## **Monmouth County Park System**

# Huber Woods Park

Middletown, NJ



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### **Welcome to Huber Woods Park**

Nestled on a hill overlooking the Navesink River, this park was established in 1974 with a 118-acre gift of land from the Huber Family and the J.M. Huber Corporation. With continued acquisitions, additional land donations and the help of the Monmouth Conservation Foundation, Huber Woods has grown to 390 permanently preserved acres of open space.

## **Environmental Center** 732-872-2670

Nature education is a priority at Huber Woods Park and this center offers both nature programs and exhibits. Visit the Lenape Indian display and bird-viewing area to see goldfinches, flickers, hummingbirds and other local species. Note the Red-bellied Woodpecker (on the cover).



Built in 1927 by the Huber family, this alpinestyle building reflects the German heritage of its first owners and retains most of its original architectural details.

## **Program Building/Rentals**

A rustic lodge is available for parties and events, up to 45 people. Call 732-842-4000, ext.1.

## **The Reptile House**

Home to a variety of snakes and turtles, Park Naturalists care for these animals and offer educational programs about their habitat, behavior and importance in the local ecosystem.

## **Explore the Landscape and Forest**

The Park System maintains the pastoral scenery of the former Huber and Timolat Farms. The surrounding fields are managed to preserve the site's historic landscape, and for environmental and equestrian activities.



Huber Woods is an ideal park to observe the changing seasons with forests of tulip trees, oak and hickory; and beautiful displays of azalea (pictured) and mountain laurel.

#### **Protect Your Parks**

The Park System preserves and manages natural and cultural resources on more than 17,000 acres of land in Monmouth County. Protecting water quality, eliminating invasive plant species, and promoting healthy wildlife habitats are just a few objectives.

Please help protect the park by leaving flowers, plants, animals and other features as you found them; adhering to the 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 Huber Woods Park is threatening the health of native plant and animal species. Areas of this park may be open during some or all of the State-regulated hunting season. All hunting areas are clearly posted. For more information, visit www.MonmouthCountyParks.com or call 732-842-4000, ext. 4312.

#### **Park Hours**

Huber Woods Park is open every day of the year from 7 a.m. to dusk, free of charge.

## **Avoiding Tick Bites**

Ticks that may cause illness can be active year round (highest risk April-July). Take precautions: use insect repellent; wear light-color 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, 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**

For information about Monmouth County's 43 parks, recreation areas, and golf courses or a complete listing of the 6,000 classes and programs offered by the Park System each year, call 732-842-4000 ext. 4312 or visit us online at: www.MonmouthCountyParks.com



From State Hwy 35: Traveling northbound, turn right; southbound, use jughandle and turn left onto Navesink River Rd. (just north of Cooper Bridge, near Red Bank). Travel east on Navesink River Rd. for 2.8 miles, turn left onto Brown's Dock Road (unpaved). Park entrance is at the top of the hill, on the right.

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#### **Trails**

This park has more than 8 miles of forested trails with special trails just for nature observation and horseback riding.



## **Trail Key**

#### Multi-Use Trails - Open To All Trail Users

- Fox Hollow: A 1 mile (1.6 km) loop trail with access to other park trails for a longer walk.
- Valley View: A 1.5 mile (2.4 km) trail that explores the high ridges and mountain laurel valleys of the forest along the park's northern edge.
- Claypit Run: This wooded 0.5 mile (0.8 km) trail runs straight out to Locust Point Rd.
- Meadow Ramble: This 0.7 mile (1.1 km) trail tours the old fields and islands of juniper nestled in the woods.
- Many Log Run: A 1.3 mile (2.1 km) trail with many elevation changes for a more demanding workout.

#### **Restricted-Use Trails**

- **Discovery Path** (Foot Traffic Only): This short, 0.2 mile trail travels the grounds near the Environmental Center.
- Nature Loop (Foot Traffic Only): Take this 0.5 mile (0.8 km) walking trail to explore the diversity of Huber Woods. In spring, look for wild flowers and spectacular blooms; during fall, see migrating birds and butterflies.
- Farm Path (Equestrians/Foot Traffic Only): This 1.6 mile (2.6 km) trail runs through the pastures and hedge-rows of the former Huber and Timolat Farms.
- Country Gait (Equestrians/Foot Traffic Only): Tour the fields, forests and allees on this 1.1 mile (1.8 km) trail.

