

About Uplands Reserve

Originally known as “Uplands” due to its hilly terrain, this farm was purchased by George Large (1879-1958) and his wife Frances in 1931. Large was a Hunterdon County judge, and in 1934, he was appointed Special Assistant Attorney General for the upcoming Flemington trial of the kidnapping and murder of Colonel Charles Lindbergh’s infant son. His assignment for the prosecution team was to obtain depositions and question witnesses for the case. To avoid the press, the Lindberghs were shuttled to several different locations, including Uplands. It was here where Charles Lindbergh spent a somber 33rd birthday. A week later, on February 13, 1935, the jury found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of murder. Afterwards, Judge Large continued with his law firm until his death. The property changed ownership until 1986 when the county acquired 101 acres for open space. Foundations of some structures remain.



Wild Turkey

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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.

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Location: Uplands Reserve is located in Raritan Township. Access is through the Bernadette Morales Nature Preserve at 103 Capner Street, Flemington 08822. Both areas are open from sunrise to sunset. *There is a portapotty at Mine Brook Park, across the street from Bernadette Morales.*

Directions from the Clinton Area:

Travel south on Route 513 until the junction with Route 617. Turn left on to Route 617 and travel about 8.5 miles. Turn right on Barton Hollow Road and continue to the stop sign. Turn left onto Old Croton Road, then make the first left onto Capner Street. The parking area is located on the left-hand side.

Directions from the Lambertville Area:

Take Route 202 north to the jug-handle for South Main Street for Flemington. Follow South Main Street to the junction with the Main Street Circle and proceed west on Route 12. On Route 12, continue past the next circle to the traffic light. At the traffic light turn right onto Old Croton Road. Proceed to Capner Street and turn right. Continue to the parking lot on the left.

Bernadette Morales Nature Preserve

The Bernadette Morales Nature Preserve is maintained by the Flemington-Raritan Parks and Recreation Committee. Bernadette Morales, Mine Brook Park, the Dvoor Farm, and Uplands form a contiguous greenway. For more information, contact the Flemington-Raritan Parks and Recreation Committee at (908) 782-7094 or <http://flemingtonraritanparks.org/>.

Hunting

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

Recreational Opportunities

Uplands offers a moderate 1.1 mile loop trail adjacent to the Bernadette Morales Trail System. The trail meanders through a mixture of hardwood forest, fields in natural succession, hedgerows, and thickets. The trail was constructed for an Eagle Scout project. To access the Uplands Trail, take the Main Trail from the Bernadette Morales parking area to the junction of the Eagle Trail. The Eagle Trail turns into the Uplands Trail. This stretch adds 1.6 miles for a round-trip hike.

Succession at Uplands

Uplands provides a unique look at succession. Since its time as an estate, different areas have been reclaimed by nature. Along the trail, evergreens are still present in the canopy. These evergreens have been enclosed by hardwoods and will eventually die out. Also, observe the young growth that is occurring throughout the park. While most of the hardwood canopy consists of oak trees, the new growth consists mostly of young maple trees. This is due to wildlife like White-tailed Deer, Eastern Gray Squirrels, and Wild Turkey foraging on acorns. This consumption of acorns is preventing the re-growth of oak trees. Eventually these young maple trees will grow and dominate the canopy.



Acorns and caps

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.

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



Former Estate Sign



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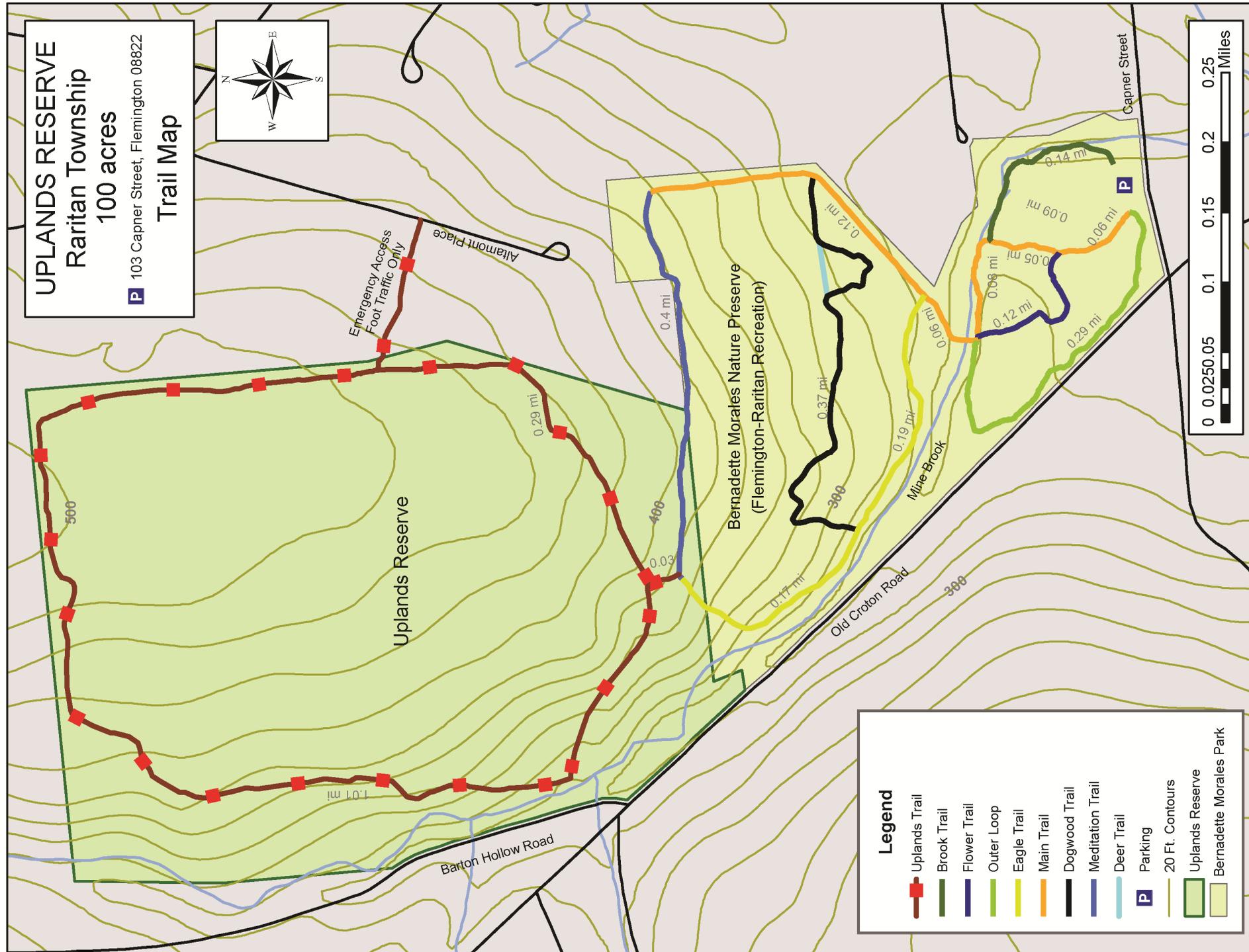
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Office Hours:

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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.