Destination: Delaware Valley

TEGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

A Regional Visit Shed Analysis for Tourist Destinations in Greater Philadelphia

Gloucester County, New Jersey

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As a part of its ongoing commitment to enhance travel and tourism, in FY24, DVRPC investigated regional visitation trends for select tourist destinations throughout the Greater Philadelphia area. Staff used the Buxton Scout platform to gather visitation data, focusing on sites in the region's eight suburban counties. Most of the selected sites are historical in nature, in an effort to highlight transportation access trends and needs at attractions that may solicit increased interest during the 2026 celebration of the nation's semiquincentennial, or the 250th anniversary of the 1776 signing of the United States Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia.

Buxton is a software service that gathers location and demographic data from mobile phone users, and provides analytic tools to evaluate consumer behaviors and preferences. The Scout platform can trace visits made to any location back to the home block group of the visitor. The project team used the anonymized outputs for each of its selected tourist sites to create an in-region "visit shed" by mapping the count of visits from each block group within the nine DVRPC counties.

The resulting analysis provides fresh context for tourism and transportation planning at the local, county, and regional scale. Transportation officials can use the data to understand where visitors are traveling from today and identify opportunities to enhance transit and multimodal access in the future. Local visitation trends might also reveal new submarkets in which tourism site operators or economic development planners could target future advertising campaigns. Alternatively, they may highlight known areas where existing marketing investments could be deepened. Organizers of the region's semiquincentennial celebration might notice overlooked assets that could deserve an elevated profile due to their ease of access by alternative travel modes.

The individual site analyses are compiled together by county and each receive a one-page profile highlighting their visit shed, transportation context, and other key data and information. Additional tourist destinations within each county are highlighted on their respective maps. Other sources consulted for these profiles include Replica and Walk Score.

More information can be found at: http://www.dvrpc.org/economic/tourism.



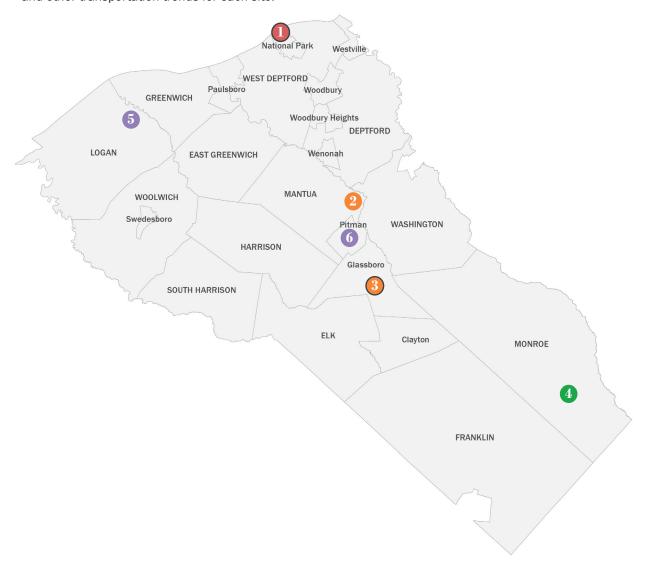


Top: Heritage Glass Museum (Credit: Heritage Glass Museum), Bottom: Whitall House (Credit: Zeete via Wikimedia Commons)

SELECTED DESTINATIONS: GLOUCESTER COUNTY, NJ



This map identifies selected tourist destinations in Gloucester County. 2023 visitation data was gathered for the two destinations that feature a dark gray outline. The pages that follow highlight detailed visitation data and other transportation trends for each site.



HISTORIC SITES / LANDMARKS

Red Bank Battlefield and Whitall House

MUSEUMS / EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

- 2 Edelman Fossil Park
- 3 Heritage Glass Museum

OUTDOOR / NATURAL SITES

4 Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Camp Resort

ENTERTAINMENT

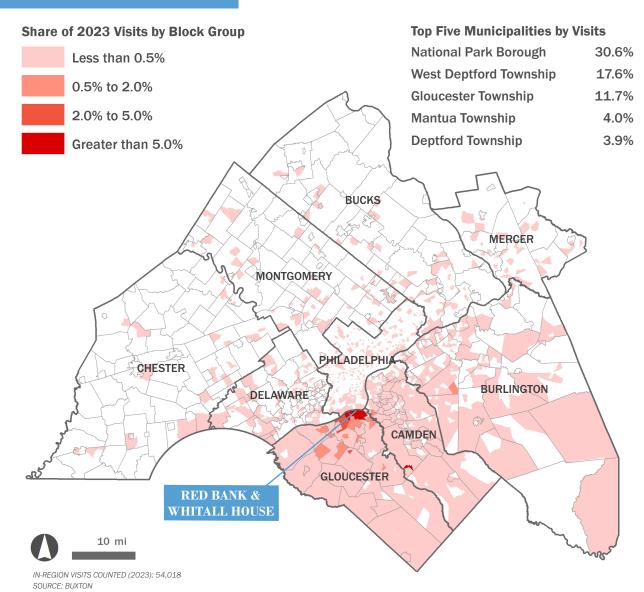
- **5** Bridgeport Speedway
- 6 Broadway Theater of Pitman

RED BANK BATTLEFIELD & WHITALL HOUSE MUSEUM



National Park Borough, Gloucester County

REGIONAL VISIT SHED



DESTINATION TYPE









TRANSPORTATION CONTEXT



Nearest Rail Station: 8.4 mi

Ferry Avenue (Camden)



Nearest Bus Stop: 0.6 mi

NJT Route 455



Walk Score: 31 Car-Dependent



Bike Score: 22 Somewhat Bikeable



Nearest Circuit Trail: 2.8 mi GCL Rail Trail (*planned*)

TRAVEL BEHAVIOR

8% of weekend trips ending in this tract were by transit, walking, or biking

2.5% of weekend trips ending in this tract were made by zero-vehicle households

SOURCE: REPLICA

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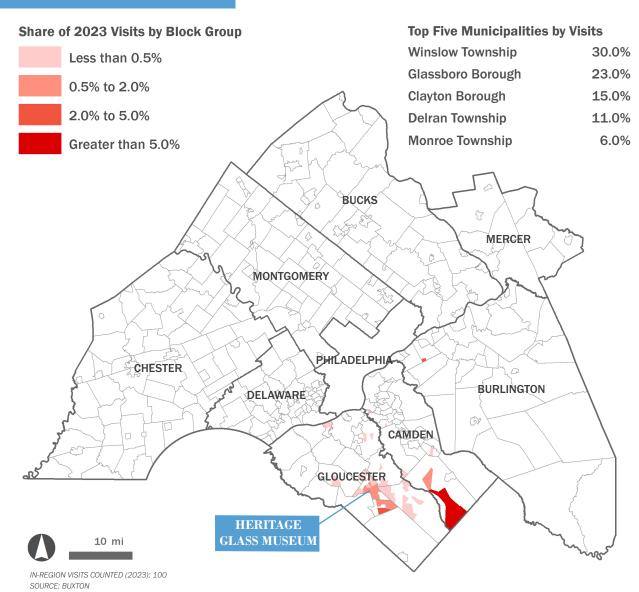
HERITAGE GLASS MUSEUM

Glassboro Borough, Gloucester County



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REGIONAL VISIT SHED



DESTINATION TYPE HISTORIC MUSEUM OUTDOOR ENTERTAIN-

/NATURE

TRANSPORTATION CONTEXT



Nearest Bus Stop: 0.1 mi NJT Route 313/408

Walk Score: 81 Very Walkable

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SITE

Bike Score: 55 Bikeable

Nearest Circuit Trail: 0.5 mi Monroe Township Bike Path

TRAVEL BEHAVIOR

14% of weekend trips ending in this tract were by transit, walking, or biking

5% of weekend trips ending in this tract were made by zero-vehicle households

SOURCE: REPLICA

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