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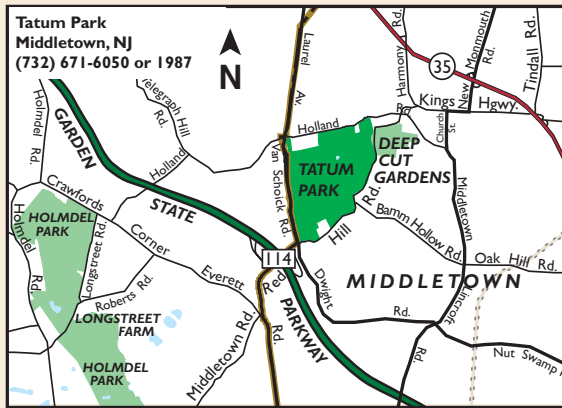
For information about Monmouth County's more than 35 open spaces, parks, and recreation areas, or a complete listing of the 4,000 classes and programs offered by the Park System each year, call 732-842-4000 or log onto [www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com).

## Park Hours

Tatum Park is open every day of the year from 8am to dusk, free of charge. Park Rangers are available to assist you.

## Information about Lyme Disease

To avoid contact with the deer tick that may carry Lyme Disease, stay away from tall grass and shrubby areas, wear light-colored clothes, tuck long pants into socks, and check yourself for ticks during and after each visit to the park.



**From the Garden State Parkway:** Take Exit 114. Northbound turn right, southbound turn left, onto Red Hill Road north. Continue for 1 mile, Red Hill entrance is on the left. Or, turn left onto Van Schoick, follow for 1 mile and turn right onto Holland Rd.

**From Route 35:** Northbound turn left, southbound turn right onto Laurel Avenue (in Holmdel). Follow for 1.5 miles, turn left onto Holland Road and follow to park entrance on right for Holland Activity Center. Continue on Holland Road and turn right on Red Hill Road, for the park's main entrance.

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## Monmouth County Park System

# Tatum Park

Middletown Township, NJ



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## Welcome to Tatum Park

Tatum Park has 366 acres of rolling hills, open fields and bird-filled woods— as well as two Activity Centers, a playground, and miles of scenic trails— for area residents to enjoy. The park is named for the Tatum family, who donated 73 acres of property to the county in 1973. Additional land was purchased with Federal Land and Water Conservation Funds and assistance from the New Jersey Conservation Foundation.



## Tatum History

In 1905, glass manufacturer Charles Tatum of New York City purchased land in Middletown as a summer home for his family, close to factories in nearby Keyport and Millville. His company made laboratory glassware, bottles, decanters, paperweights, and glass insulators. Some of these pieces are on display in the park's Holland Activity Center, which used to be the family home. It was Tatum's daughter-in-law Geraldine, who donated a portion of the family's property to the county.

## Protect Your Parks

The Park System preserves and manages natural and cultural resources on more than 14,500 acres of land in Monmouth County. Protecting water quality, eliminating invasive plant species, and promoting healthy wildlife habitats are just a few objectives. Please help protect the park by leaving flowers, plants, animals, and other features as you found them; adhering to the posted park rules; using designated containers for trash, recyclables and pet waste; and keeping your pets leashed. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted. An overabundance of white-tailed deer in and around the parks is threatening the health of native plant and animal species. Portions of Tatum Park may be open for deer hunting during all or some of the State-regulated hunting season. All hunting areas are posted. Call 732-842-4000, ext. 4237 or visit [www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com) for information

## Holland Activity Center

Located off Holland Road (map inside), this site is used for sports and fitness classes and other public programs. a meeting room (up to 50 people) is available for rental; call 732-842-4000, ext. 1.

## Red Hill Activity Center

The sound of children's voices often fills the Red Hill Activity Center, located off Red Hill Road. As the home of Sunday Smilers (live performances for children) as well as a variety of other workshops, classes, and auditions, this center is a hub of program activities for people of all ages.

In 1981, a special wing, funded by the Heath family of Middletown, was built to honor Mary and Clinton Heath. In 1885, Clinton Heath, a freed slave from North Carolina, became the first black farmer to settle in Middletown. The wing features a permanent display of memorabilia from the county's early black community and hosts an annual exhibit and programs to celebrate African American History.



## Trails of Tatum Park

Tatum Park has more than 6 miles of multi-use trails. Walkers, runners, bicyclists and equestrians can watch the colors change each season on winding paths through stands of tulip trees, and red and chestnut oaks. Or, enjoy the quiet landscape on trails through beautiful fields and meadows.




Please plan your route, take a trail map with you, and follow signs to remain on marked trails. Also, wear appropriate safety gear and obey the rules of protocol: bicyclists yield to all other trail users; pedestrians yield to equestrians.

**You may notice that many field edges are mowed to provide additional access. These are not marked trails.**



NOTE: At a brisk pace, it takes approximately 20 minutes to walk 1 mile (1.6 km).

## Trail Key

### Restricted Trails: Foot Traffic Only

-  **HOLLY GROVE:** This EASY 0.6 mile (1.0 km) trail loops through a magnificent grove of holly trees.
-  **DOGWOOD HOLLOW:** Travel by streams and through an intimate forest setting on this MODERATE 0.9 mile (1.5 km) loop.
-  **INDIAN SPRINGS:** Enjoy a country stroll beside Red Hill Road, then travel into the Tatum woods on this MODERATE 1.2 mile (1.9 km) trail.

### Multi-use Trails: Open to All Users




-  **TATUM RAMBLE:** Explore both field and forest on this MODERATE 1.4 mile (2.3 km) trail. Make sure to note the stands of towering Tulip Poplar and old species of beech and oak.
-  **MEADOW RUN:** This MODERATE trail is the park's longest at 2.3 miles (3.7 km). It travels along the many beautiful meadows for which this park is known.

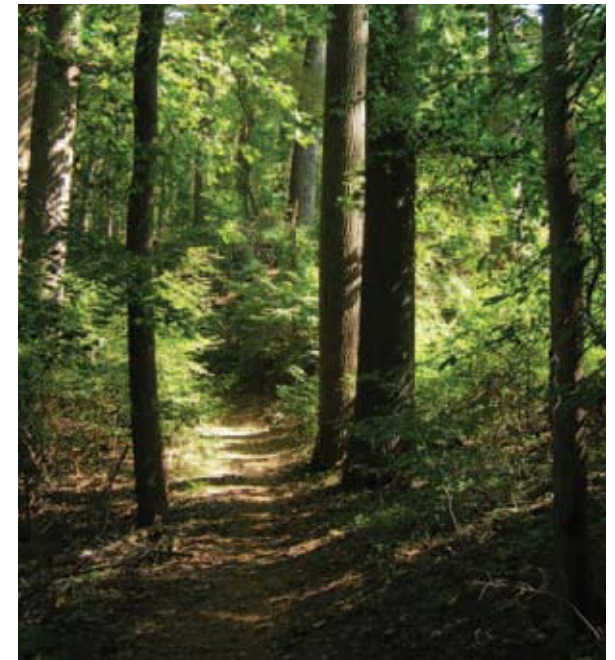
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## Trail Standards

-  **EASY:** short, well-maintained or paved trails intended for casual walking
-  **MODERATE:** longer trails with some grades/obstructions; intended for hiking, equestrians and all-terrain bicycles (may be suitable for some walkers and runners)
-  **CHALLENGING:** long, more primitive trails with step grades/obstructions; intended for hardy experienced hikers, equestrians, and all-terrain bicyclists



## Legend

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|  Building/Office |  Boardwalk     |  Trailhead        |
|  Wooded Area     |  Bridge        |  Paved Trail      |
|  Field/Clearing  |  Information   |  Property Line    |
|  Lake/Pond       |  Picnic Tables |  Maintenance Road |
|  Wetlands        |  Parking       |  River/Stream     |
|  Playground      |  Restrooms     |  Easy Trail       |
|   |  Telephone     |  Moderate Trail   |

