TRAILS OF VOORHEES STATE PARK

Voorhees State Park, originally a farm owned by New Jersey Governor Foster M. Voorhees, was donated to the State in 1926. The pastoral property became home to a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp from 1933 to 1941. The CCC built the present-day roads, shelters, latrines, visitor amenities, and trails. There are 12 official trails at Voorhees that extend nearly 10 miles. The trails range from wide gravel woods roads to rocky and steep single-track paths, making them suitable for a wide range of abilities and interests. Trails are multi-use except for Cross Park Trail and Parcours Trail, which are for hiking only. Parcours Trail is a specially-designed fitness circuit. All trails are well-marked with colored blazes. Highlands Trail follows existing trails and is co-blazed with teal diamonds.

Brookside Trail
Orange 0.6 miles Multi-use Moderate Semi-loop trail along Willoughby Brook Trailhead Numerous access points with parking along Park Road. Brookside Trail travels from Cross Park Trail and runs along the south side of Willoughby Brook. Two connector trails provide access to Hollow Trail to create a loop.

Campground Trail
Red 0.12 miles Multi-use Easy to moderate 900-foot path to campground. Campground Trail is a short, wide trail created to provide campers with a safe alternate route from the campground to the nearby observatory. The trail is marked with reflectors that are visible at night.

Solar System Trail
Purple 0.25 miles Multi-use Easy to moderate Interpretive trail. Solar System Trail is a short wooded path that connects the scenic overlook to the observatory. The interpretive signs along the trail discuss the planets in our solar system. They are spaced to scale with each sign's distance from the first sign (the Sun), being equal to that planet's real distance from the Sun.

Tanglewood Trail
Green 0.4 miles Multi-use Easy Trail crosses forested area within park boundary Trailhead Hoppock Grove. Tanglewood Trail begins adjacent to the bathroom building, which leads northeast. It joins the road across from Brookside Trail. Tanglewood Trail traverses the forested section of the park that is surrounded by Park Road.

Vista Trail
Pink 1.3 miles Multi-use Moderate Trail leads to observatory. Trailhead Parking pull-out along west side of Observatory Road. Vista Trail passes through thick forest and leads up to George Thomas's house and scenic views that change with leaf and foliage covering. At this location, the trail crosses Observatory Road and heads up the steep, wooded hillside leading to the Robinson Observatory, the highest elevation in the park (640 feet above sea level). Connections from Vista Trail can easily be made to Solar System Trail, Hill Acres Trail, and Cross Park Trail, to create a loop.

Company Street
Black 0.12 miles Multi-use Easy Historic entrance to CCC camp Trailhead North side of park office Company Street is a short trail heading north from a granite area outside the park office and connecting to the north side of Park Road. The trail follows a six-foot-wide grass and gravel road and passes several stone foundation remains of the historic CCC camp.

Cross Park Trail
White 1.4 miles Multi-use Moderate Long trail across middle of park Trailhead Day-use parking area across from playground at Hoppock Grove. Cross Park Trail is the longest trail in the park. It traverses a section of forest that was once farmland and is now in the evolving process of succession. Fast-growing shrubs and young pine have given way to mature sugar maple, oak, and beech. A great loop around the park can be completed by connecting to Vista and Hill Acres Trails.

Hollow Trail
Dark yellow 0.85 miles Multi-use Moderate Trail through creek bottomland Trailhead Brookside Trail or Park Road, Hollow Trail is a loop trail that crosses to the south side of Willoughby Brook and steps within forested creek bottomlands and surrounding woods. The trail is a mix of rocky, single-track along the creek edge and four- to six-foot-wide cleared paths through thick vegetation.

Highlands Trail
Trail diamond 2.8 miles Hiking Moderate Long-distance hiking trail Trailhead Along Buffalo Hollow Road on east side of park. The entire Highlands Trail is a 150-mile long-distance trail crossing New York and New Jersey. This section of the Highlands Trail takes hikers through Voorhees State Park along existing trails and park roads.

Hill Acres Trail
Dark Blue 1.0 mile Multi-use Easy Flat road, connects two main areas of park. Trailhead Day-use parking area across from playground at Hoppock Grove. Hill Acres Trail connects the main use areas of the park. Historically, these were the two tracts of Hill Acres Farm (Hill Acres and Hoppock tracts). These sections were part of the Voorhees-owned property in 1906. The trail from the Hoppock Grove parking area begins as a six-foot-wide gravel road through the forest and then becomes a narrow path near the campground area. The trail continues to the Observatory Road and ends across from the scenic overlook parking and picnic area. To form a loop and return to the Hoppock Grove parking area, hikers can take Solar System Trail to Vista Trail and connect with Cross Park Trail, a distance of 3 miles.

Parcours Trail
Yellow 1.0 mile Hiking Moderate Flat loop trail with fitness stations. Trailhead South side of Park Road, 50 yards from park entrance. Parcours Trail is a loop trail that incorporates a fitness and exercise circuit in a series of 15 stations spaced along the route. The stations provide opportunities for warming up, stretching, muscle strengthening, cardiovascular conditioning, and cool downs, combined with walking or jogging in between stations. The trail and fitness stations are designed for use by persons at every level of fitness and athletic ability.

TRAILS SENSE AND SAFETY

Trail Markings Official trails are marked with colored blazes on posts and trees. As a matter of safety, do not alter any trail markings.

Preparations Consider bringing water, snacks, and sunscreen. Check the weather before you go, dress appropriately, and tell someone where you intend to go and when you expect to finish.

Pets All pets and service animals must be on a leash no longer than six feet in length and under control of the owner at all times. Please clean up after your pet.

Carry-in/Carry-out Help keep the park clean and beautiful by carrying out trash that you carry in.

Tick Protection Bring insect repellent, wear light-colored clothing, tuck pants into socks, check yourself when you get home, shower, and launder clothes immediately.

Bear Awareness Bears are active in this area. Do not approach or attract bears by making food available. Bear sightings should be reported to 877-WARN-DEP.

Emergency Numbers DEP's 24-hour, toll-free hotline: 877-WARN-DEP (877-927-6337) or 911.

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