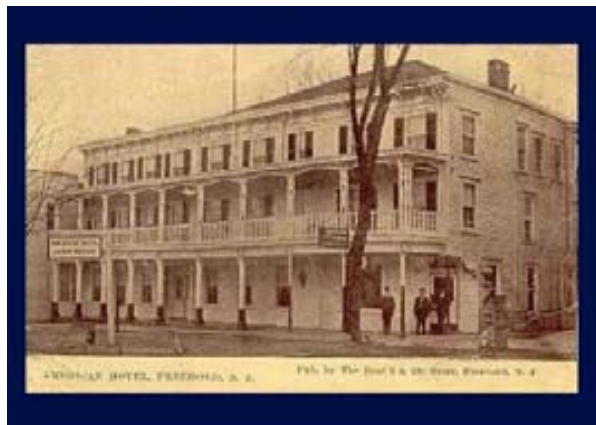


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# *Downtown Freehold*

## *Points of Interest & “What to Do”*



### **1824 - 2010**

The American Hotel was built in 1824 as a downtown stagecoach stop. In the 1840's the structure was torn down to build a more spacious inn and tavern to meet the needs of the region. Freehold's center of commerce, called the Market Yard, was growing profoundly as it was the county's center for justice. The hotel served as a gathering place for local residents and as a way-point for travelers passing through the farmlands of central New Jersey. The hotel's most famous visitor was Abraham Lincoln, who stopped here on his way to the White House in 1861.

In 2007, the current owner purchased the hotel after being closed for three years and vowed to bring back the same original mission and experience of graciously hosting residents and visitors in a modern and memorable way. The renovation necessitated the tear down of a long neglected portion and a re-build to former specs to craft a sturdy, safe building that will serve well into the future. Much of the bones of the hotel have been preserved and can be seen in the doorway between the Lobby Bar and Market Yard Grille and a full original brick wall remains standing in one of the sleeping rooms on the third floor. This refurbished masterpiece features twenty boutique hotel rooms, three elegant banquet rooms and a champagne lobby bar connected to an American Bistro style steak and seafood restaurant with windows fronting East Main Street. A luxurious day spa has also been added to complete this landmark destination. The final result is a comfortable meeting and gathering place that exudes charm and elegance. Despite the modern amenities, the American Hotel still retains the essence and old-world charm of the original establishment.

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## **Downtown Freehold**

10 East Main Street  
Freehold, NJ 07728  
**(732)333-0094**

There are downtowns - and then there are Downtowns. So much more than a blink-and-you-miss-it Main Street, Downtown Freehold has always been the nucleus for activity and enjoyment; Downtown Freehold continues after more than two centuries to be the central gathering place for Western Monmouth County. For more information, please visit the website [www.DowntownFreehold.com](http://www.DowntownFreehold.com).

### **June, July & August – Thursday Concert Series**

Held every Thursday at 7:30 pm in front of the Hall of Records - Across the street from the American Hotel.

### **June, July, August – Freehold Idol**

Held every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in front of the Hall of Records - Across the street from the American Hotel

### **July – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Concert & Fireworks**

Held at the Freehold Racetrack. Gates open at 5 p.m., fireworks go off at dusk

### **July & August – Farmer's Market**

Held every Friday from 11 am-3 pm in front of the Hall of Records - Across the street from the American Hotel - Enjoy Jersey Fresh produce!

### **September – Legends of Rock Series**

Held the last 3 Wednesdays in September at 7:30 p.m. in front of the Hall of Records\* Across the street from the American Hotel

### **October – Spooktacular**

Family oriented Hayrides, Parade, Jack O Lantern Contest, Window Painting

### **December – Holiday Events**

Each week is something different. Tree Lighting, Menorah Lighting, Breakfast with Santa, Jolly Trolley, PBA Santa Train

## **Six Flags Great Adventure**

1 Six Flags Blvd.  
Jackson, NJ 08527  
**(732)928-1821**

Known for the adrenaline-pumping thrill rides and just about every kind of ride for every kind of rider. So whether you want to defy gravity, get soaked or just go for a spin, you'll find what you're looking for right here.  
(19 Minutes/12.44 Miles)

## **Six Flags Hurricane Harbor**

1 Six Flags Blvd.  
Jackson, NJ 08527  
**(732)928-1821**

Plan a day at a 45-acre tropical-themed water park, featuring a million-gallon wave pool, one of the world's largest adventure rivers and nearly 20 speed slides. (19 Minutes/12.44 Miles)

## **Six Flags Wild Safari**

1 Six Flags Blvd.  
Jackson, NJ 08527  
**(732)928-1821**

Cruise through the nearby safari, a 350-acre home to more than 1,200 exotic animals. Six Flags Wild Safari is the largest drive-thru safari outside of Africa! (19 Minutes/12.44 Miles)

## **Bruce Springsteen**

Bruce Springsteen was born in Freehold, NJ on September 23, 1949. His first house was on Randolph Street next to the Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church. He soon moved to 39 - ½ Institute Street, where he lived before moving again to his last home in Freehold, on South Street. He lived his teenage years in that house just around the corner!

## **Old Monmouth Candies**

627 Park Ave. (Business Rt. 33)

Freehold, NJ 07728

**(732) 462-1311**

In 1948, Lou Dey, an old German Candy maker, built the factory on Park Avenue (now also known as Business 33) in Freehold. A building devoted solely to making Old Monmouth Peanut Brittle and other delicious candies.

(2 Minutes/1.05 Miles)

## **Freehold Raceway Mall**

3710 Route 9

Freehold, NJ 07728

**(732) 577-1144**

The newest styles, exciting brands —all fresh, all the time. Every visit is a chance to re-invent your look or maybe just discover your next favorite thing.

(4 Minutes/ 2.33 Miles)

## **Freehold Raceway**

130 Park Avenue

Freehold, NJ 07728

**(732)462-3800**

The nation's oldest and fastest daytime half mile harness racing track. Established in 1853 the race track features live Standard bred harness racing for trotters and pacers from September through May.

(2 Minutes/1.05 Miles)

## **Monmouth Race Track**

175 Oceanport Ave

Oceanport, NJ 07757

**(732)222-5100**

Monmouth Park, an American race track is the Jersey Shore's premier destination for live, Thoroughbred racing. Free Family Fun Days every Sunday Memorial Day to Labor Day.

## **Metz Bicycle Museum**

54 W Main Street #2

Freehold, NJ 07728

**(732)462-7363**

Truly a stroll through history! The Museum house is one of the world's finest collections of antique bicycles, dating from the 1850's to the 1950's. Hundreds of bicycles are artfully displayed.

(40 Seconds/.21 Miles)

## **Jackson Premium Outlets**

537 Monmouth Road  
Jackson, NJ 08527  
**(732)833-0503**

Jackson Premium Outlets features an impressive collection of the finest brands for you, your family and your home. Located just minutes from Six Flags Great Adventure, you're sure to find impressive savings all year round.  
(15 Minutes/10.27 Miles)

## **Pier Village**

1 Chelsea Avenue  
Long Branch, NJ 07740  
**(732)923-0100**

This little village is a Victorian- inspired mixed-use community located along the Atlantic Ocean which offers more than 30 boutiques, restaurants, & year round events, as well as luxury beaches.  
(27 Minutes/18.23 Miles)

## **The Monmouth Museum**

765 Newman Springs Road  
Lincroft, NJ 07738  
**(732) 747-2266**

Also known as The Museum of Ideas, offering changing exhibitions and educational programs on art, science, nature and cultural history for visitors of all ages. The Monmouth Museum serves as a center for education and culture and is one of the largest Museums in New Jersey.  
(17 Minutes/ 10.59 Miles)

## **Monmouth Battlefield State Park**

16 State Route 33  
Manalapan, NJ 07726  
**(732) 462-9616**

The park offers a variety of interpretive and educational programs. A great park for nature and history hikes, birding and lectures on the bloody details of the battle. Most of the programs are free.  
(8 Minutes/ 4.45 Miles)

## **Wemrock Orchards**

300 Hwy 33 & Wemrock Road  
Freehold, NJ 07728  
**(732) 431-2668**

Wemrock Orchards is a country farm market famous for all natural handmade pies. Every morning the bakers arrive early to bake pies, breads, cakes, cookies, strudels and muffins. The farmers are setting up fresh picked fruits and vegetables from their farm and local farms in the area.  
(6 Minutes/ 2.29 Miles)

## **Battleview Orchards**

91 Wemrock Road  
Freehold, NJ 07728  
**732-462-0756**

Battleview Orchards, a family owned and operated farm, harvest locally grown fruits and invite the public to "Pick Your Own" New Jersey Apples, New Jersey Peaches, New Jersey Strawberries, Sour Cherries, Nectarines and Pumpkins.  
(6 Minutes/ 2.87 Miles)

## **Delicious Orchards**

Route 34 South  
Colts Neck, NJ 07722  
**(732) 462-1989**

A 60,000 square foot retail market that offers a wide array of baked goods all made on site in their scratch bakery and the finest meats and cheeses with unique deli, prepared foods and grocery sections. Includes outdoor dining at the Cider Café where you can enjoy your meal under one of the many apple trees.

(9 Minutes/6.79 Miles)

## **Downtown Red Bank**

46 English Plaza, Suite 6  
Red Bank, NJ 07701  
**(732)842-4244**

New Jersey's premier shopping, dining, and entertainment district. See what downtown Red Bank has to offer you: a variety of restaurants, an array of fine retailers, diverse entertainment opportunities, a beautiful waterfront.

(26 Minutes/ 13.99 Miles)

## **Dorbrook Recreation Area**

209 County Route 537 East  
Colts Neck, NJ 07722  
**(732)542-1642**

This active recreation site features 535 acres which include a barrier-free playground, tennis courts, horseshoe courts, two swimming pools, a Sprayground, an inline rink, basketball courts, open fields, and 2.3 miles of paved trail for walking, biking, and in-line skating.

(13 Minutes/8.18 Miles)

## **Turkey Swamp Park**

200 Georgia Road  
Freehold, NJ 07728  
**(732)842-4000**

This 2,111 acre wooded park was acquired and developed with campers in mind. A major attraction is the 17-acre lake for fishing, boating, and ice-skating in winter. Because of the swamps and bogs, visitors may encounter wet areas along the trails. Many plants and animals associated with the NJ Pine Barrens can be found here.

## **AMC Loews Theatres**

101 Trotters Way  
Freehold, NJ 07728-4820  
**(888) 262-4386**

Love movies? Stop by AMC movie theatre and check out the listings for the latest blockbuster movies and trailers.

(3 Minutes/1.26 Miles)

## **Holmdel Park**

44 Longstreet Road  
Holmdel, NJ 07733  
**(732) 946-9562**

Holmdel Park is one of Monmouth County's most popular locations for active recreation and nature appreciation. This park features Historic Longstreet Farm, the David C. Shaw Arboretum, fishing, picnic areas, 4 tennis courts, 2 playgrounds, ice skating, sledding and 10 miles of trails - including a 1/2 mile paved loop linking the Pond View and Forest Edge areas of the park with group picnic facilities and playgrounds.

(18 Minutes/ 10.45 Miles)

## **Covenhoven House**

150 West Main Street  
Freehold, NJ 07728  
**(732)462-1466**

William and Elizabeth Covenhoven built this impressive Georgian house in 1752-53. The main rooms have been furnished according to a 1790 inventory of William Covenhoven's estate, and show the way a successful local farmer lived about the time of the American Revolution.

(2 Minutes/ 0.89 Miles)

## **Center Players**

35 South Street  
Freehold, NJ 07728  
**(732)462-9093**

The Center Playhouse is an intimate, 49-seat dessert theater. The theater is handicapped accessible and hosts three Signature Series productions each year, as well as Special Applause and monthly playreadings. Dinner packages are offered with local restaurant partners for most events.

(25 Seconds/.13 Miles)