



RECREATION & FITNESS OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REGIONAL CENTER

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IN SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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RECREATION & FITNESS OPPORTUNITIES

PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE, & GREENWAYS SYSTEM

The Regional Center is a thriving economic center where people of all ages and abilities choose to walk and bicycle to work, school, shopping areas, and parks.

Progress includes major connections along the Raritan River Greenway, development of a path that will ultimately link Branchburg Township with the Delaware and Raritan Canal in South Bound Brook. This path currently links Duke Island Park and Raritan Borough near the Nevius Street Bridge. Another segment extends from South Bridge Street to Peters Brook Greenway in Somerville. The next phase will connect South Bridge Street to Orlando Drive in Raritan. A bike path is also planned linking the Nevius Street Bridge to Duke Farms in Hillsborough Township. <http://dukefarms.org>.

Somerville's Peters Brook Greenway is an integral part of the Raritan River Greenway. It currently extends from the Raritan River Greenway through the heart of Somerville to Clark's Woods in Bridgewater just north of the Somerville Circle.



The first phase of the Peters Brook Greenway was completed in 2003 and has since been extended in multiple phases and now includes a Par Fitness Course. In 2013, a 125-foot long pedestrian overpass was completed extending the Greenway across Route 202-206 to Clark's Woods and the nearby Somerset Shopping Center. Clark's Woods is a 31-acre park owned by Somerville consisting of a multi-use field, a paved loop trail, and a 20-acre stand of mature hickory and oak trees used for hiking, bird watching, and as a wildlife preserve. A fourth section is planned to extend the Greenway from Clark's Woods to Bridgewater-Raritan High School and linking with the Bridgewater Municipal Complex and nearby major employment centers.

For further information on the Greenways system, visit the Major Projects section at www.regionalcenterpartnership.org. Also, the following recreation and fitness-related studies and plans have been completed:

- Somerset County Regional Center Strategic Master Plan (2006 - currently being updated)
- Somerset County Regional Center Pedestrian, Bicycle, & Greenways Systems Connection Plan (2009)
- Somerset County Vo-Tech Athletic Facilities Feasibility Study (July, 2010)
- Bridgewater Township Open Space & Recreation Plan (May, 2010)

TORPEY ATHLETIC COMPLEX

The Frank "Nap" Torpey Athletic Complex, located off Loeser Avenue in the Finderne section of Bridgewater, is a multi-district athletic complex developed and operated by the Somerset County Park Commission. The complex is a result of the Somerset County Regional Center Committee's "Vision Initiative" proposed in November 1999.

The multi-purpose facility includes one lighted grass baseball field and one lighted grass softball field, both with bleachers and one lighted state-of-the-art synthetic turf multi-purpose athletic field programmed for seasonal sports. The open area to the east features soccer fields available for local recreation departments and high schools.



The synthetic turf field is supported with indoor facilities including a 10,000 square foot building with attached bleachers, tow team locker rooms, large public restrooms, a concession area, and a multi-purpose wireless scoreboard. The seating capacity is 1,500 with bleachers on both sides of the turf field.

The facility includes two team locker rooms; public restrooms; a concession area; and a climate-controlled press box overlooking the turf field. The complex also includes a multi-purpose wireless scoreboard on the turf field able to accommodate scoring for all field sports. Turf field lighting is satellite-controlled to eliminate wasted energy during time periods when the field is not in use.

For information, visit www.somersetcountyparks.org.

MUNICIPAL & COUNTY RECREATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Bridgewater Recreation Department

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908.725.6373 • www.bridgewaternj.gov/rec_dept.htm

Raritan Recreation Commission

Post Office Box 125, Raritan, New Jersey 08869
908-725-9411 • www.raritanboro.org

Somerville Recreation Commission

25 West End Avenue, Somerville, New Jersey 08876
908-704-6985 • www.somervillenj.org/recreation

Somerset County Park Commission

355 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807
908-722-1200 • www.somersetcountyparks.org

SOMERVILLE & BRIDGEWATER Y

The Somerset Valley YMCA has been providing programs to the community for more than 130 years, promoting good health through wellness education and recreation programs for adults and children.

The Somerville Family Y, located at 2 Green Street, has been serving the community for nearly 70 years. The facility has a 6-lane pool, a full service child development center, an adult wellness center, and gymnasium. The branch offers aquatic instruction for all ages, adult fitness classes, youth sports, summer camp, and after school programs.

The Bridgewater Family Y located at 601 Garretson Road, has a 10-lane pool, expanded open swim times, aquatic instruction for all ages, aquatic fitness classes, summer camp, and the Somerset Valley YMCA Swim Team.

For information, call 908-725-4567 (Somerville), 908-526-0688 (Bridgewater), or online at www.ymcasomersetvalley.org.

GREEN KNOLL TENNIS CENTER & GOLF COURSE

Green Knoll Tennis Center is located at 587 Garretson Road, Bridgewater, on the border of the Regional Center. The Tennis Center features summer instructional clinics and a variety of youth and adult tournaments. Tennis instruction is offered for players of all abilities. During the months of April through October, reservations may be made by calling 908-722-1303.



Green Knoll Golf Course is a regulation, 18-hole, 6,443 yard course offering a challenge to both the experienced golfer and the novice player. The facility also operates a 9-hole par three Pitch and Putt Course. A golf shop and snack bar are available. Green Knoll is located on 587 Garretson Road, Bridgewater and may be reached by calling 908-722-1301. Both facilities are operated by the Somerset County Park Commission.

TD BANK BALLPARK

TD Bank Ballpark, East Main Street, Bridgewater, is home to the Somerset Patriots Baseball Club of the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball. The 6,100 seat ballpark hosts 70 games from late April through September. The facility has been named Best Independent Minor League Ballpark in the Nation for 2015 and 2016 by *Ballpark Digest*.



The Patriots host groups in the Diamond Club, Picnic Area and Party Deck. TD Bank Ballpark features luxury suites that are

used by businesses and groups throughout the season. The facility hosts various Somerset County high school, professional, and amateur sporting events. For information, call 908-252-0700 or www.somersetpatriots.com.

DUKE ISLAND PARK

Located on Old York Road in the Bradley Gardens section of Bridgewater Township, Duke Island Park is a 340.5-acre site of rich natural beauty and varied recreational experiences on the western edge of the Regional Center. Truly an "island" park, it is traversed by the historic Raritan Power Canal. The Somerset County Park Commission has developed Duke Island to provide a wide variety of active and passive recreational opportunities and special events for park visitors.

The general use park offers hiking and biking trails and five picnic areas, three of which feature a pavilion. Each of the groves has at least 12 tables and eight grills. A playground is located adjacent to play and picnic areas, featuring barrier free equipment.



A softball field is available for open play and by permit for leagues and tournaments. In the winter, supervised ice skating and general cross country skiing are offered as weather permits. The Raritan River is stocked by the New Jersey Department of Fish, Game, and Wildlife, and offers prime fishing locations for beginner and expert anglers. Hikers, walkers, and birdwatchers may take advantage of the trails which follow along the river and pass through the extensive wooded areas. During the summer months, Duke Island is host to "Free Concerts in the Park" on Sunday evenings.



The Visitors Center is located near the main parking area, and houses the Park Ranger office and the rest room facilities. Rangers are available for information on the park recreation activities, and brochures and maps on the Park Commission facilities and programs are available.

SOMERVILLE SPRAY PARK

The Spray Park is located in Michael Lepp Park on Park Avenue off East Main Street and is operated by Somerville Recreation.



COUNTY PARKS	LOCATION	FACILITIES
Frank Torpey Athletic Complex	Loeser Avenue, Bridgewater	Lighted Baseball & Softball Fields; Multi-Purpose Turf Athletic Field; Concession Stand; Walking Trails
Duke Island Park	Old York Road, Bridgewater	Picnic Areas; Band Shell; Pedestrian & Bicycle Trails; Playground; Ball Fields; Visitor's Center
Raritan River Greenway	Bridgewater, Raritan, Somerville	Pedestrian & Bicycle Trail
Green Knoll Golf & Tennis	Garretson Road, Bridgewater	18-Hole Golf Course; Tennis Courts
MUNICIPAL PARKS	LOCATION	FACILITIES
BRIDGEWATER		
Bel Air	Marie Avenue	Basketball; Open Field; Playground; Pavilion
Harry Ally Park	Grand Boulevard, Bridgewater	Pavilion; Tennis Courts; Basketball; Street/Roller Hockey; Baseball/Softball; Soccer; Multi-purpose Sport Field; Police Substation
Kidstreet	Garretson Road	Playground
North Bridge Street	North Bridge Street	Baseball/Softball; Soccer; Playgrounds; Sandpit Volleyball
Peter Par	Peter Par Road	Playgrounds; Open Space
Prince Rogers Sports Complex	Prince Rogers Avenue,	Baseball/Softball; Playground; Trails
Somerville Manor	Sussex Avenue	Baseball/Softball; Basketball; Playground; Pavilion
RARITAN		
Basilone Park	Woodmere Street	Basketball; Playground Pool
Canal Park	Canal Street	Picnic Area; Pedestrian/Bicycle Trails; Swings
Cardinal Woods Park	Cardinal Lane	Picnic Area; Playground
Elizabeth Avenue Park	Elizabeth Avenue	Basketball; Playground; Picnic Area
First Avenue Dog Park	First Avenue	Dog walking
Frelinghuysen Park	Sherman Avenue	Tennis; Baseball/Softball; Basketball; Playground; Pool; Picnic Area
Washington School Park	First Avenue	Baseball/Softball; Playground
River Front Park	Orlando Drive	Playground
SOMERVILLE		
Carol Pager Park	Green Street	Softball/Baseball Basketball; Picnic Area, Playground
Clarks Woods	Route 202/206	Soccer; Picnic Area, Hiking, Bird Watching
Claude Walck Park	Walnut Street	Pool; Basketball; Playground
Firehouse Field	Veterans Memorial Drive	Football/Soccer, Tennis
Flockhart Park	Mercer & West Summit Street	Pathway; Open Space
John Long Park	Mercer Street	Tennis Courts; Playground
Michael Lepp Park	Park Avenue	Softball; Basketball; Pool; Playground, Spray Park
Peters Brook Greenway	Bridgewater & Somerville	Pedestrian & Bicycle Paths; Fitness Stations
Pop Kugler Park	Mercer Street	Basketball
Van Derveer Fields	Union Avenue	Soccer; Baseball/Softball Fields; Basketball
Ellsworth Van Fleet Gardens	William Street	Gazebo (Special occasions & photos)



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