








# Richard W. DeKorte Park Trail Guide

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-  Lyndhurst Nature Reserve
-  Marsh Discovery Trail
-  Kingsland Overlook
-  Fishing Allowed (catch & release)

## Park Basics

Open daily, 8 am to dusk • Dogs must be leashed  
Fishing and crabbing -- catch and release in dedicated areas only • Picnics allowed  
Fires, alcoholic beverages prohibited • No feeding wildlife  
No picking flowers or vegetation

## Emergency Telephone Numbers:

Weekdays: 201-460-1700 • Weekends: 201-460-8409  
Lyndhurst Police: 201-939-2900

## The Trails:

**Shorewalk** —1/3 mile long. Links the Marsh Discovery Trail and the Lyndhurst Nature Reserve and provides easy views of wetlands and wildlife, with the NYC skyline in the distance.

**Kingsland Overlook** —1/4 mile long. Hilltop trail over a former landfill highlights a variety of habitats, from open meadow to forest, and offers stunning views of the estuary and its urban surroundings.

**Marsh Discovery Trail** —1/2 mile long. Floating boardwalk winds through a tidal salt marsh, showcasing abundant animal, bird and plant communities and the critical importance of brackish marshes.

**Transco Trail** — Almost 1.2 miles long. Follows a natural gas pipeline, allowing for views of open water, mudflats and plenty of shorebirds on either side.

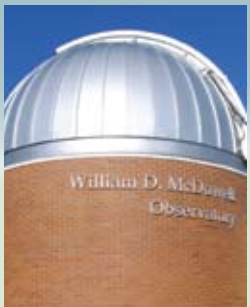
**Lyndhurst Nature Reserve** —2/5 mile long. Winds through an upland island of forests and open lawns, with benches and a natural amphitheatre providing ideal spots to sit and enjoy the water views and wildlife.

**Saw Mill Creek Trail** — 1 mile long. Follows a utility service road, offering excellent views of wading birds, waterfowl, and raptors.



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## The Observatory



The William D. McDowell Observatory's state-of-the-art 20-inch-diameter telescope, contained within a six-meter

retractable dome, has special filters that reduce light pollution. Monday and Wednesday nights the observatory is open to the public for free, weather permitting. Viewing schedules can be found at [www.njmeadowlands.gov/ec](http://www.njmeadowlands.gov/ec) or by calling 201-460-8300.

## The Meadowlands Environment Center



The MEC, an NJMC facility operated by Ramapo College, offers public

events for all ages and abilities. The building is also home to the **Flyway Gallery**, where local artists display environmental art, the **Interactive Learning Center**, which illustrates the importance of wetlands, the **Marshview Pavilion**, and the **Tidelands Treasures Gift Shop**.

## Center for Environmental and Scientific Education



An NJMC facility operated by Ramapo College, the CESE provides a comprehensive environmental education for teachers

and children in one of the most environmentally friendly classroom buildings in New Jersey. It is the first public building in the state to have achieved the highest rating – platinum status – from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program.

## Butterfly Garden



The Jill Ann Zimkiewicz Memorial Butterfly Garden was created to honor the youngest

member of the flight crew on TWA Flight 800, which crashed into the ocean off Long Island on July 17, 1996. Designed as a teaching garden around a sunflower-shaped fountain, it is filled with colorful flowers and butterflies in late spring and summer.

## Sept. 11 Memorial

Located at the water's edge facing the Manhattan skyline,



the World Trade Center Memorial includes two wooden piers suggesting the shadows of the fallen towers. Nearby, a steel silhouette of the pre-9/11 skyline recalls the view before tragedy struck.

## AMVETS Carillon

Constructed in 2007 by AMVETS Post 20, in Lyndhurst, with help from the NJMC, the 40-foot carillon features three bells that toll several times an hour. Benches surround the towers at a site overlooking the open water.



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