

Point Mountain North Section

Point Mountain North Section is part of the Musconetcong Mountain Range. The top of the mountain is the second highest point managed by the Hunterdon County Parks & Recreation Division, at 1006 feet above sea level. The park consists of 220 acres of forest and fields. The Parks Division acquired the property in smaller lots between 1997 and 2003. The area was once logged, and old logging roads are incorporated into some of the current trails. Stone walls in the park show former divisions of property lines, or the edges of animal pastures, indicating that the forest was once cleared for farming.

The trail system was established with the aid of volunteers during Trails Day in May 2009. An additional trail was created in the summer of that year by a crew from the Student Conservation Association, a group of volunteer high school students. In the summer of 2010, they connected the trails of the North section to the main trails of the Central and South sections of the Point Mountain Reservation.

There are four private lots along Hermits Lane, so please be respectful and stay on the trails. Hermits Lane was once a farm road that connected to Old Turnpike Road, and two stone walls that bordered the road are visible near the parking area. Today, Hermits Lane simply dead-ends.

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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.

Directions

Location: Point Mountain North Section is located in the northern tip of Lebanon Township between Morris and Warren Counties. The main parking area is at 219 Old Turnpike Road, Port Murray 07865. No restroom facilities are available.

Directions from the Clinton Area: Take Route 31 North past Glen Gardner and Hampton until the junction with Warren County Route 632, across from the A&P. Turn right onto 632/Asbury-Anderson Road. At the end of 632, turn right onto Route 57. Proceed 1.7 miles and turn right onto Old Turnpike Road. Cross a stone bridge and pass a farm; the gravel parking area will be on the right.

Trunk and roots of a beech tree found along the Point Mountain North trails.



Hunting

In order to control the population of deer on park property, hunting is permitted. Hunters must obtain a special permit issued by the Division to hunt in the park. Visitors between September and February are strongly encouraged to wear blaze orange or confine visits to Sundays.

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.

Recreational Opportunities

Point Mountain North Section is designed for hiking. The climb is fairly strenuous, but there is a flatter loop that can be walked through the fields and the lower wooded area. Hikers can continue into Point Mountain Central and South Sections, almost eight total miles of trails. Mountain biking and horseback riding are two other options, although the trails are very rocky in certain sections. Cross-country skiing is permitted where appropriate.

About the Habitat

This preserve is located on the southern slope of the Musconetcong Ridge within the Highlands Region of New Jersey, and is part of the Delaware River drainage basin. Much of the park is forested, but there are four fields near the parking lot. The fields are planted and harvested by a local farmer, so *please stay on the edges when crops are growing*. In the forest, beech trees dominate in many areas, but other species include maples, oaks, hickories, and black birches. An Eastern red cedar grove is located near the bottom of the mountain. The forest has a sparse understory, but there are several blueberry plants and Jack-in-the-pulpits in the park. White-tailed Deer are prevalent in the park, and the stone walls create excellent habitat for Eastern Chipmunks. Bird species include several types of woodpeckers, breeding songbirds, and migrating warblers.



Pileated Woodpecker

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 & Guide



Rock wall, a reminder of an earlier time



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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.

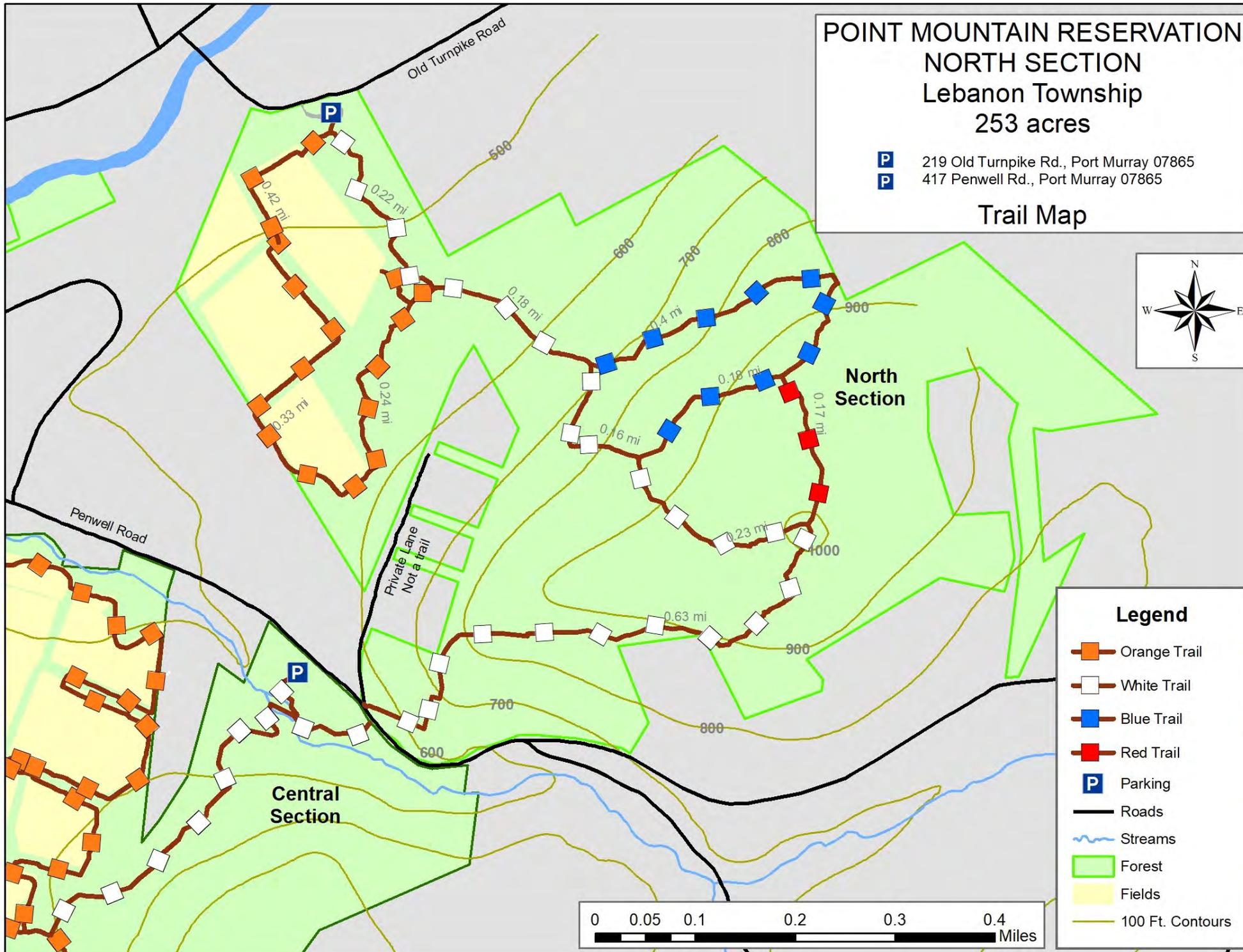
Prohibited Acts for the Protection of People: No person shall obstruct a county employee/official, interfere with a visitor, conduct any unsafe act, or cause a hazardous condition.

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.



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