

The Wharton Tract

... on which the Batsto Nature Area and the Colonial Village of Batsto are located covers 96,000 acres in Atlantic, Burlington and Camden counties. It is larger than all the other State parks combined.

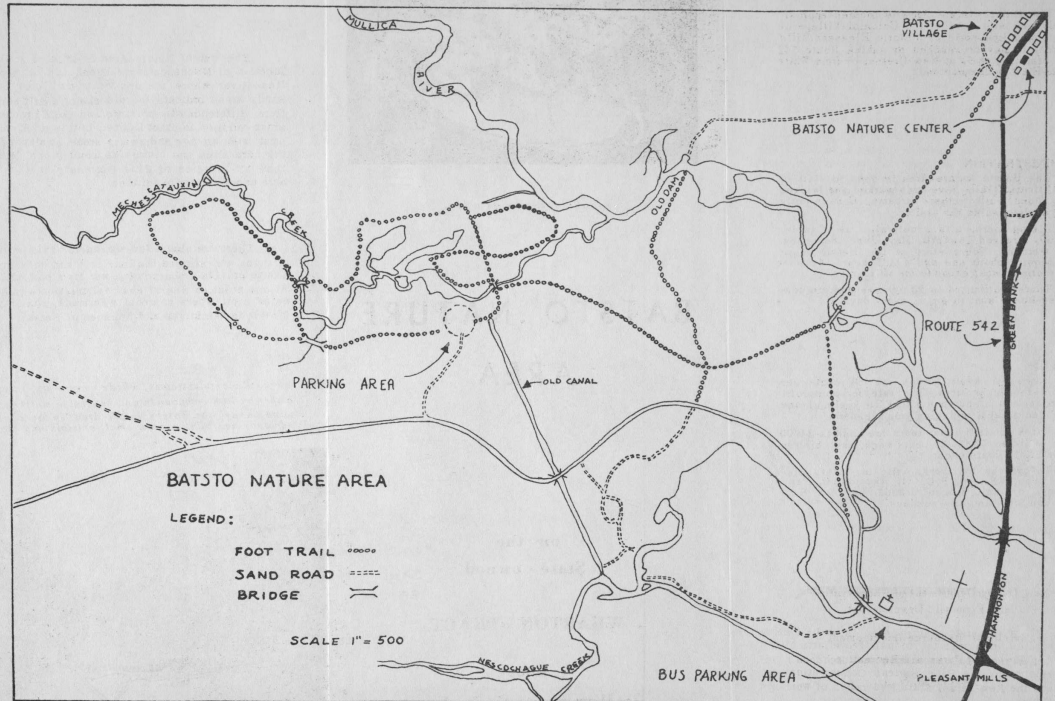
... purchased primarily as a water reserve, also is an outstanding example of multiple use. It affords enjoyment to hunters, fishermen, hikers, campers, canoeists, history students, archaeologists, botanists, bird watchers and picnickers.

... was purchased by the State of New Jersey in 1954 for \$3,000,000 from the estate of the late Joseph Wharton, a Philadelphia industrialist and financier.

... yields archaeological evidence of a Colonial iron industry and a self-sustained community. Future diggings are expected to determine locations of furnaces, glass houses and other works.

... offers excellent canoeing. Four recommended runs are on the Mullica, Batsto, Wading and Oswego rivers.

The Batsto Nature Area is dedicated to public use through the cooperative efforts of the Department of Conservation and Economic Development, the Pine Barrens Conservationists' and the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs.



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