

## TRAILS OF VOORHEES STATE PARK

Voorhees State Park, originally a farm owned by New Jersey Governor Foster M. Voorhees, was donated to the State in 1926. The pastoral property became home to a Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) camp from 1933 to 1941. The CCC built the present-day roads, shelters, latrines, visitor amenities, and trails. There are 11 official trails at Voorhees that extend nearly 10 miles. The trails range from wide, gravel woods roads to rocky and steep single-track paths, making them suitable for a wide range of abilities and interests. Trails are multi-use except for Cross Park Trail and Parcourse Trail, which are for hiking only. Parcourse Trail is a specially-designed fitness circuit. All trails are well-marked with colored blazes. Highlands Trail follows existing trails and is co-blazed with teal diamonds.

### Brookside Trail

Orange • 0.6 miles • Multi-use

Moderate • Semi-loop trail along Willoughby Brook

**Trailhead** Numerous access points with parking along Park Road. **Brookside Trail** travels from Cross Park Trail and runs along the south side of Willoughby Brook. Two connector trails provide access to Hollow Trail to create a loop.

### Campground Trail

Red • 0.12 miles • Multi-use

Easy to moderate • Short path to campground

**Campground Trail** is a short, wide trail created to provide campers with a safe alternate route from the campground to the nearby observatory. The trail is marked with reflectors that are visible at night.



### Solar System Trail

Purple • 0.25 miles • Multi-use

Easy to moderate • Interpretive trail

**Solar System Trail** is a short wooded path that connects the scenic overlook to the observatory. The interpretive signs along the trail discuss the planets in our solar system. They are spaced to scale with each sign's distance from the first sign (the Sun) being equal to that planet's real distance from the Sun.

### Tanglewood Trail

Green • 0.4 miles • Multi-use

Easy • Trail crosses forested area within park boundary

**Trailhead** Hoppock Grove. **Tanglewood Trail** begins adjacent to the bathroom building and heads northeast. It joins the road across from Brookside Trail. Tanglewood Trail traverses the forested section of the park that is surrounded by Park Road.

### Vista Trail

Pink • 1.3 miles • Multi-use

Moderate • Trail leads to observatory

**Trailhead** Parking pull-out along west side of Observatory Road. **Vista Trail** passes through thick forest and heads up to George's Thrones and scenic views that change with leaf and foliage covering. At this location, the trail crosses Observatory Road and heads up the steep, wooded hillside leading to the Robinson Observatory, the highest elevation in the park (at 840 feet above sea level). Connections from Vista Trail can easily be made to Solar System Trail, Hill Acres Trail and Cross Park Trail, to create a loop.



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### Company Street

Black • 0.12 miles • Multi-use

Easy • Historic entrance to CCC camp

**Trailhead** North side of park office.

**Company Street** is a short trail heading north from a grassy area outside the park office and connecting to the north side of Park Road. The trail follows a six-foot-wide grass and gravel road and passes several stone foundation remains of the historic CCC camp.

### Cross Park Trail

White • 1.4 miles • Hiking

Moderate • Long trail across middle of park

**Trailhead** Day-use parking area across from playground at Hoppock Grove. **Cross Park Trail** is the longest trail in the park. It traverses a section of forest that was once farm field and is now in the evolving process of succession. Fast-growing shrubs and young pine have given way to mature sugar maple, oak, and beech. A great loop around the park can be completed by connecting to Vista and Hill Acres Trails.

### Hollow Trail

Dark yellow • 0.85 miles • Multi-use

Moderate • Trail through creek bottomland

**Trailhead** Brookside Trail or Park Road.

**Hollow Trail** is a loop trail that crosses to the north side of Willoughby Brook and stays within forested creek bottomlands and surrounding woods. The trail is a mix of rocky, single-track along the creek edge and four- to six-foot-wide cleared paths through thick vegetation.

### Highlands Trail

Teal diamond • 2.3 miles • Hiking

Moderate • Long-distance hiking trail

**Trailhead** Along Buffalo Hollow Road on east side of park. The entire **Highlands Trail** is a 150-mile long-distance trail crossing New York and New Jersey. This section of the Highlands Trail takes hikers through Voorhees State Park along existing trails and park roads.

### Hill Acres Trail

Dark blue • 1.0 mile • Multi-use

Easy • Flat road, connects two main areas of park

**Trailhead** Day-use parking area across from playground at Hoppock Grove.

**Hill Acres Trail** connects the main use areas of the park. Historically, these were the two tracts of Hill Acres Farm (Hill Acres and Hoppock tract). These sections were part of the Voorhees-owned property in 1906. The trail from the Hoppock Grove parking area begins as a six-foot-wide gravel road through the forest and then becomes a narrow path near the campground area. The trail continues to Observatory Road and ends across from the scenic overlook parking and picnic area. To form a loop and return to the Hoppock Grove parking area, hikers can take Solar System Trail to Vista Trail and connect with Cross Park Trail, a distance of 3 miles.

### Parcourse Trail

Yellow • 1.0 mile • Hiking

Moderate • Flat loop trail with fitness stations

**Trailhead** South side of Park Road, 50 yards from park entrance. **Parcourse Trail** is a loop trail that incorporates a fitness and exercise circuit in a series of 15 stations spaced along the route. The stations provide opportunities for warming up, stretching, muscle strengthening, cardiovascular conditioning, and cool downs, combined with walking or jogging in between stations. The trail and fitness stations are designed for use by persons at every level of fitness and athletic ability.



## TRAIL SENSE AND SAFETY

**Trail Markings** Official trails are marked with colored blazes on posts and trees. As a matter of safety, do not alter any trail markings.

**Preparations** Consider bringing water, snacks and sunscreen. Check the weather before you go, dress appropriately, and tell someone where you intend to go and when you expect to finish.

**Pets** All pets and service animals must be on a leash no longer than six feet in length and under control of the owner at all times. Please clean up after your pets.

**Carry-in/Carry-out** Help keep the park clean and beautiful by carrying out trash that you carry in.

**Tick Protection** Bring insect repellent, wear light-colored clothing, tuck pants into socks, check yourself when you get home, shower, and launder clothes immediately.

**Bear Awareness** Bears are active in this area. Do not approach or attract bears by making food available. Bear sightings should be reported to 877-WARN-DEP.

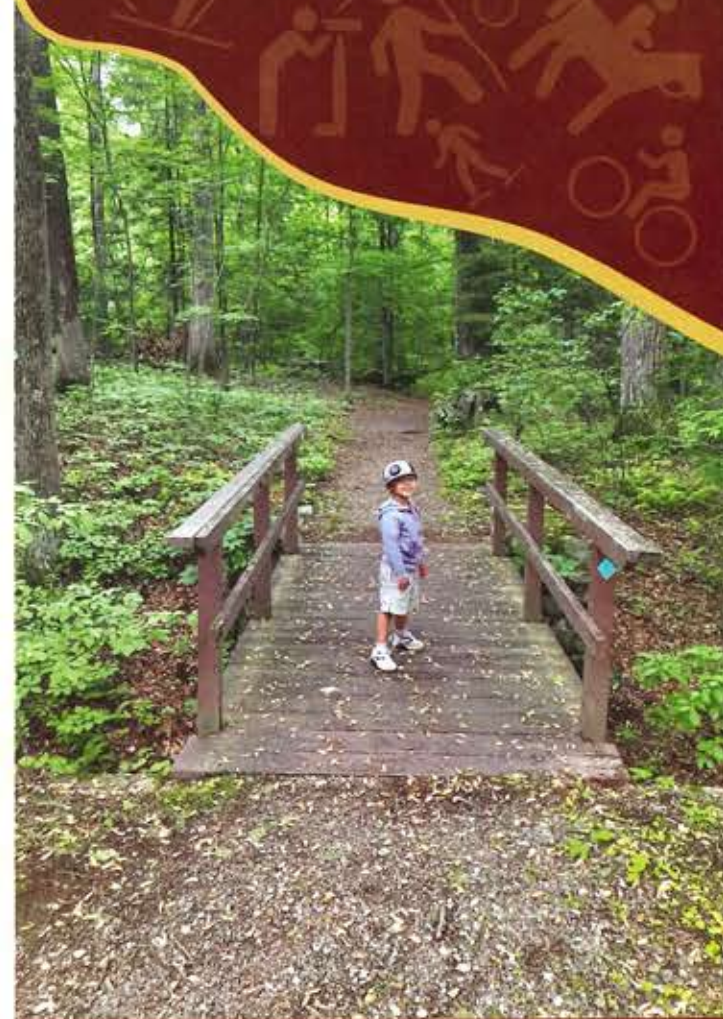
**Emergency Numbers** DEP's 24-hour, toll-free hotline: 877-WARN-DEP (877-927-6337) or 911.

Voorhees State Park is administered by  
**Spruce Run Recreation Area**  
68 Van Syckles Road  
Clinton, NJ 08809  
(908) 638-8572

Voorhees State Park (physical address)  
251 County Route 513  
Glen Gardner, NJ 08826

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Voorhees  
State Park



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# VOORHEES State Park

<b>Group Picnic Area</b>		
<b>Voorhees Campground</b>		
<b>Trail Blaze Symbols</b>		
Straight	Turn Left	Turn Right
Trail Start	Trail End	Trail Spur



Open Field or Grass	Brookside Trail (0.6 mi)	Hill Acres Trail (1.0 mi)	Camp Shelters	Observatory	Playground
Forest	Campground Trail (0.12 mi)	Parcourse Trail (1.0 mi)	Drinking Water	Parking Lot	Restrooms
Developed Area	Company Street (0.12 mi)	Solar System Trail (0.25 mi)	Fishing	Parking (Pull Off)	Scenic View
Water	Cross Park Trail (1.4 mi)	Tanglewood Trail (0.4 mi)	Group Campsites	Park Office (Closed)	Shower
Wetland	Hollow Trail (0.85 mi)	Vista Trail (1.3 mi)	Historic Site	Picnic Area	
	Highlands Trail (2.3 mi)	Trail Connector	Hunting	Picnic Shelter	