



## SUMMIT, NJ AREA INFORMATION

[Summit](#) is a city in Union County, New Jersey. It has over 21,000 residents comprised of an international group speaking 39 languages with a broad economic and ethnic cross-section, largely mirroring the makeup of the nation as a whole. Summit's earliest settlers came here about 1710, many bringing Puritan heritage and finding a true paradise in Summit's fertility. It is now a family-oriented residential community with light industry that continues to develop.

[Area Vibes Score](#) – generally the local towns have a score of 70 or better in terms of the livability.

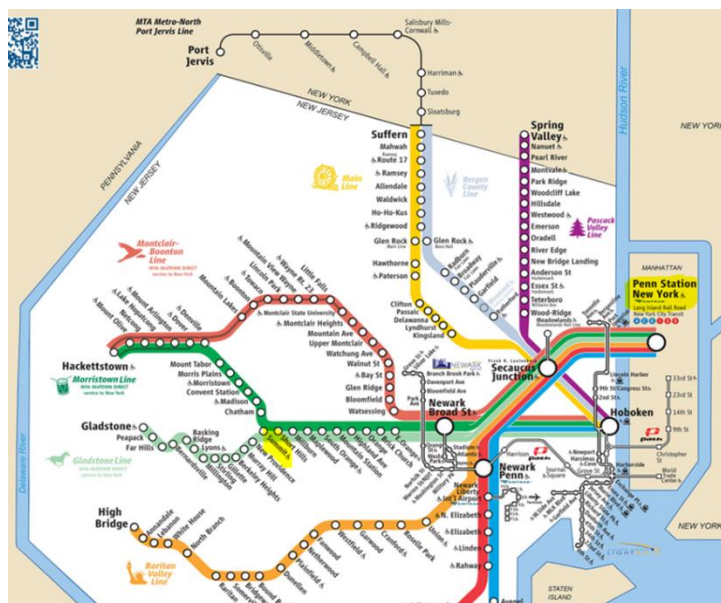
### Transportation

While Summit does offer public transportation via trains and buses, the majority of residents use a car as a main form of transportation.

[NJ Transit](#) is New Jersey's public transportation corporation. The Morristown Line and Gladstone Branch merge at Summit station, providing frequent passenger service to Hoboken Terminal or New York's Penn Station. The train ride from Summit to New York is about 50 minutes (local) or 35 minutes (express). Download the app to buy and display passes and tickets, plus get transit departure and arrival information.

[Newark Liberty International Airport](#) (EWR) in Newark / Elizabeth is approximately 15 minutes away via Interstate 78.

Map of NJ Transit Rail



## Schools

Generally, to register your child for school you will need to have a passport and/or birth certificate, proof of immunizations, any applicable past school records and proof of residency. Most public schools have boundary areas, and you must show proof (i.e. copy of lease or home purchase agreement) to be allowed to register in that particular school. Please always confirm requirements with the school you are interested in before assuming that your child will be able to attend that school.

Grade level in the public school system is determined by the age of the child. Typically, the child must be 5 years old by September 1st to enter kindergarten. School districts may be very strict about the age requirement, but inquire with the school district you are interested in to determine if there are any exemptions for foreign students who are ahead in grade level. You may also want to ask about any gifted or advanced programs as well as their English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs. Some elementary schools also offer a pre-Kindergarten program for children who miss the September 1st requirement. You may inquire at the school districts for availability.

Contact your IOR Destination Services Consultant for more assistance with schooling questions.

### Public, Private, and Preschools

A complete listing of public schools in Summit can be viewed [here](#).

A complete listing of private schools in the Summit area can be viewed [here](#).

A directory of preschools in the Summit area can be viewed [here](#).

### Additional Resources

- [www.greatschools.org](http://www.greatschools.org)
- [www.eschoolprofile.com](http://www.eschoolprofile.com)
- [www.schooltree.org](http://www.schooltree.org)

### Colleges/Universities

- [Colleges and universities near Summit](#)



*Courtesy of Drew University*

## Recreation

[Summit's Municipal Golf Course](#), better known as the Muni, is a Par 3, 9-hole executive course designed by renowned golf architect, Hal Purdy. The course covers 13 acres of land that was once a private estate.

[The Summit Family Aquatic Center](#) boasts an award-winning facility, recognized for both design and programming by the New Jersey Recreation and Parks Association.

[Reeves-Reed Arboretum](#) - Suburban conservancy on a historic country estate in Summit dedicated to the environment and horticultural education.

[Summit Public Library](#)

[Reviews on restaurants](#) - Downtown Summit has a variety of restaurants of different cuisines.

[Nightlife in Summit](#)

[Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre](#) is a professional ensemble of actors who build community with the audience by sharing life-affirming stories in an intimate environment.

[Pinot's Palette](#) for an unforgettable evening of friends, fun, beer, wine and painting in Summit.



### Nearby Summit:

[Trailside Nature and Science Center](#) in Mountainside, NJ

[Gravity Vault](#) - Indoor climbing with wall features including: Arêtes, Arches, Key Holes, Chimneys, Cracks, Overhangs, and more. 14,000+ Square Feet of Climbing and 40+ Foot Climbing Walls

[Essex County Turtle Back Zoo](#)

[South Mountain Reservation](#) - covering 2,110 acres, a nature reserve on the Rahway River



*Courtesy of [Albany](#)*

[Mall at Short Hills](#) - the region's preeminent shopping destination includes 150 upscale specialty stores and restaurants and is anchored by Bloomingdale's, Macy's, Neiman Marcus and Nordstrom.

[AMC Mountainside Movie Theater](#) - mind-blowing RealD 3D experience at AMC

### Obtaining a Driver's License

In the US, a driver's license or ID card is issued by each individual state and not by the federal government. Since there is no national identity card in the USA, and many Americans don't have a passport or carry around a birth certificate, a driver's license issued by your state is often the only official piece of identification for many citizens. Since 9/11, you will need to show a valid driver's license or State ID card to enter many big office buildings.

If you have an out-of-state or out-of-country license, you may use it for as long as you maintain your residency in the state where it was issued. If you are moving permanently to New Jersey, you may use your out-of-state license for only your first two months here. To change to a New Jersey license, bring your Social Security card, another form of ID, and multiple utility or phone bills verifying that you are a New Jersey resident to a motor vehicle facility. You'll have to pass written and eye exams, and usually a road test.

For general information and instructions on how to obtain an official state ID card or driver's license, visit the [New Jersey Department of Motor Vehicles](#).

Your Destination Services Consultant will also assist you with the proper procedure.