

About Cold Brook Reserve

Consisting of rolling fields and pastures, a portion of this 287 acre property lies in the Oldwick historic district located in Tewksbury Township. Benjamin and Emma Van Doren acquired 189 acres of farmland in the 1850's and planted an extensive peach orchard, a popular commodity of the era. Their son, John switched to dairy operations around 1910 and had the first farm in the area to install milking machines. In 1955, John Jr. took over the farm planting crops and establishing a 400 acre apple orchard. In 1973, the farm was sold to the Malcolm and Miriam Klein. The County bought the property as open space in 1984. Below is a photo that shows the property when the barns were still standing.



Hunting

In order to control the population of deer on park property, hunting is permitted. Hunters must obtain a special permit issued by the Parks Department to be able to hunt on the preserve. Visitors during hunting season are strongly encouraged to wear blaze orange or confine visits to Sundays.

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.

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Location: Cold Brook Reserve is located in Tewksbury Township. The park is open from sunrise to sunset. *Please note that there are no restroom facilities at this park.*

Directions from the Clinton Area:

Take Interstate 78 east to exit 24, Oldwick/Whitehouse. Proceed north from this exit on Route 523 towards Oldwick. Continue straight on Route 517 when Route 523 turns to the right. After passing through the center of Oldwick, the park entrance will be on the left. A gravel parking lot is located on the right side of the driveway.

Recreational Opportunities

Cold Brook offers many forms of recreational activities. Visitors can hike over two miles of easy trails. The trail takes advantage of existing farm roads. Horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and mountain biking are permitted on the trail system. Visitors are exposed to a variety of habitats along the trail which include meadows, wooded areas, and the edge habitat between them.



(Horse and Rider on Trail)

Wildlife

The fields of Cold Brook offer a wonderful opportunity to view and find evidence of some of the County's predators. Scan the skies to see if any raptors are hunting in the area. Red Tailed Hawks are common and Northern Harriers have been known to reside here during the winter season. While walking the trails, look for scat and tracks of coyotes and foxes .



(Northern Harrier flying over field)

There is an abundance of edge habitat throughout Cold Brook. The field edges provide shelter to several birds throughout the season. Some of the rarer species sighted include Fox Sparrows and Brown Thrashers. Small mammals, such as rabbits and skunks, also take advantage of this terrain.

Old debris and wood piles, which are scattered about in the old fence rows and tree lines, provide excellent habitat for snakes. Potential sightings include Black Rat Snakes and Eastern Milk Snakes.

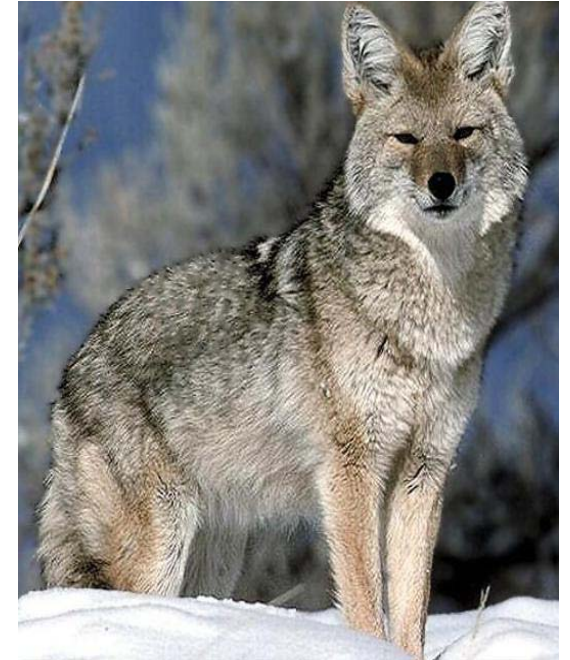
Agricultural Use

In keeping with Cold Brook's history, the County contracts much of the ground to a local farmer. In accepting the agreement, the farmer has agreed to farm the property while complying with a management plan. *Please be considerate. Stay on the trails and do not pick or damage any crops.*

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Trail Map and Guide



(Coyote)



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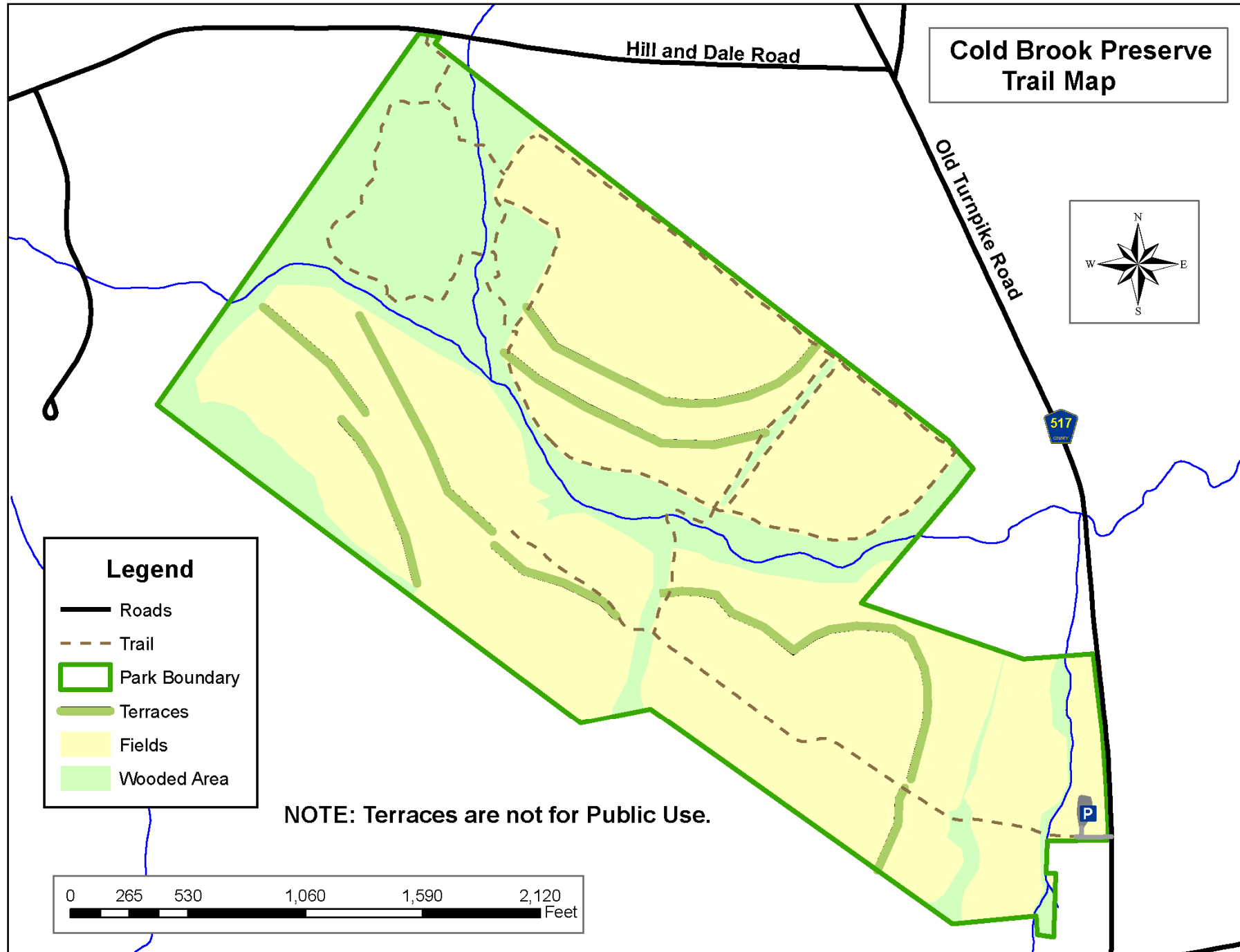
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SUMMARY OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

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 . 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 issues 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.