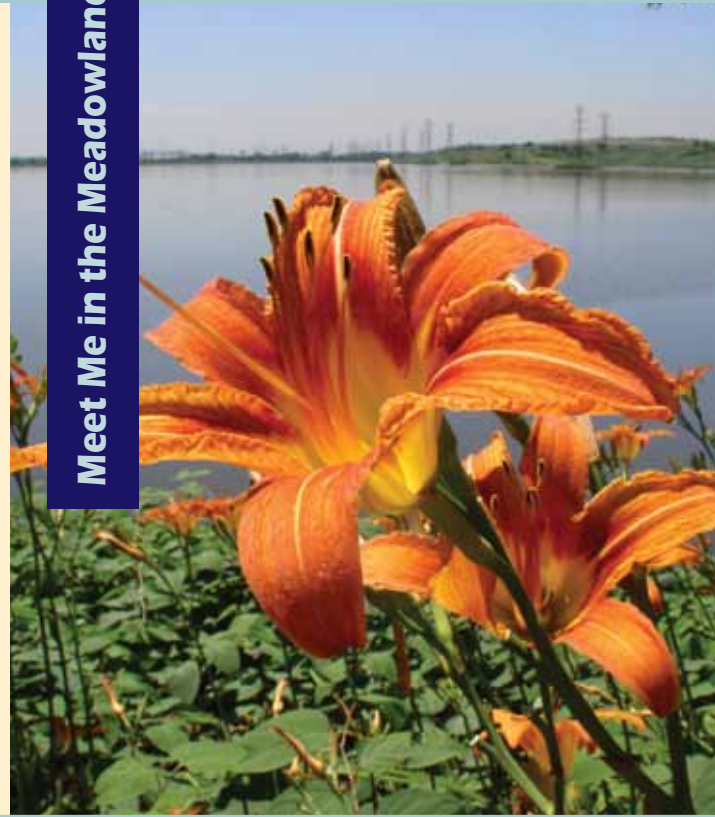




The NJSEA offers a number of resources for Meadowlands District municipalities and educational programs for the public. They include:

- 🌿 Digital mapping services
- 🌿 Shared heavy equipment pool, including jet-vac truck
- 🌿 Scientific research and air, soil and water quality testing conducted by the Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute (MERI)
- 🌿 Guided pontoon boat cruises, canoe tours and nature walks
- 🌿 More than 21 parks and eight miles of walking and hiking trails
- 🌿 Annual Butterfly Day
- 🌿 Year-round environmentally themed workshops and programs for all ages, including animal visits and art work shops
- 🌿 Science and environmental education programs for students in Grades K-12 focusing on ecology, chemistry, biology, astronomy and natural history
- 🌿 Public viewing nights and astronomy lessons at the William D. McDowell Observatory
- 🌿 Annual Halloween Party and Spooky Walk
- 🌿 The Flyway Gallery, featuring local environmental art exhibits
- 🌿 Tideland Treasures gift shop, featuring environmentally themed educational products for kids, birding books, home and garden decor, and much more.



About the NJSEA: The New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority is the planning and zoning agency for the 30.4-square-mile Meadowlands District, comprised of parts of 14 municipalities in Bergen and Hudson counties. In February 2015 the former New Jersey Meadowlands Commission (NJMC) was consolidated into the NJSEA.

Nature programming: In collaboration with the Bergen County Audubon Society, the NJSEA offers free twice monthly nature walks and additional special events. For a complete schedule, go to njmeadowlands.gov and click on "Events." The Sports Authority also offers guided pontoon boat tours and canoe trips of the Hackensack River.

The Meadowlands Nature Blog: meadowblog.net, includes daily updates and great photography of the region's flora and fauna, environmental-themed news and information about NJSEA public programs.

Created in 1969, the NJMC (now NJSEA) has fought to end illegal dumping and encourage appropriate development in the Meadowlands District, and has helped to protect thousands of acres of wetlands and open space. The agency has also developed or contributed to the design of 21 parks throughout the District.



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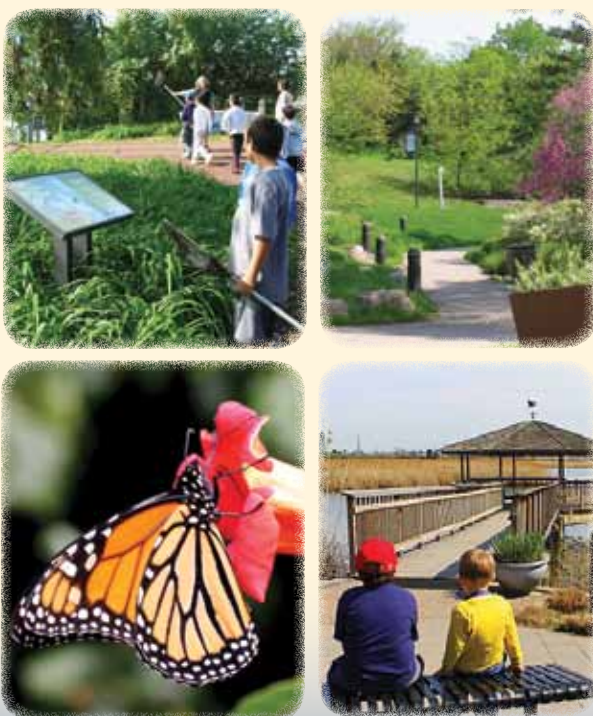


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Come and explore the New Jersey Meadowlands!



Welcome to Richard W. DeKorte Park

Featuring 3.5 miles of walking trails, panoramic views and birds galore, this diverse park is the center of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority's nature activities. DeKorte Park includes the NJSEA's Center for Environmental and Scientific Education, which hosts school groups, and the William D. McDowell Observatory which is free and open to the public. Astronomy learning sessions are held on Tuesday nights. The Meadowlands Environment Center, offers environmentally themed educational programs for all ages. The park is also home to the NJSEA administrative offices.

DeKorte Park – once slated to be a landfill – features six distinct visitor areas with native plants, recycled materials and sustainable design solutions that support the agency's environmental efforts. Roughly 60,000 people visit DeKorte Park each year, including about 15,000 students who participate in school programs.

A series of colorful interpretive signs highlight the park's resources and the wildlife that inhabit its tidal waters, marshes

and uplands. These informational signs offer visitors an appreciation of the Meadowlands' ecological diversity, set against the backdrop of urban New Jersey and New York City, and help visitors understand the benefits of a brackish estuary.

DeKorte Park, like the entire Meadowlands District, is located along the Atlantic Flyway, one of three major routes used by migratory birds in North America. More than 280 species of birds have been identified in the Meadowlands. A birding checklist, nature guides and event schedules are available at the Meadowlands Environment Center.




DeKorte Park has been nationally recognized by Birder's World magazine as a birding hotspot, so grab your binoculars and check out the natural wonders on display here in the heart of the Meadowlands!



NJSEA Websites:

Our home page: njsea.com
Our research arm: meri.njmeadowlands.gov
Our nature blog: meadowblog.net

Richard W. DeKorte Park Trail Guide

-  Transco Trail
-  Saw Mill Creek Trail
-  Shorewalk
-  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 -- 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: 201.484.9193
 Lyndhurst Police: 201.939.2900


The Trails:

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

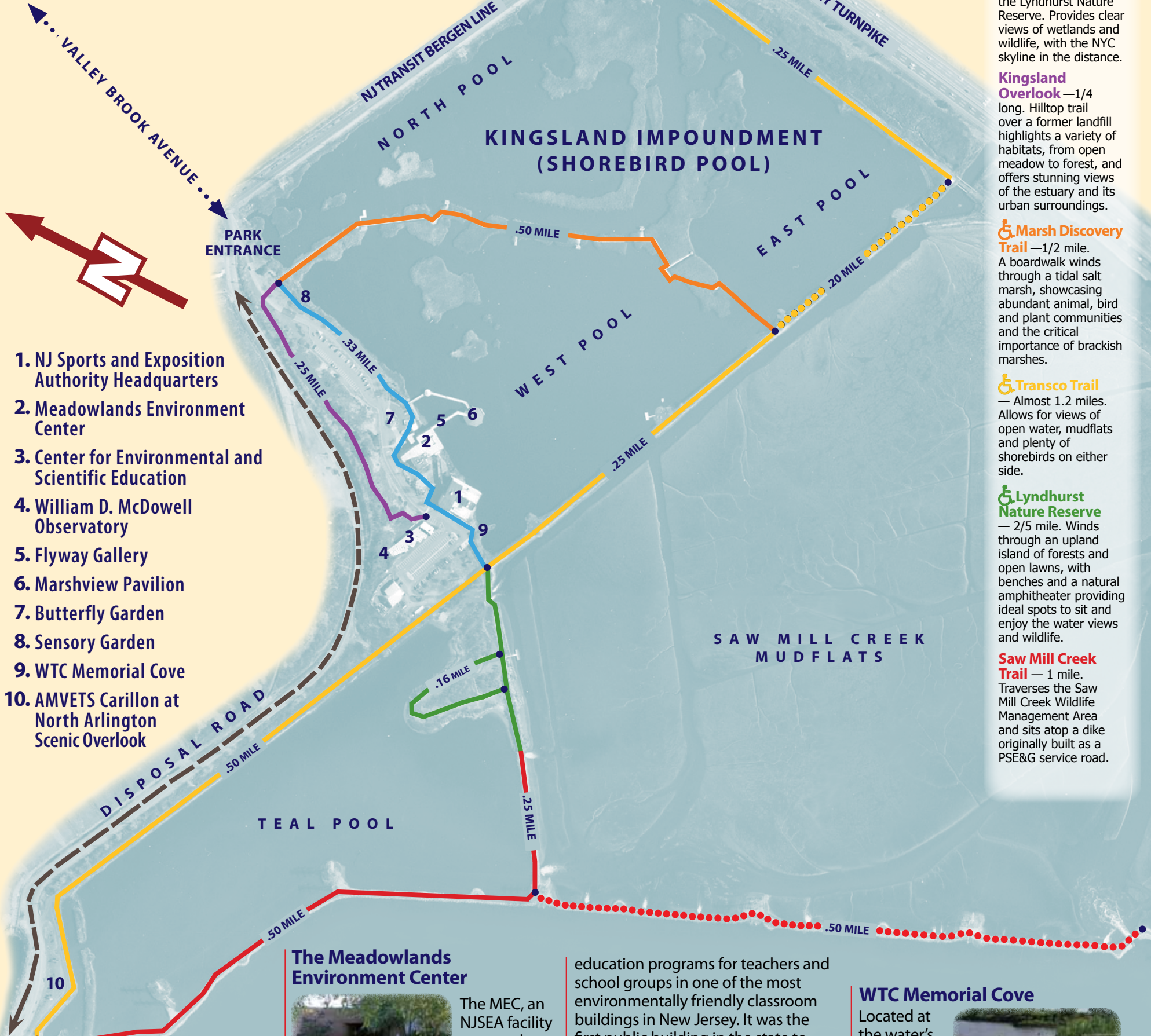
 **Kingsland Overlook** —1/4 long. Hilltop trail over a former landfill highlights a variety of habitats, from open meadow to forest, and offers stunning views of the estuary and its urban surroundings.

 **Marsh Discovery Trail** —1/2 mile. A 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. Allows for views of open water, mudflats and plenty of shorebirds on either side.

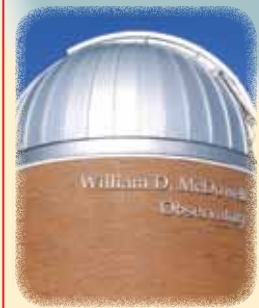
 **Lyndhurst Nature Reserve** — 2/5 mile. Winds through an upland island of forests and open lawns, with benches and a natural amphitheater providing ideal spots to sit and enjoy the water views and wildlife.

 **Saw Mill Creek Trail** — 1 mile. Traverses the Saw Mill Creek Wildlife Management Area and sits atop a dike originally built as a PSE&G service road.



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2. Meadowlands Environment Center
3. Center for Environmental and Scientific Education
4. William D. McDowell Observatory
5. Flyway Gallery
6. Marshview Pavilion
7. Butterfly Garden
8. Sensory Garden
9. WTC Memorial Cove
10. AMVETS Carillon at North Arlington Scenic Overlook

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. The observatory is free and opened to the public, weather permitting and excluding holidays. Viewing schedules can be found at www.njmeadowlands.gov/ec or by calling 201-460-8300.

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The Meadowlands Environment Center



The MEC, an NJSEA facility operated by Ramapo College, offers

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

Center for Environmental and Scientific Education



An NJSEA facility operated by Ramapo College, the Science Center provides comprehensive environmental

education programs for teachers and school groups in one of the most environmentally friendly classroom buildings in New Jersey. It was the first public building in the state to achieve 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 Ziemkiewicz Memorial Butterfly Garden honors Ziemkiewicz, a Rutherford

native and 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.

WTC Memorial Cove

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



the World Trade Center Memorial Cove 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 NJSEA, the 40-foot carillon features three bells that toll several times an hour. Near the Carillon is a native-plant garden that attracts butterflies and birds.

