

TRAILS OF WASHINGTON CROSSING STATE PARK

There are 14 trails that allow the visitor to explore the park and its distinct areas. The terrain within the park is mostly flat to gently rolling forest and mixed meadow with short sections of elevation along the creeks.

Bike Trail

*Brown • 2 miles • Multiuse
Easy • Single-track bike trail*

Trailhead: Parking area at Phillips Farm. **Bike Trail** is a series of loops around the eastern portion of the park near Phillips Farm. The trail is mostly flat as it follows single-track through woodlands and meadow. Starting clockwise, head south from Phillips Farm along Route 579 until the trail turns west, then north to parallel Brickyard Road. After passing the group camping area, the trail begins to turn northeast and winds through the forest until returning to a large meadow and the Phillips Farm parking area. Please stay on the marked trails east of Brickyard Road and do not follow wildlife paths or create your own routes or trails.

Blue Dot Trail

*Blue circle on white • 2.7 miles • Hiking
Easy • Longest trail in park*

Trailhead: Northwest corner of Knox Grove Day Use Area. **Blue Dot Trail**, the longest trail in the park, travels through the forest north of Steele Run. Along the way, it crosses the open air theater parking lot, intersects Yellow Dot Trail and weaves across Red Dot Trail at three locations. Toward the center of the park, Blue Dot Trail turns to the northwest, crosses a stream, climbs sharply, and travels through dense eastern redcedar until intersecting with Horseback Riding Trail. Turning west, Blue Dot Trail shares the path with Horseback Riding Trail before continuing north and west, ending near Titusville Methodist Church cemetery on Church Road.

Blue Trail

*Blue • 0.25 miles • Hiking
Easy • Short creek-side trail*

Trailhead: Red Trail. **Blue Trail** crosses to the north side of the north branch of Steele Run, then runs along the water's edge. Blue Trail continues downstream, crosses back to the south side of the creek and returns to Red Trail.

Rachel Horne Trail

*Orange • 0.4 miles • Hiking
Easy • Short interpretive loop trail*

Trailhead: Nature center. **Rachel Horne Trail** starts on a two-track road west of the nature center. From the nature center driveway, the trail follows a series of numbered interpretive markers. After 1,000 feet, the trail turns north, merges with Red Trail and returns to the nature center. A companion brochure for this self-guided interpretive trail is available upon request at the nature center.

White Trail

*White • 0.2 miles • Hiking
Easy • Short creek-side trail*

Trailhead: Red Trail. **White Trail** departs Red Trail and immediately crosses a small wooden bridge to the north side of Steele Run's north branch. The trail then turns left and follows the creek downstream until joining with Green Trail and crossing the creek again to rejoin with Red Trail. White Trail provides access to the park's wildlife blind, which is located along the short spur trail to the north.

Yellow Dot Trail

*Yellow circle on white • 1 mile • Hiking
Easy • Trail along Steele Run*

Trailhead: Continental Lane Trail. **Yellow Dot Trail** crosses Greene Drive and travels through mixed hardwood forest along Steele Run. After passing the open air theater, Yellow Dot Trail crosses Green Dot Trail and the stream. Winding its way through thick creek-side vegetation, the trail climbs a short rise out of the creek. Once on flat terrain, Red Dot Trail joins from the north and shares the path for 1,000 feet. Yellow Dot Trail turns north and joins with Blue Dot Trail for a short distance before turning west again, crossing open forest and creek, then ending at Route 29 by the Titusville Firehouse.

Continental Lane Trail

*Brown & white • 1.4 miles • Hiking
Easy • Historic route through middle of park*

Trailhead: Park office on the east side or Johnson Ferry House on west side. **Continental Lane Trail** travels east to west through the middle of the park connecting the park office with the Johnson Ferry House and overlook. The western section of the trail (proceeding east from the ferry house) appears to follow a farm access road dating to the 18th or 19th century. Continental Lane Trail is 2 to 2 feet-wide on gently rolling natural surfaces.

D&R Canal Trail

*Blue • 1.1 miles • Multiuse
Easy • Flat towpath along canal*

Trailhead: Washington Grove Day Use Area, behind Nelson House. The entire **D&R Canal Trail** provides more than 70 continuous miles of wide, flat pathway. The main canal winds northward from Bordentown through Trenton into Lawrence Township and continues through central New Jersey ending in New Brunswick. The 1.1 mile section located here follows the canal's former towpath and the old Belvidere and Delaware Railroad from the 19th and early 20th centuries. The trail's surface is cinder and crushed stone.

Ewing Trail

*"E" on brown and white • 0.2 miles • Hiking
Easy • Follows forested slope of Steel Run*

Trailhead: Green or Blue Trail. **Ewing Trail** climbs the northeast slope of Steel Run's north branch to a relatively flat upland area. It then skirts the edge of a dense eastern redcedar forest before descending the same slope to reconnect with either Blue or Green Trails on the stream's floodplain.

Green Dot Trail

*Green circle on white • 1 mile • Hiking
Easy • Follows forested slope of Steele Run*

Trailhead: Open air theater. **Green Dot Trail** travels across the southwest section of the park and connects to the pedestrian overpass. The trail begins as a grassy road and changes to single-track as it descends and crosses over Steele Run on a wooden bridge. The trail climbs a series of steps up the south side of the creek ravine and on through Greene Grove Day Use Area. The trail continues west through mature mixed hardwood forest. Leaving the stream ravine, it turns south then west again through the former state tree nursery plantation. The trail joins with Red Dot Trail for a short distance, continues to the park boundary, then turns south across Greene Drive, Sullivan Drive and Continental Lane Trail to the scenic overlook and pedestrian overpass.

Green Trail

*Green • 0.2 miles • Hiking
Easy • Short creek-side trail*

Trailhead: Red Trail. **Green Trail** crosses Steele Run's north branch on a wooden bridge and heads downstream. Green Trail continues along the creek edge until joining with Blue Trail, crosses back over the creek again on two wooden bridges and rejoins Red Trail.

Horseback Riding Trail

*Brown • 2.2 miles • Multiuse
Easy • Flat and wide forested trail*

Trailhead: Parking area at Phillips Farm. **Horseback Riding Trail** is an out-and-back lollipop loop through the forest and meadows in the northern portion of the park. After traversing mature woodlots of mixed oak and American beech, the trail emerges onto Brickyard Road near the nature center driveway. It turns right, goes around a gate, then heads north on gravel-covered Brickyard Road. Following the road across a stone culvert and Steele Run ravine, Horseback Riding Trail turns left before reaching a second gate and Church Pond. The grassy two-track continues for 1,000 feet until the trail splits left (clockwise) or right (counterclockwise) to begin its loop. Horseback Riding Trail joins with Blue Dot Trail for a short distance before returning to complete the loop.

Red Dot Trail

*Red circle on white • 1.6 miles • Hiking
Easy • Connects nature center and visitor center*

Trailhead: Continental Lane Trail immediately north of visitor center. **Red Dot Trail** heads west with Continental Lane Trail before turning north and descending the gentle slope to Steele Run. The trail crosses Steele Run on a wooden footbridge and meets with Yellow Dot Trail. Red Dot Trail turns east and follows the creek before turning north again and climbing out of the creek basin. Continuing north, Red Dot Trail crosses Blue Dot Trail in a thick stand of cedar trees. At the corner of a housing development, Red Dot Trail turns east, continues through upland forest then ends at the road leading to the nature center driveway.

Red Trail

*Red • 0.75 miles • Hiking
Easy • Loop trail near nature center*

Trailhead: Nature center. **Red Trail** is a loop trail around the woods north and west of the nature center. Shortly after leaving the nature center, the trail travels along the edge of the creek bottom and provides access to White, Green and Blue Trails.

TRAIL SENSE AND SAFETY

Trail Markings: Official trails are marked with colored blazes on plastic posts. For your safety and habitat protection, please stay on the trails and do not alter trail markings or create new trails.

Preparations: Consider bringing water, snacks, sunscreen, insect repellent and a hat. Dress for the weather. Tell someone where you plan to go and when you expect to return.

Pets: Pets must always be on a leash no longer than 6 feet in length and under the control of the owner at all times. Please clean up after your pets.

Keep It Clean and Green: Bring a bag or two and carry your trash out with you. Trash cans are not provided. Don't forget to recycle!

Tick Protection: Bring insect repellent, wear light-colored clothing, tuck pants into socks, stay on trails, check yourself thoroughly, shower and launder clothes immediately.

Riders: Follow the IMBA "Rules of the Trail" guidelines for trail etiquette and yield appropriately. Helmets are required by law for children under 17.

Bear Aware: Black bears are found throughout New Jersey. Do not approach or attract bears by making food available. Feeding bears is dangerous and illegal. Never run from a bear! To report an aggressive bear, call 1-877-WARN-DEP (1-877-927-6337) immediately. Please report any damage or nuisance behavior to the visitor center museum. Visit the New Jersey DEP Fish and Wildlife at njfishandwildlife.com for additional information on bear safety.

Visitor Center Museum: 609-737-0623

Nature Center: 609-737-0609

Emergency Numbers:
1-877-WARN-DEP (1-877-927-6337) or 911

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- Nature Center**
- Knox Grove Day Use Area**
- Visitor Center Museum**
- Greene Grove Day Use Area**
- Sullivan Grove Day Use Area**
- Washington Grove Day Use Area**
- Park Office**
- NOT PERMITTED**
 ATVs, alcoholic beverages, smoking and vaping*, metal detecting and swimming are NOT permitted in this park.

*Smoking and vaping permitted only inside your personal vehicle.

500 Feet

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Open Field or Grass	Bike Trail (2 mi)	Ewing Trail (0.2 mi)	Red Dot Trail (1.6 mi)	Accessible Facility	Museum	Picnic Area	Scenic View
Forest	Blue Dot Trail (2.7 mi)	Green Dot Trail (1 mi)	Red Trail (0.75 mi)	Drinking Water	Observatory	Picnic Shelter	Wildlife Blind
Developed Area	Blue Trail (0.25 mi)	Green Trail (0.2 mi)	White Trail (0.2 mi)	Garden	Open Air Theatre	Playground	Visitor Contact Station
Water	Continental Lane Trail (1.4 mi)	Horseback Riding Trail (2.2 mi)	Yellow Dot Trail (1 mi)	Group Campground	Parking Lot	Reservations Required	Restrooms
Wetland	D&R Canal Trail	Rachel Horne Trail (0.3 mi)	Trail Connector	Historic Site	Parking (Pull Off)		

