

## Park Hours

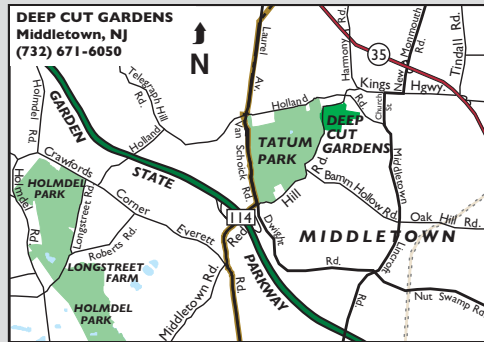
The park is open 8 am to dusk, year round. Free admission, free parking.

## The Directory

The Directory is a listing of all park programs and activities. Published 5 times a year, it is available online at [monmouthcountyparks.com](http://monmouthcountyparks.com) or by calling (732) 842-4000, ext. 4313. You can also pick up a current copy at the Horticultural Center and most Park System locations.

## For More Information

If you would like more information about the Monmouth County Park System's more than 30 open spaces, parks and recreation areas, please call (732) 842-4000, ext. 4256 (TTY-TDD 711) or visit us online at [monmouthcountyparks.com](http://monmouthcountyparks.com).



From the Garden State Parkway north or south: Take Exit 114. Southbound turn left, northbound turn right onto Red Hill Rd. Turn right and light on to Dwight Rd., then left back on to Red Hill Rd. Follow for 1.5 miles; park entrance is on the right.



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# Deep Cut Gardens

Middletown, NJ



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## Welcome to Deep Cut

This horticultural park is dedicated to the home gardener. The 54 acres of gardens are a living catalog of native and cultivated plant species to be observed throughout the seasons. Discover new ways to improve your home garden by taking a walking tour of the park, asking the staff horticultural questions, or visiting the reference library. Garden programs and classes are available.



## Deep Cut History

In 1935, Vito Genovese bought the property that is now Deep Cut Gardens as a retreat for his family from New York City. He developed the estate to be reminiscent of his Italian homeland; the peanut stone walls, cascading pools, pergola and parterre were all added under his tenure. In 1937 Genovese left the country and shortly after, the house burned to the ground. The most recent owners Marjorie and Karl Wihtol, bought the property in 1952 and built a home that is now the Horticultural Center.

In 1977, Mrs. Wihtol bequeathed 20 acres of property to the Park System, which purchased another 20 acres with Green Acres funding. Deep Cut was opened to the public in 1978, and another 14 acres was added in 1990.

## Programs

From potting to propagation, Deep Cut offers a variety of gardening classes for people of all ages, listed in the Park System's Directory. Pick up a free copy in any park, call (732) 842-4000 ext. 4313 to be placed on the mailing list, or visit us online ([www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com).)

## Tours

Group tours are available by prior arrangement, please call (732) 671-6050 for rates and information. Guided tours are also scheduled throughout the year. A self-guided tour brochure featuring the *Trees of the Front Lawn* is available in the Horticultural Center.

## Photography and Painting

If you wish to take wedding, prom, or family photos, a reservation is required; please call (732) 842-4000 for a permit. Painting and the use of easels are permitted with prior arrangement; please call (732) 671-6050.

## Library

The Elvin MacDonald Horticultural Library, located in the Horticultural Center, features over 4000 books and periodicals on gardening. Borrowing privileges are available through membership in Friends of the Parks. Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 am to 3:30pm call (732) 671-6050 for Saturday hours.

## Home Gardener Newsletter

Contained within the Green Heritage newsletter this quarterly newsletter contains interesting horticultural tips and news about the park. Call (732) 671-6050 for your free subscription.

## Volunteers

We need you! Volunteers help out with the gardens and with programs and activities. For an application, please inquire at the Horticultural Center during your next visit; call (732) 842-4000, ext. 4283 or email [volunteer@monmouthcountyparks.com](mailto:volunteer@monmouthcountyparks.com).



# Deep Cut Gardens

352 Red Hill Rd. Middletown, NJ

(732)-671-6050 Information (732)-671-6906 Horticultural Helpline



## Legend

Parking	Building/Structure	Property Line
Rest Rooms	Wooded Area	Unpaved Walkway (grass, gravel, dirt surface)
Information	Field/Clearing	Paved Walkway
Notable Trees	Maintenance Road	Steps
	Paved Road	



### Gardener's Cottage

This cottage was built in the early 1900s and later renovated by Vito Genovese. Once a gardener's residence, it is now used as work space for park staff.

### Lily Pond

Made beautiful with tropical and hardy water lilies and bog plants, this pool is home to brightly colored koi and goldfish.

### Horticultural Center

Offering beautiful views of the park, this former home of Marjorie and Karl Wihtol (1952-1977) houses a library, program rooms, restrooms and offices.

### Rockery

A group of Sargent's weeping hemlocks (boasting a width rarely seen on the East Coast) forms an umbrella over three cascading pools.

### Meadow Walk

Take a stroll through a woodland meadow (featuring three groves of trees: oak, maple and ash) growing under natural conditions.

### Natural Pond

This stream-fed pond abounds with wildlife including frogs, fish, birds and plants.

### Pergola

This open-roof, arbor-like structure is covered with flowering vines.

### Parterre

Meant to be viewed from a distance, this recessed, stone-walled garden features a combination of roses and perennials/annuals planted in a pattern.

### Shade Garden

Spruce and tulip poplars form a canopy over shade-loving species such as fern, hosta, bloodroot and cardinal flower planted along this walkway.

### Japanese-Themed Garden

Texture, color and structural elements all come together in this small, serene garden.

### Display Greenhouse

Colorful orchids, succulents and houseplants thrive here throughout the seasons. Peak orchid flowering season is January - March.

### Bonsai Display

The bonsai (*bone-sigh*) collection features miniaturized trees and shrubs; a few are more than 100 years old.

### Display Garden

Vegetables, flowers and herbs are cultivated in raised beds by intensive-style gardening; the site includes a children's garden. Look for the "All-American" ornamental plants and vegetables that have shown vigor and exceptional flowering.

### Home Composting Demonstration Facility

Composting alleviates solid waste disposal problems and saves money on fertilizers. A joint venture of the Park System and County Planning Department, this site provides information to help transform yard and garden waste into a beneficial resource for your garden.

### Protect Your Parks

The Park System preserves and manages natural and cultural resources on more than 13,000 acres of land in Monmouth County. Protecting water quality, eliminating invasive plant species, and promoting healthy wildlife habitat and populations are just a few resource management objectives. Please do not pick the flowers, walk in the beds or climb the trees at Deep Cut Gardens. Also, please do not feed the fish or other wildlife. Pets are not permitted at Deep Cut (except for service dogs.) Visitors are asked to adhere to the posted park rules and use designated containers for trash and recyclables. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in any Monmouth County park.