Welcome to Deep Cut
The 54 acres of gardens are a living catalog of native and cultivated plant species to be observed throughout the seasons. Discover new ways to improve your home garden by taking a walking tour of the park, asking the staff horticultural questions, or visiting the reference library.

Deep Cut History
In 1935, Vito Genovese bought the property that is now Deep Cut Gardens as a retreat for his family from New York City. He developed the estate to be reminiscent of his Italian homeland; the peanut stone walls, cascading pools, pergola and parterre were all added under his tenure. The most recent owners Marjorie and Karl Wihtol, bought the property in 1952 and built a home that is now the Horticultural Center (pictured).

In 1977, Mrs. Wihtol bequeathed 20 acres of property to the Park System, which purchased another 20 acres with Green Acres funding. Deep Cut was opened to the public in 1978, and another 14 acres were added in 1990.

Home Gardener Newsletter
Contained within the Green Heritage this quarterly newsletter features horticultural tips and news about the park. Free.

Volunteers
We need you! Volunteers help out with the gardens and with programs and activities. Please inquire at the Horticultural Center during your visit or email us at: info@monmouthcountyparks.com.

Programs
From potting to propagation, Deep Cut offers a variety of gardening classes for people of all ages, listed in The Program Directory. Pick up a free copy in any park, call 732-842-4000 ext. 4312, or view online at www.monmouthcountyparks.com.

Tours
Group tours are available by prior arrangement, please call 732-671-6050 for rates and information. Guided tours are also scheduled at special events throughout the year.

Photography and Painting
If you wish to take wedding, prom, or family photos, a reservation is required; please call 732-842-4000 for a permit. Painting and the use of easels are permitted with prior arrangement; please call 732-671-6050.

Library
The Elvin MacDonald Horticultural Library features over 4,000 books and periodicals on gardening and related topics. Hours: Monday through Friday, 10am-4pm and Saturday/Sunday, 10am-3pm.
**Gardener’s Cottage**  
This cottage was built in the early 1900s and later renovated by Vito Genovese. Once a gardener’s residence, it is now used as work space for park staff.

**Lily Pond**  
Made beautiful with tropical and hardy water lilies and bog plants, this pool is home to brightly colored koi and goldfish.

**Horticultural Center**  
Offering beautiful views of the park, this former home of Marjorie and Karl Whihol houses a library, program rooms, restrooms and offices.

**Rockery**  
A group of Sargent’s weeping holly (boasting rooms, restrooms and offices.

**Meadow Walk**  
Take a stroll through a woodland meadow (featuring umbrella over three cascading pools.  

**Natural Pond**  
This stream-fed pond is home to frogs, fish, birds and plants.

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**Deep Cut Gardens**  
152 Red Hill Rd. Middletown, NJ  
732-671-6050 Information  
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www.monmouthcountyparks.com

**Protect Your Parks**  
The Park System preserves and manages natural and cultural resources on more than 16,000 acres of land in Monmouth County. Protecting water quality, eliminating invasive plant species, and promoting healthy wildlife habitat and populations are just a few resource management objectives. Please do not pick the flowers, walk in the beds, or climb the trees at Deep Cut Gardens. Also, please do not feed the fish or other wildlife.  
Pets are not allowed at Deep Cut (except for service dogs). Please follow posted park rules and use designated containers for trash and recyclables. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in any Monmouth County park.

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**Pergola**  
This open-roof, arbor-like structure is a focal point at the end of the garden.

**Rose Parterre**  
Meant to be viewed from a distance, this recessed, stone-wall garden features a combination of roses and boxwoods planted in a pattern (front cover).

**Shade Garden**  
Spruce and tulip poplars form a canopy over shade-loving species such as fern, hosta, bloodroot and cardinal flower planted along this walkway.

**Japanese-Themed Garden**  
Texture, color and structural elements all come together in this small, serene garden.

**Display Greenhouse**  
Colorful orchids, succulents and houseplants thrive here throughout the seasons. Peak orchid flowering season is mid-February through mid-March.

**Bonsai Display**  
The bonsai (bone-sigh) collection features miniaturized trees and shrubs; a few are more than 100 years old.

**Display Garden**  
Vegetables, flowers and herbs are cultivated in raised beds by intensive-style gardening. Look for the “All-American” ornamental plants and vegetables that have shown exceptional vigor and flowering (below left).

**Home Composting Demonstration Site**  
Composting alleviates solid waste disposal problems and saves money on fertilizers. A joint venture of the Park System and County Planning Department, this site provides information to help transform yard and garden waste into a beneficial resource for your garden.