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ABOUT FORKED RIVER

Forked River, NJ is a waterfront community in Lacey Township, Ocean County, along the Barnegat Bay. Lacey Township was founded in 1871, is bordered on the east by the bay and on the west by the pinelands, and uses 08731 as the Forked River ZIP code. The Forked River census-designated place had a 2020 population of 5,274.

What gives Forked River its character is the mix of shore-town living and small-town history. The township's Old Schoolhouse Museum in Forked River began as the former Forked River School, built in 1868 with an addition in 1884, and is now managed by the all-volunteer Historical Society of Lacey.

It is also a strong outdoor and boating community. The area includes Bayfront Park with a gazebo, walking trail, fitness area, and nautical-themed playgrounds, plus Lake Barnegat Beach in Forked River. The broader Forked River watershed has north, middle, and south branches that flow into the Barnegat Bay estuary, which helps explain why the town feels so connected to marinas, fishing, kayaking, and waterfront recreation.

FEATURED BUSINESSES

FORKED RIVER
GERMAN
BUTCHER SHOP



109 Lacey Rd,
Forked River, NJ 08731

(609) 693-7100

LACEY PET SHOP



441 Lacey Rd,
Forked River, NJ 08731

(609) 971-7037

THE
FORGOTTEN
ROOM



901 Lacey Rd, Unit 3,
Forked River, NJ 08731

(609) 971-8700

BOHO LUV
BOUTIQUE



442 Lacey Rd, Forked
River, NJ 08731

(609) 242-0001

FORKED RIVER
FLORIST



349 N Main St, Lacey
Township, NJ 08731

(609) 693-5429

JOY OF ANGELS
THRIFT SHOPPE



203 W. Lacey Rd,
Forked River, NJ 08731

(609) 693-5222

MOBILE MEDIC



445 Lacey Rd,
Forked River, NJ
08731

(609) 242-9652

BLASE
DENATALE
JEWELERS



11 Lacey Rd, Forked
River, NJ 08731

(609) 693-5068

MRS. WALKER'S



132 S Main St, Forked
River, NJ 08731

(609) 693-9500

Pies on Nine South



136 S Main St,
Forked River, NJ 08731

(609) 242-3474

THINGS / DO

- Spend time at Bayfront Park. It has two nautical-themed play areas, an asphalt walking trail with benches, a fitness area, parking, and a gazebo, so it is a nice waterfront stop for families or a casual walk.
- Visit Popcorn Park Animal Refuge. This Forked River animal refuge is open daily March 1 through November 30, with zoo hours of 10 AM to 4 PM, and it is one of the area's most distinctive family-friendly attractions.
- Walk, bike, or jog the Barnegat Branch Trail. Ocean County says this rail-trail project opened in 2007 and will stretch 15.6 miles from Barnegat to Toms River once completed.
- Go to Gille Park. It has a 1.1-mile walking path, playground, picnic pavilion, roller hockey rink, soccer and softball fields, tennis courts, volleyball courts, and restrooms.
- Enjoy Eno's Pond County Park. Ocean County lists it as a 28-acre park on East Lacey Road, and it is a good pick for an easy outdoor stop.
- Head to Lake Barnegat Beach in summer. Lacey Township lists Lake Barnegat Beach on Lakeside Drive in Forked River, with beach patrol hours and a seasonal floating Wibit playground.
- Watch the Lacey recreation calendar for seasonal activities. The township recreation department oversees community athletics, the lakefront and beaches, and summer parks programs, including camp sites at Clune Park in Forked River.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- Forked River Rotary Club — a local service club focused on volunteer opportunities and community projects in Lacey and Waretown.
- Lacey Chamber of Commerce — a business organization based in Forked River that supports and promotes local businesses and the township’s business community.
- Forked River Fire Company — an all-volunteer fire company serving Lacey Township from its Forked River stations.
- Lacey Township EMS — the local emergency medical service, with EMT cadet and team opportunities connected to the Forked River area.
- Historical Society of Lacey — preserves local history and operates out of the Old Schoolhouse Museum in Forked River.
- Friends of the Lacey Library — the local library friends group that supports the Ocean County Library through advocacy, fundraising, programs, and volunteerism.
- Woman’s Club of Lacey — a nonprofit volunteer service organization dedicated to improving home and community life.
- Lacey Youth Football & Cheer — a local youth sports organization in Forked River that promotes volunteer involvement.
- Lacey Soccer Club — a local youth soccer organization that says it is run 100% by volunteer effort.
- Lacey Little League — a community baseball organization that highlights the work of its volunteers in keeping youth baseball going in Lacey Township.
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YOU!**

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