DAY TRIP TO BATSTO VILLAGE

From Hammonton · Burlington County, New Jersey

OTHER MINING AND OIL

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OPEN DAILY

A state historic site in Wharton State Forest, run by NJ State Parks. Grounds open daily; mansion tours typically Wednesday to Sunday.

Batsto makes an easy half day from Hammonton and a full one if you add Atsion, the Richards family's other iron village. Come Wednesday to Sunday for the mansion tour, and call ahead: tours are first come, first served.

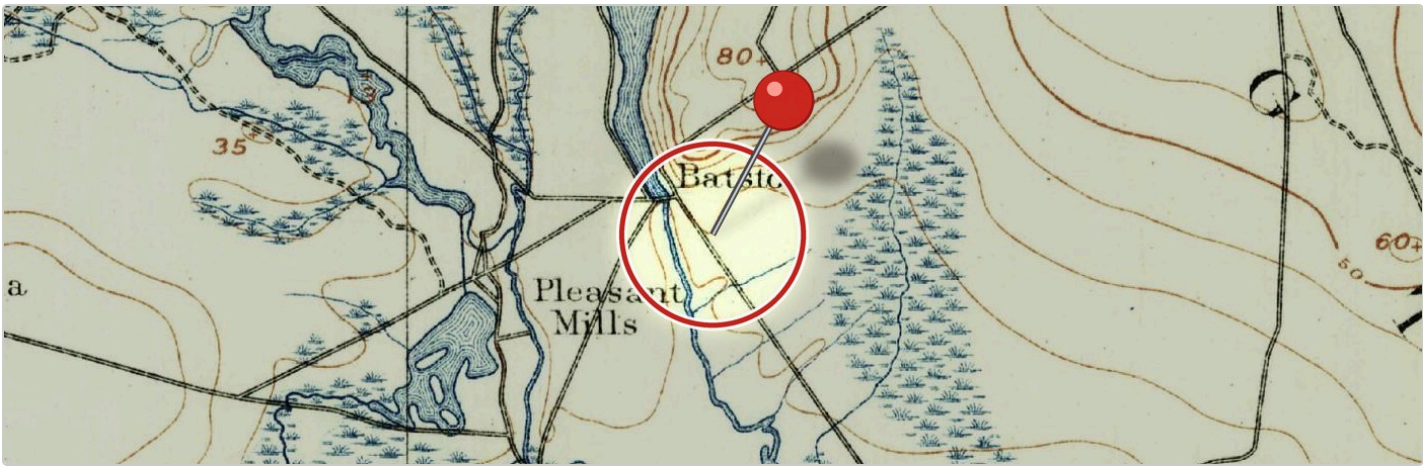
A SAMPLE DAY

☐ Morning	Drive CR 542 from Hammonton, about 15 minutes. Start at the visitor center for the museum and tour tickets.
☐ Late morning	Take the 11 a.m. mansion tour, 45 to 55 minutes.
☐ Midday	Walk the village loop: sawmill, gristmill, general store, post office and workers' houses. Picnic by the lake.
☐ Afternoon	On a weekend, drive to Atsion for its 1826 mansion and lake. Or walk one of the trails along Batsto Lake.

Coming from Philadelphia? The drive is about an hour.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The mansion tower.** Step back across the lawn to fit the tower and the porch in one frame, as in the hero photo.
- **The sawmill.** The water-powered 1882 mill still works.
- **The post office.** Mail sent here is still hand-cancelled. Mail yourself a postcard.
- **The workers' houses.** The row of dark wooden houses makes a strong receding line.
- **Drones.** Ask the visitor center first. The state's rules for its Atsion historic site require a special use permit.



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

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	9 mi, about 15 min each way from downtown Hammonton. From Philadelphia: 44 mi, about 1 h 03 min.
OPEN	Grounds every day, dawn to dusk, for self-guided visits with the state's Interpretive Trail Guide. The Batsto Office is open daily, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mansion tours are typically Wednesday to Sunday at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., up to 15 people each.
ADMISSION	Grounds free from the day after Labor Day to Memorial Day weekend. On summer weekends and holidays the state charges an entrance fee per vehicle: $5 for New Jersey residents, $7 for nonresidents. Mansion tour tickets at the visitor center: $3 for ages 12 and up, $1 for ages 6 to 11, free under 5.
TIME ON SITE	The mansion tour usually lasts 45 to 55 minutes. Free walking tours of the village, about as long, run on some days from March to October; times are posted at the visitor center.
MUSEUM	Inside the visitor center, on the Pine Barrens and the village. The lakeside Annie M. Carter Nature Center opens seasonally (609-322-9523).
FOOD AND WATER	No food service is listed. Bring a picnic, and take your trash home: there are no bins in the forest.
ACCESSIBILITY	The state calls Wharton State Forest's historic facilities partially accessible. Call 609-561-0024 about specific needs.
RULES	No alcohol or smoking anywhere in the state forest. Commercial photography and filming need a special use permit. Ask at the visitor center before photographing indoors or flying a drone.
WEBSITE	dep.nj.gov/parksandforests/state-park/batsto-village

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 39.64167, −74.64778 · 39°38′30″N 74°38′52″W

Directions Google Maps

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

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