

Contact Information



Municipal

Hopewell Valley Recreation Department — 609-737-3753 • 425 South Main Street • Pennington, NJ 08534
The department's office provides a home and centralized location for referrals and the dissemination of a wide variety of information on valley-wide events, parks and playgrounds, and the area's recreation, youth sports, and arts organizations. The valley includes Hopewell Township, Hopewell Borough, and Pennington Borough.

Mercer County

Mercer County Parks Commission — 609-989-6559

Howell Living History Farm — 609-737-3299

This teaching farm where children can experience 19th century Agricultural life, is operated by the Mercer County Parks Commission.

Mercer County Equestrian Center — 609-730-9059

The 243-acre equestrian center offers riding lessons, summer camps, pony parties, tours and educational programs.

State of New Jersey

Washington Crossing State Park — 609-737-0623

Originally preserved for its historical significance, the park is also well known for its trails and wildlife habitat. The park is popular for picnicking, bird observations and, in the winter, for cross-country skiing on existing hiking trails.

Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park — 732-873-3050 • www.dandrcanal.com.org

The 70-mile Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park is one of central New Jersey's most popular recreational corridors for canoeing, jogging, hiking, bicycling and fishing. This linear park is also a valuable wildlife corridor connecting fields and forests. With its wooden bridges and 19th century bridge tender houses, remnants of locks, cobblestone spillways and hand-built stone-arched culverts, the canal is a tremendous attraction for history lovers.

Region/Non-Profit

Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association — 609-737-3735 • www.thewatershed.org

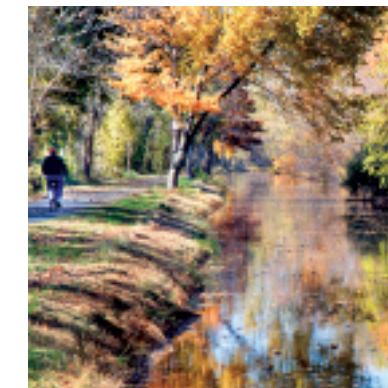
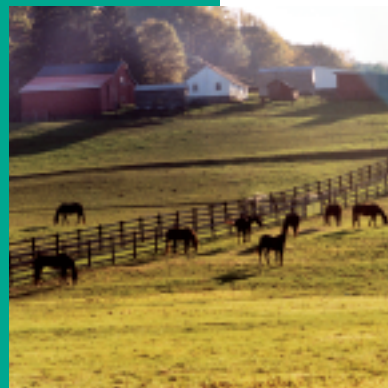
The watershed owns an 825-acre nature reserve in the heart of Hopewell. Come visit to walk on 14 miles of marked trails, enjoy an interactive nature center that hosts hundreds of environmental education programs each year, see native butterflies in the Kate Gorrie Butterfly House, or visit the arboretum, research pond and Honey Brook Organic Farm.

The Sourland Ridge — www.sourland.org

The Sourland ridge comprises a band of unbroken woodlands nearly 20 miles long through three counties, seven towns and four watersheds.

Lawrence Hopewell Trail — www.lhtrail.org

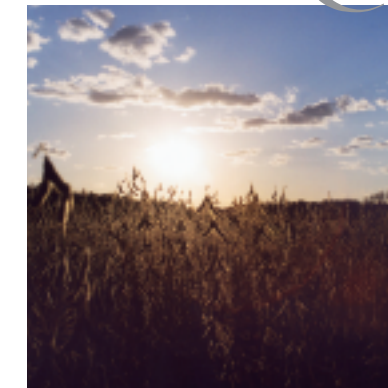
The Lawrence Hopewell Trail, when fully completed, will be a 20-mile biking and walking trail that runs through corporate campuses, parks, school grounds, historic villages, fields and woodlands and along existing streets. The pilot project in Hopewell Valley and Lawrence Township utilizes the Bristol-Myers Squibb and Educational Testing Service corporate sites and the Stony Brook Reserve as anchors.



Guide to Hopewell Valley



Parks and Recreation



Hopewell Valley Recreation Committee

The Hopewell Valley Recreation Committee evaluates the leisure time needs of the community, assists in determining local program policies, helps plan a comprehensive program of recreation and leisure services, and coordinates the overall program with future community planning. The committee generally meets once a month at the offices of the Hopewell Valley Recreation Department. Meetings are open to the public. Please call the department at 609-737-3753 to confirm the meeting schedule.

Welcome to

Hopewell Valley



Imagine nearly 60 square miles of woodlands, greenways and farms bordered by the beautiful Sourland Mountains and the historic Delaware River. Add a community commitment to open space and recreation, acres of county and state parkland, excellent schools, easy access to Philadelphia and New York and you are beginning to get a feel for the character of Hopewell Valley.

Two quaint boroughs – Hopewell Borough and Pennington Borough – each less than one square mile feature walkable downtowns in the midst of the semi-rural and suburban Township of Hopewell. Each community has a unique and identifiable culture, and as the area has grown and changed so have the opportunities available to local residents and visitors.

Scenic vistas, trails, picnic areas, playgrounds, historical and recreational sites abound. Volunteers committed to recreation provide opportunities through the Hopewell Valley Recreation Department, the YMCA and local sports organizations. Theater, musical and artistic offerings await your discovery in our schools as well as local parks, coffee shops, galleries, museums, and houses of worship.

This guide is your open invitation to explore outdoor pursuits throughout our valley. Play, walk, bike, run, jog, skate, hike, picnic or just rest, with our best wishes and you'll see why we call Hopewell Valley "home."

Hopewell Valley Recreation Committee

Guide to Facilities

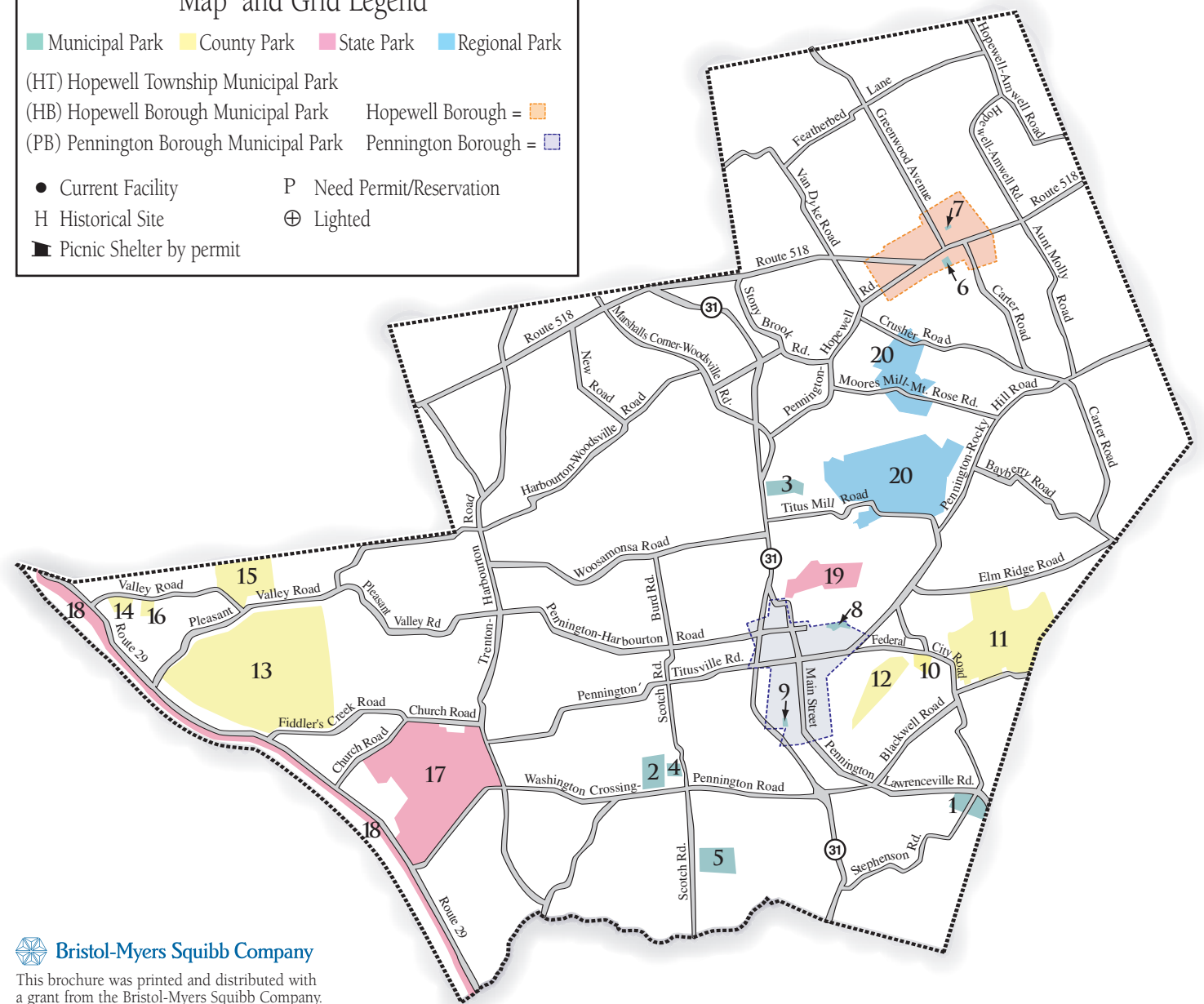
Map and Grid Legend

- Municipal Park
- County Park
- State Park
- Regional Park

(HT) Hopewell Township Municipal Park
 (HB) Hopewell Borough Municipal Park
 (PB) Pennington Borough Municipal Park

Hopewell Borough =
 Pennington Borough =

- Current Facility
- Need Permit/Reservation
- Historical Site
- Lighted
- Picnic Shelter by permit



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Facility Name	Approximate Acreage	Amenities																							
		Amphitheater	Barbeque grills	Basketball Courts	Bike path	Boating (non-motor)	Cross Country Skiing	Field, Football	Field, Baseball	Field, Soccer	Field, Softball	Fishing	Horse Back Riding	Ice Skating	Jogging path	Nature trails/ area	Open Space/Natural area	Picnic Sites	Playground	Pond, stream	Restrooms/Portable	Skate Park	Sledding	Tennis Courts	Volleyball court
1 Independence Park (HT)	22			•	•				•	•				•			•	•						•	
2 Alliger Tract (HT)	167															•									
3 Else Tract (HT)	60															•									
4 Municipal Athletic Complex (HT)	54								•	⊕		⊕				•		•		•	•				
5 Merrill Lynch* Rec Area (HT)	8				P							P			P					•			P	P	
6 Gazebo Park (HB)	7		•								•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
7 Railroad Park (HB)	1			•												•		•	•						
8 Kunkel Park (PB)	8			•	•										•		•	•	•	•			•		
9 Sked Street (PB)	1																		•						
10 Equestrian Center	243												•												
11 Rosedale Park	472	•	•	•	•	•				•		•		•	•		•	•	•					•	
12 Curlis Lake Beech Woods	243													•	•				•						
13 Baldpate Mountain	1100														•	•			•						
14 Belle Mountain Ski Area	17												•						•						
15 Howell Living History Farm	130															•	•			•					
16 Valley Road Picnic Area	19																•	•							
17 Washington Crossing Park	990	•	•	•	•	•				•		•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•				
18 Delaware & Raritan Canal	860				•	•	•						•		•	•									
19 Baldwin Wildlife Mgmt. Area	37																•	•							
20 Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed	825				•	•							•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				

*All Merrill Lynch facilities are available to the public by permit only through the Hopewell Valley Recreation Department. Please call (609) 737-3753 for information.