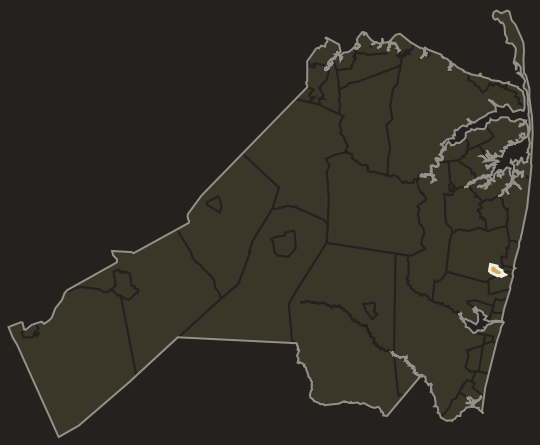
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AN IN DEPTH TOWN GUIDE

Living in Interlaken, NJ

A short history, the sections of town, homes and taxes, where to shop and eat, things to do, and a moving checklist for your new home.



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This guide goes deeper than our website: the history, the sections of town, a moving checklist and worksheets for your visits. Keep it, mark it up, and call either of us with questions.

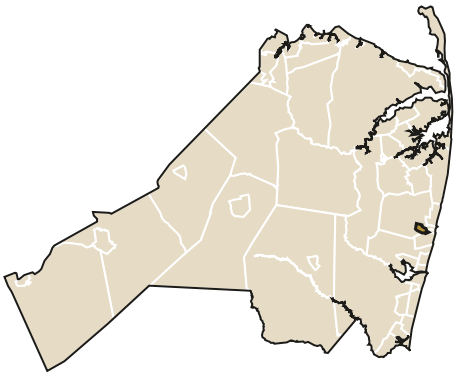
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AT A GLANCE

Interlaken at a glance

County	Monmouth
Population	About 830 (2020 census)
Size	About 0.4 square miles, including part of Deal Lake
Setting	Tree lined residential streets surrounded by Deal Lake
Main roads	Local streets; Routes 35, 66 and 71 and the Parkway (Exit 100) are close by in neighboring towns



Interlaken in gold, in Monmouth County

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A SHORT HISTORY

The story of Interlaken

The Lenape knew this land between the branches of Deal Lake long before Europeans arrived, and Gavin Drummond bought it from them in the 1660s and farmed it from 1687. In 1888 a Massachusetts doctor and his wife bought the property, ran it as a cattle farm and named it Interlaken Farm after Interlaken, Switzerland, a town that also sits between two lakes.

In 1895 the couple formed the Interlaken Land Company to build a year round residential community, and strict building rules produced elaborate homes, many still standing. In 1910 the Wright brothers' exhibition team held a ten day air show here that drew more than 100,000 people. Residents voted in 1922 to leave Ocean Township and form their own borough, which remains entirely residential.

KEY DATES

Timeline

1687	Gavin Drummond starts a farm on the land between the branches of Deal Lake.
1895	The Interlaken Land Company is formed to build a year round residential community.
1910	The Wright brothers' team stages a ten day air show in Interlaken attended by more than 100,000 people.
1922	Residents vote to leave Ocean Township and Interlaken becomes its own borough.

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SECTIONS OF TOWN

A peninsula in Deal Lake

Along the northern branch of Deal Lake. Homes on the borough's northern edge facing the lake branch toward Allenhurst and Ocean Township, some with water views.

Along the southern branch of Deal Lake. Homes on the southern edge facing the main body of the lake, across the water from Asbury Park.

The center of the peninsula. The interior streets, such as Grasmere, Bendermere and Bridlemere avenues, around borough hall. Many homes here date from the early building years after 1895.

> Interlaken is small enough that the whole borough is really one neighborhood. It sits between two branches of Deal Lake, and the shape reminded its founders of Interlaken, Switzerland, which gave the town its name.

The land was farmed for generations before the Interlaken Land Company began building a year round residential community in 1895. Many of the original homes from that period still stand. Residents voted to leave Ocean Township and form their own borough in 1922.

Interlaken borders Asbury Park, Allenhurst, Loch Arbour and Ocean Township, and Deal Lake forms most of its edge.

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HOMES AND TAXES

What you will find

Older homes: Victorian era homes and cottages, many dating to the borough's early development around the turn of the last century.

Lakefront homes: Homes along the shore of Deal Lake, which wraps around most of the borough.

Newer and rebuilt homes: Modern designs mixed in among the older homes on the same streets.

Worth knowing: Interlaken takes its trees seriously. The borough has been a Tree City USA for decades, and its tree preservation ordinance requires a formal review before removing a heritage tree, defined as 40 inches or more around, with replacement trees required. If you plan to build, add on or clear part of a lot, check the tree rules first. On lakefront homes, also ask for the flood zone and any elevation certificate.

Property taxes

0.857%
2025 effective tax rate, as a share of market value

$11,726
2025 average residential tax bill

A home worth $1,350,000 on today's market would pay roughly $11,570 a year at Interlaken's 2025 effective rate. Your actual bill depends on your assessment, so we pull the real tax record for any home you are considering.

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GROCERIES, DINING AND SHOPPING

Where Interlaken shops and eats

Interlaken is entirely residential, with no stores or restaurants of its own, so every errand means a short drive. The good news is that several large supermarkets are only a few minutes away in Ocean Township, Neptune and Long Branch.

Grocery stores

WEST	**Wegmans** 1104 Route 35, Ocean Township
SOUTHWEST	**ShopRite** 2200 Route 66, Neptune Township
SOUTH	**ALDI** 722 Route 35, Neptune Township
NORTHEAST	**Stop & Shop** 150 West End Court, Long Branch
NORTHWEST	**Whole Foods Market** 180 Route 35, Eatontown

Checked October 2026. Stores open, close and move, so call ahead before a first trip.

Dining

Downtown Asbury Park. Interlaken has no restaurants of its own and is a dry town. Cookman Avenue and the boardwalk in Asbury Park, just across the lake, have a wide choice.

Main Street in Allenhurst. A small commercial block on Route 71 near the Allenhurst train station.

Route 35 in Ocean Township. A few minutes west, with many everyday restaurants and shopping.

Pier Village, Long Branch: North on Route 71 and Ocean Avenue, an oceanfront village with shops, apartments and restaurants along the boardwalk.

Shopping

Route 35 in Ocean Township and Eatontown, a short drive west, is the main shopping road. In Eatontown, where the former Monmouth Mall is being rebuilt as Monmouth Square, an open air center with stores and apartments.

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GETTING AROUND

Roads and commuting

No major highways run through Interlaken. Route 71 and Route 35 are just outside the borough in neighboring towns, and Route 66 leads west to Garden State Parkway Exit 100. The nearest train stations are Allenhurst and Asbury Park, both on NJ Transit's North Jersey Coast Line. Interlaken is entirely residential, so daily shopping is in the surrounding towns.

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THINGS TO DO

Things to do in and around Interlaken

Deal Lake. Monmouth County's largest lake surrounds the borough on most sides and is known for fishing and rowing. A commission of the towns around it has cared for the lake since 1974.

Borough recreation field. The borough's own field on Bridlemere Avenue.

Programs at borough hall. Borough hall at 100 Grasmere Avenue hosts community programs, including a weekly senior yoga class on Monday mornings.

Asbury Park beach and boardwalk. The oceanfront of the neighboring city, a short drive or bike ride away, with beaches, Convention Hall and the Paramount Theatre.

Township of Ocean Library. The nearest Monmouth County Library branch, at 701 Deal Road in neighboring Ocean Township.

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MOVING CHECKLIST

Setting up your home in Interlaken

Tick each one off as you go. Most of these take one phone call or a few minutes online.

- [ ] **Borough hall.** Interlaken Borough Hall, 100 Grasmere Avenue, Interlaken, NJ 07712.https://www.interlakenboro.com

- [ ] **Property taxes.** Tax office phone 732-531-7405. The tax collector works out of borough hall at 100 Grasmere Avenue, open Monday to Thursday 8 am to 4:30 pm and Friday 8 am to 1 pm. New Jersey property taxes are paid quarterly, due February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1, with a 10 day grace period; after that, interest is charged back to the due date. Taxes can be paid online through the borough's payment portal. Not receiving a bill does not change the due date, so new owners should confirm with the tax office where bills will be sent.

- [ ] **Water and sewer.** Water: New Jersey American Water. Sewer: Township of Ocean Sewerage Authority. 1-866-269-2837 (New Jersey American Water); 732-531-2213 (Township of Ocean Sewerage Authority). New Jersey American Water lists Interlaken among the towns its coastal water system serves, so start or stop water with the company directly. Sewage is treated by the Township of Ocean Sewerage Authority in Oakhurst, which also serves Ocean Township, Deal, Allenhurst and Loch Arbour. Ask borough hall how sewer charges are billed for the home.

- [ ] **Electric.** Jersey Central Power and Light (JCP&L), a FirstEnergy company. Outage line 1-888-544-4877.

- [ ] **Gas.** New Jersey Natural Gas. 1-800-221-0051 (customer service); 1-800-427-5325 (gas leaks, 24 hours).

- [ ] **Trash and recycling.** Borough crews collect trash on Monday and Thursday, moving to the next day after a holiday. Recycling goes out loose, not in plastic bags, on the first and third Tuesday, at the curb before 7 am. Bulk pickup pauses from October through December. Call Public Works at 732-517-0005 or see the Public Works page at interlakenboro.com.

- [ ] **Driver's license and voting.** New Jersey law (N.J.S.A. 39:3-36) requires drivers to report a new address to the Motor Vehicle Commission within one week, and the MVC prefers that you do it online. To register to vote or update your address, use the state's online voter registration or send a paper form to the Monmouth County Commissioner of Registration or Superintendent of Elections. Registration closes 21 days before an election. The Monmouth County Clerk handles vote by mail ballots.

- [ ] **Flood zone.** Look up any address on the FEMA Flood Map Service Center at msc.fema.gov. Homes on the lake edge are the most likely to sit in mapped flood zones.New Jersey sellers must disclose a home's flood zone and flood history. We did not find Interlaken in FEMA's Community Rating System.

- [ ] **Library.** Monmouth County Library, Township of Ocean Branch (nearest branch), 701 Deal Road, Ocean, NJ 07712.

Checked October 2026. Phone numbers and schedules change, so confirm with each office.

WHEN YOU SELL

The certificate every sale needs

New Jersey requires a Certificate of Smoke Alarm and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Compliance before a one or two family home is sold (N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.3), issued by the local fire official after an inspection. Since February 3, 2025 (P.L. 2025, c.19), a portable fire extinguisher is no longer part of this certificate for one and two family homes. Fire service in Interlaken is provided by the Allenhurst Fire Department. We could not confirm from an official borough source whether Interlaken requires its own certificate of occupancy or resale inspection, so confirm with the borough's zoning and code enforcement official (Monday evenings by appointment) or the construction office at borough hall, 732-531-7405, before listing.

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QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Questions people ask us about Interlaken

Is Interlaken part of Ocean Township?

No. Interlaken was part of Ocean Township until 1922, when residents voted to form their own borough. It has its own government, Borough Hall on Grasmere Avenue and its own property taxes.

How big is Interlaken?

Very small. The borough covers about 0.4 square miles, including part of Deal Lake, and is about a mile long and half a mile wide. About 830 people lived there as of the 2020 census.

Are there stores or businesses in Interlaken?

Almost none. Interlaken was planned as a residential community and remains entirely residential. It is also a dry town, where alcohol cannot legally be sold. Shopping is in the neighboring towns.

Is there a train station near Interlaken?

Yes, nearby. The Allenhurst and Asbury Park stations on NJ Transit's North Jersey Coast Line are both in neighboring towns, a short drive from Interlaken.

Where is the closest grocery store to Interlaken?

The closest full supermarkets are a few minutes away, since Interlaken has no stores of its own. Wegmans is just west on Route 35 in Ocean Township, and there is a ShopRite on Route 66 and an ALDI on Route 35 in Neptune Township. Stop & Shop in Long Branch and Whole Foods Market in Eatontown are a little farther.

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TO FILL IN ON YOUR VISITS

Touring the sections of town

Drive or walk each part of town at different times of day. Note the streets you liked, the traffic, the water and anything to ask us about.

Along the northern branch of Deal Lake	
Along the southern branch of Deal Lake	
The center of the peninsula	

Is Interlaken right for you?

HOW WELL DOES THE TOWN FIT?	GREAT FIT	OKAY	NOT A FIT
Getting to work and family	☐	☐	☐
Groceries and everyday errands	☐	☐	☐
Restaurants and things to do	☐	☐	☐
Parks and time outdoors	☐	☐	☐
Being on or near the water	☐	☐	☐
Flood zone and insurance	☐	☐	☐
Property taxes	☐	☐	☐
The kinds of homes available	☐	☐	☐
Traffic and summer crowds	☐	☐	☐
How it feels on the streets you saw	☐	☐	☐

Streets or homes to look at again

Questions to ask us

TALK IT THROUGH

Call or text either of us

Thinking about moving to Interlaken, or selling a home there? Call or text either of us. We will tell you what we know about the town, honestly, and help you plan the next step.



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