

**Supplemental Rules Governing the Hunting and Collecting of Fossils at
Big Brook Park, Marlboro, New Jersey**

1. Fossil collecting may be conducted during posted park hours. There is no permit or fee required for individuals or for groups of 10 or fewer.
2. Visitors are required to use established parking lots and follow all park rules.
3. Excavation or digging into the stream bank is prohibited.
4. No mechanical digging, drilling or sifting equipment may be employed.
5. Small hand tools (such as trowels and shovels) no greater in length than 14" may be used to scoop material from the stream bed. Disturbance of the stream bed shall be no greater than 6" in depth.
6. Disturbance or damage to vegetation and wildlife is prohibited.
7. Diverting or damming the stream's natural flow is prohibited.
8. Removal of small paleontological items is permitted. Items removed from the park shall be no more than what would fit in a 12 ounce can or a sandwich size zip lock bag. This limit is per person, per day. Visitors are encouraged to share the results of their fossil activity with Park System Naturalists at the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center: 732-751-9453.
9. Archaeological items of historic significance, and modern items of value, must be turned over to Park System staff within 48 hours. Contact may be made through the Big Brook Park Ranger office or the Park Superintendent's office at 732-842-4000, ext. 4382.
10. Children under 14 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Parents and guardians must remain in visual contact with their children at all times.
11. Group sizes are limited to 10 people or fewer. Larger groups must register for a Naturalist-led program.
12. Streams contain moving water that can be unpredictable due to cold temperatures, varying depths and swift currents. Conditions can change rapidly especially from rainfall in the area. Extreme caution must be exercised.
13. Streams contain sharp objects. Appropriate footwear is required.

Emergency: call 911
Park Ranger assistance: call 732-577-8700
General Park Information: 732-842-4000, ext. 4312
www.MonmouthCountyParks.com

The Monmouth County Park System promotes a "Leave no Trace" ethic.