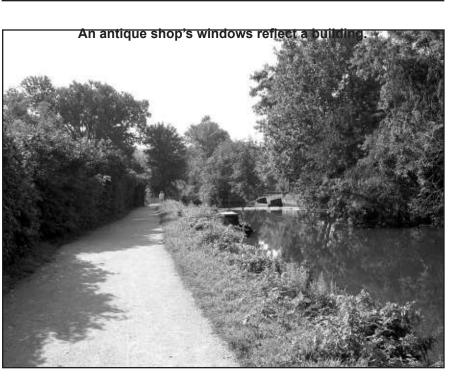
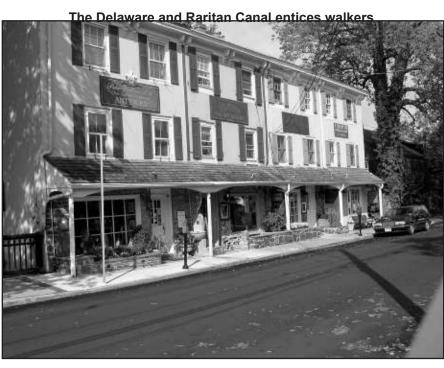
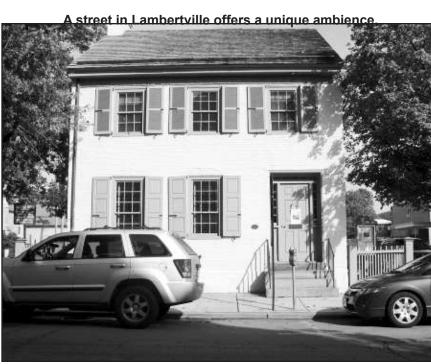
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# Lambertville: a charming destination for a perfect day trip

remembers with pleasure the early-morning walks she took on the canal that parallels the small New Jersey town. It crosses in front of the dining terrace of the Lambertville Station restaurant, and its walkers and bikers, as they move along the canal, are often waved at by diners in the back garden of another restaurant. The scene is part of the town as much as any building, was the home of James Wilson Marshall, who discov-

Walking along the more than century-old Delaware Coryell's Ferry and Raritan Canal can be addictive, whether you stroll on the towpath in the quiet of the hours past dawn, or walk later in the day with others who have also chosen to take a respite from streets and shops.

It must be said, however, that Lambertville's streets and shops are special. Only a bit over one square mile, with fewer than 4,000 residents, the town offers 45 antique and collectible shops, 16 art galleries, 25 restaurants, nine B&Bs and inns, two book stores, and more. Bustling with visitors on the weekends, Lambertville offers a quieter face on weekdays, particularly outside the summer months.

# River and canal

Lambertville is a town defined by water, whether it's railroad. the peaceful canal or the wide Delaware River it parallels. In recent years Delaware floods have played havoc with houses built close to the river bank. But this doesn't appear to have discouraged people from still wanting to live with a river outside their front door.

There's a European flavor to the streets. Houses are a tribute to their success. all in a row, their street levels a mix of galleries, antique Shad Festival shops, and restaurants. On some streets the brick

Victorian and some Federal -- many of them restored. Church spires appear to be placed just where an artist might have wanted them to be.

The California Gold Rush and Lambertville would seem to have little in common. But a house on Bridge Street ties them together. From about 1817 to 1824 it ered gold at Sutters Mills in California in 1848.

A street named Coryell provides a glimpse into Lambertville's history. In the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century, Emanuel Coryell opened a tavern and inn to accommodate travelers. The settlements Lambertville and New Hope were called Coryell's Ferry. During the Revolutionary War, Corvell's Ferry served as an outpost and crossing point **Frenchtown** for General Washington and his troops

In 1812 a wooden bridge was constructed across the Delaware River, linking what is now Lambertville with New Hope, Pa.

Lambertville was a successful factory town in the 1800s because of its proximity to the river and canal. But the economy faded quickly with the advent of the nishings and clothing. There are also several attractive

Existing in a kind of lull for the next century, the town's fortunes improved in the 1970s, when young people who had grown up in Lambertville returned with the goal of reviving the town's fortunes. Its shops, galleries and restaurants, and the throngs of visitors they draw,

Ever wonder whether the lowly shad gets enough

A woman who lived in Lambertville for several years sidewalks front 18th and 19th century houses -- some publicity? Probably not, but it's certainly the star of the show every spring in Lambertville, when the annual Shad Festival takes place on the last weekend in April. The festival celebrates the shad's return to the Delaware as a result of pollution-control programs.

> Beginning as a local art show, the festival has become a nationally recognized event, highlighting artists and crafters, a variety of food (including, but not confined to, shad), and family entertainment.

> In addition to popular festival fare, such as hot dogs, burgers, and fries, last year's event gave attendees the chance to chow down on shad and shrimp fritters, fried Oreos, and homemade sodas. A booth explained how the Lenape Indians cooked and preserved shad, and there was a demonstration of cooking shad roe.

If you have extra time, think about going north on Route 29 about ten minutes until vou reach Frenchtown, N.J. Small and charming, Frenchtown begins at the Delaware River and runs only a few blocks. But in that small space it offers a number of interesting and unusual shops, including several with unique home furrestaurants, including the circa-1838 Frenchtown Inn.

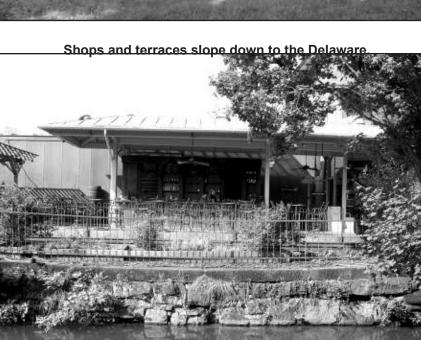
Lambertville is about 35 miles from Rossmoor. To reach it, take Route 1 South to I-95 South and get off at Exit 3B, Scotch Road North. Merge onto Scotch Road/ 611 North. Turn left onto Washington Crossing Pennington Road. Turn right onto River Road/NJ-29. Continue to follow NJ-29. Stay straight to go onto NJ-179/ Old York Road. Turn left onto NJ-179/Bridge Street.

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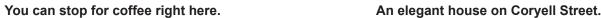














A view from the towpath of a restaurant's terrace.