

About Tower Hill Reserve

This former farm was purchased by Conrad Wene (1798-1881) in 1841. Shortly after, he built a one-room frame house and outbuildings, including a unique two-story springhouse. During the late 1800s, the farmhouse was enlarged several times, including the additions of a kitchen extension, full-length porch, and second floor. In 1932, siblings Ira and Margaret Devonald purchased the farm was purchased for their father. Frederick Devonald (1867-1933), a native of Wales, immigrated to Newark in 1888, taking a job as a bookkeeper for Thomas Edison at his West Orange laboratory. In 1893, he met and married Julia Miller (1872-1951), who was probably the only female employed by Edison. Her voice was used in the production of the first talking dolls. After Frederick died in 1933, the nine Devonald siblings used the farm as a country retreat from the city. They farmed the land, trained horses, raised fighting birds, and constructed a swimming pond in 1955. Margaret sold the farm to the County in 1983. Today, it consists of 271 acres.



Red-winged Blackbird

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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.

Tower Hill Reserve

Location: Tower Hill is located in Bethlehem Township at 944 Mountain View Road, Asbury 08802. A grass parking lot is available. The park is open from sunrise to sunset. *Please note that there are no restroom facilities at this park.*

Directions from the Clinton Area:

Take I-78 west to exit 12. At the stop sign, make a left onto Route 173 and then a quick right onto Route 635. Proceed to the village of Norton and turn left onto Norton Church Road. After a short distance, turn right onto Mountain View Road. The parking lot will be on the left-hand side.

Directions from Bloomsbury Area:

Take I-78 east to exit 11. From the exit ramp turn left and cross over I-78. Follow the circle around and turn right onto Strotz Road. Continue on Strotz Road to Norton Church Road and turn right. Proceed to Mountain View Road, turn left, and continue to the parking lot on the left.



Tower Hill springhouse

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 to be able to hunt on the preserve. Visitors between September and February are strongly encouraged to wear blaze orange or confine visits to Sundays.

Recreational Opportunities

Tower Hill offers an easy hiking trail which is approximately one mile in length. The trail meanders along the edge of the meadows that comprise most of the reserve. Mountain biking and cross-country skiing are permitted on the trail. Horseback riding is not permitted within the park. The trail crosses Mountain View Road twice. Please use caution when crossing. *Trails can be very wet in spring or after heavy rains.*

Highlands Trail

The Highlands Trail extends 150 miles from Storm King Mountain on the Hudson River in New York south to Riegelsville on the Delaware River in New Jersey. It is a combination of established trails, new trails, and road walking. Blazed with teal-colored diamonds, the trail displays the scenic and natural beauty of the Highlands Region. A section of the trail lies within Tower Hill Reserve. For more on the Highlands Trail, visit the New York - New Jersey Trail Conference's website, <http://www.nynjtc.org/region/highlands-trail>.



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail - Black Phase

Wildlife and Habitat

The meadows at Tower Hill are managed for grassland birds, through late-season mowing. Bird species of note include Eastern Bluebirds, American Woodcock, and Baltimore Orioles. Beautiful wildflowers such as white clover, butter-and-eggs, and white snakeroot draw Monarchs, swallowtails, and other butterflies.

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Trail Map and Guide



American Woodcock

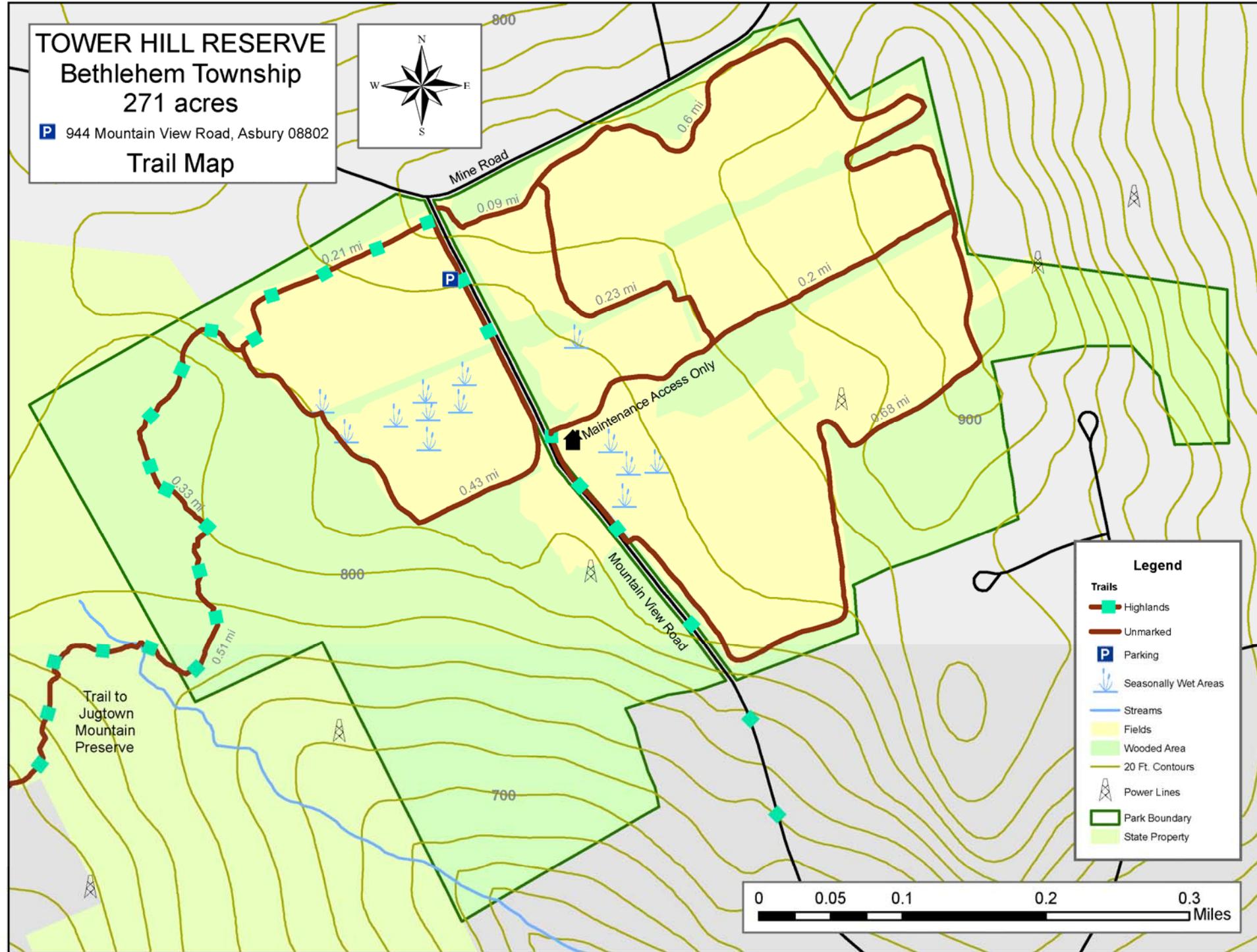
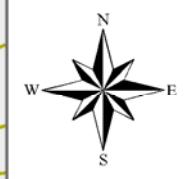


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TOWER HILL RESERVE
Bethlehem Township
271 acres
 944 Mountain View Road, Asbury 08802
Trail Map



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, 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 NJ State Motor Vehicle Act apply. Vehicles are not allowed in unauthorized areas. Parking is allowed in designated areas only. **ATVs, 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 & 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 of rules and regulations 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.