

About the Round Mountain Section

Formed by volcanic activity during the Triassic Period (250 to 200 million years ago), Round Mountain reaches an elevation of 600 feet above sea level. The mountain was once used by the Lenni Lenape for encampments. Early European settlers cut timber for lumber and heating fuel. Fertile farmland surrounding the base of the mountain provided food for the settlers. Today, the logging road has been incorporated into the trail system and stone walls can be found at the edges of farm fields.

In 1979, the County purchased 55 acres from Frank and Krystal Keogh, who owned an industrial and gas-fired burner company. Most of the other tracts of land were purchased from Robert and Linda Stedman. Robert was a 747 airline pilot. Today, Round Mountain's total acreage is 250 acres.



Wild Turkey

Hunting

Hunting is permitted to control the deer population. Hunters must obtain a special permit issued by the Division to be able 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.

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.

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Location: The Round Mountain Section is located in Readington Township at 100 Foothill Road, Flemington 08822. Restrooms and additional parking are available at Deer Path Park, 120 West Woodschurch Road, Flemington. The park is open from sunrise to sunset.

For directions to Deer Path Park, see its brochure. (Use the soccer lot for parking.)

Directions to Foothill Road Parking from the Flemington Area:

Take Route 31 north about 5 miles from the Flemington Circle. Before the second light after crossing the South Branch of the Raritan River, turn right onto Foothill Road. This is a windy gravel road. The parking area is on the right just before the intersection with Route 629.

Directions to Foothill Road Parking from the Clinton Area:

Take Route 31 south about 5.5 miles from Interstate 78. Use the jug handle for Route 618 (Stanton Grange Road) and proceed to the end of this road. Turn right onto Route 629 and drive about 3/4 mile. Turn right onto Foothill Road. The entrance to the parking area will be to the left.



Fall color along the Blue Trail

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.

Wildlife & Habitat

Round Mountain's 253 acres provide habitat to a diversified wildlife population. The forest canopy contains deciduous trees such as oaks, maples, ashes, and beech. Evergreens such as white pine and red cedar are present in isolated groves or at the edges of fields.

Round Mountain serves as a resting area for migratory birds and is home for many year-round residents. Woodland birds such as Wood Thrush and warblers have been seen within the park. Wild Turkeys are a common sight. Eastern Bluebird and American Kestrel boxes have been installed to increase nesting opportunities for these species. There is a mountain stream which provides suitable habitat for amphibians, while the rocky terrain in some areas of the park provides suitable habitat for reptiles. White-tailed Deer and Red Fox are common. There has also been evidence of nocturnal mammals such as Raccoons and Striped Skunks.

Recreational Opportunities

Round Mountain offers many trails for public use. Visitors can hike, bike, cross-country ski, and ride horses on the trails.

Peter Buell Trail: This trail was named in honor of a former employee. Peter Buell was instrumental in creating trails and trail networks within the county. This trail spans across Round Mountain, and eventually brings hikers out to Foothill Road.

Readington Township Open Space: Many parcels of open space next to county property are preserved by Readington Township. It is possible to hike to both the Dobozyński Farm Park and the Bowman-Stickney Farmhouse from Round Mountain. Readington Township Parks can be reached at (908) 534-9752 or http://www.readingtontwp.org/parks_main.html.

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Round Mountain Section of Deer Path Park Trail Map and Guide



Red Fox



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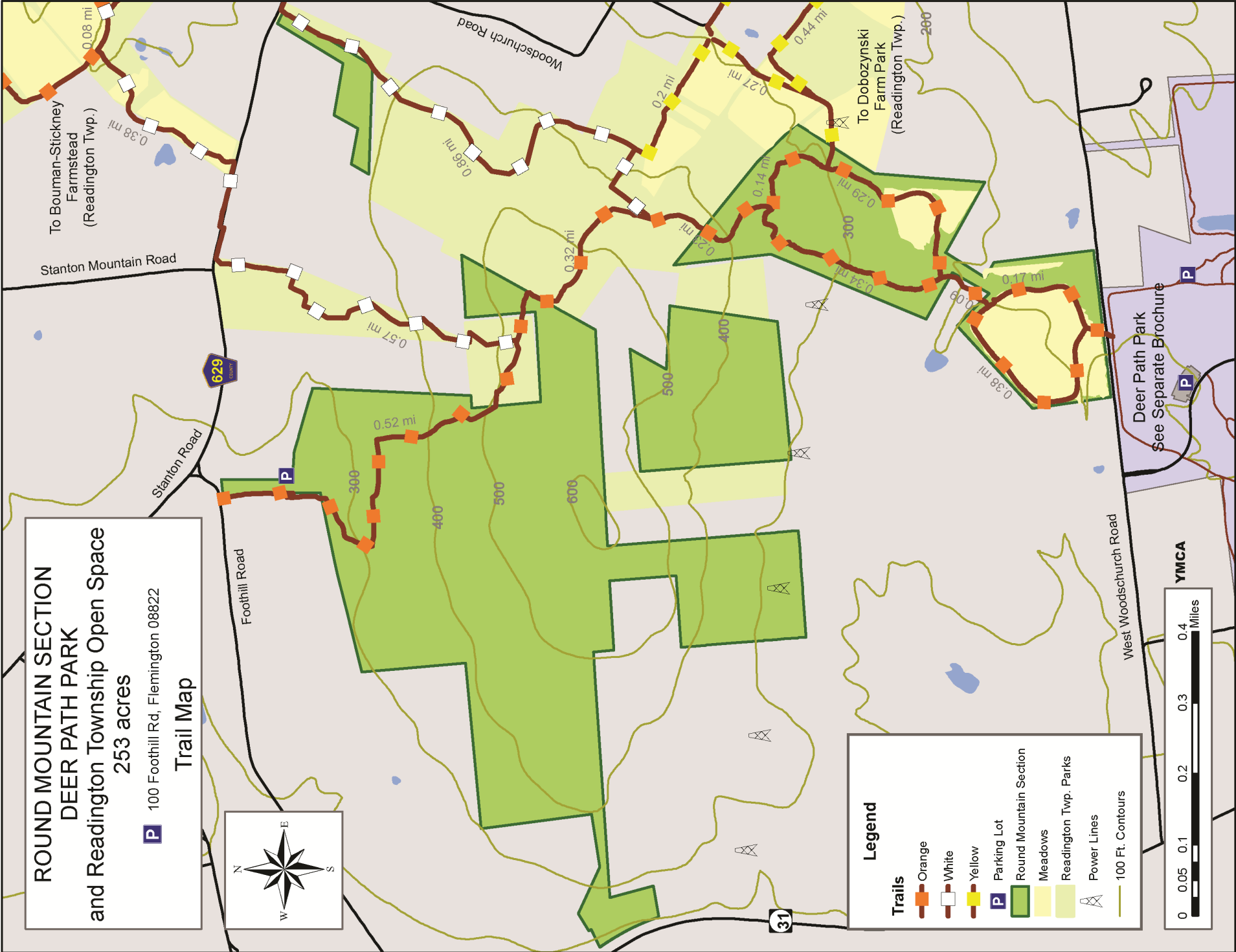
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Office Hours:

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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.