

## About Pine Hill Section

Samuel Maurice Buck (1873-1937) purchased seven acres of land on this site in 1914, with the goal of creating a Boy Scout camp. He was the assistant superintendant of the Taylor-Wharton Iron and Steel Company, and served as the first Scoutmaster of High Bridge. After his death, the land was named “Camp Buck” in his honor. In 1946, the land was utilized by troops from as far away as Trenton. In the early 1950s, many scouts volunteered to build a wooden cabin that could accommodate eight individuals. This cabin was removed around 1960. After numerous council mergers, the County acquired the camp and other parcels of land in 1975. Today, 41 acres have been set aside as open space, and the name “Pine Hill” is derived from the road that borders the property. On the other side of the river is Camp Carr, part of the YMCA.

Today, the South Branch Reservation totals over 1000 acres. Besides providing recreational opportunities, the reservation helps preserve the South Branch of the Raritan River Watershed from development and provides wildlife habitat.

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.

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.

## Pine Hill Section

**Location:** The Pine Hill Section is located at 34 Pine Hill Road, Annandale 08801 (Franklin Township). The park is open from sunrise to sunset. *No restroom facilities are available.* Only roadside parking is available; please do not block the gate.

### **Directions to Pine Hill Section:**

*From the Flemington Circle*, take Route 31 north for approximately 8 miles to the Allerton Road traffic light. Use the jug handle to cross over Route 31 and stay with Allerton Road.

*From the Clinton area*, take Route 31 South for approximately 2 miles and turn right onto Allerton Road.

*Once on Allerton Road*, follow the signs for the YMCA’s Camp Carr. From Allerton, turn left onto Lilac Drive.

Turn right onto River Road, left onto Hamden Road, and right onto Camp Buck Road. Pine Hill is on the far side of the bridge. Parking is along the side of the road.



Virginia Opossum

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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.

## Recreational Opportunities

Pine Hill offers a moderate circular hiking trail that provides a scenic view of the South Branch from its bluff. Mountain biking and horseback riding are permitted. Due to the rocky terrain, this site does not provide good access for fishing or canoeing.

### Hunting

Hunting is permitted to control the deer population. Hunters must obtain a special permit issued by the Division to be able to hunt on the park. Visitors between September and February are strongly encouraged to wear blaze orange or confine visits to Sundays.



Red-backed Salamander—red phase

### Other South Branch Areas

**Melick’s Bridge:** Located along Hamden Road and offers two fishing trails to access the South Branch of the Raritan River.

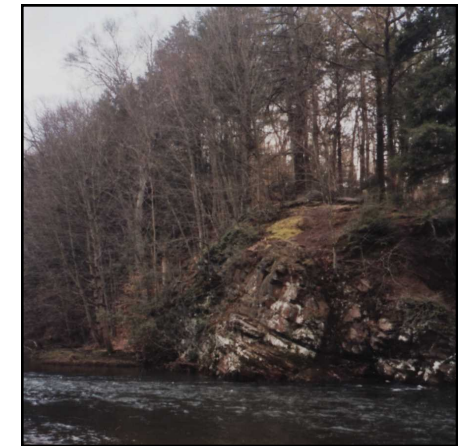
**Valinski Section:** Offers a location to launch a canoe into the South Branch of the Raritan River and a meadow managed for grassland birds.

**Landsdown Meadows and Trail:** Is a 1.5 mile former railroad bed between Clinton and Lower Landsdown Road, covered with fine gravel dust and ideal for hiking, biking, or jogging. Connects to the Capoolong Creek Trail.

See the guides for these locations to obtain more information about the sites.

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of the  
**South Branch Reservation**  
Trail Map and Guide



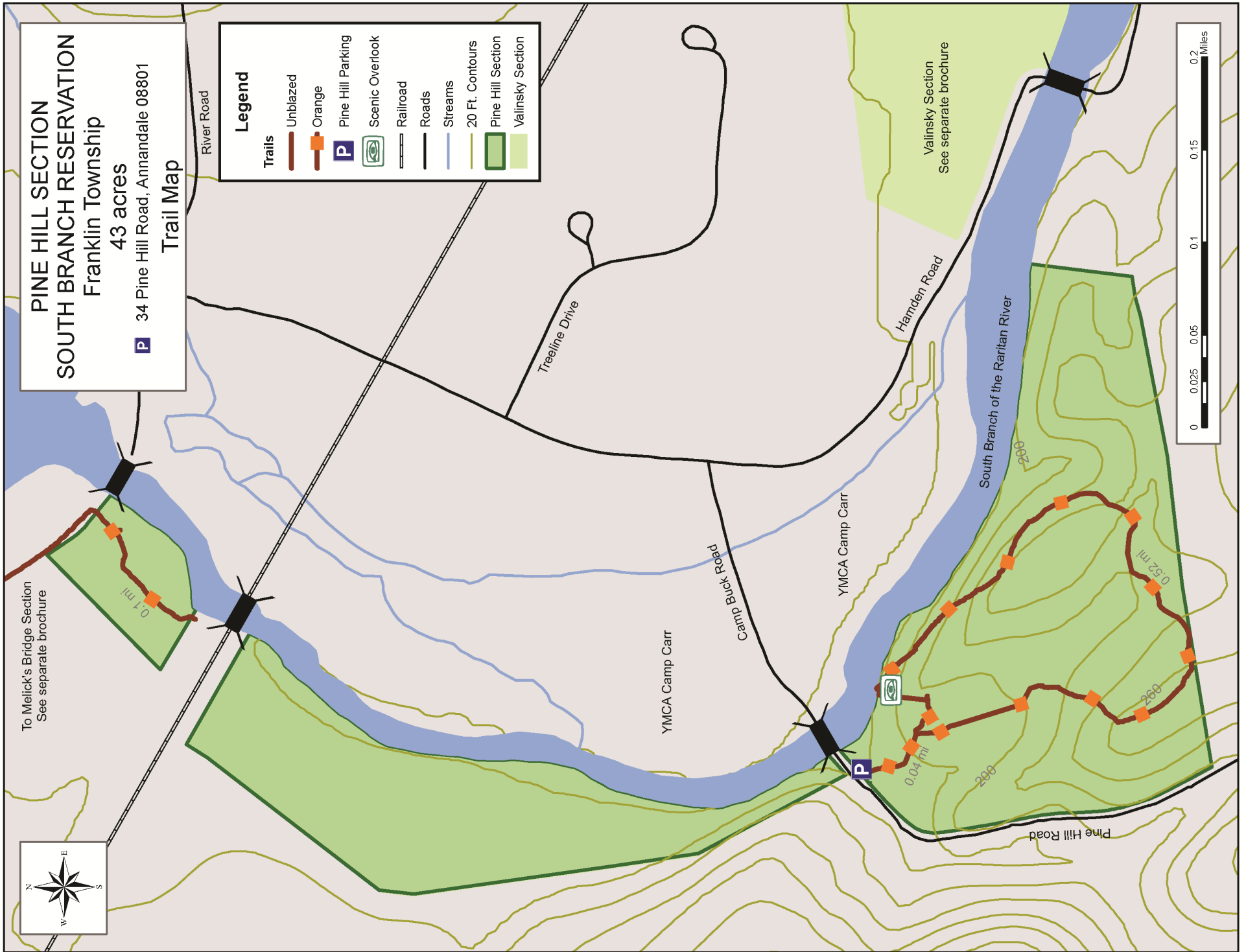
River overlook site



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*Office Hours:*  
Monday to Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM



**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.