

Troy Meadows



Trails

- Orange - 0.4 miles
- Red - 0.4 miles
- White - 1.4 miles
- Yellow - 0.7 miles
- Green - 0.6 miles
- Blue - 0.5 miles
- Patriots Path

Points of Interest

- 📌 Points of Interest
- 🅑 Parking
- Electric Utility
- Gas Utility
- ▨ Municipal Boundaries
- ▭ Public Land*

*Public Land includes land owned by NJDEP, Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills, Township of East Hanover, and Wildlife Preserves Inc.

Rules

- ◆ Open daily from sunrise to sunset.
- ◆ Leash and pick up after pets.
- ◆ Please carry out whatever you carry in.
- ◆ Do not damage or remove any materials, plants, or wildlife.
- ◆ No hunting, trapping, fishing, dumping, or motorized vehicles.
- ◆ Camping, fires, and professional photography by permit only.

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Trail Descriptions

◆ Orange Trail -- 0.4 miles

Wildlife Preserves is in the process of ecological restoration on this roughly 12-acre parcel of land; by removing invasive plants, planting native plants, and creating habitat for wildlife, it hopes to restore and even improve the biodiversity of this site. This trail traverses the highest elevation in all of Troy Meadows and boasts a wide variety of summer wildflowers. There is a spring-fed, freshwater wetland along the northern border and a plethora of standing dead ash trees throughout the land that serve as habitat for an assortment of wildlife.

◆ Red Trail -- 0.4 miles

This trail is the former driveway of Zeno Narducci, an Italian immigrant whose home and land was taken by eminent domain when Route 280 was built. The open canopy and sandy soil at the halfway point is an ideal nesting site for turtles. Both sides of the trail have breeding pools for amphibians, wooded wetlands, bogs, and fens that resound with frogs in the springtime. The trail ends at the open marsh.

◆ White Trail -- 1.4 miles

This trail was once an eighteenth century wagon road that connected Troy Hills to Hanover Neck (now East Hanover). A metal grated bridge crosses over "West Brook." North of the bridge is the confluence of the West Brook and Troy Brook. There is an open field which is the site of the former "Troy Meadow Trap Club." The trail continues east through the marsh on an elevated path (boots recommended beyond gravel road). It passes "Pine Island" on the north and it ends at "Smith Ditch," which is the municipal boundary for Parsippany and East Hanover.

Trail Descriptions

◆ Yellow Trail -- 0.7 miles

This is a loop trail around the north and south of the White Trail. The north side follows the Troy Brook, where there are turtles sunbathing on fallen logs and birds that are attracted to the native plants, fish, and insects. It traverses the remains of an old shooting range (now open fields), referred to as "Bullet Beach." The south side of the trail contains an old stand of high blueberry bushes and native wetland herbs. Leo's Grove is named after long-time Wildlife Preserve Land Manager Leonardo Fariello.

◆ Green Trail -- 0.6 miles

This trail traverses an old gravel road through the meadows, across the pipeline clearing, and through an old beech tree forest, before ending at the future site of Wildlife Preserves' "Environmental Education Center" on South Beverwyck Road. You will see bluebird nest boxes, wildflower fields, and many species of plants, birds, and insects. Beyond the dense vegetation, on both sides of the trail, are many hidden wonders.

◆ Blue Trail -- 0.5 miles

On this trail you will see wetland fens, vernal pools, and a seasonal wetland ecosystem of sedges, as well as wetland and woodland plants. It is best seen in the spring and early summer. This trail traverses the highest elevation on the pipeline corridor, referred to as "Mellie Smith Hill," named after Melvin Smith, the last descendent of the Smith family to live in the house that was located at the big bend on South Beverwyck Rd, which was destroyed by arson in 1975.

Troy Meadows Nature Preserve

Troy Meadows is a large, diverse freshwater marsh located in East Hanover, Hanover, and Parsippany-Troy Hills in Morris County, New Jersey. It is located within the Whippany River Watershed and a part of a network of wetlands referred to as the Central Passaic Basin. It is approximately 2,600-acres, located downstream of the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge and Black Meadows, and upstream of Great Piece Meadows, and about 25 miles west of New York City.

Troy Meadows is designated as a "National Natural Landmark" by the National Park Service, and classified as a "Priority Wetland" by the US Environmental Protection Agency. The NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) also designates Troy Meadows as a "Natural Area," "Natural Heritage Priority Site," and "Exceptional Resource Value Wetlands."

The majority of Troy Meadows is privately owned by Wildlife Preserves and managed as a wildlife sanctuary. The NJDEP also owns some land within the meadows, managed as a Natural Area for the preservation of natural diversity under the designation of the Division of Parks and Forestry.

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