

Crosswicks Creek Park & UTT

Monmouth County, NJ



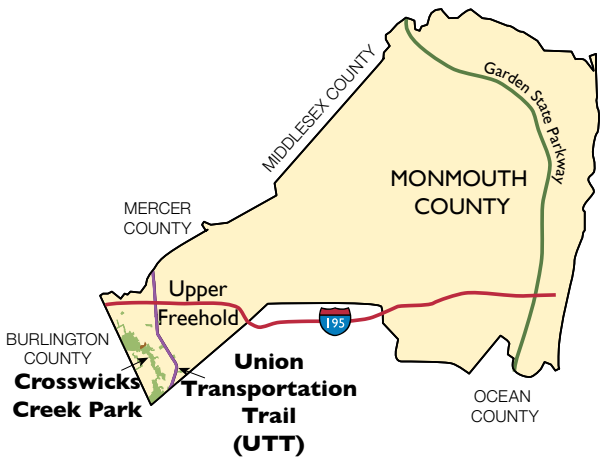
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Park Hours

Crosswicks Creek Park and the UTT are open from dawn-dusk, 365 days/year.

Avoiding Tick Bites

Ticks that may cause illness can be active year-round. Take precautions: use insect repellent; wear light-colored clothes, long sleeve shirt tucked into pants/pants tucked into socks; check yourself for ticks during and after park visits; shower soon after being outdoors. To minimize contact keep to formal trails, walk in the center; stay away from tall grasses, brush/shrubs, leaf litter, branches and woodland edges next to lawns and athletic fields. Protect your pets. Read more at www.cdc.gov/ticks.



From GS Parkway Exit 98: Follow I-195 west to Exit 11 (Imlaystown/Cox's Corner). Turn left onto Rt. 43 (Imlaystown/Hightstown Road). Turn right onto Rt. 526/Red Valley Road. At the first light, turn left onto Sharon Station Road for parking access to most park areas. See map inside.

Union Transportation Trail

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609-259-6275 Historic Wainford
609-259-5794 Park Maintenance
732-577-8700 Ranger Assistance
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Welcome to the UTT

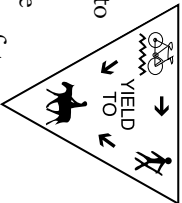
This 10 foot wide, 9.0 mile (14.5 km) long natural surface trail is a converted railroad right of way. The former Pemberton & Hightstown RR, then Union Transportation RR, connected area dairy farms to larger junctions in Burlington and Mercer County from 1868 to the 1950s (some sections until the mid-1970s).



About the Trail

The trail features 11 bridges and 10 street crossings along its route. There are three trailside parking areas for visitor access. A fourth access point is available through the Upper Freehold Township Municipal Building parking lot.

- **Multi-Use:** Walkers/runners, bicyclists and equestrians are welcome. Motorized vehicles are not allowed.
- **Pets Allowed:** Pets must be on a leash; pet clean up is required.
- **Rules for Right of Way:** Bicyclists yield to all trail users, pedestrians yield to equestrians.
- **Safety Gear:** Bicyclists under age 17 are required to wear a helmet. (Appropriate safety gear is recommended for everyone.)
- **No Amenities:** Please plan ahead. There are portable toilets in the Park System parking lots, but there are no restrooms or water fountains along the trail itself.
- **Route Planning:** At a brisk pace, it takes about 20 minutes to walk 1 mile (1.6 km). Please stay aware of travel distance; unless you have arranged for pick-up, you will need to travel back the way you came.
- **Parking/Trail Access:** See map.

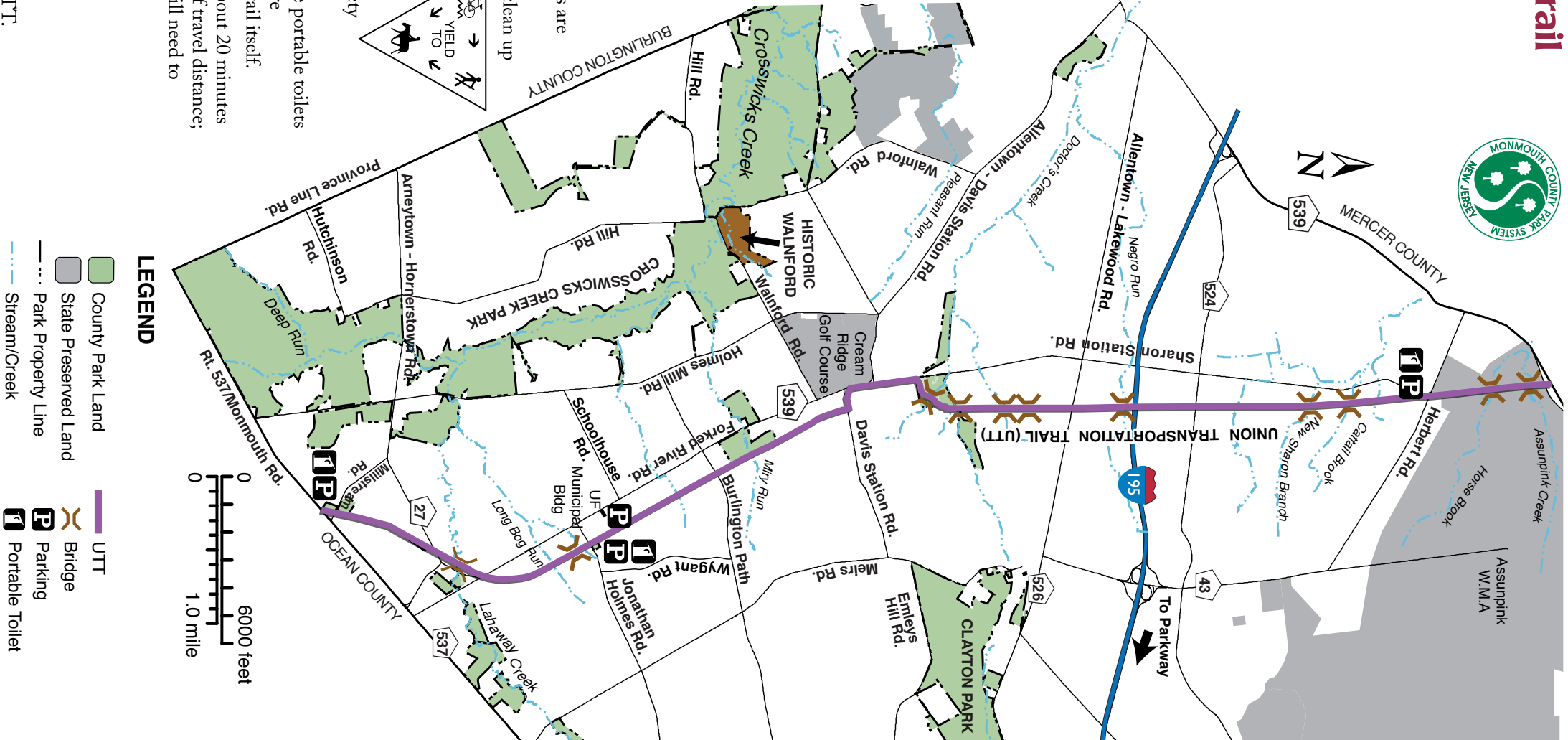


P Sharon Station Rd.
(at intersection with Herbert Rd.)
This is the northernmost access point for the UTT.

P Upper Freehold Municipal Building
(GPS: Use 314 Route 539)
Use the 560 foot trail spur off the parking lot to access the trail.

P Jonathan Holmes Rd.
(GPS: Use 114 Jonathan Holmes Rd.).
Travelling south, it is approximately 2 miles from this lot to the one at Millstream Rd.

P Millstream Rd.
(GPS: Use 8 Millstream Rd.)
This is the southernmost access point for the UTT.



Protect Your Parks

The Park System preserves and manages natural and cultural resources on more than 17,000 acres of land in Monmouth County. Please help protect the park by leaving flowers, plants, animals, and other features as you found them; adhering to posted park rules; using designated containers for trash, recyclables and pet waste; and keeping your pets leashed. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted. An overabundance of white-tailed deer in these parks is threatening the health of native plant and animal species. Portions may be open for deer hunting during all or some of the State-regulated hunting season. All hunting areas are clearly posted. Call 732-842-4000, ext. 4237, or visit www.MonmouthCountyParks.com for more information.



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Welcome to Crosswicks Creek Park

Located amidst horse farms, nurseries, and protected farmland, much of this 2,346 acre park forms a corridor around Crosswicks Creek, an important local water resource. The park runs along the creek's entire 6 mile length in Monmouth County (green and yellow areas on map). Another 2,700 acres of surrounding farmland is preserved by the county and state Farmland Preservation Program (peach areas on map). Preserving farmland of the diminishing agricultural industry has the added benefit of protecting many scenic and rural landscapes.

Historic Wainford Wainford Rd.)

Located in the heart of this park is pastoral Historic Wainford, a former mill village that has been carefully preserved to highlight over 200 years of local history.

Trails of Crosswicks Creek Park

The first formal trail was established at Province Line Rd. in 2013. The Deep Run Trail added to the mowed field edges, unmarked grassy paths and other informal trails already present at this site. More formal trails are planned along this park corridor.

Hutchinson Rd.

Informal trails (closely mowed field edges) take visitors through the fields and forest's edge at this former horse training tract.

Province Line Rd.

This site has its own "fishing hole" and the 1.5 mile (2.4 km) moderate level Deep Run Trail with views of the creek.

RT 537/Monmouth Rd. Stream Access

This is a seasonal access point for paddlers, who will need to carry their canoe/kayak from the parking lot to the water. Crosswicks Creek, while very scenic, is not always easily accessible and has many portages (mostly fallen trees). Paddlers should be prepared get out frequently and carry their boats, even when the water levels are high.

Province Line Rd.



A NJ state fishing license is required for anglers ages 16-69.

- LEGEND**
- Building/ Office
 - UTT
 - Wooded Area
 - Moderate Trail
 - Open Field/Turf
 - Bridge
 - Lake/Pond
 - Agricultural Land
 - Service Road
 - Preserved Farm Land
 - Restrooms
 - State Preserved Land
 - Picnic
 - Stream/Creek
 - Fishing
 - Park Property Line
 - Boating
 - Paved Road
 - Portable Toilet

Trail Standards

- **Easy:** short, maintained or paved trails intended for casual walking, may have some grade changes/obstructions (eg. tree roots)
- **Moderate:** longer trails or trails with grades/obstructions, intended for hikers, equestrian and all-terrain bicyclists (may be suitable for some walkers and runners)
- ◆ **Challenging:** long, more primitive trails with steep grades/obstructions; intended for hardy experienced hikers, equestrians, and all-terrain bicyclists

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