



DAY TRIP TO ATSION

From Hammonton · Burlington County, New Jersey



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GROUND'S OPEN DAILY

State historic site in Wharton State Forest. Grounds open dawn to dusk; guided mansion tours on most weekends.

Atsion is an easy half day from Hammonton, and it pairs well with Batsto, the Richards family's other iron village. Come on a weekend for the mansion tour, and call the Atsion Office that morning to check tour times. In summer, add a swim in Atsion Lake.

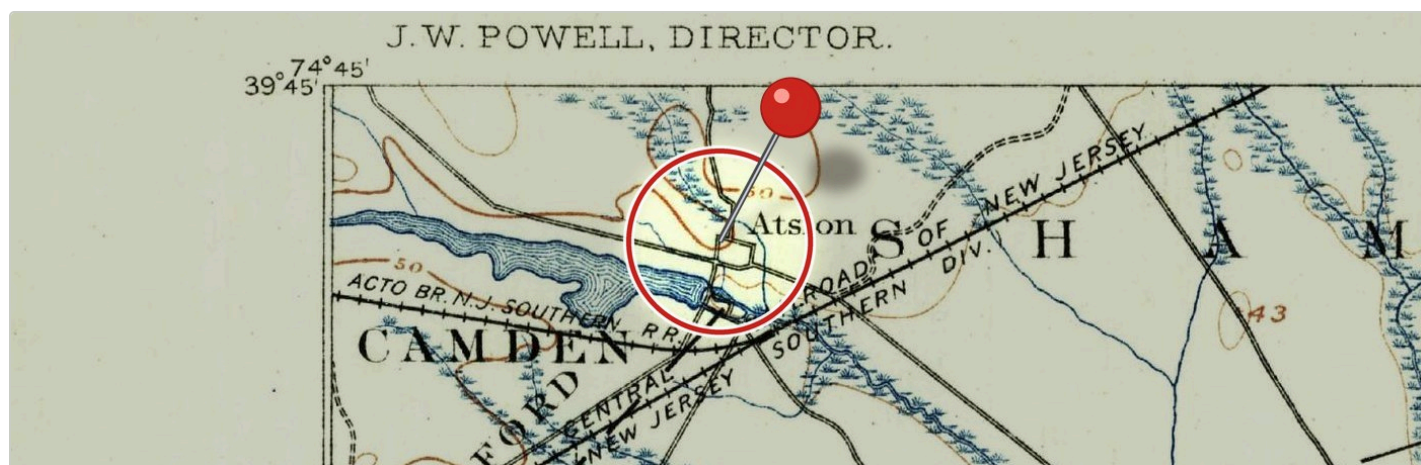
A SAMPLE DAY

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| ☐ Morning | Drive up US 206 from Hammonton, about 10 minutes, and call the Atsion Office about the day's tour times. |
| ☐ Late morning | Walk the village: the mansion grounds, the old company store and the other buildings. |
| ☐ Midday | Take the weekend mansion tour, then picnic at the recreation area. |
| ☐ Afternoon | Swim in summer, or drive on to Batsto Village for its mansion, sawmill and museum. |

Coming from Philadelphia? The drive is about 50 minutes.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The mansion porch.** Its Doric columns are iron water pipes. Step back across the lawn to fit the whole facade.
- **The downspouts.** The state's marker points out the date 1826 cast on them.
- **The lake.** Atsion Lake is just west of US 206, with its beach on the south shore.
- **Drones.** Not allowed over the historic site without a NJ State Parks special use permit.



USGS topographic map, 1890 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	8 mi, about 11 min each way from downtown Hammonton. From Philadelphia: 30 mi, about 48 min.
OPEN	Grounds daily, dawn to dusk. The Atsion Office is open daily, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guided mansion tours run on most weekends; the state doesn't post times and says events can change the schedule, so call 609-268-0444 on the day.
ADMISSION	No entrance fee for the historic site. Mansion tour tickets, sold at the Atsion Office: \$3 for ages 12 and up, \$1 for ages 5 to 11, free under 5. The Atsion Recreation Area charges a vehicle fee from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day.
TIME ON SITE	The mansion tour typically lasts 45 to 60 minutes. Allow more time for a walk around the village.
RESTROOMS	At the Atsion Recreation Area beach complex, which also has changing rooms and showers.
FOOD AND WATER	The beach complex has a concession selling refreshments in the swimming season. Otherwise bring your own; the recreation area has picnic tables and charcoal grills.
SWIMMING	Only in summer, while lifeguards are on duty, and the area can close when it reaches capacity. The state publishes a swimming schedule each season, so check it before you go.
ON FOOT	Two connected loop trails, Red and Blue, run along the south shore of Atsion Lake from the recreation area parking lot; both are wheelchair accessible. Pets on a six-foot leash, and not on the beach.
PHOTOGRAPHY	Outdoor photography for yourself is allowed. No photos or video inside the mansion without written permission. Commercial shoots and drones need a NJ State Parks special use permit.
WEBSITE	dep.nj.gov/parksandforests/state-park/atsion-mansion

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 39.74250, -74.72611 • 39°44'33"N
74°43'34"W

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Directions [Google Maps](#)

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