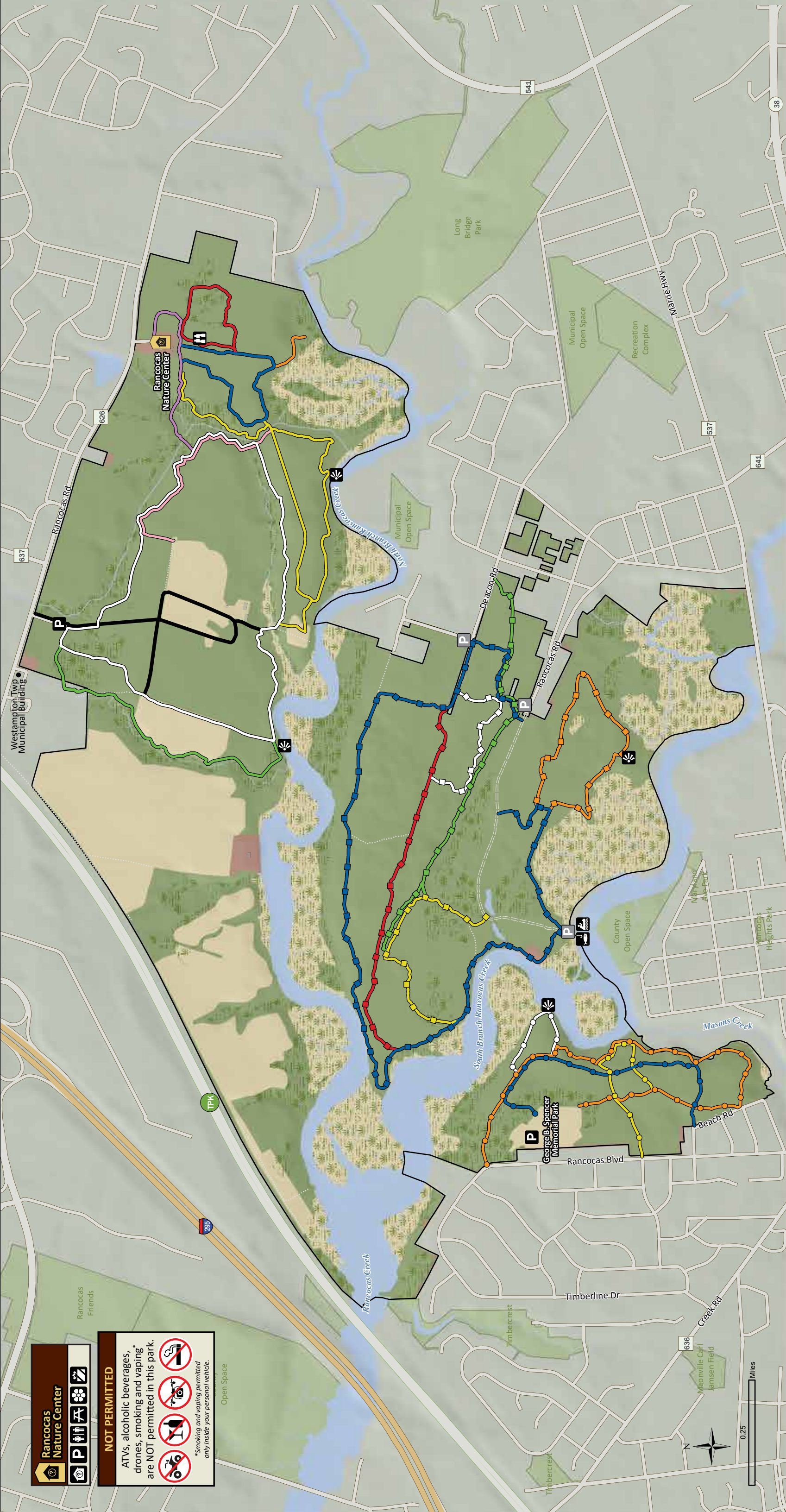


RANCOCAS State Park



**Rancocas Nature Center**



NOT PERMITTED

ATVs, alcoholic beverages,
drones, smoking and vaping*
are NOT permitted in this park.



*Smoking and vaping permitted
only inside your personal vehicle.

Open Space

Open Field or Grass

Forest

Developed Area

Water

Wetland

Westampton Trails

 Deer Run Trail (0.7 mi)

 Little Brook Trail (0.8 mi)

 Maple Leaf Trail (0.5 mi)

 Meadow View Trail (0.5 mi)

Hainesport Trails

 Rancocas Trail (2.3 mi)

 Squirrel Run Trail (0.6 mi)

 Turkey Feather Trail (0.1 mi)

 Whispering Woods Trail (1.6 mi)

 Wildlife Walk (1.1 mi)

Mount Laurel Trails

 Red Fox Trail (0.9 mi)

 Virginia Pine Trail (0.5 mi)

 Ironstone Bluff Trail (0.3 mi)

 Rancocas Creek Trail (0.5 mi)

 Rancocas Woods Loop Trail (1.4 mi)

 Towering Trees Trail (0.8 mi)

Canoeing

 Canoeing

 Fishing

 Garden

 Nature Center

 Parking Lot

Parking (Pull Off)

 Park Office

 Picnic Area

 Restrooms

 Scenic View

Shop

 Wildlife Viewing

 Wildlife Viewing

TRAILS

Rancocas State Park

TRAIL SENSE AND SAFETY

Trail Markings: Official trails are marked by colored blazes on posts and trees. For your safety and habitat protection, please stay on the trails and don't alter trail markings or create new trails.

Be Prepared: 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. Be aware of changing trail conditions.

Hunting: Sections are open to hunting. Bright orange clothing is recommended during hunting season.

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

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!

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

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

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 Park Office. Visit the NJDEP Fish & Wildlife at dep.nj.gov/njfw/ for additional information on bear safety.

Report Trail Issues: 609-726-1191

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



RANOCAS STATE PARK

794 Rancocas Road

Westampton, NJ 08060

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TRAILS OF RANOCAS STATE PARK

There are 19 official trails within the park totaling more than 18 miles. The trails are clustered in three areas: **Westampton**- within the forest and meadows near Rancocas Nature Center; **Hainesport**- the forested uplands between the north and south branches of Rancocas Creek; and **Mount Laurel**- the woodlands along the South Branch Rancocas Creek.

Westampton Trails

These trails are located near Rancocas Nature Center. See descriptions below for specific trailheads. Four trails around Rancocas Nature Center are hiking only. This area is considered a school zone with children at play. Riders and pet-walkers, please use the multiuse trails.

Deer Run Trail

Blue • 0.7 miles • Hiking
Easy • Woods trail near nature center

Trailhead: Maple Leaf Trail. **Deer Run Trail** heads south through mixed meadow and marsh on 750 feet of boardwalk. After leaving the boardwalk, the landscape transitions to pine forest. This section of forest was once a white pine plantation and the uniform, straight tree rows are still evident. The trail then enters a mixed hardwood forest, continuing south to a small ridge above the floodplain of North Branch Rancocas Creek. Turkey Feather Trail begins here, while Deer Run Trail turns west and continues along the edge of the riparian area. Deer Run Trail then turns north and continues on a gravel footpath to return to the nature center.

Little Brook Trail

Green • 0.8 miles • Multiuse
Easy • Creek-side trail

Trailhead: Rancocas Trail west of parking area.
Little Brook Trail departs from Rancocas Trail a short distance from the parking area. The trail turns south and follows along a shallow creek ravine until it arrives at the edge of a large field. At its southernmost point, Little Brook Trail reaches North Branch Rancocas Creek and turns east until it intersects with Rancocas Trail again.

Maple Leaf Trail

Purple • 0.5 miles • Hiking
Easy • Short trail near nature center

Trailhead: Rancocas Nature Center parking area.
Maple Leaf Trail heads east from the nature center for a short distance before turning south along a field edge to join with Meadow View Trail. Maple Leaf Trail continues west, passing south of the parking area and continues to Rancocas Trail.

Meadow View Trail

Red • 0.5 miles • Hiking
Easy • Trail through open meadow

Trailhead: South of Rancocas Nature Center parking area.
Meadow View Trail travels east along a grass pathway through a wildlife meadow. The southern end of the meadow supports a seasonal vernal pool used by amphibians. The trail contours clockwise and passes through a zone where meadow habitat changes to pine forest. The trail intersects with Deer Run Trail.

Rancocas Trail

White • 2.3 miles • Multiuse

Easy • Loop through forest west of nature center
Trailhead: Parking area south of Rancocas Road and west of Irick Road (Route 637). **Rancocas Trail** makes a large loop around the former Powhatan Indian Reservation. Bounded by small streams on the east and west and North Branch Rancocas Creek to the south, Rancocas Trail travels through a mix of upland forest and meadows on woods roads and single-track trail.

Squirrel Run Trail

Pink • 0.6 miles • Multiuse
Easy • Forested creek-side trail

Trailhead: Whispering Woods Trail. **Squirrel Run Trail** heads north and west as it follows a small stream bed. The single-track footpath is shared with Rancocas Trail as it crosses many small rises. The trail turns south and provides access to a meadow in the center of the woods.

Turkey Feather Trail

Orange • 0.1 miles • Hiking

Easy • Trail to Rancocas Creek

Trailhead: Southeast corner of Deer Run Trail.
Turkey Feather Trail descends a short, gentle slope into riparian area. The trail travels southeast along the edge of the marsh. Look for waterfowl and listen for the chorus of frogs during wet months. Turkey Feather Trail meets with North Branch Rancocas Creek, then turns west and heads downstream to a scenic view.

Whispering Woods Trail

Yellow • 1.6 miles • Multiuse

Easy • Trail through forested uplands along creek
Trailhead: Maple Leaf Trail. **Whispering Woods Trail** follows a strip of elevated land between North Branch Rancocas Creek and a smaller tributary stream to the north. At its westernmost point, Whispering Woods Trail turns east and travels along the creek and surrounding wetlands to complete its loop and return to the nature center.

Wildlife Walk

Black • 1.1 miles • Multiuse

Easy • Trail through forested uplands along creek

Trailhead: Parking area south of Rancocas Road and west of Irick Road (Route 637). **Wildlife Walk** follows paved woods roads through the forest landscape.

Hainesport Trails
These trails are located between the North Branch and South Branch Rancocas Creek.

Creekside Trail

Blue • 3 miles • Multiuse

Easy • Follows both branches of Rancocas Creek

Trailhead: Parking area on Deacon Road or Rancocas Ave.

Creekside Trail makes a long loop along the north and south branches of Rancocas Creek. The trail is on sandy woodland roads and single-track through hardwood forest and open marsh.

Great Horned Owl Trail

Yellow • 0.7 miles • Multiuse
Easy • Short trail through marsh area

Trailhead: North side of gravel access road.

Great Horned Owl Trail follows a sand and gravel path to the north. The trail turns west, running parallel to Mossy Bluff Trail before turning south and winding through forest to join Creekside Trail along South Branch Rancocas Creek.

Mossy Bluff Trail

Green • 1.1 miles • Multiuse
Easy • Trail along small ridge

Trailhead: Parking area at Rancocas Avenue.

Mossy Bluff Trail heads west and follows sandy single-track along the edge of a short bluff. The landscape is generally flat with small dips and drops. Mossy Bluff Trail merges with Oak Ridge Trail and Great Horned Owl Trail at its western end.

Oak Ridge Trail

Red • 1 mile • Multiuse

Easy • Trail through middle of park

Trailhead: Creekside Trail, 0.2 miles from parking area.

Oak Ridge Trail heads west along a sandy woods road through forested terrain between the north and south branches of Rancocas Creek. Toward its western end, Oak Ridge Trail begins to turn south and joins Creekside Trail along the South Branch Rancocas Creek.

Red Fox Trail

Orange • 0.9 miles • Multiuse
Easy • Short loops

Trailhead: Creekside Trail south of gravel access road.

Red Fox Trail is a loop in the flat oak-pine forest terrain along the South Branch Rancocas Creek.



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