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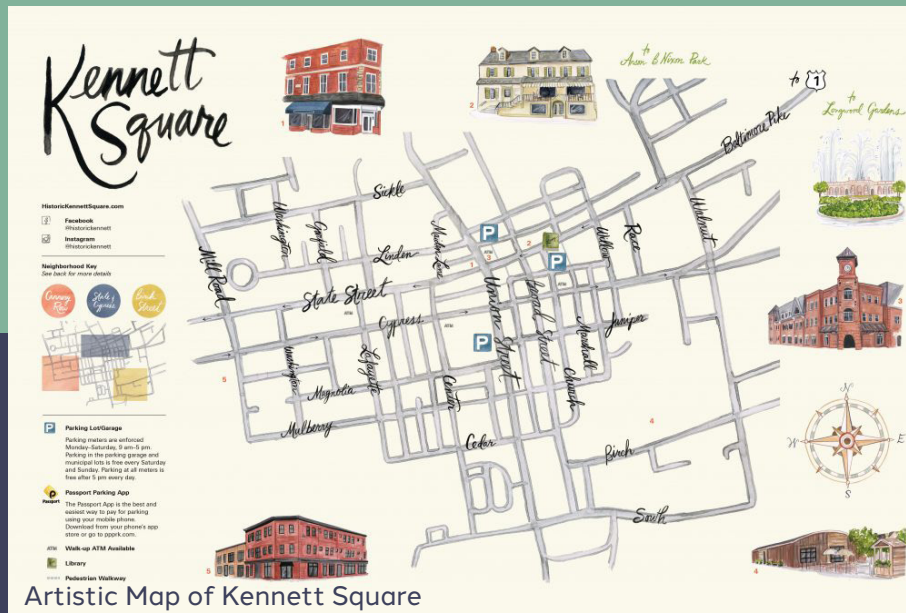


Visit Kennett Square

By Abby Roche



Nestled in Chester County sits the small town of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. With the unique offerings, interesting history, and eclectic community, this is a must-stop for people looking to slow down and enjoy the charm of a small town.



Artistic Map of Kennett Square

About Kennett Square

Kennett Square is the most known for being the “Mushroom Capital of the World” due to the steady production of mushrooms year-round. In fact, Kennett Square is responsible for the production of over 500 million pounds of mushrooms a year. Some of the most popular mushrooms include Shiitake, Oyster, and Crimini.

This small town is also incredibly diverse. According to the 2010 Census, the Kennett Square borough was 43% White (non-Hispanic), 7% Black (or African American), 0.4% Native American, 0.8% Asian, and 49% Hispanic (or Latino). This diversity is reflected in the community and culture of this small town through the events, food, and people’s character.

Kennett Square is also home to several unique shops, restaurants, and beautiful sites. It’s the ideal spot to slow down and enjoy the charm of a small town.

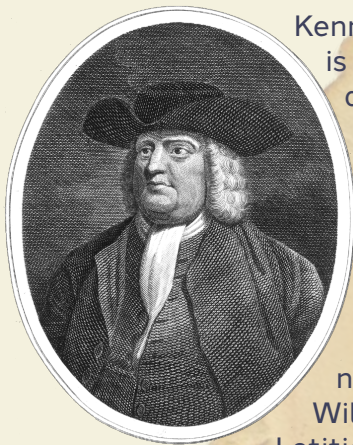


The Corner of Union St and State St

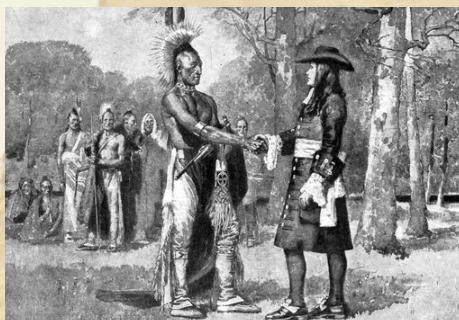


Art Work of Kennett Square

History of Kennett Square



Kennett Square is best known as the land of William Penn who conveyed the land and gave it to his children, named William Jr. and Letitia.



Originally, Kennett Square was the home of the Indigenous people of Lenape before settler, Francis Smith, developed the township. Smith suggested the name of Kennett in honor of his home in England. A majority of early settlers of Kennett Square were English Quakers who opposed wars as well as farmers who used the fertile soil to produce diversified agricultural activities.



In February 1705, the Kennett Township was first mentioned when the Township constable, Henry Pierce, went to court. In 1770, there was a petition to divide the Kennett Township for better representation. The petition demanded that the township be divided into East and West Kennett Township.

Preliminary fights of the Battle of the Brandywine happened in Kennett Square near the present-day Old Kennett Meetinghouse.



During the Civil War, the Quakers of Kennett Square were very devoted to the Underground Railroad efforts to help runaway slaves escape to Canada. Many of the farmhouses in the Kennett Square area have secret hideouts to hide runaway slaves as they continued North.



Firemen's Auditorium, Kennett Square

For more information about the history of Kennett Square, visit kennett.pa.us.

For Walking Tours to see the History of Kennett Square for yourself, visit historickennettsquare.com/about/history/walking-tour. Or scan the QR Code.



History of Kennett Square Provided by



Where to Stay In Kennett Square

As you start to plan your trip to Kennett Square, it's important to find the perfect place to stay. Here are the top choices in the Kennett Square area based on the budget for your next trip.



Budget-Friendly Option

The Hilton Garden Inn Kennett Square

815 E Baltimore Pike,
Kennett Square, PA 19348

This hotel has several accommodations including a pool, patio, restaurant, and free parking. It's also within walking distance of the Schoolhouse Crossing Shopping Center. This is a great option to maintain a lower budget.

Est. Cost: Under \$100 per night



Top Rated Option

Inn At Mendenhall

503 W State Street
Kennett Square, PA 19348

This inn is highly rated for the service, rooms, and food. This spot has an old-world restaurant and bar as well as free parking and breakfast. This option is great just for the high ratings and service.

Est. Cost: Under \$150 per night



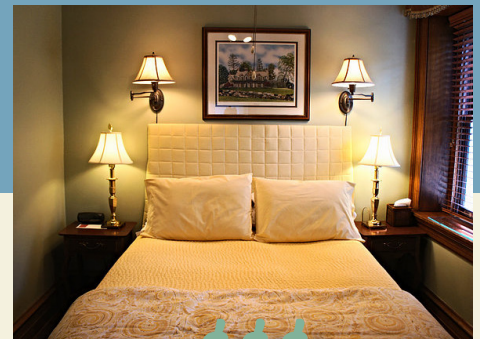
Small-Town Charm Option

Kennett House Bed & Breakfast

503 W State Street
Kennett Square, PA 19348

This B&B is located in the heart of Kennett Square. The quaint rooms have air-conditioning, great breakfast options, and complimentary Wi-Fi and toiletries, plus free parking. This is a great spot to splurge for your visit.

Est. Cost: Under \$200 per night



Kennett Square in Relation to...

King of Prussia Mall, PA – 33 miles

Philadelphia, PA – 38 miles

Hershey Park, PA – 82 miles

Delaware Beaches, DE – 99 miles

Washington DC, District of Columbia – 110 miles

New York City, NY – 134 miles



King of Prussia, PA

Just 45 minutes outside of Kennett Square is home to the third-largest mall in America. King of Prussia is a great stop for shopping and restaurants.



Hershey Park, PA

A great stop for chocolate lovers and adrenaline junkies. Hershey Park has over 14 roller coasters, sweet treats, and the Hershey Factory Tour.



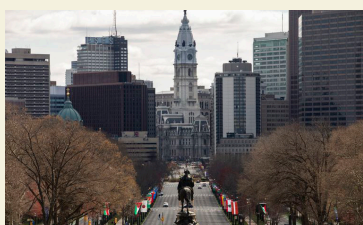
Washington DC, District of Columbia

The White House, The Capitol Building, countless museums, and plenty of other sites are just some of the many reasons to check out Washington DC after your trip to Kennett Square.



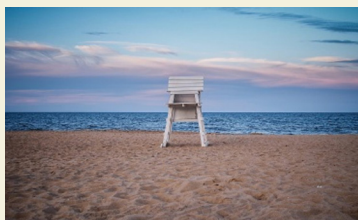
Philadelphia, PA

Whether you want to see the sites from American history, the Rocky statue, or want to try an authentic Philly Cheesesteak, Philadelphia has it all. It's a great place to check out after your visit to Kennett Square.



Delaware Beaches, DE

After a fun trip to Kennett Square, a stop at the beach may be the perfect way to conclude your vacation. The Delaware Beaches have state parks, the Boardwalk, and plenty more to explore!



New York City, NY

There's a reason why there are so many songs about New York... it's a must-see city. Just a short drive or train ride from Kennett Square to the Big Apple!

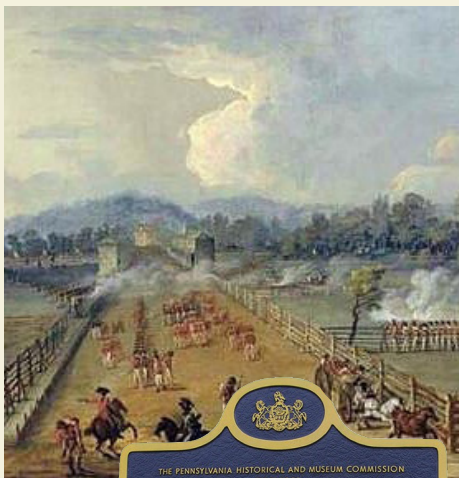


The Sites of Kennett Square

Kennett Square and the surrounding area are home to gardens, historical sites, and activities that are perfect for the whole family. Read through some of the potential sights you could visit on your trip.

Brandywine Battlefield

Take a walk around the field where the Brandywine Battle occurred during the American Revolution. This 52-acre park includes tours of the Benjamin Ring House (that functioned as Washington's HQ) and the Gideon Gilpin Home. Each ticket costs under \$10 a person for a trip to a part of American history. If you just wanted to walk through the grounds of the park, it is free admission. For additional information, visit brandywinebattlefield.org.



Longwood Gardens



Longwood Gardens takes up nearly 400 acres that are open to the public.

Attractions at Longwood include the Conservatory, the Peirce-du Pont House, the Webb Farmhouse and Galleries, The Terrace, Visitor Center, Treehouses, and Gift Shop. Whether you decide to explore all the attractions, enjoy the delicious food, or take a leisurely stroll in the Gardens, there is so much to offer.



There are also performances, fireworks, and fountain shows available throughout the year. To purchase your ticket in advance or for additional information, visit longwoodgardens.org.



Herr's Factory Tour

A tour that your taste buds will surely love. A trip to the Herr's Factory is a great way to not only taste a favorite snack of Pennsylvania, but to learn more about the history and Herr's creation process. The knowledgeable tour guides will share interesting information, show the technological feats of the factory, and give you plenty of samples of the product. Tours take up to an hour.

This incredible tour is just a short 20-minute drive outside of Kennett Square. The ticket price is under \$5 per person. For more information about booking a tour and other rules, visit herrs.com/visit-us.



Shopping in Kennett Square ➤

Shopping in Kennett Square

The fun shopping experience in Kennett Square will make you wonder how you have enjoyed shopping before your visit. Read about some of the unique shops that you can stop at for all of your Kennett Square mementos.

Clothing & Beauty Shops

No. 109 Shop

Women's Clothing Boutique,
109 W State St, KSQ

Green Eyed Lady

Women's Clothing,
100 State St, KSQ

Chantilly Blue

Women's Clothing,
117 W State St, KSQ

Penny Lane Emporium

Baby & Children's Clothing,
121 W State St, KSQ

Clean Slate Goods

Handmade Goods,
103 W State St, KSQ

Trail Creek Outfitters

Outdoor Clothing,
120 W State St, KSQ

Maura Grace Boutique

Women's Clothing Boutique,
101 W State St, KSQ

Take Care Apothecary

Health & Beauty,
131 State St, KSQ

Fab and Boujee Boutique

Women's Clothing Boutique,
106 W State St, KSQ

Jewelry Shops

Kennett Square Jewelers

Jeweler,
123 W State St, KSQ

Bove Jewelers, Inc

Jewelry Store,
124 W State St, KSQ



Bove Jewelers, Inc

Specialty Food Shops

Mrs. Robinson's Tea Shop

Tea Store,
129 State St, KSQ

The Mushroom Cap

Mushrooms & Gifts,
114 W State St, KSQ

Terra Olive & Balsamic

Gourmet Grocery Store,
116 W State St, KSQ

Country Butcher

Fine Foods Market,
145 S Walnut St, KSQ



The Mushroom Cap

Toy & Book Shops

The Growing Tree Toy Shop

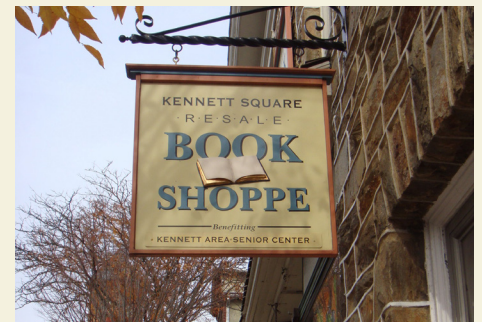
Children Toys,
122 W State St, KSQ

The Kennett Bookhouse

Book Store,
130 S Union St, KSQ

Kennett Resale Book Shoppe

Used Book Store,
113 S Union St, KSQ



Kennett Resale Book Shoppe

Home Decor Shops & Art Galleries

Marche

Home Goods & Lifestyle,
123 State St, KSQ

Candle Studio 1422

Candles,
100 Sycamore Alley, KSQ

Holly Peters Oriental Rugs

Oriental Rugs,
109 S Broad St, KSQ

Artworks Fine Arts & Crafts

Art Gallery,
126 S Union St, KSQ



Antiquing in Kennett Square >

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Kennett Square's historical background makes it a great place to shop for antiques. Just minutes away from the battlefields of the Revolutionary War and more, check out these antique spots.

Pennsbury-Chadds Ford Antique Mall

This antique mall has been open since 1975 and has over 100 dealers who provide quality antiques at reasonable prices. The mall takes up over 20,000 square feet between two floors.



There is a full list of offerings on their website for each vendor. Antiques range from books, chairs, luxury fashion items, art, furniture, jewelry, and other collectibles. Check out the full list at pcfantiquemall.com.

“This place is fantastic! So many great vendors with a ton of amazing items and fantastic prices.”

Local Guide

Brandywine River Antiques Market

This antique shop takes up an entire barn! Located on Route 1, this antique market has over 40 different dealers offering a selection of products from the 18th and 19th centuries. The friendly staff is knowledgeable and happy to help you find what you are looking for.

Examples of the Potential Finds



“Best find in Chester Country.”

Philadelphia Magazine

Located nearby is the Mushrooms Cafe which offers a delicious choice for breakfast and lunch. Plus, it has a great selection of mushrooms and specialty mushroom dishes. Definitely worth the stop! Check out the website to learn more about the different dealers, appraisals, and events, at brandywineriverantiques.com.



Food in Kennett Square

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The foods of Kennett Square are delicious and exceptional in quality. Visit tastekennett.com for additional restaurants and food tours that you can take advantage of during your trip to Kennett Square.

Breakfast, Coffee & Bakeries

Keller's Eatery

Breakfast,
119 W State St, KSQ

Philter

Coffee, Espresso & Sandwiches,
111 W State St, KSQ

Talula's Table

Coffee, Bakery & Farm Table
Dinners,
102 W State St, KSQ



Talula's Table

Italian Restaurants

La Verona

Traditional Italian,
114 State St, KSQ

Byrsa Bistro & Pizza at Kennett

Mediterranean & Pizza,
127 State St, KSQ

Mexican Restaurants

Red Sombrero

Burritos,
879 E Baltimore Pike, KSQ

La Peña Mexicana

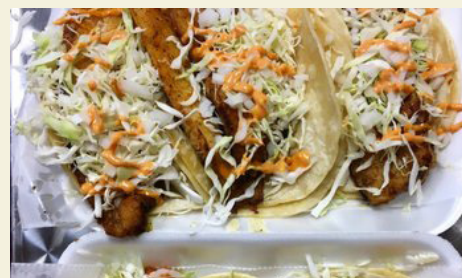
Traditional Mexican,
609 W Cypress St #3013, KSQ

El Ranchero Mexican Restaurant

Traditional Mexican,
305 W State St #3, KSQ

Michoacana Grill

Traditional Mexican,
201 S Union St, KSQ



Michoacana Grill

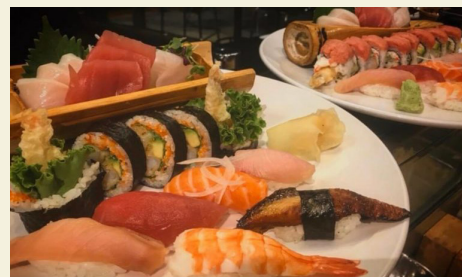
Asian Restaurants

Lily Asian Cuisine

Chinese, Thai & Japanese,
104 W State St, KSQ

Cafe de Thai

Thai,
420 W Cypress St, KSQ



Lily Asian Cuisine

American Restaurants

Verbena BYOB

Refined American,
102 State St, KSQ

Portabellos

New American,
108 State St, KSQ

Cafe Americana

American,
350 Scarlet Rd, KSQ

The Market at Liberty Place

Food Court,
148 W State St, KSQ

Sam's Sub Shop

Hoagies & Sandwiches,
329 State St, KSQ



Portabellos



The Market at Liberty Place

Bars & Wineries in
Kennett Square



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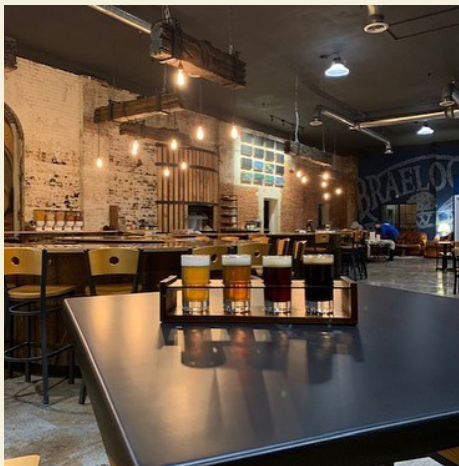
Kennett Square has several bars, breweries, and wineries to explore and enjoy an “adult” drink. Read through some of the local drinking holes and enjoy the delicious food too. Be sure to drink responsibly!

Breweries

Kennett Brewing Company
Brewery,
109 S Broad St #2, KSQ

Braeloch Brewing
Brewery,
225 Birch St, KSQ

Victory Brewing Company
Brewery,
650 W Cypress St, KSQ



Braeloch Brewing

Bars

Liberty Place Pub
Bar,
148 W State St, KSQ

The Creamery
Bar,
401 Birch St, KSQ

Grain craft bar+kitchen
Gastropub,
108 W State St, KSQ

Giordano's
Bar & Grill,
121 W State St, KSQ

Letty's Tavern
Bar,
201 State St, KSQ



The Creamery



Grain craft bar+kitchen

Wineries

Galer Estate Vineyard & Winery
Winery,
700 Folly Hill Rd, KSQ

Harvest Ridge Winery
Winery,
1140 Newark Rd, Toughkenamon

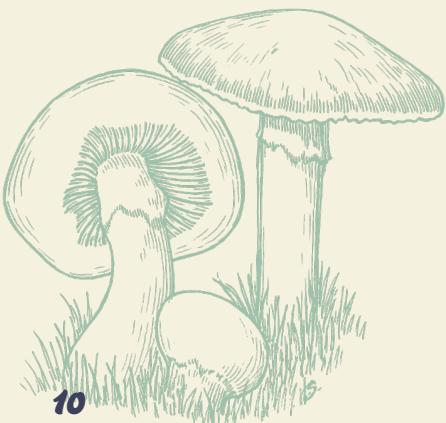
Chaddsford Winery
Winery,
632 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford

Va La Vineyards
Winery,
8820 Gap Newport Pike,
Avondale

Brandywine Valley Wine Trail
Winery,
553 S Guernsey Rd, West Grove



Galer Estate Vineyard & Winery



**Museums in Kennett
Square**



Museums in Kennett Square

Kennett Square offers many museums that celebrate art, history, community, and more. Read about some of the museums offered in the Kennett Square area and be sure to stop by during your trip!

Marshall Steam Museum & Friends of Auburn Heights

Those who visit this museum travel back in time to experience what life was like during the dawn of the automotive age. T. Clarence Marshall built the museum for his collection of antique automobiles. Now, visitors can explore the world's largest operating collection of Stanley steam cars, the Auburn Heights Mansion, and the Auburn Valley Railroad. Visit test.auburnheights.org, to learn more and plan your trip.



Brandywine River Museum of Art

This art museum overlooks the beautiful Brandywine River from the renovated nineteenth-century mill. The collection of art in this museum includes the work of N. C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth, and Jamie Wyeth. There is also a collection from the Heritage Collection featuring American art from the Brandywine Valley.



While visiting the art museum campus, you can stop by to see the N. C. Wyeth House and Studio, Andrew Wyeth Studio, and Kuerner Farm. Throughout the year there are also different seasonal exhibits. Be sure to visit brandywine.org to learn more and purchase your tickets.



Kennett Underground Railroad Center

This center located in the heart of the Kennett Square borough shares the stories of the Underground Railroad and the people from the area. Throughout the year there are special events to learn more about the history of the Underground Railroad. In addition to the center, there are bus tours where you and your family can visit sites of the historic Underground Railroad and the Quaker Meetinghouses while learning about the local anti-slavery movement.



For additional information or to reserve a spot for the bus tours, visit kennettundergroundrr.org.



Outdoor Activities in Kennett Square

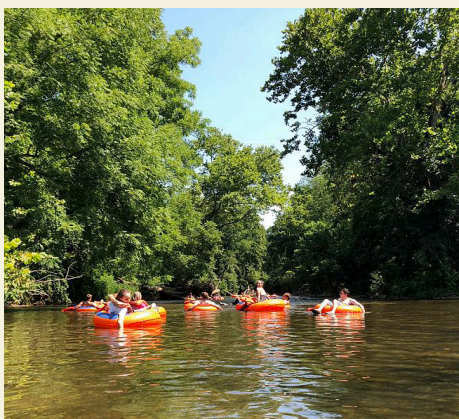


Outdoor Activities in Kennett Square

Kennett Square has several outdoor spaces and activities that would be fun during your trip to Kennett Square. Read through some of the potential outdoor spots that Kennett Square has to offer.

Northbrook Canoe Co

Canoe, kayak, or tube down the Brandywine River at the Northbrook Canoe Co. This family-run business has been open for over 39 seasons since 1977. The friendly staff will ensure you enjoy a relaxing trip down the river. There is a picnic area and snack bar on the premises too. There are several different trips to select from ranging from 1 hour to 2 1/2 hours. To make a reservation, review trip options, or check out the specials, visit northbrookcanoe.com.



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Anson B. Nixon Park

This park takes up 106 acres in the Kennett Square borough and offers a tranquil space. Open every day from sunrise to sunset, explore the park and activities available. As seen on the map, the park has a playground, disc golf course, dog park, ponds for fishing, volleyball courts, tennis courts, soccer fields, community garden, basketball court, and picnic pavilions. Plus, there are trails throughout the park for hiking or taking a relaxing walk.



There is also free parking and bathrooms on the premises. This park is within walking distance of the center of town and worth the stop. To review park information, the events calendar, and more, be sure to visit ansonbnixonpark.org.



Barnard's Orchards

Barnard's Orchards has fields of delicious produce and beautiful flowers. The orchard also offers baked goods, a farm market, and a wine and beer garden. Depending on the season, Barnard's Orchards grows crops of rhubarb, strawberries, corn, beans, cherries, tomatoes, blueberries, peaches, sweet corn, pumpkins, apples, and more.



You can pick your own produce and flowers in the fields which is an unforgettable experience. Nearby the Orchard is the Northbrook MarketPlace which is a local favorite for the delicious lunches and foods (so be sure to stop by there too). Visit their Facebook page to learn more about this local fave.



Special Events in Kennett Square



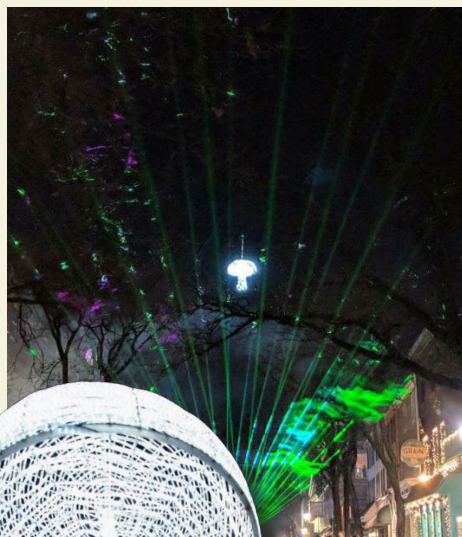
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Kennett Square is a town known for its charm and personality. As the Mushroom Capital of the World, Kennett Square holds events throughout the year to celebrate the town. Check out some of the special events.

The Mushroom Drop

When: New Year's Eve

The list of weird things being dropped on New Year's Eve is quite long but Kennett Square made the list. Every New Year's Eve in the center of town, a giant mushroom (made up of lights) drops to bring in the new year. Shops and restaurants in the town will remain open late too and this event is free to the public. Enjoy a different way to celebrate the new year in Kennett Square!



The Mushroom Festival

When: Labor Day Weekend

The first Mushroom Festival was held in 1986 when a small group of mushroom enthusiasts decided to create a festival to celebrate mushrooms. The Festival has culinary treats (featuring mushrooms of course), mushroom exhibits, contests, entertainment, and nearly 250 vendors!



The week leading up to the Mushroom Festival has special events and activities throughout the town. Such events include a 5K, fun run, and parade. All the shops and restaurants will be open for the event. For more information about this fun event, be sure to visit mushroomfestival.org.



Kennett Brewfest

When: First Weekend of October

Kennett Brewfest is an annual event for breweries and lovers of beer to come together and enjoy the day. This event includes live music, 70+ breweries, food trucks, special vendors, and space to enjoy your drinks. Tickets are available in mid-July each year and costs \$105. With your ticket admission, you get access to the event and a case of 24 distinct beers in 16 oz cans. Visit kennettbrewfest.com, for more information and to get your ticket now.



*We Hope to
See You Soon!*

For additional questions, email visit@ksq.com.

