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## **WELCOME TO MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY!**

### **Middletown, New Jersey**

Middletown Village is the oldest settlement in New Jersey, with origins beginning in 1613 by the Dutch and later English in 1664. The colonial road known as the "King's Highway" was the baseline around which the town was laid out and is Middletown's most historic road, still used today. Middletown New Jersey has ranked among the top 100 towns in CNNMoney.com's Best Places to Live four times in the past eight years and made Time magazine's Top 100 Places to live in 2014. It was also named one of the top 10 safest places to raise a child in the United States by Safewise, in their report 'The 30 Safest Cities to Raise a Child.'

With 70 public parks, five historic districts, cultural amenities, and various waterways and beaches, Middletown provides many opportunities to enjoy history, the arts and the great outdoors. There are a wide variety of homes to choose from in the 42-square miles of township communities, all offering a quality education in the areas 17 public schools. In addition, private institutions are available both in Middletown and the nearby towns. Commuting is easy, with nearby access to the Garden State Parkway and other major highways, rail, bus, and express ferry options.

Enjoy hiking on the Henry Hudson Trail, sailing on the Navesink River, biking in Tatum Park, fishing for striper, fluke or bluefish or picnic at the National Park of Sandy Hook. Music and art lovers can enjoy Middletown Arts Center or nearby PNC Arts Center. As of the 2010 United States Census, there were 66,522 people, 23,962 households, and 18,235 families residing in the township. Come join us and make Middletown, New Jersey your home!

<https://www.middletownnj.org/>



# Monmouth County Parks A Park System for All Seasons!



A typical family walk on a gorgeous winter afternoon at Holmdel Park, just minutes from Christ Church. Despite the unseasonably pleasant temperatures, our children did not take too kindly to the fact that winter is not lending itself to one of their favorite park activities...Sledding!

Every Spring, Summer & Fall our family takes advantage of all the park system has to offer, from recreational fields, nature trails, golf courses, playgrounds, summer camps, fishing and kayaking. But when winter shuts down most parks, this Monmouth County park is open for business. Our children love joining the masses of local residents in organized sledding when the snow hits the ground. A fun filled day of sledding monitored by park rangers, followed up by a comforting snack by the wide-open fire place in the parks indoor pavilion.

Just one example of what makes the county park system one of our favorite places to visit year-round! Check it out for yourself!

Monmouth County Parks has 35+ public parks. The parks system is committed to improving the quality of life of the citizens of Monmouth County by providing open space, park and recreation areas, facilities, and many programs available throughout the calendar year.

<https://www.monmouthcountyparks.com/>

## Broadway Shows...Our Family Tradition!



“Ever since our children were little when we enjoyed ‘The Lion King’, our family always makes a yearly winter visit to see a Broadway show in New York City. New York is easily accessible by public transportation and offers the best cultural experiences and opportunities to enjoy as a family. Here’s a tip... head to TKTS to get deeply discounted tickets. You’ll wait in line for day of the show tickets at Theatre Development Fund’s TKTS booth under the red steps in Duffy Square (47th Street and Broadway). And we recommend not driving into the City – take a New Jersey Transit train from Middletown to New York Penn and walk up 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. to the theater district.”

—Peter, Melissa, Madeline and Jonathan Dunn

## Dinner and Theater Night in Red Bank, NJ



The Ladies Night Out on April 27, 2018 began as an idea at coffee hour and flashed into twenty-three women of Christ Church meeting for dinner and the play *Dancing at Lughnasa* at the Two River Theater in Red Bank.

Red Bank, New Jersey is only 2.2 square miles – however there is nothing this small-town lacks. There are over 100+ dining options from the New Jersey diner to gourmet restaurants, food shops to al fresco. There is a place to eat for every palate! In addition to the endless eatery options there are waterfront parks, two professional theaters and exclusive shopping, including the ever famous “*Tiffany & Co.*”

<https://www.redbank.org/>