

About Laport Reserve

Laport Reserve is named after its former property owner, Edmund Laport (1902-1983). He was one of the most recognized experts in the field of radio wave communication. In the 1920s, he developed the circuitry for airplane receivers that provided the ability to communicate by radio. In 1928, he married his wife Gertrude, and they moved to China to build radio stations. When political tensions between China and Japan mounted, the Laports moved back to the U.S. where Edmund landed a job with the Radio Corporation of America (RCA) in Camden and learned to design broadcast transmitters. In 1944, he became the chief engineer of RCA International. A decade later, he was promoted to Corporate Director of Broadcast Engineering at the RCA facility in Princeton, NJ. It was at this time that the Laports purchased this 48-acre farm in East Amwell to practice organic gardening. Before Gertrude's death in 1991, she bequeathed the property to the county, which took possession the following year.



Red Fox

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The Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation is dedicated to preserving open space and natural resources, providing safe parks and facilities, and offering educational and recreational opportunities, all contributing to an enhanced quality of life for present and future generations.

Laport Reserve

Location: The Laport Property is located in East Amwell Township at 216 Mountain Road, Ringoes 08551. The park is open from dawn to dusk. No restrooms facilities are available.

Directions from the Flemington Area:

Take Route 202/31 south for 5 miles, and take the exit for Route 31 south. Stay on Route 31 south for approximately 1 1/4 miles until the junction with Rocktown Road on the left. Turn onto Rocktown Road and proceed 1/2 mile to Mountain Road. Make the right onto Mountain Road, proceed 3/4 mile, and turn left into the driveway of the park. Proceed down the driveway to the parking lot on the left.

Note: The remainder of the driveway is part of the private residence. Do not hike down the driveway.

Directions from the Lambertville Area:

Take Route 202 north until the exit for Route 31 south. Then proceed as above.



*Edmund A. Laport
(1902-1983), 1954*

Recreational Opportunities

The Laport Property offers an easy loop trail through small meadows and a young wooded area. Mountain biking and other uses are not permitted on this trail. Some areas of this trail are often wet.

With the exception of park properties with reservable facilities, all properties are “carry in / carry out” and trash/recycling receptacles are not provided. Please plan accordingly and do not leave any trash/recyclables behind.

Habitat of Laport Reserve

The habitat of the Laport Reserve is composed of two grassland meadows, and a few small wooded areas. The first of the two meadows is along the entrance road. The larger meadow is located along the eastern side of the property and supports grassland birds like Eastern Bluebirds. The trees and brush along the edge of the field offer shelter for foraging animals such as Eastern Cottontails and Gray Squirrels. Search the tree line and the sky for perched and hunting raptors as they scan the meadow for prey. Red-tailed Hawks are a common predator.



Eastern Cottontail

The wooded areas provide shelter for larger wildlife. Tracks and other evidence can be found from the animals moving through the area. Signs of turkey and deer are common, but evidence of fox and raccoon has also been found.

Private Residence

A private residence is located within the property. Therefore the house, the immediate area around it, and a portion of the driveway are off limits to the general public. Please do not encroach on this restricted area or disturb the resident.

It is the policy of the County to provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities upon advance notice of need. Persons requiring accommodations should make a request at least two weeks prior to program attendance.

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Trail Map and Guide



Eastern Screech Owl



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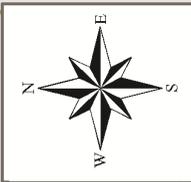
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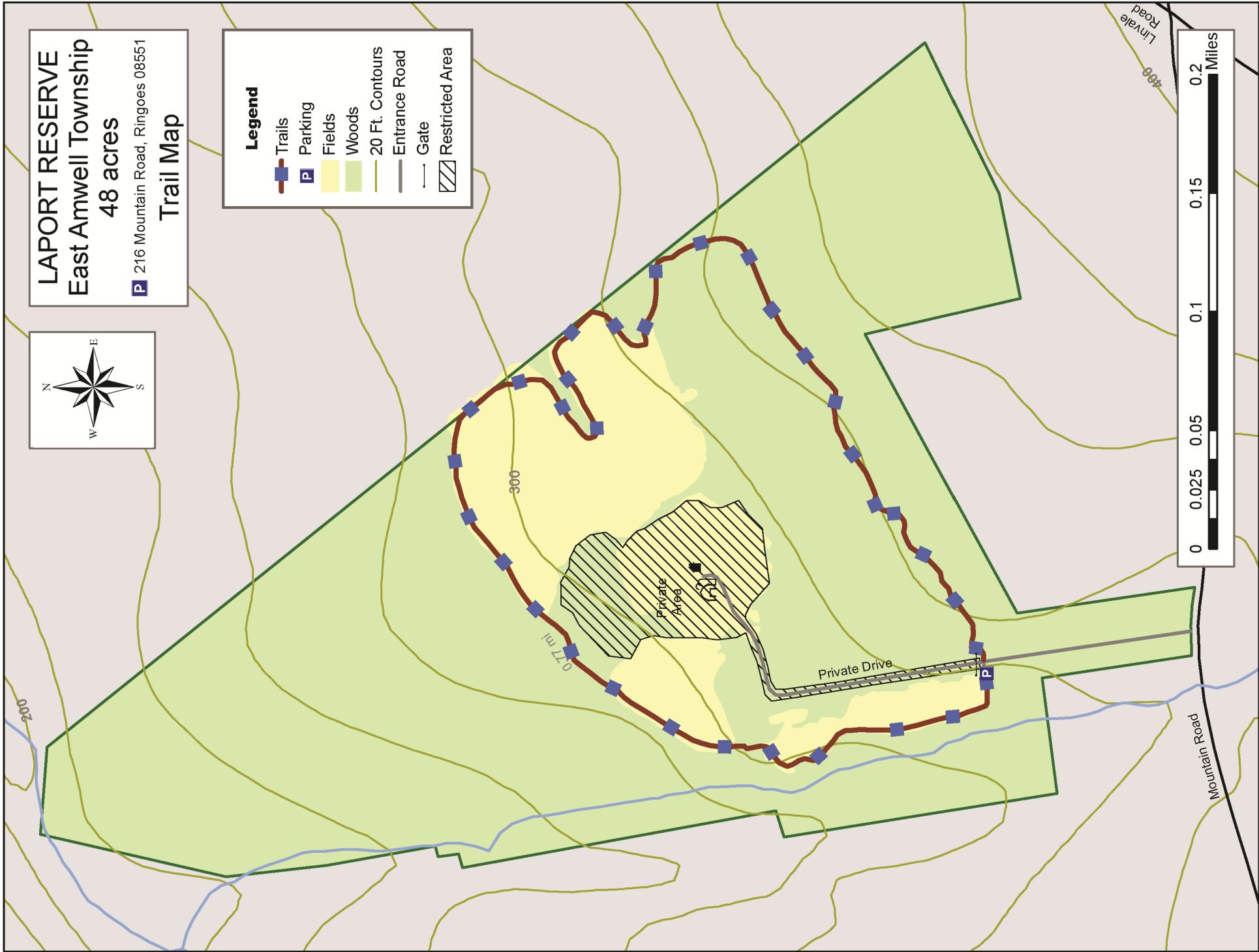
LAPORT RESERVE
East Amwell Township
48 acres
 P 216 Mountain Road, Ringoes 08551

Trail Map



Legend

- Trails
- Parking
- Fields
- Woods
- 20 Ft. Contours
- Entrance Road
- Gate
- Restricted Area



SUMMARY OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

The rules and regulations governing use of facilities or properties administered by the Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation are promulgated in accordance with provisions of the N.J. Statutes Title 40:32-7.12, which reads as follows:

"The Board of Chosen Freeholders may by resolution make, alter, amend, and repeal rules and regulations for the supervision, regulation and control of all activities carried on, conducted, sponsored, arranged, or provided for in connection with a public golf course or other county recreational, playground, or public entertainment facility, and for the protection of property, and may prescribe and enforce fines and penalties for the violation of any such rule or regulation."

These rules and regulations have been promulgated for the protection of our patrons and for the facilities and natural resources administered by the Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation.

Permits: A fully executed Facility Use Permit, issued by the County of Hunterdon for any activity, shall authorize the activity only insofar as it may be performed in strict accordance with the terms and conditions thereof. The State of NJ, County of Hunterdon, or the local municipality may require additional permits.

Prohibited Acts: The violation of any Municipal, State, or Federal law. Advertising, solicitation, ice skating, ice fishing, any other on-ice activities, downhill skiing, bathing, fuel-powered modeled aircraft, the release of any animal, explosives of any kind, poisons of any kind, after-hours use, alcohol without a permit in a non-designated area, controlled dangerous substances, weapons, posting of signage, inappropriate attire, and climbing on, or rappelling from any cliff, rock face, or boulder, with, or without the use of specialized equipment.

Regulated Activity: The sale of merchandise, aviation, boating, cross-country skiing, bicycling, and sledding. Battery-powered modeled aircraft and horses must be in designated areas, dogs must be restrained with a leash not exceeding six feet, pet waste must be removed, camping/fires are by permit only. All groups of 15 or more must obtain a permit for use of any Park area.

Prohibited Acts for the Protection of Property: No person shall make, excavate on, destroy, paint, fill in, cut, remove or tamper with any property, organic or inorganic.

Prohibited Acts for the Protection of Natural Resources: No person shall disturb wildlife or vegetation in any manner. No person shall pollute waters, litter, dump debris, or release helium balloons in any property. It is illegal to remove any natural resource from, or introduce any plant material, bulbs, or seeds to any property without a proper permit or license.

Prohibited Acts for the Protection of People: No person shall obstruct a county employee/official, interfere with a visitor, conduct any unsafe act, or cause a hazardous condition.

Vehicles: All the provisions of the NJ State Motor Vehicle Act apply. Vehicles are not allowed in unauthorized areas. Parking is allowed in designated areas only. **ATVs, dirt bikes, and snowmobiles are prohibited on County Park lands.**

Enforcement: The rules and regulations of the County shall be enforced by duly authorized Rangers or representatives of the County under the provision of N.J.S.A. 40:32-2, thru 40:32-7.13. Any person who enters into a County Park for any purpose whatsoever has a duty and is presumed to be aware of the provisions of these rules and regulations governing the use of the facilities and properties administered by the Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation.

Penalties: Any person violating any of the provisions of these regulations shall, upon conviction before a court or other adjudicative body of jurisdiction, be liable for the replacement, repair or restoration of damaged property, if any, and shall pay a penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or other amount in the discretion of the court or other adjudicative body, or may be sentenced to imprisonment in the County jail for the term not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both, provided that this section shall not supersede any applicable penalty provision for specific offenses, which may be set forth in the New Jersey Code of Criminal Justice, N.J.S.A. 2C:1-1, et seq., or in any other applicable state or federal law.

NOTE: County Park Rangers of the Division of Parks and Recreation have the authority to issue summons and make arrests for violations of rules and regulations governing the use of facilities and properties administered by the Division of Parks and Recreation. This is only a summary of the rules and regulations. Rules applying to special conditions, activities, or situations may be supplemental to these rules and regulations. When special rules apply, they will be posted at affected areas. The complete text of regulations is available for inspection at the Park administration office in Clinton Township during regular business hours.