



DAY TRIP TO ALLAIRE VILLAGE

From Freehold · Monmouth County, New Jersey



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OPEN WEEKENDS

A restored historic village in Allaire State Park, run by Allaire Village, Inc. Open on weekends, with events on its October 2026 calendar.

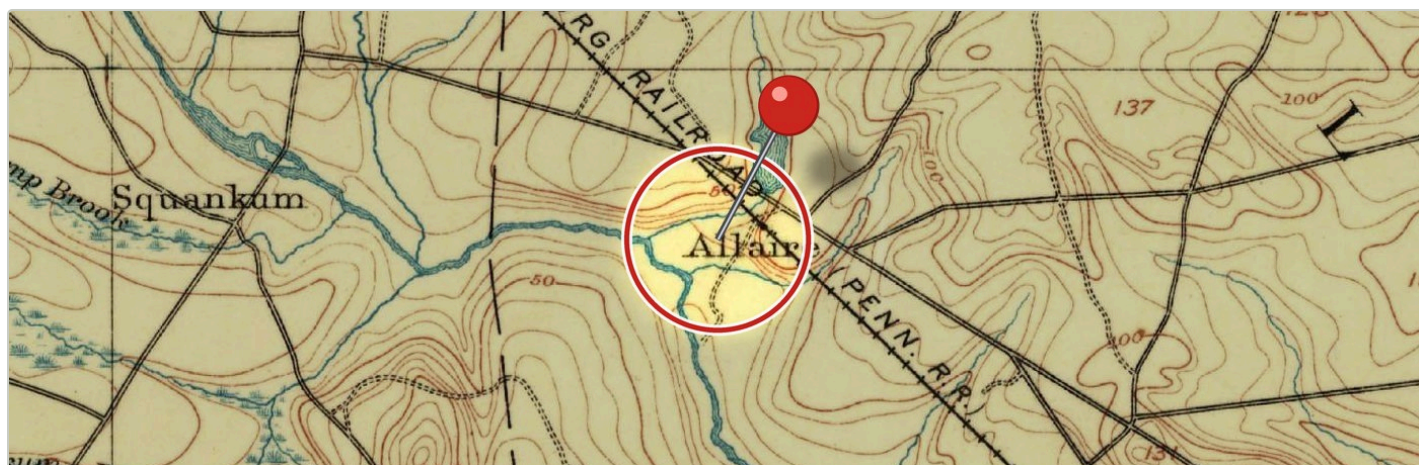
Allaire makes an easy half day from Freehold. Come on a weekend from April, when the shops and homes are open, or Friday to Sunday for the bakery and general store. Check the village's events calendar first: special events replace general admission.

A SAMPLE DAY

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| ☐ Morning | Drive from Freehold, about 25 minutes. Start at the visitor center museum in the rebuilt row house. |
| ☐ Late morning | Walk the village: blast furnace, general store, bakery, chapel, row houses and the working shops. |
| ☐ Midday | Lunch from the bakery or a picnic in the park. |
| ☐ Afternoon | Ride the Pine Creek Railroad, or walk a trail along the Manasquan River. |

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The row houses.** The long brick row with its dormers makes a strong receding line, as in the hero photo.
- **The blast furnace.** The stack stands under a protective roof; frame it with the trees around it.
- **The general store.** Step back to fit all four stories.
- **The chapel.** Its white clock tower shows above the trees.



USGS topographic map, 1888 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	13 mi, about 25 min each way from downtown Freehold. From New York: 61 mi, about 1 h 30 min.
OPEN	From April, craft shops and historic homes on weekends, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; the bakery and general store Friday to Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The hours page runs the season through December but also lists December as special events only for the shops. January to March, special events only.
ADMISSION	\$5 for ages 4 and up, under 3 free, on Saturdays and Sundays from April through November; the 2026 events calendar lists Fridays as free. Special events have their own prices. The state park charges no entrance fee.
OFFICE	Village office 732-919-3500: Tuesday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., April to December; Monday to Friday, January to March.
ALSO IN THE PARK	The Pine Creek Railroad, run by the New Jersey Museum of Transportation, has a half-mile loop of track; call 732-938-5524 for its schedule. The park has nine named trails, from about 1.3 to 4.5 miles. In August 2026 the family campsites were closed while a new bathroom and shower building went up; group sites are open April 1 to December 15.
ACCESS	The state park calls its facilities partially accessible; call 732-938-2371. In a video posted February 2026 a wheelchair user rolls the paved and gravel lanes but can't get into several buildings on his own.
FOOD	The village bakery, Friday to Sunday. Otherwise bring a picnic; the park has no trash cans, so carry your trash out.
WEBSITE	allairevillage.org

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 40.15861, -74.12889 · 40°09'31"N
74°07'44"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/new-jersey/allaire-village/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.