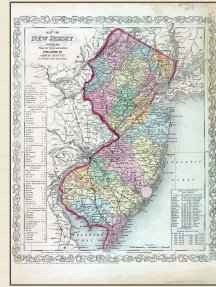


One of the sites you should visit in New Jersey is the Statue of Liberty. Why is this so special? One reason is that in our pledge of allegiance, the last sentence is “with liberty and justice for all.”

The Statue represents that freedom and liberty for everyone.

This is also why the Statue is located near Ellis Island, so people coming to America can see the symbol of liberty and freedom as they begin their new life here.

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Finally, the Statue of Liberty has been commemorated on our money. It is important that we think about this liberty and freedom every day. In conclusion, the Statue of Liberty is important to New Jersey and all the other states in America, so you should visit it if you have the chance.

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Hiking in New Jersey

by Ashley Rubolotta

To avid hikers, finishing the Appalachian Trail, (the AT), is a pinnacle experience. Completing a 2,168 mile journey from Maine to Georgia could be a once in a lifetime trek. New Jersey is home to a 72 mile stretch of the AT, maintained by a joint commission of volunteers: the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference. If hiking the entire trail is out of the question, and 72 miles sounds challenging, you may enjoy a flat boardwalk stroll through the Pochuk Mountains. [This](#) section of the trail is very easy, and therefore very popular. The one-mile boardwalk boasts a 24-foot suspension bridge constructed entirely by volunteers. Along the boardwalk you will see birds, frogs, and turtles as you wind through the woods and over the wetlands. After completing your hike, visit the [Candy Apple Shoppe](#), a mere half-mile from the trail in Glen Wood. The candy-coated apples and pretzel rods will be a delicious, and well-deserved, treat.

HISTORY OF HOTDOG JOHNNY'S

by Jarek Melofchik

New Jersey has a rich hot dog history. Three of the top hot dog manufacturers are located here: Best's, Sabrett, and Thumanns. New Jersey is also home to three popular hot dog favorites: the chili dog, or Texas wiener, the Italian hot dog, and the Ripper, a deep fried hot dog.

Hotdog Johnny's is famous for many reasons. First, it has a great location. Second, it has a great atmosphere. Third, it has great food. Finally, many people have stories of going to this place with their families. As you will see, the spirit of the founder still lives on today in Hotdog Johnny's.

Hotdog Johnny's was family owned. It was founded by John Kovalsky. He and his wife Louise ran the place from the early days; it used to be just a small hot dog stand. Originally, the town used to be a ghost town, but it quickly grew. They opened their first stand in 1944 by a gas station. Later on, he outgrew the old space and bought the land on route 46 by the Pequest River. He built a big stand that could let people sit down and enjoy their lunch, let their kids play outside, or sit inside on a rainy or cold day. When you eat your hot dog there on nice days, you can enjoy it on the patio by the river. Some say the stand is in Buttzville, but it's actually in White Township.

The customers tell stories of going there as kids with their parents. This is a place where families and kids had fun. People say this place will be memorable for many more years to come.

Even though John and Louise moved on, their legacy still is with the place. Now it's operated by their daughter, Patricia Fotopoulos. It still has a family atmosphere. It's a popular roadside stand across the country, so people hear these stories all over the country. People come from every state just to eat here. Sometimes you may even see someone from Canada there.

To sum up, Hotdog Johnny's is really popular as you can tell. I love living close to this place just to hear the stories of how many people enjoy it. If you want to have a nice time with your family and have a good hot dog, come to Hotdog Johnny's.



You can get delicious food here, and make some nice family memories.



Enjoy a hot dog, fries, and a birch beer outside on the patio.