# Welcome to Your **Ocean County** Parks!

Robert S. Arace

Chairman of the Ocean County Parks & Recreation



There's something truly special about spending time in the great outdoors, and Ocean County is proud to offer some of the most beautiful and diverse parks in New Jersey. From peaceful trails through lush forests to vibrant playgrounds and scenic waterfronts, our parks provide a place where families, friends, and neighbors can connect with

nature and each other.

With more than 20 parks and four conservation areas, Ocean County offers endless opportunities to explore and enjoy. Whether you're strolling along the tree-lined paths of Ocean County Park in Lakewood, soaking in the bay views at John C. Bartlett Jr. County Park at Berkeley Island, or cheering on a local team at Freedom Fields or cheering on a local team at Freedom Fields or Patriots County Park, there's truly something for

If you're looking for more activity, our parks feature everything from award-winning golf courses to sports fields and even three off-leash dog parks. For history buffs, our historic sites provide a glimpse into Ocean County's rich past. At the same time, our seasonal programs and events unite the community to celebrate the natural beauty surrounding us.

As Liaison to Ocean County Parks and Recreation,

I am dedicated to ensuring these incredible spaces continue to grow and thrive. My colleagues on the Board of Commissioners and I remain committed to preserving open spaces, enhancing recreational facilities, and investing in programs that celebrate our county's natural heritage.

I invite you to discover the treasures of Ocean County's parks for yourself. Visit our website and follow us on social media for more information on everything we have to offer. Better yet, step outside and experience it firsthand. With over 4,000 acres to explore, there's always a new adventure waiting in Ocean County Parks.



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OCEAN COUNTY GOLF COURSES Forge Pond Golf Course: 1-732-920-8899 Atlantis Golf Course: 1-609-296-2444

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# Ocean County Parks and Recreation

# **Your Complete** Guide to Ocean **County Parks**

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# Things to do at the Parks

The key below provides a general list of activities and facilities you can enjoy in Ocean County's parks.

1 Baseball/Softball

Basketball

Canoeing Crabbing

**Cross County Skiing** 

**Driving Range** 

**Fishing** 

Handicapped Accessibility

Horseshoes

Off - Leash Dog Facility 

**Open Playing Fields** 

Kayaking 

18 Hole Disc Golf

**Playground** 

Pickle Ball

**Pavilion** 

**Shuffleboard** 

**Spray Park** 



Picnic Area

**Tennis** 

Volleyball

**Hiking Trail** 

**Nature Center** 

Bike Trail

Off Road Bike Trail

**Nature Trail** 

BB **Bocce Ball** 

Restaurant

**Small Boat Launch** 

Car Top **Boat Launch** 

Soccer

Swimming

ÀÌ Restroom

**Fitness Area** 

Fee/Reservations required for picnic groups larger than 25

# OCEAN COUNTY PARKS

#### **#1 Gull Island Conservation Area**

419 Broadway, Point Pleasant Beach NJ 08742



This diminutive park is a perfect spot for bird watching or perhaps a lazy day of catching fish. Bring lunch and relax on a bench along the busy waters of the Manasquan River.

**#2 Beaver Dam Creek County Park** 3430 Bridge Ave., Point Pleasant NJ 08742



Take a leisurely stroll along Beaver Dam Creek's boardwalk through tidal wetlands. This well-groomed park has something for everyone. Enjoy a picnic under the pavilion, engage in your favorite sport on six acres of playing fields, or one of two superb tennis courts. This awardwinning park has quickly become a local favorite.

### **#3 Mantoloking Bridge Fishing Pier**

30 Mantoloking Road, Brick NJ 08723

3 Acres



With great views of the Barnegat Bay, this is sure to be one of the best fishing or crabbing spots in all of Ocean County.

#4 Ocean County Golf Course at Forge Pond 301 Chambers Bridge Rd., Brick Township NJ 08723

732-920-8899 300 Acres



Designed by golf course architect Hal Purdy, the Ocean County Golf Course at Forge Pond is an 18-hole, par 60 executive course. Rent a golf cart or walk this scenic and challenging course.

#### **#5 Metedeconk River Conservation Area**

Lakewood & Brick Townships NJ 318 Acres



Although primarily a conservation site, this unmarked trail area is also excellent for canoeing during peak tides.

#### #6 Lake Shenandoah County Park & **Sports Field Complex**

660 Ocean Ave. & 300 New Hampshire Ave., Lakewood NJ 08701 143 Acres



Eighty-four acres of open playing fields await the visitor to Shenandoah County Sports Complex. This park offers more than just field sports, however. There are also bike paths, picnic areas, and a playground. Majestic oak and pine trees surround the gorgeous Lake Shenandoah, a great fishing spot.

#### #7 Ocean County Park & Off Leash Dog Facility

659 Ocean Ave., Lakewood NJ 08701 323 Acres



Ocean County Park was originally part of financier John D. Rockefeller's vacation estate. The Ocean County Board of Commissioners acquired the estate and made it the first flagship park. Mature white pine, hemlock, and other unique specimen trees were imported by Rockefeller from all over the country. Tennis courts, open play fields, disc golf and trails appeal to adults of all ages, while children will delight in using the playgrounds or swimming on a summer day. Warm weather isn't the only time to enjoy this park. After a snowfall, the park transforms into a lovely winter wonderland that is a great site for cross-country skiing. Discover for yourself why Ocean County Park is the gem of the Ocean County Park System.

#### **#8 Patriots County Park & Sports Field Complex**

483 Bowman Rd., Jackson NJ 08527



Basketball courts and several soccer and softball fields can be found at one of the region's finest parks. Patriots' County Park has enjoyable active recreation, and is a great place to visit.

#### #9 Robert J. Miller County Airpark & Off-Leash Dog Facility

Mule Rd. & Pinewald Keswick Rd. Berkeley Twp. NJ 08721

35 Acres



This county park is the home of the renowned Ocean County Fair held each July. In addition to fairgrounds, the park contains the County's 1st off-leash dog facility, and a small, independently managed airport.

#### #10 E.B. Leone Conservation Area

Hooper Ave. & South Shore Dr., Toms River NJ 08753 45 Acres

This County property consists of pristine wetlands. Located on the northern shore of Silver Bay, E.B. Leone County Conservation Area can be visited daily.

#### #11 Parks & Recreation Administrative Office

1198 Bandon Rd., Toms River NJ 08753 732-506-9090



Situated along the sparkling Silver Bay, this site is the home of the Ocean County Parks and Recreation Administrative Offices. Here the administrative staff plans and supervises the numerous activities annually sponsored by the Ocean County Board of Commissioners. These activities include recreational and educational programs, a summer concert series, environmental studies, and trips to assorted events and locations. Call or stop in for more information.

#### **#12 Cattus Island County Park**

1170 Cattus Island Blvd., Toms River NJ 08753 732-270-6960

500 Acres INC AND SO

The unspoiled beauty of nature is the main attraction at Cattus Island County Park. This environmentally-sensitive site boasts miles of trails, many offering lovely vistas of adjacent Silver Bay. Cattus Island also houses the Cooper Environmental Center, where visitors can explore, learn and see live animals!

## **#13 Riverfront Landing County Park**

71 E. Water St., Toms River NJ 08753



Riverfront Landing County Park is located on the water in downtown Toms River. This charming "pocket" park features a scenic view of The Toms River amidst a tranquil environment. This park is the perfect place for a lunchtime picnic!

#### **#14 Mill Creek County Park**

111 Chelsea Ave., Berkeley Twp. NJ 08721

14 Acres

The Mill Creek feeds into the Toms River, and two playgrounds make it scenic and inviting. It's the perfect spot for a family picnic under the pavilion or at one of several secluded picnic tables. It's also the future site of the Ocean County College Sailing Center.

#### **#15 Florence T. Allen Conservation Area**

110 Chelsea Ave., Berkeley Twp. NJ 08721 45 Acres

This conservation area consists of unmarked trails, cedar swamp and uplands bordering Mill Creek. These wetlands protect Mill Creek as it flows into the Toms River.

#### **#16 Jakes Branch County Park**

1100 Double Trouble Rd., Beachwood NJ 08722 732-281-2760

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The Pinelands habitat is one of the features of the county park. A nature center with interpretive displays, hiking, and nature trails complement other active recreation programs.

#### #17 John C. Bartlett, Jr. County Park at Berkeley Island

399 Brennan Concourse, Berkeley Twp. NJ 08721

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Situated on a scenic peninsula jutting out into the calm waters of Barnegat Bay, Berkeley Island County Park provides some of the best views of the bay in Ocean County. This newly renovated facility provides an exciting spray park for kids, Bocce ball courts, horseshoe pits, a large pavilion and grill area, as well as a dock for crabbing and

#### **#18 Eno's Pond County Park**

330 E. Lacey Rd., Lacey Twp. NJ 08731 28 Acres



Eno's Pond County Park is named for the man-made pond from which ice was once harvested. Located near the shoreline of Barnegat Bay, a focal point is a large open field surrounded by picnic areas, tot lots, observation decks and a network of trails which meander into the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge.

#### **#19 Wells Mills County Park**

905 CR-532, Waretown NJ 08758 609-971-3085

900 Acres 

Wells Mills is Ocean County's largest park. The park sits within southern New Jersey's environmental marvel, the Pine Barrens, and is filled with beautiful pine and oak trees. Wells Mills has miles of hiking trails of varying hiking difficulty levels. The nature center offers exhibits, an array of programs and canoe rentals for touring the picturesque 34-acre Wells Mills Lake.

#### **#20 Lochiel Creek County Park**

Barnegat Boulevard North, Barnegat NJ 08008 177 Acres

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This park is comprised of freshwater wetlands as well as pine oak forested uplands, hiking trails, and a trail connected to the Barnegat

#### **#21 Cloverdale Farm County Park**

34 Cloverdale Rd., Barnegat NJ 08005 609-607-1861

90 Acres

This cranberry farm has been operating for nearly 100 years. Cloverdale Farm boasts several historical buildings, and is rich in Ocean County history. This park site should be a premier "field trip" destination for all Ocean County schools.

#### #22 A. Paul King County Park

2 W. Bay Ave., Manahawkin NJ 08050

48 Acres

Situated on lovely Manahawkin Lake, this park lies nestled in the heart of Stafford Township. A brightly-colored children's playground, large picnic area under a stand of pines, and a protected sandy swimming beach await you at this popular spot.

#### #23 Freedom Fields County Park and **Off Leash Dog Facility**

1160 Route 539, Little Egg Harbor Twp. NJ 08087 120 Acres

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Active recreation is the theme at this park. Soccer, softball and baseball fields have been developed to meet the needs of the expanding population of southern Ocean County. Hiking trails offer the chance for a relaxing stroll through the Pine Barrens.

#24 Stanley H. "Tip" Seaman County Park 120 Lakeside Dr., Tuckerton NJ 08087

609-296-5606

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"Tip" Seaman County Park, located on the banks of Lake Pohatcong, is the pride and joy of Tuckerton. Fishing and Pickleball are among the long list of possibilities, along with lighted basketball courts, tennis courts and softball field. This park is home of the yearly Decoy and Gunning Show held in September.

#### **#25 Ocean County Golf Course at Atlantis Cuisine on the Green Restaurant**

261 Country Club Blvd., Little Egg Harbor Twp. NJ 08087 609-296-2444

Designer George Fazio made optimum use of the natural beauty and topography of the area in shaping this challenging test of golf. Each hole has its own character and its own set of obstacles to contend with. Join us today for a memorable round of golf. Contact the Pro Shop to arrange your tee time. After your round of golf, enjoy a meal prepared by Cuisine on the Green Restaurant.

#### **#26 Barnegat Branch Trail**

Barnegat Township North to the Toms River

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On October 15, 2007, the Barnegat Branch Trail was officially opened to the public. This "rail-to-trail" project follows the abandoned Barnegat Branch Division of the Central Railroad of New Jersey. The trail will be constructed in several phases, and will stretch 15.6 miles from Barnegat to Toms River once completed.

# #27 Cedar Bridge Tavern Historic Site

200 Old Halfway Road, Barnegat Twp. NJ 08005 732-929-4769

5 Acres

Ocean County will preserve and maintain this important part of Ocean County history. Legend has it, that the last skirmish of the Revolutionary War was to have taken place here. This historic Tavern is available for group tours upon request and reservation

NOTE: ALL COUNTY PARKS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE. PLEASE CALL FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS.