Monmouth County Park System

Holmdel Park



Holmdel, NJ



www.MonmouthCountyParks.com



Welcome to Holmdel Park

Holmdel Park is one of Monmouth County's most popular sites for year-round recreation, hosting over 1 million annual visits. Acquired by the Park System in 1962, this 619-acre park nearly doubled in size in 2001 with the addition of the 227-acre Ramanessin Section, made possible with funding from the County Open Space Trust Fund, Holmdel Township and the NJ Infrastructure Trust.



Playgrounds

Choose between two beautifully designed playgrounds at Forest Edge and Hilltop (pictured) or enjoy them both.

Holmdel Arboretum

This beautiful display was established in 1963 by the Monmouth County Shade Tree Commission to help local residents envision fully grown local tree and shrub species. It is currently undergoing transition as many of the original plantings begin to age out.

Fishing

other seasons)

Anglers can cast from shore for a variety of fish at this large, scenic pond. Fishing license required (ages 16-69), with trout stamp if fishing for trout.

Historic Longstreet Farm

Experience late 19th century Monmouth County history by visiting this authentic, 9-acre agricultural homestead complete with buildings and artifacts, working animals and crops. (Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. summer, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Holmes Hendrickson House

This remarkably well-preserved Dutch American house, built in 1754, is owned by the Park System and operated by the Monmouth County Historical Association. For information and tours visit www.monmouthhistory.org or call 732-462-1466. (Hours: May-Sept., every third weekend [Fri.-Sun.] from 1-4pm.)



Group Picnic Shelters

Holmdel Park has two large group picnic shelters with grills (up to 125 people), available by reservation for a fee.



Pond View Shelter Building

Take shade from the summer sun, or warm up by the fire during winter. There are vending machines and picnic table seating. The shelter building is available for rental, evenings only 4/15-11/15, up to 50 people.

Visit www.MonmouthCountyParks.com to view these rental sites and check prices. For reservations, please call 732-842-4000, ext. 1.

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Four tennis courts at the Hilltop Area are available on a first come, first served basis.



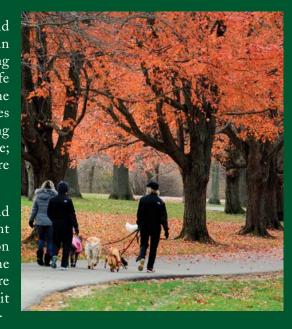
Winter Activities

Skate on the pond, sled on the hill or cross-country ski through snow-covered fields. But first, please call 732-842-4000 or visit our website to check weather conditions.

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 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 and around this park is threatening the health of native plant and animal species. Portions of the Ramanessin Section may be open for deer hunting during all or some of the State-regulated hunting season. All hunting areas are clearly posted. Call 732-842-4000, ext. 4312 or visit www.monmouthcountyparks.com for more information.



Park Hours

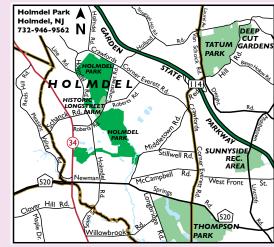
Holmdel Park is open every day of the year from 7 a.m. to dusk, free of charge. Uniformed Park Rangers are available to assist you.

Avoiding Tick Bites

Ticks that may cause illness can be active year-round, take precautions: use insect repellent; wear light-colored 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, tree 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 and golf courses or a complete listing of the more than 6,000 classes and programs offered by the Park System each year, call 732-842-4000, ext. 4312 (TTY/TDD 711) or visit us online at www.MonmouthCountyParks.com.

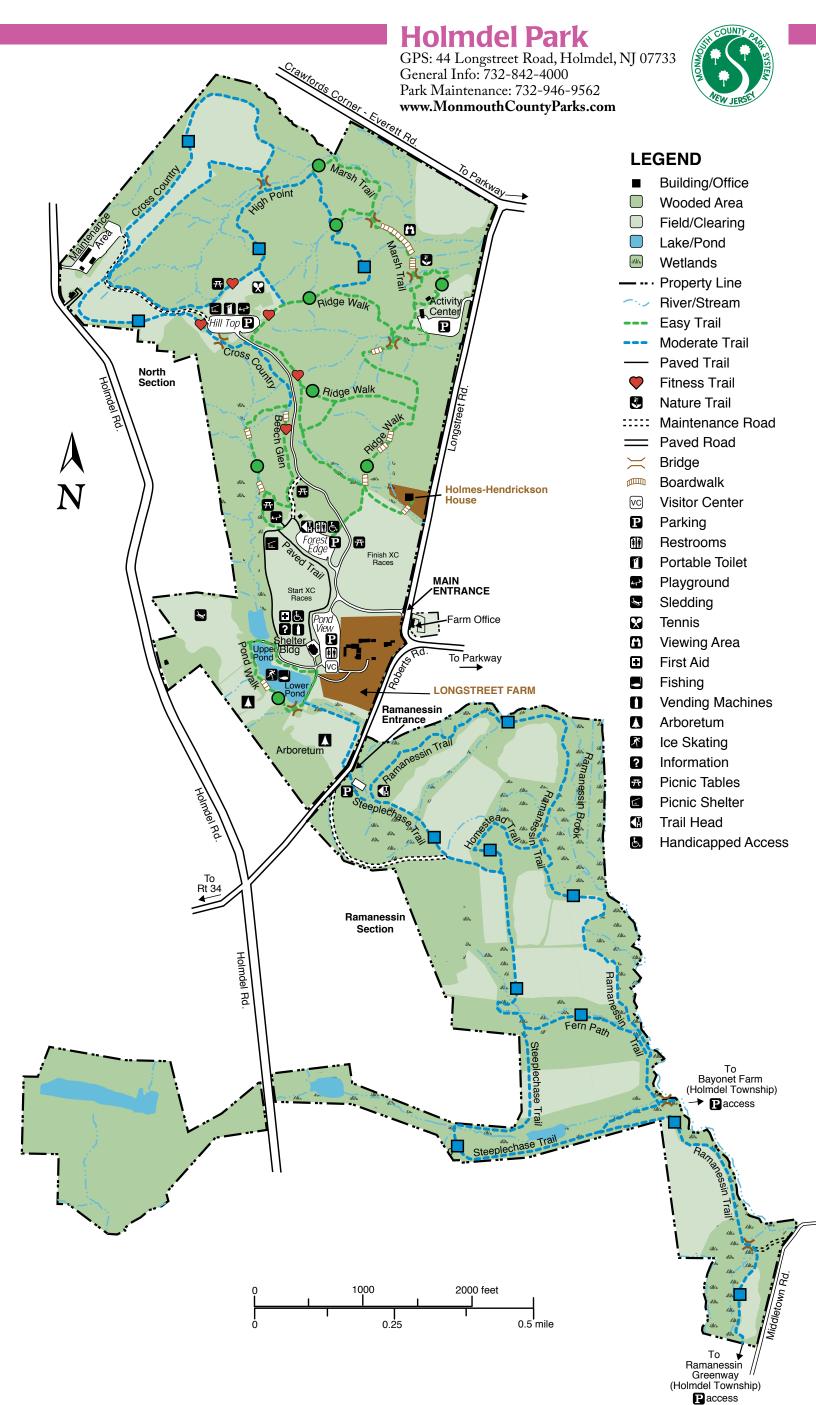


From the Garden State Parkway: Exit 114; northbound turn left, southbound turn right onto Red Hill Road south. Follow for 0.5 mile, bear right onto Crawford's Corner/Everett Rd. Follow for about 1 mile and turn left onto Roberts Rd. Travel for another 0.7 mile and turn right onto Longstreet Rd. Main park entrance on the left.

From Route 34: Northbound turn right, southbound turn left onto Roberts Rd. Follow for 1 mile, turn left onto Longstreet Rd. Main park entrance on the left.

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Trails

Especially well known to cross-country runners, Holmdel Park has more than 10 miles of trails for walking, hiking, running, equestrians and bicyclists. Obey rules of protocol for right-of-way: bicyclists yield to all other trail users; pedestrians yield to equestrians. 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 Standards

- EASY: short, maintained or paved trails intended for casual walking; may have some grade changes/ obstructions (eg. tree roots)
- MODERATE: longer trails or trails with grades/obstructions. Intended for hiking, equestrian and all-terrain bicycles (may be suitable for some walkers and runners)
- CHALLENGING: long, more primitive trails with steep grades/ obstructions; intended for hardy experienced hikers, equestrians, and all-terrain biogelists (none at this site)

Trail Key - Ramanessin Section

Multi-Use Trails, Open to All Users

- Ramanessin Trail: At 2.1 miles (3.3 km), this trail offers a good, long hike or run alongside Ramanessin Brook.
- Steeplechase Trail: This 1.4 mile (2.2 km) trail follows many of the site's old farm routes and offers vistas of field and forest.
- Homestead Trail and Fern Path: At 0.25 miles (0.4 km), both of these short, picturesque trails provide a place to cross over between the longer trails.

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Restricted-Use Trails, Foot Traffic Only

Paved Trail: A 0.5 mile (0.8 km) short paved loop for walkers and strollers.

- Pond Walk: A 0.4 mile (0.6 km) loop around the lower pond.
- Beech Glen: Ideal for family walks, this wooded trail is 0.5 mile (0.8 km).
- Marsh Trail: This trail features long boardwalks over marshy areas, and travels past a wildlife viewing area for a 0.8 mile (1.3 km) walk.
- Ridge Walk: At 1.2 miles (1.9 km) this loop trail offers a longer walk through the heart of the park. A 0.22 mile (0.35 km) extension breaks the loop in half.
- Cross-Country Trail: Especially well-suited for runners, this trail offers a good workout at 1.9 miles (3.0 km).

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 High Point Trail: This 0.6 mile (1 km) loop trail is a short but strenuous walk

through a hilly section of the park.

Fitness Trail: A self-guided loop trail with exercise stations, starts at Beech Glen. Follow signs to complete a 0.8 mile (1.3 km) workout.

