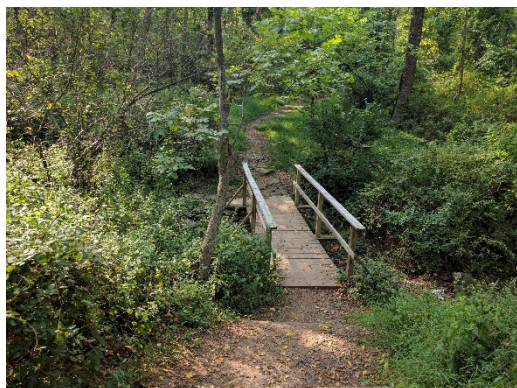


July 2020 – Get out and hike!

Watchung Reservation – History Trail

Watchung Reservation is the largest nature reserve in Union County, New Jersey and consists of the upper valley of Blue Brook between First and Second Watchung Mountains. The Reservation was designed by the Olmsted Brothers of Brookline, Mass., the celebrated landscape architects who designed New York's Central Park and scores of other notable public lands.



6 Mile Loop – Rated Moderate - The Watchung Reservation History Trail identifies sites of historic interest in Union County's Watchung Reservation. The stops along the History Trail recall features from the early years of the Watchung Reservation or describe uses of the land before it was incorporated into the park. The trail is marked with **Pink Blazes**, with signs on posts along the trail identifying the location of each site.

Shorten the Hike --

- 2.2 Mile Loop – Moderate - Purple Trail Loop - Lightly trafficked loop trail. Features a river.
- 1.7 Mile Loop – EASY - Lake Surprise Loop via W. R Tracy Drive – Heavily trafficked loop trail. Features a waterfall.
- Lots of other trails too...

Bring: Hiking Boots (Muddy), Rain Gear, **Insect Repellent** and....

Hiking Backpack - 6 Essentials (Flashlight, Filled Water Bottle, Whistle, First Aid Kit, Sun Protection, Trail Food)

Directions & Parking: The historic trail is designed to start and end at the Trailside Nature & Science Center but can also be accessed from parking areas at the Deserted Village of Feltville and Lake Surprise.

Parking at Trailside Nature and Science Center: 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, NJ 07092

Parking at Lake Surprise: W R Tracy Dr, Mountainside, NJ 07092

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