

Eno's Pond County Park

Eno's Pond and the surrounding area have a long and colorful history dating to the Colonial period..



The observation decks overlook Eno's Pond, which was used as a source of ice for a hotel once on the site and now is a perfect vantage point for viewing some of the pond's residents and visitors.



Eno's Pond County Park is adjacent to part of the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge Lacey Extension, and both entities are working to develop a trail system between the two properties



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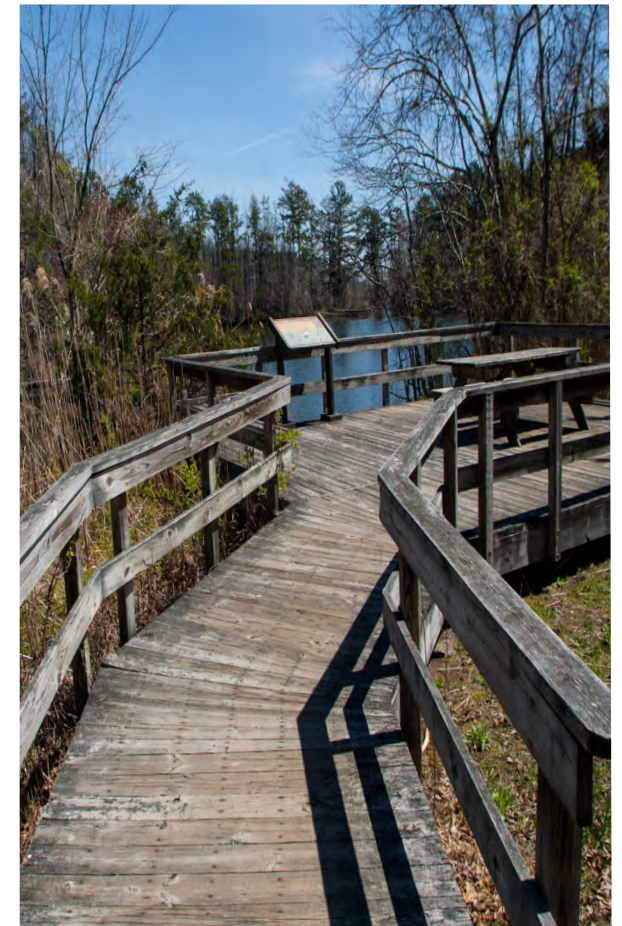


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ENO'S POND COUNTY PARK

Welcome to Eno's Pond County Park. Here, tucked away just a half-mile from the shoreline of the Barnegat Bay, you will discover a world filled with nature and history - and plenty of fun for everyone!

The property on which Eno's Pond County Park is now situated has a fascinating history dating back to the colonial period which is documented in a publication titled "Eno's Riverside Hotel and Eno's Pond", compiled by Mahala Landrum, a local historian. However, the Enos got involved in 1889 when Byron E. Eno purchased what was then "The Riverside House", a hotel from which guests had access to the "best hunting and fishing grounds of Barnegat Bay". Eno also acquired adjoining parcels of land to add to his empire. The hotel became a vacation spot for the wealthy and famous.



Although no buildings remain on the tract, the pond here has special historical interest. It was used as a source of ice for the large resort. Ice was cut into blocks, and hauled across the pond on horse-drawn skids, where the blocks were lifted by crane for storage in nearby ice-houses.



Eno's Pond County Park contains 28 acres and abuts the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, Lacey Twp. Extension. In cooperation with Federal officials, Ocean County Park Naturalists developed nature trails which traverse both properties. One of these trails is specially designed to be wheelchair accessible. Leaflets detailing the trail are available at the "Park Information" sign. On these trails, many specimen flora and fauna can be sighted, as well as a variety of birds and mammals such as wood ducks, mallards, egrets, great blue herons, raccoons, deer and if you're lucky, you'll catch a glimpse of an osprey!



FACILITIES: Conservation Area, Handicapped Accessible, Open Playing Fields, Nature Trails, Observation Decks, Picnic Area/grills, Playground, Restrooms and Volleyball.