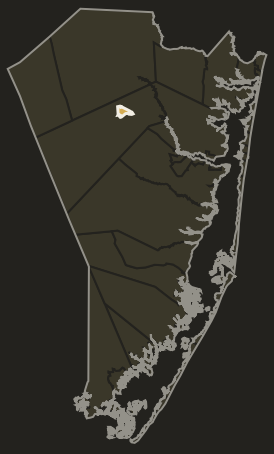
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Living in Lakehurst, NJ

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.

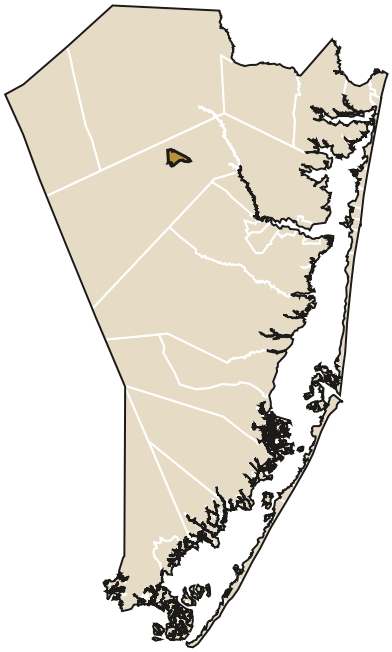
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AT A GLANCE

Lakehurst at a glance

County	Ocean
Population	About 2,600 (2020 census)
Size	About 1 square mile, including Lake Horicon
Setting	A compact old railroad town around a cedar water lake, inside the Pinelands Area
Main roads	Route 70; the western end of Route 37 at the Lakehurst Circle; County Route 547



Lakehurst in gold, in Ocean County

Lakehurst the borough, Lakehurst the base

The Lakehurst name is famous because of the naval air station where the Hindenburg crashed in 1937. That station, now part of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, is not in the borough. It sits in neighboring Manchester and Jackson townships.

Lakehurst Borough is a separate town of about one square mile, completely surrounded by Manchester Township. It split off from Manchester in 1921. The 08733 ZIP code is used in both the borough and parts of Manchester, so a Lakehurst address does not always mean a Lakehurst Borough home. Each town has its own government and its own property tax rate, and we confirm which one a home is in.

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A SHORT HISTORY

The story of Lakehurst

Before it was Lakehurst, this corner of the pines was known as Manchester Village, the name on an 1872 map. It grew up as a railroad town on the Central Railroad of New Jersey, which ran a major shop yard here, and workers' cottages filled streets such as Pine Street and Hibernia Avenue. Around 1900 the Pine Tree Inn made Lakehurst a well known winter resort, drawing guests to the lake and the pine woods.

Lakehurst was incorporated as a borough from part of Manchester Township on April 7, 1921, and Manchester still surrounds it on every side. The naval air station just outside town made the Lakehurst name famous during the airship era, including the 1937 Hindenburg disaster, and the borough still calls itself the Airship Capital of the World. Most railroad buildings came down in the 1940s, but freight trains still pass through.

KEY DATES

Timeline

1913	Lakehurst's borough hall on Union Avenue is built, eight years before the borough itself.
1897	The Pine Tree Inn opens and Lakehurst becomes a winter resort.
1921	Lakehurst Borough is incorporated from part of Manchester Township.
1993	The Lakehurst Historical Society opens its museum in the old church.

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SECTIONS OF TOWN

A walkable grid around the lake

Pine Street and Hibernia Avenue. Two of the borough's oldest streets, lined with small cottages built for railroad workers.

Union Avenue. A long, tree lined street with older, larger homes near the site of the old Pine Tree Inn.

Downtown and Church Street. The small business district around borough hall, and Church Street, with large Victorian homes leading down to Lake Horicon.

Around Lake Horicon. The streets near the lake and its park, including Lake Street on the south side of Route 70.

North of Route 70. The Westlake area, Pinehurst Estates and tree named streets such as Maple, Oak and Poplar, on the north side of the highway.

> Lakehurst began in 1821 as a square mile tract, and many of its streets carry tree names. The borough's historic walking tour points to a handful of areas you will hear about:

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HOMES AND TAXES

What you will find

Railroad era cottages smaller older homes on streets such as Pine Street and Hibernia Avenue, from the days of the Central Railroad shops.

Older larger homes on Union Avenue and nearby streets, where the former Laurel Cottage of the Pine Tree Inn still stands.

Homes near the lake on the streets around Lake Horicon and its park.

Worth knowing: Lakehurst has three things to sort out early. It is on the state's list of Pinelands Area municipalities, so Pinelands rules can limit what you build, add or subdivide. Much of the housing is older, so we look hard at the roof, heating system, electrical service and any oil tank history. And because Lakehurst addresses also reach into Manchester Township, we confirm the municipality on every listing, since the taxes and rules differ.

Property taxes

2.083%
2025 effective tax rate, as a share of market value

$5,831
2025 average residential tax bill

A home worth $300,000 on today's market would pay roughly $6,249 a year at Lakehurst'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 Lakehurst shops and eats

Lakehurst has a small downtown but no supermarket, so groceries mean a short drive. The nearest is just outside the borough on Route 70 in Manchester.

Grocery stores

EAST	**ShopRite** 1001 Route 70, Manchester
SOUTHWEST	**Stop & Shop** 400 Lacey Road, Manchester (Whiting mailing address)
SOUTHEAST	**ALDI** 740 Route 37 West, Toms River
SOUTHEAST	**ShopRite** 2 Route 37 West, Toms River

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

Dining

Downtown Lakehurst. The borough's only downtown, around borough hall and Union Avenue, with a few shops and places to eat.

Route 70. The main road through town, with casual places to eat in the borough and in neighboring Manchester.

Route 37 toward Toms River. Starting at the Lakehurst Circle and running east, a busy corridor lined with restaurants and stores.

Seaside Heights: Farther east on Route 37, across Barnegat Bay, a two mile boardwalk with amusement piers, arcades and a wide variety of food.

Shopping

Daily shopping is in the small downtown and along Route 70 and Route 37. For more, Route 37 leads east into Toms River, and the Ocean County Mall, the only enclosed mall in Ocean County, is on Hooper Avenue in Toms River.

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GETTING AROUND

Roads and commuting

Route 70 is the main road through the borough. Route 37 begins at the Lakehurst Circle with Route 70 and runs east to Toms River, where it meets the Garden State Parkway at Exits 82A and 82B. Heading east on Route 70 reaches the Parkway at Exit 89 in Lakewood. County Route 547 comes in from the north. Ocean Ride runs local buses here, including the Whiting Express and Manchester routes. There is no passenger rail today, though Lakehurst was once a major shop and station stop on the Central Railroad of New Jersey. Daily shopping is in the small downtown and along Route 70 and Route 37.

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THINGS TO DO

Things to do in and around Lakehurst

Lake Horicon. A 60 acre lake in town for fishing, boating, summer swimming with a lifeguard and ice skating in winter. Its park has a picnic area, playground, pavilion and a walking path around the lake.

Fourth of July and lakeside events. The borough's Fourth of July celebration, flea markets, craft shows and an antique fire apparatus muster are held on the shores of Lake Horicon.

Lakehurst Historical Museum. Run by the volunteer Lakehurst Historical Society in Old St. John's Church at 300 Center Street, with Hindenburg artifacts, railroad photos and Pine Tree Inn items. Open Wednesday and Sunday afternoons.

Lakehurst Historic Walking Tour. A borough walking tour of the old railroad area, downtown, Church Street, Union Avenue and the railroad cottages of Pine Street and Hibernia Avenue.

Halloween Parade. An annual borough parade each October that lines up in front of borough hall.

Downtown Christmas display. Downtown Lakehurst is known for its holiday decorations each December.

Fuccile Sports Complex. The borough's sports complex, listed among its visitor destinations.

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MOVING CHECKLIST

Setting up your home in Lakehurst

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

- [ ] **Borough hall.** Lakehurst Borough Hall, 5 Union Avenue, Lakehurst, NJ 08733.https://www.lakehurst-nj.gov

- [ ] **Property taxes.** Tax office phone 732-657-4141. The tax and utility collector is in borough hall at 5 Union Avenue, and taxes and utilities can be paid online through the borough website. New Jersey property taxes are paid quarterly, due February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1, with a 10 day grace period before interest is charged back to the due date. 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.** Lakehurst Borough (borough owned water and sewer). 732-657-4141 ext. 303 (business office). The borough supplies water and sewer and bills them quarterly through the borough business office. Bills become delinquent 20 days after they are received. Call the business office to arrange a final reading and transfer the account when a home is sold.

- [ ] **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 and recycling in 95 gallon carts: Tuesday on the south side of Route 70 and Thursday on the north side, moving to Wednesday in a holiday week. Metal, bulk and leaf pickups are on set Fridays. Details are on the Public Works page of the borough website, or call 732-657-4141, option 4.

- [ ] **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 Ocean County Commissioner of Registration or Superintendent of Elections. Registration closes 21 days before an election. The Ocean County Clerk handles vote by mail ballots.

- [ ] **Flood zone.** Lakehurst is an inland borough, and most homes are outside mapped flood zones; streets right along Lake Horicon and its streams are the ones to check. Look up any address on the FEMA Flood Map Service Center at msc.fema.gov. New Jersey sellers must disclose a home's flood zone and flood history.

- [ ] **Library.** Ocean County Library, Manchester Branch (nearest branch), 21 Colonial Drive, Manchester, NJ 08759.

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). 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. Lakehurst also requires its own Inspection Certificate for Resale or New Tenant before a home is sold, leased or changes occupants. The borough's code enforcement officer checks the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, general property maintenance and whether the house matches the tax and building records. The borough lists the fee as $100 for up to two inspections. Call the construction office at borough hall, 732-657-4141, to schedule.

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QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Questions people ask us about Lakehurst

Is the Hindenburg site in Lakehurst Borough?

No. The Hindenburg crashed in 1937 at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station, which is in Manchester Township, not the borough. The station is now part of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

Is Lakehurst part of Manchester Township?

No. Lakehurst has been its own borough since 1921, when it separated from Manchester. Manchester completely surrounds it, but each town has its own government and its own property tax rate.

Is Lakehurst in the Pinelands?

Yes. Lakehurst Borough is on the New Jersey Pinelands Commission's list of Pinelands Area municipalities. Pinelands rules can affect building, additions and subdivisions, so check before you plan changes.

Can you swim in Lake Horicon?

Yes. Lake Horicon Park has a swimming beach with a lifeguard on duty during the summer season. The cedar water is naturally tinted, and the park also has a playground, a pavilion and picnic areas.

Where is the closest grocery store to Lakehurst?

The closest supermarket is a ShopRite on Route 70 in Manchester, just east of the borough line. There is also a Stop & Shop on Lacey Road in Whiting, and an ALDI and a ShopRite on Route 37 in Toms River.

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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.

Pine Street and Hibernia Avenue	
Union Avenue	
Downtown and Church Street	
Around Lake Horicon	
North of Route 70	

Is Lakehurst 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 Lakehurst, 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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