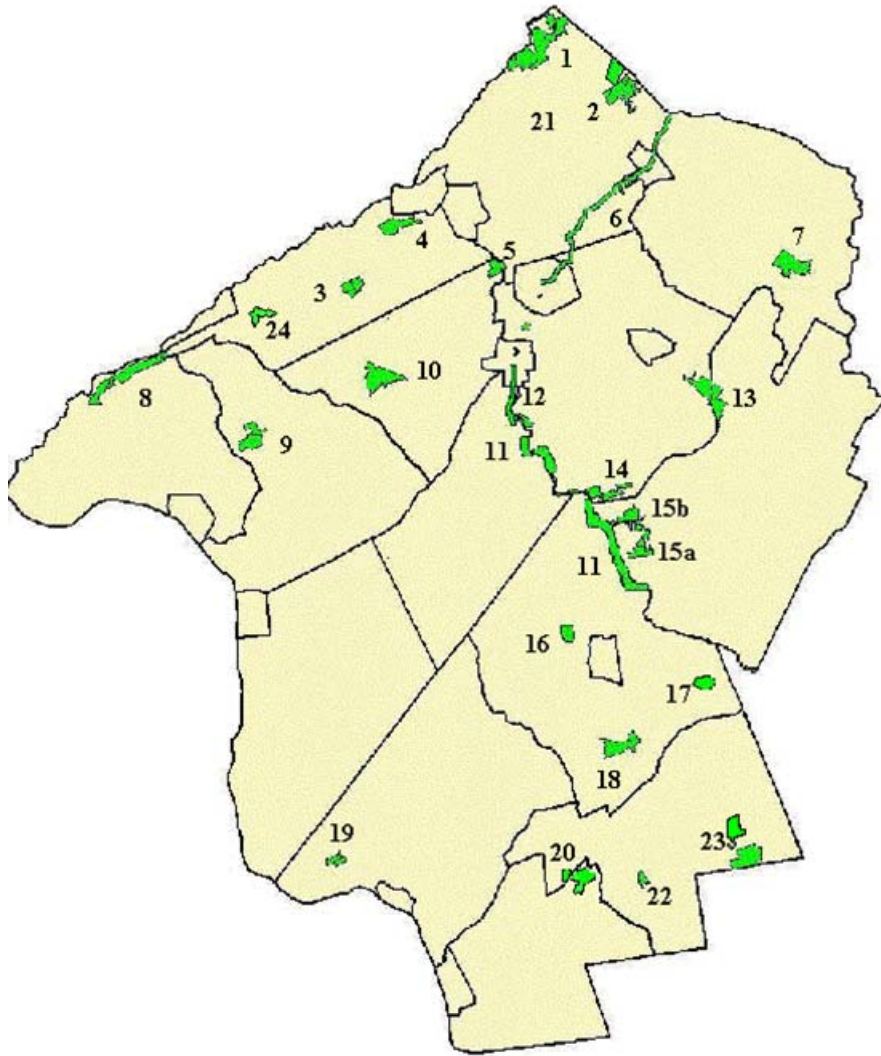


County Reference Map



1. Point Mountain Section
2. Teetertown Nature Ravine Preserve
3. Tower Hill Park
4. Charlestown Reserve
5. Union Furnace Nature Preserve
6. Columbia Trail Section
7. Cold Brook Reserve
8. Musconetcong Gorge Section
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16. Uplands Reserve
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19. Wescott Nature Preserve
20. South County Park
21. Future Park
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23. Sourland Mountain Nature Preserve
24. Jugtown Mountain Nature Preserve

Trail Guides and Brochures are available at the Arboretum or online at the county website at www.co.hunterdon.nj.us (click on Parks & Recreation).

The Hunterdon County Parks and Recreation Department 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.

SUMMARY OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

The rules and regulations governing use of facilities or properties administered by the Hunterdon County Department 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 Department 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, and 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 N.J. State Motor Vehicle Act apply. Vehicles are not allowed in unauthorized areas. Parking is allowed in designated areas only. **ATV's, 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 Department of Parks and 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 Department 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 Department 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.

Bike Riding Reference Guide



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Easy to Moderate Rides

Deer Path Park *: Offers 3 miles of trails including the fitness trail. Trail surface is all sod. Rated an easy to moderate ride due to the consistently changing slope.

Echo Hill Park: Offers over a mile loop that has some moderately difficult slopes. Trail is mostly compacted ground.

Hoffman Park *: Offers over 4 miles of trails that were old farm roads. The main challenge at this park is the slope from the parking area to Manny's Pond Road. At the end of your ride, you will have an uphill climb. Trail is mixed between paved surfaces, old stone roads, and compacted ground.

Sourlands Mountain Nature Preserve: Offers a dead-end trail that constantly changes grade. The surface is compacted ground with some exposed rock. The South Loop Trail offers a moderate challenge at the stream crossings that require riders to carry their bikes.

Improved Trails

Both trails are converted rail lines which have been adapted to multi-use trails. The surface is a compacted quarry dust. These trails are easy rides.

Columbia Trail *: Offers 7 miles of converted railway between High Bridge Boro and Vernoy Road in Lebanon Township.

Landsdown Trail *: Offers 1.5 miles of converted railway between Clinton Boro and Lower Landsdown Road in Franklin Township.

Moderate Rides

Charlestown Reservation: Offers over 2.5 miles of trails. The trail is mostly compacted ground and starts out with a moderate climb up a hillside to the first field. The trail continues to change grade throughout the trail system.

Cold Brook Reserve *: Offers a ride on the farm roads adjacent to the fields. The trail is sod and constantly changes in grade. The wooded corner offers a couple of stream crossings that need to be traversed.

Pine Hill Section of South Branch Reservation: Offers a short but moderate ride along a cliff face overlooking the river. The trail is compacted ground and constantly changes grade.

Round Mountain Section of Deer Path Park *: Offers an easy to moderate ride through woods and fields that ascends up and down the mountain side. The Peter Buell trail is a rocky trail that traverses over to Foothill Road and is a challenging moderate ride at some points.

Teetertown Ravine Nature Preserve *: Offers rides around the fields in the Mountain Farm Section and a woodland challenge through the Ravine Section. Both areas constantly change in grade with the Ravine Section being the more challenging.

Note:
“*” indicates that the trail can be used by horses.

Difficult Rides

Cushetunk Mountain Nature Preserve: Offers about 3 miles of trails. The climb to the ridge trail is a steep challenging ride. The trail is compact ground.

Point Mountain Section: Offers over 4 miles of trails along the ridge, river and fields. Biking along the Ridge Trail is prohibited.

Short River Rides

While these trails are for fishing access along the South Branch of the Raritan River, riders are welcome to use them.

Melick's Bridge Section: Offers two easy trails on both sides of the river. Dominate trail surface is sod.

Stanton Station Section *: Offers a moderate ride along a cliff face, before ending at a popular fishing hole. Trail surface is compacted ground.

Sunnyside Picnic Area: Offers an easy trail along the river. Trail switches between sod and compacted ground.

Wings Section *: Offers a long walking trail along the river with some moderate points. The trail is a mix of sod and compacted ground. Due to its length and some slopes, the trail is rated a easy moderate.

How to Safely Share the Trail with Others

- A good general rule is “wheels yield to heels, yield to horses.” (Bicycles yield to both and pedestrians yield to horses).



- Horses have a field of vision that is nearly 360-degrees, for this reason a sudden movement from behind can frighten them.
- Pass horses slowly, with care, if it becomes frightened follow the rider's instructions.
- Always make your presence known, (yell “Hello”) when approaching others. When passing from behind indicate which side and pass slowly.
- Wear brightly colored clothing so others can see you at a distance
- Travel at a safe speed, especially where visibility is limited or slope requires it.