



Southeastern Pennsylvania's coast looks very different than it did during the days of William Penn. The tree-lined shores and waterfront villages have given way to millions of people and hundreds of high-rise buildings, warehouses, and refineries. Towering cranes unload the cargo of 200-ton barges docked along this coastal shore. But don't be fooled by its industrial landscape. The coast of Pennsylvania still has pockets of beauty and serenity scattered throughout its 57-miles. It is a place where people, history, commerce, and wildlife have found a way to co-exist.

Most will arrive to Pennsylvania's Southeastern Coast by car via Interstate 95, which parallels the waterfront for nearly its entire length. However, the area can also be explored by bike or better yet, by personal watercraft. There are a number of marinas, boat ramps, waterfront parks, and river islands that are frequently explored by boaters throughout the year. The Pennsylvania Coastal Zone Management Program, along with a host of community partners, has contributed to the restoration of many of these waterfront sites.

This region of Pennsylvania is referred to as a coastal zone, because this stretch of the Delaware River is influenced by the high and low tides of the Atlantic Ocean. The Southeastern Pennsylvania Coastal Zone is located in the Delaware Estuary, and extends along the Delaware River from Morrisville to Marcus Hook.

Identified in this brochure are listings of natural areas, recreational resources, and locally owned and operated eateries. Also included are accommodations, events, shops, and attractions that should be of interest to both out-of-state visitors as well as local residents. We have made an effort to include businesses that provide visitors with a unique insight into the culture of Southeastern Pennsylvania's Coast. For additional options, visit [www.gophila.com](http://www.gophila.com). We hope you find this guide helpful and that you enjoy your visit.

## What to See...

### Philadelphia County

While small towns dot Southeastern Pennsylvania's Coastal Zone, the built landscape is dominated by Philadelphia's impressive skyline. The heart of this region, historically, economically, and socially, Philadelphia is a world-class city for the arts, entertainment, shopping, and dining.

Are you up for a challenge? The Coastal Zone in Philadelphia is lined with an intricate array of highways and dead end streets, abandoned rail lines and active yacht clubs, empty warehouses and revitalized riverfront parks. The treasures to be discovered along this coast may be difficult, but not impossible to reach. Once found, you will learn more about the history, culture, and opportunities of this City, than any guidebook is able to offer. So strap on a seat belt or a bike helmet, because you're in for a treat.

If you go by sheer event size and spectacle, **1 Penn's Landing** ([www.pennslandingcorp.com](http://www.pennslandingcorp.com)) is where everything happens on Philly's Delaware Riverfront. Year-round waterfront access, cultural festivals, food vendors, fireworks, summertime concerts, and tall-ships all come and go with great fan-fare at Penn's Landing. Enjoy all of this when exploring Philadelphia, but remember there's so much more than meets the eye just around corner.

Navigate your way to the **2 Independence Seaport Museum**, (211 S. Columbus Blvd., 215-925-5439, [www.phillyseaport.org](http://www.phillyseaport.org)), where all aspects of seafaring life are open for exploration from shipbuilding and maritime history, to the intricacies of commercial trade and modern-day waterfront development. Outside of the museum are the *Olympia*, Admiral Dewey's flagship and the only remaining vessel of the Spanish American War; and the *Becuna*, a World War II-era submarine.

South of Penn's Landing is Gloria Dei or **3 Old Swedes Church** (916 S. Swanson St., 215-389-1513, [www.GloriaDei-OldSwedes.org](http://www.GloriaDei-OldSwedes.org)). The second oldest Swedish church in the United States (it was established in 1698) offers a quiet place for reflection. A few blocks away, the **4 Mummer's Museum** (1100 S. 2nd St., 215-336-3050, [www.riverfrontmummers.com](http://www.riverfrontmummers.com)) pays a tribute to a uniquely Philadelphia tradition – the annual New Year's Day Mummer's Parade.

Philadelphia is a city of neighborhoods. North of Penn's Landing is the animated neighborhood of **5 Old City** ([www.oldcity.org](http://www.oldcity.org)). Irish pubs, funky shops, and art venues are scattered throughout this historic area, separated from the River by Interstate 95 and Christopher Columbus Boulevard. Further north are the neighborhoods of **6 Kensington** and **7 Port Richmond**. These neighborhoods thrived during the industrial boom of the early 20th Century. Now dormant factories, with stories to tell, dominate the landscape.

Located along Philadelphia's Northern Delaware Riverfront, **8 Penn Treaty Park**, **9 Tacony Park**, and **10 Pleasant Hill Park** all provide public access to the Delaware River. Public boat ramps, restroom facilities, parking, and concessions in the summer months are the types of accommodations you can expect to find. These places are popular spots during the warmer months, although Pleasant Hill Park has a tendency to be the quietest among the three.

The 1,600-acre **11 Pennypack Park**, (8600 Verree Rd., 215-685-0470) contains woodlands, wetlands, fields and meadows. This is a heavily used park with many isolated areas good for solitary birdwatching or quiet picnics. A macadam bike trail enables old pros and little ones alike to travel from the northern reaches of the park to the mouth of the Pennypack Creek, where it empties into the Delaware River. There are also trails for equestrians and mountain bikers.

The Italianate estate of **12 Glen Foerd** (Grant Ave. and State Rd., Phila., 215-632-5330, [www.glenfoerd.org](http://www.glenfoerd.org)) was the former home of financier Charles Macalester. It occupies 18-acres of gardens, a boat-house, cottage,

and a statue of the family dog. Guided tours of the property are offered year-round.

South of Center City Philadelphia is the **13 Philadelphia Navy Yard**. A portion of this land is still occupied by the U.S. Navy. While it may not be possible for the casual visitor to just drop in, you can view the mammoth-sized warships, which are housed and maintained here, while traveling over the Girard Point Bridge.

**14 Old Fort Mifflin**, (Fort Mifflin Rd., 215-685-4167), is an impressive structure dating back to the 18th Century. In 1777, Continental troops were stationed at Fort Mifflin to defend Philadelphia against British invasion during the Revolutionary War. The Fort housed prisoners during the Civil War and is now a National Historic Landmark. The property also includes 30-acres of preserved wetlands, trails, and a riverfront picnic area.

Much of the **15 John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum**, (86th and Lindbergh Blvd, 215-365-3118, <http://heinz.fws.gov>) was once tidal wetlands, which were altered by diking, dredging, or filling. However, this man-made area has been thoughtfully preserved and is a nesting site for more than 85 species of birds and two state-endangered species – the red-bellied turtle and southern leopard frog.

In 1728, botanist John Bartram purchased 102-acres and a small stone farmhouse along the banks of the Schuylkill River. Today, **16 Historic Bartram's Garden**, (54th St. and Lindbergh Blvd., 215-729-5281, [www.bartramsgarden.org](http://www.bartramsgarden.org)), is America's oldest botanical garden. It includes the Franklinia tree, which has been extinct in the wild since the early 1800s. George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson have all been here – stop by and say that you have as well.

Contributing to one of the most beautiful vistas in the City of Philadelphia, the historic **17 Fairmount Water Works** once supplied Philadelphia with safe and clean drinking water from the Schuylkill River. The new **Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center** (640 Waterworks Drive, 215-685-4908, [www.fairmountwaterworks.org](http://www.fairmountwaterworks.org)) educates visitors about water in the urban environment. See the front cover of this brochure for an aerial view.

### Delaware County

Once an industrial giant, the small borough of **Marcus Hook** is looking to the riverfront to redirect its future. **18 Market Square Memorial Park** is a well-tended grassy enclave with benches and paved walkways. It offers a striking view of commercial tankers traveling on the River or docked on the shore. Every year since 1985, the *Pioneer*, the only iron-hulled schooner in existence, travels back to Marcus Hook where it was originally built in 1885. The *Pioneer* flies the borough's flag during her visits.

**19 Governor Printz State Park** in **Essington** pays tribute to the area's European heritage. Johan Printz was the first Royal Governor of New Sweden (present day Pennsylvania). Signage guides visitors on the journey of the original settlers. Printz State Park will direct you to the **20 Morton Homestead** (100 Lincoln Ave., Prospect Park, 610-583-7221, [www.phmc.state.pa.us/bhsm/tohlmorton/mortonhomestead](http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bhsm/tohlmorton/mortonhomestead)), an 18th Century

Swedish log house. This is a quirky little space wedged between Route 420, Darby Creek, and an apartment complex. There is again educational signage about the site.

**21 Commodore Barry Bridge Public Access Site** in **Chester** is the only publicly owned fishing and boating facility on the Estuary in Delaware County. Four boat ramps, two floating piers, and two docks, as well as parking for more than 150 vehicles makes this an attractive launch location.

### Bucks County

**Bristol**, a thriving town of approximately 10,000 people, is well in touch with its history and future as a waterfront community. The **22 Bristol Cultural and Historical Foundation** (215-781-9895, [www.bristolhistory.org](http://www.bristolhistory.org)), coordinates walking tours of the town in the summer months. **23 The Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Library** (680 Radcliffe St., 215-788-7891) has preserved photos, documents, and other written materials pertinent to the town's history. One site that continues to attract attention is the award-winning **24 Bristol Riverside Theatre** (120 Radcliffe St., 215-785-0100, [www.brststage.org](http://www.brststage.org)). In its 16th season, the Theatre's shows are high-quality performances. Bristol's pleasant riverfront park is lined with pathways, a pavilion for concerts, and is in close proximity to some excellent restaurants.

In the town **Morrisville** is the property of **25 Summerseat** (Hillcrest and Legion Avenues, 215-295-7339). Summerseat is believed to be the only home in the country that was owned by two signers of both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution: Robert Morris and George Clymer. The home has played many roles from a headquarters for American forces during the American Revolution, to a school cafeteria and gym, to its present status as a National Historic Landmark operated by the Historic Morrisville Society.

Experience life like our forbearers at their homes along the Delaware River. **26 Pennsbury Manor**, (400 Pennsbury Memorial Road, Morrisville, 215-946-0400, [www.pennsburymanor.org](http://www.pennsburymanor.org)), William Penn's 43-acre country estate, gives the visitor a sense of the unhurried grace and charm of those years when Pennsylvania was William Penn's "Holy Experiment." In 1797, Nicholas Biddle, an early 19th Century banker, and all-around renaissance man hired renown architects, Benjamin H. Latrobe and Thomas U. Walter to create **27 Andalusia** (1237 State Road, Andalusia, 215-245-5479 [www.andalusiahousemuseum.org](http://www.andalusiahousemuseum.org)), the finest example of Greek Revival domestic architecture in the United States.

Want a break from history and culture, grab your fishing pole and stock up on supplies at **28 H.L.'s Live Bait and Tackle Shop** (78 E. Bridge St., Morrisville, 215-295-1400). Along the Pennsylvania side of the River, no specific fishing spots were recommended, but Bristol Wharf in Bristol Borough is said to be popular with the locals. For other bait and tackle shops in the area visit [www.baitnet.com](http://www.baitnet.com).

**29 Neshaminy State Park**, (3401 State Rd., Bensalem, 215-639-4538), the former estate of Robert R. Logan, was given to the State in 1956. This 330-acre park sits along the Delaware River and the Neshaminy

Creek providing freshwater access for both boaters and fishermen. Four miles of trails thread through river and tidal marsh. A guidebook, available at the main office, identifies plants and animals that can be found along the route, including wild rice, freshwater mussels, and blue crabs.

**30 Silver Lake Nature Center**, (1306 Bath Rd., Bristol, 215-785-1177, [www.silverlakenaturecenter.org](http://www.silverlakenaturecenter.org)) is part of the Bucks County Park System. It contains the most well protected Coastal Plain woodland remaining in the State, making the center unique to Pennsylvania as well as Bucks County. Rare and threatened animal and plant species, such as the Maryland meadow beauty, find refuge and flourish in this 235-acre property.

## On the Road...

In this region of Pennsylvania, safe bike routes are few and road shoulders can be narrow. The City of Philadelphia is developing a network of bike-friendly streets and can recommend suggested routes linking many of the sites listed in this brochure. For a map and more information, visit [www.phila.gov/streets/the\\_bicycle\\_network.html](http://www.phila.gov/streets/the_bicycle_network.html).

## Where to Lay your Head...

**31 Comfort Inn Historic Area**, 100 N. Christopher Columbus Blvd., Phila., 215-627-7900

**32 Hyatt Regency**, 201 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd., Phila., 215-928-1234

**33 Penn's View Hotel**, Front & Market Sts., Phila., 215-922-7600

**34 Sheraton Society Hill Hotel**, One Dock St., Phila., 215-238-6000

**35 Thomas Bond House B&B**, 129 S. 2nd St., Phila., 215-923-8523. This restored circa 1769 guesthouse is owned by the National Park Service.

**36 Bank Street Hostel**, 32 S. Bank St., Phila., 215-922-0222

**37 Days Inn**, 1100 Green Ln., Bristol, 215-788-8400

**38 Villager Lodge**, Rt. 13 & Beaver Dam Rd., Bristol, 215-788-9272

**39 Holiday Inn Express**, 7 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Morrisville, 215-428-2600

## Dining with a Flair...

**40 Chart House Restaurant**, 555 S. Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia. Take in the spectacular waterfront view from this contemporary, nautical-themed restaurant. 215-625-8383

**41 Philadelphia Fish & Company**, 207 Chestnut St. Philadelphia. Somethin's fishy here! 215-625-8605

**42 Dave & Buster's**, 325 N. Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia. A dining and entertainment extravaganza. 215-413-1951

**43 The Moshulu** has a new home on Penn's Landing between the *USS Olympia* and the *Spirit of Philadelphia* at Lombard Circle, Philadelphia. This four-masted steel bark was built in 1904. It has since been commandeered by the Americans during World War I, captured by the Nazis, raised from the ocean floor, and seen its share of wartime activity prior to being beautifully restored into a floating restaurant. 215-923-2500

**44 Panorama**, 14 N. Front St., Philadelphia. Northern Italian cuisine in lively Old City. 215-922-7800

**45 Ristorante – La Veranda**, Pier 3, Penn's Landing & Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia. Feel like you're in the Mediterranean while never leaving the Estuary. 215-351-1898

**46 Spirit of Philadelphia**, The Piers at Penn's Landing, Philadelphia. Make sure to call ahead for this cruising and dining experience on the Delaware River. Cruise packages are offered for corporate events, a day of family fun, or a romantic evening for two. 215-923-4993

## Where the Locals Grab a Bite...

**47 Romano's Pizzeria & Italian Restaurant**, 246 Wanamaker Ave., Essington. The birthplace of the world's first stromboli. 610-521-9010

**48 Preston Diner**, 118 Powhatan St., Essington. Homemade diner grub at its best. 610-521-6250

**49 Snockey's Oyster House**, 1020 S. 2nd St., Philadelphia. This classic oyster house has been serving fresh seafood since 1912. 215- 339-9578

**50 Stock's Waterfront**, Mill & Radcliffe Sts., Bristol. Dining along the Delaware River in downtown Bristol. 215-788-0990

**51 Echo Beach Café**, on Cambria Ave. (behind the fire company), Bensalem. Cheese steaks, hoagies, and breakfast sandwiches. 215-638-7168

## Events and Festivals...

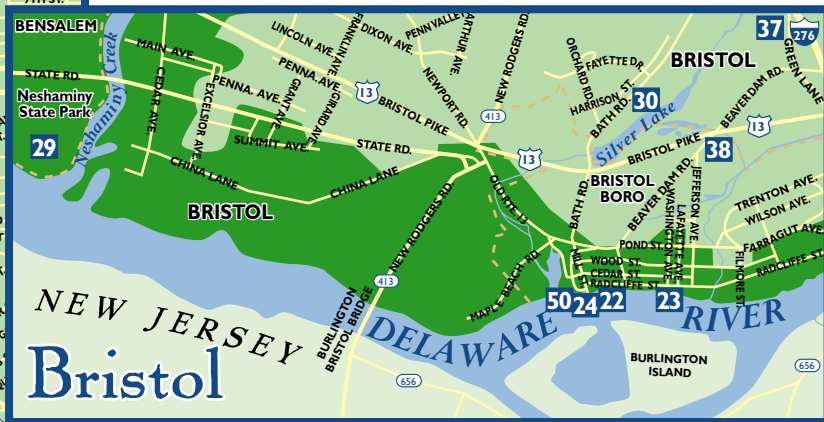
A number of the sites listed in this brochure have interesting annual events and weekly programs related to water and the environment. Phone numbers and/or websites have been provided to make your travel planning more convenient. Below are just a few of the larger annual events that take place in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Coastal Zone:

**Jam on the River**  
Philadelphia, May, 215-922-2FUN, [www.jamontheriver.com](http://www.jamontheriver.com)

**Marcus Hook Summer Music Festival**  
July, 610-485-1341

**Annual Arts and Crafts Festival**  
Bristol, August, 215-788-4288

**Southeastern Pennsylvania Coast Day**  
Philadelphia, September, 800-445-4935, [www.DelawareEstuary.org](http://www.DelawareEstuary.org)



**Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, Inc.**

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

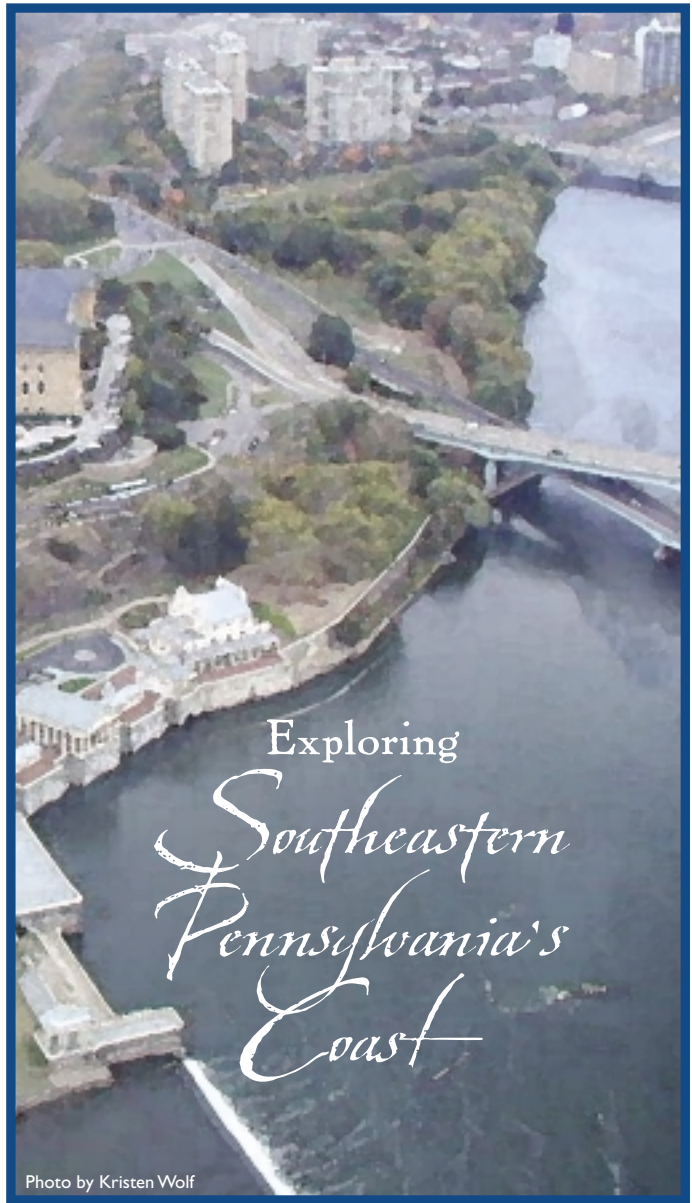
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"Here's to the grand old Delaware, with bumpers of old rye whiskey and its jolly raftsmen so happy and strong..."

George "Boney" Quillen