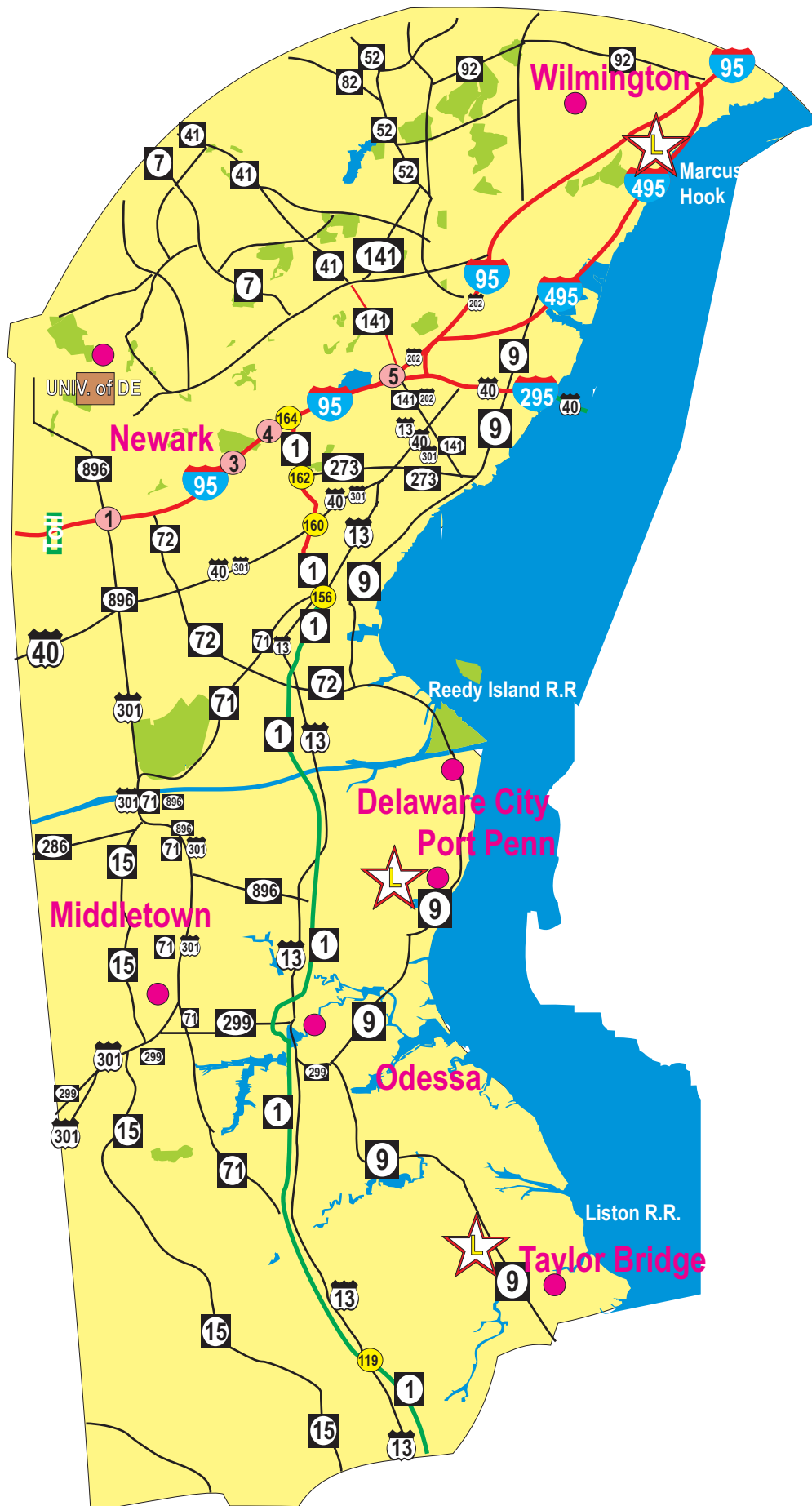


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Historical Society of Delaware



The Historical Society of Delaware strives to provide and encourage a greater understanding and appreciation of history, particularly the history of Delaware, through research, exhibitions, publications, and educational programs. It maintains a Research Library and the Delaware History Museum in Wilmington, as well as three historic sites: Old Town Hall, Wilmington Square and the Read House & Gardens. The museum is located in a renovated art deco Woolworth store featuring a gallery of changing exhibits from the Society's collections, as well as Distinctively Delaware, a permanent, interactive exhibit spanning 400 years of Delaware history. The Read House & Gardens, located in historic New Castle, DE, was built in 1801 and exhibits the height of Federal grandeur. Built by the son of one of Delaware's signers of the Declaration of Independence, this 22 room, 14,000 square-foot mansion was the largest house in Delaware when built. The home is surrounded by a 1 1/2-acre garden, which includes a formal parterre flower garden, a specimen garden, and a large fruit orchard and kitchen garden. The staff and volunteers of the Historical Society do tremendous work and are all dedicated to promoting an enhanced knowledge and enjoyment of history.

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Kalmar Nyckel

The Tall Ship of
DELAWARE



Hidden away off the beaten path in Wilmington Delaware, the *Kalmar Nyckel* is a magnificent place to visit and experience rich historical significance. We came across this wonderful ship by chance as we were exploring the Delaware River Valley one Saturday afternoon and we were happy we did. The *Kalmar Nyckel* was one of America's pioneering colonial ships whose historical importance rivals that of the *Mayflower*. The original ship sailed from Sweden to the New World in 1638 leaving its passengers to establish the first permanent European

settlement in the Delaware Valley. The present day *Kalmar Nyckel* provides a unique platform for the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation's educational programming. Additionally it provides a venue for diplomatic, recreational, governmental and commemorative functions. When you visit the ship at the shipyard, or on one of its many visits to other ports, you can experience what it must have been like in 1638 with a dockside tour or by sailing aboard this re-creation of the original vessel. She has regularly scheduled public tours and sails and is also available for private charter. With its abundant history and superlative reverence, the *Kalmar Nyckel* is certainly a worthwhile trip and easy to access from all major cities in the mid-Atlantic region.

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Delaware Museum of Natural History

The Delaware Museum of Natural History is one of the region's fastest growing educational and cultural attractions. At the museum they excite & inform people about the natural world as they help develop a caring society that respects & values our planet. Along with their permanent displays of dinosaurs, birds, mammals, shells and other scientific collections, they also host up to three traveling exhibitions throughout the year. In the coming months, as part of their grand re-opening they will feature *Predators*, an exhibit that explores the lives of the most dangerous animals on land, sea, and sky. *Predators* is packed with animal models ranging from actual-size to larger-than-life, to give you an adventurous, hands-on learning experience. Among the exciting renovations to the museum are a dynamic new entranceway featuring a life-sized model of a Giant Squid, a state-of-the-art exhibition gallery, the Coral Reef Canteen, an expanded Museum Store and more. The Delaware Museum of Natural History also has a Summer Camp that offers children ages 4-12 the chance to experience the wonders of the natural world, in-depth and up-close. We highly recommend that you visit the Delaware Museum of Natural History.

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Brandywine Zoo

one of the Delaware State Parks

Not far from the bustle of the city is a serene, yet wild place. The Brandywine Zoo, open since 1905, is Delaware's only zoo. It is managed by the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation with the support of the Delaware Zoological Society and is located in beautiful Brandywine Park. The zoo is committed to providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for the visitor and a better future for all living things. Its grounds cover 13 landscaped acres above the Brandywine River. The zoo is home to a variety of species of mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians. About 150 creatures in all live at the zoo, which features exotic Siberian tigers, playful river otters, snowy owl, Andean condors, Florida bobcats, binturongs, sandhill cranes, burrowing owls, pygmy goats, llama, rhea and the capybara (the world's largest rodent) as well as other animals native to the Americas and the temperate areas of Asia. Visitors return again and again to see the animals in natural settings. In addition, the zoo has educational programs for enthusiasts of all ages, from toddlers to adult. With Keeper Watching, see the zookeeper work with one of the zoo animals. Learn about the feeding, training and medical care of an animal. Look on as the keeper engages the animal for feeding or play. Brandywine Zoo offers a convenient escape that feels worlds away.

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