



July struts in like the life of the summer party—sunny, sweaty, and unapologetically extra. It's the month where fireworks light up the sky and ice cream drips faster than your willpower. Flip-flops become formal wear, grills work overtime, and every day feels like it deserves a picnic. Basically, July is summer shouting, “Let’s do everything—but make it chill!”



Step back in time before the fireworks fly! On **July 3rd, 2025**, history comes alive at **Iron Works Hill**, where re-enactors, cookies (for the first 250 sweet-toothed patriots), and the Custom Blend Band bring Revolutionary vibes to the St. Andrew’s Church Graveyard. It’s the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Mount Holly—charge the hill, cheer like it’s 1776, and bring the whole family for a blast from the colonial past!

Tiny explorers ages 2–7 are invited to wiggle, giggle, and grow with nature! **Every Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:30 am**, the **Plainsboro Preserve and Library** team up for storytime adventures, critter crafts, and wild outdoor fun (if the weather behaves). New nature themes each week mean there's always something fresh to flap, hop, or crawl into!



Every Saturday from June through August, Princeton turns up the volume and the vibes with its Summer Music Series on the Green at Palmer Square! From **1 to 3 pm**, enjoy toe-tapping tunes ranging from acoustic cool to jazzy grooves while you shop, snack, and soak up the sun. Whether you're perching at a picnic table or lounging on a blanket like the musical royalty you are, there's no better way to spend a Saturday. It’s like a live playlist for your perfect summer afternoon—now all you need is sunglasses and snacks!

Hungry for adventure? From **July 5–19**, the **Jersey City Restaurant Fest** serves up a global feast with flavors from over 35 local gems—think Aussie bites, spicy Bangladeshi delights, wood-fired pizzas, and Caribbean heat all in one delicious city. Whether you're craving Angry Archies' seafood sass or Pie Oh My's cheesy charm, your taste buds are in for a two-week world tour (no passport required)!



At **Terhune Orchards**, summer weekends are all about sippin’, strummin’, and strollin’ under the shade of 100-year-old apple trees. Every Saturday and Sunday from **June 7 to September 7**, unwind with a glass of award-winning wine (or a frosty wine slush, if you fancy!) and soak up live tunes ranging from jazzy jams to rockin’ rhythms between 2–5 PM. With farm-fresh snacks, a charming Barn Door Café, and sweet treats for the kiddos, it’s a full-bodied way to toast the weekend. Just remember—no pets or picnics, but plenty of good vibes and grape expectations await!

On **Thursday, July 17th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm**, the trails at **Plainsboro Preserve** turn into a wild treasure hunt for nature-loving adventurers of all ages! Families can scout for bugs, bark, and all things leafy during a fun scavenger hunt, then chill out with a cool treat back at the nature center. With board games, puzzles, and a fort-building zone, it's like summer camp packed into one joyful, jam-packed evening—no fee, just fun!



Be Happy Campers, pitch a tent or roll in your RV at **Mahlon Dickerson Reservation**, where 3,500+ acres of forest magic await. Toast marshmallows by a fire ring, grill under the stars, and sleep like nature’s VIP. Whether you’re a glamper or a ground-sleeper, this place is camper heaven.

On **Sunday, July 27th from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM**, FOPOS and Eleni Litt invite curious minds and doodling souls to **Mountain Lakes House** for a whimsical Nature Journaling meetup. It’s all about sketching leaves, bugs, and breezes in a totally playful, no-pressure setting—judgment-free zones and lopsided trees encouraged! Grown-ups and teens are the stars, but younger artists can tag along if they bring their favorite grown-up sidekick—just don’t forget to register!



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