

## Welcome

Encompassing 115 acres, Long Bridge Park welcomes visitors to a forested sanctuary along the Rancocas Creek. With upland and lowland forests, a freshwater pond and wetlands, tidal marshland, creek shoreline, and meadows, visitors can enjoy hiking, biking, fishing and picnicking in a rustic natural setting along the Rancocas Creek. Two age-appropriate play areas and several picnic pavilions are also available in a beautifully landscaped central trailhead area.

The park also offers a chance to see nature at its finest. Observation blinds are sited to capture a variety of habitats and the wildlife they support. While using these blinds or hiking the trails, visitors might see white-tailed deer, red fox, gray squirrels, beavers, cottontail rabbits, red-tailed hawks, great blue herons, and a wide variety of waterfowl.

**We hope you enjoy your park!**

## Facilities & Activities

Long Bridge Park is open to the public 8 AM to dusk. Park facilities currently available include:

- Hiking/biking trails
- Age-appropriate play areas
- Picnic areas with pavilions
- Wildlife observation blinds
- Drinking fountains
- Restroom facilities

Pavilions may be reserved for private functions. Please contact the Parks Office at 609-265-5858.

## Trail Use

Long Bridge Park features 2.5 miles of marked trails traversing a variety of terrain. Please stay on the trails. Park trails are designated for shared use by hikers and all-terrain bikers. **All-terrain bikes must yield to hikers, and bikers must dismount at boardwalk crossings and stairs.** Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are also welcome when trails are snow-covered. Equestrian use is not permitted.

## History

Thousands of people visit Long Bridge Park each year to enjoy its picturesque landscape, well-maintained trails, and playground area with pavilions where families and children gather and play. However, many do not realize how the park ultimately got its name.

Originally, the land located at the fork of the Rancocas Creek belonged to the Lenni-Lenape Indians. They chose this location because the fertile land permitted subsistence farming, the woods provided game, and the creek offered fishing and a transportation route for trading. They called this area Sandhickney. In future years, this area would be known by several different names, including Long Bridge.

The area was known as Long Bridge because of the long wooden toll bridge that crossed the south branch of the Rancocas Creek on the road that led from Mount Holly to Moorestown. In 1778 during the Revolutionary War, local American patriots partially dismantled this bridge to delay the British march across New Jersey after Commander-in-chief of the British Army Sir Henry Clinton and his men evacuated Philadelphia. Clinton's secretary recorded the incident in this manner: "At a small distance from . . . [Mt. Holly] a bridge was broken down by the rebels which, when our people were repairing, were fired upon by those villains from a house, two of which were taken prisoners, three killed and the other two ran into the cellar and fastened it so we were obliged to burn the house and consume them in it."

In the 1840s, a bricklayer and mason named Barclay Haines ran his steamboat downstream from Haines's port to Philadelphia and back delivering lumber and coal. In 1847, Haines purchased 50 acres of land and created a small settlement near the Long Bridge over the Rancocas. By early 1852, this community had generally become known, and remains today, as Hainesport.

## Park Rules

1. The park is open from 8 AM to dusk. Dusk is defined as one-half hour after the posted sunset time.
2. Please stay on the trails. Hiking and riding off the trails are not permitted.
3. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.
4. Charcoal fires are permitted in permanent grills provided at designated picnic areas only. No wood fires.
5. Dogs must be on leashes at all times. Please carry out your dog's waste.
6. Please pick up your own trash and a little extra, if you can!
7. Do not feed or approach wildlife – Enjoy from a distance.
8. We recommend you wear insect repellent and light-colored clothes with your pant legs tucked into your socks or boots. Always check yourself for ticks after hiking.
9. Please do not pick vegetation.
10. All-terrain bikes **MUST** use designated trails only and **MUST** give right-of-way to hikers. Follow trail markers.
11. No motorized dirt bikes or all-terrain vehicles allowed.
12. Boats are not permitted in the pond.
13. No swimming or ice skating.
14. No hunting, firearms or trapping.
15. Horses are not permitted.

## Directions

### **From Medford Area**

- Rt. 541 North (Mt. Holly Bypass) to Rt. 537 West
- Left on Rt. 537 West (Marne Hwy.) to first right on Deacon Road. Park Entrance down on right.

### **From Burlington Area**

- Rt.541 South (Mt. Holly Bypass) to Park Entrance on right

## More Information

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(609) 265-5858

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Hainesport Township, NJ

# Trail Guide

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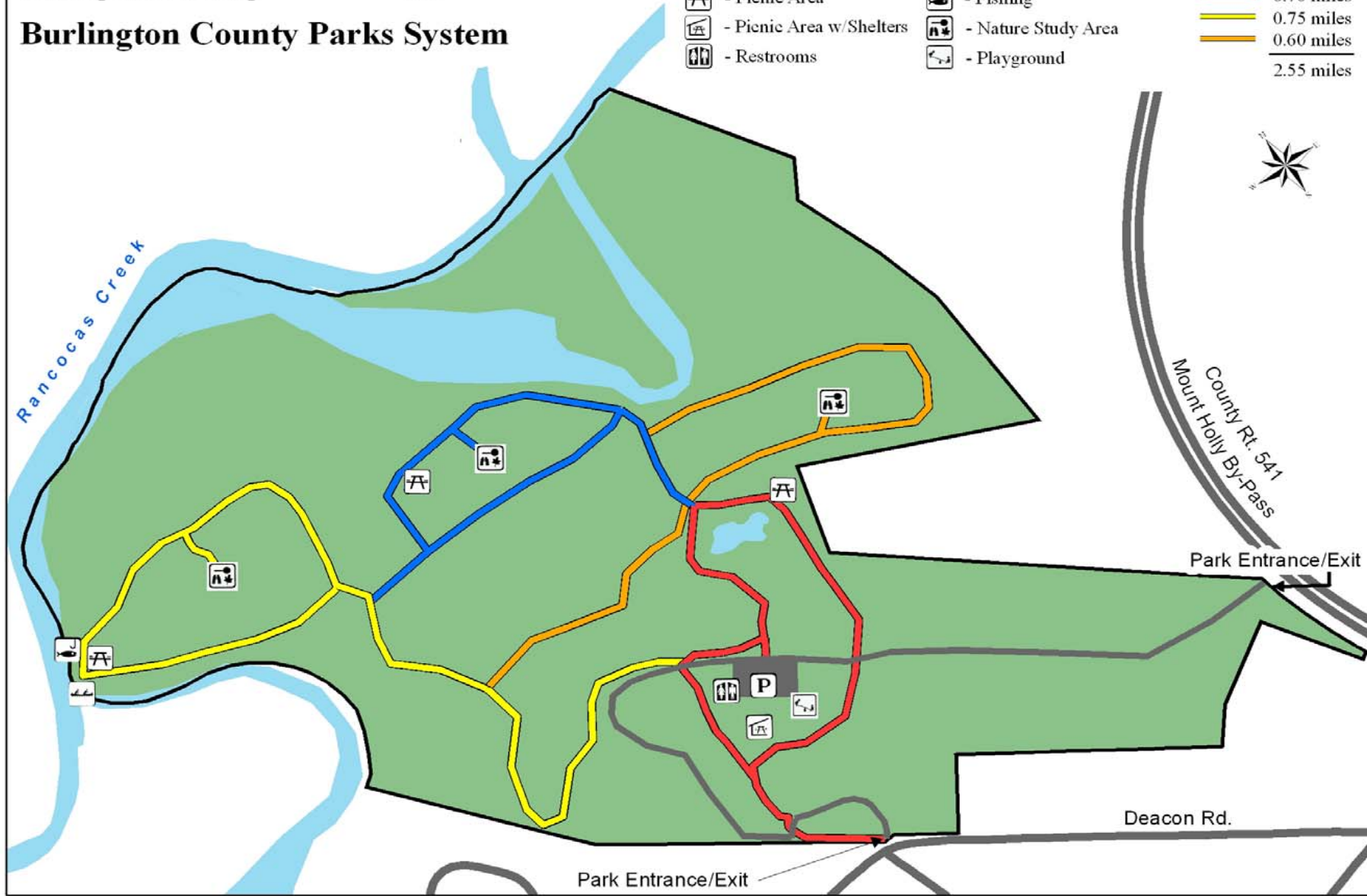


### Park Symbol Key

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| - Parking                | - Canoe Rest Stop   |
| - Picnic Area            | - Fishing           |
| - Picnic Area w/Shelters | - Nature Study Area |
| - Restrooms              | - Playground        |

### Trail Length

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|--|------------|
|  | 0.50 miles |
|  | 0.70 miles |
|  | 0.75 miles |
|  | 0.60 miles |
|  | 2.55 miles |



This park is monitored by video/photo surveillance.