

Sussex County, New Jersey

LOCATION

Sussex County encompasses a total of 535.9 square miles in area and is situated at the extreme northwest corner of New Jersey. It is bounded to the southeast by Morris County, to the east by Passaic County, to the southwest by Warren County, to the west by the Delaware River and Pike County, Pennsylvania, and to the north by Orange County, New York.

Sussex County is positioned like a diamond set on one of its points. It measures nearly 32 miles between the extreme western and eastern tips and approximately 30 miles from the northernmost point to the southern boundary. There is 8.5 square miles of surface water in the county, while the land mass takes up 521.2 square miles. Sussex County in total surface area ranks fourth out of 21 counties in the state in physical size.

In 2000, the population of Sussex County was 144,170, resulting in a density of 276.6 persons per square mile.

The environs surrounding Sussex County, which constitute the “region,” consist of the greater New York City area, the southern portion of New York State, the northeastern section of Pennsylvania and the northern half of New Jersey. The region is a heterogeneous composite of major urban centers (New York, Newark, Paterson, Scranton), numerous smaller cities, suburban development, and totally rural areas.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Following are selected elevations (in feet above sea level) of different regions within Sussex County:

Andover	648	McAfee	432
Augusta	498	Montague	521
Beemerville	755	Newton	650
Bevans	499	Ogdensburg	664
Branchville	577	Quarryville	557
Canisteer	1,061	Sparta	714
Cranberry Lake	771	Stanhope	859
Culver’s Gap	915	Stillwater	443
Dingman’s Ferry	356	Stockholm	982
Flatbrookville	319	Sussex	441
Franklin	566	Swartwood Lake	480
Hainsville	652	Tranquility	568
Hamburg	422	Vernon	562
Huntsville	583	Walpack Center	453
Lake Marcia	1,570	Waterloo	654
Mashipacong Pond	1,124	Wawayanda Lake	1,150
High Point	1,803*		

source: *New Jersey Almanac*

*Highest elevation in New Jersey “High Point State Park”

CLIMATE

The climate of Sussex County is typically continental with relatively warm summers and cold winters. The average mean temperature is 49 degrees Fahrenheit. The average rainfall is 42.07 inches with snow averaging 35.9 inches. Fifty-one percent is the average relative humidity.

source: *Newton Industrial Data Guide, May 1983*