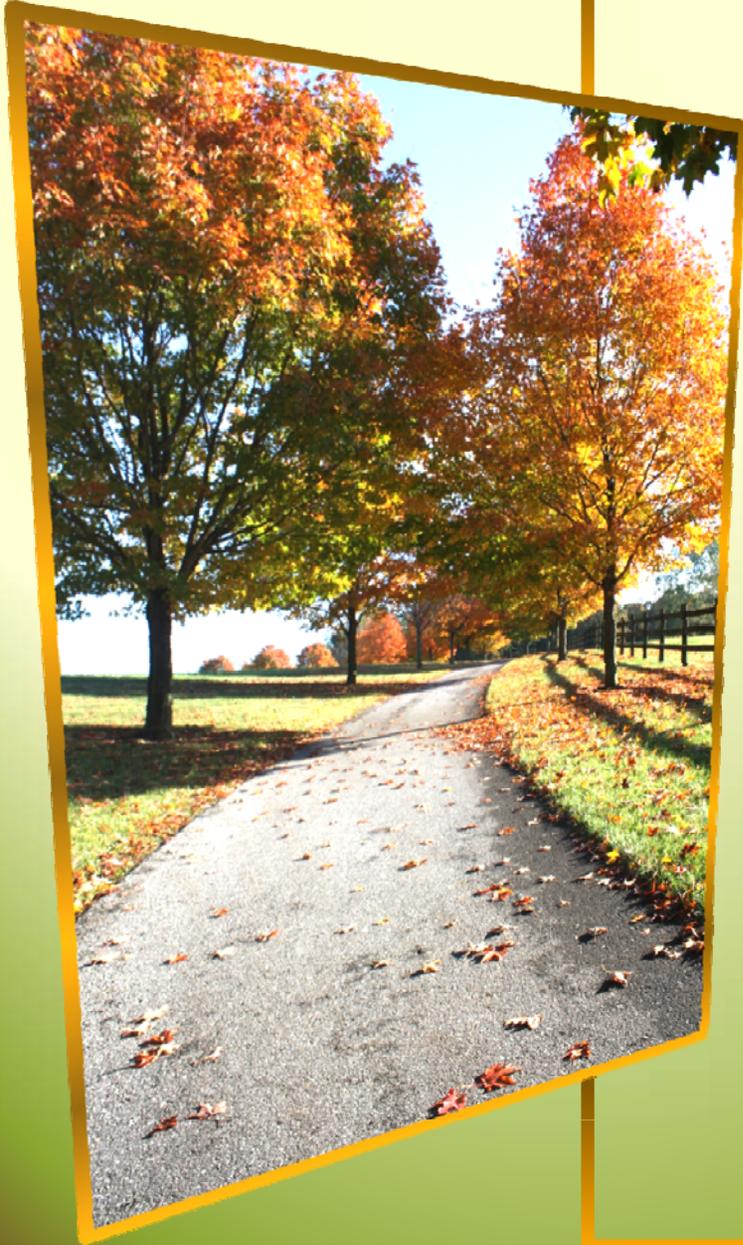




Chester County
School of Government

County Parks and Trails

Department of
Facilities and Parks



**THE MISSION OF
CHESTER COUNTY PARKS
IS TO PROVIDE
MANAGEMENT,
CONSERVATION,
MAINTENANCE,
EDUCATION, AND
RECREATION SERVICES
TO RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES,
AND VISITORS SO THAT THEY
MAY EXPERIENCE OPEN SPACE
AND UNDERSTAND THE
NATURAL, CULTURAL, AND
HISTORIC RESOURCES OF
CHESTER COUNTY.**

MANAGEMENT

Three regions each with dedicated superintendent, park rangers, maintenance staff, office staff, and volunteers.



MANAGEMENT

- ✿ Park Administration
- ✿ Staff Planning & Allocation
- ✿ Community Relations
- ✿ Visitor Interaction
- ✿ Program & Event Planning
- ✿ Safety Services
- ✿ Natural Resource Management
- ✿ Grounds Keeping
- ✿ Trail Planning & Maintenance
- ✿ Building Maintenance
- ✿ Vehicle & Equipment Logistics & Maintenance



CONSERVATION

Natural Resource Management

- ✿ Unique ecosystems
- ✿ Native habitats
- ✿ Native species (some rare)



MAINTENANCE

- ❖ Grounds, Buildings, Kiosks, Pavilions & Other Structures
- ❖ Trails, Paved Paths, Park Roads & Bridges



EDUCATION

- Envirothon Partner Year-Round
- Ranger-Led Programs for All Ages
- Programs at Your Site or At the Park
- Guided Hikes
- Topics including plants and wildlife, ecosystems, park history, nature crafts, outdoor safety and much more



RECREATION

Explore the Possibilities!

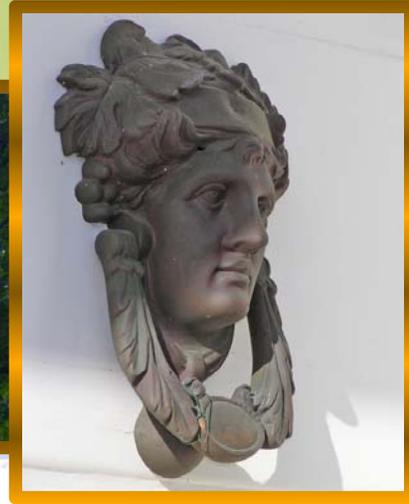


What We Feature

Activity	Hibernia County Park	Nottingham County Park	Warwick County Park	Springton Manor Farm	Black Rock Sanctuary	Wolf's Hollow County Park
Biking	X	X	X	X		
Birding	X	X	X	X	X	X
Boating	X					
Camping	X					
Cross Country Skiing	X	X	X	X		X
Education Programs	X	X	X	X	X	X
Equestrian Trails	X	X	X	X		
Farm Animals				X		
Fishing	X	X	X	X	X	
Fitness Trail		X				
Gardens	X	X	X	X	X	
Geocaching	X	X	X	X	X	X
Guided Tours	X		X	X		
Hiking Trails	X	X	X	X	X	X
Historic Buildings	X			X		
Horse Shoe Pits	X	X	X			
Interpretive Trails	X	X	X	X	X	
Outdoor Classroom		X				
Pavilions	X	X	X			
Picnicking	X	X	X	X		X
Playground(s)	X	X	X			
Volleyball	X	X	X			

Yours to Explore!

EXPLORE NATURE, HERITAGE, COMMUNITY



PARKS AND TRAILS TO EXPLORE

4,500+ Acres of Parkland and Trails

- Nottingham
- Wolf's Hollow
- Hibernia
- Springton Manor Farm
- Warwick
- Black Rock Sanctuary
- Exton Park
- Trails
 - ✓ Schuylkill River Trail
 - ✓ Struble Trail
 - ✓ Chester Valley Trail
 - ✓ Boar's Back Trail



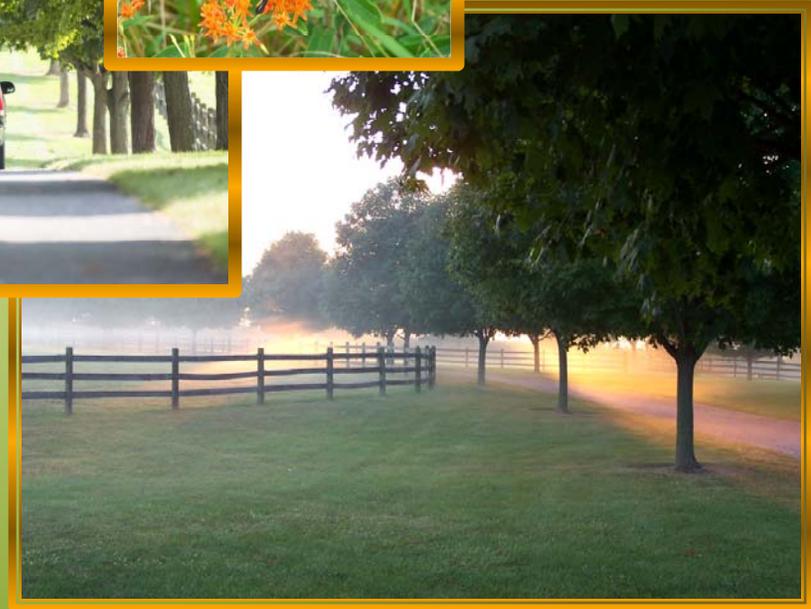
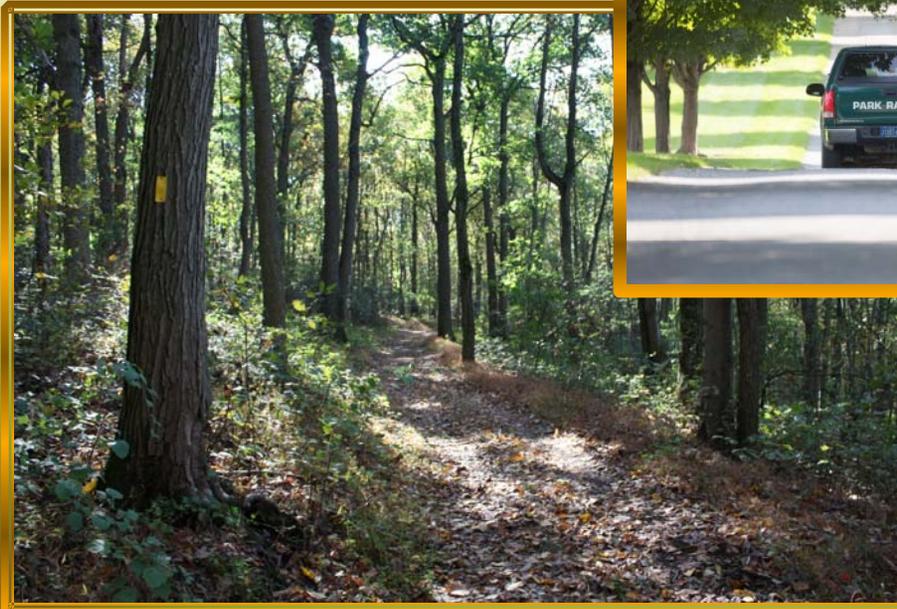
NOTTINGHAM COUNTY PARK

- ❖ County's First Park
- ❖ 651 acres opened in 1963
- ❖ Fitness Trail plus Backcountry Trails
- ❖ National Natural Landmark
- ❖ Unique and Rare Serpentine Barrens
- ❖ Year-Round Pavilion Rentals
- ❖ Two Ponds for Fishing
- ❖ Home of Freedom Fest since 1992
- ❖ 90,000 Visitors Annually



WOLF'S HOLLOW COUNTY PARK

- 560 acres opened in 2010
- In Atglen bordering Octorara Creek
- Woodlands + Agricultural Fields
- Demonstration Butterfly Garden
- Walking, Hiking, Trail Running,
Photography, Nature Enjoyment
- 5,000 Visitors Annually – and growing!



HIBERNIA COUNTY PARK

- ❖ 900 acres in Wagontown
- ❖ Opened in 1964
- ❖ 19th Century Mansion
- ❖ Year-Round Pavilion Rentals
- ❖ May – Oct Camping
- ❖ 90 acre Chambers Lake for Fishing, Canoeing and Kayaking
- ❖ Hiking & Equestrian Trails
- ❖ Home of Old Fiddler's Picnic
- ❖ 120,000 Visitors Annually



SPRINGTON MANOR FARM

- 300 acre demonstration farm in Glenmoore
- Opened in 1988
- Farm Tours and Educational Programs
- Home of Sheep and Wool Day
- Small Pond for Fishing
- 60,000 Visitors Annually



WARWICK COUNTY PARK

- 530 acres in Pottstown
- Opened in 1973
- Two miles of French Creek inside park boundaries
- Fishing platform along creek
- Year-Round Pavilion Rentals
- Hiking trails amid north country woodlands
- Community Day, programs, and other events
- 45,000 visitors annually



*Warwick's
Wednesday
Walkers*

BLACK ROCK SANCTUARY

- ❖ 119 acre sanctuary in Phoenixville
- ❖ Opened in 2003
- ❖ .75 mile interpretive trail
- ❖ Guided and self-guided bird and nature walks
- ❖ Wetlands habitat



Palm Warbler

EXTON PARK

- ❖ 727 acres located in West Whiteland Township
- ❖ Newest park site
- ❖ Adjoining parcels purchased by Chester County and West Whiteland Township from Church Farm School
- ❖ Agricultural Fields,
Large Tract
Woodlands,
Sensitive Wetlands,
Trail Access

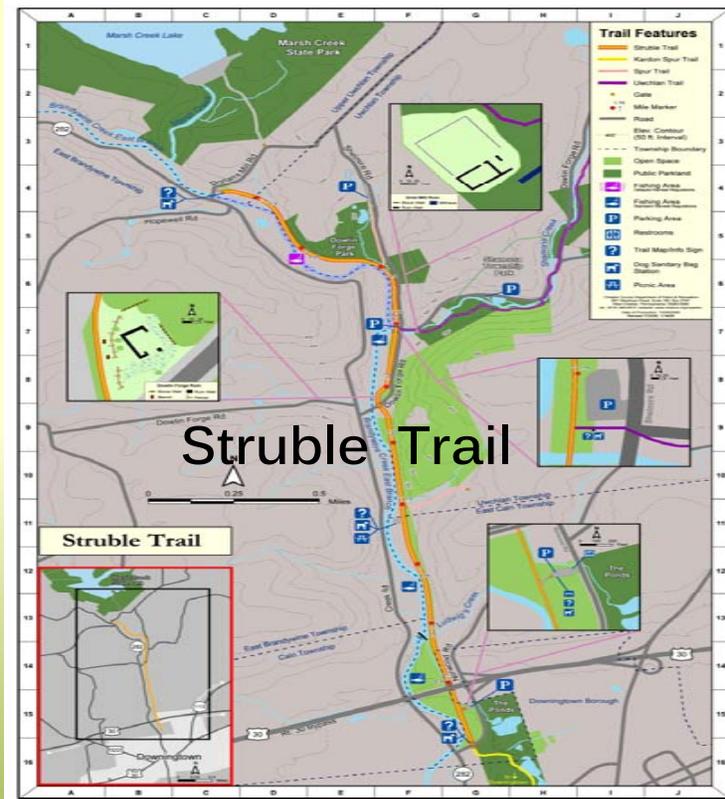


Monarch
Butterfly
on
Joe-Pye Weed

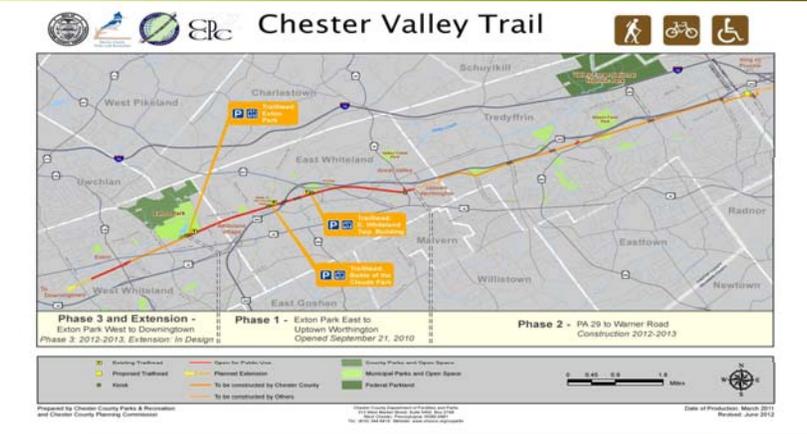


First-Year Little Blue Heron
on Main Pond

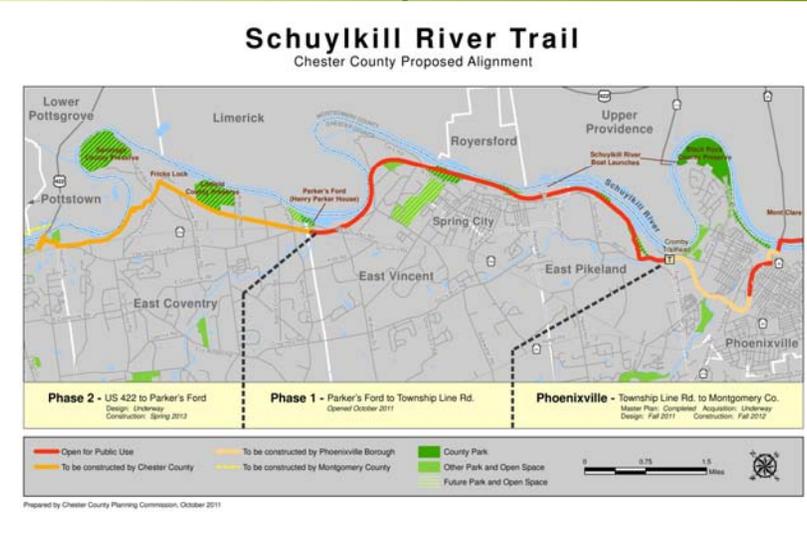
REGIONAL TRAILS



Struble Trail



Chester Valley Trail: walking and biking; Currently 4 miles open from Exton Park to Route 29. Opened in 2010.



When completed, the Schuylkill River Trail will span 128 miles and connect Pottsville and Schuylkill County with the Delaware River in Philadelphia.

See You on the Trails!



Thank You!