

BERKELEY HEIGHTS



1 DESERTED VILLAGE OF FELTVILLE-GLENSIDE PARK Cataract Hollow Road

This 1845 town was the creation of New York businessman David Felt. Today, it contains 10 buildings and the archaeological remains of a vibrant community populated, in part, by European immigrants. At its height, Feltville included a school, church/general store and a factory on the Blue Brook while rows of cottages housed workers and their families. “King David” sold Feltville in 1860. After several failed enterprises, it was reborn in 1882 as Glenside Park, a summer resort. Adirondack porches transformed workers’ houses into vacation cottages enjoyed by city dwellers.

Suburbanization led to the resort’s closure in 1916. Today, the Deserted Village is nestled in the Watchung Reservation, Union County’s 2,142-acre nature preserve.

350th NJ Birthday Weekend Highlights:

- Free hayrides, apple cider pressing old fashioned children’s games and archaeological activities
- 2.00 p.m. Sunday, New Jersey author & Star-Ledger Columnist Mark Di Ionno will speak.
- 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Historian Robert Sullivan, author of My American Revolution, will speak.
- Meet the ghost of David Felt

Year-Round Hours:

Grounds open everyday during daylight hours

Visitor Center open Noon to 5:00 pm on Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays

Operated by Union County Department of Parks and Recreation

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