

Arik's Favorite NJ Fall Photography Locations

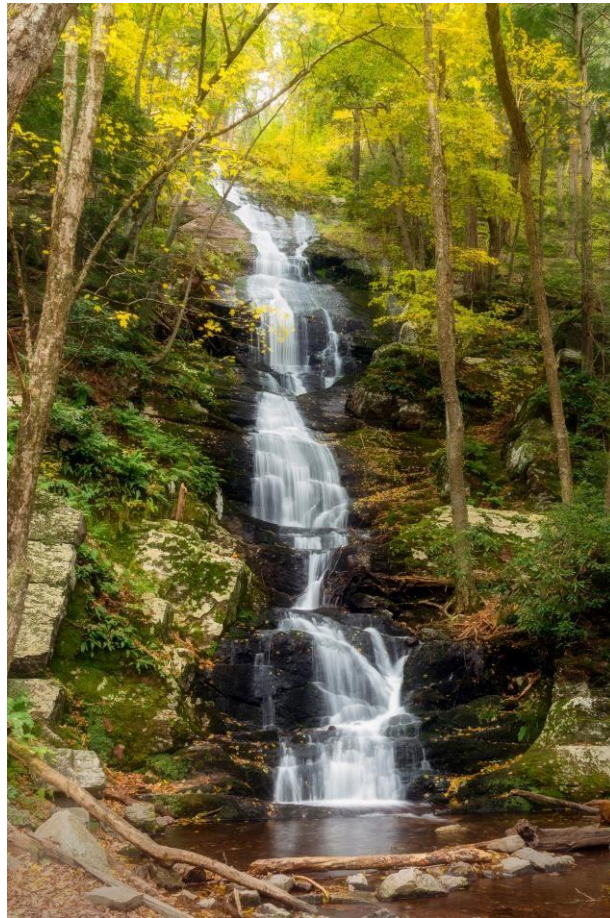
Early Fall (week 1-2)

High Point, Stokes State Park (Sunrise Mountain)



General Comments	About 2:00 hour drive from Bridgewater Start in Sunrise Mountain to shoot the sunrise, then drive through Stokes park and continue to High Point
Navigation	Sunrise Mountain Road Sandyston, NJ 07826
Best Time	Early morning for sunrise. Possible fog to enhance the mood.
Parking	Parking lot at the top of Sunrise Mountain. Small pull-out spots along the roads in the parks.
Walking	A short easy walk to the view point in Sunrise Mountain.
Equipment	A tripod and a telephoto lens for sunrise. A short wide-to-tele zoom for most other pictures. Circular Polarizer.

Buttermilk Falls, Tillman Ravine



General Comments	About 1:40 hour drive from Bridgewater (near Walpack) The falls are beautiful when framed with fall colors. Visit can be combined with a trip to the Delaware Water Gap and/or High Point and Stokes.
Navigation	Mountain Road Layton, NJ 07851
Best Time	Anytime on a cloudy day. Otherwise, early morning when the sun is behind the mountain and doesn't hit the falls or trees around the falls.
Parking	Parking lot across from the falls. Dirt road to the falls may be in poor condition with potholes.
Walking	Very short walk from the parking lot to Buttermilk falls. Tillman Ravine requires a longer walk along the stream.
Equipment	A tripod and a wide angle lens are needed for Buttermilk falls. A short wide-to-tele zoom for most other pictures. Circular Polarizer.

Delaware Water Gap (Old Mine Road), Millbrook Village



General Comments	About 1:15 hour drive from Bridgewater Drive along Old Mine Road and find pretty spots. There are a few small waterfalls and Douglas Trail across from a large parking lot. It's about 2 miles from Route 80. Millbrook Village offers many photo opportunities.
Navigation	134 Old Mine Road Columbia, NJ 08732
Best Time	Anytime on a cloudy day. Otherwise, early morning when the sun is behind the mountain and doesn't hit the falls or trees around the falls. The sun comes over the mountain around 8:45 am. Often, there's nice fog in a few spots until then.
Parking	There are a few small parking spots along the road. Parking lot across from Douglas Trail. Millbrook Village has a parking lot.

Walking	<p>Very short walk from the parking lot to the first waterfall, but the trail is not flat and gets steep after the first one. There are scenic spots along the road, but much nicer when you walk up. However, the walk may not be easy for everyone.</p> <p>The Millbrook Village area is flat and has easy to walk paths.</p>
Equipment	<p>A tripod and a wide angle lens are needed for the falls. A short wide-to-tele zoom for most other pictures.</p> <p>Circular Polarizer.</p>

Mid Fall (week 2-3)

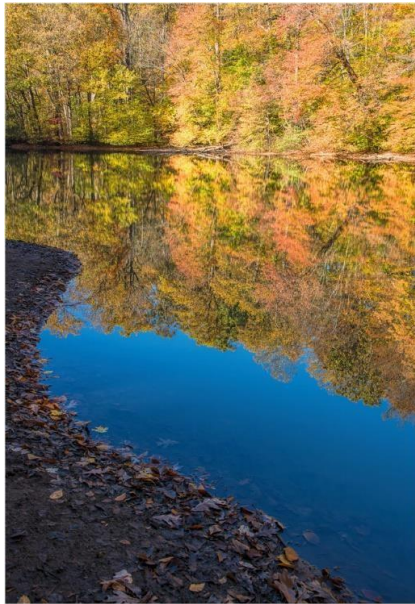
Ken Lockwood Gorge



General Comments	<p>About a 30 minute drive from Bridgewater</p> <p>The dirt road along the river is 2 miles long. There are a few parking lots on the High Bridge side of the road. The road is closed for car traffic. You park and walk along the river.</p> <p>There are many boulders and cascades that re great for photography when the golden leaves and blue sky reflect in the water.</p> <p>The fall is also a busy fishing period, which provides some additional photo opportunities.</p>
Navigation	<p>203 Raritan River Road Annandale, NJ 08801</p>
Best Time	<p>The best time is around 3-4 PM when the sun hits the trees across the river. Early morning is good too when there's fog.</p>
Parking	<p>The larger parking spots are on the High Bridge side. There's a small parking lot on the other end of the road, but it holds only 4 cars.</p>

Walking	The dirt road along the river is flat, but sometimes, going down to the river is steep. It's worth walking the full length of the road (2 miles each way).
Equipment	A tripod and a telephoto lens are needed for long exposure shots of the cascades. A short wide-to-tele zoom for most other pictures. Circular Polarizer.

Watchung Reservation and the Deserted Village



General Comments	About a 30 minute drive from Bridgewater. There are multiple trails in the woods and one around the lake. The Deserted Village provides additional photo opportunities.
Navigation	Cataract Hollow Road Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922
Best Time	The best times are in early morning or late afternoon. Early morning is great when there's fog.
Parking	There's a parking lot by the lake and a few more at the center. There's also a parking lot by the Deserted Village.
Walking	Most trails are flat. The trail around the lake can get muddy. The walk from the parking lot to the Deserted Village is downhill, but not steep.
Equipment	A tripod is recommended but not required. A short wide-to-tele zoom for most other pictures. Circular Polarizer.

Jockey Hollow - National Historical Park



General Comments	About a 30 minute drive from Bridgewater There are multiple trails in the woods and along the loop road.
Navigation	Tempe Wick Road Morristown, NJ 07960
Best Time	The best times are in early morning or late afternoon on sunny days, but anytime on cloudy days.
Parking	There are a few parking lots throughout the park.
Walking	Most trails are flat or with moderate slopes. Some get muddy after the rain.
Equipment	A tripod is recommended but not required. A short wide-to-tele zoom for most other pictures. Circular Polarizer.

Hacklebarney State Park



General Comments	About a 40 minute drive from Bridgewater There are a couple of trails along the stream/falls and along the Black River. There are many beautiful opportunities for fall photography, including the trees, falls, cascades, and river.
Navigation	119 Hacklebarney Road Long Valley, NJ 07853
Best Time	The best times are in early morning or late afternoon on sunny days, but anytime on cloudy days.
Parking	There's a large parking lot near the entrance to the park.
Walking	The trails are not easy and range from moderate climbs to hiking on rocks and tree roots.
Equipment	A tripod is required for using slow shutter speeds when shooting falls and cascades. A short wide-to-tele zoom would work for most pictures. A longer telephoto would be good for tighter shots of cascades and leaves in the water. Circular Polarizer.

D&R Canal, Colonial Park



General Comments	<p>About a 20 minute drive from Bridgewater</p> <p>There are many beautiful spots along the canal, all the way from Bound Brook to Kingston. Colonial Park provides multiple photo opportunities, especially during fall foliage season.</p>
Navigation	<p>Example tow path parking: 2401 Amwell Road Somerset, NJ 08873</p> <p>Colonial Park: 156 Mettlers Road Somerset, NJ 08873</p>
Best Time	<p>The best times are in early morning or late afternoon on sunny days, but anytime on cloudy days. Often, there's fog over the water, in the morning, during the fall.</p>
Parking	<p>There are multiple parking lots around the various crossings of the D&R Canal and a few in Colonial Park that also provides access to the tow-path along the canal.</p>

Walking	The trails are flat and easy.
Equipment	<p>A tripod is recommended on foggy days when you want to use a small aperture for good DOF.</p> <p>A short wide-to-tele zoom would work for most pictures.</p> <p>Circular Polarizer.</p>

Duke Island Park



General Comments	In Bridgewater. There are beautiful spots along the river and the canal.
Navigation	191 Old York Road Bridgewater Township, NJ 08807
Best Time	The best times are in early morning or late afternoon on sunny days, but anytime on cloudy days. Often, there's fog over the canal water, in the morning, during the fall.
Parking	There are multiple parking lots in the park.
Walking	The trails are flat and easy.
Equipment	A tripod is recommended on foggy days when you want to use a small aperture for good DOF. A short wide-to-tele zoom would work for most pictures. Circular Polarizer.

Late Fall (week 3-4)

Washington Crossings (NJ and PA)



General Comments	About a 50 minute drive from Bridgewater There are multiple trails in both the NJ and PA sections of the park. The NJ side has more natural wooded areas that are beautiful in fall. The PA side has interesting buildings, trees, and a path along the canal.
Navigation	355 Washington Crossing Pennington Road Titusville, NJ 08560
Best Time	The best times are in early morning or late afternoon on sunny days, but anytime on cloudy days.
Parking	There are multiple parking lots in both sections of the park. If you park in the west lot of the NJ side of the park (closest to the Delaware River), you can take the foot bridge and walk to the main bridge that crosses the Delaware river and takes you to the PA side of the park.
Walking	The trails are flat and easy. Walking across the river adds some distance.
Equipment	A short wide-to-tele zoom would work for most pictures. Circular Polarizer.