

# Discover the Wonders of New Jersey: From A to Z



Welcome to the fascinating world of New Jersey – a state that packs a punch in terms of history, culture, and natural beauty. In this article, we will take you on a journey through the Garden State from A to Z, exploring its unique attractions, landmarks, and iconic features. Whether you call New Jersey home or you're planning a visit, get ready to uncover the wonders that make it an exceptional state in America.

## **A - Atlantic City: The Entertainment Capital of the East Coast**

A for Atlantic City, the entertainment hub along the Jersey Shore. Renowned for its vibrant casinos, beautiful beaches, and iconic Boardwalk, Atlantic City offers a fun-filled escape with endless entertainment options for visitors of all ages.



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## **B - Cape May: America's Oldest Seashore Resort**

B stands for Cape May, a charming Victorian town known for its picturesque beaches and beautifully preserved historic architecture. Take a leisurely stroll through its tree-lined streets, visit the Cape May Lighthouse, or enjoy a sunset picnic on the beach.

## **C - Liberty State Park: Gateway to the Statue of Liberty**

C is for Liberty State Park, which provides unparalleled views of the New York City skyline and serves as the gateway to the Statue of Liberty. Explore the park's walking trails, picnic areas, and the Liberty Science Center for a day of outdoor fun and learning.

## **D - Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area: Nature's Playground**

D brings us to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. This natural wonder, shared with Pennsylvania, offers a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. Hike along the Appalachian Trail, go kayaking on the Delaware River, or witness breathtaking waterfalls throughout the area.

## **E - Ellis Island: The Gateway to America**

E symbolizes Ellis Island, a historic landmark that served as the immigration station for millions of immigrants entering the United States. Explore the Immigration Museum and learn about the stories of those who passed through this gateway to opportunity.

## **F - Jersey Fresh: Culinary Delights**

F represents Jersey Fresh, the state's agricultural program dedicated to promoting locally grown and produced food items. Indulge in delicious fruits, vegetables, and seafood while supporting local farmers and enjoying the many farm-to-table experiences available in the Garden State.

## **G - Great Adventure: Thrills and Fun**

G is for Six Flags Great Adventure, the largest theme park in New Jersey. With exhilarating roller coasters, water parks, and live entertainment, this destination guarantees a day filled with adrenaline and excitement for all thrill-seekers.

## **H - High Point State Park: Stunning Views**

H brings us to High Point State Park, where you can immerse yourself in nature and enjoy breathtaking panoramic views from the highest point in New Jersey.

Explore hiking trails, have a picnic, or climb the High Point Monument for a truly spectacular experience.

### **I - The Pine Barrens: A Natural Oasis**

I represents the New Jersey Pine Barrens, a unique forested area that covers approximately one-quarter of the state. Discover its diverse flora and fauna, learn about its rich history, and enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, kayaking, and birdwatching.

### **J - The Jersey Shore: Sun, Sand, and Fun**

J is for the Jersey Shore, a beloved coastal region that stretches along the Atlantic Ocean. With its sandy beaches, lively boardwalks, and charming beach towns, the Jersey Shore offers the perfect escape for summertime relaxation and fun.

### **K - Knowledge and Innovation: New Jersey's Academic Institutions**

K symbolizes the numerous academic institutions in New Jersey, including Princeton University, Rutgers University, and Stevens Institute of Technology. These prestigious schools contribute to the state's reputation as a hub for knowledge, innovation, and research.

### **L - Lucy the Elephant: An Elephantine Landmark**

L represents Lucy the Elephant, a unique attraction located in Margate City. This six-story elephant-shaped building, designated as a National Historic Landmark, offers guided tours and incredible views of the Atlantic Ocean from its howdah.

### **M - The Munsee Lenape: Native American Heritage**

M represents the Munsee Lenape, the Native American tribe indigenous to the New Jersey region. Explore their rich history, traditions, and contributions to the

state's cultural heritage through museums, exhibits, and cultural events.

## **N - Newark: The Gateway to the Garden State**

N stands for Newark, the largest city in New Jersey and a major transportation hub. Explore its vibrant downtown, visit the Newark Museum, or catch a show at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center to experience the city's cultural diversity.

## **O - Palisades Interstate Park: Nature's Marvel**

O brings us to the Palisades Interstate Park, a breathtaking natural area that follows a majestic cliff line along the Hudson River. Enjoy hiking trails, scenic drives, and picnic spots while marveling at the stunning beauty of this protected parkland.

## **P - Princeton: An Ivy League Gem**

P represents Princeton, an idyllic college town home to the renowned Princeton University. Explore the campus's beautiful architecture, visit the Princeton University Art Museum, or take a leisurely stroll through Palmer Square for a taste of the town's charm.

## **Q - Quaint Towns: Charming Communities**

Q symbolizes the numerous quaint towns scattered throughout New Jersey. From Cape May to Lambertville, these charming communities offer a glimpse into the state's history, with their well-preserved architecture, antiques shops, and small-town charm.

## **R - Raritan River: Outdoor Recreation**

R for the Raritan River, an outdoor enthusiast's paradise. Engage in kayaking, fishing, or hiking along its scenic riverbanks, and discover the abundant wildlife that calls this beautiful ecosystem home.

## **S - Statue of Liberty: An Iconic Symbol**

S represents the Statue of Liberty, a monumental figure that stands proudly in New York Harbor but is accessible from Liberty State Park in New Jersey. Marvel at her grandeur and pay homage to this iconic symbol of freedom and opportunity.

## **T - Thomas Edison: A Legacy of Innovation**

T symbolizes Thomas Edison, the brilliant inventor who harnessed the power of electricity and transformed the world. Visit the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in West Orange to learn about his life, inventions, and lasting impact.

## **U - Underground Railroad: A Path to Freedom**

U represents the Underground Railroad, a vital network of secret routes and safe houses used by enslaved African Americans seeking freedom. Discover the state's role in this historic pathway to liberation through museums, landmarks, and educational programs.

## **V - The Victorian Era: Architectural Splendor**

V brings us to the Victorian Era, an architectural style that flourished in New Jersey during the 19th century. From Cape May's Victorian houses to the grand mansions of Paterson, explore the state's rich architectural heritage and experience the elegance of a bygone era.

## **W - Washington Crossing State Park: Revolutionary History**

W is for Washington Crossing State Park, where George Washington famously crossed the Delaware River during the American Revolutionary War. Immerse yourself in history through guided tours, reenactments, and educational exhibits that bring this significant event to life.

## **X - Xanadu: A Vision of Entertainment**

X symbolizes Xanadu, a unique entertainment and retail complex located in the Meadowlands area. With its upcoming transformation into the American Dream complex, Xanadu promises to offer a wide range of attractions, including indoor amusement parks, water parks, and retail outlets.

## **Y - Yesteryear's Heritage: Historic Villages**

Y represents the historic villages that provide a glimpse into New Jersey's rich past. From Allaire Village to Waterloo Village, these living museums transport visitors back in time, showcasing traditional trades, period costumes, and historical reenactments.

## **Z - Zagat-Rated Restaurants: Culinary Excellence**

Z symbolizes New Jersey's Zagat-rated restaurants, recognized for their culinary excellence. From high-end dining establishments to hidden local gems, indulge in a diverse gastronomic scene that showcases the state's vibrant food culture and impressive culinary talents.

As you can see, New Jersey offers an abundance of experiences, attractions, and cultural treasures. From the stunning coastline to the picturesque countryside, this state has something to offer every visitor. So embark on your own New Jersey alphabet adventure, and discover the wonders that make the Garden State truly unique.



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Readers will be delighted to discover the many wonders of the Garden State, from her famous sons and daughters (inventor Thomas Edison and the Revolutionary War heroine Molly Pitcher) to her beautiful sights (the Highlands, the Pinelands, and New Jersey's famous shoreline), and her unique institutions (The Seeing Eye training institute for seeing eye dogs and Haddy, the largest complete dinosaur skeleton of its time, found in 1858). G is for Garden State explores the places, people, and landmarks that make New Jersey a fascinating place to live in and to visit again and again. Written in the popular two-tier format for our Discover America State by State alphabet series, young readers will explore state facts through colorful illustrations, rhyming verses, and expository text. Used in schools throughout the country, this series effectively expands classroom curriculum. Author/preservationist Eileen Cameron is interested in protecting our natural and historical resources. She serves on the board of the Washington Association of New Jersey at Morristown National Historical Park. Eileen has hiked the Appalachian Trail at High Point, rafted on the Delaware River, and now lives in Morristown, New Jersey. Doris Ettlinger has illustrated numerous children's books including *Springtime in the Big Woods* and *Mr. Edwards Meets Santa Claus*, both adapted from the Little House books by Laura Ingalls Wilder. She graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design. Doris lives and works in a 150-year old gristmill in western New Jersey with her family and a Welsh Corgi.





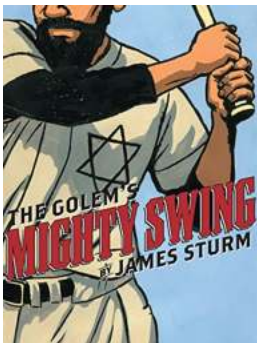
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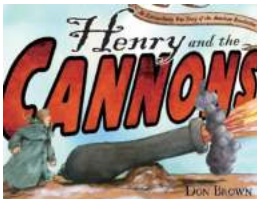
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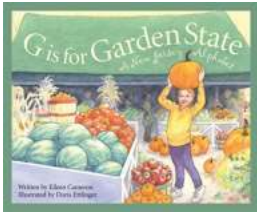
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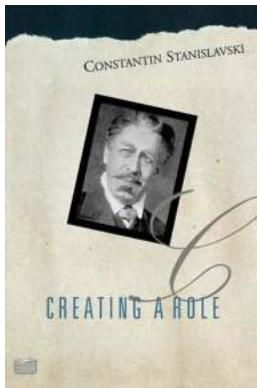
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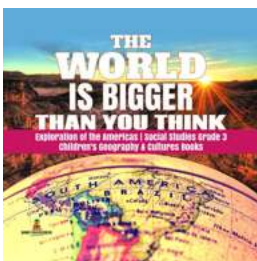
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