

Monmouth County Park System

Deep Cut Gardens

Middletown, NJ



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Welcome to Deep Cut

The 54 acres of gardens are a living catalog of native and cultivated plant species to be observed throughout the seasons. Discover new ways to improve your home garden by taking a walking tour of the park, asking the staff horticultural questions, or visiting the reference library.

Deep Cut History



In 1935, Vito Genovese bought the property that is now Deep Cut Gardens as a retreat for his family from New York City. He developed the estate to be reminiscent of his Italian homeland; the peanut stone walls, cascading pools, pergola and parterre were all added under his tenure. The most recent owners Marjorie and Karl Wihtol, bought the property in 1952 and built a home that is now the Horticultural Center (pictured).

In 1977, Mrs. Wihtol bequeathed 20 acres of property to the Park System, which purchased another 20 acres with Green Acres funding. Deep Cut was opened to the public in 1978, and another 14 acres were added in 1990.

Home Gardener Newsletter

Contained within the *Green Heritage* this quarterly newsletter features horticultural tips and news about the park. Free.

Volunteers We Need You!

Volunteers help out with the gardens and with programs and activities. Please inquire at the Horticultural Center during your visit or email us at: info@monmouthcountyparks.com.

Programs



From potting to propagation, Deep Cut offers a variety of gardening classes for people of all ages, listed in *The Parks & Programs Guide*. Pick up a free copy in any park, call 732-842-4000 ext. 4312, or visit www.MonmouthCountyParks.com.



Tours

Group tours are available by prior arrangement, please call 732-671-6050 for rates and information. Guided tours are also scheduled at special events throughout the year.

Photography and Painting

If you wish to take professional photos, a permit is required; please call 732-842-4000. Painting and the use of easels are permitted with prior arrangement; please call 732-671-6050.

Library

The Elvin MacDonald Horticultural Library features over 4,000 books and periodicals on gardening and related topics. Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Park Hours

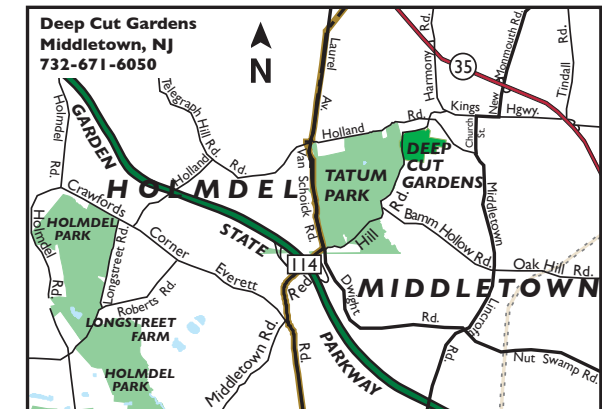
The park is open 8 a.m. to dusk, year round. Free admission, free parking.

Avoiding Tick Bites

Ticks that may cause illness can be active year-round, (highest risk April-July) 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, brushy/shrubby areas, leaf litter, tree branches and woodland edges next to lawns, athletic fields and along trails. Protect your pets. Read more at www.cdc.gov/ticks.

For More Information

If you would like more information about the Monmouth County Park System's 43 parks and golf courses, please call 732-842-4000, ext. 4312 (TTY-TTD 711) or visit us online at www.MonmouthCountyParks.com



From the Garden State Parkway north or south:

Take Exit 114. Southbound turn left, northbound turn right onto Red Hill Rd. Turn right at light on to Dwight Rd., then left back on to Red Hill Rd. Follow for 1.5 miles; park entrance is on the right.



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Gardener's Cottage

This cottage was built in the early 1900s and later renovated by Vito Genovese. Once a gardener's residence, it is now used as work space for park staff.

Lily Pond

Made beautiful with tropical and hardy water lilies and bog plants, this pool is home to brightly colored koi and goldfish.

Horticultural Center

Offering beautiful views of the park, this former home of Marjorie and Karl Wihtol houses a library, program rooms, restrooms and offices.

Rockery

A group of Sargent's weeping hemlocks (boasting a width rarely seen on the East Coast) forms an umbrella over three cascading pools.

Meadow Walk

Take a stroll through a woodland meadow (featuring four groves of trees: chestnut, oak, maple and ash) growing under natural conditions.

Natural Pond

This stream-fed pond is home to frogs, fish, birds and plants.

Pergola

This open-roof, arbor-like structure is a focal point at the end of the garden.

Protect Your Parks

The Park System preserves and manages natural and cultural resources on more than 18,000 acres of land in Monmouth County. Protecting water quality, eliminating invasive plant species, and promoting healthy wildlife habitat and populations are just a few resource management objectives. Please do not pick the flowers, walk in the beds, or climb the trees at Deep Cut Gardens. Also, please do not feed the fish or other wildlife.

Pets are not allowed at Deep Cut (except for service dogs). Please follow posted park rules and use designated containers for trash and recyclables. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in any Monmouth County park.

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Rose Parterre

Meant to be viewed from a distance, this recessed, stone-walled garden features a combination of roses and boxwoods planted in a pattern (front cover).

Shade Garden

Spruce and tulip poplars form a canopy over shade-loving species such as fern, hosta, bloodroot and cardinal flower planted along this walkway.

Japanese-Themed Garden

Texture, color and structural elements all come together in this small, serene garden.

Display Greenhouse

Colorful orchids, succulents and houseplants thrive here throughout the seasons. Peak orchid flowering season is mid-February through mid-March.

Bonsai Display

The bonsai (bone-sigh) collection features miniaturized trees and shrubs; a few are more than 100 years old.

Display Garden

Vegetables, flowers and herbs are cultivated in raised beds by intensive-style gardening. Look for the "All-American" ornamental plants and vegetables that have shown exceptional vigor and flowering (below left).

Home Composting Demonstration Site

Composting alleviates solid waste disposal problems and saves money on fertilizers. A joint venture of the Park System and County Planning Department, this site provides information to help transform yard and garden waste into a beneficial resource for your garden.

Bikes are not permitted at Deep Cut Gardens but Tatum Park across the street can be enjoyed with your dogs and on your bikes.



Take Our Digital Walking Tour

Scan this QR Code with your smartphone camera or a 'QR Reader app' downloaded from your app store.

Or type in this website address:
<https://arcg.is/5Dnmi>

