

New Jersey
Meadowlands
Commission



Experience
in **Eco-tourism**
The Meadowlands



- The Meadowlands Environment Center
- Pontoon Boat Tours
- Canoe Trips
- Nature Walks

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Experience

The 32-square-mile Meadowlands District and its activities are overseen by the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, chaired by the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs and comprising six commissioners from Bergen and Hudson counties. The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission's mission is to protect the delicate balance of nature; to provide for orderly development; and to provide facilities for the disposal of solid waste.

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Experience it all... in The Meadowlands

- ✧ Guided pontoon boat tours and canoe trips
- ✧ Annual Riverfest in June
- ✧ Annual Halloween party with spooky walk
- ✧ The Interactive Learning Center
- ✧ The Flyaway Gallery
- ✧ Richard W. DeKorte Park
- ✧ Nature walks
- ✧ The Jill Ann Ziemkiewicz Memorial Butterfly Garden
- ✧ Public speakers program
- ✧ The Cove's World Trade Center Memorial
- ✧ Field trips for all grades
- ✧ Student convocations
- ✧ Teacher workshops
- ✧ Graduate-level courses in wetlands ecology
- ✧ Traveling educational programs
- ✧ Laboratory workshops for high-school and college students
- ✧ Yearly conservation projects
- ✧ The Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute (MERI)
- ✧ MERI's Digital Meadowlands
- ✧ MERI Library
- ✧ Free trail guides
- ✧ Volunteer opportunities



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Nature Walks

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The Meadowlands Experience...



Experience nature at its finest when you take a walking tour of Richard W. DeKorte Park. Whether it's a guided tour of the marsh, a short hike through bird habitats, or a peek at wildflowers, we have a nature trail for you.

Choose an easy or intermediate trail where you can discover the beauty of our salt marshes. Explore on your own or join a guided tour. Whether you visit us in winter, spring, summer, or fall, you'll be thrilled to find an amazing diversity of vegetation and wildlife. You can see leaves change, birds migrate, mothers care for their young, and flowers bloom and fade. Come at dawn, dusk, or somewhere in between and you'll catch the natural rhythms of the day.

Both low and high tides have their own unique environments. At **low tide** the open, flat salt marshes are called mud flats. Sandpipers and plovers probe the mud with their long beaks while terrapin turtles bask in the sun along the exposed creek banks. Fiddler crabs venture out of their burrows. Egrets, herons, and redwinged black birds fly over the marshes.

...where you can

experience a vast network of trails and walkways



At **high tide**, there is a great deal of aquatic action happening below. You'll see small shrimp and fish jumping out of the water near the shallow channel edges. Ducks paddle through the water and dive for food. Cormorants perch on structures that emerge from the water and dry their feathers.

Throughout the park there are special spots where you can sit and reflect. One of these is the Cove, which is located near the main entrance trail. Here you will find a scenic overlook of the Meadowlands and a World Trade Center memorial dedicated to the lives lost on September 11, 2001.

To learn more

about exploring the many nature trails of the Meadowlands, please call (201) 460-4640

Richard W. DeKorte Park

The trails and walkways of the Richard W. DeKorte Park are open daily, weather permitting. A detailed trail guide is available at the Meadowlands Environment Center and near the outdoor kiosks. A list of birds you might see in the Meadowlands is also available in the lobby of the Environment Center or can be obtained by visiting www.njmeadowlands.gov. These trails are accessible from Richard DeKorte Park:

- ★ The Lyndhurst Nature Reserve
- ★ The Kingsland Overlook
- ★ Saw Mill Creek Trail

Mill Creek Trail

The trails and walkways of Mill Creek are accessible from **TEXT TO COME...**

- ★ Transco Trail
- ★ Shorewalk