



MISSION STATEMENT

*The Somerset County Park Commission
is committed to excellence in promoting
stewardship of land and resources,
providing outstanding recreation opportunities
and leisure services, and fostering
an environment which is service oriented
and responsive to public needs.*



**Somerset County
Park Commission**

Colonial Park • Duke Island Park • North Branch Park
Lord Stirling Park • Green Knoll Golf Course & Tennis Center
Quail Brook Golf Course • Spooky Brook Golf Course
Warrenbrook Golf Course & Park • Woodfern Farm
Sourland Mountain Preserve • Washington Valley Park
Leonard J. Buck Garden • Watchung Mountain Greenway
Little Brook Sanctuary • South Branch Reserve • Natirar
Neshanic Valley Golf Course • North Branch Greenway Park
Raritan River Greenway • East County Reserve • Chipman Tract
Ralph T. Reeve Cultural Center • Torpey Athletic Complex

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Parks

Colonial Park Rangers	732 873-2695
Duke Island Park Rangers	908 722-7779
Environmental Education Center at Lord Stirling Park	908 766-2489
Lord Stirling Stable	908 766-5955
North Branch/Headquarters	908 722-1200
Ranger Headquarters	908 231-0802

Golf Courses

Green Knoll	908 722-1301
Green Knoll Pitch & Putt	908 722-1302
Neshanic Valley	908 369-8200
Quail Brook	732 560-9528
Spooky Brook	732 873-2242
Warrenbrook	908 754-8402
Tee Time Reservation Service	908 231-1122

Recreation

Colonial Park Putting Course and Paddle Boats	732 873-8585
Colonial Park Tennis	732 873-2695
Green Knoll Tennis	908 722-1303
Picnic & Athletic Field Permits	908 722-1200 ext. 225
Therapeutic Recreation	908 526-5650
Warrenbrook Pool	908 754-8404

Gardens

Buck Garden & Wedding Photos	908 234-2677
Rose Garden & Wedding Photos	732 873-2459
Perennial Garden/Arboretum	732 873-2459

Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may use the Relay Service at 711.



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Welcome to North Branch Park



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North Branch Park

North Branch Park, located in Bridgewater Township, is the home of the Somerset County Park Commission administrative offices and Therapeutic



Recreation Department. This 185 acre park, acquired in 1961, offers nearly a mile of frontage along the North Branch of the Raritan River. In addition to being the host location of the annual 4H Fair, the park is used extensively for major exhibits, shows, and fairs.

Picnic Areas



North Branch Park offers two picnic areas, available by reservation for corporations and family groups of 50 people or more. Brook Grove, located near one of the softball fields, can accommodate 150 people, and has a children's playground

nearby. River Grove, adjacent to a large playing field, can be reserved for groups up to 100 people. A pavilion is located on the fairgrounds, and may be reserved for group use. Picnic tables are located along the river, and are available on a casual basis.

Therapeutic Recreation

North Branch Park is also home to Therapeutic Recreation which provides year-round activities and events for children and adults with developmental disabilities. The goal of the Therapeutic Recreation program is to promote an active leisure lifestyle that improves physical, cognitive, emotional, and social skill functioning and enhances participants' abilities, health, and wellness through the provision of recreation programs.



Athletics and Lifetime Sport Opportunities



The North Branch of the Raritan River offers prime fishing locations, and is stocked each year by the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife. Two softball fields are available for rental for leagues, tournaments or pick-up games. The park also has a soccer field

and a flying field for model aircraft enthusiasts. Model rocket hobbyists may launch their crafts on a section of the park grounds dedicated for their use. Two horse show rings are used for fairs, shows, and training.



Special Events



North Branch Park is home to several county-wide special events. Each Fourth of July, the Somerset County Park Commission sponsors the Independence Day Family Festival, with live musical entertainment, children's activities, historical reenactments, and a grand fireworks finale. In August, North Branch Park hosts the Somerset County 4H Fair. Areas of the park are also rented to special groups wishing to host events such as dog shows, circuses, and bicycle road races.

Playground

A playground is located in the park adjacent to play and picnic areas. It features innovative, barrier-free equipment.



Natural History



North Branch Park lies within the floodplain of the North Branch of the Raritan River. Although much of the park area is characterized by broad grass lawns, wildflowers and native shrubs are found in great numbers near the picnic areas and wooded portions of the park. Great Blue Heron, egret, and waterfowl can be seen along the rivers, and many birds thrive in the forested areas that buffer the river channel. Walkers, hikers, and bird-watchers co-exist with the fishermen and photographers who enjoy the natural beauty of North Branch Park.

Greenway Park

Greenway Park is a nine acre tract also located on Milltown Road in Bridgewater. A lighted in-line skating rink, a basketball court, and an open play field are available. Access to fishing locations on the North Branch of the Raritan River is provided.



Protect Your Parks

Please follow the posted park regulations so that everyone may enjoy the park. Leave flowers, plants, animals, and other features as you found them. Possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages is not permitted. Pets must be on leashes. The park is open each day from dawn until dusk, unless otherwise posted. Park Rangers are available to assist you.

Somerset County Park Commission welcomes everyone to participate in its programs and facilities regardless of race, color, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or religious or political affiliation.