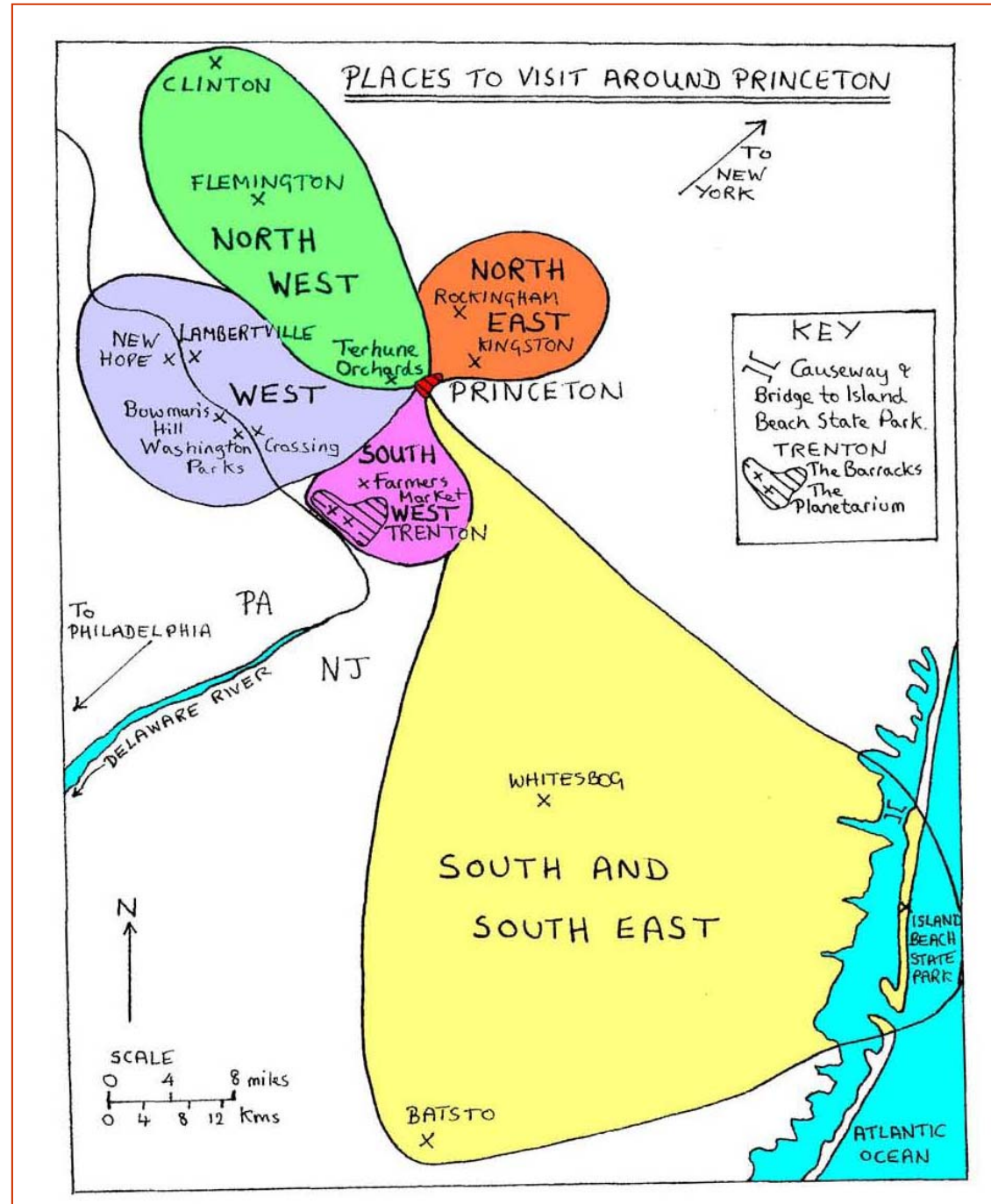


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We can't stop thinking of you!

Here are some thoughts for your summer, which we have organized by region. (Please see map on back page for locations.) In each area you will probably find many more things that may be of interest to you and your family – let us know. We just wanted to give you some ideas to get you started. Remember to always check the local, free weekly *Town Topics* (copies can be found in the laundry room). Previous issues of *TatI*, which can be obtained from the AMIAS website, also have valuable links to activities. If you've seen it all, done everything, please don't be bored – share your experiences with your fellow families and let us publish your impressions. Enjoy your trips and take a lot of water with you especially when traveling with little children in a car, since New Jersey summers can get really hot!
Your *TatI* team.

North East

Driving north from Princeton on Route 206 will soon bring you to the **Montgomery Cinema** complex where some of the more unusual films are shown. If, on the other hand, you drive along Nassau Street and north on Route 27 towards Kingston, you will come to **Rockingham House**, which is well worth a visit: (609) 921-8835, open Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m.. Admission is free, although donations are welcomed. In Kingston, turn left onto Laurel Ave-

nue (Route 603) at the corner with Main Street Bakery and Coffeehouse. The site is one mile down on the left.

Rockingham House, which has been carefully restored, was rented by George Washington for three and a half months in 1783. He used it as his war headquarters, and in it he received the news that the Treaty of Paris had been signed on September 3, 1783. He gave his Farewell Orders to the United States Armies, announced his retirement from public life and returned to Mt. Vernon. (This withdrawal was not to last, and in 1788 Washington was elected as the first President of the United States and re-elected

for a second term in 1792.)

The actual house has been moved three times to reach its present location, as it was threatened by the expansion of a nearby rock quarry. The site has a kitchen garden in 18th century style and there are plans for an orchard and for the restoration of some barns to create the whole farm as it would have been in Washington's era.

If you stop in **Kingston** you can visit the canal lock keeper's little house, view the lock, walk along the canal, admire the old mill and have a good lunch up the hill at *Main Street Bakery and Coffeehouse*, 56 Main Street, Kingston.

North West



You may have visited **Terhune Orchards** just outside of Princeton (www.terhuneorchards.com) already, but if you enjoy nature walks you don't want to stop there. The **Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed**

(www.thewatershed.org) in Pennington offers very well-

kept, informative walks, enjoyable for the whole family.

If you are interested in trains, dolls and everything in miniature, you should head out to **Nordlandz** to see the Great American Railway, Doll Museum and Art Gallery, near Flemington

(www.northlandz.com).

Flemington has a lot to offer, too. (Check out the website www.flemington-nj.com.)

Once you have made it that far, we also recommend **Clinton** (www.clintonnj.com).

No, we are not into politics now! Clinton is a really pretty, little village with the lovely, old Red Mill, housing the Hunterdon Historical Museum, other old houses and live historical enactments.



The Red Mill in Clinton

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West

About nine miles from the Institute are **Washington Crossing State Park**, located on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River, and the **Washington Crossing Historic Park**, located on the Pennsylvania side of the river. These two parks - connected via a bridge with a pedestrian walkway - consist of 1,300 acres with wooded trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding, picnic areas, many historic buildings, and beautiful views of the Delaware River. This area played a crucial role in the Revolutionary War when General George Washington and his Continental Army of 2,400 crossed the Delaware on Christmas night 1776 and then marched to Trenton. There they engaged in the Battles of Trenton and Princeton, battles often called "the turning point of the Revolution."

From Wednesday through Sunday outdoor nature education programs are offered for visitors (609) 737-0609.

Another part of the Historic Park, a few miles north, is **Bowman's Hill**, a lookout and signal point for the American Army during the Revolutionary War. In 1930, a

110' high stone watchtower was built to mark the hill's celebrated role. Nearby is the 100-acre **Bowman's Hill Wildlife Preserve**, a sanctuary for Pennsylvania native plants.

On the New Jersey side, is the **Washington Crossing Open Air Theatre** that seats over 1,000 people and is the "largest and longest established community theatre of its kind on the East Coast." The 2005 season of music and drama begins on **June 9** with *Much Ado About Nothing*. (For performances and tickets, please see www.princetonol.com/groups/openair.)

Farther "up the Delaware River" lie the historic towns of **Lambertville**, New Jersey, and **New Hope**, Pennsylvania, located across the river from each other and connected by the Lambertville Bridge. The area is well known for its antique shops and flea markets, bed and breakfasts and country inns, restaurants, shopping and river activities. *The Lambertville Station*, a restaurant in a restored 19th century train station, now allows guests a view of the river while dining. New Hope is home to the **Bucks County Playhouse**, open since 1939, and a branch of the **James A. Michener Art Museum**, featuring Pennsylvania

Impressionist paintings and other contemporary and historic artists from the New Hope area. There is a multi-media, interactive exhibit - including a video theater - of the many visual artists, authors, playwrights, lyricists and composers who have lived and worked in Bucks County. (See www.michenermuseum.org for information on both the museum's New Hope and Doylestown locations.)

In the New Hope-Lambertville area, and elsewhere along the Delaware River and canal, there are many opportunities for water activities such as canoeing, rafting, tubing and riding on a mule barge. Because there are so many choices, rather than list only a few options, we suggest you search the web under subjects such as *Delaware River rafting*, *Delaware River tubing*, and *New Hope barge*, so that you can choose for yourself from among the great variety of types and lengths of trips, departure and pick up points, cost, etc.

Whether it is tubing on the Delaware, walking the historical trails or canvassing for the perfect antique, a ½ hour car ride from the Institute will allow you to experience some of the best that New Jersey and Pennsylvania have to offer.

South West

In addition to the **Trenton Farmer's Market**, which we mentioned in the April/May edition of TatI, located close to Route 1 in Trenton, you may want to visit Trenton's beautiful **Planetarium** (www.state.nj.us/state/museum/planetarium) close to the **State Museum** (www.state.nj.us/state/museum). Have you ever heard of **The Old Barracks Museum** (www.barracks.org)?

And, for sports fans, you might be interested to know that **Trenton** is home of



The Old Barracks Museum in Trenton

Trenton Thunder, the Double-A Affiliate of the New York Yankees baseball team. Here you can enjoy seeing up-and-coming major league players in a family friendly atmosphere at affordable prices (www.trentonthunder.com).

Before you head home, next to the Farmer's Market you can cool your hot summer day with a visit to the original **Halo Farm**, where you can buy ice cream and milk to take home and even watch the milk being bottled. This market is less than a 20-minute drive away.

South and South East

Down the shore

You may have walked the board walk, played miniature golf and other seaside games, eaten fudge and fried clams, strolled the Victorian town of **Cape May**, but don't neglect to visit the "Jersey shore" the way it used to be. One of the few remaining remnants of the barrier island ecosystem that once existed along much of the north Atlantic coast can be found at **Island Beach State Park**.

There are 10 miles of undeveloped coastal sand dunes, white sandy beaches, freshwater wetlands, maritime forests and tidal marshes that provide a haven for the state's largest osprey colony, as well as peregrine falcons, wading birds, shorebirds, waterfowl and migrating songbirds. Naturalists lead interpretive tours by foot, kayak and canoe. Activities include fishing, swimming, picnicking, sailboarding, surfing and scuba diving. Parking spaces limit the number of people allowed into the park during the summer. This means you should get there early on a hot day - especially on Sat-

urday or Sunday - but it also means it won't be as crowded as other Jersey beaches. See the listing for Island Beach State Park under www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests. For a virtual tour go to www.state.nj.us/travel/virtual/islandbeach

New Jersey Pine Barrens

If you are interested in getting off the beaten track and exploring an historic site, hiking a woodlands trail, camping, picnicking, fishing, canoeing, bird watching and observing other wildlife or bicycling on

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rural roads, the New Jersey Pine Barrens offer many such opportunities. With a car, it is easy to visit this distinctive one-million-acre area, which spreads across portions of seven of the state's southern counties.

Undisturbed pitch pine and shrub oak forests, streams, ponds, bogs and swamps, cranberry and blueberry farms, quaint hamlets and suburbs create a patchwork of diversity.

For information about historic and cultural sites, natural areas, outdoor recreation, and other details to help you plan your visit, see www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests and www.nps.gov/pine. There you will find

lists of many activities and places to visit. Two of special interest are:

Batsto Village, located within the 110,000-acre **Wharton State Forest**. Bog iron, wood for charcoal, and water for power provided the natural resources used to produce iron cooking pots and kettles and supplies for the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. After iron production declined in the mid 1800s, Batsto became a glassmaking community, and then later its agriculture was developed. There are guided and self-guided tours of the village, and in Wharton State Forest you can camp, hike and boat, as well as bike on over

500 miles of unpaved roads. (See www.batstovillage.org.)

Whitesbog Village is a former "company" town at the head of the Rancocas Creek, in what is now more than 3,000 acres of protected pine forests, cranberry bogs, blueberry fields and wetlands and reservoirs. Whitesbog was once the main settlement for the largest cranberry farm in New Jersey and, in 1916, gained national attention when the first cultivated blueberry was successfully developed there. See www.whitesbog.org for details of events, including the annual Blueberry Festival, scheduled this year for **Saturday, June 25**.

Princeton

For those of you without a car, but possibly with children, there are still lots of things to do in the Princeton Area. Some of these suggestions for local activities - and others not listed in this article - are more fully described in earlier issues of *Times at the Institute*. You can find back issues on line by clicking on the AMIAS link.



Marquand Park

Close by there are: **Marquand Park**, **Historic Morven**, **Drumthwacket** (the official residence of the Governor of New Jersey) and **Princeton Battlefield State Park** with the **Thomas Clarke House**.

Have fun spotting car license plates in the Graduate car park or amble through the Institute Woods and walk across the swing bridge. For a much longer walk, go all the way past Carnegie Lake to the lock keeper's house near Kingston. You'll see the huge cogwheels that used to turn the bridge that takes the Dinky across the canal, you'll see the canal being carried over an arm of Lake Carnegie and you'll see the lock where canal boats are raised or lowered. Because of the distance involved, this makes an excellent bike ride.

On the **Princeton University** Campus

there's lots to do: visit the **University Art Museum**, explore and find the Putnam sculptures, hunt for gargoyles and other strange carvings, go on an *Orange Key* guided tour of the campus with a university student or admire the beautiful **Prospect House Garden**.

In central **Princeton** there is the **Princeton Public Library** (a source of great inspiration and information as well as activities for all ages) and **Bainbridge House**, home to the Historical Society of Princeton and its museum. The Sunday afternoon walks (\$5) start from here but they do not take you to the **Princeton cemetery**. This can be interesting to wander around (located behind the library) and it contains the tomb of John von Neumann. When you are tired you can experience the great American pancake at *PJ's* or the great American ice cream at the *Halo Pub* on Hulfish Street.

The 52nd *Annual Fete* organized by the University Medical Center at Princeton will be held in and around the Princeton University Football Stadium (corner Washington Road and Ivy Lane) **6 - 8 p.m. Friday, June 10** and **9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 11**. Call (609) 497-4069 for more



The Clarke House

information or go to www.princetonhcs.org for a schedule of activities, directions, etc.

The **Nassau Swim Club**, an outdoor pool located off the gravel road near the von Neumann apartments, is a cooperative swim club located on land owned by Princeton University. Membership is extended to members of the Institute Community. Nassau offers free swim lessons for children, a baby pool, a liberal guest policy, games and parties. The Nassau Swim Club is open from the end of May to the beginning of September. For membership information, see www.nassauswimclub.org or call Stephanie Greenberg at (609) 683-4422

The **Community Park Pool Complex** consists of a 50-meter swimming pool, wading pool, diving well, snack bar, picnic areas, lockers, changing facilities and children's play area. A variety of aquatic programs for all ages is offered, including instruction in swimming, diving, life-saving and competitive swim teams with local meets. The pool is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day (seven days a week beginning June 15). Membership for the season is available to Princeton

residents, and there is daily admission as well. For information, contact the Princeton Recreation Department, 380 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, (609) 921-9480, www.princetonrecreation.com.