attractions have additional height restrictions.

FOR TEEN GIRLS

Your nieces and nephews are legit heaven, but sometimes you just need to spend a day with your friends. Whether you're feeling artsy, you need to move, or you'll go anywhere as long as you can get gorgeous pictures, we've got a trip for you.

⚡ 🧊 JACKSON SKATING CENTER/UNITED SKATES OF AMERICA

Details: Skate right over to enjoy 10,000 square feet of smooth-rolling fun with state-of-the-art lighting, classic roller skates or rollerblades, kiddie skates and walkers, and an arcade.

Admission: \$15 online; \$17 at the door. Skate rental \$6; rollerblade rental \$7. Non-skating adults 18+: \$5.

Address: 2270 W. County Line Rd., Jackson Township, NJ 08527

Phone: 732-363-2222

Website: unitedskates.com

Notes: No outside food or drink allowed. Public skating is offered in timed sessions, so check the schedule before going. A waiver is required for everyone entering the building.

⚡ 🧊 HOWELL ICE ARENA

Details: Visit this indoor ice-skating facility with a full-size rink and a half-size "pond" rink.

Admission: public skate \$10; skate rental \$5

Address: 269 Squankum Rd., Farmingdale, NJ 07727

Phone: 732-919-7800

Website: howellicearena.com

Notes: Public skating is offered during scheduled sessions; check the current schedule before visiting, as hours and sessions vary.

🎮 🧊 MEGADANCE

Details: Rent a dance-pad arcade game from Traveling Tykes. Players step on directional arrows in time with on-screen prompts and music. Accommodates groups up to 120. Suitable for schools, camps, parties, and events.

Phone: 732-942-1123

Website: travelingtykes.us

Notes: Email travelingtykes@gmail.com to book.

⚡ 🏓 PICKLEBALL HQ

Details: This professionally maintained indoor pickleball facility has 13 courts, including 11 full-size courts and two skinny singles courts. It offers open play, court reservations, clinics, private and group lessons, leagues, tournaments, social events, and a pro shop. The climate-controlled facility is open year-round.

Admission: Court rentals and open-play sessions are available at varying prices; see website for current pricing. Equipment is available if needed.

Address: 111 NJ-35, Cliffwood, NJ 07721

Phone: 732-696-3413

Website: pballhq.com

Notes: Ball machine that automatically launches balls for solo practice is available for rent.

🎨 🧊 AROUND THE CORNER ART CENTER

Details: Kids and adults can explore ceramic painting, canvas painting, tote and wood painting, pottery wheels, and wine glass painting at this hands-on art studio. Perfect for testing your artistic skills and creating unique keepsakes.

Admission: Pay per project, around \$25.

Address: 290 Mounts Corner Dr., Freehold, NJ 07728; additional location for private parties only: 481 Rt. 79, Morganville, NJ 07751

Phone: Freehold: 732-308-4666;

Morganville: 732-970-6300

Website: aroundthecornerartcenter.com

Notes: Call to reserve a private room or book a Sunday event.

🌻 🌻 HOLLAND RIDGE FARMS

Details: Charge your camera, grab your friends, and get ready to spend the day wandering through hundreds of acres of gorgeous sunflower and wildflower fields, picking your own flowers and taking pictures among the blooms.

Admission: Weekdays \$17 per person; weekends \$20; prices may vary during the season. Children ages 3 and up require a ticket; ages 2 and under are free. Flower picking is extra, at 50¢ per stem on weekdays and \$1 per stem on weekends.

Address: 108 Rues Rd., Cream Ridge, NJ 08514

Phone: 609-466-2236

Website: hollandridgefarms.com

Notes: Timed entry slots must be reserved online.

⚡ 🧊 AMAZING ESCAPE ROOM

Details: Immerse yourself in high-energy escape adventures designed to challenge teamwork and problem-solving skills. Each room offers a unique story, puzzles, and surprises for a fun and dynamic experience.

Admission: Prices vary by room and group size; reservations required.

Address: 2 Monmouth Ave., Freehold, NJ 07728 (off Throckmorton in Carlton Plaza)

Phone: 732-333-0448

Website: amazingescaperoom.com

Notes: Players under 12 must be accompanied by an

adult. Additional New Jersey locations in Montclair/Bloomfield, Princeton, Green Brook, Cherry Hill, and Edison.

⚡ 🧠 FAIRFIELD ESCAPE ROOM

Details: Visit this private 60-minute escape-room experience where groups work together to find clues, solve puzzles, and complete their mission before time runs out.

Admission: Generally \$45 per person for groups of 2, \$40 per person for groups of 3–9, and \$35 per person for groups of 10 or more; individual room prices can vary.

Address: 373 US Rt. 46, Fairfield, NJ 07004

Phone: 973-200-2739

Website: fairfieldescaperoom.com

FOR BACHURIM

You need to be on your own schedule on Chol Hamoed; we get it. No worries. These attractions are perfect for guys who aren't going anywhere until breakfast is over... at 2 p.m.

🎣 🌊 MISS CHRIS FISHING

Details: Enjoy a four-hour fishing trip off the Cape May coast; bait and tackle provided.

Admission: Adults \$55, seniors \$50, children (under 12) \$40, toddlers \$20, rod rentals \$5 per rod

Address: 1210 Wilson Dr., Cape May, NJ 08204

Phone: 609-849-9453

Website: capemayfisherman.com

Notes: Book online; private boat charters available. Only available through September.

⚡ 🪂 ISKYDIVE JERSEY SHORE

Details: Take a tandem skydive from a plane at Lakewood Township Municipal Airport. First-time jumpers are securely attached to an experienced instructor, who handles the technical aspects while you enjoy the free fall and parachute ride. Jumps are from approximately 10,000 feet. Age 18 and up only.

Admission: Starting at \$239 per person for a tandem jump. Media packages are extra. Group pricing is available.

Address: Lakewood Township Municipal Airport, 1900 Cedar Bridge Ave., Lakewood, NJ 08701

Website: iSkydive Jersey Shore

Phone: 215-975-3483

Notes: Reservations are recommended. Skydiving is weather dependent, so allow flexibility in your schedule.

🐾 🌳 CIRCLE A RIDING ACADEMY

Details: Try horseback riding lessons and guided trail rides through scenic wooded trails. Gentle horses and rides suitable for beginners as well as more experienced riders. Riders must be age 7+.

Admission: \$60/hour; cash only

Address: 116 Herbertsville Rd., Howell, NJ 07731

Phone: 732-938-2004

Notes: Advance reservations are required.

🎣 🌊 ROUTE 72 WAVERUNNER & KAYAK

Details: Get out on the water on a Yamaha, Kawasaki, or Sea-Doo jet ski in Rt. 72's large bay-front riding area. Rentals are available by the half hour or full hour, with one-, two-, and three-person jet skis. Safety instructions and life jackets are provided. No boating license is required.

Admission: Contact attraction for current pricing. A \$5-off rental coupon is currently listed on the website.

Address: 2380 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin, NJ 08050

Phone: 609-361-7147

Website: route72waverunner.com

Notes: Season is May–September; open daily 9 a.m.–6 p.m., weather permitting. For a late-September trip, call ahead to confirm availability for the specific date.

⚡ 🪂 STUMPY'S HATCHET HOUSE

Details: Learn the sport of axe throwing from experienced coaches and then compete in a variety of target games.

Admission: \$30 per person for 1 hour for groups of 1–4; \$45 per person for 2 hours for groups of 5 or more. Must be 18+ to throw; occasional family events allow ages 13+ with an adult.

Address: 373 US-46, West Dr., suite D140, Fairfield, NJ 07004

Phone: 973-721-3120

Website: stumpysfairfield.com

⚡ 🪂 BURY THE HATCHET

Details: Embrace your inner lumberjack and sling axes at this axe-throwing venue.

Address: 916 Park Ave., Freehold, NJ 07728; 419 Rt-34, Matawan, NJ 07747

Website: burythehatchet.com

🎮 🧠 GAME SHOW CHALLENGE

Details: Test your smarts, speed, and luck in a series of battles at this game show-style entertainment venue. Located inside Bury the Hatchet Freehold.

Address: 916 Park Ave., Freehold, NJ 07728

Website: gameshowchallengenj.com

⚡ 🏎️ K1 SPEED (FORMERLY SPEED RACEWAY)

Details: Race over to K1 Speed, which features two challenging indoor tracks with adult and junior 20-horsepower electric karts; junior karts reach up to 20 mph.

Admission: \$27.99 for 1 race, \$50.99 for 2 races, or \$65.99 for 3 races; an \$8.50 annual racing license is required. Free to enter and watch.

Address: 1103 US Rt. 130 S., Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Phone: 855-517-7333 (group reservations), 856-735-0040 (front desk)

Website: k1speed.com

Notes: Junior racers must be four feet tall; teen/adult racers 58 inches minimum for larger karts. Junior and Adult Karts are never on the track together. Arrive & Drive racers must purchase an annual license, waived for party bookings.

⚡ 🏒 JERSEY SHORE ICE ARENA

Details: This large indoor ice-skating facility includes multiple NHL-size rinks, public skating sessions, hockey programs, figure-skating training, and lessons. The complex also includes laser tag, an arcade, and a pro shop.

Admission: \$12 admission; \$5 skate rental

Address: 1215 Wyckoff Rd., Wall, NJ 07727

Phone: 732-919-7070

Website: jerseyshorearena.com

🎮 🏹 PLAYDROME LANES

Details: This 24-lane bowling center includes automatic scoring and automatic bumpers. It also features a billiards hall with 9-foot professional pool tables.

Address: 821 Conifer St., Toms River, NJ

Phone: 732-349-5345

Website: playdromelanes.com

🎮 🏠 OASISVRX

Details: This virtual reality entertainment center features 50+ VR games, immersive escape rooms, and Loco-Motion simulators with seats that move for a full-motion experience.

Admission: Prices vary by experience and session length; VR sessions start at \$29 per person, with Arena sessions starting at \$35 per person.

Address: Located within Bell Works, Holmdel, NJ

Phone: 833-627-4787

Website: oasisvr.com

🎮 🏠 TAC OPS LASER TAG OF FAIRFIELD

Details: This mission-based tactical laser tag experience is set in an immersive arena rather than a traditional laser tag space. Players work together through missions such as Team Death Match, Capture the Flag, VIP, and Domination, with strategy, communication, and teamwork

built into the games. Tac Ops also has locations in Florham Park and Princeton.

Admission: Rates vary by location and booking.

Address: 373 US 46 W., suite D110, Fairfield, NJ 07004

Phone: 973-753-2651

Website: tacopslasertag.com

FOR BUBBY AND ZEIDY

Some days are for loud and busy trips with the entire mishpachah, but other days are reserved for an outing away from all the noise and toys, with only your better half for company.

⚡ 🚲 SEASIDE SCOOTERS

Details: Explore Seaside Heights by bicycle, tandem, or mobility scooter. Rentals are available hourly, daily, or weekly, making it easy to ride along the Seaside Heights boardwalk and nearby shore areas.

Admission: \$17 per hour, \$35 per day

Address: 1114 Blvd., Seaside Heights, NJ 08751

Phone: 614-726-6837

Website: seasidescooters.com

Notes: Rental form can be downloaded online in advance to save time when picking up bikes. Call ahead to confirm availability.

🏠 🌲 🚶 DOUBLE TROUBLE STATE PARK

Details: Enjoy eight miles of trails for hiking and mountain biking, canoe and kayak access to Cedar Creek, and self-guided tours of historic buildings including a sawmill and cranberry packing house (open during special programs). Bring your own bikes and boats; no rentals available.

Admission: free

Address: 581 Pinewald Keswick Rd., Bayville, NJ 08721

Phone: 609-726-1191

Website: dep.nj.gov

🌲 🌸 DEEP CUT GARDENS

Details: Visit these ornamental gardens with a wide variety of flowers, plants, and themed displays. The grounds include walking paths, garden exhibits, and picnic areas to explore.

Admission: free

Address: 152 Red Hill Rd., Middletown, NJ 07748

Phone: 732-671-6050

Website: monmouthcountyparks.com

 MANTOLOKING BRIDGE COUNTY PARK

Details: This scenic park includes a 70-foot fishing pier, boardwalk, picnic area, sunshade gazebo, and lighted paths. It also offers beautiful, sweeping views of Barnegat Bay.

Admission: free

Address: 30 Mantoloking Rd., Brick, NJ 08723

Phone: 732-506-9090

Website: oceancountyparks.org

 HACKLEBARNEY STATE PARK

Details: This park is known for its rugged hiking trails, towering hemlock trees, and the rushing Black River, which winds through a rocky gorge. Visitors can explore wooded paths, picturesque bridges, waterfalls, and peaceful picnic areas surrounded by nature. It's especially beautiful in the fall.

Address: 1119 Hacklebarney Rd., Long Valley, NJ 07853

Phone: 908-638-8572

Website: dep.nj.gov

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Yes, it's possible to take a trip that will make the entire family happy, from your bachurim to your toddlers and everyone in between. Here are the best attractions in the Lakewood area and beyond that are suitable for kids (and adults) of all ages.

 CLIMBZONE

Details: This indoor climbing center includes 68 unique climbing walls, a ropes course, a soft-play climbing area for toddlers, and arcade games.

Admission: Soft play \$14.99 for 90 minutes; toddler climb (ages 2–4) \$21.99; basic climb (ages 5+) \$28.99; SkyTrail package \$36.99. Prices include the listed climbing and soft-play attractions.

Address: 5369 US 9, Howell, NJ 07731

Phone: 732-813-8300

Website: climbzone.us

Notes: Minimum age 2; adult supervision required for children under 14. Ropes course: Minimum height 48 inches; children 42–48 inches may climb with a paid adult. Reservations highly recommended for weekends and school holidays.

 SKY ZONE TRAMPOLINE PARK

Details: This indoor trampoline park features a zip line, a ninja course, foam pits, dodgeball, swing-jump, and more.

Admission: Ages 4+: \$29.99 for 90 minutes, \$39.99 for all-day pass; children 4 and under: \$19.99 for 90 minutes. SkySocks are required and sold separately.

Address: 1001 New Hampshire Ave., suite A, Lakewood, NJ 08701

Phone: 609-398-4759

Website: skyzone.com

⚡ 🧘 URBAN AIR TRAMPOLINE AND ADVENTURE PARK

Details: Visit this indoor trampoline park and enjoy VR, climbing walls, Dropzone, a playground, a warrior course, tumble track, and more.

Admission: Unlimited Play \$29.99; Shorty Pass (for children under 40 inches) \$14.99; Parent Pass \$14.99. Urban Air socks are required and cost \$3.99. Prices do not include tax.

Address: 1256 Indian Head Rd., Toms River, NJ 08755

Phone: 732-659-9060

Website: urbanair.com

🎮 ⚡ 🧘 NRG ADVENTURE PARK

Details: This indoor adventure park features trampolines, climbing, a ninja course, and slides and hosts group events and birthday parties.

Admission: Special offer: \$29.99 for two hours of jump time for groups of five or more (one-time use coupon; must present original newspaper cutout; expires 12/31/2026).

Address: 350 US-22, Springfield, NJ 07081

Website: playnrg.com

⚡ 🎮 🧘 SUPERCHARGED ENTERTAINMENT

Details: This huge indoor entertainment center's main attraction is multi-level electric go-kart racing. The venue also offers axe throwing, virtual reality, arcade games, bionic bumper cars, and other attractions, so groups can easily spend several hours there.

Admission: Indoor karting starts at \$29 per race; a three-race bundle is \$78, and a five-race bundle is \$125. Other attractions are priced separately.

Address: 987 US Rt. 1, Edison, NJ 08817

Phone: 908-624-8242

Website: superchargednj.com

🎨 🧘 BALLOON MUSEUM

Details: This huge, colorful, interactive art experience is filled with giant balloons, lights, bubbles, and other immersive displays. It's very photo-friendly and fun for kids, teens, and adults. Allow about 90 minutes.

Admission: Prices vary by date and time; tickets start at \$39 for adults and \$29 for children.

Address: Tin Building, 96 South St., New York, NY 10038 (South Street Seaport)

Website: balloonmuseum.world

Phone: 646-860-4044

Notes: Tickets are timed; advance purchase is recommended.

🏠 ⚡ 🧘 AMERICAN DREAM MALL

Details: This massive indoor entertainment and shopping destination features LEGOLAND Discovery Center, SEA LIFE Aquarium, indoor skiing, ice skating, black-light mini golf, amusement park rides, and a variety of shops. Kosher dining options are available on-site.

Admission: Free entry; attractions are individually priced. Parking is free for the first 15 minutes, then \$6 for the duration of the visit.

Address: 1 American Dream Way, East Rutherford, NJ 07073

Phone: 833-263-7326

Website: americandream.com

🐾 🍿 POPCORN PARK ZOO

Details: Discover over 1,000 animals, including wolves, monkeys, llamas, and exotic birds; watch daily animal feedings; and see rare species up close.

Admission: adults \$12, seniors 62+: \$7, children 3–11: \$7

Address: 1 Humane Way (off Lacey Rd.), Forked River, NJ 08731

Phone: 609-693-1900

Website: ahscares.org/popcorn-park

Notes: No outside food allowed; feeding of animals suspended due to health concerns. Admission closes at 3:30 p.m.

🐾 🍿 ROSENFELD RANCH

Details: Enjoy a ranch experience with pony rides, horseback riding, wagon rides, and a petting zoo featuring cows, goats, sheep, rabbits, ducks, chickens, and miniature horses. Visitors can also enjoy the popular puppy room (Just Pups), where children can cuddle and interact with puppies in a supervised indoor area at an additional charge.

Admission: \$10; children 2 and under free. Puppy room is an additional \$20 per person.

Hours: Monday–Thursday, 12–6 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Address: 184 Kent Rd., Howell Township, NJ 07731

Phone: 929-326-2188

Website: rosenfeldranch.com

Notes: For Chol Hamoed, additional parking is available at 59 Driftway Rd.

🎨 🧘 COLOR ME MINE

Details: Visit this creative studio where kids (and adults!) can choose a ceramic piece to paint and personalize. The studio fires the piece for later pickup. All glazes are nontoxic and lead free, and paint washes off with water.

Admission: Toms River: \$10+ per piece, Freehold: \$12+ per piece

Address: 1877 Hooper Ave., Toms River, NJ 08753; 3710 US 9, Freehold Raceway Mall, Freehold, NJ 07728
Phone: Toms River: 732-864-9300; Freehold: 732-780-7811

Website: tomsriver.colormemine.com; freehold.colormemine.com

Notes: Call to reserve on weekends and holidays. Last seating to paint is two hours before closing; painting stops 30 minutes before closing.

THE PAINTBRUSH NJ

Details: This hands-on art studio offers paint-your-own ceramics, plaster painting, pre-drawn canvas painting, and other creative projects for all ages. Walk-ins are welcome, but groups of eight or more are encouraged to make reservations.

Admission: Prices vary by project and are suitable for different budgets; ceramic pieces are ready for pickup seven to 10 days after painting, while plaster projects can be taken home the same day.

Address: 1700 Madison Ave., Lakewood, NJ 08701

Phone: 732-385-3400

Website: thepaintbrushnj.com

INSECTROPOLIS

Details: Discover thousands of exotic insects from around the world, play bug-themed touch-screen games, crawl through a termite mud tube, observe busy bees up close, and join a daily touch presentation to handle a tarantula, millipede, or hissing cockroach.

Admission: \$14 per visitor, children 2 and under free; tickets purchased onsite

Address: 1761 Rt. 9, Toms River, NJ 08755

Phone: 732-349-7090

Website: insectropolis.com

Notes: Food, snacks, and drinks not permitted; visits usually last 45–60 minutes. Have a weird bug in your yard? They gladly accept donations (call first).

JENKINSON'S BOARDWALK AND AQUARIUM

Details: Visit this aquarium with seals, penguins, shark tank, touch tanks, and a newly renovated rainforest floor featuring Wally the Sloth and other tropical animals. Check website for updated feeding times.

Admission: adults \$19, seniors \$13, children (3–11) \$13, under 2 free

Address: 300 Ocean Ave., Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

Phone: 732-899-1212

Website: jenkinsons.com

ADVENTURE AQUARIUM

Details: Explore an underwater world with 15,000+

aquatic animals, including the Northeast's largest collection of sharks, sea turtles, penguins, a giant Pacific octopus, and the only hippos exhibited in an aquarium. Attractions include the Shark Bridge, Shark Tunnel, touch tanks, a 3D theater, Kaleidoscope Cove, and interactive animal encounters.

Admission: \$32.99 for ages 13+ and \$27.99 for children, before tax. Prices vary by date. Admission includes all regular exhibits, Shark Bridge, and live shows. Parking is \$10 for general-admission guests.

Address: 1 Riverside Dr., Camden, NJ 08103

Phone: 844-474-FISH (3474)

Website: adventureaquarium.com

Notes: Reservations required; entry allowed 30 minutes before or after scheduled time.

CAPE MAY ZOO

Details: This large county zoo features a wide variety of animals from around the world along with playgrounds, walking paths, and a carousel. The park also includes a treetop adventure course with zip lines and climbing elements nearby.

Admission: free; donations welcome

Address: 707 North Rt. 9, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

Phone: 609-465-5271

Website: capemaycountynj.gov

TREE TO TREE ADVENTURE PARK

Details: Get up into the trees for a high-energy ropes-course adventure with zip lines, rope swings, climbing walls, cargo nets, wobbly bridges, tightropes, and other obstacles. The courses get progressively higher and more challenging, reaching up to 40 feet above the ground. The main adventure includes three treetop courses followed by a five-zip line course and takes about 2–2½ hours. Everything is self-guided, so you can go at your own pace while staff members patrol from the ground to help when needed.

Admission: \$60 per person for the Adventure Course and Zip Line Combo, which includes three adventure courses and five zip lines. A fourth, more challenging course can be added for \$5. Zip line-only tickets are \$45. Group discounts are available for groups of 10 or more.

Address: 707 Rt. 9 North, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

Website: treetotreecapemay.com

Phone: 609-388-8289

Notes: Great for kids, teens, and adults who like a challenge. The main course requires a minimum age of 9 and a 5'9" reach (standing flat-footed with arms extended overhead). Children under 18 need a parent/guardian waiver, and an adult must remain on the property. Wear closed-toe shoes and comfortable

clothing. Reservations are highly recommended. The park is located on the Cape May County Park and Zoo campus, making it easy to combine with a zoo visit.

TURTLE BACK ZOO

Details: See a wide variety of animal exhibits throughout the zoo, with additional attractions such as giraffe feeding, stingray touch tank, aviary, playground, water-front walking paths, safari-themed mini golf, and a tree-top adventure course. Pony rides, goat feeding, and the butterfly tent are seasonal attractions.

Admission: Adults \$22, seniors (62+) \$19, children (2–12) \$19, under 2 free. Reservations not required. Group rates available for 15+ tickets with advance booking.

Address: 560 Northfield Ave., West Orange, NJ 07052

Phone: 973-731-5800

Website: turtlebackzoo.com

GRAVITY VAULT

Details: This large indoor rock climbing gym with over 14,000 square feet of climbing walls includes top-rope climbing, bouldering areas, lead climbing, and training boards. The facility features 60+ rope stations and more than 100 climbing routes plus beginner instruction, classes, and programs for all skill levels.

Admission: Day passes: adults \$26, age 20 and under \$23; equipment rentals available separately. First-time climbers can opt for a \$25 instructor-led experience that includes two top-rope climbs and equipment.

Address: 37 Kanes Ln., Middletown, NJ 07748

Phone: 732-856-9599

Website: gravityvault.com

Notes: Minimum climbing age is five years old; waiver required before climbing.

FUNPLEX

Details: Enjoy this indoor entertainment complex with laser tag, go-karts, bowling, Foam Frenzy interactive play area, 4D rides, obstacle courses, arcade games, and boardwalk-style rides.

Admission: Wristbands starting at \$42 for weekdays when booked online, \$46 at the gate. Weekend admission is \$49 when booked online, \$54 at the gate. Includes unlimited rides, one hour of bowling plus shoe rental, and a \$5 arcade card. Additional wristband options available (kiddie wristband, arcade only, arcade plus bowling).

Address: 182 NJ-10, East Hanover, NJ 07936

Phone: 973-428-1166

Website: thefunplex.com

Notes: Go-karts: Children 36–54 inches tall must ride double with a passenger 14+ and 54 inches tall. Bumper cars: 48 inches to ride alone, 42 inches to ride as passenger. Reservations recommended.

THRILLZ HIGH FLYING ADVENTURE PARK

Details: This high-flying indoor adventure park features an obstacle course, laser tag, an arcade, and slides.

Time: Monday September 28–Thursday October 1, 12–8 p.m.; Friday October 2, 12–10 p.m.

Address: 555 S. Henderson Rd., King of Prussia, PA 19406

Phone: 484-235-5555

Website: thrillzparks.com

FUN STATION USA

Details: This venue features bumper cars, an indoor playground, laser tag, a variety of indoor rides, and a mini train.

Admission: Prices vary by attraction; walk-in specials are available, and individual attractions can be purchased separately.

Address: 3555 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10314

Phone: 718-370-0077, 917-681-8984

Website: funstationsi.com

Notes: Basketball courts and batting cages available by reservation (book on website)

IPLAY AMERICA

Details: Enjoy nearly four acres of indoor entertainment featuring 11 rides, exciting attractions, and over 200 arcade games plus party rooms and multiple concession areas.

Admission: Pay per ride (\$3–\$10) or purchase an unlimited iRide Band for \$37.99. The \$69.99 Premier Play Pass includes unlimited rides plus Bal-locity, an XD Dark Ride, laser tag, arcade play, and a \$25 game card.

Address: 110 Schanck Rd., Freehold, NJ 07728

Phone: 732-577-8200

Website: iplayamerica.com

Notes: Most rides require a minimum height of three feet. Rides and attractions open one hour after arcades.

WII PLAY GAME RENTALS

Details: Games are projected onto the wall while you stand on a balance board that tracks your movements in real time. Your actions directly control the on-screen character as you complete obstacle courses, test your balance with tightrope walking, and explore over 30 exciting games. In addition, enjoy Mario games that allow up to four players to compete together. No Wi-Fi, computer, or internet needed.

Admission: \$150 for half day (up to seven hours); \$200 for full day

Phone: Call or text 848-342-4325

Notes: Rent the equipment, no storefront. For all ages.

MOONWALK RENTALS

Details: Rent moonwalks, obstacle courses, laser tag, and ball pits.

Phone: 216-903-0365

VIRTUALITY

Details: Rent a VR gaming headset for single-player virtual reality experiences or the new Virtuality Family Playground, a multiplayer wall-projected game system with 60+ games for the whole family to play together. Rentals available by the hour or by the day.

Phone: 845-600-8785

Website: virtualityny.com

ESCAPE THE PUZZLE ROOM

Details: Choose from eight thrilling escape rooms, each with a unique theme and set of puzzles, clues, and locks. Solve the challenges within 60 minutes in a private, immersive experience. Rooms accommodate two to 12 players.

Admission: Prices vary by room and group size; children 6 and under play free.

Address: 473 Broadway, Long Branch, NJ 07740

Phone: 732-995-9004

Website: escapethepuzzle.com

Notes: Games accommodate different group sizes depending on the room, generally two to 10 players. All bookings are private.

SURFSIDE PIER—CASINO PIER

Details: This oceanfront amusement pier at the southern end of the Seaside Heights boardwalk features a variety of rides and attractions overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The pier includes family rides, thrill rides, and kiddie rides, along with boardwalk games, arcades, and nearby mini golf.

Admission: Pay per ride using credits on a ride card; individual rides are typically three to eight credits. Ride cards are available in various amounts.

Address: 800 Ocean Ter., Seaside Heights, NJ 08751

Phone: 732-793-6488

Website: casinopiernj.com

Notes: Located next to arcades, mini golf, and beach access. Many rides have height requirements.

PLAYLAND'S CASTAWAY COVE

Details: Visit this family-friendly amusement park on the Ocean City boardwalk, with 32 rides ranging from gentle kiddie attractions to thrilling rides for older kids. Nearby, enjoy mini golf, go-karts, and pirate-themed golf at separate locations.

Admission: Free entry. Ride tickets are \$1 each; ticket books cost \$50 for 60 tickets, \$100 for 136 tickets, or \$150 for 210 tickets. GaleForce requires a separate \$10 ticket. Tickets never expire.

Address: Castaway Cove Amusement Rides and Arcade: 1020 Boardwalk, Ocean City, NJ 08226

Pier 9 Golf & Seaside Speedway Mini Golf & Go-Karts: 936 Boardwalk, Ocean City, NJ 08226

Golden Galleon Pirate Golf: 1124 Boardwalk, Ocean City, NJ 08226

Phone: Castaway Cove: 609-399-4751; Golf and Speedway: 609-399-9090; Pirate Golf: 609-399-3186

Website: oceanacityfun.com

Notes: Go-karts: minimum 36 inches to ride, 56 inches to drive. Separate locations for golf and go-karts.

⚡ 🌧️ TOP GOLF EDISON

Details: Enjoy high-tech golf entertainment with 100+ climate-con-

trolled hitting bays, Toptracer games, and targets for players of all skill levels. Clubs are provided, and the bays accommodate up to six players. The facility is indoors and operates year-round.

Admission: Prices vary by day and time; charged per hour per bay (up to six players). See website for current pricing. A \$6 account activation fee is required for new players.

Address: 1013 US Rt. 1, Edison, NJ 08817

Phone: 732-374-4097

Website: topgolf.com

Family: Guests under 16 must be supervised by someone 21+ at all times; under 18 must be supervised by 21+ after 9 p.m.

⚡ 🌧️ QUAIL RIDGE GOLF WORLD

Details: This golf practice facility features a 50-stall covered driving range with seven targets, an 18-hole Pitch & Putt, and an 18-hole miniature golf course. Equipment



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provided if needed.

Admission: Mini golf and driving range are separately priced. Pitch & putt: \$8 for nine holes or \$15 for 18 holes; pitch & putt is for ages 5+. Driving-range buckets: \$11–\$15.

Address: 1770 State Rt. 34, Wall Township, NJ 07719

Phone: 732-681-0918 (call ahead)

Website: quailridgegolfworld.com

📶 ⚡ 🌧️ 🌳 SWINGTIME SPORTS PARK

Details: Enjoy mini golf, arcade games, and batting cages at this Sukkos event. A sukkah will be available on-site all week.

Time: September 28–October 2

Address: 2390 US-9, Howell, NJ

Phone: 732-845-0093

Website: swingtimesportspark.com

Notes: Early bird special available—check website for details.

⚡ 🌧️ SWING LOOSE INDOOR GOLF

Details: These indoor golf simulators have 100 course options and professional instructors plus an outdoor driving range with 32 stalls and 300 yards of fairway. Real-time TrackMan feedback helps golfers of all skill levels improve.

Admission: Non-member rates: \$69 per hour per bay (up to six players); outdoor buckets start at \$9 for 45 balls.

Address: Bell Works, 101 Crawfords Corner Rd., Holmdel, NJ 07733

Phone: 732-444-6333

Website: swingloosegolf.com

Notes: Outdoor range open weather permitting. Walk-ins are welcome, but reservations are recommended.

⚡ 🔥 FIREBALL MOUNTAIN

Details: Enjoy this tactical outdoor laser tag and Gel Blast facility on strategically designed courses. Players use soft, water-based gel balls that burst on impact, adding a fun, safe, and colorful twist to classic laser tag.

Admission: \$35 per person for 90 minutes; group rates available

Address: 295 Meany Rd., Wrightstown, NJ 08562

Phone: 631-698-6230

Website: cousinsadventureparks.com

Notes: For age 8 and up. Private parties available with advance reservation.

⚡ 🌧️ TOPGOLF SWING SUITE AT IPLAY AMERICA

Details: High-tech golf and sports simulator bays with a massive screen, virtual games, and lounge seating are fun for golfers and non-golfers alike.

Admission: Bay rentals (up to 12 guests): Wednesday–Thursday \$70 per bay per hour; Friday–Sunday \$80 per bay per hour. Contact for larger group pricing.

Address: 110 Schanck Rd., Freehold, NJ 07728

Phone: 732-577-0495

Website: iplayamerica.com

⚡ 🔥 SEASIDE HEIGHTS BIKE AND SURREY RENTALS

Details: This rental shop offers standard bicycles, low-rider bikes, and family-friendly two- and four-seater surreys. It's located steps from the Seaside Heights boardwalk, making it easy to ride along the oceanfront and explore the surrounding shore area.

Admission: Prices vary by rental type and duration; call for current rates.

Address: 617 Ocean Ter., Seaside Heights, NJ 08751

Phone: 732-830-4440

Website: seaside-heights-bike-and-surrey-rentals.com

Notes: Bikes are permitted on the Seaside Heights boardwalk during morning hours only (until noon).

⚡ 🚲 SHORE RIDERS BIKE RENTALS

Details: This bike rental shop serves the Point Pleasant Beach area with beach cruisers and family bikes. Rentals include accessories such as baskets, bells, helmets, and locks, making it easy to ride around town or along nearby shore routes. Kids' bikes are available, including bikes with training wheels.

Admission: \$35 per day; free delivery available depending on location and rental amount

Address: 421 River Ave., Point Pleasant Beach, NJ

Phone: 732-595-BIKE (2453)

Website: shoreriders.com

Notes: Reservations recommended; bikes are individually named and labeled with license plates.

⚡ 🚲 BEACH BUM BIKES & RENTALS

Details: This shore delivery rental service provides bicycles and beach gear. Rentals include adult bikes, kid bikes, bikes with baby seats, and bikes with baskets, making it easy for families to explore shore towns and nearby beaches.

Admission: Daily rentals; prices vary by bike type and rental length.

Address: 660 Mantoloking Rd., Brick, NJ 08723

Phone: 732-228-4865

Website: beachbumbikesnj.com

Notes: Delivery available to many Jersey Shore towns; orders under \$100 incur a \$15 delivery fee.



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⚡ 🛼 WINDING RIVER SKATING CENTER

Details: This ice-skating facility features indoor and outdoor rinks offering public skating sessions.

Admission: General admission is \$11 for adults, \$8 for children 6 and under, and \$7 for seniors; skate rental is \$5. Family-session pricing is also available.

Address: 1211 Whitesville Rd., Toms River, NJ 08755

Phone: 732-244-0720

Website: tomsrivertownship.com

⚡ 🍷 HOWELL LANES

Details: Visit this bowling alley with multiple lanes and arcade games.

Admission: Games are \$3.50–\$6.95, depending on day and time. Senior pricing is \$3.50 weekdays 9 a.m.–6 p.m. A \$5 shoe rental required for each player

Address: 1002 US-9, Howell Township, NJ 07731

Phone: 732-462-6767

Website: howelllanes.com

⚡ 🍷 FINNIGAN'S LANES

Details: This bowling alley has multiple lanes, an arcade room, a VR room, and seating areas for open bowling.

Admission: Prices vary; call for current rates.

Address: 101 Locust St., Lakewood, NJ 08701

Phone: 732-364-8080

Website: finnigansfun.com

🌲 🌳 DORBROOK RECREATION AREA

Details: This 535-acre green space features playgrounds, sports courts (tennis, basketball, horseshoes), inline skating rink, paved walking/biking trails, and open fields.

Admission: free

Address: 353 County Rd. 537, Colts Neck, NJ 07722

Phone: 732-542-1642

Website: monmouthcountyparks.com

🌲 🌳 TURKEY SWAMP PARK

Details: This 2,414-acre wooded park includes a 17-acre lake for fishing, miles of hiking trails, an archery range (bring your own equipment), and playgrounds. Boating is available on weekends only from Labor Day through Columbus Day.

Admission: free

Address: 200 Georgia Rd., Freehold, NJ 07728

Phone: 732-462-7286

Website: monmouthcountyparks.com

🌲 🌳 WASHINGTON CROSSING STATE PARK

Details: Visit this historic park with 13 miles of trails, a playground and picnic area, and nearby Bowman's Hill Tower offering panoramic views.

Admission: Weekend parking \$5 (\$7 for non-NJ residents)

Address: 355 Washington Crossing-Pennington Rd., Titusville, NJ 08560

Phone: 609-737-0623

Website: dep.nj.gov

Notes: Undergoing renovations; some sections may be closed.

🌳 🌿 DUKE FARMS

Details: Explore this 2,740-acre property featuring historic buildings, orchid displays, a waterfall, and a 1.25-mile self-guided nature trail through varied habitats.

Admission: free; bike rentals: adults \$15, children \$10 (two hours)

Address: 1112 Dukes Pkwy. W., Hillsborough Township, NJ 08844

Phone: 908-722-3700

Website: dukefarms.org

Notes: Closed Sunday and Monday

🏰 🌿 PATERSON GREAT FALLS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Details: Walk a bridge over the beautiful 77-foot Great Falls, one of the largest waterfalls in the Northeast, located in America's first planned industrial city. The park also features historic mill buildings and exhibits on Paterson's role in early American industry.

Admission: free; suggested donation \$2 per adult

Address: 72 McBride Ave. Extension, Paterson, NJ 07501

Phone: 973-523-0370

Website: nps.gov

Notes: Rangers available Wednesday–Friday 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. with guided walking tours at 2:00 p.m.; Sunday tours at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. as staffing permits. Call the day of your visit to confirm tour availability. There is no restroom available at this time.

🚢 🌿 CAPE MAY FERRY

Details: Take an 85-minute ferry ride across Delaware Bay between Cape May, NJ, and Lewes, DE (three-hour round trip). Ferry accommodates passengers and vehicles.

Admission: Round-trip fares: adults (ages 14–61) \$20, children (6–13) \$5, children under 6 free, seniors (62+) \$16

Address: 1200 Lincoln Blvd., Cape May, NJ

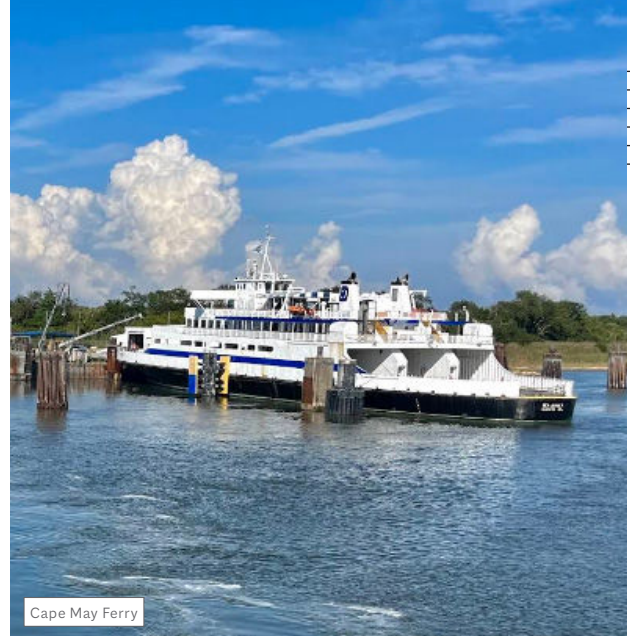
Phone: 800-643-3779

Website: capemaymac.org

🎮 🌿 TRAVELING TYKES

Details: This mobile party and event rental service brings inflatables, wet and dry slides, obstacle courses, virtual reality, hard rides, and food machines directly to your location. They deliver, set up, and break down everything for a stress-free experience for all ages.

Phone: 732-942-1123



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Website: travelingtykes.us

Notes: Email travelingtykes@gmail.com to book.

🚢 🌿 TRAVELING TYKES MARINA

Details: Enjoy swan boat rentals on Lake Carasaljo, featuring new boats and docks.

Hours: September 22–24, 1:30 p.m. to dusk; September 28–October 1, 12 p.m. to dusk; Hoshana Rabbah, closed; Isru Chag (October 5), 12 p.m. to dusk.

Address: Lake Carasaljo

Phone: 732-942-1123

🌳 🌿 JAKES BRANCH COUNTY PARK

Details: This 400-acre park features a nature center, over eight miles of walking and biking trails, a discovery play trail, open play fields and courts, playgrounds, and a five-story observation deck overlooking the Pine Barrens Forest

Admission: free

Address: 1100 Double Trouble Rd., Beachwood, NJ

Phone: 732-281-2750

Website: oceancountyparks.org

🌳 🌿 MONMOUTH BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK

Details: Historic park with trails, picnic areas, playgrounds, and seasonal pick-your-own orchards. The Craig House, a restored 18th-century farmhouse used as a museum, is open Sundays 1–4 p.m. (April–December). Visitor Center open daily 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Admission: free

Address: 20 State Rt. 33, Manalapan, NJ 07726

Phone: 732-462-9616 (call to confirm Visitor Center and restrooms)

Website: dep.nj.gov

