



FAIRVIEW FARM

Walking Trails



Fairview Farm Wildlife Preserve is home to the Raritan Headwaters Association. A former dairy farm, this 170-acre property now serves as a living laboratory, where we promote native plant and animal diversity through active stewardship. In addition to planting native trees and shrubs, maintaining open meadows and removing invasive plants, we provide a variety of nesting and cover structures for wildlife.

The Preserve is open every day from dawn until dusk. A visit here is a unique experience. There are no picnic tables, trash cans or playgrounds. There are however, five miles of trails through fields and forests, a pond, butterfly garden, restored 1800s era barn complex and buildings housing RHA's offices. Passive recreational pursuits – nature walks, bird watching, photography, catch and release fishing can all be enjoyed on the property.

Whether you visit Fairview Farm as part of an organized group, attend one of our programs or events, or venture out onto the trails on your own, you'll be captivated by the quiet beauty. RHA works hard to strike a balance between sharing this unique property with the public and protecting its wildlife from intensive human activity.

Raritan Headwaters is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, member-supported conservation organization working to protect, preserve, and improve water quality and other natural resources of the Raritan River headwaters region through science, education, advocacy, and land preservation.

Fairview Farm, located at 2121 Larger Cross Road in Bedminster, NJ, is privately owned and maintained by Raritan Headwaters. Donations are appreciated.

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Red Trail encircles two warm-season grass and wildflower meadows. All our meadows are managed on a delayed mowing schedule (after July 15th) to allow ground-nesting birds to raise their young. Look for eastern bluebirds, prairie warblers and American kestrels along with many species of butterflies. This trail includes a large wetland, with resident frogs.

Orange Trail encircles the farm pond where you may see a variety of wildlife including herons, painted and snapping turtles, dragonflies and migrating ducks. The trail loops through a scrub-shrub area and a meadow with unique wildflowers.

Blue Trail leads through a section of mature woodland. Shagbark hickory and pin oak trees are hosts to the distinct sounds of woodland bird species such as ovenbirds, wood thrushes, and red-eyed vireos. This trail also includes a unique ridge line hike through mature oaks where owls and hawks are commonly seen and heard. Please use caution at the stream crossings.

Yellow Trail meanders through forested sections of the Preserve, including an area where red pines were planted during the 1940's as an erosion control project. The remaining pines are being left to decay and fall naturally, to provide important habitat for wildlife. In the scrubby openings listen for eastern towhees.

Green Trail encircles two warm season grass and wildflower meadows. At the top of the hill in the northern-most meadow are spectacular views of the Watchung mountains and Oldwick hills. In addition to wildflowers and pollinators, you may catch a glimpse of a northern harrier gracefully searching for its favorite prey - meadow rodents.



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| Stream | Sensory Garden |
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