

## About the Trail System

There are approximately 5 miles of trails here at the Plainsboro Preserve. They range from our wide lake side White Trail to our forested Yellow Trail. The difficulty of these trails range from easy to moderate, making them a wonderful place to hike for most everyone.

As you walk the trails you will notice a change in the ecosystems. You may be in a dense Beech Forest one moment and in a wide field the next. It is these differences in such close proximity to one another that makes the Plainsboro Preserve such a special place.

The cornerstone of the Preserve is Lake McCormack. In the late 1960's McCormack Sand and Gravel Company began mining on the property. After only a few years the mining operation hit a spring and began to flood. As the mining dwindled, water filled what is now Lake McCormack. The lake is used by many species of waterfowl and wading birds, beavers, turtles, fish, frogs and otters.

Trails are open from early morning to early evening. See posted hours at trail entrance for seasonal hours. If your car is left after posted hours, you will have to call the Plainsboro Police at 609-799-2333 to get out.

**For the enjoyment of the Preserve and the protection of the habitat and wildlife, the following are not permitted:**

- Picking, removing or harming any plants or animals
- Pets and horses
- Fishing and hunting
- Bicycles or motorized vehicles past the parking area
- Swimming and boating
- Picnicking, smoking, and alcoholic beverages
- Agricultural easements are off limits to the public

## Programs at Plainsboro Preserve

We offer a wide range of programs for Families, Adults, School Groups, Scouts, and more, including Birding Field Trips throughout the state. Check our calendar of events at:

**<https://njudubon.org/places-to-visit/plainsboro-preserve/>**

Stop in the Environmental Education Center to record your observations, ask questions or to chat with our friendly staff. The center is filled with exhibits, a reference library, and a nature gift store with a selection of natural history books, toys, and gifts for the nature lover.

### Environmental Education Center Hours

Winter: 9-4 Tues.-Sat. 12-4 Sun.  
Summer: 9-5 Tues.-Sat 12-5 Sun

Closed on Mondays.

## About New Jersey Audubon

NJ Audubon is a privately supported, not-for-profit statewide membership organization. Founded in 1897, and one of the oldest independent Audubon Societies, NJ Audubon has no formal connection with the National Audubon Society.

Membership strengthens the voice with which NJ Audubon speaks out for New Jersey's wildlife and natural areas. Our members provide inspiration and essential financial support for our sanctuaries and programs in conservation, preservation, and research. Inquire inside on how to become a member, or call 609-427-3052.

# Plainsboro Preserve Trail Map



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**Plainsboro Preserve**

**80 Scotts Corner Road**

**Cranbury, NJ 08512**

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Welcome to New Jersey Audubon's Plainsboro Preserve. With approximately 1,000 acres and over 5 miles of trails to explore, this is one of Central New Jersey's greatest treasures.

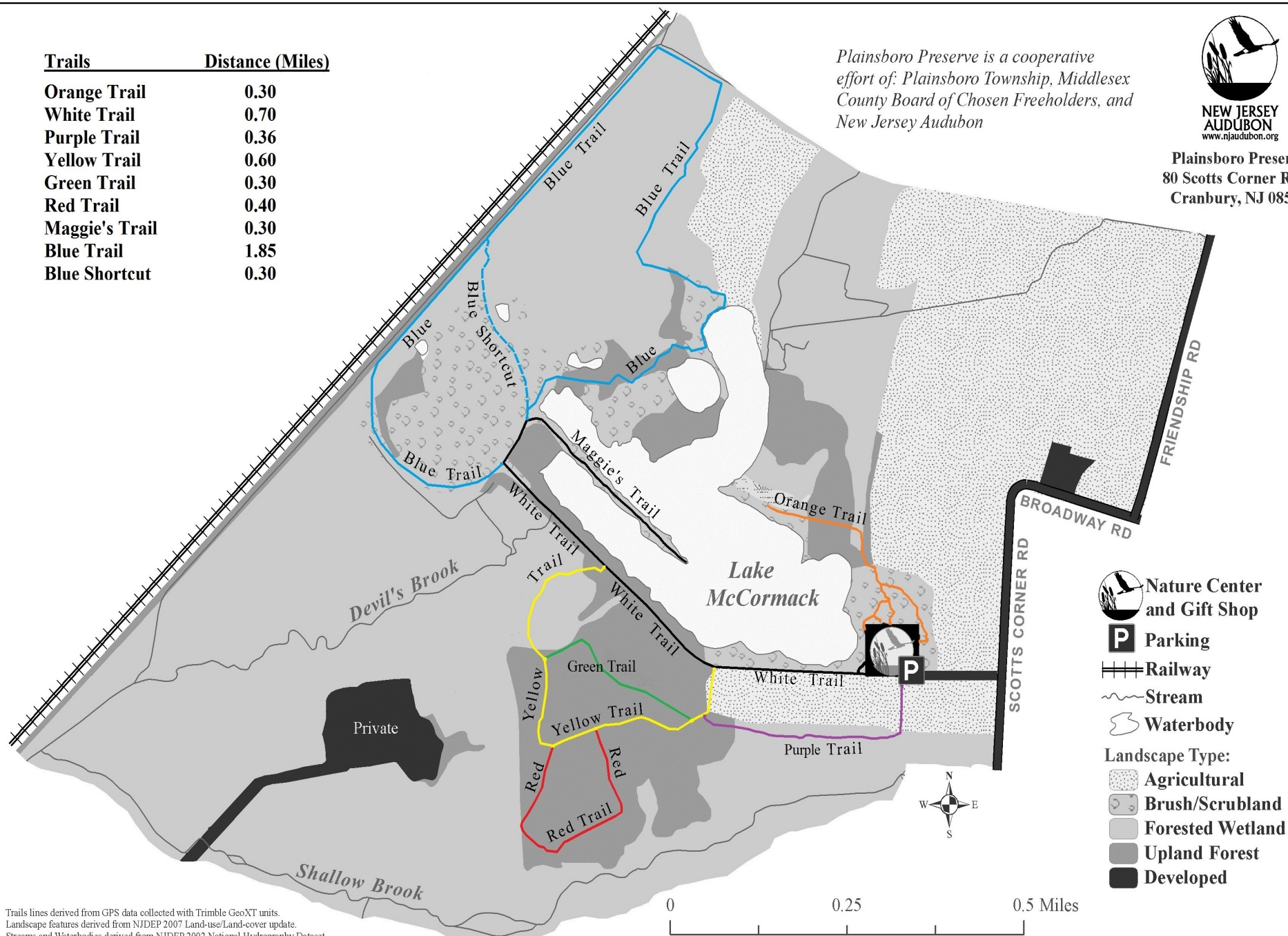
We hope you enjoy your experience here!

Trails	Distance (Miles)
Orange Trail	0.30
White Trail	0.70
Purple Trail	0.36
Yellow Trail	0.60
Green Trail	0.30
Red Trail	0.40
Maggie's Trail	0.30
Blue Trail	1.85
Blue Shortcut	0.30

Plainsboro Preserve is a cooperative effort of: Plainsboro Township, Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and New Jersey Audubon



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Trails lines derived from GPS data collected with Trimble GeoXT units.  
Landscape features derived from NJDEP 2007 Land-use/Land-cover update.  
Streams and Waterbodies derived from NJDEP 2002 National Hydrography Dataset.  
Roads and Railways derived from NJDOT.

**PROHIBITED:** Littering, Pets, Alcohol, Smoking, Horses, Bikes, Hunting, Trapping, Fishing, Swimming, Boating, Woodcutting, Motorized Vehicles and the Collection of Plants or Animals.