

About Teetertown Ravine/ Mountain Farm/Crystal Springs

The Teetertown Ravine Nature Preserve's 147 acres were acquired to protect one of the most significant natural areas in Hunterdon County. This park offers the solitude of a densely wooded area, including a variety of hardwoods, shrubs, and animal life, and the contrast of a spectacular rushing stream winding its way through the Ravine's dramatic rock outcroppings. In 1999, the adjoining 155 acres, which is now called Mountain Farm Section, was purchased adding large fields and two ponds to the diversity of the park. Rare birds, such as Bobolinks, have been seen here, and a Bluebird trail is maintained by a volunteer. In 2004, the 233 acre, Crystal Springs Section was added, immediately across Pleasant Grove Road. As its name implies, Crystal Spring is an important source of water for New Jersey. Its 5 ponds represent the headwaters of the Spruce Run Creek, and is one of the primary sources for the reservoir of the same name. The preserve now totals 682 acres.

Additional history about the preserve and former owners is available at the Visitor Center.

Fishing & Hunting

The ponds at the Mountain Farm Section are excellent for bass and bluegill fishing (catch and release only). Native trout fishing is permitted in Hollow Brook. **Hunting is allowed by Parks Department permit only. Please wear blaze orange during hunting season, or confine your visits to weekends.**

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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The park is open from sunrise to sunset. Gates at the Mountain Farm Section are open from 9 a.m. to sunset.

Location: *Teetertown Ravine is located in Lebanon Township. There are two parking areas at the Mountain Farm Section, and pull offs for parking along Hollow Brook Road.*

Directions from the junction of Route 78 and Route 31 in Clinton:

To Mountain Farm Section Parking Area: Proceed north on Route 31 for 1.7 miles to Route 513 north. Turn right and follow Route 513 through High Bridge toward Califon for about 6.5 miles. Just past the A&P, turn left onto Sliker Road and proceed about 1.5 miles to Pleasant Grove Road. Turn right and travel another 0.6 miles to the driveway for Mountain Farm will be on the right hand side, at # 30 Pleasant Grove Rd.

To Teetertown Ravine Parking Area: Follow directions above, EXCEPT...after about 1.3 miles on Sliker Road, turn right onto Teetertown Road. Follow the left fork of the road about 1 mile to the stop sign at Hollow Brook Road. Turn left and proceed 0.1 mile up the ravine. There are two single-vehicle pull-offs near the trailheads.

Visitor Center: Next to the main parking area, the Visitor Center can provide information and assistance to the public. Hours for the center are Saturdays and Sundays from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Picnic Sites

A non-reserveable picnic areas are available on the shoreline of the large pond and along the road through the wooded area behind the barn.

Camping

Public and group campsites are available, by reservation only. All necessities must be carried in and out of public "wilderness" sites, a 1/2 to 3/4 mile hike from water and parking. Group lean-to and tent campsites are available, with adjacent parking. Portable rest facilities are nearby to public and group campsites.

Trails Within the Preserve

All trails are clearly recognizable and are good for hiking, biking, or horseback riding, *except the Blue Trail which is for hiking only.*

White Trail: The 0.7 mile White Trail consists of two old logging trails. The two ends of the trail are clearly defined with park signs along Hollow Brook Road. Portions of this trail parallel a stream and pass old rock walls .

Red Trail: This 1 mile trail winds through the upper portion of the preserve. About halfway, the trail enters a field (where it intersects with the **Pond Trail**). The trail parallels the woods and then re-enters them. Wilderness campsites are located along the Red Trail.

Blue Trail: (Biking and Horseback riding prohibited) Starting from the red trail, this 0.6 mile trail crosses a stream, proceeds inside a small ravine, exits over a rock wall, and passes through a section of the preserve that contains much of the plant life common to wetlands. The end of the trail follows along the top of the ravine with a splendid view of the valley. It turns and proceeds down a very steep hill to the road. Follow the road to the left to return to Hollow Brook Road and the ravine.

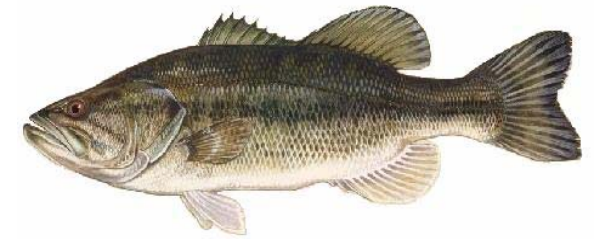
Geology Trail: See Separate Brochure.

Pond Trail: This trail connects the Teetertown Ravine trails to the fields, ponds, & campsites of the Mountain Farm Section. The trail crosses a gently sloping hillside, passing through a field filled with beautiful seasonal wildflowers. Group campsites are accessed off the Pond Trail's spur line.

Old Orchard Trail: This 0.6 mile trail winds around what was once a peach orchard. As you walk this path, notice the pile of rocks cleared from the field by farmers. Mullein, Staghorn Sumac, & Multiflora Rose are a few of the plants that have started to take over the field. The thickets along the fence are excellent places for birds to feed and find shelter. Bluebird houses line the fence and bluebirds are often seen along this trail.

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Including the Mountain Farm Section Trail Map and Guide



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SUMMARY OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

The rules and regulations governing the Hunterdon County Parks and Recreation Department 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 and regulation."

These rules and regulations have been promulgated for the protection of our patrons and for the facilities and natural resources of the Hunterdon County Parks and Recreation Department.

Permits: A written permit issued by the County for any activity shall authorize the activity only insofar as it may be performed in strict accordance with the terms and conditions thereof.

Prohibited Acts: The violation of any Municipal, State, and Federal Law. Advertising, solicitation, the release of any animal, explosives of any kind, poisons of any kind, after hours use, the sale of merchandise, alcohol without a permit in a non-designated area, weapons, posting of signage, attire.

Regulated Activity: Aviation, bathing, boating, skating, skiing, bicycling, and sledding. Powered models and horses must be in a designated area, dogs must be restrained with a leash not exceeding six feet, camping, fires, groups 25 or more must obtain a permit.

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, or dump debris.

Prohibited Acts for the Protection of People: No person shall obstruct the duty of a ranger or an official, interfere with a visitor, or conduct any unsafe act.

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 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 Hunterdon County Park System.

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:The Park Rangers of the Department of Parks and Recreation are vested with police authority and empowered to make arrests for violations of rules and regulations governing the Hunterdon County Park System. 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.