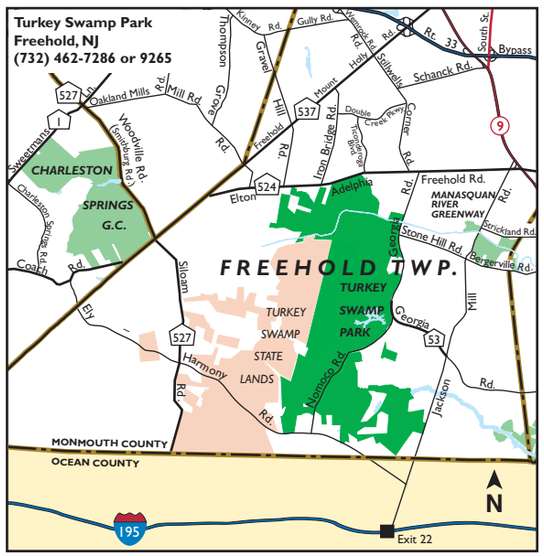
Park Hours
Turkey Swamp Park is open daily from 7am to dusk, free of charge.

Information About Lyme Disease
To avoid contact with the deer tick that may carry Lyme Disease, stay away from tall grass and shrubby areas, wear light-colored clothes, tuck long pants into socks, and check yourself for ticks during and after each visit to the park.

For More Information
Call (732) 842-4000, ext. 4312 (TTY/TDD 711) if you would like information about Monmouth County's more than 30 parks, recreation areas, or golf courses. Or, visit us online.



From the Garden State Parkway: Exit 98 to I-195 West. At Exit 22, turn right onto Jackson Mills Road. Turn left onto Georgia Road, and follow signs for Turkey Swamp Park.

From the NJ Turnpike: Exit 7A to I-195 East. At Exit 22, turn left onto Jackson Mills Road. Follow directions above.

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Monmouth County Park System

Turkey Swamp Park

Freehold Township, NJ

www.monmouthcountyparks.com

Welcome to Turkey Swamp Park
This 2,173 acre wooded park was acquired and developed with campers in mind. A major attraction is the 17-acre lake for fishing, boating, and ice-skating in winter. The park also features play areas and trails for walking, running, hiking, cycling, and equestrian use. Because of the swamps and bogs, visitors may encounter wet areas along the trails. Many plants and animals associated with the NJ Pine Barrens can be found here.

History & Name of the Park
This park was named "Turkey" after the historical label for Adelphia, and "Swamp" because the thick forest with its high water table forms sphagnum bogs wherever the land dips. The heart of the park (lake, picnic areas and campgrounds) was purchased in 1963, while the addition of adjacent land in the 1970s and again more recently helped give the park its present configuration.

Protect Your Parks
The Park System preserves and manages natural and cultural resources on more than 15,000 acres of land in Monmouth County. Protecting water quality, eliminating invasive plants, 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 rules; using designated containers for trash and recyclables and keeping your pets leashed. Possessing or consuming alcohol is not permitted.

An overabundance of white-tailed deer in and around Turkey Swamp Park is threatening the health of native plant and animal species. Portions of the park may be open for deer hunting during some or all of the State regulated hunting seasons. All hunting areas are clearly posted. For more information, pick up a copy of the Deer Management Program brochure for the current season, visit www.monmouthcountyparks.com, or call (732) 842-4000, ext. 4237.

Camping for Families
The family campground, open from April 1-November 15, accommodates tents and travel trailers. There are 64 wooded family campsites: 52 are reservable with a prepaid fee for at least 2 nights, the other 12 sites are first-come, first-served. There are also 2 cabins, one is handicapped accessible.

- *Electrical service*
- *Drinking water*
- *Picnic tables*
- *Restrooms, showers, laundry*
- *Playground*
- *Water service (approx. 4/15-11/15)*
- *Holding tank disposal*

Call 732-462-7286 to make camping reservations

Camping For Groups
Platform tent camping is available to chartered groups from April 1-November 15 at the Nomoco Activity Area. There are 6 campsites that each accommodate about 40 people. Three sites have platform tents, all have picnic shelters and ground grills, and most have pit toilets.

- *Showers & restroom (approx. 4/15)*
- *Basketball courts*
- *Small amount of firewood*
- *Volleyball courts (grass)*

Archery Range
This training and practice facility consists of 8 excelsior bale targets placed at various distances for all skill levels. Please call for more information.

Lake Activities
Canoes, kayaks, rowboats and paddle-boats are available for rental during the summer months. You can also fish for bass, catfish, crappie, and bluegills from shore or by boat. (A fishing license is required for people age 16 and older.) In winter, you can skate on the lake when safe-skating signs are posted. Call (732) 842-4000, ext. 3 to check for ice conditions.

Picnic Areas & Group Shelters

Turkey Swamp offers a beautiful and natural setting for group picnics. All groups of 50 or more must register with the Park System at least 7 days prior. Call (732) 842-4000, ext. 1

Oak Point Area

- *Picnic area with shelter; by reservation, for fee*
- *Picnic area without shelter; first-come/first-served, free*
- *Shelter Building (with kitchen); by reservation for fee*

Sandy Run Area

- *Private area with shelter; by reservation for fee*
- *Sand volleyball courts, horseshoe pits*

Deer Trail Area

- *Picnic area without shelter; first-come/first-served, free*

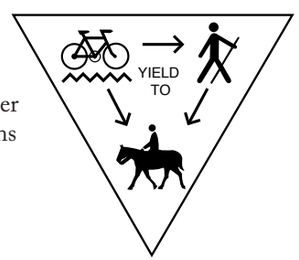
Soccer Fields (2)

Available by reservation for official games, fee required. Please call (732) 542-1642.

Trails

Turkey Swamp Park has more than 8 miles of trails that run through woods, fields, and wetlands. Please stay on marked trails, plan your route, take a trail map with you, and wear appropriate safety gear.

It is important to obey rules of protocol for yielding right of way: bicyclists yield to all other trail users and pedestrians yield to equestrians.



Note: It takes approximately 20 minutes to walk 1 mile (1.6 km) at a brisk pace.

Turkey Swamp Park

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LEGEND

- Building/Office
- Wooded Area
- Field/Clearing
- Lake/Pond
- Property Line
- River/Stream
- Easy Trail
- Moderate Trail
- Maintenance Road
- Paved Road
- Bridge
- Boardwalk
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Portable Toilet
- Playground
- Fishing
- Ice Skating
- Boating
- Vending Machine
- Soccer
- Information
- Picnic Tables
- Picnic Shelter
- Cabins

Trail Key

- **Alder Trail:** EASY 1.6 mile (2.6 km) trail around the lake with access to bogs and swamps.
- **Link Trail:** EASY 0.3 mile (0.5 km) trail links the Metedeconk with the Old Lenape Trail for a longer hike.
- **Old Lenape Trail:** EASY 1.2 mile (1.9 km) loop named after early Indian inhabitants, and explores the pineland forest that was their home.
- **Fitness Trail:** EASY 1.0 mile (1.6 km) trail with 20 exercise stations.
- **Metedeconk Trail:** MODERATE 1.0 mile (1.6 km) travels across Metedeconk River to Nomoco.
- **Blueberry Path:** MODERATE 1.0 mile (1.6 km) trail loops around the southernmost areas of Nomoco. Note: There is no Trailhead.
- **Manasquan Trail:** MODERATE 2.5 mile (4.0 km) trail travels into the forested areas along the Manasquan River

Trail Standards

- EASY: well-maintained or paved, shorter trails intended for casual walking
- MODERATE: longer trails with some grades/obstructions intended for hiking, equestrians and all-terrain bicycles (may be suitable for some walkers and runners)
- CHALLENGING: long, more primitive trails, with steep grades or obstructions; intended for hardy experienced hikers, equestrians, and all-terrain cyclists
- FITNESS: walking/running trails with exercise stations. Follow signs for stations