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Historic **Smithville Park Trails** 

New Jersey



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#### About the Route

Starting at the municipal lot on the corner of Smithville Road and East Railroad Avenue, head east on the red trail (the trails are marked with color-coded signage) as it enters the woods and leaves the sound of cars behind. The wooded trail passes through a brief section of open fields where a transmission line intersects above; interpretive signage emphasizes the importance of the vegetation in this area as pollinator habitats. About 0.3 mile from the start, the trail comes to a parking lot and a trail

intersection. Turning right, the orange trail will take trail users across East Railroad Avenue and connect to the yellow trail. Turning left, the orange trail heads down to the Smith's Woods Area, which includes picnic pavilions and a butterfly garden, planted with species known to attract pollinators. Continue straight along the red trail as the path winds around the opposite side of these amenities, intersecting with a playground before reentering its forested surroundings.

Continuing along the red trail, there is another staircase with a smooth ramp for wheeled items like bicycles. Almost 0.7 mile from the start, there is another split in the trail; bear left to continue along the red trail, emerging from the forest to travel parallel to the Rancocas Creek as it winds toward Smithville Lake. The trail crosses busy Smithville Road and continues to wind its way through the park, crossing two bridges before ending at the boat launch on River Street.

Next to the boat launch is the beginning of the blue-blazed Ravine Nature Trail. Users should note that this walking-only path is off-limits to bicycles. The change in surface to bumpy wood chips also discourages wheeled use. Shortly into the trail, a set of stairs helps users climb the steep hillside as the route winds through the trees, emerging along Meade Lane. Cross the road and turn left to continue down the trail in an open, grassy field.

To reach the green trail, first take the red trail back over the bridge. Turn down the lane and over the bridge, now on a spur section of the green trail, which leads to the lake and several fishing spots on the water.

After taking the time to admire the view on a nearby bench, double back to the red trail, go over the second bridge, and turn right at the next gravel lot to head down the main green trail. While the green trail can accommodate bicycles, the multiple, steep staircases at the end near West Railroad Avenue could make it difficult to traverse on wheels.





**States:** New Jersey **Counties:** Burlington
Length: 3.9miles

Trail end points: East Railroad Ave. to

Smithville Park

Trail surfaces: Boardwalk, Dirt, Gravel, Sand,

Woodchips

Trail category: Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Fishing, Horseback Riding, Mountain Biking, Walking, Cross

Country Skiing

### Parking & Trail Access

The Historic Smithville Park Trails run throughout Smithville Park in Mt. Holly, New Jersey.

Parking is available at:

• 16 Dunham Ln. (Mt. Holly)

Please see <u>TrailLink Map</u> for all parking options and detailed directions.



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