



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.*



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Colonial Park • Duke Island Park • East County Park
Green Knoll Golf Course & Tennis Center • Leonard J. Buck Garden
Lord Stirling Park Environmental Education Center and Stable
Little Brook Sanctuary • Natirar Park • Neshanic Valley Golf Course
North Branch Greenway Park • North Branch Park • Mountain View Park
Quail Brook Golf Course • Ralph T. Reeve Cultural Center
Raritan River Greenway • Skillman Park • Sourland Mountain Preserve
South Branch Greenway • Spooky Brook Golf Course
Torpey Athletic Complex • Warrenbrook Golf Course & Pool
Washington Rock Park • Washington Valley Park

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908 722-1200

Park Information

Event Hotline	Ext. 5351
Lord Stirling Park	
Environmental Education Center	Ext. 5002
Lord Stirling Stable	Ext. 5010
North Branch Park/Headquarters	Ext. 5200
Park Rangers (Cell)	908 285-3800
Park Rangers (Office)	Ext. 5121

Field Playability

Colonial Park & Howe Athletic Complex	Ext. 5355
Duke Island Park	Ext. 5354
Mountain View Park	Ext. 5358
North Branch Park	Ext. 5353
Quail Brook Park	Ext. 5356
Torpey Athletic Complex	Ext. 5352

Golf Courses

Golf Office/Information	Ext. 5428
Green Knoll	Ext. 5005
Neshanic Valley Clubhouse	Ext. 5006
Neshanic Valley Learning Center	Ext. 5020
Quail Brook	Ext. 5004
Spooky Brook	Ext. 5003
Warrenbrook	Ext. 5016

Recreation

Colonial Park Putting Course/Paddle Boats	Ext. 5023
Colonial Park & Green Knoll Tennis	Ext. 5021
Permits	Ext. 5225
Therapeutic Recreation	908 526-5650
Warrenbrook Pool	Ext. 5018

Gardens

Buck Garden General Info	Ext. 5011
Buck Garden Photo Permits	Ext. 5621
Colonial Park Gardens General Info	Ext. 5008
Colonial Park Gardens Photo Permits	Ext. 5721

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



Welcome to the Somerset County Park Commission



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In 1956 the citizens of Somerset County voted to protect precious open space and to create public parks through a referendum establishing the Somerset County Park Commission.

More than 60 years later, county parkland totals approximately 15,000 acres, of which 6,600 are currently developed for use by the more than 2 million park users each year. The long-term goal is to create a regional scale network of park and open space facilities in excess of 20,000 acres. Creating greenways, which are linear park corridors along streams, rivers and mountain ridges, is a park system priority, representing our responsibility to protect the county's critical environmental resources and wildlife. Several other areas are currently lands banked in their natural state or are actively farmed until their future role is determined.

No matter what the interest, from active to passive participation, team sports to individual passions, Somerset County parks offer a place to explore nature, learn new skills and hobbies, enrich minds, and become healthier.

Explore Parks and Facilities

Facilities now operated by the Park Commission include a wide range of leisure pursuits. Athletics, picnics, hiking, mountain biking, bouldering, and a round of golf are just some of the activities available. Stop and smell the roses or enjoy the



beauty of hawks as they migrate. Play soccer, softball, tennis, and roller hockey - or swim, ride horses, and paddle in a canoe. Whatever the passion, its fulfillment can be found in a Somerset County park.



Opportunities abound for golfers with five golf courses, three driving ranges, a pitch and putt course, a recreational putting course, and two simulators are also located at the Neshanic Valley Learning Center. Specialized facilities include a riding stable, an environmental education center, two tennis facilities, a swimming pool, and paddle boating. Horticulture activities include a rock formation and rare plant garden, an award-winning rose garden, arboretum, and a sensory and fragrance garden. General use parks offer picnic facilities, bike paths, athletic fields, and fishing opportunities. Additional parks offer specialized athletics including roller hockey, a multi-purpose synthetic turf field, baseball and softball fields, and a cricket pitch. The park system also encompasses several natural areas that offer more passive pursuits.

Participate in Programs

If you are looking for something to do, you can find it in a Somerset County park. Year-round there are classes, outdoor active pursuits, tournaments, and wellness initiatives. Lessons range from environmental education, athletics, horticulture craft workshops, watercraft, and yoga.



The Park Commission has established a tradition of providing quality and unique programs. Environmental Science offers programs focusing on outdoor education, history, archeology, and bringing nature to children of all ages. AWESIM Kids and Eco-Explorers are two award-winning summer science programs for both teens and younger youth. Therapeutic Recreation provides year-round activities and events for children and adults with developmental disabilities, as well as a summer camp for children who have learning disabilities, Asperger's syndrome or a mild intellectual disability.

Lessons and clinics are offered at many of the facilities, aimed at introducing people to a variety of recreation skills. Included are the Jr. Golf Program, riding lessons and horse shows, gardening and craft programs, tennis lessons and tournaments, and swim lessons. Day trips to ski, canoe, explore gardens, and historical sites are offered, as are longer trips to explore nature throughout the United States.

Be Dazzled at Special Events



Special events are conducted year-round. Each spring, the Earth Day Plant Sale kicks-off the season, followed by Swamp Search at the Environmental Education Center, and Family Fun Day at the Stable. During the warm summer months,

the Free Summer Concert Series, the Fourth of July Fireworks, Drive-in movies, and golf tournaments bring families of all ages to the outdoors. In the fall, park visitors experience colonial America at the 1770's Festival, and celebrate Halloween at the EEC during the By the Light of the Moon night walks, at the Stable with an equestrian themed celebration, and at the Colonial Park Putting Course with Mischief Night Madness. Park visitors stay warm during the winter months at the Festival of Trees, the Winter Holiday Festival at the Stable, and tapping for Maple Sugar at the Environmental Education Center. The parks belong to everyone. Come join us and discover what awaits 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.