

## Riverfield Section

**Location:** The Riverfield Section is located in Clinton Township at 1738 State Highway 31 North. The trailhead is adjacent to the Clinton Health Campus of the Hunterdon Health and Wellness Center. There is an extensive parking lot, and restrooms are available at the Wellness Center. The park is open from dawn to dusk.

### **Directions from the Flemington area:**

Take Route 31 North for approximately twelve miles. Past the intersection with Halstead Street/513 South in Clinton, you will see a sign for "Clinton Health Campus." Turn right into the driveway, then turn right at the blue sign indicating the trail, and park in the spaces closest to the trailhead.

### **Directions from Clinton:**

Take Halstead Street/513 to Route 31. Turn left to go north on 31, and you will immediately see the "Clinton Health Campus" sign on the right. Follow above directions.



*Skipper on thistle*

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The Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation is dedicated to preserving open space and natural resources, providing safe parks and facilities, and offering educational and recreational opportunities, all contributing to an enhanced quality of life for present and future generations.

## History of Riverfield

Along a bend in the South Branch of the Raritan River lie 26 acres of woods and an open field that was once cultivated for agricultural purposes. From 1925 to 1970, Riverfield was owned by Philip and Minnie Moebus and their son. In 1983, the land was sold to Alan and Ingela Levett, residents of Green Brook. They had a passion for animals and exercised their dogs on the property. Ingela (1945-2008) was the founder and president of Rawhide Rescue, Inc., a non-profit volunteer group that rescued and found homes for over 2,000 unwanted canines. They sold the property to Hunterdon County in 1997.

The circular trail at Riverfield, almost 3/4 mile, was created in May 2010 by volunteers during the Division's annual Trails Day.

With an elevation that averages 200 feet above sea level, the land gently slopes towards the river, affording scenic views for hikers and fishermen alike.

Birds observed on the property include orioles, woodpeckers, wrens, catbirds, bluebirds, and red-tailed hawks. Groundhogs, chipmunks, and other mammals also make their home there. A diversity of wildflowers, including milkweed, attract many species of butterflies and other insects. The forest is dominated by sycamores, maples, ashes, and hickories.

## Hunting & Fishing

Hunting is permitted to control the deer population. Hunters must obtain a special permit issued by the Division. Visitors during hunting season are strongly encouraged to wear blaze orange or confine visits to Sundays. For fishermen, the river is stocked with Rainbow, Brook, and Brown Trout. A state fishing license with a trout stamp must be displayed.



*Monarch caterpillar on milkweed*

# Riverfield Section of the South Branch Reservation Trail Map and Guide



*Sycamore along the South Branch*



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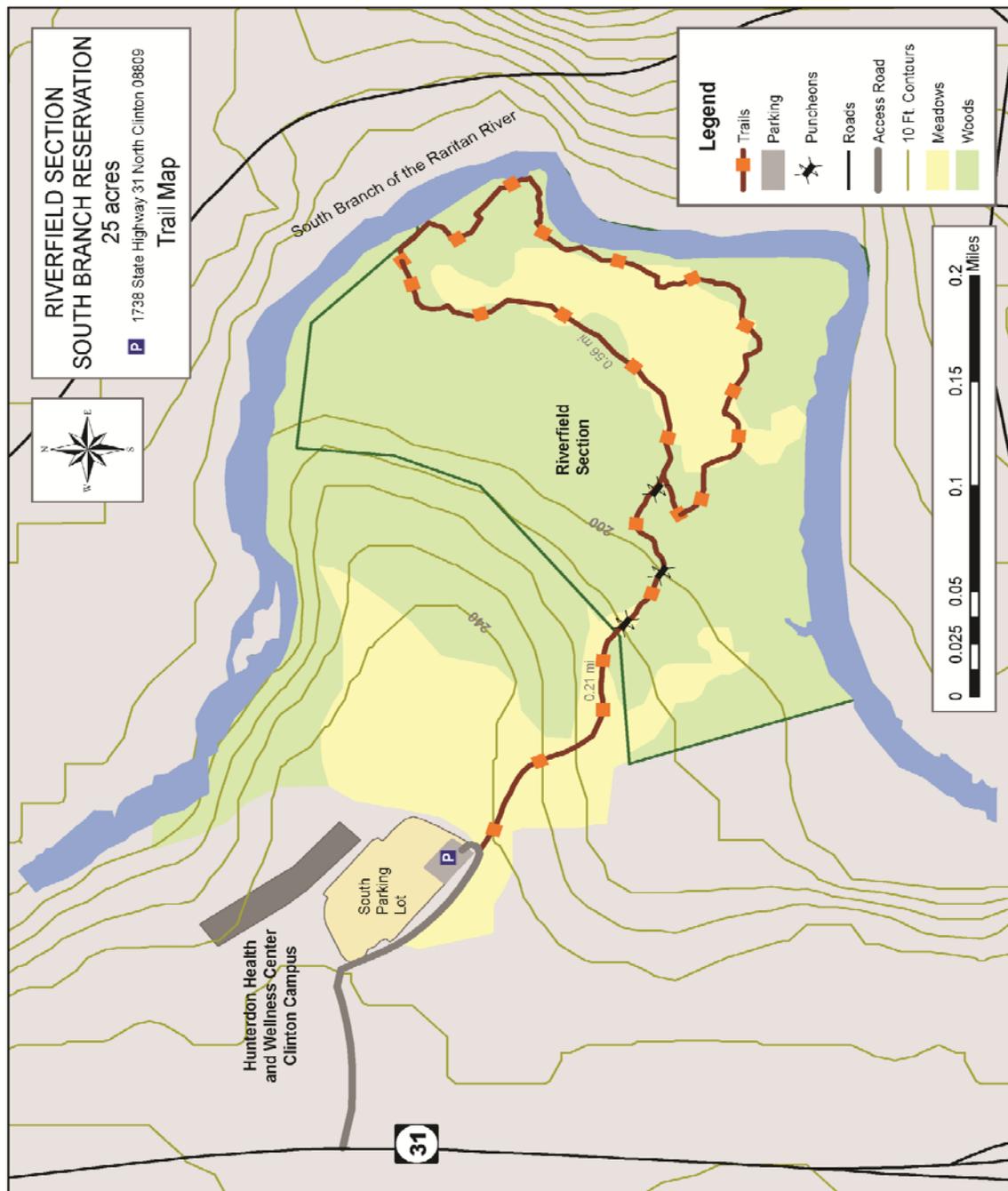
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*Office Hours:*

*Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM*

# Riverfield Section Map



## SUMMARY OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

The rules and regulations governing use of facilities or properties administered by the Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation are promulgated in accordance with provisions of the N.J. Statutes Title 40:32-7.12, which reads as follows:

"The Board of Chosen Freeholders may by resolution make, alter, amend, and repeal rules and regulations for the supervision, regulation and control of all activities carried on, conducted, sponsored, arranged, or provided for in connection with a public golf course or other county recreational, playground or public entertainment facility, and for the protection of property, and may prescribe and enforce fines and penalties for the violation of any such rule or regulation."

These rules and regulations have been promulgated for the protection of our patrons and for the facilities and natural resources administered by the Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation.

**Permits:** A fully executed Facility Use Permit, issued by the County of Hunterdon for any activity shall authorize the activity only insofar as it may be performed in strict accordance with the terms and conditions thereof. The State of NJ, County of Hunterdon, or the local municipality may require additional permits.

**Prohibited Acts:** The violation of any Municipal, State, or Federal law. Advertising, solicitation, ice skating, ice fishing, and any other on-ice activities, downhill skiing, bathing, fuel powered modeled aircraft, the release of any animal, explosives of any kind, poisons of any kind, after-hours use, alcohol without a permit in a non-designated area, controlled dangerous substances, weapons, posting of signage, inappropriate attire, and climbing on, or rappelling from any cliff, rock face, or boulder, with, or without the use of specialized equipment.

**Regulated Activity:** The sale of merchandise, aviation, boating, cross-country skiing, bicycling, and sledding. Battery powered modeled aircraft, and horses must be in designated areas, dogs must be restrained with a leash not exceeding six feet, pet waste must be removed, camping/fires are by permit only. All groups of 15 or more must obtain a permit for use of any Park area.

**Prohibited Acts for the Protection of Property:** No person shall make, excavate on, destroy, paint, fill in, cut, remove or tamper with any property, organic or inorganic.

**Prohibited Acts for the Protection of Natural Resources:** No person shall disturb wildlife or vegetation in any manner. No person shall pollute waters, litter, dump debris, or release helium balloons in any property. It is illegal to remove any natural resource from, or introduce any plant material, bulbs, or seeds to any property without a proper permit or license.

**Prohibited Acts for the Protection of People:** No person shall obstruct a county employee/official, interfere with a visitor, conduct any unsafe act, or cause a hazardous condition.

**Vehicles:** All the provisions of the N.J. State Motor Vehicle Act apply. Vehicles are not allowed in unauthorized areas. Parking is allowed in designated areas only. **ATV's, dirt bikes, and snowmobiles are prohibited on County Park lands.**

**Enforcement:** The rules and regulations of the County shall be enforced by duly authorized Rangers or representatives of the County under the provision of N.J.S.A. 40:32-2, thru 40:32-7.13. Any person who enters into a County Park for any purpose whatsoever has a duty and is presumed to be aware of the provisions of these rules and regulations governing the use of the facilities and properties administered by the Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation.

**Penalties:** Any person violating any of the provisions of these regulations shall, upon conviction before a court or other adjudicative body of jurisdiction, be liable for the replacement, repair or restoration of damaged property, if any, and shall pay a penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or other amount in the discretion of the court or other adjudicative body or may be sentenced to imprisonment in the County jail for the term not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both, provided that this section shall not supersede any applicable penalty provision for specific offenses, which may be set forth in the New Jersey Code of Criminal Justice, N.J.S.A. 2C:1-1, et seq., or in any other applicable state or federal law.

**NOTE:** County Park Rangers of the Division of Parks and Recreation have the authority to issue summons, and make arrests for violations governing the use of facilities and properties administered by the Division of Parks and Recreation. This is only a summary of the rules and regulations. Rules applying to special conditions, activities, or situations may be supplemental to these rules and regulations. When special rules apply, they will be posted at affected areas. The complete text of regulations is available for inspection at the Park administration office in Clinton Township during regular business hours.