

## Welcome

Historic Smithville Park is the centerpiece of the Burlington County Parks System. As the Smithville Historic District, the village is listed on the National and New Jersey Registers of Historic Places. Smithville grew from a typical, small mill operation on the Rancocas Creek to a major industrial plant employing hundreds of workers in its shops and yards from the 1860s to the 1920s. Known for its high-quality woodworking machinery, the Smithville-Mt. Holly Bicycle Railroad, and the Star high-wheeled bicycle, Smithville was also well ahead of its time in town planning, sustainability, and workers' rights and welfare. Within its borders, it offered its residents and workers a variety of recreational, artistic and educational opportunities. Smithville was, in just about every way, a model industrial town.

In addition to its intriguing past, this 312-acre park features a diverse collection of habitats and terrain. With upland forests and meadows, freshwater streams and wetlands, creek shoreline and the 22-acre Smithville Lake, visitors can enjoy hiking, biking, fishing, canoeing and picnicking in an idyllic, natural setting.

The park offers beautiful river vistas and wildlife observation opportunities. Overlook and observation areas are sited to capture stunning viewsheds of the waterways and habitats throughout the park. While hiking the trails, visitors might see white-tailed deer, wild turkey, red fox, beaver, cottontail rabbits, red-tailed hawks, great blue herons, and a wide variety of waterfowl to name a few.

**We hope you enjoy your park!**

## Trail Use

Historic Smithville Park has 4.4 miles of marked trails traversing a variety of terrain types. Please stay on the trails. Most park trails are designated for shared use by hikers and all-terrain bikers. **All-terrain bikes must yield to hikers and bikers must dismount at boardwalk crossings and stairs. The Ravine Nature Trail is for hikers only.** Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing is also welcome when trails are snow-covered. Equestrian use is permitted on the Yellow Trail only. Trailer parking is available at the Smith's Woods Area access.

## Facilities & Activities

Historic Smithville Park is open to the public 8AM to dusk. The mansion grounds are open weekdays, 8AM to 5PM. Mansion tours are also available on Wednesdays and Sundays. Park facilities currently available include:

- Hiking/biking trails
- Limited equestrian trails
- A 600-foot floating trail on Smithville Lake
- Picnic areas with playground and group shelter
- Drinking fountains
- Rustic gazebos
- 0.5 mile interpretive Ravine Nature Trail
- Canoe and fishing access to the Rancocas Creek and Smithville Lake
- Restroom facilities
- Historic district and museum

## Park Rules

1. The park is open from 8AM to dusk. Dusk is defined as one-half hour after the posted sunset time.
2. Please stay on the trails, hiking off the trails is not permitted.
3. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.
4. Charcoal fires are permitted in permanent grills provided at designated picnic areas only. No wood fires.
5. Dogs must be on a leash at all times.
6. Please pick up your own trash and a little extra, if you can!
7. Do not feed or approach wildlife – Enjoy from a distance.
8. We recommend you wear insect repellent & light-colored clothes with your pant legs tucked into your socks or boots. Always check for ticks after hiking.
9. Please do not pick vegetation.
10. All-terrain bikes **MUST** use designated trails only and **MUST** give right-of-way to hikers. Follow trail markers.
11. No motorized dirt bikes or all-terrain vehicles allowed.
12. Only non-gasoline powered craft are permitted on Smithville Lake & the Rancocas Creek.
13. No swimming or ice skating.
14. No hunting, firearms or trapping.
15. Horses are permitted on the Yellow Trail only.

## Directions

- Rte. 38 to Smithville Rd in Eastampton Twp.
- Follow signage along Smithville Rd to various park areas.

## More Information

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Burlington County Parks System

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Eastampton Township, NJ

## Trail Guide

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**Trail Length**

Red line	1.5 miles
Orange line	0.2 miles
Yellow line	0.8 miles
Green line	1.1 miles
Blue line	0.5 miles
Grey line	4.1 miles

**Park Symbol Key**

	- Parking Lots A-F		- Canoe Access
	- Picnic Area		- Fishing
	- Picnic Area w/Shelter		- Playground
	- Restrooms		- Gazebo
	- Stairs		- Butterfly Garden

