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Guides



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The popular park, a draw for residents and visitors alike, gets its name from the cannons once situated there to protect the city from coastal invasion. Another remnant of New Castle's history is the small 19th-century railroad ticket office near the park's entrance. Surrounded by a white picket fence, it was first constructed to serve the short-lived New Castle and Frenchtown Railroad and was

restored in the 1950s. You may even catch a glimpse of the Kalmar Nyckel, a full-scale replica of a 17th-century Swedish ship (but built by the Dutch) that famously brought Swedish settlers to North America in 1638; it periodically docks at Battery Park as it travels along the Atlantic Seaboard.

On the park's green, you can claim a bench, a picnic table, or a spot on the grass with friends to enjoy the sights and sounds of the river. The paved hike-and-bike path begins on the edge of the green and heads southwest on a levee sandwiched between reedy marsh and the river. At the edge of the park are several short spurs of the trail that connect to a nearby neighborhood, offering immediate trail access to locals.

The Gambacorta Marsh Dike, atop which you'll travel, was constructed to carry a singletrack railroad that led from the park's current location to the Tasker Iron Works plant, which no longer exists. The trail continues past Dobbinsville Park and Deemers Beach, then crosses Army Creek onto another dike before dead-ending. The entire trip is 3.4 miles out-and-back, but if you are interested in extending your run or ride, there is access to the 5.5-mile [Jack A. Markell Trail](#) just north of Battery Park; to reach it, take South Street 0.4 mile to Young Street Park.



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States: Delaware

Counties: New Castle

Length: 1.7miles

Trail end points: Delaware Street to Army
Creek

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Fishing, Wheelchair

Accessible, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available by Battery Park (at the end of Delaware St and at 199 W. Third St) and by Deemers Beach River Access (W. Seventh St., 0.2 mile southwest of Clymer St).



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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