

The Scherman-Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary, owned and operated by the New Jersey Audubon Society, is located on 276 acres of woodland, field, and floodplain habitat that is home to over 200 species of wildlife over the course of a year. The Sanctuary is open to the public.

The sanctuary is situated at the southeast edge of the Highlands, and is bisected by the Passaic River. It is connected to the Morristown National Historic Park and is near several other preserved areas, including: Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, Lewis Morris Park and Lord Stirling Park. Other nearby points of interest include the Raptor Trust and the Wick House.

See Road Map Inside

Mission Statement

New Jersey Audubon Society fosters environmental awareness and a conservation ethic; protects New Jersey's birds, animals, and plants, especially endangered and threatened species, and promotes the preservation of New Jersey's valuable natural habitats.

NJAS is a privately supported, not-for-profit, statewide membership organization.

Founded in 1897 and one of the oldest independent Audubon societies, NJAS has no connection with the National Audubon Society.

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New Jersey Audubon Society.
For information contact the
Scherman-Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary

Directions to the Sanctuary

Road Map Inside

From Route 287: take exit 30B (Bernardsville) Bear right onto N. Maple Ave. Go through traffic light at Route 202/Morristown Rd.; after light N. Maple Ave. becomes Childs Rd. After a short distance, bear right at the fork onto Hardscrabble Rd.

For the Hoffman Center (Offices, bookstore, indoor programs, and information):

The driveway is approx. 1 mile down Hardscrabble Rd. on the right.

For the Scherman Parking Lot:

The parking lot is 1/4 mile past the Hoffman driveway, also on the right.

From the Chester area (Route 24): take Rt. 24 east through Mendham. Watch for the New Jersey Audubon sign at Tempe Wick Rd. Turn right onto Tempe Wick Rd. Continue for approx. 2 miles. Turn right opposite the pond onto Leddell Rd. At the next stop sign turn left onto Hardscrabble Rd.

For the Scherman Parking Lot:

The parking lot is approximately 1 mile down Hardscrabble Rd. on the left.

For the Hoffman Center: (Offices, bookstore, indoor programs, and information)

The driveway is 1/4 mile past the Scherman parking lot on the left.

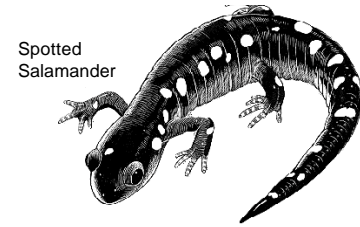
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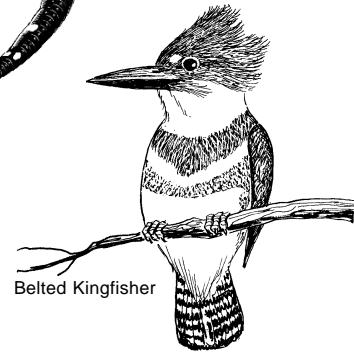
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Trail Guide & Map



Spotted Salamander



Belted Kingfisher



Cardinal Flower



Red Fox

Trails are open seven days a week
from dawn to 5:00 p.m.

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Take Only Pictures and Memories



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Dogwood Trail

----- Red Markers -----

Distance: 1.3 miles

Estimated Time: 1-1 1/2 hr.

Terrain/Difficulty: Moderate

The Dogwood Trail winds through the Highlands, so much of the walk is up and down hill. The path is strewn with rocks and roots, and it narrows in parts as it winds its way down the hills. Some areas of the trail are a little steep.

Natural Features:

The Dogwood Trail was named for the dogwood trees that grow in the understory of the mixed-oak forest through which the trail runs.

On this trail you might see forest species including:

Eastern Wood Pewee
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Pileated Woodpecker
Tufted Titmouse
Veery
Wood Thrush
Worm-eating Warbler
Scarlet Tanager
Eastern Chipmunk
American Toad
Green Frog
Spicebush Swallowtail (butterfly)
Chestnut Oak
Black Oak
Hickory
Jack-in-the-pulpit

Field Loop Trail

----- Green Markers -----

Distance: 0.7 miles

Estimated Time: 45 min. - 1 hr.

Terrain/Difficulty: Easy

The Field Loop Trail is relatively level with a few gentle hills. A short section runs along the driveway. The path is grassy with a few patches of woodchips, dirt, and gravel.

Natural Features:

The Field Loop Trail meanders around the outskirts of fields, through groves of young trees, and along the Passaic River. Because the trail is flanked by forest, many “edge” species live along the trail. In spring this is a great trail to see birds and flowering dogwood.

On this trail you might see meadow and edge species including:

Eastern Bluebird
House Wren
Indigo Bunting
Eastern Towhee
Northern Flicker
White-tailed Deer
Box Turtle
Wood Turtle
Common Wood Nymph (butterfly)
Great Spangled Fritillary (butterfly)
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail (butterfly)
Spiked Lobelia
Narrow-leaved Mountain-mint
Common Milkweed
Intermediate Dogbane

River Trail

----- Yellow Markers -----

Distance: 0.3 miles

Estimated Time: 20-30 min.

Terrain/Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

The River Trail along the Passaic River has varied terrain, ranging from dirt to rocks to roots. The slopes are gentle and the footing is generally easy.

Natural Features:

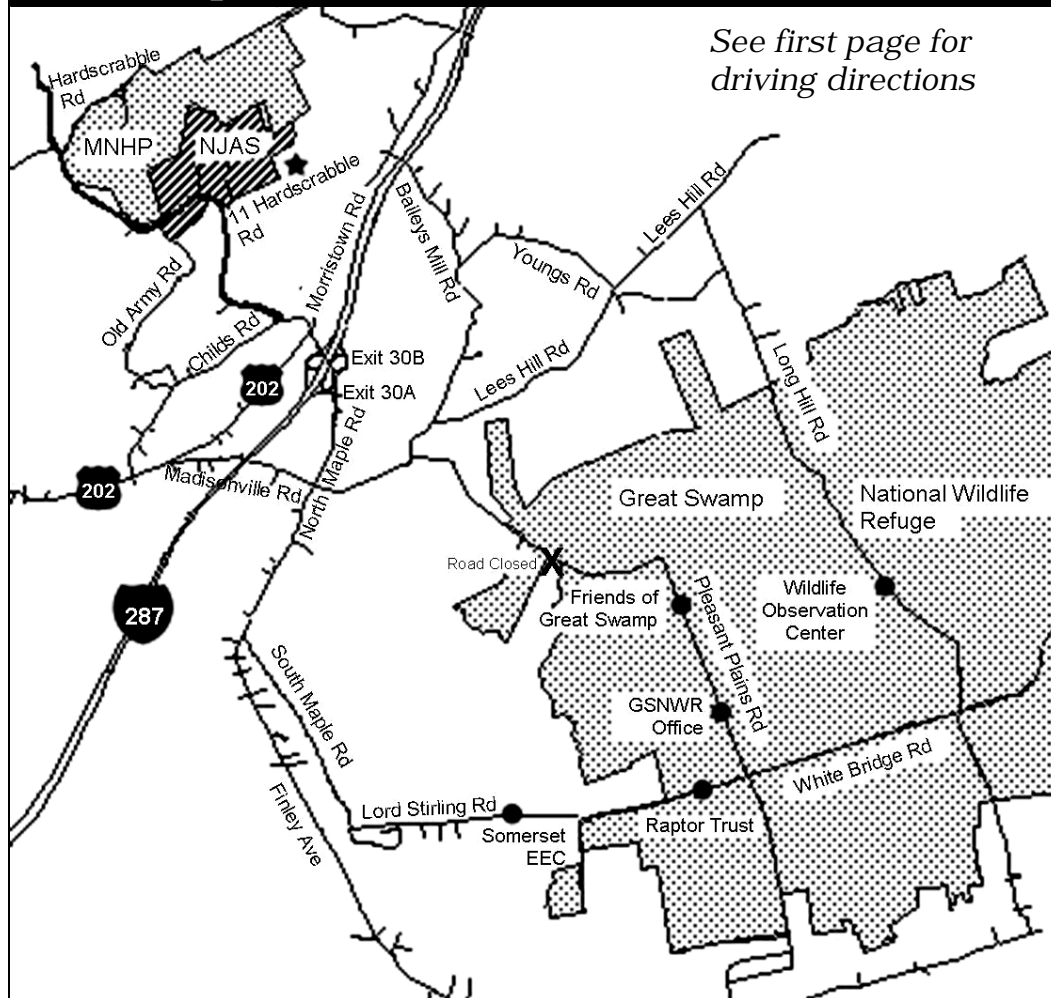
The River Trail dips down to the Passaic River and goes up into the Highlands to cross the Dogwood Trail. The path passes through forested floodplain and wetter areas with ferns and skunk cabbage, as well as a short section of rocky upland forest.

On this trail you might see river and floodplain species including:

Louisiana Waterthrush
Belted Kingfisher
Wood Duck
American Toad
Wood Frog
Two-lined Salamander
Northern Water Snake
Wood Turtle
Rainbow Trout
Brown Trout
Harvester (butterfly)
Yellow Birch
Swamp Azalea
“The Big Tree” (a huge Tulip Poplar)
Spicebush
Grape Vine
Dwarf Ginseng
Cinnamon Fern

Road Map

See first page for
driving directions



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Open dawn to 5 p.m. for
Nature Study, Hiking, and Photography

No Litter
No Picnics, Fires, or Camping
No Alcoholic Beverages
No Pets
No Horses or Bikes
No Hunting, Trapping, or
Woodcutting

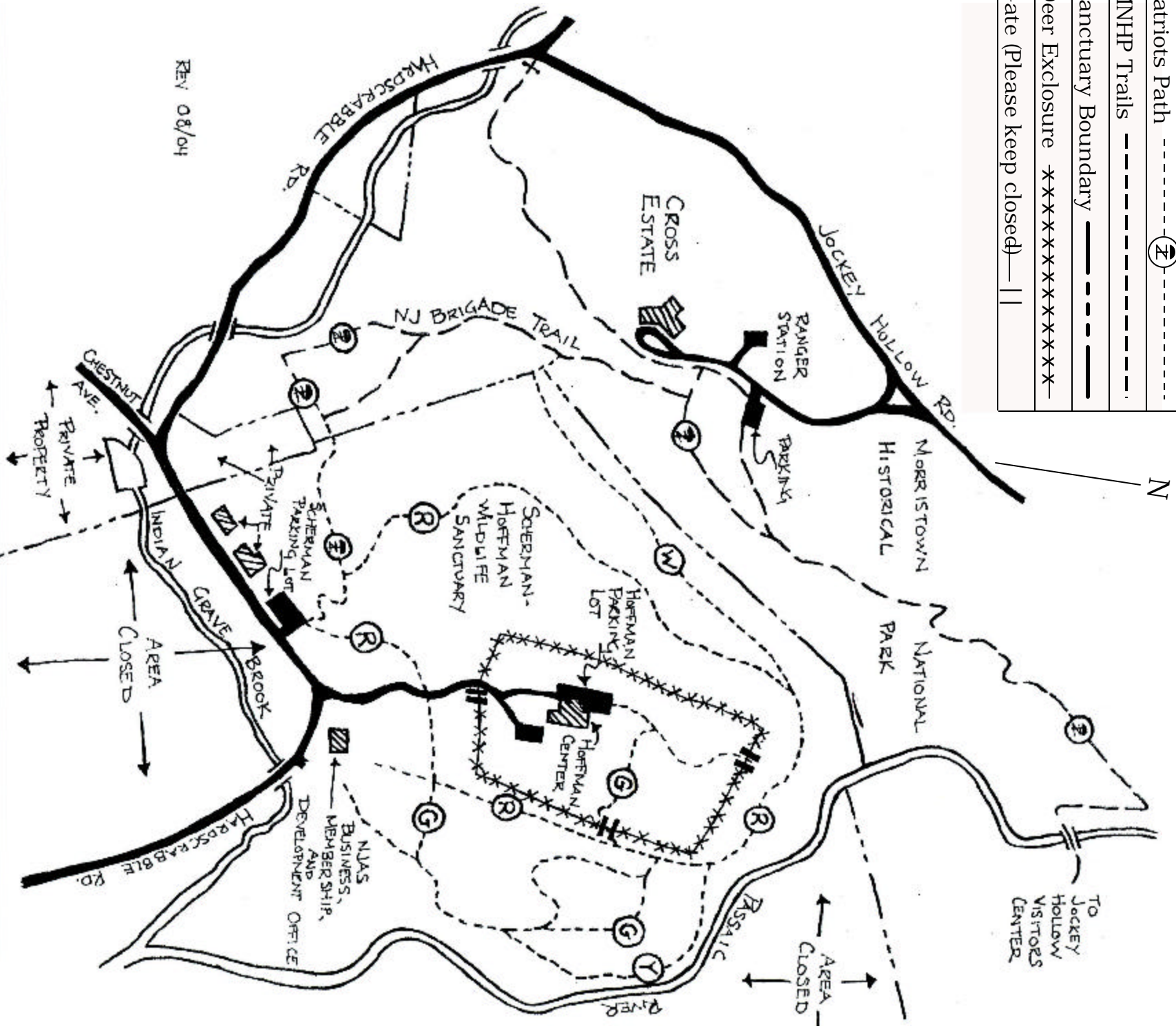
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Scherman-Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary Trail Map

Dogwood Trail	-----Ⓡ-----
Field Loop Trail	-----ⓐ-----
River Trail	-----Ⓨ-----
Connecting Trail	-----Ⓦ-----
Patriots Path	-----Ⓩ-----
MNHP Trails	-----
Sanctuary Boundary	-----
Deer Exclosure	*****
Gate (Please keep closed)	



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