



**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.

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 Meadowlands.

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# DeKorte Park Trail Guide

**3.5 MILES OF WALKING TRAILS  
 PANORAMIC VIEWS • BIRDS GALORE  
 BEAUTIFUL GARDENS**



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DeKorte Park is at the center of nature activities in the Meadowlands District. Visitors can walk 3.5 miles of trails, enjoy panoramic views and spot birds galore. The park includes several trails, the William D. McDowell Observatory, the Meadowlands Environment Center, and the Center for Environmental and Scientific Education.

The park, set against the backdrop of the Manhattan skyline, is built atop a former landfill. Roughly 50,000 people visit DeKorte Park each year, including 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.

DeKorte Park, like the entire Meadowlands District, is located along the Atlantic Flyway, a major route for migratory birds. More than 285 species of birds have been identified in the Meadowlands region, including more than 30 on the New Jersey threatened, endangered and species of special concern lists.

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

*NYC Skyline from DeKorte Park. Photo courtesy of M & E Raine*



## Common wildlife found at DeKorte Park

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• American Goldfinch



• Great Blue Heron



• Great Egret



• Killdeer



• Mallard



• Marsh Wren



• Northern Pintail



• Osprey



• Red-winged Blackbird



Ruddy



• Sandpiper



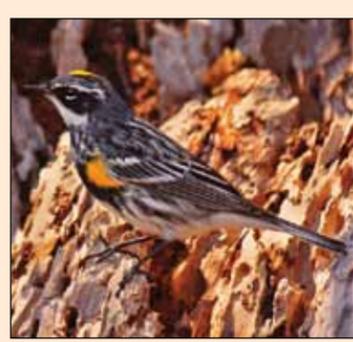
• Snowy Egret



• Tree Swallows



• Yellowlegs (greater)



• Yellow-rumped Warbler

# 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

- ▶ The Park is open daily from 8 am to dusk
- ▶ Catch and release fishing only in designated areas
- ▶ Fires and alcoholic beverages prohibited
- ▶ No picking flowers or vegetation
- ▶ Picnics are allowed
- ▶ No feeding wildlife
- ▶ No bike riding or dog walking on the Marsh Discovery Trail

## POINTS OF INTEREST

1. NJSEA Administration Building
2. Meadowlands Environment Center
3. Marshview Pavilion
4. Jill Ann Ziemkiewicz Memorial Butterfly Garden
5. Sensory Garden
6. WTC Memorial Cove
7. Center for Environment and Scientific Education
8. William D. McDowell Observatory
9. AMVETS Carillon



## THE TRAILS

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

**Kingsland Overlook**—1/4 mile. From fields to forests, this hilltop trail over a former landfill highlights a variety of habitats, including open meadows. The overlook offers stunning views of the estuary and its urban surroundings.

**Marsh Discovery Trail**—1/2 mile. Boardwalk path winds through a tidal salt marsh, showcasing the animal, bird and plant habitats.

**Transco Trail**—1/2 mile. This trail allows for views of open water, mudflats and plenty of shorebirds.

**Lyndhurst Nature Reserve**—2/5 mile. Winds through an upland island of forests and open lawns. Benches and a natural amphitheater provide 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.

## Common plant life found in the Meadowlands



Goldenrod



Green Ash



Groundsel-tree



Milkweed



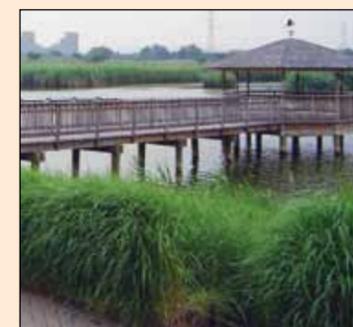
Phragmites  
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Red Cedar



Rose Mallow



Switchgrass