



## Livingston's Outdoor Treasures

6. **Riker Hill Art Park** – a 40-acre park, connects with the 16-acre Walter Kidde Dinosaur Park and the 137-acre Becker Park in Roseland. **P**
7. **Woods at Maple Avenue** – a variety of trails exist across Canoe Brook connecting the neighborhoods off of W. Oakwood Ave., Balmoral Dr., Dougal Ave., S. Baums Ct. and Lee Rd.
8. **Becker Park** – six acres of this 147-acre Essex County Park are in Livingston, the remainder is located in Roseland. The Lenape Trail traverses the park. **P**
9. **West Essex Park** – over 320 acres of undeveloped County lands along the Passaic River from South Orange Avenue to Route 10 and again from the Okner Parkway Ballfields north to the Roseland border. There is an access point to the Passaic River at South Orange Avenue. *Essex County Park Commission* **P**
10. **Cedar Ridge Trail** – a nature/walking trail created in 1971 through West Essex Park and continuing onto the grounds of Newark Academy. It has not been maintained in recent years. The trail can be found: a bridge and part of a board walk are visible on the north side of South Orange Avenue just before crossing the Passaic River. An old interpretive brochure designed by the Livingston Conservation Council is available at [www.livingstonnj.org](http://www.livingstonnj.org).
11. **Okner Parkway** – future athletic fields will have parking available and Town-owned access to part of the West Essex Park, and access to Passaic River.
12. **Vere Terrace** – five wooded acres along the eastern bank of Canoe Brook near the intersection of Livingston Avenue and Wilson Terrace.
13. **Northland Park** – 30 acres of undeveloped woodland are part of the complex that is home to a variety of recreational facilities. There are no established trails through the wooded area. **P** ♿
14. **Meadowbrook Park** – located between Meadowbrook Parkway and Burnet Hill School. It includes a pathway and a portion of Slough Brook. **P**

### Other nearby activities:

**Essex County Environmental Education Center** – 621 Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland **P**

**Reeves Reed Arboretum** – 165 Hobart Avenue, Summit 908-273-8787 **P**

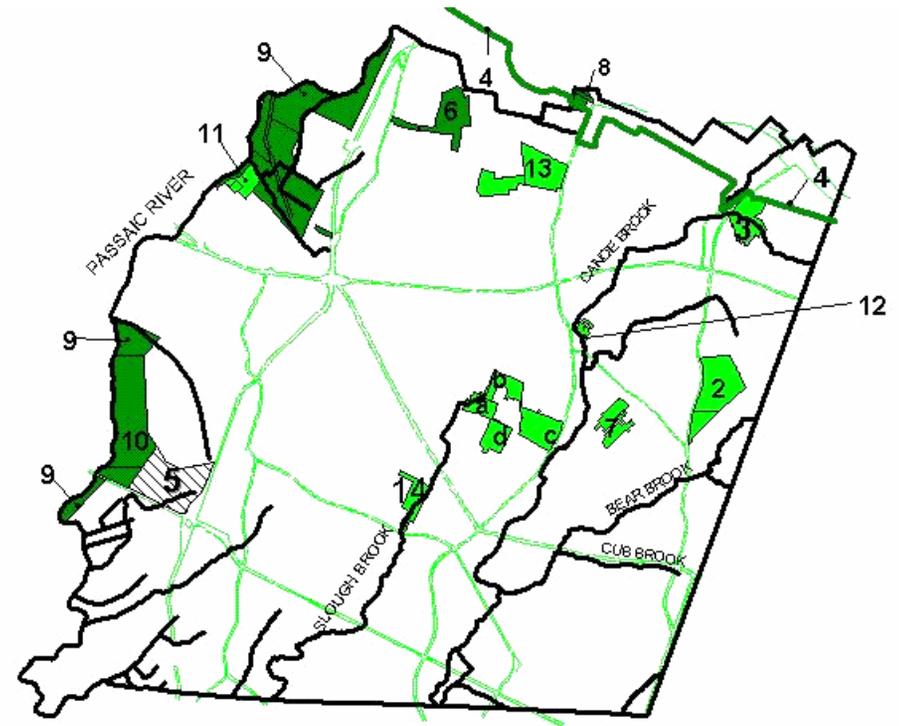
**South Mountain Reservation** – 2,048 acres in West Orange, Maplewood and Millburn. **P**

**Eagle Rock Reservation** – 408 acres in Verona, Montclair and West Orange. **P**

**Mills Reservation** – 157 acres in Cedar Grove adjacent to Montclair's Mountainside Park **P**

**Montclair Hawk Watch** – open to the public September through November. [www.njaudubon.org/sites/humont.html](http://www.njaudubon.org/sites/humont.html)

**Watchung Reservation** – 2,000 acres Union County Park for more information see [www.unioncountynj.org/svcsgov/parksrec/trailsde.htm](http://www.unioncountynj.org/svcsgov/parksrec/trailsde.htm). **P**



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As the Livingston Environmental Commission and the Livingston Open Space Trust Fund Committee sought information about the open space in town, we became aware of many treasures that our 14-square mile piece of New Jersey has to offer.

Enclosed is a brief description of various outdoor areas in town. For more information about the active recreation opportunities in town see the annual Parks and Recreation booklet.

Listed are the website addresses where maps of the various sites can be found. They are printable through Adobe® Acrobat® and are available at Livingston Town Hall (for a nominal fee.)

We hope that your family and/or organization will explore and enjoy what is available in our own backyard.

There is plenty of work to be done to maintain these treasures. Please consider helping to maintain and/or improve these parks next time you are looking for an outdoor activity for your scout troop or club. Volunteers are always needed to help with trail maintenance, litter clean-up and interpretive signs.

 Designates available parking area.  
(Other sites have parking available on the street.)

 Designates available portable toilet facility

Dogs are not allowed on Township land with the exception of the Dog Park and the remainder of East Hills Park.

## 1. Memorial Park

**a. Livingston Nature Preserve** – In 1976, ten acres of Memorial Park, which remain in nearly natural condition, were set aside by the Township Council as a nature preserve. A ¼ mile interpretive trail begins at Littell's Pond along Slough Brook (pronounced 'slew') and traverses through the wooded area located behind the high school athletic fields. This path can be wet, wear appropriate footwear. The LHS Cross Country team uses part of this trail for its meets. There is a document created by the Livingston Environmental Commission and the Livingston Conservation Council entitled: *A Guided Walk Through the Livingston Nature Preserve* that is available at [www.livingstonnj.org](http://www.livingstonnj.org).

**b. Littell's Pond** – is being refurbished, to provide a pleasant place to relax, fish or iceskate.

**c. 9-11 Living Memorial Garden** – located near the gazebo, seven sides of this octagonal-shaped garden are a memorial to the seven Livingston residents who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center. The eighth side represents others who died that day.

**d. Madonna Drive** – pathways continue through 15 acres of wooded Town-owned land.

## 2. East Hills Park

**a. Dog Park** – estab. 2003 – there are two fenced-in areas, one for small dogs 25 lbs. or less and a larger area for dogs of all sizes. The annual Dog Park Pass fee for Livingston residents is \$10 available from the Health Dept. see [www.livingstondogpark.com](http://www.livingstondogpark.com) for more information.

**b. Fitness Trail** – A 1½ mile trail with 30 exercise stations loops through the woods along a primarily dry wood chipped path. Dogs are permitted on this trail without a Dog Park Pass, but must be kept on a leash.

## 3. Prospect Park Hiking/Biking Trails – located on Shrewsbury Dr. between East Mount Pleasant and Laurel Avenues. It is a beautiful forested 29-acre piece of preserved Township land. A deep gorge has been carved out over the years by a tributary of Canoe Brook. The development of hiking and mountain biking trails will begin in the spring of 2005. Interpretive and handicapped accessible trails are also planned for this site. At the time of this printing there is no parking lot but there is an ample shoulder on Shrewsbury allowing for on-street parking. A map is available at [www.livingstonnj.org](http://www.livingstonnj.org).

## 4. Lenape Trail – part of the Liberty-Water Gap Trail which goes from Liberty State Park to the Delaware Water Gap. Much of this trail follows the PSE&G Right-of-Way (ROW) on the north side of town. One such ROW is adjacent to Prospect Park. It also goes through Becker Park (in Livingston and Roseland) Created by Essex County Park Commission and the Sierra Club. A map is available.

## 5. Newark Academy – Carol Heaney Nature Trail located at Newark Academy, 91 South Orange Avenue.

This is a two-mile marked trail complete with interpretive signs and areas designated as outdoor classrooms. It is contiguous to West Essex Park. Part of the school's cross country trail extends into County lands. Newark Academy welcomes visitors to enjoy this trail any time school is not in session. A map is available at [www.livingstonnj.org](http://www.livingstonnj.org). 

