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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **NEW JERSEY MONTHLY READERS CHOOSE MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM LOCATIONS AS SOME OF THE BEST IN NJ!**

LINCROFT – Just because it’s always so wonderful to hear, the Monmouth County Park System wants to share some good news. The readers of [New Jersey Monthly](#) magazine have voted three of the Park System’s locations as some of the best in New Jersey.

Readers voted Hominy Hill Golf Course in Colts Neck as the Best Public Golf Course.

Designed by golf course architect Robert Trent Jones, Hominy Hill Golf Course is regularly named one of New Jersey’s top public courses. This well-maintained course has hosted two USGA National Amateur Public Links Championships and numerous regional tournaments.

The Park System’s Henry Hudson Trail was voted as the Best Biking Trail in New Jersey. This paved 24-mile long trail features a northern portion running from Aberdeen to Atlantic Highlands, and a southern portion from Freehold to Marlboro and Aberdeen.

Some sections of the trail are still under construction; please check our website

[www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com)) before heading out. Open from dawn to dusk, walkers, runners, bicyclists and equestrians enjoy this former railroad right-of-way. While bicyclists love the Henry Hudson Trail, hikers named Hartshorne Woods Park, located in the Locust section of Middletown, as the Best Hiking Trail in New Jersey. Hartshorne Woods Park offers over 19 miles of challenging trails for hikers and bicyclists. The 787-acre site is among the highest elevations along the Atlantic Coast and is a key part of local history as a former coastal defense site.

But that's not all. When choosing a location to stop and smell the roses, Deep Cut Gardens in Middletown was a runner up for Best Public Garden/Arboretum. Dedicated to the home gardener, Deep Cut Garden's 54 acres of gardens and greenhouses are planned as a living catalog of cultivated and native plants to be observed through the seasons. The newly renovated parterre features 52 varieties of roses with over 180 bushes. The Elvin McDonald Horticultural Library boasts a large collection of books, videos and catalogs available to the public to browse. Programs on gardening are offered year round and can be found on our website or in the Park System's Directory.

Besides these Readers' Favorites, the Park System also offers parks, forests, wetlands/marine habitats, historic sites, recreation areas and conservation properties. To learn more about the Park System, please visit [www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com) or call the Park System at (732) 842-4000. For persons with hearing impairment, the TTY/TDD number is 711. The Monmouth County Park System, created in 1960 by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, is Monmouth County's Open Space, Parks, and Recreation agency.

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