About the Three Bridges Section

Although this property is not within the main body of the South Branch Reservation, it does lie along the South Branch of the Raritan River. The area was named after the nearby railroad town of Three Bridges, which was founded in the 1860s. At one time, two steel bridges crossed the river and a covered bridge crossed a nearby farm stream. In 1881, all three bridges were damaged by a severe storm. Only the steel bridges were replaced.

The County acquired most of the land that makes up the South Branch Reservation in 1975, but the Three Bridges Section was acquired in 2004. Today, the reservation totals over 1000 acres. Besides providing recreational opportunities, the reservation helps preserve the South Branch of the Raritan River Watershed and provides habitat for wildlife.

Three Bridges Section

Part of the South Branch Reservation

Fishing & Canoeing Map & Guide

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Location: A pull-off with limited roadside parking for the Three Bridges Section is located on Old York Road, Flemington 08822 (Readington Township). It is open from sunrise to sunset. No restroom facilities are available.

Directions from the Flemington Area:
Take Route 202 north from the Flemington Circle to the junction with Route 613 at Three Bridges. At the traffic light, turn right and follow the road right at the elementary school, proceeding 0.7 miles and crossing over the railroad tracks. Just after the bridge over the river, the park sign and entrance are on the left side.

Directions from the Clinton Area:
Take Route 31 south to the jug handle for Route 618. Cross over Route 31 and take Route 618 until it ends at Route 629. Turn right onto Route 629 and follow it to the junction with Route 202. Turn right to take Route 202 south until the junction with Route 613. Proceed as above.

Recreational Opportunities
Three Bridges is a popular fishing location for the South Branch of the Raritan River. The river is stocked with Rainbow, Brook, and Brown Trout. A state fishing license must be displayed while fishing along the river. A short trail spans along the river’s edge and provides additional access to the river. It is also a canoe launch site. Limited parking is granted by a roadside pull-off.

Hunting
In order to control the population of deer on park property, hunting is permitted. 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.

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With the exception of park properties with reservable facilities, all properties are “carry in / carry out” and trash/recycling receptacles are not provided. Please plan accordingly and do not leave any trash/recyclables behind.