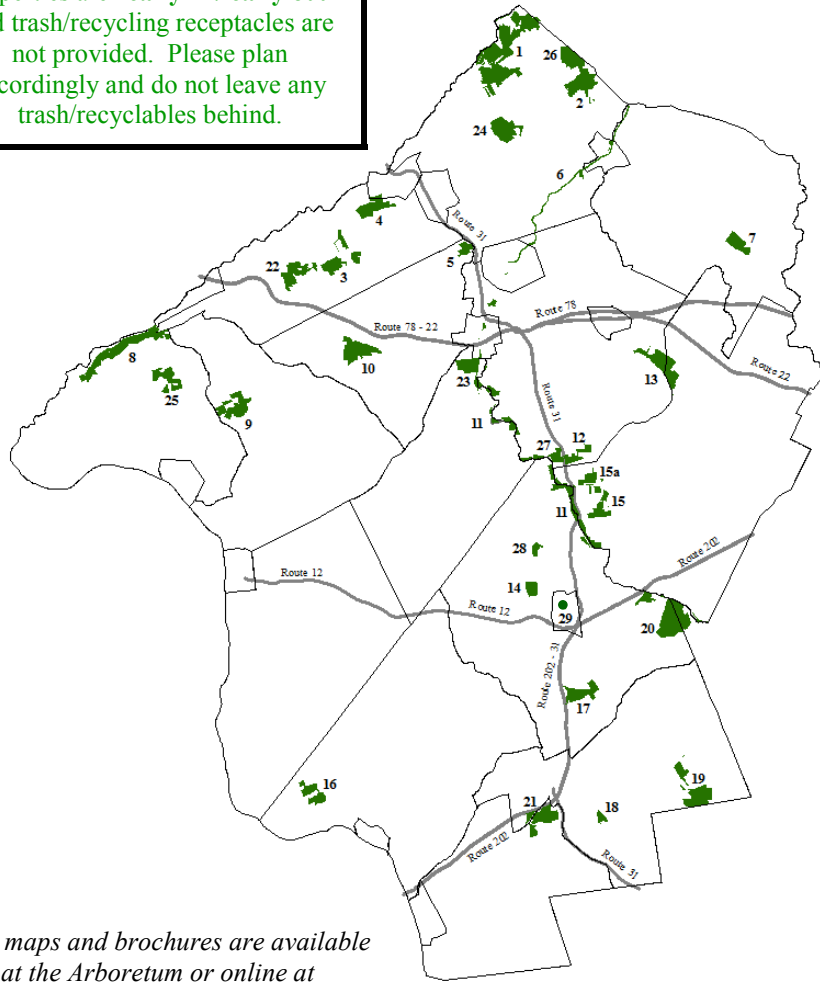


County Reference Map

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.



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Trail maps and brochures are available at the Arboretum or online at www.co.hunterdon.nj.us (click on “Parks & Recreation”).

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 2 weeks prior to program attendance.

***Hiking is not permitted. See reverse for trail information.**

The Hunterdon County Division of Parks and 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.

1. Point Mountain Reservation
2. Teetertown Preserve
3. Tower Hill Park
4. Charlestown Reserve
5. Union Furnace Preserve
6. Columbia Trail
7. Cold Brook Reserve
8. Musconetcong Gorge Preserve
9. Schick Reserve
10. Hoffman Park
11. South Branch Reservation
12. Arboretum
13. Cushtunk Mountain Preserve
14. Uplands Reserve
15. Deer Path Park & Round Mountain Section
16. Wescott Preserve
17. Heron Glen Golf Course*
18. Laport Reserve
19. Sourland Mountain Preserve
20. Clover Hill Park & South Branch Wildlife Management Area
21. South County Park*
22. Jugtown Mountain Preserve
23. Landsdown Meadows & Landsdown Trail
24. Miquin Woods Preserve
25. Musconetcong Mountain Preserve
26. Crystal Springs Preserve
27. Echo Hill Park
28. Hilltop Reserve*
29. Court Street Park

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.

Hiking Trail Reference Guide



Hunterdon County

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Easy Trails

Arboretum: Offers over 1.5 miles of easy walking trails. Trail surface is mostly a mix of sod and compacted ground. The site also offers gardens and a self-guided hike for an easier walk.

Easy Moderate Trails

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

Echo Hill Park: Offers over a mile of woodland hiking, but 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 walk, you will have an uphill climb. Trail is mixed between paved surfaces, old stone roads, and compacted ground.

Tower Hill Park: Offers over 1.5 miles of trails around grassland habitat. Trail surface is all sod. The trail on the east side of Mountainview Road constantly changes in grade.

Sourland Mountain Preserve:

Offers a loop 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 visitors to rock hop across.

Wescott Preserve: Offers a one-mile loop trail that is a mix of compacted ground and sod. The park slopes towards the Lockatong Creek, so there is a small climb back to the parking area.

Moderate Trails

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

Cold Brook Reserve: Offers hiking on the farm roads adjacent to the field. The trail is sod and constantly changes in grade.

Jugtown Mountain Preserve: Offers a long descending hike from the parking area to Route 173 that is a tough moderate hike back. All trails are compacted ground.

Miquin Woods Preserve: Offers over 3 miles of trails through the woods and along the Spruce Run. Trails are compacted ground with a moderate slope.

Pine Hill Section of South Branch

Reservation: Offers a short but moderate hike along a cliff face overlooking the river. The trail is compacted ground and constantly changes grade.

Round Mountain Section of Deer Path

Park: Offers a loop trail through woods and fields that traverses the mountain side. The Peter Buell trail is a rocky trail that leads to Foothill Road and is rated moderately challenging at some points.

Teetertown Preserve: Offers trails around the fields in the Mountain Farm Section and woodland hiking in the Ravine Section. Both areas constantly change in grade with the Ravine Section being the more challenging area because of slope and rocks.

Uplands Reserve: Accessed through Bernadette Morales Nature Preserve, the trail offers a 1.1 mile loop. Both locations offer trails that change in grade and are a mix of sod and compacted ground.

Difficult Hikes

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

Musconetcong Gorge Preserve: Offers over 6 miles of trails which descend into and out of the gorge. The Ridge Trail is over 700 ft higher in elevation than the Railroad Trail and is a difficult climb either way on the switchback trail.

Point Mountain Reservation: Offers over 4 miles of trails along the ridge, river, and fields. The climb up to the Ridge Trail is demanding for most. Please be careful on the trail steps near the Point Mountain Road parking area.

Union Furnace Preserve: Offers a single trail that climbs a steep and challenging slope before winding its way to Serpentine Drive. This trail is part of the Highlands Trail System which is not part of the County Parks Division.

Improved Trails

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 Town and Lower Landsdown Road in Franklin Township.

Fishing Access Trails

While the general public is welcome to hike these trails, they are all dead-end trails that access different sections of the South Branch of the Raritan River.

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 hike 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.

Three Bridges Section: Offers a short, easy trail along rivers edge. Trail is 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 an easy moderate.