

Our Parks Are Getting Better All The Time

For the Bergen County Park Commission, 1979 has been a year of many beginnings, among them the beginning of play on Darlington Golf Course, the occupancy of permanent Park Commission headquarters in Paramus, the beginning of Van Saun Zoo renovation, the beginning of Wildlife Center expansion, the beginning of a feasibility study for a South Bergen swimming facility, the beginning of renovation at Darlington Park, and the beginning of wildlife education by Van Saun Zoo personnel.

We are committed to continue development of Overpeck Park, to complete construction of the 18-hole Darlington Golf Course, to continue acquisition of additional Ramapo Reservation acreage, to follow through with major renovation of the zoo at Van Saun Park, to continue renovation of facilities at Darlington Park, and to construct a 1½-mile extension of the North bicycle-pedestrian trail (including a new bridge) in Saddle River Park.

Our parks are facing the same problems that we encounter in our own lives — how to stretch that dollar! The Park Commission must cope with inflation, as well as a budget cap. The increased cost of fuel, electricity, insurance, and vandalism all affect the parks. We intend to explore every way in which we can conserve energy and thereby reduce costs.

Several facilities are fortunate in having the help of interested volunteers. The time and energy donated by these dedicated people allows us to provide better service to the public.

With your help, the Park Commission and the Board of Chosen Free-holders will continue to provide attractive and enjoyable parks with something of value for all Bergen residents.

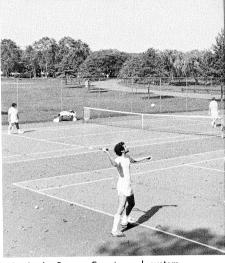
JOHN BOMBACE Bergen County Park Commission President

JOGGERS work out on Saddle River County Park's North Trail.

COVER PICTURE: Darlington Course opened nine holes July 10. The rest is being readied. Photo by Kent Fulcher







BICYCLING and tennis are among the most popular activities in the Bergen County park system.

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Darlington Course Opens And Wins Golfer Approval

Opening of the lower nine holes of Darlington Golf Course on July 10 was the high point of 1979 for the Bergen County park system. Golfer comment on the new course was consistently favorable.

Construction of the upper nine holes was well under way as the year ended.

Difficult terrain, severe drainage problems, contractor default, and litigation were among the factors causing delays in completion of the 18-hole course in Mahwah and Ramsey. Golf house construction was completed.

RAMAPO ACREAGE ADDED

The Park Commission in 1979 added two properties, totaling 111.3 acres, to Ramapo Valley County Reservation, a wilderness park in Mahwah. Negotiations were under way for addition of another 57.37 acres. State Green Acres matching funds were received for one of the completed purchases and were expected early in 1980 for the other. Green Acres matching funds were committed for the 57.37-acre purpose. The three purchase prices total \$365,205.

An architectural firm was hired to do an economic and feasibility study for a pool and recreation complex in Southwest Bergen. Several site possibilities were studied, and the studies were to continue into 1980.

RIVERSIDE PARK ENLARGED

Two North Arlington properties totaling 1.61 acres were added to the South Area of Riverside County Park. Green Acres funds paid half the purchase price. The County Board of Freeholders paid a quarter, and the Borough of North Arlington paid the other quarter.

The master plan and proposal for Van Saun County Park zoo renovation and expansion was presented by a zoo-design firm and accepted by the Park Commission. Detailed plans and specifications for Phase I were nearing completion at year end. An animal-care service building with holding and treatment facilities will be included in Phase I — also a deer park and an eland and ostrich exhibit.

ZOO OFFERS NATURE EDUCATION

The Van Saun Park zoo initiated nature education programs in 1979. Programs were presented at the zoo for visiting school classes and other groups and were presented away from the park — chiefly in schools — by zoo personnel. Slides and specimens accompanied the talks presented away from the park.

There were 109 public programs in 1979 at the Park Commission Wildlife Center. Wildlife Center naturalists conducted programs by appointment for 280 groups, principally school



HIKERS will get added wilderness trails to explore at Ramapo Valley.



GOLFERS put new Darlington Course to the test. Reports on the course have been gratifying.

classes, and offered free nature workshop courses and film festivals. There were guided hikes and some programs and workshops at Campgaw Mountain and Ramapo Valley County Reservations. The Wildlife Center was host for 61 open meetings of organizations.

TENNIS, ART, AND MUSIC

The Park Commission offered free tennis clinics for vacationing Bergen school children and sponsored a tennis tournament, an outdoor art show, and a series of folksinging programs by Shirley Keller — all at Van Saun County Park, A band concert by The Continentals was presented at Saddle River County State Park's Otto C. Pehle Area, utilizing the Park Commission showmobile. (The band fee was paid with funds supplied by the Recording Companies of America through the American Federation of Musicians' Music Performance Trust Funds.) Rain forced cancellation of the U.S. Naval Academy Band concert planned in cooperation with the Bergen County Office of Cultural and Historic Affairs.

Park Commission projects completed in 1979 included a regulation soccer field in the Leonia North Area of Overpeck County Park, an additional live-animal shelter at the Wildlife Center, and reconstruction of eight greens at Rockleigh Golf Course.

DARLINGTON AND OVERPECK PROJECTS

Darlington County Park projects completed included a gabion retaining wall at the lower swimming lake, a relief outlet at the fishing lake, and a sewer-line installation. Field-event facilities were installed at Overpeck Park's Palisades Park Area, At the Leonia South Area

of Overpeck Park the park drive and parking areas were constructed, and indoor arena grandstands and paddock irrigation and lighting were added to the riding center. A contract was awarded for construction of a storage and service building in Leonia South.

An architect was hired to design an addition to the exhibit hall at the popular Wildlife Center.

Agreement was reached for construction of a landscaped lake in Overpeck Park by the developer of Glenpointe in Teaneck at the developer's expense, contingent on completion of a land exchange. The Park Commission is to retain an engineering firm to prepare the grading and drainage plan, with the cost to the County not to exceed \$20,000.

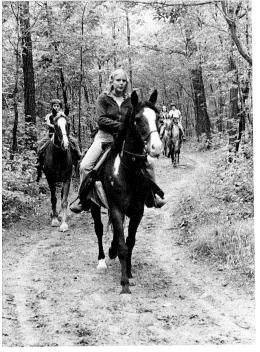
ICE ARENA UNDER STUDY

The possibility of adding an ice arena to the park system was explored in 1979 by the Park Commission, and studies will continue into 1980.

The projected 1¼-mile extension of Saddle River County Park's 3-mile North Trail (a bicycle-pedestrian trail) was in the planning, survey, and land acquisition stage at the end of the year. The extension, which will include a new bridge, will go from the Glen Rock Area to the Wild Duck Pond Area in Ridgewood. (The North Trail is north of Route 4, and there is a 3-mile South Trail South of Route 4).

The Park Commission operated on a \$5,803,-409 current-funds budget in 1979. Bonding funds committed for capital expenditures included \$344,345 for equipment, \$1,405,425 for various park improvements and land acquisition, and \$240,750 in restricted funds (spent on Darlington

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SADDLE RIDGE initiates guided trail tours.

Golf Course construction) from capital-fund surplus.

PURCHASES AND REVENUE

Items purchased included trucks, snow plows, tractors, a road roller, gang mowers, a backhoe loader, landscaping and gardening materials, feed for the Van Saun Park and Wildlife Center zoos and for the two horseback riding areas, fencing, and lumber.

Park Commission revenue in 1979 totaled \$1,538,245, which was submitted to the County Treasury. Rockleigh Golf Course, with revenue of \$344,316, was the most lucrative fee facility. Other totals were: Darlington Park during swim season, \$239,544; Overpeck Golf Course, \$266,001; Overpeck Riding Center, \$153,391; Orchard Hills Golf Course, \$116,203; Campgaw Mountain

Ski Center, \$87,646; the railroad in Van Saun Park, \$61,590; Darlington Golf Course, which opened July 10, \$54,300; Saddle Ridge Horseback Riding Area, \$48,631; the tennis center in Van Saun Park, \$16,603; the pony ring in Van Saun Park, \$15,219. Registration and park-use permit fees totaled \$81,833. Miscellaneous revenues, totaling \$52,968, were from concessionaires and unanticipated items.

VANDALS HAVE MANY TARGETS

Vandalism continued to be a major problem, resulting in extensive repair and replacement expenditure. The vandalism affected buildings, vehicles, plumbing, wiring, fencing, lights and light poles, train signals, a railroad bridge, fuel tanks, utility lines, animal enclosures, plantings—including golf course greens, signs, picnic tables, cabinets, golf course flags, playground equipment, and other facilities.

Park Commission crews handled many of the repairs, installed a wide variety of facilities, carted stone and dirt and manure, maintained grounds and buildings, collected refuse at the parks and other County facilities, dug drainage ditches, and regraded roads.

LOMBARDI FIELD, NELKIN PARK

The football field at the Palisades Park Area of Overpeck Park was named Vince Lombardi Field at the request of the Sports Club at St. Cecilia High School, Englewood, which uses the field for its home football games. The late Vince Lombardi, the nation's most acclaimed football coach, had been a highly successful football and basketball coach at St. Cecilia High School before going on to college and professional coaching. An electronic scoreboard was installed at Vince Lombardi Field.

Wallington County Park was renamed Samuel Nelkin County Park in recognition of the late Samuel Nelkin's civic and community-service activities and his donation of property toward creation of the park. He had served Wallington as a Mayor and as a Council member.

RENOVATION of facilities is begun at Darlington. Years of wear and tear have left their mark.





A SECLUDED picnic at Campgaw Mountain Reservation is a peaceful and pleasant summer diversion.

BERGEN COUNTY PARK COMMISSION LAND ACQUISITION SUMMARY

SOURCE OF APPROPRIATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS

DESCRIPTION	Acreage	Disbursements	Appropriations
Park Commission Bond Funds (as adjusted)			\$ 5,354,200.08
Miscellaneous appropriation to Bond Account Re: Land Reclamation Corp. Prop. taxes			256.98
Park Commission Budget Funds			191,770.03
State of N. J. Green Acres Assistance Program (Joint Closing Account)			1,105,000.00
Capitol Funds Surplus, Re: Green Acres			170,000.00
Capital Funds Surplus (Budget)			16,532.00
Capital Funds Surplus, Re: Federal Open Space Land Program			189,068.00
Trust Account, County Parks, Re: State of N. J. Route No. 95, Overpeck above 2.92 El			199,985.00
Trust Account, County Parks, Re: Green Acres, Overpeck, Tidal Lands		• • • • •	200,000.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
Private Properties Committed or Acquired Bond Account	4,096.39	\$6,766,417.46	
Budget Account	179.65	175,860.11	
or Acquired Bond Account	1,282.44	3,000.00	
Budget Account	100.81	2.00	
State Bureau of Navigation, Tidal Lands Acq. Trust Account		199,985.00	
Green Acres Account		200,000.00	
Budget Account		15.00	
Legals, Adv. Engineering, etc. Bond Account		55,639.60	
Budget Account		15,892.92	
Dec. 31, 1979 to Balance (Available Bond Funds on Hand)	The second secon	7,416,812.09 10,000.00	7,426,812.09
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COUNTY PARK ACREAGE BERGEN COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

	CENTRAL BERGEN			
Park	Municipal Acreage		Park Acreage	
Saddle River County Park	Wild Duck Pond, Ridge	wood 81.84	81.84	
,	Glen Rock Area	64.31	64.31	
	Dunkerhook, Paramus	171.60	171.60	
	Fair Lawn	93.81	93.81	
	Otto Pehle-Saddle Broo	ok 79.87	79.87	
	Rochelle Park	84.12	84.12	
Van Saun County Park	Paramus	53.32	53.32	
	River Edge	86.48	86.48	
	Total A	rea Acreage	715.35	
	NORTHEAST			
Rockleigh Golf Course	Rockleigh	164.12		
	Norwood	90.07		
	Northvale	9.93	264.12	
Wood Dale	Woodcliff Lake	55.01		
	Hillsdale	52.72		
	Park Ridge	9.82	117.55	
Pascack Brook	Westwood	117.71		
	River Vale	19.63	137.34	
Overbrook Park	Westwood	2.79	2.79	
Baylor Massacre Site	River Vale	2.00	2.00	
Alpine (Undeveloped)	Alpine	190.55	190.55	
		rea Acreage	714.35	
	NORTHWEST			
Bergen County Wildlife Center	Wyckoff	81.34	81.34	
Darlington County Park and				
Darlington Golf Course	Mahwah	231.11		
	Ramsey	83.13	314.24	
Ramapo Valley County				
Reservation	Mahwah	1,294.09	1,294.09	
Campgaw Mountain County				
Reservation	Mahwah	1,056.42		
0 111	Oakland	189.12		
Saddle Ridge Riding Area	Franklin Lakes	105.56	1,351.10	
		rea Acreage	3,040.77	
Hadanalan ad	SOUTHWEST			
Undeveloped	Lyndhurst	220.00	220.00	
Bisseside County Burl	North Arlington	7.64	7.64	
Riverside County Park	Lyndhurst	76.46		
Palmant Hill County Public	North Arlington Garfield	33.66	110.12	
Belmont Hill County Park Dahnert's Lake County Park	Garfield	9.00	9.00	
Wallington County Park		9.53	9.53	
Wallington County Park	Wallington	22.99	22.99	
•	SOUTHEAST	Area Acreage	379.28	
Overpeck County Park	Englewood	7.71		
Overpeck County Fulk	Leonia	168.31		
	Teaneck	471.93		
	Ridgefield Park	99.26		
	Palisades Park	63.60		
		os.ou Area Acreage	810.81	
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BASKETBALL hoops in Overpeck Park's Leonia South Area are utilized for an impromptu game.

5,660.56

Total Acreage







ANIMALS attract an audience at the Wildlife Center, left, and Van Saun Park zoo, right. The Wildlife Center has live animal shelters, a wooded deer enclosure, a waterfowl pond, and live indoor exhibits. The zoo has a barnyard area, a mall flanked with animal and bird exhibits, a small duck pond, and a walk-through aviary.

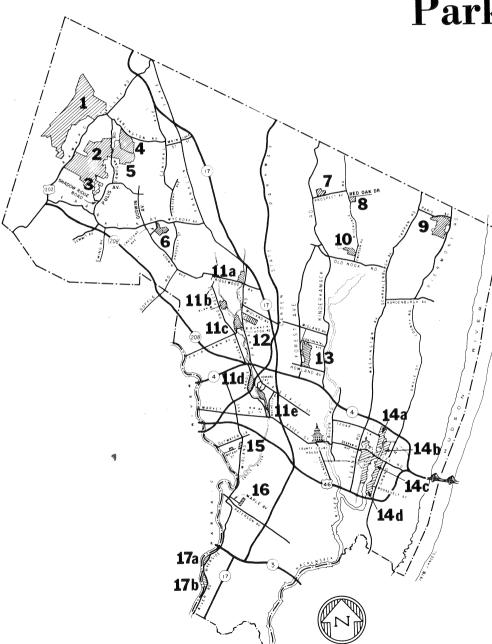
OLD-STYLE flower beds may be seen at Van Saun Park's recreated farmyard.



THE BELMONT HILL rose garden, with 65 varieties, gets its picture taken.



Bergen County Park System



1. RAMAPO VALLEY COUNTY RESERVATION

Ramapo Valley Road, (Route 202), Mahwah Hikers may explore the wooded hillside, with its mountain fishing pond and waterfall. Tent camping is permitted beside the Ramapo River and lower lake. Picnic tables are separated, not clustered. Vehicles must be parked at the entrance. Canoe and raft owners have portage access to the Ramapo River. Sketch maps of the hiking trails are available from the ranger, the Wildlife Center, and Park Commission headquarters. There are guided hikes; ask at the Wildlife Center for information.

2. CAMPGAW MOUNTAIN COUNTY RESERVATION

Campgaw Road, Mahwah

This 1,351-acre wooded park has hiking trails (sketch map available from the ranger, the Wildlife Center, and Park Commission head-quarters), campsites (some with tent platform or adirondack shelter), picnic facilities, and children's rustic play equipment.

SKI CENTER: Machine-made snow is sprayed on the 1,650-foot main slope, with two chair lifts (one has mid-station) and the 600-foot school slope, with T-bar lift. The 800-foot school slope and the two side trails, each about 2,000 feet long, depend on natural snow. The visitors' center has a wood fire in the lounge, a snack bar, and a shop which rents and sells skiing equipment, and the ski school office.

NATURE EDUCATION: There are public nature walks and programs, nature workshops, and programs for school classes and groups. (Information at the Wildlife Center.)

3. SADDLE RIDGE HORSEBACK RIDING AREA Shadow Ridge Road, Franklin Lakes (Off Pulis Avenue)

Instruction is available, by appointment. Appointments are not needed for the guided tours of the wooded bridal trail. (Check by phone if ground or weather conditions are questionable.) Horse owners may pay an annual registration fee for registrant's use of paddocks and trail. Saddle Ridge is closed January and February.

4. DARLINGTON COUNTY PARK Darlington Avenue, Mahwah

There is swimming in two of the three lakes on this rolling site in foothills of the Ramapo Mountains. The third lake affords fishing. There is an entrance fee during the swimming season, Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day. From Memorial Day through mid-June call the Park Commission re the weekday schedule.

The park is closed December 1 - March 31. Darlington Park has sand beaches, picnic groves, a fieldhouse with snack bar and open terraces, pavilions, children's playgrounds, and courts for tennis, handball, shuffleboard, and basketball. (Visitors must take their own play equipment.)

5. DARLINGTON BERGEN COUNTY GOLF COURSE Campgaw Road, Mahwah

This 18-hole rolling course is the newest County Golf facility. Wooded hills may be seen from the course. The golf house has a lounge, snack bar, and pro shop. Golf cars and carts are available for rental. (The upper nine holes are under construction.)

6. BERGEN COUNTY PARK COMMISSION WILDLIFE CENTER Crescent Avenue, Wyckoff

Visitors can see and learn about wildlife of this area's natural habitat. The exhibit hall, which overlooks the waterfowl pond, has a meeting room and a browsing library. Outside there are shelters for live animals and birds and a %-mile nature walk. A printed trail guide is available from the naturalist.

There are free weekend and Tuesday public programs with guest speakers, guest hike leaders, and films.

Park Commission naturalists prepare exhibits, conduct nature workshops, lead nature walks, and present programs for school classes and organizations. A path winds through the woodland garden featuring rhododendron. There are 25,000 daffodils and flowering trees on the grassy slopes. Picnic tables are near the crossroad on the hill.

7. WOOD DALE COUNTY PARK Prospect Avenue, Woodcliff Lake

The pond is the main attraction. In winter it is a popular ice skating area. In other seasons it affords fishing and model-boat sailing.

The park has free tennis courts with lights, picnic facilities, and a children's playground.

8. BAYLOR MASSACRE BURIAL SITE Red Oak Drive, River Vale (Off River Vale Road)

Visitors to this shaded wayside historical park may read markers telling of the Sept. 28, 1778 Baylor Massacre and may see the millstone which long ago covered the burial place on this site. Victims whose remains were uncovered here in August, 1967 were members of a detail in Col. George Baylor's Continental Army Cavalry regiment. Fifteen dragoons died of wounds inflicted in a 2 A.M. British ambush.

9. ROCKLEIGH BERGEN COUNTY GOLF COURSE

Paris Avenue, Rockleigh

This is a 27-hole rolling course at the base of the Palisades' western slope.

The stone fieldhouse has a snack bar and pro shop. Golf cars and carts are available for rental.

10. PASCACK BROOK COUNTY PARK Emerson Road, Westwood

A picnic grove overlooks the fishing pond. The park has three free tennis courts with lights, a practice backstop, a children's playground, two ball fields, and a soccer playing area.

11. SADDLE RIVER COUNTY PARK

This linear park will eventually flank Saddle River for 5½ miles, and will have scenic drives and paths. The park has five recreation areas and additional facilities.

Wild Duck Pond Area East Ridgewood Avenue Ridgewood

Ducks and geese abound on the pond, which is a popular center for ice skating and fishing.

The park area has extensive picnic facilities, a large children's playground, and shuffleboard and horseshoe courts. Plans call for linking this Area with THE NORTH TRAIL (see below).

b. Glen Rock Area Alan Avenue, just east of Prospect Street

Here too the pond is the focal point, affording fishing and model boat sailing. The area has picnic facilities, free tennis courts, a children's playground, a bicycle path (see THE NORTH TRAIL below), and a rink which is flooded in winter for ice skating.

c. Dunkerhook Area Dunkerhook Road, Paramus

The cool shade of wooded picnic areas is especially welcome on a hot day.

Dunkerhook Årea has a children's playground, horseshoe courts, and bicyclepedestrian trail access to free tennis courts across the Saddle River—in Fair Lawn and to the Glen Rock Area. (See THE NORTH TRAIL below).

d. Otto C. Pehle Area Saddle River Road, Saddle Brook

Picnic groves and a fishing lake are the most popular attractions. On Sunday you are likely to see a model sailboat regatta. A bicycle-pedestrian path circles the lake and continues southward beside the Saddle River. (See THE SOUTH TRAIL below.) The area has a children's playground and facilities for baseball, football, soccer, ice skating, and horseshoe pitching.

e. Rochelle Park Area Railroad Avenue

There are picnic tables along the 1-mile streamside park drive. Other facilities include free tennis courts, a bicycle path (see THE SOUTH TRAIL below), a children's playground, boccie courts, and a play rink which is flooded in winter for ice skating.

Tower Restoration, Arcola, Paramus

THE TOWER and paddle wheel, focal points of the famed Easton gardens, were reconstructed above the ruins of the original complex built circa 1900 near the site of the historic 1745 Red Mill. The reconstructed landmark may be seen from Saddle River Road south of Route 4. Two BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN trails, each 3 miles long, are in the park. One is north of Route 4, the other south of Route 4.

THE NORTH TRAIL starts at Williams and Union Streets, Fair Lawn, follows the stream, cuts through the Dunkerhook Area, and continues to the Glen Rock Area lakeside path. There is an access path to the trail from the intersection of Saddle River Road and Fair Lawn Avenue, Fair Lawn. Plans have been drawn for a 1½-mile extension to the Wild Duck Pond Area.

THE SOUTH TRAIL includes paths in the Otto C. Pehle Area in Saddle Brook and the Rochelle Park Area. They are linked by a bicycle-pedestrian bridge and by the Railroad Avenue bridge, which has a bicycle-pedestrian lane.

THREE TENNIS COURTS are in the Fair Lawn portion of the park. Play is free. Access is from the North bicycle-pedestrian trail and from the parking area off Dunkerhook Road west of the Saddle River. FISHING is permitted along the Saddle River banks where accessible within the park.

SOCCER is played in the Fair Lawn section off Saddle River Road (behind Kind's Dairy).

12. ORCHARD HILLS BERGEN COUNTY GOLF COURSE

Paramus Road, Paramus

Mature trees and shrubs grace this ninehole course on Bergen Community College property. The Park Commission renovated the course and is operating it under contract with the College.

The course may be played twice per greens fee.

The golf course has food vending machines and a small pro shop. Golf cars and carts are available for rental.

13. VAN SAUN COUNTY PARK

Entrances on Forest and Continental Avenues, Paramus and Howland Avenue, River Edge

The zoo and railroad are the best known attractions at this popular park. Trains pass the zoo and an 1860's farmyard scene. Plans

have been drawn for expansion and renovation of the zoo.

A 12-court tennis center, a 4-acre lake which affords fishing and ice skating, picnic groves, children's playgrounds, and a shaded garden around historic Washington Spring are among other features of the park. Park facilities include a pony ring, a snack shop (open April-October, weather permitting), a bicycle-pedestrian path, shuffleboard and horseshoe courts, sledding slopes, ball fields, and an open play area.

14. OVERPECK COUNTY PARK

This 811-acre meadowland site is being developed gradually as Bergen County's central park with a variety of recreation facilities. Excavation of Overpeck Lake's 37-acre section north of Fort Lee Road has been completed, and the 120-acre section to the south is being excavated. Plans call for lakeside picnic areas and paths. Visitors fish from the lake shore. Current park facilities include.

a. Overpeck Bergen County Golf Course East Cedar Lane, Teaneck

There are two ponds, two lagoons, and an 8-acre lake on this 18-hole course. The contemporary redwood golf house contains a lounge, snack bar, deck, and pro shop. Golf carts and cars are available for rental.

b. Leonia North Area

This area has four free tennis courts with lights and practice backstop, football and baseball and soccer fields, an 8-lane running track, and facilities for field events. A 1¼-mile bicycle-pedestrian path forms a figure-8 beside the lake.

c. Leonia South Area Fort Lee Road

An all-weather HORSEBACK RIDING CENTER is the main attraction. It has an indoor riding arena and paddocks. Group and semiprivate riding lessons are given by appointment. Horse rental without instruction is open only to qualified expert riders. Horse owners may pay an annual registration fee for registrants' use of outdoor facilities and an hourly fee for use of the arena (subject to availability).

The park area has a wild west playground, picnic tables, and a rink which is flooded in winter for ice skating. A wildlife refuge adjoins the area.

d. Palisades Park Area Roosevelt Street, off Grand Avenue

Sports facilities in this section are four free tennis courts with lights and practice backstop, sodded baseball and football fields with bleachers, a softball field,



CAMPGAW skiers ride to the summit.

horseshoe courts, a motocross bicycle course, a running track, and facilities for field events. The area has 40 picnic tables.

15. COUNTY PARKS IN GARFIELD Dahnert's Lake Midland Avenue

The pond is the center of activity. It affords ice skating, fishing, and model boat sailing. The park has picnic facilities, a children's playground, and boccie courts.

Belmont Hill Botany Street

A hilltop rose garden containing more than 65 rose varieties attracts many visitors in June and early fall. The park also has a scenic lookout, children's play equipment, and picnic tables.

16. SAMUEL NELKIN COUNTY PARK Rose Street, Off Paterson Avenue Wallington

The pond is used for ice skating, fishing, and model boat sailing. There are free tennis courts and sledding slopes in the park. Other facilities are ball fields, picnic tables, and a children's playground.

17. RIVERSIDE COUNTY PARK

Both the North and South Areas of this southwest Bergen park are on the Passaic River. There is a soccer playing area where the two park sections adjoin.

a. North Area Riverside Avenue, Lyndhurst

Recreation facilities include free tennis courts with lights, shuffleboard and horseshoe and boccie courts, picnic groves, a children's playground, ball fields, and a 7/10-mile bicycle-pedestrian path. Field No. 1 has lights and a fieldhouse. There is a play rink which is flooded in winter for ice skating.

b. South Area River Road, North Arlington

The park area has five free tennis courts (lights and practice backstop at 3), picnic facilities, a wild west playground, ball fields, horseshoe courts and a play rink divided into 4 sections—3 for tennis practice and 1 for basketball.



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