

INTRODUCTION

At 1,093 acres, Hacklebarney State Park, is best known for its quiet, wooded beauty and is primarily comprised of a glacial valley along the Black River. The freshwater Black River briskly cuts its way around boulders in the rocky, hemlock-lined ravine. Two tributaries, Rhinehart and Trout Brooks, flow through this glacial valley feeding the Black River. Even in the heat of midsummer, the Black River gorge remains cool. Hacklebarney Natural Area provides visitors with an opportunity to experience a unique diversity of habitats.

HISTORY

This unique park, originally identified as Hacklebarney Forest Park Reservation, was established in 1924 when Adolph E. Borie donated 32 acres of land to the State of New Jersey as a memorial to his mother, Susan P. Borie, and his niece, Susan Parker Ryerson Patterson. Design of the park in the late 1920s and early 1930s was the work of the Board of Conservation and Economic Development. Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) Company 1268, stationed in High Bridge, facilitated the development of the park throughout the 1930s. The CCC enhanced 70 percent of the park’s network of trails, added water fountains, crafted the large stone entryway into the park and built the present-day park office located at the main parking area.

FEATURES AND ACTIVITIES

Natural Area

A 465-acre portion of the park was added to the Natural Area System in 1978 for the preservation of Hacklebarney’s river ravine, northern hemlock/ mixed hardwood forest and rare species habitat. Several trails provide visitors with routes through the hemlock forest and to the Black River at the base of the ravine.

Eastern hemlock, a majestic shallow-rooted coniferous tree, is uniquely adapted to the cool shady slopes of the ravine. Hemlock is a dominant species in this ecosystem, forming a dense canopy beneath which is an amazing array of shade tolerant native shrubs, ferns and mosses.



The population of hemlocks in the park is in decline. Hemlock woolly adelgid, an invasive insect, feeds upon eastern hemlock trees. The trees have no natural resistance to this pest, which poses a serious threat to the health of hemlock forests across the state. Since it was first detected in the early 1980s, the hemlock woolly adelgid has caused a steady decline in the health of hemlock trees in central and northwestern New Jersey. The loss of hemlocks adversely affects fish, wildlife and plant habitat, water quality and forest diversity. For more information about forest health issues, contact the NJ State Forest Service at forestry.nj.gov.

Wildlife

More than 100 bird species and numerous mammals live in the park, including black bear, white-tailed deer, groundhog and fox. The habitats of Hacklebarney are suitable to support several endangered and threatened nongame species, including wood turtle and barred owl.

Hiking

Hiking trails in the northern portion of the 465-acre natural area offer breathtaking views of the Black River, which lies deep within a shaded hemlock ravine. Rhinehart and Trout Brooks empty



into the Black River and several small waterfalls can be seen from the high trails. The diversity of upland and wetland habitats provide excellent birdwatching opportunities, especially during migration. Since the topography of the park is rather rugged, comfortable walking shoes are recommended. A trails brochure is available at the Spruce Run Recreation Area office.



Picnicking

Picnic tables and charcoal grills are placed in scenic locations along the ravine with a playground nearby on the hillside. Charcoal fires must be confined to the metal grills provided or to grills brought by the picnicker. **Wood fires are prohibited.**



Hunting & Fishing

Hunting and fishing are permitted and subject to NJDEP Fish & Wildlife regulations dep.nj.gov/njfw/

Hunting is permitted within 628 acres of designated land that is separate from the day-use area. Hunting is not permitted in New Jersey state parks and forests on Sundays. For the current hunting map contact the Spruce Run Recreation Area park office.

During the spring and fall, the NJDEP Fish & Wildlife stocks the Black River with rainbow trout. The Black River provides excellent stream fishing year-round due to the outstanding holdover rate of the trout. Trout Brook and Rhinehart Brook are both designated as Native Brook Trout Streams.

Origin of the Name “Hacklebarney”

There are several suggestions for the source of the name Hacklebarney.

One story suggests the name originated from the workmen at a local iron mine who persisted in heckling a quick-tempered foreman, Barney Tracey. “Heckle” Barney in time became Hacklebarney.

The well-known author on Native Americans, Charles A. Pilhower, commented as follows in his writing entitled “Language of the Lenapes”: “Hackle” is probably a variant of “Haki” meaning ground, and “barney” is a variation of “bonihen,” to put wood on fire. Hence, “Hackiboni” to put wood on a fire on the ground, a bonfire.”



Access For People With Disabilities

Hacklebarney State Park has very limited access for people with disabilities. Please contact the Spruce Run Recreation Area park office for further information regarding disability access. Text telephone (TTY) users, call the NJ Relay & CapTel Service at 711 or 1-800-852-7897 for English or 1-866-658-7714 for Spanish.



Be Bear Aware

Black bears are found throughout New Jersey. Do not approach or attract bears by making food available. Feeding bears is dangerous and illegal. Never run from a bear! To report an aggressive bear, call 1-877-WARN-DEP (1-877-927-6337) immediately. Please report any damage or nuisance behavior to the Spruce Run Recreation Area park office. Visit the NJDEP Fish & Wildlife at dep.nj.gov/njfw/ for additional information on bear safety.



Pets

Pets must always be on a leash no longer than six feet in length and under the control of the owner at all times. Please clean up after your pets and take the waste with you.



Keep It Clean and Green

Bring a bag or two and carry your trash out with you. Trash cans are not provided. Don't forget to recycle!

NOT PERMITTED

ATVs, alcoholic beverages, drones, smoking and vaping* are NOT permitted in this park.



*Smoking and vaping permitted only inside your personal vehicle.

To report an emergency or suspicious activity, call 1-877-WARN-DEP (1-877-927-6337) or 911.

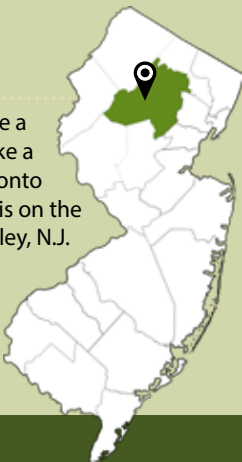
HACKLEBARNEY STATE PARK

Physical Address:

119 Hacklebarney Road
Long Valley, NJ 07853
908-638-8572

Directions: Route 206 to Chester. Make a left onto Route 24 West/513 South. Make a left onto State Park Road. Make a right onto Hacklebarney Road. The park entrance is on the left at 119 Hacklebarney Road Long Valley, N.J.

Hacklebarney State Park is administered by
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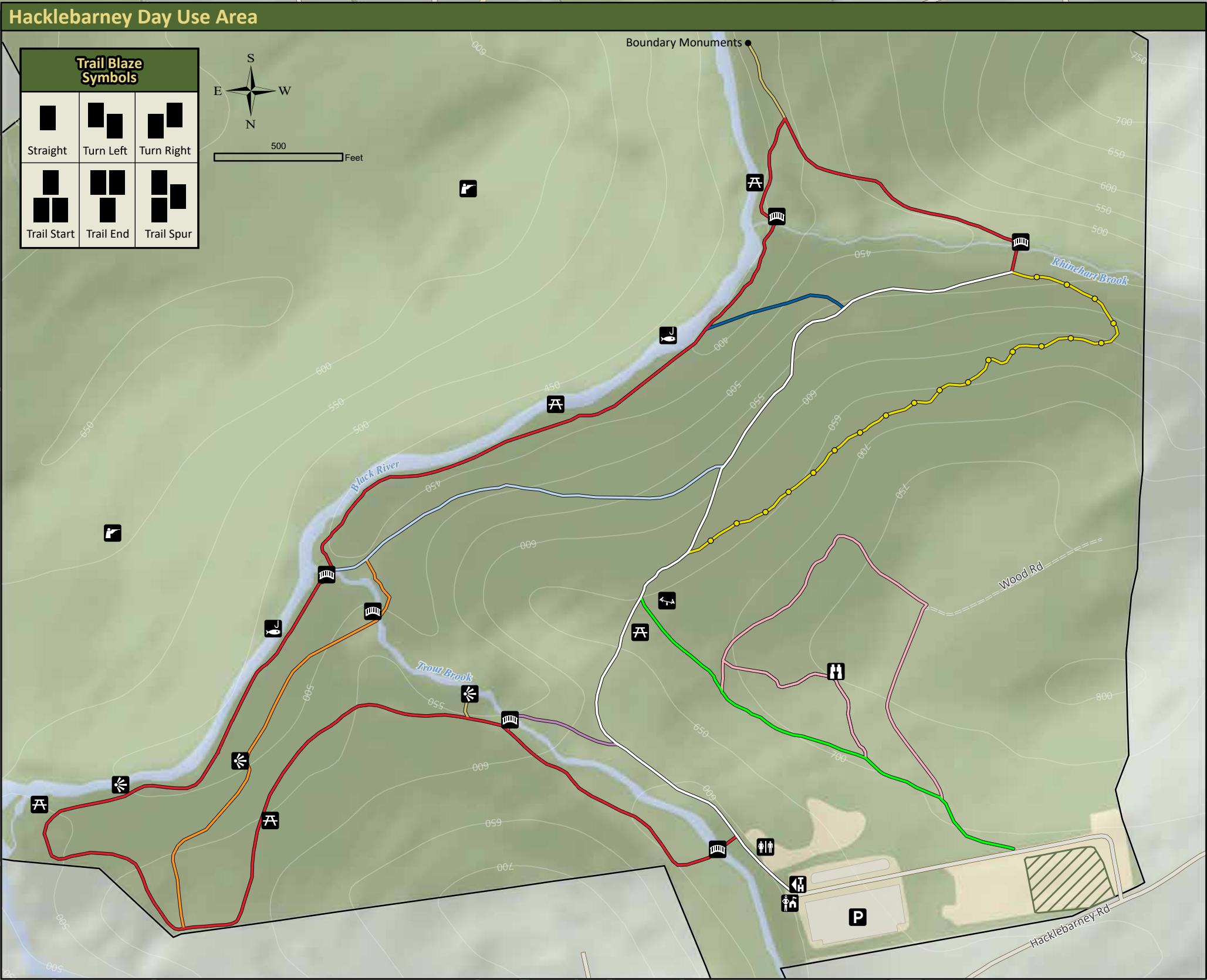
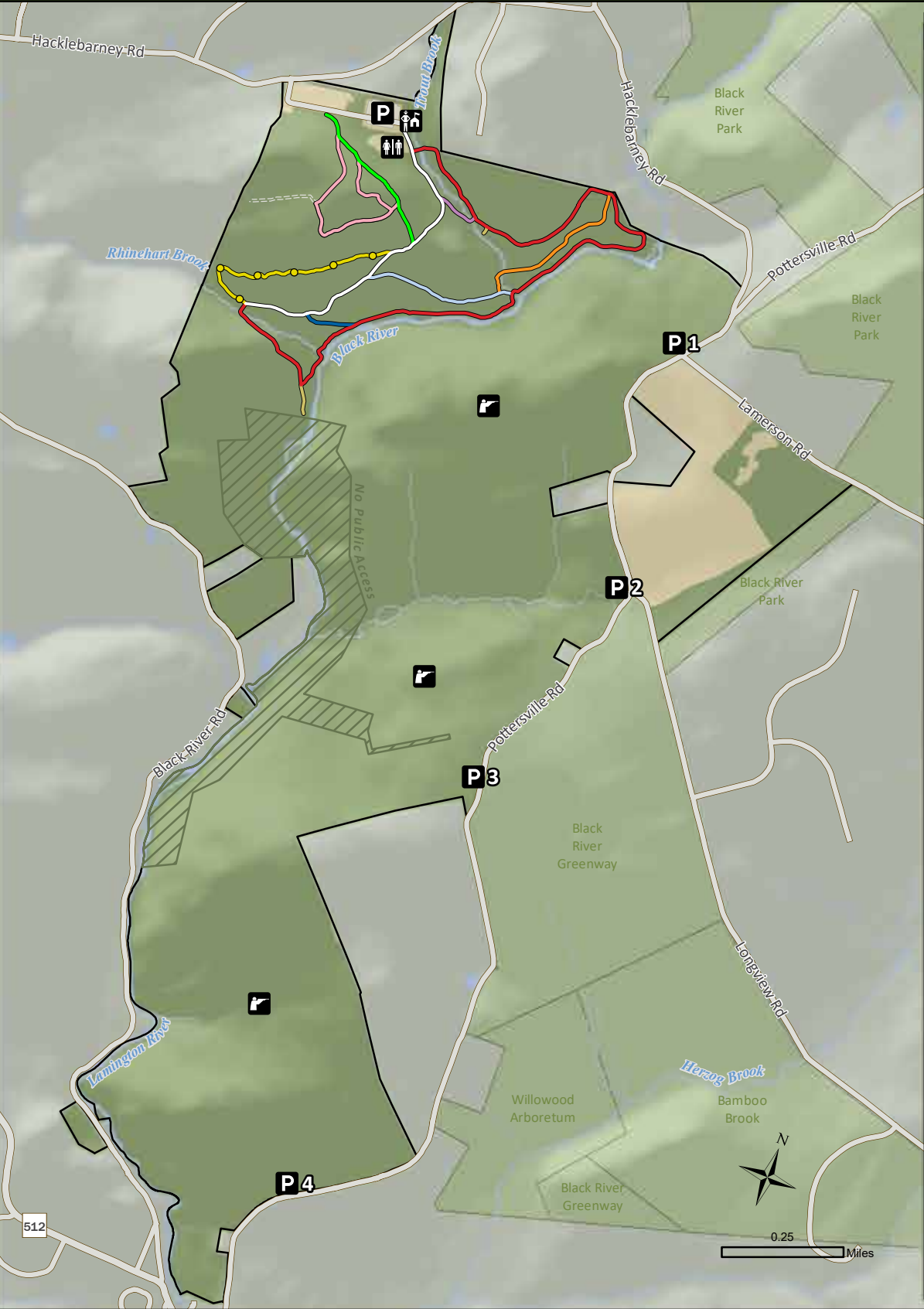
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Trail Blaze Symbols		
Straight	Turn Left	Turn Right
Trail Start	Trail End	Trail Spur

- Open Field or Grass

Forest
- Water

Restricted Area
- Haki Trail (0.32 mi)

Main Trail (0.7 mi)

Playground Trail (0.35 mi)
- Riverside Trail (1.8 mi)

Three Pools Trail (0.12 mi)

Upland Trail (0.5 mi)
- Waterfall Trail (0.1 mi)

Windy Ridge Trail (0.5 mi)

Wintershine Trail (0.35 mi)
- Trail Connector

Bridge

Fishing
- Parking Lot

Picnic Area

Restrooms
- Hunting

Playground

Scenic View
- Trailhead

Park Office (Closed)

Wildlife Viewing