Invitation to State Forests, Parks and Historic Sites

This folder has been prepared in response to the many inquiries asking for general information on New Jersey State Forests, Parks and Historic Sites. It is a convenient guide to assist the people of New Jersey and visitors from outside the State in getting better acquainted with the varied opportunities for out-of-door recreation offered by the areas administered by the Forests and Parks Section of the Department of Conservation and Economic Development.

Many beautiful scenic views, interesting physiographic features and a wide variety of plant and animal life are included within the more than 76 thousand acres of State forest and park lands. Rugged mountains, broad expanses of the Pine Barrens, wooded hills and glens, tumbling mountain streams and sparkling lakes are but a few of their many natural attractions.

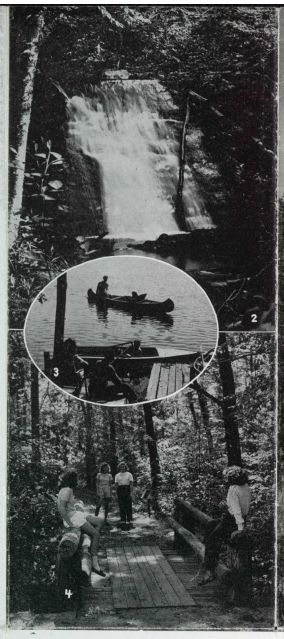
To make this heritage of natural beauty available, a number of facilities have been provided for public use. Miles of roads and well defined trails encourage visitors to explore, by car and by foot the various points and scenes of interest. The major recreational opportunities are indicated in the index of properties shown on the map page of this folder.

New Jersey, one of the richest historical areas in the United States, has a portion of its history preserved in Historic Sites and other areas under State ownership. More than a hundred sites of historic significance have been marked with roadside descriptive plaques.

This folder is a key that will help you plan many enjoyable outings to the State Forests and Parks or to the numerous Historic Sites. The small map included with this folder may be supplemented with the detail provided on any current New Jersey road maps which are generally available at highway service stations.

The forests, parks and historic sites are fairly well distributed throughout the State from High Point Park in Sussex County to Belleplain Forest in Cape May County. One or more of these State-owned areas are within one hour's driving time from nearly any section of the State, making it possible to plan an afternoon visit, an all day picnic or a week's camping trip with minimum travel.

1. *Cedars on the Lebanon Forest. I-6.*
2. *Falls of the Stony Brook, Stokes Forest. B-5.*
3. *Campers Launch Their Own Craft on Sawmill Lake, High Point Park. A-6.*
4. *Foot Trail on Voorhees Park. E-5.*



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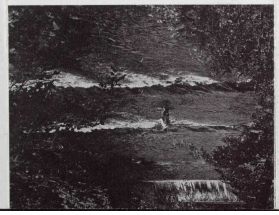
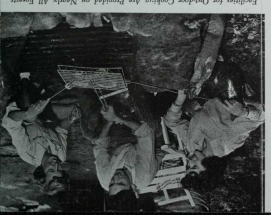


There Are Many Lakes and Miles of Streams Open to Fishermen on the Forests and Parks. Saxton Falls, D-5

Facilities for Outdoor Cooking Are Provided on Nearly All Forests and Parks. Stephens, D-5



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State Forests

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Fishing—Many lakes and miles of streams, stocked annually by the Division of Fish and Game, provide some of the best fresh water fishing in the State. Fishing on all forests and parks is subject to the State fish and game laws.

Hiking—A network of hundreds of miles of roads and well-defined trails provide access to points of interest on the various State Forests and Parks. The famous Appalachian Trail follows the crest of the Kittatinny Mountains and traverses the entire length of High Point Park and States Forest in Sussex County. Shelters are available along this trail on these areas, making it possible to plan overnight hikes. During winters when there is sufficient snow the public is invited to enjoy skiing on ski or snowshoes over the roads and trails.

Hunting—Hunting on State Forests is permitted but is subject to the State fish and game laws. Most State Parks have been set aside as wild-life sanctuaries and for this reason no hunting is permitted.

Museums—Located on various Historic Sites and at some State Parks depict some phase of New Jersey history. Many mementos, curios, and furnishings of Americana are displayed.

Nature Study Areas—All State Forests and Parks are open throughout the year and serve as outdoor laboratories for nature study by groups and individuals.

Picnicking—Picnic areas have been developed on most forests and parks. Some are designed to accomodate family groups, while others are adaptable for either family use or for larger groups. They have been provided with tables, benches, fireplaces, safe drinking water, and sanitary facilities. A permit from the Forester or Park Officer is necessary for the use of fireplaces.

Trailer sites with trailer space have facilities similar to campsites.

Complete details regarding the facilities, rates and reservations of these units may be obtained from the Forest or Park Superintendent.

Boating—Fresh water boating may be enjoyed at a number of State Forests and Parks. Facilities conveniences to larger beaches with Life-Guard, first-aid and bathhouse service.

Bathing—Bathing may be restricted at some State Forests and Parks. Visitors may launch their own craft by permit from the Forest or Park Officer.

Cabins and Camping—A limited number of cabins and camp shelters are available for vacations in the State Forests and Parks. Most of these will accommodate four people and may be rented during all seasons of the year.

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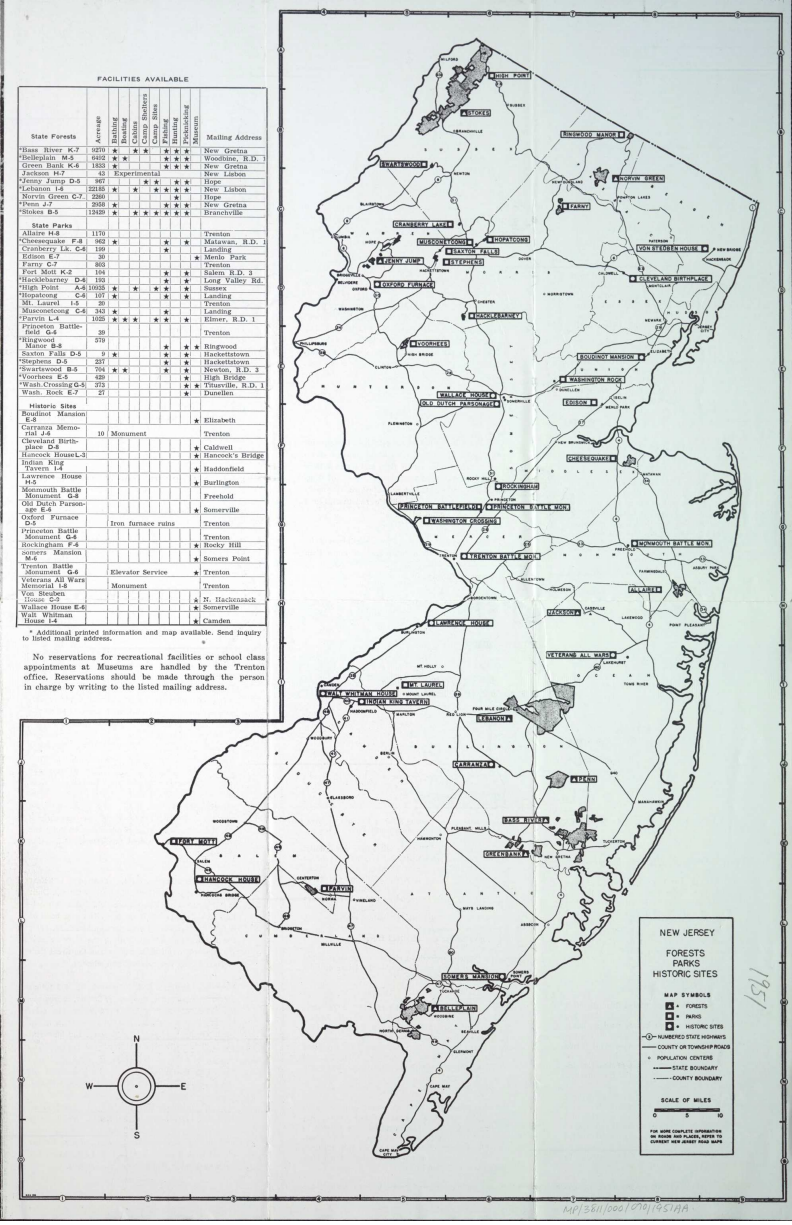
Bass River Forest, K-7. This forest of 9,270 acres is located in Burlington and Ocean Counties and is the oldest State Forest in New Jersey. Long established forest plantations of several species of trees are of interest. Recreational facilities provide for bathing, picnicking, hiking, hunting and fishing.

FACILITIES AVAILABLE

State Forests	Acreage	Bathing	Boating	Cabins	Camp Shelters	Camp Sites	Fishing	Hunting	Picnicking	Museum	Mailing Address
*Bass River K-7	9270	★		★	★		★	★	★		New Gretna
Belleplain M-5	6452	★	★				★	★	★		Woodbine, R.D. 1
Green Bank K-6	1833	★					★	★	★		New Gretna
Jackson H-7	43	Experimental									New Lisbon
*Jenny Jump D-5	967				★	★		★	★		Hope
*Lebanon I-6	22185	★	★		★	★	★	★	★		New Lisbon
Norvin Green C-7	2380							★			Hope
*Penn J-7	2059	★					★	★	★		New Gretna
*Stokes B-5	12429	★		★	★	★	★	★	★		Branchville
State Parks											
Allaire H-8	1170										Trenton
*Cheesequake F-8	962	★					★			★	Matawan, R.D. 1
Cranberry Lk. C-6	199						★				Landing
Edison E-7	30									★	Menlo Park
Farny C-7	863										Trenton
*Fort Mott K-2	104						★			★	Salem R.D. 3
*Hacklebarney D-6	193						★			★	Long Valley Rd.
*High Point A-6	10935	★		★			★	★		★	Sussex
*Hopatcong C-6	107	★						★		★	Landing
Mt. Laurel I-5	20										Trenton
Musconetcong C-6	343	★					★				Landing
*Parvin L-4	1025	★	★	★			★	★		★	Elmer, R.D. 1
Princeton Battlefield G-6	29										Trenton
*Ringwood Manor B-6	379									★	Ringwood
Saxton Falls D-5	9	★								★	Hackettstown
*Stephens D-5	237									★	Hackettstown
*Swartswood B-5	704	★	★							★	Newton, R.D. 3
*Voorhees E-5	429									★	High Bridge
*Wash. Crossing G-5	373									★	Titusville, R.D. 1
Wash. Rock E-7	27									★	Dunellen
Historic Sites											
Boudinot Mansion E-8										★	Elizabeth
Carranza Memorial J-6	10	Monument									Trenton
Cleveland Birthplace D-6										★	Caldwell
Hancock House L-3										★	Hancock's Bridge
Indian King Tavern I-5										★	Haddonfield
Lawrence House I-5										★	Burlington
Monmouth Battle Monument G-8											Freehold
Old Dutch Parsonage D-6										★	Somerville
Oxford Furnace D-3		Iron furnace ruins									Trenton
Princeton Battle Monument G-6											Trenton
Rockingham F-6										★	Rocky Hill
somers Mansion M-6										★	Somers Point
Trenton Battle Monument G-6		Elevator Service								★	Trenton
Veterans All Wars Memorial I-6		Monument									Trenton
Von Steuben House G-6										★	N. Hackensack
Wallace House E-6										★	Somerville
Wall Whitman House I-4										★	Camden

* Additional printed information and map available. Send inquiry to listed mailing address.

No reservations for recreational facilities or school class appointments at Museums are handled by the Trenton office. Reservations should be made through the person in charge by writing to the listed mailing address.



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