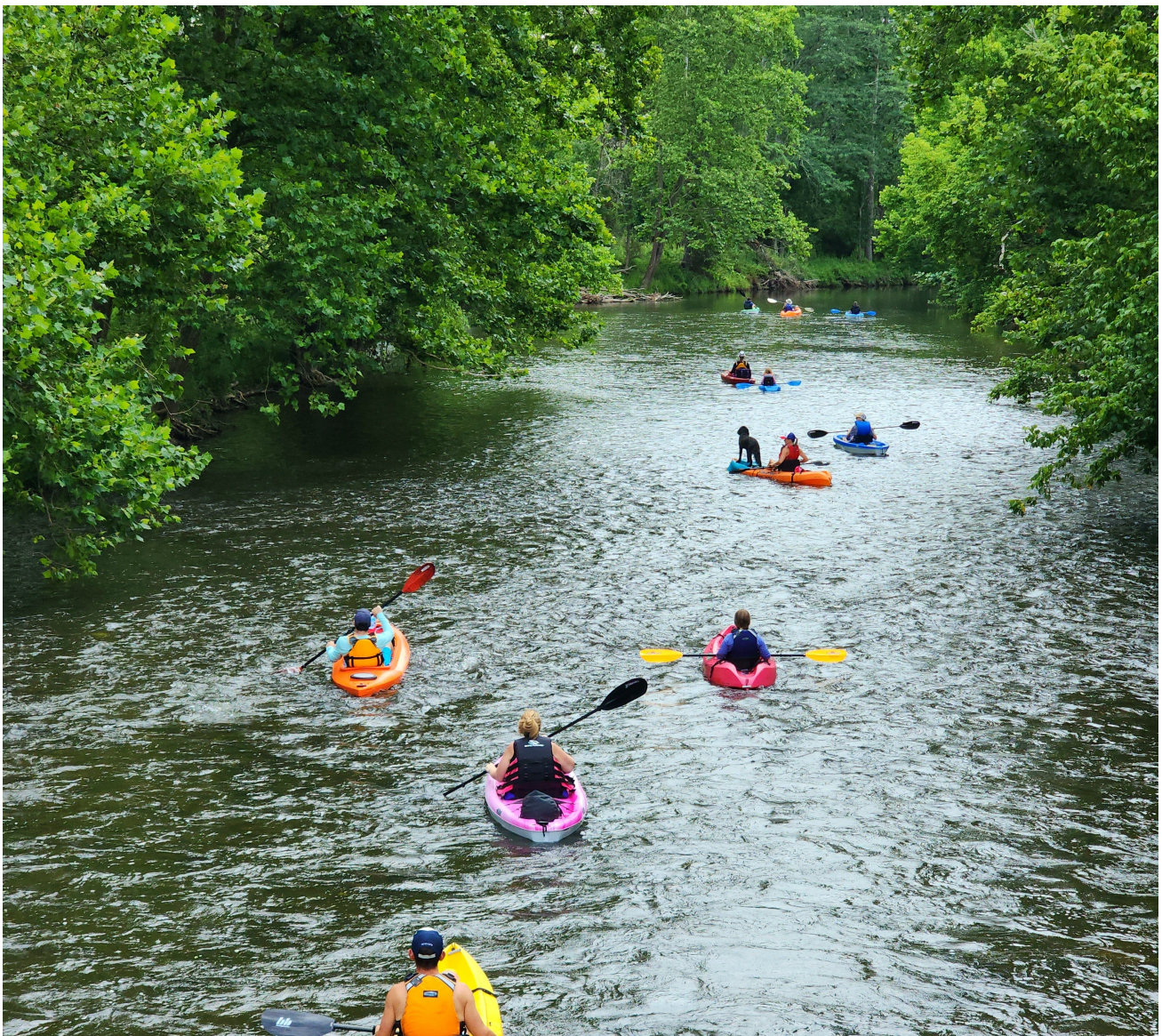


# HUNTERDON PARKS HARBINGER

Your source for Hunterdon County Parks & Recreation  
events, programs, and news.

Summer 2025  
June, July, August



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## Online Program Registration

You can register for any of our Hunterdon County Parks and Recreation programs online. Visit our website [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/479/Parks-Recreation](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/479/Parks-Recreation) and click the photo for Online Program Registration.

Register in person by completing the program registration and medical record form on the last pages of this Harbinger. Visit the Hunterdon County Arboretum at 1020 Route 31, Lebanon, NJ 08833, Monday to Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM or mail your completed form with check payment to Hunterdon County Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 2900, Flemington, NJ 08822.

Program details including parking addresses and any other pertinent information such as items to bring will be printed on your receipt.

### **CANCELLATION POLICIES:**

You will be notified by phone if we cancel a program and you will receive a full refund. Programs are designed for all types of weather and participants should dress appropriately. Cancellations and requests for refunds made by participants must be in writing. Cancellations made less than one week prior to the program will not receive a refund. Program registrations are non-transferrable.

Scan here to  
register online.



# Nature Camp

Join us for another great summer at Nature Camp at Echo Hill Park. Offered in partnership with River Crossing YMCA, campers can choose half-day Nature Camp or add on half-day Adventure Camp for an all-day experience. Registration details can be found at [ymcarivercrossing.org/camp](http://ymcarivercrossing.org/camp).

## Feathered Friends June 23 to June 27

Fly into a week of bird explorations featuring our local feathered friends. From sparrows darting into the brush to hawks soaring in the air, we'll discover the features of the birds that fascinate us. We will learn about their captivating sounds and feathered adaptations, and observe them in action at the park. Join us for a week filled with bird watching, discoveries and a whole lot of feathered fun!

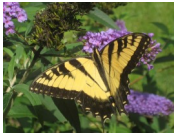


## Wilderness Warriors June 30 to July 3

Embark on a wilderness adventure! Join us for a rugged week packed with outdoor activities, survival skills, teamwork and personal growth! Experience an unforgettable journey into the wild, full of exploration, connection and discovery.

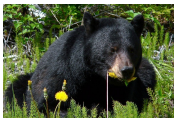
## Insect Insiders July 7 to July 11

Join us for a week of interesting insect investigations. We will dive into the vibrant world of insects as we explore their habitats, behaviors, and remarkable adaptations. Through guided outdoor explorations and interactive games, you'll encounter everything from glowing fireflies to fascinating butterflies. Join us for a week of discovery, where every bug tells a story and nature becomes your classroom!



## Fur, Paws and Claws July 14 to July 18

Let's journey through the fascinating world of Hunterdon's mammals! Each day, we'll dive into hands-on activities, interactive discussions, and imaginative role-playing as we explore the lives of bats, beavers, bears, coyotes, and more. Get ready for a week of wild fun and discovery, where learning about these amazing creatures transforms into an unforgettable adventure!



## Flower Power July 21 to July 25

Let's grow together and learn about all things flowers, plants, and trees. Discover the powers of flowers and trees, build survival shelters with sticks and leaves, and explore how even a dead tree teems with life. Join us for a flower-powered adventure.



## Wild and Crafty Creations July 28 to August 1

Where campers can release their creativity in the beauty of the great outdoors! We will combine the joy of exploration with creative expression, allowing young minds to draw inspiration from nature's beauty. Through a series of interactive and nature-infused craft projects and activities, this engaging camp fosters a love for both crafting and the environment in an interactive and exciting way.

## Water Wonders August 4 to August 8

Prepare to get wet this week and dive into why water is so important to our world! We will meet turtles up close, catch critters of the Prescott Creek and cool off with favorite water games! This week is sure to be a splash!



## Herptile Heroes August 11 to August 15

Reptiles and amphibians unite for this week filled with leaps of knowledge and slithers of fun. Meet our live animal guests, from colorful snakes to majestic turtles, and hear their stories! Participate in hands-on workshops where you can explore habitats, observe behaviors, and understand the critical roles these animals play in our ecosystems. Whether you're a seasoned nature enthusiast or new to the world of herps, this camp promises excitement, education, and inspiration for everyone.

# Summer Concert Series

Thursdays 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Special Youth Concert Saturday, August 9  
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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## MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

Deer Path Park

All Ages - All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Join us this summer, bring your friends & family, maybe a picnic dinner, your blanket and lawn chair and enjoy the music and the sunset!

**Have fun, be safe, & be courteous of others.** Our concert series is family-oriented; be considerate of others so everyone may enjoy the music and the natural surroundings. If you smoke, make sure the smoke does not bother anyone else. Keep children in sight at all times for safety and so they do not disturb others. Remember some people are afraid of dogs; observe our leash law and keep pets under control at all times. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted!

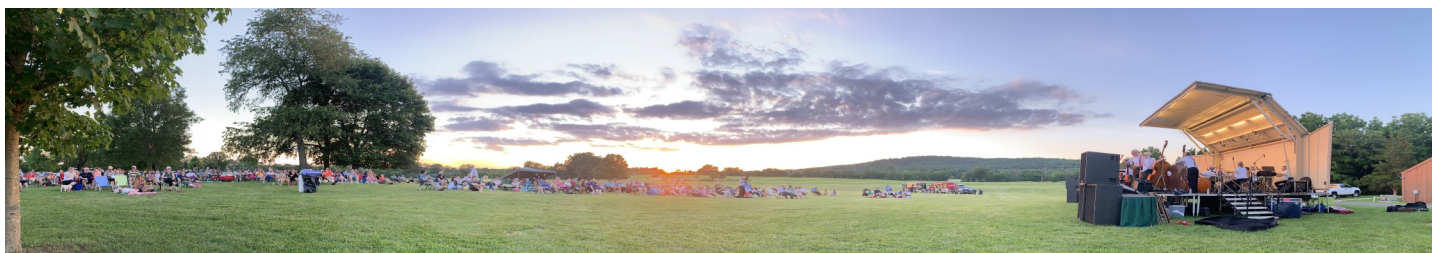
**Rainy day concert information:** Weather conditions may dictate that we move the concert inside; the decision will be made the afternoon of the concert day. To find out this information, go to our county website: [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us), social media, or call the park office after 4:30 PM, and listen to the recording (908) 782-PARK (7275). Indoor concerts will be held at Hunterdon Central High School, 84 Route 31, Flemington NJ, 08822. Doors will open at 6:00 PM. No food or drink is permitted in the auditorium.

### June 26, 2025 - Hunterdon Symphony

Kick off the summer with Hunterdon Symphony as they return to open the Music Under the Stars Concert Series at Deer Path Park! Now in its 45th season, the Symphony presents LEGENDS—a magical evening of epic stories set to music, featuring selections from Lord of the Rings, Star Wars, Robin Hood, and music inspired by the stories of William Tell, Don Quixote, and Peer Gynt. Learn more at [www.hunterdonmusicalarts.org](http://www.hunterdonmusicalarts.org).

### July 10, 2025 - Captain Jack

The Captain Jack Band is a Billy Joel Tribute band consisting of some of the tri-state area's top musicians. The band, in every performance, captures the "live concert" arrangements of these timeless hits which captivated tens of thousands to attend Billy Joel concerts. Every event is packed with all the energy, passion, and interaction of a Billy Joel Concert, represented by 3 decades of Billy's music in every Captain Jack show. [www.captainjacktributeband.com](http://www.captainjacktributeband.com)





## July 17 - Best of the Eagles

Best of the Eagles (BOTE) is the most exact interpretation of the music of the Eagles in America, bar none! Each member mirrors his counterpart in the Eagles instrumentally, and vocally. However, this is no simple copy band or impersonator act, but rather a group of excellent musicians who expertly and authentically re-create the songs, the music, the vocals, and the magical aura of one of America's greatest rock bands. The band has sold out venues throughout the East Coast and Mid-West including the 1700 Count Basie Theater in NJ, The Gateway and Ike's Hall at West Point in NY, The Academy Center for the Arts in VA, The Tibbits Opera House in MI, The Alhambra Theater in FL, and so many others. If you love the music of the Eagles, you will not want to miss BOTE. [www.bestoftheeagles.com](http://www.bestoftheeagles.com)

## July 24 - 80's Revolution

Get ready to turn back time with 80's Revolution, America's #1 party show band! This totally tubular group brings the best of the decade to life with hits from Madonna, Journey, Michael Jackson, Bon Jovi, and more—covering pop, rock, dance, and new wave favorites. Featuring top New Jersey talent and powerhouse vocals, they deliver a high-energy, neon-drenched show that's like, totally unforgettable. Don't miss the chance to relive the raddest era in music! Learn more at [www.ultraartists.com](http://www.ultraartists.com).

## July 31 - BonJourney

BonJourney is a high-energy tribute band celebrating the legendary hits of Bon Jovi and Journey. Since 2010, they've been rocking audiences across the U.S.—from sold-out theaters in the Northeast to shows in Seattle, Texas, and beyond. Packed with crowd favorites, their setlist is a nonstop ride through classic rock anthems you know and love. Don't miss your chance to sing along and experience the excitement for yourself! Learn more at [www.MunicipalEvents.com](http://www.MunicipalEvents.com).

## August 7 - The Hunterdon Choral Alliance

Soak in the sounds of pop songs from yesterday and today with the Hunterdon Choral Alliance's three fantastic choruses! The Hunterdon Harmonizers are a mainstay in the summer concert series and bring their characteristically fun take on songs you are sure to know. Evolution in Harmony showcases what is possible with their exceptional presentation of the rich and soothing close harmony of the barbershop style. Vocal Synergy graces the stage just as they did at Lincoln Center in the 10th Anniversary of Total Vocal this past April: fresh with powerful vocalists and even beatboxing. There are always surprises in store with the Hunterdon Choral Alliance!

<https://www.njchoralliance.org/>

**Saturday, August 9, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

## Beauty & The Beats

It's all about the young and young at heart with Beauty & the Beats! Disney fanatics of all ages get ready to sing and dance with this Ultimate Fairytale Show! Picture an enchanted concert with favorites like; Under The Sea, We Don't Talk About Bruno, Let It Go, A Whole New World, Be Our Guest, Part Of Your World, Just Can't Wait to Be King and much more. This immersive experience begins with your hosts Princess Melody and The Dragon Prince as they take us on a journey across the Fairy Tale Universe. Along the way we meet Captain Greenbeard and the rest of the cast as they bring to life songs from your favorite stories.



Made possible with funds from the Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.



# Canoeing and Kayaking

## River Day Trips

Time: 8:15 AM to about 3:30 PM

Parking Location: Echo Hill Park

Ages: 8 through Adults | All children must be accompanied by an adult also registered for the program.

Cost: \$45.00 | Registration closes Wednesday before the trip.

Instructor: Patrick Eckard, Recreation Program Coordinator



Your leaders will fit you with a lifejacket and paddle, drive to the river, discuss maneuvering techniques and boating safety, and guide you down the river. We paddle for about two hours, stop for lunch, and paddle about two more hours, which depends in part on natural forces, such as wind and water levels. Our aim is to return to Echo Hill by 3:30 PM, give or take an hour. You can choose between canoes, single kayaks, and new for 2025 we have two tandem kayaks available.

Dates: Sunday, June 22: Delaware River  
Saturday, June 28: South Branch of the Raritan River | **Naturalist Guided Paddle**  
Saturday, July 12: Delaware River  
Sunday, July 20: South Branch of the Raritan River  
Saturday, August 2: Delaware River  
Thursday, August 14: South Branch of the Raritan River

PLEASE NOTE: Due to water levels or other circumstances, it may be necessary to pick an alternative river. Leaders may make this change at any time to provide a safe and fun experience.

## Sunset Paddle on Round Valley Reservoir

Dates: Friday, June 20  
Friday, July 25

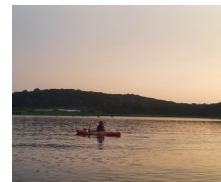
Time: 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Location: Round Valley Reservoir Boat Launch County Rd 629, Lebanon, NJ 08833

Ages: 8 through Adults | All children must be accompanied by an adult also registered for the program

Cost: \$30 | Registration closes Wednesday before the trip.

Instructor: Patrick Eckard, Recreation Program Coordinator



Treat yourself to a guided evening sunset paddle. The group will meet at Round Valley Reservoir at the boat launch. A short safety talk will be included. Bring a flashlight and an extra jacket; it's cooler by the water when the sun goes down.

### Planning your boating trip:

**What to wear:** We suggest dressing in layers so you can adjust to changing temperatures. Durable old clothes are best; wool keeps you warm even if wet and polypropylene fleece dries quickly. Cotton is a bad material for cool, wet outdoor activities. Sneakers are recommended, please no sandals, boots, or heavy shoes. Wool socks are best for cold weather. A bathing suit may be worn in warm weather, often we stop for a swim.

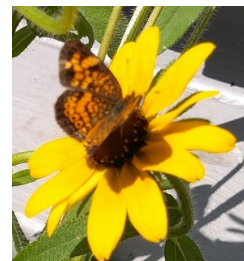
**What to bring:** Lunch (in a waterproof container), lots of water to drink, rain jacket, hat, sunscreen, eyeglass strap, etc. In chilly weather, a complete change of clothing may be carried in your canoe (in a waterproof bag) or kept in the van for the trip's end.

**What not to bring:** No alcoholic beverages are permitted on our trips. No pets are allowed, except service animals. Any valuables that may be damaged or lost in the river should stay at home. Please be aware our trips run rain or shine with the exception of extreme weather.



# Nature Programs

## Family Nature Explorations



### Naturalist Guided Paddle

Saturday, June 28 8:15 AM to 3:30 PM

Parking Location: Echo Hill Park

Ages: 8 through Adults | All children must be accompanied by an adult also registered for the program.

Cost: \$45.00 | Registration closes Wednesday before the trip.

Instructor: Debra Reed, Park Naturalist

Join us as we explore and learn about the intricate ecosystems of the South Branch of the Raritan River. Experience a connection with nature with a skilled naturalist on a serene kayaking/canoeing expedition. Embrace the tranquility of nature with no engines, no disturbances, and no environmental harm. This trip will move slowly as we discover the natural wonders of the river.

Find the details of our padding programs on page 6.



### Full Moon Walk

Thursday, July 10, 8:15 PM to 9:45 PM

Location: Hoffman Park, Main Entrance

Ages: 8 through Adult | All children must be accompanied by an adult also registered for the program

Cost: \$8

Instructor: Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist

Experience the magic of Hoffman Park under the glow of the full moon! We'll take a peaceful 1.75-mile walk as moonlight shimmers across the pond, while listening for summer insects and learning about animals that thrive after



dark. Discover the secrets of nocturnal adaptations and unravel the mystery of moon phases on this illuminating nighttime adventure. Prepare to see nature in a whole new light!

### Pollinator Walk

Thursday, July 17, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Location: Hunterdon County Arboretum

Ages: 7 through Adult | All children must be accompanied by an adult also registered for the program

Cost: \$8

Instructor: Debra Reed, Park Naturalist

Buzz into the world of pollinators on this eye-opening walk through blooming gardens and vibrant habitats! Join a naturalist to discover the busy lives of bees, butterflies, and other helpful critters that keep our ecosystems thriving. We'll explore the plants they love, the vital work they do, and how we can all help protect them. With plenty of colorful flowers and fluttering wings to admire, this walk is sure to inspire a newfound appreciation for our tiniest garden heroes.

### Animal Show with Rizzo's Wildlife World

Tuesday, August 19, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Location: Deer Path Park Overlook Pavilion

Ages: All | All children must be accompanied by an adult also registered for the program

Cost: Free

Instructor: Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist

Get up close and personal with a fascinating mix of critters, including insects, frogs, turtles, lizards, small mammals, a baby alligator, and even a large python! Rizzo's Wildlife World brings the animal kingdom to life through fun stories, jokes, and interactive learning. You'll even have a chance to gently touch the backs of some animals. Discover how small actions like recycling and not littering help protect these amazing creatures. This program is sponsored by Hunterdon County Clean Communities.



# Nature Programs

## Youth Nature Series

Engaging children in outdoor play and learning can foster creativity, curiosity, and physical development. Nature offers a dynamic environment that stimulates the senses, encourages problem-solving, and nurtures imagination. Spending time outside can also support a child's mental well-being and help cultivate a lifelong appreciation for the natural world.

### Baby Walks

Fridays, 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Ages: 0 to 23 months with adult

Cost: Free

Instructor: Laura Tarlowski, Superintendent of Recreation

Get outside with your baby, explore your local trails, and enjoy the company of other parents and caregivers in the area. We will walk at the pace of the adults; we ask that babies be carried or in a stroller depending on the location.

June 13: Landsdown Trail, Lower Landsdown Road

Fine gravel trail appropriate for strollers and carriers.

July 11: Deer Path Park

Grass trails appropriate for all-terrain strollers and carriers only.

August 8: Teetertown Preserve

Coarse gravel trails for all-terrain strollers and carriers only.

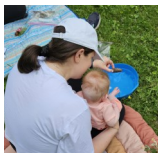
### Baby Playdates

Time: 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Ages: 0 to 23 months with adult

Cost: Free

Instructor: Laura Tarlowski, Superintendent of Recreation



Be prepared to sit on the grass and experience nature! Explore sensory activities, read books, and play games. Bring a blanket to sit or lay on if desired and dress for the weather.

June 20: Hoffman Park

July 18: Deer Path Park

August 15: Echo Hill Park

### Tot Walks

Time: 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Location: Echo Hill Park

Ages: 2 to 3 years with adult

Cost: \$10/session

Instructor: Laura Bush, Principal Park Naturalist & Debra Reed, Park Naturalist

Discover nature at your local park! Leave the strollers behind as we take a walk to learn about the nature around us. We will also do a story and craft on the same theme. Please dress for the weather as we will be outside for the entire program.



### The Sun

Session A: Wednesday, July 30

Session B: Thursday, July 31

### Frogs

Session A: Wednesday, August 27

Session B: Thursday, August 28

**Scan here to  
register for any  
program online.**





## Homeschool Nature Series

Ages: 7 to 17 years | All children must be accompanied by an adult

Cost: \$8 per session

Instructor: Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist

Join our Homeschool Nature Program for a monthly dose of outdoor education and exploration! In each session, your child will immerse themselves in a new and exciting nature topic, fostering curiosity and a deeper connection to the natural world.

### Animal Tracks and Scat

Thursday, June 19, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Location: Echo Hill Park

Hunterdon is home to more than 40 species of mammals, but many of them are rarely seen. Instead, they leave behind subtle clues—like tracks and scat—that reveal their presence. In this program, you'll learn how to read these signs and use field guides effectively to identify the animals that left them behind.



## Fern Discovery Hike

Wednesday, July 9, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Location: Miquin Woods Preserve

Join us for a guided walk along the Yellow Trail at Miquin Woods, located across the Spruce Run. This scenic trail winds through open woodlands and offers a great opportunity to explore the area's natural beauty. We'll focus on identifying local ferns and discuss whatever else we discover along the way. The hike is moderately challenging, with some areas that may be wet or soft underfoot.



## Totally Turtles

Thursday, August 7, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Location: Echo Hill Park

Get up close with our turtle specimens in this hands-on program! We'll explore their unique features, discuss the important roles turtles play in our environment, and learn about the habitats they depend on. Students will have the chance to touch and observe real specimens as they discover more about these fascinating reptiles.

## Family Nature Club Week

Monday through Thursday, July 21 to 24

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Location: Hunterdon County Arboretum

Cost: \$100

Ages 3 to 6 years | All children must be accompanied by an adult

Instructor: Debra Reed, Park Naturalist

This week long program offers an ideal half-day excursion for your budding nature lover. Participants will delve into the world of local flora and fauna through guided hikes, hands-on observations, creative crafts, and engaging games. It's an enlightening and enjoyable opportunity to nurture your child's passion for the great outdoors. Dress for the weather as we plan to be outside even in light rain. Please bring a snack and refillable water bottle.



# Webinars

## Bee Kind or Be Stung

Wednesday, June 18, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Ages: 10 through Adult | All children must be accompanied by an adult

Cost: Free

Instructor: Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist

Bees, wasps, and hornets—oh my! Most of us recognize a honeybee, but can you tell the difference between a bumblebee, a carpenter bee, or a yellowjacket? What about a paper wasp or a hornet? Join us for a fascinating look at these buzzing backyard visitors and learn how each plays a valuable role in our ecosystem. You'll leave with a new appreciation for these misunderstood insects—and maybe a few tips on how to steer clear of stings!



## What Worries a Naturalist

Wednesday, July 23, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Ages: 10 through Adult | All children must be accompanied by an adult

Cost: Free

Instructor: Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist

Ever wonder what makes a naturalist pause before heading into the woods? From poison ivy and ticks to bears and beyond, we will share the real (and sometimes surprising) hazards from in the field. Join this lively and informative discussion and find out how to stay safe while enjoying the great outdoors. Bring your questions—audience participation is encouraged!



## NJ Black Bears

Thursday, August 14, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Ages: 10 through Adult | All children must be accompanied by an adult

Cost: Free

Instructor: Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist

Black bears are back—and thriving—in New Jersey. In this newly updated virtual program, we will explore the history, life cycle, and behavior of these powerful yet misunderstood animals. Learn how the state monitors bear populations, what to do if you encounter one, and how we can all coexist safely. Perfect for wildlife enthusiasts and curious minds of all ages.



## Group Requested Lectures

Is your group interested in learning more about a specific topic? Contact us to request a lecture about one of our topics including bats, birds, mammals, Jurassic and Ice Age eras, wildflowers, travel, and so much more. Programs can be held at a county facility, at your public meeting place, or virtually.



For more information about what programs we offer, or to request more information about scheduling a program visit our website: [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/506/Group-Education-Programs](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/506/Group-Education-Programs).



# Basketry

Basketry, with its deep historical roots in cultures worldwide, offers an enriching and timeless experience for individuals of all backgrounds. Through hands-on learning, participants can appreciate the therapeutic and creative aspects of basketry, connecting with tradition while fostering a sense of accomplishment and personal fulfillment. Please bring water and a bagged lunch for full-day programs. There will be a 30-min lunch break.

## Square Napkin Basket

Thursday, June 19, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM  
Location: Route 12 Complex, Building #1, Assembly Space  
Ages: Adult  
Cost: \$33  
Instructor: Liz Braidwood-Fulmer, Recreation Program Coordinator  
Skill Level: Beginner to Advanced

Learn to weave a charming square basket, perfect for napkins or display! This 6" x 6" x 4" basket uses ¼" flat reed and #2 round reed, and you'll have the chance to design your own pattern or follow a sample. Advanced weavers can add a round rim treatment for an extra touch of flair. Don't forget to pack a bag lunch and drink—there'll be a 30-minute lunch break during the day.



## Small Key Basket

Thursday, July 17, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM  
Location: Route 12 Complex, Building #1, Assembly Space  
Ages: Adult  
Cost: \$42  
Instructor: Liz Braidwood-Fulmer, Recreation Program Coordinator  
Skill Level: Intermediate to Advanced

Craft a lovely ribbed key basket designed to hang on the wall—like a petite half egg basket! In this hands-on class, you'll carve the ends of the round reed spokes for a perfect fit and master classic techniques. It's the perfect project for crafters ready to take their skills to the next level. Be sure to bring a bag lunch and drink for a 30-minute midday break.



## UFO: Unfinished Objects

Tuesday, August 5, 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM  
Location: Route 12 Complex, Building #1, Assembly Space  
Ages: Adult  
Cost: Free  
Instructor: Liz Braidwood-Fulmer, Recreation Program Coordinator

Got a basket—or any creative project—you haven't quite finished? Bring your "UFO" (Unfinished Object) and join us for a relaxed open studio session. It's a perfect opportunity to catch up, get inspired, and enjoy the creative process with others. Bring a bag lunch and drink for a 30-minute break in the middle of the session.



# Trips

## Birding Van Trips

### Sussex County Birds

Monday, June 2, 5:00 AM to 2:00 PM

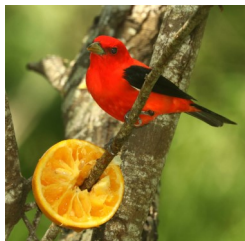
Parking Location: Echo Hill Park

Ages: Adults

Cost: \$37

Instructor: Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist

Rise and shine early for one of our most beloved birding adventures! Sussex County offers fantastic opportunities to spot northern nesting birds such as the Scarlet Tanager, Cerulean Warbler, Great Crested Flycatcher, and Northern Raven. We'll explore parts of Stokes State Forest and High Point State Park during peak morning hours—prime time for birdwatching. Expect moderate walking and unforgettable views. Don't forget: we're hitting the road early to catch the best of the bird world in action!



### Breeding Birds of Hunterdon County

Friday, July 11, 6:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Parking Location: Echo Hill Park

Ages: Adults

Cost: \$26

Instructor: Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist

Get to know the rich variety of birds that call Hunterdon County home during nesting season! We'll scout top birding hotspots like Hoffman Park, Spruce Run Reservoir, and Voorhees State Park. The route will be flexible and based on current sightings to maximize your birdwatching experience. Keep your eyes open for Bobolinks, a variety of warblers, and other summer residents. Around two miles of hiking may be included—come ready for a morning of exploration!



### Liberty State Park & The Meadowlands

Saturday, August 16, 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Parking Location: Echo Hill Park

Ages: Adults

Cost: \$41

Instructor: Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist

Join us for a full-day adventure to explore the marshes and shorelines of northeastern New Jersey! Our journey begins at Liberty State Park, where we'll scan the bay and salt marsh edges for birds. Next, we'll head to DeKorte Park in the Meadowlands, a hotspot teeming with avian activity. Expect a full day of walking—about two miles in total—so dress for the weather and terrain. Whether you're a seasoned birder or just curious, this trip promises rewarding sightings and new discoveries.

### Group Requested Programs

Your youth or adult group can request a variety of nature, craft, or skill-based programs to be brought to you at a public meeting location or held on-site in a county park. We can cover topics from baskets to CPR, amphibians to wildflowers. Our staff can provide your group with an informative fun event. For more information about what programs we offer, or to request more information about scheduling a program, visit our website:

[www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/506/Group-Education-Programs](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/506/Group-Education-Programs)





# Recreational Van Trips

## Luna Parc

Monday, June 9, 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Parking Location: Echo Hill Park

Ages: Adults

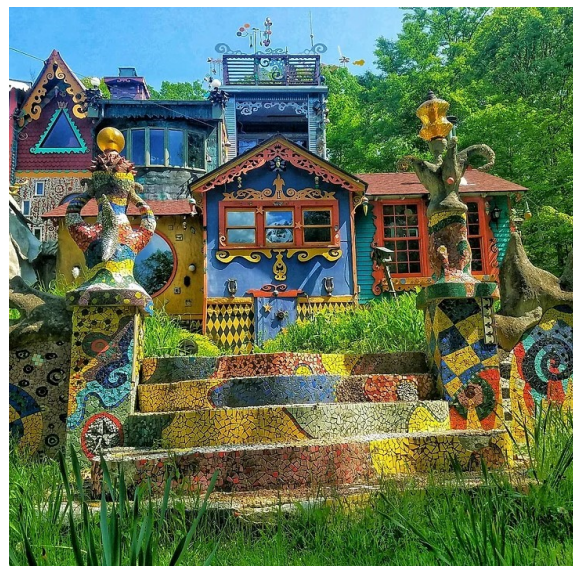
Cost: \$46

Instructors: Liz Braidwood-Fulmer, Recreation Program Coordinator, and Debra Reed, Park Naturalist

Step into the wildly imaginative world of Richard "Ricky" Boscarino—21st-century American multimedia artist—on this one-of-a-kind tour of Luna Parc, his eclectic, vibrant home and personal art museum. What began as a dilapidated old cabin has been transformed into a dazzling, dreamlike space filled with color, creativity, and personality. As Ricky says, "My art is a way for others to know me"—and after this tour, you'll certainly feel like you've stepped inside his mind!

Located in rugged Sussex County, Luna Parc features both indoor and outdoor spaces, with gravel paths, stairs, and uneven terrain. The tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and runs rain or shine. Please note: the only restroom is a porta-potty, and no food is available on-site, so plan to eat beforehand and bring along a snack and drink for the ride.

Don't miss this chance to experience Luna Parc; part art museum, part sculpture garden, part magical world!



# Coach Bus Trips

## New York Yankees vs Philadelphia Phillies

Sunday, July 27, 10:00 AM to approximately 7:00 PM

Parking Location: Deer Path Park

Ages: 5 through Adult | All children must be accompanied by an adult also registered for the program.

Cost: \$155 per person

Instructor: Laura Tarlowski, Superintendent of Recreation

Take yourself out to the ballgame! Travel with us to Yankee Stadium as the New York Yankees face off against the Philadelphia Phillies. We'll leave Deer Path Park at 10:00 AM and arrive in time for the 1:35 PM first pitch. Your ticket includes round-trip coach bus transportation, admission to the game, and access to an inclusive menu of ballpark favorites—hot dogs, sausages, pretzels, Pepsi products, and water—served through 90 minutes after the scheduled first pitch. It's a hassle-free way to enjoy a legendary rivalry and a day full of baseball fun!



# Walks and Hikes

## Adult Walks and Hikes

### Senior Strolls

Wednesdays, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Ages: Adult

Cost: Free but pre-registration is required

Instructor: Liz Braidwood-Fulmer, Recreation Program Coordinator

Join our Senior Strolls, specially designed for those aged 55 and above, and experience the sheer delight of walking together. Our walks not only promote a healthier and more active lifestyle but also offer the chance to form meaningful connections with peers, making each walk an enjoyable and socially enriching experience. Join us for the South Branch Summer! Each Senior Stroll will be along a different section of the South Branch Reservation.

**June 4:** Pine Hill Section

**June 25:** Melick's Bridge Section

**July 9:** Wings Section

**August 6:** Riverfield Section



### One-Way Hikes

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Ages: Adult

Cost: \$8

Instructor: Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist

Discover the hidden corners of our parks with a series of one-way hikes along less-traveled trails. These moderately challenging hikes will take you on an exploration through unique landscapes, including wet foot crossings, knee-high vegetation, uneven stone fields, and slopes. A shuttle will transport participants from the meeting point to the trailhead. Each hike covers 2 to 3 miles; we may finish earlier than planned. Please come prepared with weather-appropriate clothing, sturdy footwear, a snack, and at least a quart of water.

**Monday, June 16:** Point Mountain Reservation  
Starting at 443 Penwell Rd

**Friday, July 25:** Round Mountain  
Starting at Deer Path Park

**Monday, August 25:** Turkey Top Preserve  
Starting at Teetertown Preserve, 20 Pleasant Grove Rd.





# Family Walks and Hikes

## HOPE 2 Walks

Tuesdays, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Ages: All Ages | All children must be accompanied by an adult also registered for the program.

Cost: Free but pre-registration is required

People of all ages can explore nature together. HOPE stands for Hunterdon Outdoor Park Exploration. Join us for a guided walk to one of our scavenger hunt destinations at 14 different Hunterdon County Parks and earn the token! Be sure to dress for the weather and wear proper footwear. This program is guided by the HOPE 2 booklet and the walk lengths vary based on the target location in each park.

**June 3:** Hunterdon County Arboretum

Difficulty: Easy

**July 1:** Landsdown Trail, Lower Landsdown Rd

Difficulty: Easy

**July 15:** Laport Reserve

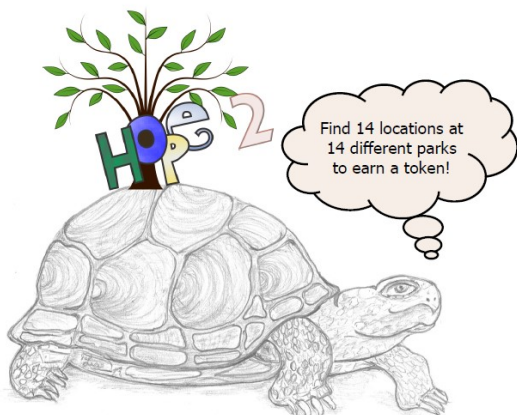
Difficulty: Easy

**August 26:** Musconetcong Gorge Preserve

Difficulty: Challenging, Dennis Rd

## HOPE 2

Hunterdon Outdoor Park Exploration



A scavenger hunt for everyone!



## Kids' NIGHT Hikes for Fun

7:45 PM to 8:45 PM

Ages: 5 through Adult | All children must be accompanied by an adult also registered for the program.

Cost: Free but pre-registration is required

Instructor: Debra Reed, Park Naturalist

Get ready for an exciting adventure under the setting sun with our Night Hikes for Kids! This unique outdoor experience is perfect for young adventurers, offering the chance to explore nature in a whole new light. Kids ages 5-12 will enjoy a guided hike through the beautiful woods, where they'll learn about nocturnal animals and discover the mysteries of the night. It's a safe, supervised way for children to connect with nature, make new friends, and have an unforgettable time.

**Wednesday, July 16:** Hunterdon County Arboretum

**Friday, August 8:** South Branch Reservation, Sunnyside Section





# Fitness Programs

## Let's Try Trail Running

Thursdays, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Ages: 14 through Adult | All children must be accompanied by an adult that is also registered for the program.

Cost: Free but pre-registration is required

Instructor: Laura Tarlowski, Superintendent of Recreation

Experience the joy of trail running with "Let's Try Trail Running," a program welcoming to both beginners and seasoned runners alike! Each weekly group run will be filled with exploring scenic trails and embracing the outdoors. Most runs are planned to be between 2.5 to 4 miles. The terrain will vary from technical and steep to flat and comfortable. Whether you're new to trails or a seasoned runner seeking a change of scenery or some camaraderie, lace up your shoes, and let the adventure begin. You can sign up for just one run, or commit to every week. All paces are welcome, but participants should be comfortable jogging continuously for at least 30 minutes.

**June 5:** Deer Path Park

**June 12:** Cold Brook Reserve

**June 19:** Point Mountain South

**July 3:** Hoffman Park

**July 10:** Musconetcong Gorge Preserve

**July 17:** Jugtown Mountain

**July 24:** Uplands Reserve

**July 31:** Echo Hill Park

**August 7:** Teetertown Preserve

**August 14:** Round Mountain

**August 28:** Sourland Mountain Preserve



## Pre-K Play

Mondays, 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM

June 16

July 14

August 11

Location: Deer Path Park

Ages: 3 through 6 | All children must be accompanied by an adult

Cost: Free but pre-registration is required

Instructor: Laura Tarlowski, Superintendent of Recreation

Family time meets outdoor fun! Join us for a playdate in the park to dust off some of the school yard classic games that you remember and your kids love. This structured playtime is an opportunity for fun for the whole family while supporting a lifetime of physical activity.



## Senior Stretch

Tuesdays, 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM

June 17

July 8

August 5

Location: Deer Path Park

Ages: Adult

Cost: \$8 per session

Instructor: Laura Tarlowski, Superintendent of Recreation

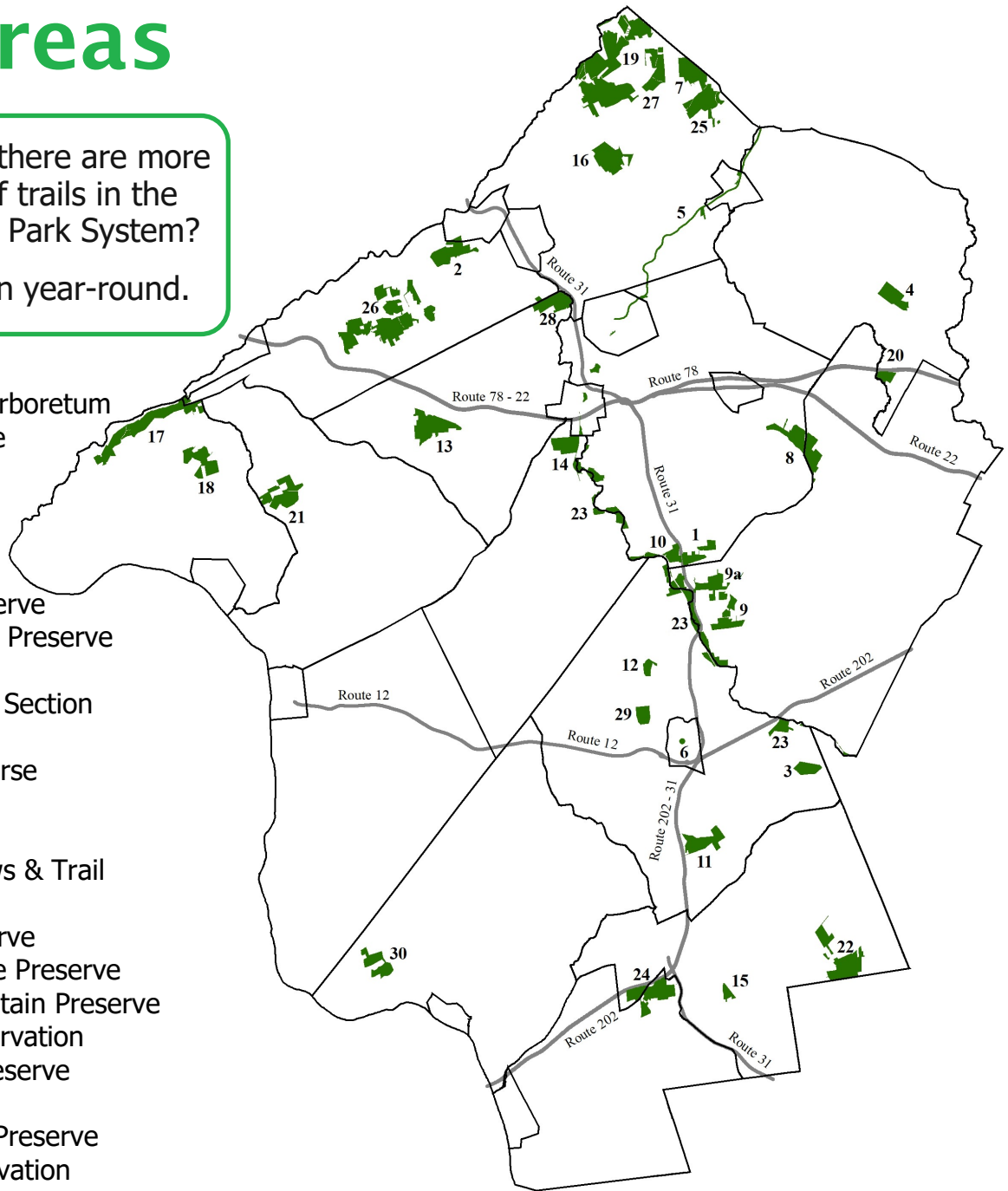
This low impact activity is open to all ages but designed for those 55 years and older. We will start with a half mile walk around the fields of Deer Path Park followed by a twenty to thirty minutes stretching session using a variety of seated and standing positions.

# Hunterdon County Park Areas

Did you know that there are more than 140 miles of trails in the Hunterdon County Park System?

Our trails are open year-round.

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
- 9a. 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. Rockaway Creek Preserve
21. Schick Reserve
22. Sourland Mountain Preserve
23. South Branch Reservation
24. South County Park
25. Teetertown Preserve
26. Tower Hill—Jugtown Complex
27. Turkey Top Preserve
28. Union Furnace Preserve
29. Uplands Reserve
30. Wescott Preserve



**Trail Maps are available.** Most park areas with hiking or nature trails have a brochure available. Contact the Park Office or check the website for the brochure and map.

# Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation

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

**Location:** 1020 Route 31, Lebanon, NJ 08833

**Phone:** (908) 782-1158

**Website:** [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/479/Parks-Recreation](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/479/Parks-Recreation)

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## Mission Statement

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.

## Modification Statement

The Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation welcomes all individuals to participate and enjoy our parks, facilities, and recreational programs. Reasonable modifications, individual adaptations, and support will be provided for persons of all abilities, to encourage everyone to benefit equally from their choice of leisure activities.

Individuals requesting modifications shall describe what they need to use the service. Whenever feasible, please make the request in advance, before the modification is needed to access the service. Each request will be assessed individually.

## Reservable Facilities

**Arboretum:** Two Gazebos

**Deer Path Park:** Two Pavilions, Gazebo, & Softball Field

**Court Street Park:** Gazebo/Bandstand

**Echo Hill Park:** Main Lodge & Group Campsite

**Teetertown Preserve:** Group & Public Campsites

**To reserve a facility, contact the park office.**

**For information on each park, visit our website.**



Scan here to learn more  
about the reservable  
facilities.

## Visitor Services Staff



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## Affiliated Organizations

**Arc of Hunterdon County** [archunterdon.org](http://archunterdon.org)

**Hunterdon Flutterwheels Square Dance Club**  
[hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjsda.org](http://hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjsda.org)

**Hunterdon Hiking Club**  
[hunterdonhikingclub.org](http://hunterdonhikingclub.org)

**NJ Beekeepers Association** [nwnjba.com](http://nwnjba.com)



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## HUNTERDON COUNTY DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION

### Combined Program Registration and Medical Record



Physician(s) Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

List all known allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Describe allergic reaction(s) and how it is managed \_\_\_\_\_

Medical issues \_\_\_\_\_

Current medications \_\_\_\_\_

(Parks staff do not administer non-emergency medication)

Health Insurance Provider \_\_\_\_\_ Policy number \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any other relevant conditions or information that we should know \_\_\_\_\_

### RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY AND ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS

As consideration for being allowed to participate in the event(s) described below I agree:

1. I hereby assume all of the risks of participating, viewing and/or volunteering in this event. I realize that liability may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities organizing or conducting this event and hereby release them of all possible liability. I certify I am at least 18 years old, or this is signed by my legal guardian or Parent. I promise not to sue and agree to pay all court costs and all attorney fees that result from my action, civil or otherwise.
2. I certify that I am physically fit with no known physical or mental impairment and have prepared for participation in the event(s). I acknowledge that this Accident Waiver and Release of Liability form will be used by the event holders, sponsors, and organizers of the event(s), in which I may participate and that it will govern my actions and responsibilities at said events. I certify that I am not under the influence of any narcotic, alcohol or other drug that may impair my understanding or judgment and that I will not at any time during the event(s) participate while under the influence of any narcotic, alcohol or drug. I certify that I have fully adequate insurance to cover all medical claims, and any other equipment and any damage or liability I may ultimately be found responsible for, during all travel to the point of my entry into this event.
3. In consideration of my being permitted to participate in this event, I hereby take action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, and assigns as follows: (A) Waive, Release and Discharge from any and all liability for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft or actions of any kind which may hereafter accrue to me during the event or during my traveling to and from this event, THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OR PERSONS: County of Hunterdon, and their respective boards and commissions, officers, agents, officials, employees, volunteers, contractors and representatives, the employees, organizers, sponsors, representatives, agents, volunteers and (B) indemnify and Hold Harmless the entities or persons mentioned in this paragraph from any and all liabilities or claims made by other individuals or entities as a result of any of my actions during this event. Accordingly, I do hereby release and discharge the above from all claims, demands, and causes of action of every kind whatsoever for any death, damages and /or injuries which may result from my participation in this event. This shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.
4. I hereby consent to receive medical treatment, which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident and or illnesses during the event(s). I agree to pay for any and all costs related to medical response, treatment and transport on my behalf.
5. Photo Release: I authorize and acknowledge that I or my child may be photographed and/or videotaped for educational and publicity purposes (Website, Facebook, Instagram, Brochures, etc). Photos and videos will not include names or personal information about any individual unless permission is granted. **Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby certify that I have read both pages of this Waiver, Release and Assignment of Claims in its entirety.**

**My signature below indicates that I fully understand it and agree to its contents.**

Full Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ If a minor Parents signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature indicates agreement to terms and conditions)

**Printed name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_