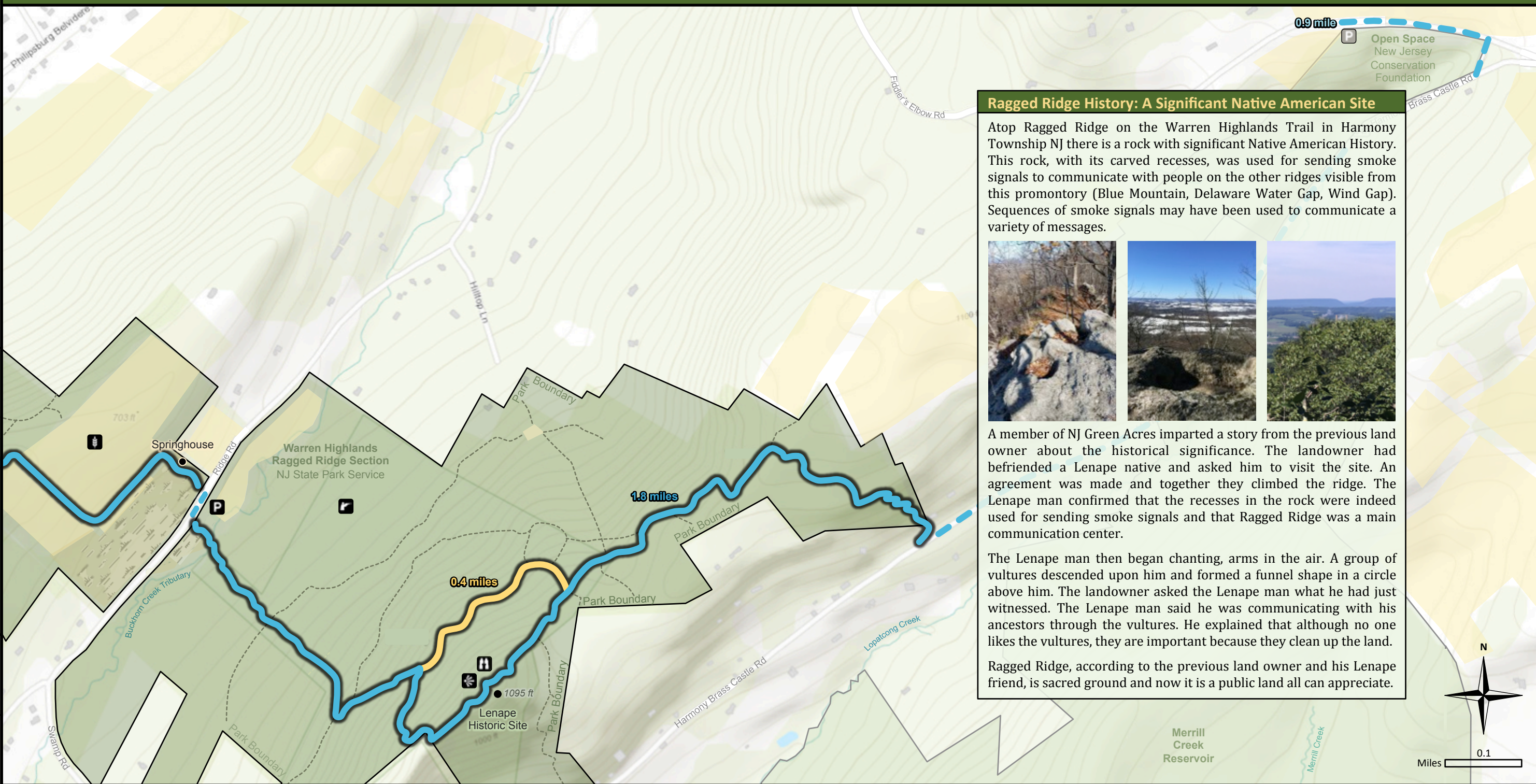


WARREN HIGHLANDS Trail RAGGED RIDGE



Ragged Ridge History: A Significant Native American Site

Atop Ragged Ridge on the Warren Highlands Trail in Harmony Township NJ there is a rock with significant Native American History. This rock, with its carved recesses, was used for sending smoke signals to communicate with people on the other ridges visible from this promontory (Blue Mountain, Delaware Water Gap, Wind Gap). Sequences of smoke signals may have been used to communicate a variety of messages.



A member of NJ Green Acres imparted a story from the previous land owner about the historical significance. The landowner had befriended a Lenape native and asked him to visit the site. An agreement was made and together they climbed the ridge. The Lenape man confirmed that the recesses in the rock were indeed used for sending smoke signals and that Ragged Ridge was a main communication center.

The Lenape man then began chanting, arms in the air. A group of vultures descended upon him and formed a funnel shape in a circle above him. The landowner asked the Lenape man what he had just witnessed. The Lenape man said he was communicating with his ancestors through the vultures. He explained that although no one likes the vultures, they are important because they clean up the land.

Ragged Ridge, according to the previous land owner and his Lenape friend, is sacred ground and now it is a public land all can appreciate.



Open Field	Warren Highlands Trail	Bridge	Parking Lot	Farming Lease	Fun Fact
Forest	WHT Road Walk	Farming Lease	Parking Pull-off	Local farmers lease fields from the NJ State Park Service and grow crops to support their agricultural businesses and to preserve New Jersey's farming history. Please stay on the trail to minimize damage to the crops. Thank you.	The streams on either side of Ragged Ridge flow in opposite directions: NE and SW.
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Water	Unblazed Trails	Wildlife Viewing	Wildlife Viewing	Start Trail	NJ State Park Service logo
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				Turn Left	Trail Spur
				Turn Right	Turn Right