

ESSEX COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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**YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS,
ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES
OF THE ESSEX COUNTY
PARKS SYSTEM**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY PARKS DIRECTOR

We are proud that our historic Essex County Parks System, the country's first county parks system, offers innovative programming that the entire family can enjoy.

Welcome the fall season and learn about nature at our Annual Octoberfest Celebration at the Environmental Center.

Share your favorite outdoor scenes in our Annual Essex County Parks Photography Contest.

Meet and greet your favorite bad guys at our first Villain Party at Kip's Castle.

Learn about the history of Kip's Castle by taking a Tiffany Window Tour or a Candlelight Tour.

Experience Halloween excitement at our Strut Your Mutt costume parades in the Brookdale and South Mountain Dog Parks, the Spooky Zoo and Safe HOWL-O-Ween at Turtle Back Zoo and Gardens-A-Glow at one of our newest additions, the Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens.

And enjoy the winter festivities at our Holiday Lights Spectacular at Turtle Back Zoo or with a visit to the 13 homes on our Historic Holiday House Tour.

We also invite you to join us in keeping our parks clean by joining one of our volunteer conservancies. Check out the directory of organizations at the back of this guide and find out how you can get involved.



Daniel Salvante

*Director, Essex County Parks,
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A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Our parks, recreation facilities and open spaces play an important role in our daily lives and contribute immensely to our quality of life. Our athletic fields are where our children learn sportsmanship. Our park buildings are where people of all ages gather to socialize and participate in special events. Our gardens, waterfalls and stunning vistas provide tranquility and remind us about the beauty of nature. We are continually enhancing our facilities and open spaces to ensure they continue to meet the changing needs of our residents.

Among these upgrades are a new Education Building at Turtle Back Zoo that will enable us to expand our animal education and outreach programs and a Children's Garden in Branch Brook Park. The freshly renovated park buildings in Belleville and Verona Parks now provide up-to-date accommodations for our senior groups and other park users.

Other recreation developments have transformed the Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex into a destination attraction for people from all walks of life and all corners of the state. Last year, the Orange Reservoir area was opened to the public for the first time when paddle boating on the waterway and a picnic pavilion were introduced. Earlier this year, two pedestrian bridges were installed and the pathway around the Reservoir was completed, creating a 1.7-mile walkway that takes visitors around some of the most beautiful natural scenes found anywhere on the East Coast. A nautical-themed playground keeps children occupied and active.

Of course, more improvements are on the way, including interior renovations to Kip's Castle and a new garage at the South Mountain Recreation Complex that will create much-needed on-site parking to accommodate our visitors.

There is a lot more to see and do throughout our Parks System, and the activities and events outlined here will help you plan your calendar for the fall and winter months. We hope you enjoy your visit and keep coming back to experience us again and again. Together, we will continue *Putting Essex County First*.



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Essex County Executive

ESSEX COUNTY UPCOMING EVENTS

ESSEX REMEMBERS

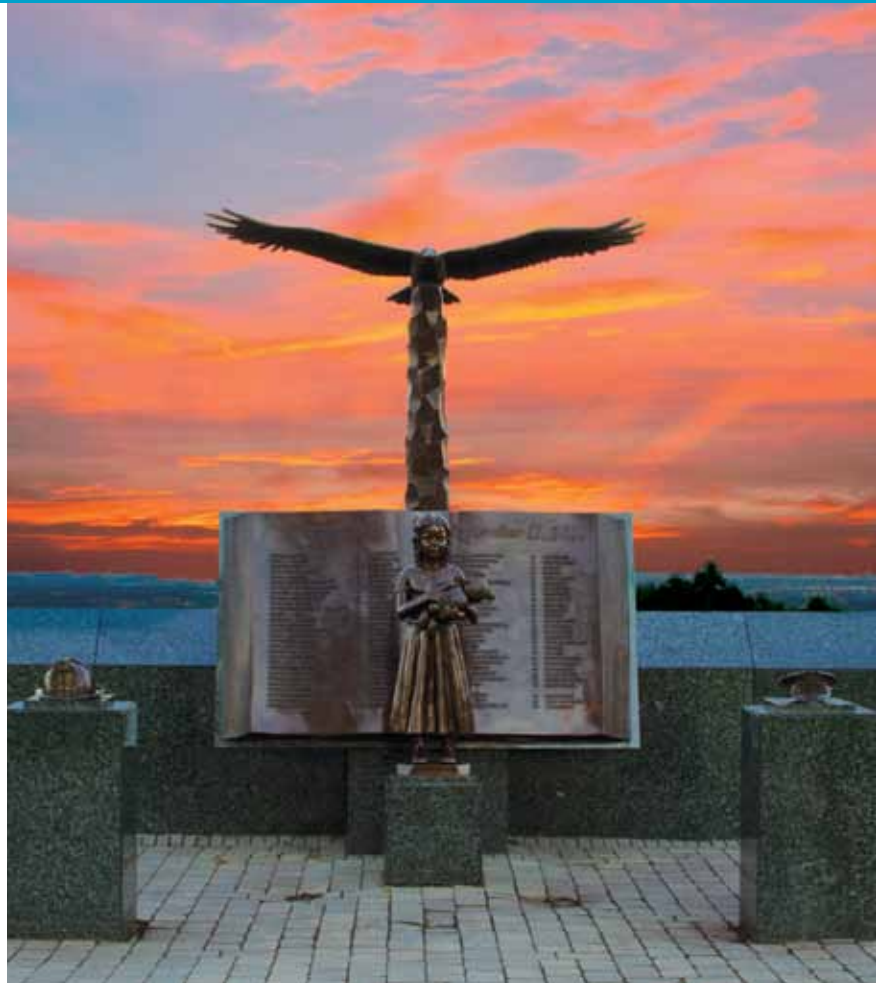
THURSDAY, 9/11 — 8AM

Essex County Eagle Rock Reservation 9/11 Memorial Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange

Free

The public is invited to join with community members for a solemn ceremony commemorating the 13th Anniversary of the 9/11 Tragedy.

Essex County Eagle Rock Reservation will forever have special meaning because on the day of the attacks thousands made their way to this hilltop to watch the shocking events unfolding at the World Trade Center. On Sunday, October 20, 2002, the hard work of many volunteers, contractors, union members, corporate leaders and family members came to fruition when the Essex County Eagle Rock September 11th Memorial was dedicated during a moving unveiling ceremony. The centerpiece of the memorial is a bronze book etched with the 58 names of Essex County residents and the granite wall engraved with 3,000 names of those who lost their lives on that day. The memorial was expanded in 2009 to include the Flight Crew Memorial, a tribute to heroic pilots and flight attendants aboard the four airplanes that crashed, and in 2011, on the 10th anniversary of the attacks, a 7,400-pound steel and concrete piece of the World Trade Center foundation was installed along with a bronze plaque recognizing the bravery of Emergency Medical Technicians who responded at Ground Zero and the Jersey side of the Hudson River.



ESSEX COUNTY FISHING DERBY

SATURDAY, 9/13 — 9AM

Orange Reservoir in the Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex Cherry Lane, West Orange

Free Admission

Children ages 15 and under are invited to test their skills in catching their own 'big fish' during the fishing derby at the Orange Reservoir in Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex. Children are encouraged to bring their own fishing poles. Poles are only provided to the first 100 children. Participants are encouraged to bring their own bait, chair and bucket. **Registration begins one hour before start time.** Prizes will be awarded.



STRUT YOUR MUTT: COSTUME PARADE

SATURDAY, 10/25

Rain date: Sunday, October 26
973.268.3500
Free Admission

Essex County Brookdale Dog Park
Bloomfield/Montclair
 9:15am Registration; 10am Parade

Essex County South Mountain Dog Park,
Maplewood/Millburn
 1:15pm Registration; 2pm Parade

The Essex County canine costume parades have grown into a favorite community Halloween celebration. Bring your pet or just come to see the creative costumes on display. Same day registration and free to enter! Prizes!



ESSEX COUNTY HISTORIC HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

SATURDAY, 12/6 AND SUNDAY, 12/7

Historic homes throughout Essex County will open their doors in unison for one spectacular weekend. Each will be dressed for the holiday season while offering entertainment, refreshments, or educational information. Fees and times vary by location. Please visit www.essexcountynj.org for additional information.

We are pleased to announce the list of 2014 participating locations:

- Ballantine House at Newark Museum
- Canfield-Morgan House and Museum, Cedar Grove
- Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark
- Essex County Kip's Castle Park, Verona
- Greenwood Gardens, Short Hills
- Kingsland Manor, Nutley
- Montclair Historical Society Properties:
 - Charles Schultz House, Montclair
 - Israel and Nathaniel Crane Houses, Montclair
- The Salvatorian Fathers, Verona
- Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center, Bloomfield
- Walther House at Essex County
- Presby Memorial Iris Gardens, Upper Montclair
- Zenas Crane Homestead, West Caldwell



ESSEX COUNTY SOUTH MOUNTAIN RECREATION COMPLEX



WHAT'S NEW?

Reservoir Walking Path

Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex

Opened to the public in May 2014, visitors can now enjoy walking on a 1.7-mile pathway around the Orange Reservoir and across two pedestrian bridges. The walkway is handicap accessible and enhances access to several trails leading into Essex County South Mountain Reservation. The 115-acre Orange Reservoir property is located on Cherry Lane in West Orange and is within the boundaries of the Essex County South Mountain Reservation.



Children's Nautical Playground

Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex

This new children's playground is inspired by the nearby reservoir. It features a wave-like rubberized safety surface and a series of play equipment designed to look like boats. A large open area with a synthetic grass surface and stamped concrete pathways link the playground to the nearby Clipper Pavilion picnic area and paddleboat launch. The playground is open to the county's youngest residents at the Orange Reservoir in the Essex County South Mountain Recreation Complex. The playground is providing visitors with another opportunity to enjoy the picturesque landscape and promote wellness.



Essex County Turtle Back Zoo

560 Northfield Avenue
West Orange, NJ
973.731.5801
www.turtlebackzoo.com

Essex County Turtle Back Zoo is committed to providing an enriching recreational experience that fosters excellence in wildlife education and wildlife conservation, so that present and future generations are inspired to understand, appreciate and protect the fragile interdependence of all living things.

Hours of Operation

April 1 to November 30
Mondays to Saturdays from 10am – 4:30pm;
Sundays from 11am to 5:30pm
December 1 to March 30
Open daily from 10am to 3:30pm

Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Rates

Adults	\$11.00
Children	\$8.00
Seniors 62+	\$8.00
Children 23 months and under	Free
Rental Safari Double Strollers	\$7.00

Winter Rates

Beginning on November 1

Adults	\$10.00
Children	\$7.00
Seniors 62+	\$7.00
Children 23 months and under	Free
Rental Safari Double Strollers	\$7.00

WHAT'S NEW?

Education Center

Essex County Turtle Back Zoo

Essex County Turtle Back Zoo is able to expand its educational offerings thanks to a new Education Center. Equipped with four classrooms, increased space for educational animal housing and 5 additional ticket windows, the zoo is better serving groups, individuals and families as well as making a happy home for our busy education animals. Bus drop off points are safer and the entry plaza improves customer service for the Treetop Adventure Course as well. Look for new program offerings and group admission information on our website, www.turtlebackzoo.com.



ESSEX COUNTY SOUTH MOUNTAIN RECREATION COMPLEX

Essex County Turtle Back Zoo Special Events

Night Moves

Join us for a guided tour of some of the zoo exhibits. Learn about animal senses and adaptations. Tour times vary by date, please call 973.731.5800 x236 to confirm.

Thursday, September 4 - **Zoological Society members only**, however pre-registration is required.

Friday, September 12 - **General Public Session**.
Pre-registration and payment in advance is required. Cost is \$7 per person for non-Zoo members.

International Red Panda Day/Explore Amazing Asia

Free with admission

Red Pandas call Asia their home as do many other Turtle Back Zoo species. Celebrate Asian animals through games, stories, crafts and even a crane dance.

World Farm Animal Day

Saturday, October 4; 11am to 4pm

Free with admission

Celebrate the animals on our Essex Farm and their counterparts around the globe. These are the domesticated animals that feed us, clothe us, help us in our work and enrich our lives in many more ways.

Guest Lecture: Joel Greenberg

Friday, October 10; 7pm

Free with admission. Advance registration required.

The lecture, "Hope is the Thing with Feathers: A look at Americans and Three Birds," looks at three birds native to America and explores how their outcome was shaped by the hands of people. This event is supported by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

African Penguin Day

Saturday, October 11; 11am to 4pm

Free with admission

Waddle on over to discover the challenges this amazing little penguin has to overcome to survive and discover what you can do to help.

Spooky Zoo

Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25; 6pm to 9pm

\$5.00 for non-members and \$3.00 for Zoo members. Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

Family fun is a guarantee at this night-time event complete with a special spooky animal presentation, many hands-on activity stations, and night time train ride (weather permitting). Not so scary train rides are before 7:45 p.m. and scary train rides start at 8 p.m.





Appreciate a Dragon Day

Saturday, January 17; 11am to 3pm

Free with admission

Dragons have significance in cultures around the world. Explore some of the myths and legends surrounding dragons. Keeper talks will be held at our Komodo Dragon exhibit throughout the day and dragon stories, games, crafts and activities for the kids are part of the action.

Groundhog Day

Monday, February 2; 11am to 3pm

Free with admission

What will Essex Ed forecast for Spring? Come and find out, and then participate in family friendly activities throughout the day.



Safe HOWL-O-Ween

Friday, October 31; 4pm to 9 pm

NOTE: Zoo will close from 2:30 – 4pm to prepare for this event.

\$5.00 for non-members and \$3.00 for Zoo members

Trick or Treat in the safety of Turtle Back Zoo at more than 25 candy stations.

Winter Workshop

Saturday, December 6; 11am to 3pm

Free with admission

Create enrichment items for the zoo animals to help them stay active and happy through the winter season.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS SPECTACULAR

November 28, 29 & 30

December 5, 6 & 7; 12-31

Closed December 24 & 25

January 1, 2, 3 & 4

5pm to 9pm

Free Admission

Essex County Turtle Back Zoo celebrates the season of giving with a Holiday Lights display featuring over 50 winter and animal characters illuminated by more than 100,000 bulbs. Donation stations for non-perishable food items, new toys, and gently used coats are placed at each entry.



Essex County Codey Arena

**560 Northfield Avenue
West Orange, NJ
973.731.3828**

The arena is open to the public for ice skating, group skating lessons, private skating parties, and figure skating and hockey camps. The New Jersey State High School hockey state games, the Essex County Winter Holiday Hockey Tournament and many non-ice events also are hosted at the arena. Some recent non-ice events that have been held include the Essex County Wrestling Tournament, ESPN Friday Night Fights, the Wounded Warrior/NFL Alumni Football game, and the ATU National Taekwondo Championships.

Operating Hours

Open Daily

Please call ahead or check the daily ice skating schedule on the website for public skating and freestyle skating times.

Public Skating Rates

Adults	\$8.00
Children	\$6.00
Seniors	\$6.00
Skate rentals	\$4.00
Freestyle	\$12.00 hour session
Private Ice Rentals	\$375.00 hour
Party Room	\$100 for three hours

If you would like to schedule a birthday party or group outing, please call 973.731.3828 ext. 223.

Learn to Skate

The Learn to Skate program introduces skaters to the basic skills of ice skating. Classes are offered during the fall, winter, spring and summer seasons for six, seven or eight weeks. For registration and schedule information, please call 973.731.3828 ext. 223.

Learn to SpeedSkate (New program offered)

Starting in September, the Learn to Speedskate program will introduce skaters to the basic skills of speedskating. Classes will be offered throughout the year. For information, please call 973.731.3828 ext. 223.

Clubs and Organizations

The arena hosts a variety of clubs and organizations throughout the year. The following groups use our facilities, hosting programs and events throughout the season:

- Essex Figure Skating Club
- Synchroettes National skating team
- Theatre on Ice/Bravo team
- Essex Blades skating team
- Garden State Speedskating club
- Special Olympics
- Essex County High School hockey teams
- Hockey North America hockey league
- Devils Youth Ice Hockey Club/Devils Sled Hockey program
- Dare Devils Hockey Club
- Great Saves Goaltending School
- Seton Hall University Ice Hockey Club



**ESSEX COUNTY SENIOR WELLNESS DAY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 ~ 10AM-2PM**



**Essex County Codey Arena
560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange**

Free Admission

Essex County senior citizens are invited to the Ninth Annual Senior Wellness Day where they will be offered valuable information about available programs and services to help older Americans remain active and independent as well as health screenings, free food, musical entertainment, free admission to Turtle Back Zoo, and so much more! For information, call 973.621.4400. For transportation, call 973.618.1280.

**Essex County
Kip's Castle Park**

**22 Crestmont Road
Verona, NJ
973.239.2465**

Essex County Kip's Castle Park features a 9,000-square-foot mansion built to resemble a medieval Norman castle. The grounds span 11 acres of land on the ridge of First Mountain, resting in both Montclair and Verona townships and providing spectacular views of New York City. Please note, some areas of the Castle are not handicap accessible.

Operating Hours

**September 1 – November 1, 2014
Tuesday – Friday, noon to 3pm**

**November 30 – December 30
Wednesday-Sunday, noon-4pm**

Grounds are open dawn to dusk all year.

Please call in advance to confirm operating hours. The Castle has entered phase two of an on-going restoration project and may be closed without advance notice.

If you would like to schedule a wedding ceremony or special event at Essex County Kip's Castle Park, please contact **Lisa Payne, Event Coordinator**, at **973.239.7056**.

For more information on group tours, please contact **Caitlin Sharp, Program Specialist**, at **973.239.2495**.

Special Events

Tiffany Window Tours

Saturday, September 6 & Saturday, October 4, 10am & 11am
\$5 admission per person, advance registration required.

Take a guided tour of the spectacular stained glass windows at Essex County Kip's Castle Park.

Villain Party

Friday, October 10, 6pm – 9pm
Rain date: Saturday, October 11

Free admission

Meet and greet your favorite villains. Get autographs and take pictures. Halloween make-up demonstrations, activities and refreshments!

Holiday at Essex County Kip's Castle

**Saturday, November 29 to Wednesday, December 31 from
12noon – 4pm**

Closed December 1, 8, 15, 22, 24, 25 & 29

Free admission.

Visit Kip's Castle during the holiday season for a self-guided tour of the first floor and experience the holidays circa 1928.

Holiday Candlelight Tours

Thursdays, December 4, 11 & 18
5:30pm and 7pm

\$5 admission per person, advance registration required.

Visit Kip's Castle for a one-hour twilight tour, when the holiday décor shines and the city lights twinkle. Visitors will be accompanied by a guide available to answer questions about this historic site and its planned restoration. Refreshments provided. Space is limited.



Essex County Golf

The Department of Parks has long been at the forefront of efforts to provide exposure to, and broaden the understanding and enjoyment of the sport of golf. We provide unique opportunities for both male and female golfers of all ages and abilities. Our mission is to make golf an affordable and accessible sport to anyone who wishes to play.

Our golf schedule introduces anyone and everyone to the sport of golf in an educational, recreational, instructional and competitive environment, or any combination of these formats. All the participant needs to bring is an interest in the sport of golf.

General Golf Information

The County of Essex requires each golfer to enroll with the County prior to using the automated tee time system. You may enroll in person at all three golf courses Monday thru Friday from 8:30am to 4:00pm and on Saturday from 8:30am to 12:00pm.

New registrations

The County will accept only a valid New Jersey Driver's License with current address and one current utility bill (Telephone, PSE&G or Cable only) with the applicant's name on it. If bills are in a spouse's name, the applicant must show a copy of a marriage certificate. We will also accept Passports with an Essex County address.

Renewals

Golfers must provide proof of residency annually when renewing their Golf ID card. Proof of residency is a valid New Jersey Driver's License and a current utility bill (Telephone, PSE&G or Cable only) with the applicant's name on it. If bills are in a spouse's name, the applicant must show a copy of a marriage certificate.

Group Golf

The Group Golf program is for all groups interested in an 18-hole event with 20 golfers or more. Open to all organizations. Limited dates, courses and times available. Please call the Director of Golf Operations to schedule available times at select course.

Junior Golf

Essex County Parks Department believes it is important to grow the game of golf and we believe there is no better place to start than with the Junior Golfers. Special Junior golf rates are available to children between 11 years of age and 16 years of age, who are required to be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18 years. We have also developed a relationship with The First Tee program promoting leadership and positive life skills in our community's youth. Children between 11 years of age and 16 years of age are required to have a parent or guardian supervisor over the age of 18 years.

USGA Handicap System

The Department of Parks, in cooperation with the NJSGA, offers the USGA GHIN handicap program. Computers are available at all three golf courses. We encourage interested individuals to subscribe to the service for a nominal fee and receive handicap updates every two weeks.

Golf Cards

There are eight (8) types of Essex County Golf Cards:

Adult Resident	\$45.00	Gold	\$85.00
Senior/Junior	\$25.00	Gold	\$60.00
Senior Seasonal (80 rounds)	\$490.00	Gold	\$899.00
Junior Seasonal	\$75.00		
Disabled Resident	\$25.00		
Weequahic Non-County Resident	\$69.00	Gold	\$99.00
Hendricks Field & Weequahic Non-County Resident	\$109.00	Gold	\$139.00
Hendricks, Weequahic & Byrne Non -Resident	\$139.00	Gold	\$169.00

A Gold Card allows golfers 10 day reservation access, enrolls the golfer into the New Jersey Golf Association e-benefits program and enrolls the golfer into the Golf Handicapping Information System.

The Golf ID Unit is open year round at Essex County Hendricks Field Golf Course. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30am-4pm and Saturdays, 8am-12noon.

GOLF COURSE OPENING DATES

Date	Doors Open	First Tee Off Time	Register Close
<i>Season Time Change</i>			
September 12	6:30am All days	7:00am All days	1½ hour before sunset
September 26	7:00am All days	7:30am All days	1½ hour before sunset
October 17	7:30am All days	8:00am All days	1½ hour before sunset

Francis Byrne Golf Course

**Pleasant Valley Way
West Orange, NJ
973.736.2306
www.golfessexcountynj.com**

Essex County Francis Byrne Golf Course dates back to 1926, when it was designed as a private country club course by noted golf architect Charles Banks. Through our renovation project, many of the course features have been restored to their classic roots, making Byrne one of the premiere public golf destinations in the state. A number of holes are based on famous courses from Scotland, including the par five 1st hole that is modeled after the Road Hole at St. Andrews.

Among other classic holes on the Byrne Golf Course are the long par three Biarritz 2nd hole that measures well over 200 yards from the championship tee and the short 14th that is similar to the Eden hole that is also found at St. Andrews, as well as many of the best private clubs in the United States. The back nine at Byrne includes several long par four holes such as the 12th and 15th, the latter of which champion golfer Bobby Jones considered to be one of the most difficult holes in America.

This beautiful course in West Orange features deep bunkers, hilly topography and rolling greens that combine to create a wonderfully challenging layout that measures nearly 6,800 yards and offers public golfers the rare opportunity to play a course from golf's Golden Age of Design.

Green Fees	Cardholder	Non-cardholder
Adult Weekday	\$27.00	\$45.00
Adult Weekend/Holiday	\$31.00	\$50.00
Senior, Junior, Disabled- Weekday	\$18.00	\$28.00
Twilight Weekdays	\$20.00	\$25.00
Twilight Weekends/Holidays	\$24.00	\$29.00

Hendricks Field Golf Course

**220 Franklin Avenue
Belleville, NJ
973.751.0178
www.golfessexcountynj.com**

Designed by architect Charles Banks, Essex County Hendricks Field features well contoured putting surfaces and many interesting holes. Opened in 1929, renovations at Hendricks have included the reconstruction of tees and bunkers, as well as extensive upgrades in drainage that have significantly improved playing conditions.

Hendricks has a number of classically designed holes, such as the par four 4th hole that has a cluster of Principal's Nose bunkers in the center of the fairway that present strategic decisions, and the exacting par three 6th with a green that is almost completely surrounded by bunkers. Among the most unique holes on the back nine is the par five 10th where golfers must negotiate a stream that

crosses the fairway to reach the green. The narrow fairways and well-guarded greens at Hendricks require both accurate and thoughtful play to add to golfers' enjoyment at this hidden gem in Belleville.

Green Fees	Cardholder	Non-cardholder
Adult Weekday	\$21.00	\$35.00
Adult Weekend/Holiday (Friday from Mem-Labor Day)	\$25.00	\$45.00
Senior, Junior, Disabled- Weekday	\$15.00	\$26.00
Twilight Weekdays	\$17.00	\$21.00
Twilight Weekends/Holidays	\$20.00	\$25.00
9 Hole Weekday (after 11am)	\$15.00	\$30.00
9 Hole Weekend (after 11am)	\$18.00	\$36.00
Winter Rate (January and February)	\$17.00	

Weequahic Park Golf Course

**Elizabeth and Grumman Avenues
Newark, NJ
973.923.1838
www.golfessexcountynj.com**

Essex County Weequahic Park Golf Course is set on a beautifully rolling property. New bunkers have been added to the course through our renovations process that have greatly enhanced its strategic and visual appeal. Tucked in the corner of historic Essex County Weequahic Park, this is the first public course in New Jersey, having been designed by Baltusrol Golf Club professional George Low in 1913.

While Weequahic measures slightly less than 6,000 yards, the course offers an ideal golfing landscape and its small greens make low scoring difficult. Among the the most challenging holes on this lovely course are the uphill par five 3rd with two large bunkers carved in the hillside, as well as the long par four 16th that plays to the crest of this same hill and down to the green that is set in the base of its long slope.

Green Fees	Cardholder	Non-cardholder
Adult Weekday	\$21.00	\$35.00
Adult Weekend/Holiday (Friday from Mem-Labor Day)	\$25.00	\$45.00
Senior, Junior, Disabled- Weekday	\$15.00	\$26.00
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**Essex County
Environmental Center**

**621-B Eagle Rock Avenue
Roseland, NJ
973.228.8776**

The Essex County Environmental Center at Essex County West Essex Park is situated in a wooded wetland habitat with access to the Passaic River. This interesting and affordable education center offers naturalist-led field trips for school groups, scouts and community groups, as well as birthday parties for children. The state-of-the-art facility also is available for booking community/family events and corporate business outings.

The Center's environmental educational programs are carefully designed, with either a structured or unstructured format, to create opportunities for families to get outside and into the parks while having fun and learning in multiple subject areas. All Center programs encourage participants to think about environmental stewardship and natural habitats and, with this in mind, foster an appreciation for the natural world — parks, outdoor recreation, and ecological conservation. The Center offers nature- and science-based programming for toddlers through senior citizens, school groups, scout organizations, and the general public.

Hours of Operation

**Monday through Friday, 9am-5pm; Saturdays, 10am-2pm
Closed on Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and
New Year's Day**

Fees vary by program

Special Events

2014 Essex County Parks Photography Contest

Submissions are due by Wednesday, September 17, so grab a camera and visit an Essex County Park! Anyone with a camera is invited and encouraged to submit photos that capture a part of your visit to the County Parks System. For rules and regulations, please contact the Essex County Environmental Center at 973-228-8776.

10TH Annual Oktoberfest Family Fall Celebration

Saturday, October 4; 11am to 4pm

Free Admission

Come celebrate autumn at the Environmental Center! There will be fun-filled activities for the entire family — hands-on nature games and crafts, live music, canoeing, Native American life, pumpkin patch, petting zoo, food, and more.





Frog Pond Fun Holiday Camp

Monday, October 13; 9:30am to 3:30pm

Fee: \$60 per child

For students in grades 1, 2 and 3. Explore the depths of our pond and wander into our wooded wetland to discover what's there beyond first glance. Through outdoor and indoor activities, campers will uncover the adaptations that allow frogs and other wetland organisms to survive and thrive while learning how we can become stewards for these fascinating species. Advance registration is required; call 973.228.8776.

Scouting Day

Thursday, November 6 and Friday, November 7; 10:30am to 12pm and 1pm to 2:30pm

Fee: \$7 per scout per class

Calling all Scouts—Wolves, Bear Cubs, Juniors and Brownies—this is your chance to work on belt loops and pins with staff from the Essex County Environmental Center. Advance registration is required; call 973.228.8776.

Fall Harvest Campfire

Friday, November 28; 12pm to 1:30pm or 2:30pm to 4pm

Fee: \$7 per child; \$9 per adult

For families. Find a seat around the camp fire to celebrate the fall harvest. Roast marshmallows and enjoy some popcorn and cider. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather. Advance registration is required; call 973.228.8776.

Gingerbread House Making Workshop

Saturday, December 6, 11am to 1pm

Free admission

ON SITE REGISTRATION AND CREATION OF YOUR GINGERBREAD HOME OR HABITAT! Have you been too busy to pre-register for our Sustainable Gingerbread Homes and Habitats Contest? Maybe you don't know where to begin! Stop by the Essex County Environmental Center and our resourceful staff will get

you started on your own unique creation. All gingerbread projects must be completed by 1pm to be considered for the contest. Some materials will be provided, however, you are encouraged to bring your own items. December 6th is the last day to register for the contest.

Green Gift Making Workshop

Saturday, December 13; 12noon to 1:30pm

Fee: \$7 per child

For children ages 6 through 10. Give Green this holiday season by crafting and giving sustainable and alternative gifts! Join our class to make something special for your loved ones. Advance registration is required; call 973.228.8776.



10TH Annual Sustainable Gingerbread Homes & Habitats Contest

All entries must be registered by Saturday, December 6, and submitted Saturday, December 6 and Monday, December 8. Create a unique gingerbread house with natural accents and green building design features! Sustainable Gingerbread Homes will be on display from December 10 through December 19. Prizes will be awarded in various categories. Call the Environmental Center at 973.228.8776 to register or for more information.

Little Explorers Winter Camp

Monday, December 29; Tuesday, December 30, & Wednesday, December 31

Fee: \$80 per child for all three days or \$30 per child per day
For children in kindergarten to 3rd grade. Camp sessions are available for Forest Explorers for children in Kindergarten to 1st grade from 9:30am to 12:30pm and Wildlife Adventurers for children in grades 2 and 3, from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. For more information, call 973.228.8776.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration

Monday, January 19; 10:30am to 12pm

Fee: \$7 per child
For children ages 7 to 14. We'll set out on a winter walk, scavenger-hunt style, uncovering facts and stories about Martin Luther King, Jr. and his great achievements. Dress for the weather. Advance registration is required; call 973.228.8776.

Eat Like a President

Monday, February 16; 11:30am to 1pm

Fee: \$12 per child
For children ages 8 to 12. Do you wonder what it's like to eat like a president? Kids who have an interest in cooking or in eating can help prepare and cook a sampling of a presidential meal. We'll make and eat two of George Washington's favorites: Green Beans with



Almonds and Cherry Pie! Each child will leave with a recipe card and a happy tummy. **Advance registration and payment are required by Friday, February 14th;** call 973.228.8776.

Spring Camp

**Tuesday, March 31 to Thursday, April 2
or Tuesday, April 7 to Thursday, April 9
12:30pm to 4:30pm**

Fee: \$125 per child for all three days and \$55 per child per day
For children in grades 2 through 5. Restore the bond between children and nature! Give your child the opportunity to explore nature right here at the Essex County Environmental Center! Please call the Center for details. Advance registration is required; call 973.228.8776.



Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens

474 Upper Mountain Avenue
 Upper Montclair, NJ
 973.783.5974
www.presbyirisgardens.org

The Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens was established in 1927 to honor Frank H. Presby of Montclair, a leading horticulturalist and a founder of *The American Iris Society*. This living museum, listed on the *State and National Registers of Historic Sites*, offers a spectacular display of thousands of iris varieties and is visited by people from around the globe.

Hours of Operation

The Essex County Presby Memorial Iris Gardens are open from dawn to dusk 365 days a year. The peak bloom season is from mid-May to early June.

Bloom Room Hours

The Bloom Room will be open for holiday shopping. Please check the website for opening dates and hours.

Special Events

Gardens Aglow

Friday, October 24, 6pm to 9pm

Rain date: Saturday, October 25

Free admission

View the gardens at dusk as they come to life with artfully carved jack-o-lanterns supplied by local high school art departments. Activities, entertainment, and refreshments will be ongoing throughout the event.

If your high school would like to participate, please contact Caitlin Sharp at 973-239-2495.

Wildflower Sculpture Park & Preserve

Essex County South Mountain Reservation
 Crest Drive, Maplewood/Millburn

The Wildflower Sculpture Park was designed to attract visitors to the nearby Wildflower Preserve and has blossomed into a much anticipated annual exhibit of sculptures by local and regional artists. Works by four unique artists were unveiled in May 2014 and will remain on view until early spring 2015.

Sculptors for the park are chosen annually for a one-person exhibition located in front of the very active Essex County South Mountain Dog Park. The deadline for applicants is Monday, November 3, 2014, and application packets are available on www.essexcountynj.org or by contacting Tricia Zimic, curator, at info@triciazimic.com.

Sculptures on View

Darryl Haley & Elizabeth Carol Winchester
Gardens Aglow

“Beyond the Surface 1,” “Beyond the Surface 2”
 & “Beyond the Surface 3” STEEL

Lyman Dally
“Stone Souls” Acrylic

Winn Rea
“Displacement/Flow: South Mountain 2”
 Fallen wood and found objects.

The Wildflower Preserve was organized by the South Mountain Conservancy. Native plants were installed in the enclosed area where they are protected from deer browsing for food. The preserve acts as a seed bank for the rest of the reservation. Though the preserve is enclosed by fencing, residents and visitors are encouraged to hike through the preserve to experience the native flora of the reservation.



Essex County Riker Hill Art Park

**284 Beaufort Avenue
Livingston, NJ**

About Us

Essex County Riker Hill Art Park is a former United States Army Nike Missile Tracking Base. The 42-acre complex was purchased from the federal government for one dollar in 1974. The buildings, which once housed army facilities, have been transformed into 38 artist studios. Artists-in-residence work in various disciplines such as painting, fine metal jewelry, ceramics, pottery, glass-blowing, fine prints, photography, and sculpture.

Hours of Operation

The grounds at Riker Hill Art Park are open from dawn to dusk seven days a week. There are winding trails, outstanding views of West Essex and outdoor sculptures for the public's enjoyment. Artists' studios are open twice a year, on the first weekends in June and November, for an Open House and Art Sale. During this semi-annual event, visitors can watch artists at work and purchase art work in the gallery.

Studio Rentals

Rates are set annually by county ordinance. To receive an application, please contact the Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs at 973.239.7056.

Open House & Art Sale

**Saturday, November 1 & Sunday, November 2
12noon to 5pm**

Free admission

Get an inside glimpse of the art world by attending the Essex County Riker Hill Art Park Open House & Art Sale. While stopping in a variety of different art studios, visitors will have the opportunity to talk to the artists, purchase art work, and stop by the gallery to view a compilation exhibition in the gallery. Artists in residence work in a variety of disciplines, including clay, jewelry, glass blowing, painting, sculpture, printmaking and photography.



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PARKS

Anderson Park

Bellevue Ave. &
N. Mountain Ave.
Montclair

Becker Park

Locust Ave., Roseland

Belleville Park

Belleville Ave.
Belleville

Branch Brook Park

Park Ave. & Lake Street
Newark

Brookdale Park

Watchung Ave., Bloomfield
Grove Street., Montclair

Glenfield Park

Maple Ave. &
Woodland Ave.
Montclair

Grover Cleveland Park

Brookside Ave. &
Runnymede Road
Essex Falls

Independence Park

Van Buren Street &
Walnut Street
Newark

Irvington Park

Grove Street & Lyons Ave.
Irvington

Ivy Hill Park

Mt. Vernon Place
Newark

**Monte Irvin
Orange Park**

Bloomfield Ave. &
Center Street &
Harrison Street
Orange

Kip's Castle Park

22 Crestmont Road
Verona

**Presby Memorial
Iris Gardens**

474 Upper Mountain Ave.
Upper Montclair

Riverbank Park

Market Street &
Somme Street
Newark

Riverfront Park

Raymond Boulevard &
Brill Street
Newark

Vailsburg Park

South Orange Ave. &
Oraton Parkway
Newark

Verona Park

Bloomfield Ave. &
Lakeside Ave.
Verona

**Veterans Memorial
Park**

West Market Street &
Wickliffe Street
Newark

Watsessing Park

Bloomfield Ave.,
Bloomfield
Glenwood Ave.,
East Orange

Weequahic Park

Elizabeth Ave. &
Meeker Ave.
Newark

West Side Park

So. 13th Street & 18th Ave.
Newark

Yanticaw Park

Centre Street & Park Drive
Nutley

RESERVATIONS

**South Mountain
Reservation**

So. Orange Ave. &
Cherry Lane
West Orange

**Eagle Rock
Reservation**

Prospect Ave. &
Eagle Rock Ave.
West Orange

Mills Reservation

Normal Ave. &
Reservoir Drive
Cedar Grove

West Essex Park

Eagle Rock Ave. &
Passaic River
Roseland

Hilltop Reservation

Fairview Ave.
Cedar Grove



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560 Northfield Ave.
West Orange

Turtle Back Zoo

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**Environmental
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621-B Eagle Rock Ave.
Roseland

Riker Hill Art Park

284 Beaufort Ave.
Livingston

GOLF COURSES

**Francis Byrne
Golf Course**

Pleasant Valley Way
West Orange

**Hendricks Field
Golf Course**

220 Franklin Ave.
Belleville

**Weequahic Park
Golf Course**

Elizabeth Ave. &
Grumman Ave.
Newark