

Totowa, New Jersey

A Town Guide — History, Recreation & Convenience

How to pronounce it: **toh-toh-wuh**

A Storied History

The name Totowa comes from the Lenape word “Tetawaw,” meaning “between mountains and water” — a fitting description for a town set between the Watchung Mountains and the Passaic River.

Totowa was formed as a borough in 1898 from portions of Wayne Township and the now-defunct Manchester Township. Long before that, the area played a real role in American history: General George Washington made his headquarters at the nearby Dey Mansion, first in July 1780 and again that October and November, with Alexander Hamilton staying alongside him.

Today, Totowa is governed by a Mayor and six Council members, and has held the lowest tax rate in Passaic County for over 33 years.

Recreation & Local Amenities

Town Pool: The Totowa Community Pool is a local favorite for summer recreation.

Golf: Preakness Valley Golf Course — a public 36-hole course spanning Wayne and Totowa, established in 1931 as the first public golf course in Passaic County. Features a full clubhouse and practice facilities.

Dey Mansion: Located within Preakness Valley Park, this historic site served as George Washington’s headquarters during the Revolutionary War. Constructed around 1770.

Main Street: Union Boulevard is Totowa’s main commercial corridor, home to local restaurants and shops.

Youth Sports: The Totowa PAL, established in 1952, offers baseball, basketball, soccer, football, hockey, and cheerleading.

Nearby Destinations & Commute

Willowbrook Mall: Approximately 4 miles away — one of North Jersey’s largest shopping destinations.

Major Highways: Direct access to Interstate 80, Route 46, and Route 23.

Train Service: Little Falls Station (Montclair-Boonton Line) offers peak-hour service to New York Penn Station and Hoboken Terminal.

Bus Service: NJ Transit bus routes connect Totowa directly to the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Manhattan.

Distance to NYC: Approximately 20 to 22 miles — roughly a 30 to 35 minute drive, traffic permitting.



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