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# Junior Ranger Program 2024 Booklet



# Congratulations!

You have made a great decision in becoming a Junior Ranger candidate with the Passaic County Department of Parks and Recreation. We hope you have fun learning more about our park system and all of its natural resources.

Below, you will find the requirements for completing your journey to becoming a Passaic County Parks Junior Ranger.

If you are between the ages of 5 and 8, please complete pages 2-6 of this booklet. Then on page 9, write the name of the ranger led activity that you participated in and have the ranger initial it.

If you are between the ages of 9 and 12, please complete pages 2-8 of this booklet. Then on page 9, write the name of the ranger led activity that you participated in and have the ranger initial it.



Your Name:

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Age:

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# Our Parks



The Passaic County Department of Parks and Recreation manages 13 parks, which include over 16,000 acres of public land. Answer the questions below to tell us about your experiences in the parks.

What parks have you visited in Passaic County?

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What is your favorite park?

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Draw a picture in the box below of your favorite thing to do when visiting a park.

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for drawing a picture of a favorite activity in a park.

# PASSAIC COUNTY HAS 13 BEAUTIFUL PARKS!



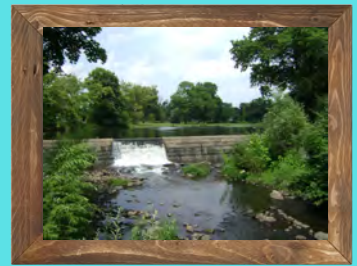
Highlands Preserve



Tranquility Ridge



Apshawa Preserve



Goffle Brook Park



Garret Mountain Reservation



Dundee Island Park

How many Passaic County Parks have you visited ?

# Amazing Adaptations

Adaptations are body parts and behaviors that help animals survive. Match the animal with its adaptation. Some animals may have more than one match.

## Animal



**Eastern bluebird**



**Painted turtle**



**Beaver**



**Black bear**



**Spring peeper**

## Adaptation

**Lays eggs**

**Swims**

**Builds nests**

**Has fur**

**Has feathers**

**Hibernates**

**Builds dams**

# Take a Sensory Hike

**I saw....**

**I heard....**

**I smelled....**

**I felt....**

**Park rangers use their senses to observe the world around them. Find a nice place in one of our parks and just sit quietly for 15 minutes. Write or draw what you discovered in the boxes above.**

# Leave No Trace

## The Principles of Leave No Trace



1. Plan Ahead and Prepare



2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces



3. Dispose of Waste properly  
(Pack It In, Pack It Out)



4. Leave What You Find



5. Minimize Campfire Impacts



6. Respect Wildlife



7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

**Park Rangers teach visitors to respect the parks and nature. They call this, "Leave No Trace." Choose one of the principles above and explain why it is so important for visitors to follow.**

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# LET'S GO ON A SCAVENGER HUNT!

Go to [passaiccountynj.org/departments/parks-recreation/parks](http://passaiccountynj.org/departments/parks-recreation/parks) and find the answers to these questions!

1. At which park can you take horseback riding lessons?

2. Which 3 parks have spray parks where you can cool off?

3. Which 3 parks have dog parks for your puppy?

4. Where can you have fun camping with your family?

5. Where can you visit a beautiful castle and tower?

6. At which parks can you see movies and concerts in an amphitheater?

7. Where can you have a fun time fishing?

8. What is the largest county park, at over 2,000 acres?

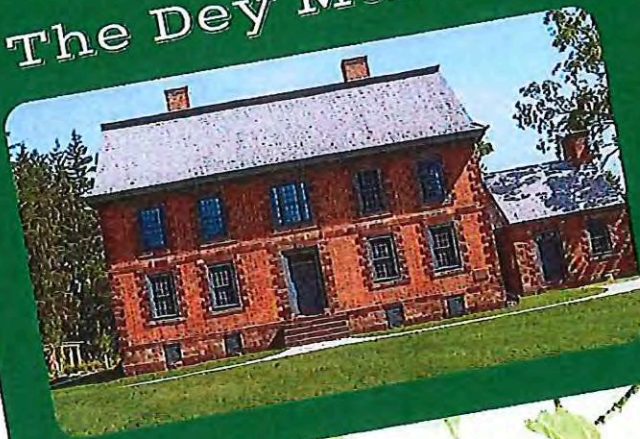




# Discover Passaic County's History, in the Parks



## The Dey Mansion



The Dey Mansion, built in 1770, was home to Theunis and Hester Dey



The home served as General George Washington's military headquarters during July, October and November of 1780.

General Washington made important decisions and planned decisive battles during his stay at the Dey Mansion. The mansion is located at the Preakness Valley Golf Course in Wayne.

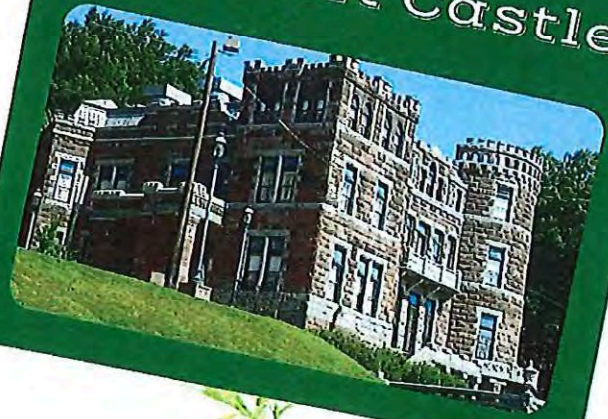
Lambert Castle was the private home of Catholina Lambert, an English immigrant who made his fortune in the silk industry.



Built in 1892-93, the Castle is on Garret Mountain, overlooking the city of Paterson, where Lambert had factories.

In 1896, he added a 70-foot observation tower on top of the mountain. Today the Castle is a museum.

## Lambert Castle



Take a Virtual Field Trip to the Dey Mansion!!!

Go to <https://www.deymansion.org/virtual-field-trip> and watch one of the short videos to learn more about the history of the Dey Mansion.

What video did you watch? \_\_\_\_\_

**If you were unable to attend an in-person activity, please list two National Park Service on-line based Junior Ranger Activities that you completed and attach a screen shot image that verifies your completion of these activities.**

**Activity Name:**

**Date Completed:**

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**Thank you for participating in the Passaic County 2024 Junior Ranger Program! Please email your completed booklet to [ParksAndRecreation@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:ParksAndRecreation@passaiccountynj.org). Please list "Junior Ranger" in the subject line of your email. Alternatively, you may also mail your completed booklet to the following address:**

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