











Trails

Shark River Park has 9 miles of multi-use trails to walk, run, hike, bike and ride horses. Please stay on marked trails, plan your route, take a trail map with you, and wear appropriate safety gear. **NOTE: At a brisk pace, it takes approximately 20 minutes to walk 1 mile (1.6 km).**

Trail Key

-  **BRIDGE LOOP:** This short 0.4 mile (0.6 km) **EASY** trail offers a picturesque tour alongside the Shark River. **Foot Traffic Only**
-  **CEDAR LOOP:** **EASY** 1.2 mile (1.9 km) loop trail travels through the center of the park (a 0.2 mile extension through Atlantic White Cedar bog connects to Gully Road)
-  **FITNESS TRAIL:** Illustrated signs along the Cedar Loop guide fitness enthusiasts, counter-clockwise, through a 20 station/32 exercise workout
-  **HIDDEN CREEK:** At 2 miles (3.2 km), this **MODERATE** loop travels through forests of red maple (lowland) and pine-oak (upland). A portion of this trail—from Schoolhouse Rd. trailhead to Pine Hills trail—is **Foot Traffic Only** (no equestrians/bicycles)
-  **PINE HILLS:** **MODERATE** 1.4 mile (2.3 km) trail travels off Hidden Creek to explore the “hills” of Shark River Park
-  **SHARK RIVER RUN:** This 2.4 mile (3.9 km) **MODERATE** trail is seasonably wet (some sections unpassable), crosses 2 busy roads, and travels via easement off park property and into more remote park areas; variable conditions may be challenging.
-  **RIVER'S EDGE:** This short, primitive, **CHALLENGING** trail follows the Shark River for 1 mile (1.6 km), one way, on the north side of the park

Trail Standards



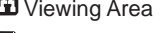









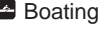


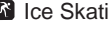









-  **EASY** (green circle): short, well-maintained or paved trails intended for casual walking
-  **MODERATE** (blue square): longer trails with some grades/obstructions; intended for hiking (may be suitable for some walkers and runners)
-  **CHALLENGING** (black diamond): long, more primitive trails with steep grades, obstructions; intended for hardy, experienced hikers

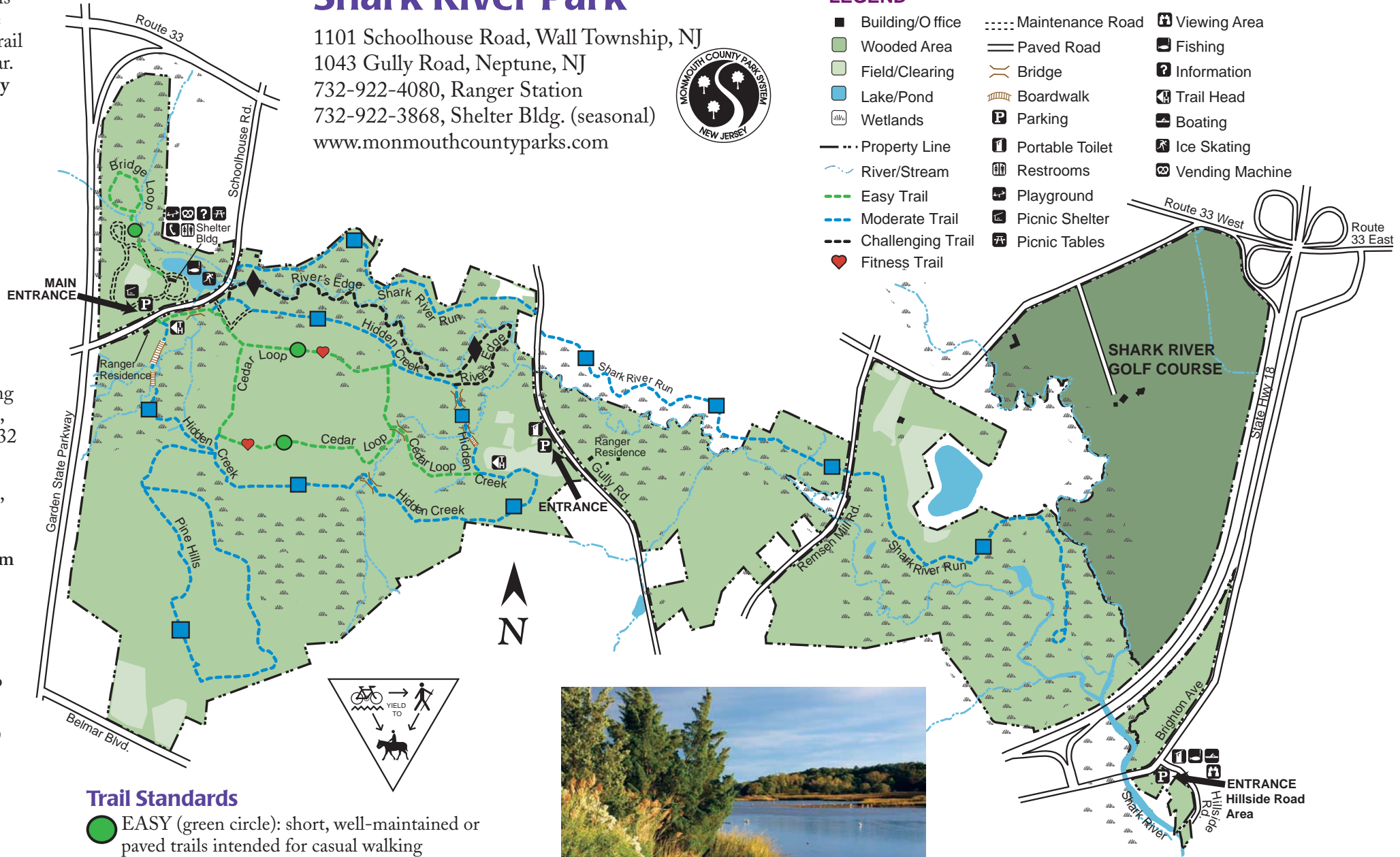
Shark River Park

1101 Schoolhouse Road, Wall Township, NJ
 1043 Gully Road, Neptune, NJ
 732-922-4080, Ranger Station
 732-922-3868, Shelter Bldg. (seasonal)
www.monmouthcountyparks.com



LEGEND

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|  Building/Office |  Maintenance Road |  Viewing Area |
|  Wooded Area |  Paved Road |  Fishing |
|  Field/Clearing |  Bridge |  Information |
|  Lake/Pond |  Boardwalk |  Trail Head |
|  Wetlands |  Parking |  Boating |
|  Property Line |  Portable Toilet |  Ice Skating |
|  River/Stream |  Restrooms |  Vending Machine |
|  Easy Trail |  Playground | |
|  Moderate Trail |  Picnic Shelter | |
|  Challenging Trail |  Picnic Tables | |
|  Fitness Trail | | |



River Access/Hillside Road Area

Visit this small section of the park, located just off Brighton Avenue to watch wildlife, go fishing or to put-in kayaks at the Shark River.

PLEASE NOTE: Small, car top vessels only; water access is challenging, especially at low tide.