

Downtown Hightstown

Got a few hours to explore someplace new?



Stroll along Peddie Lake, admire the architecture in our Historic District, browse the family-owned specialty shops, grab a bite at one of our diverse eateries, linger over a cup of joe at our coffee house, then cross the street to study the carvings on our obelisk fountain, commemorating Hightstown's history as an agricultural and transportation hub in central New Jersey. In the evening, attend a cultural performance at the Peddie School, grab a drink and sit outside at our local tavern, or view an art opening at a local gallery. Year-round, our community and local business owners host special events and promotions to entice day visitors and residents alike.

At the "Center" of it All!



When you hear the words "Central Jersey," think Hightstown. 55 minutes from New York City and Philadelphia, 45 minutes from the Jersey shore and New Hope, PA., 15 minutes from New Brunswick and Princeton, surrounded by East Windsor Township, Historic Hightstown is truly "at the center of it all!"

From NJ Turnpike Exit 8 & East: Route 33 West to Route 539

From West: Route 571 East to the center of town

From North: Route 130 South to Route 539 to the center of town

From South: Take Route 130 North to Route 571, or take Route 539 North to the center of town

For online directions to the downtown, go to: www.maps.google.com
Enter: 100 S. Main St, Hightstown, NJ 08520

Hightstown's History

Hightstown, one of the oldest towns in New Jersey, was founded in 1721 by John and Mary Hight after they purchased 3,000 acres from the British crown. On the north side of Rocky Brook, currently the site of the Hightstown firehouse, they erected a log cabin. Later they built a mill, blacksmith shop, and at least 2 other buildings nearby.



Incorporated in 1853 as the Borough of Hightstown, the town has ties to early transportation as once having a railstop on the first regularly scheduled passenger train, the John Bull, from New York to Philadelphia. Along with historic transportation, Hightstown still retains a large number of Victorian homes and period architecture – including a growing number of restored "painted ladies" including the oldest house in town dating to the 1770s, "The Smith House." Because of this, Hightstown was honored with a listing on the Federal and State Registers of Historic Places, as the Stockton Street Historic District.



Hightstown is also home to the internationally-known Peddie School, founded in 1864, a coeducational and nondenominational preparatory school for young men and women in grades 9 through 12.

Hightstown prides itself on its rich history and is committed to restoring and preserving this Mercer County, New Jersey heritage area for generations to come.

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Visitors Map of Downtown Hightstown



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1. "Fountain at the Point"



2. The Falls



3. Peddie Lake



4. Peddie School



5. Stockton Street Historic District



6. Railroad Buttriss

To NJ Turnpike - Exit 8 & Freehold

To Cranbury

To Allentown

To East Windsor & Princeton