**TRAILS OF BELLEPLAIN STATE FOREST**

There are 24 official trails within Belleplain State Forest. Of these, 12 (24 miles) are designated for non-motorized use and 12 (23 miles) are authorized for road-legal vehicles. Trails vary in length and most are easy to moderate in difficulty because the terrain within Belleplain is generally flat.

**Boundary Trail**
- Pink • 0.7 miles • Multiuse
  - Easy • Short trail along eastern boundary of forest
- Trailhead: Cinder or Old Cape Trail.

**Tom Field Trail**
- Boundary Trail follows the Dennis Township Line and connects Meisle Road with Seashore Line Trail. The three-to-five-foot-wide trail traverses pitch pine and oak forest and is slightly gullied due to its origins as a fire break.

**Eagle Fitness Trail**
- Easy to moderate • Flat loop trail with fitness stations
- Trailhead: Parking area at south end of Camp Road.

**East Creek Trail**
- White • 7 miles • Multiuse
  - Moderate • Long loop trail to East Creek Pond
- Trailhead: Lake Nummy Day Use Area. East Creek Trail is the longest hiking trail within the forest and circles the area drained by Savages Run. The trail width varies between two and four feet with a natural surface of sand, dirt and pine needles.

**Goosekill Trail**
- Green • 0.5 miles • Multiuse
  - Easy • Trail around east side of Lake Nummy

**Meisle Trail**
- Orange • 0.62 miles • Hiking
  - Easy • Trail along southern edge of Lake Nummy
- Trailhead: Across from nature center. Meisle Trail runs along the southern shore of Lake Nummy. The trail was named for the Meisle Bog that once existed where Lake Nummy is now located.

**John’s Run Trail**
- Blue • 2 miles • Motorized use & multiuse
  - Easy • Trail leads to footbridge over ponds
- Trailhead: Off Cinder or Old Cape Trail.

**Kalker’s Pond Trail**
- Orange • 1.7 miles • Motorized use & multiuse
  - Easy • Trail through abandoned cranberry bogs
- Trailhead: On Joe Mason Road, west of Belleplain. Kalker’s Pond Trail is a remote trail on a sand road, passing a stream and abandoned cranberry bog.

**Narrows Road Trail**
- Pink • 1.4 miles • Motorized use & multiuse
  - Easy • Sand road through north side of forest
- Trailhead: From Route 605 north of Belleplain. Narrows Road Trail is a 12 to 15-foot-wide sand and gravel road between Belleplain Road (Route 605) and Homestead Road.

**Old Cape Trail**
- Blue • 4.5 miles • Motorized use & multiuse
  - Easy • Trail follows old stagecoach route
- Trailhead: Weatherby Road (Route 548) east of Hunters Mill Road. Old Cape Trail is a sand trail and gravel road in the northern part of the forest. It follows along a utility right-of-way that once served as a stagecoach route.

**Sally’s Pond Trail**
- Yellow • 1.2 miles • Motorized use & multiuse
  - Easy • Connector path through pine-oak forest
- Trailhead: Off Duck Pond or Seashore Line Trail. Sally’s Pond Trail is approximately six feet wide and winds its way through pine-oak forest with cedar as it passes by a stream.

**Tom Field Trail**
- Pink • 2 miles • Motorized use & multiuse
  - Easy • Woods road through southern part of forest
- Trailhead: On Cedar Bridge Road. Tom Field Trail travels a wide sand and gravel woods road west of the Lake Nummy Day Use Area.

**Turtle Walk Trail**
- Green • 1.4 miles • Motorized use & multiuse
  - Easy • Motorized trail along East Creek drainage
- Trailhead: On Route 347 and Route 47. Turtle Walk Trail heads south from Route 347 on an eight-foot-wide road and crosses Ponds Trail and field areas before ending at Route 47.

**Mountain Bike Trail**
- Black • 0.3 miles • Hiking
  - Moderate • Windy, single-track trail through pine forests
- Trailhead: Near athletic fields at Lake Nummy Day Use Area. Mountain Bike Trail was designed to provide recreational opportunities for various levels of bike riders. The route begins and ends near the athletic field just past the Lake Nummy parking lot.

**Nature Trail 1**
- Yellow • 0.7 miles • Hiking
  - Easy • Short interpretive trail
- Trailhead: From Lake Nummy Day Use Area parking lot. Nature Trail 1 is a self-guided loop trail along the northern edge of Lake Nummy.

**Nature Trail 2**
- Red • 0.7 miles • Multiuse
  - Easy • Connecting forest office with Lake Nummy Day Use Area
- Trailhead: Follows the abandoned Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Line Railroad that once ran from Cape May to Manasquan. Please take care when using this trail as motorized vehicle use is approved for most of Seashore Line Trail.

**North Shore Trail**
- Red • 0.7 miles • Multiuse
  - Easy • Connects forest office with Lake Nummy Day Use Area

**Ponds Trail**
- Blue • 2.2 miles • Multiuse
  - Easy • Trail links Pickle Factory and East Creek Ponds
- Trailhead: From parking areas at Pickle Factory or East Creek Ponds. Ponds Trail traverses several fields and forest habitats as it connects Pickle Factory Pond with East Creek Pond.

**Tarklin Bogs Trail**
- Green • 0.85 miles • Multiuse
  - Easy • Trail through old cranberry bogs
- Trailhead: On Cinder Trail. Tarklin Bogs Trail runs along the western edge of an abandoned cranberry bog before meeting with John’s Run Trail.

**Seashore Line Trail**
- Yellow • 7.3 miles (total) • Multiuse (5.8 miles) • Motorized use & multiuse (5.8 miles) • Easy • Follows old rail line
- Trailheads: On Weatherby Road (Route 548), on Hunters Mill Road, and ends on Deborah Avenue in Woodbine. Seashore Line Trail follows the abandoned Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Line Railroad that once ran from Cape May to Manasquan. Please take care when using this trail as motorized vehicle use is approved for most of Seashore Line Trail. No vehicles are permitted from Weatherby Road to Hunters Mill Road. The trail is not contiguous across Route 605. Vehicles cannot enter the northern portion of the trail from Route 605.

**TRAILS FOR MOTORIZED USE**

The use of road-legal motorized vehicles is permitted on the trails below. Please follow speed restrictions and be aware that walkers, cyclists and horseback riders also use these trails.

**Champion Trail**
- Yellow • 0.9 miles • Motorized use & multiuse
  - Easy • Wide forest road
- Trailhead: At Route 550 or Steelmantown Bog Road. Champion Trail is a graded gravel-sand road that runs from Steelmantown Bog Road to Route 550, intersecting with Seashore Line Trail.

**Cinder Trail**
- Green • 0.8 miles • Motorized use & multiuse
  - Easy • Trail connects to Tarklin Bogs Trail
- Trailhead: On south side of Weatherby Road (Route 548) west of Route 605. Cinder Trail connects with Tarklin Bogs Trail and meets Old Cape and John’s Run Trail.

**Duck Pond Trail**
- Blue • 1.8 miles • Motorized use & multiuse
  - Easy • Trail to remote pond
- Trailhead: Approximately one mile southwest of the village of Belleplain on north side of Route 550. Duck Pond Trail follows a winding six-to-eight-foot-wide woods road and leads to a secluded pond which was a former cranberry bog fed by a cedar-lined stream.

**Dundrea Trail**
- Red • 1.3 miles • Motorized use & multiuse
  - Easy • Semi-loop trail from Steelmantown Road
- Trailhead: North side of Steelmantown Bog Road. Dundrea Trail is a semi-circular route that begins and ends from Steelmantown Bog Road. Dundrea Trail is a six-to-eight-foot-wide sand road that winds its way through a pine-oak forest.

**TRAIL SENSE AND SAFETY**

**Trail Markings:** Official trails are marked by colored blazes on posts and trees. For your safety and habitat protection, please stay on the trails and do not alter trail markings or create new trails.

**Hunting:** Sections are open to hunting. Bright orange clothing is recommended during hunting season.

**Bike Riders:** Follow the NJMMA “Rules of the Trail” guidelines for trail etiquette and yield appropriately. Helmets are required by law for children under 17 and recommended for all riders.

**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.

**Hours:** Trail use permitted between sunrise and sunset.

**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 pick it up.

**Tick and Chigger Protection:** Bring insect repellent, wear light-colored clothing, tuck pants into socks, stay on trails, check yourself thoroughly, shower and launder clothes immediately.

**Road-legal Vehicles:** Registered and insured for public roads (7-2-3).

**ATVs are PROHIBITED (7-2-3) [e] [i] [w].**

**Emergency Numbers:**
1-877-WARN-DEP (1-877-927-6337) or 911

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