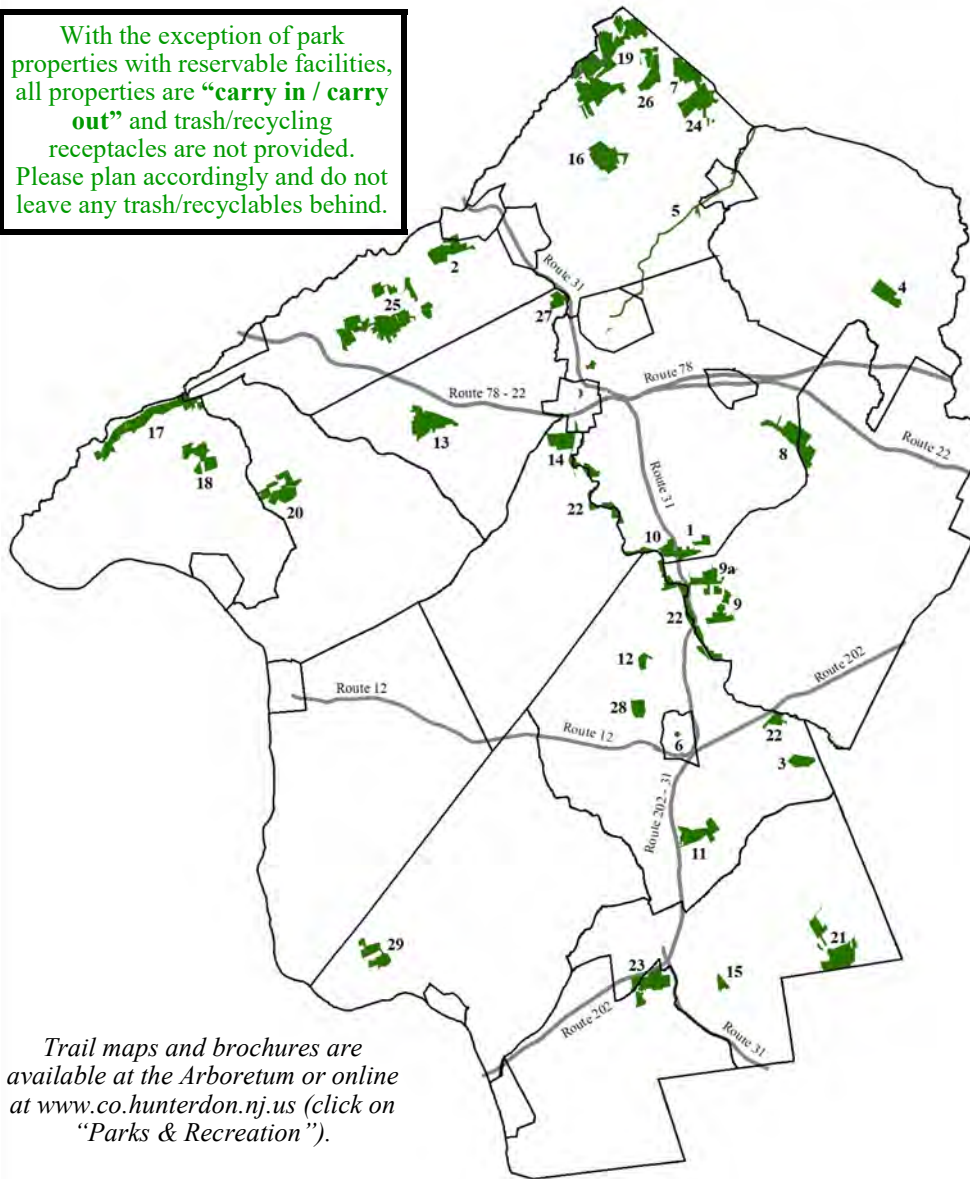


County Reference Map

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.



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.

***Horseback riding is not permitted. See reverse for trail parking availability.**

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

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.

Horseback Riding Reference Guide



Hunterdon County
Division of Parks & Recreation
 Mailing Address: PO Box 2900,
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 Lebanon, NJ (Clinton Township)
 Telephone: (908) 782-1158
 Fax: (908) 806-4057

E-mail: parks@co.hunterdon.nj.us
 Website: www.co.hunterdon.nj.us
 (click on “Parks & Recreation”)

Office Hours:
 Monday to Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Locations with Trailer Parking Available

Cold Brook Reserve: (Tewksbury Township) Offers about 2 miles of riding on the farm roads adjacent to the fields. The trail is sod and constantly changes in grade. A parking area is located on Route 517 just north of Oldwick.

Columbia Trail: Offers 7 miles of converted railway between High Bridge Boro and Valley Brook Road in Lebanon Township. Trail is compacted quarry dust. Parking is available in High Bridge at the municipal lot.

Hoffman Park: (Union Township) Offers over 4 miles of trails that were old farm roads. Some of the roads are paved. All trails are open to riding. The parking area is on Baptist Church Road. There is a moderate grade from the parking area to Manny's Pond.

Round Mountain Section of Deer Path Park: (Readington Township) Riders are only permitted to park at the Soccer Lot in Deer Path Park. About two miles are available to ride. From the parking lot, riders must take the driveway back towards the YMCA to the designated Horse Trail. Turn right on the trail to access the Round Mountain Section. Only in the two lower loops is horseback riding permitted. The second loop of the trail system contains some steep grades.

Schick Reserve: (Alexandria Township) A former farm with about 8 total miles of trails open to riding. Sod trails constructed and maintained by Alexandria Equestrian Society. Park on Route 631 or Schick Rd.

Teetertown Preserve: (Lebanon Township) Offers over 3 miles of riding along the fields in the Mountain Farm Section and the Red and White Trail in the Ravine Section. Both trails constantly change in grade with some moderate slopes. No riding is permitted on the Blue Trail. Parking is available behind the private residence at the middle entrance (30 Pleasant Grove Road).

Deer Path Park, Wings Section & Readington Township Trail Ride:

This ride is over 6 miles. Riders are only permitted to park at the Soccer Lot in Deer Path Park. From the parking lot, riders must take the driveway back towards the YMCA to the designated Horse Trail. Turn left onto the trail and follow the perimeter trail around the park. Near the service road, follow the trail as it turns right onto the Readington Township Trail Easement. This section is very brushy and requires crossing a few small streams. In time the trail comes to an intersection. If you turn left, the trail follows the South Branch of the Raritan River and dead-ends. Turn right to continue the ride and follow the trail to Deer Path Road. Please be considerate to the homes along the trail. (A loop opportunity exists within the Wings Section; see the trail guide.) At Deer Path Road, turn right and follow the road back to Deer Path Park. The road has a slight uphill grade and the entrance to the park will be on the right. Once back in Deer Path Park, ride the designated horse trail back to the driveway to return to the Soccer Lot.

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Locations with No Parking

These areas are open to horseback riding for residents who live close enough to ride to these locations. There is either insufficient parking or no parking available for vehicles with trailers.

Crystal Springs Preserve: (Lebanon Township) Offers about 3 miles of riding around along the perimeter trails around the fields on the property. Trails are sod and change grade.

Landsdown Trail: Offers 1.5 miles of converted railway between Clinton Boro and Lower Landsdown Road in Franklin Township. Trail is compacted quarry dust.

Pine Hill Section of the South Branch Reservation: (Franklin Township) Offers about a 1 mile moderate ride along a cliff face overlooking the river. The area north of Pine Hill Road is not open to horseback riding. The trail is compacted ground and constantly changes grade.

Point Mountain Reservation: (Lebanon Township) Offers about 2 miles of riding on compacted ground around the fields and the Blue Trail. The Ridge Trail is not open to horses.

Clover Hill Park: (Raritan Township) Connects with the South Branch Wildlife Management Area, totaling close to 3 miles of trails along compacted ground.

Sunnyside Picnic Area: (Clinton Township) Offers an easy mile ride along the river. Trail switches between sod and compacted ground.

Wescott Preserve: (Delaware Township) Offers an easy mile loop ride through woods and along a creek and a meadow. Trail is compacted ground.

Notes To Riders:

- **Please be considerate of our grounds and trails.**
- **Please be considerate to other trail users. Communicate with other trail users to let them know how to pass your horse safely.**
- **Riders should bring their own water.**
- **Please contain your waste (ie: straw, wood shavings, etc) to your vehicle.**
- **Please do not tie horses to the trees.**
- **Please remove horse waste from parking and picnic areas.**
- **Step off trail (if possible) if your horse needs to relieve itself, or dismount and kick droppings off the trail.**
- **Wear bright orange if riding during hunting season. See trail brochures to find out if area is hunted.**

Note: In order to control the population of deer on park property, hunting is permitted in some locations. Hunters must obtain a special permit from the Parks Division to hunt in these locations. To determine which areas offer hunting, check the guide to each park. Visitors during hunting season are strongly encouraged to wear blaze orange or confine visits to Sundays.