

The New Jersey State Capitol Complex

Other Local Points of Interest:

William Trent House
15 Market Street, Trenton, NJ 08611, (609) 989-3027

Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie
Cadwalader Park, Trenton, NJ 08618, (609) 989-3632

Trenton Battle Monument
(administered by Washington Crossing State Park)
Warren & Broad Sts., Trenton, NJ 08625, (609) 737-0623

Thomas Edison State College
101 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608, (609) 984-1100

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Guide to the New Jersey State Capitol Complex



The State House

The New Jersey State House has been home to the executive and legislative branches of government since 1792. In addition to serving as the home for our State's democratic process, the State House is an important historical and architectural monument. Visitors can see the Governor's Office and the legislative chambers and caucus rooms, which have been recently restored.

Free guided tours are available Monday through Saturday, when the Legislature is not in session. Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more. For complete scheduling information, call the State House Tour Office at (609) 633-2709.

The State House Annex

Once home to the judicial branch, State Museum and Library, the Annex now houses the Office of Legislative Services, legislative offices and committee rooms where public meetings are held. It is a prominent historical structure containing architectural details c.1930 and many commissioned artworks. Located in the basement, the Legislative Information and Bill Room provides legislative and visitor information.

The phone number for legislative information is (800) 792-8630/(609) 292-4840; TDD for the hearing impaired (800) 257-7490/(609) 777-2744. Annex tours can be arranged through the State House Tour Office.

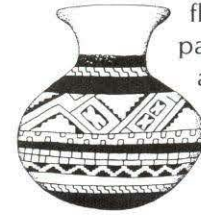
The State Library

The State Library collection exceeds 500,000 volumes, with extensive holdings in law, State history, federal materials, political science, public administration and genealogy. The Library is the depository for official State and selected federal publications. Materials may be borrowed by state residents who hold valid library cards. The Library is operated by Thomas Edison State College.

Library hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 292-6220.

The State Museum

The Museum aims to "preserve, promote and develop knowledge and appreciation of New Jersey's cultural, historic, artistic and scientific resources." It contains four floors of exhibit space featuring painting and sculpture of the 19th and 20th centuries, collections of household items from the past, Native American artifacts and a Natural History collection which focuses on earth sciences. The Museum also has a 150-seat planetarium and a 400-seat auditorium.



The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., and Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m. It is closed on Monday and State holidays. Call (609) 292-6464 for general information, group tours and hours. Admission is free, except for planetarium shows and special exhibits.

The State Archives

The State Archives serves as the official repository of all colonial and State government records of enduring historical value, including records of legislative, judicial and executive activities dating back to the late seventeenth century. The Archives also has New Jersey's largest holdings of original and microfilmed records relating to family history, including birth, marriage and death records; wills; deeds; and court and military records. Research materials may be used by the public.

Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The phone number is (609) 292-6260.

The Old Barracks Museum

The Old Barracks is a historic landmark built for British troops fighting in the French and Indian War. During the American Revolution, the Barracks housed British and Hessian soldiers and later Continental troops.



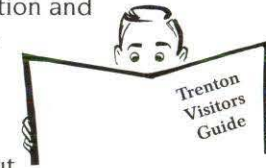
Visitors meet with historical interpreters, who provide an in-person account of life during the American Revolution.

The Barracks is open daily from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 5 and over and senior citizens with I.D. Children under 5 are free. For more information, call (609) 396-1776.

Old Masonic Lodge and Trenton Visitors Center

Built in 1793, this building served as the meeting place for Trenton's first Masonic lodge. Visitors may view the original lodge room on the second floor.

The Trenton Convention and Visitors Bureau operates a Visitors Center on the first floor, offering information on local attractions and sites throughout New Jersey.



Hours for the Visitors Center are daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call (609) 777-1770.

The War Memorial

Opened in 1932, the War Memorial has been home to gubernatorial inaugurations, veterans' events, recitals, operas and classical concerts. It is renowned as one of the state's largest concert halls and theaters. Operated by the Department of State, the building reopened in 1998 after an extensive renovation.

Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The phone number is (609) 984-8484. For recorded program and ticket information, call (609) 984-8400.

Stacy Park

The revival of Stacy Park, a green haven to Trenton's residents, workers and visitors until the late 1950s, is now a work in progress. The park will unite the Capitol Complex by extending from beyond the State Museum to the front steps of the War Memorial.

If You Drive...

From the East: Take Interstate 195 west to Route 29 north (toward Lambertville). Follow Route 29 north and exit right at Willow Street. Follow signs for the Capitol Complex and proceed through the light at the end of the ramp. After the light, make a sharp right and proceed making a semi-circle around the parking area. Pass through the light into the Capitol Complex.

From the South: Take Route 206 north, or Interstate 295 north, to Route 129. Route 129 feeds into Route 29 north. Exit right at Willow Street and follow the directions above.

From the West: Enter Trenton via the Delaware River toll bridge (Route 1 north). Exit at Route 29 and drive north toward Lambertville. Exit right at Willow Street and follow the directions above.

From the North: Take Route 1 south to the last New Jersey exit ("Capitol Complex"). Turn right onto Warren Street and proceed to the light, turning left onto Market Street. After passing through the next light at William Trent Place, bear right following signs for the Capitol Complex.

Parking: The Capitol Complex parking garage is accessed from Willow Street, behind the State House and the State House Annex. Metered, on-street parking is available in front of the State House along West State Street. Handicap parking is available in the parking garage and on West State Street.

Public Transportation

Direct rail service to Trenton is provided by NJ Transit (1-800-582-5946), Amtrak (1-800-872-7245) and SEPTA (1-215-580-7800). NJ Transit also provides bus service to, from and within the Trenton area.