

THE GREENBELT CONSERVANCY'S MISSION IS TO PROMOTE, SUSTAIN, AND ENHANCE STATEN ISLAND'S 2,800-ACRE GREENBELT THROUGH EDUCATION, RECREATION, CONSERVATION, AND RESEARCH.

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# GREENBELT TRAIL MAP

Staten Island, NY













#### **TULIP POPLAR TREE**

Named for its showy flowers and tulip-shaped leaves, their tall, straight trunks were preferred by the Lenape tribe for dugout canoes.



#### **GRAY TREEFROG**

Gray treefrogs are often seen out of water on trees and other plants. Large sticky toes pads help them to climb and cling to tree bark. Their call sounds like a loud trill.

#### **GREEN FROG**



This common frog is seen around the edges of swamps and ponds, with their faces peeking out of the water. Listen for their call, a twanging noise like a rubber band.



#### **COMMON GREEN DARNER**

This large dragonfly eats primarily insects, including mosquitos. Contrary to popular belief, dragonflies do not sting or bite people.



#### CHIPMUNK

Often seen scurrying on the ground, this tiny mammal squeaks when alarmed, so hikers may hear chipmunks long before seeing them.

#### SERPENTINITE ROCK

This 45 million year old rock can be found on Greenbelt trails. Serpentine, a mineral, causes the greenish gray color and explains its snake-like name.

# OUR LOCATIONS

Environmental

High Rock Park

200 Nevada Ave.

718-667-7475

**Education Dept.** 

Staten Island, NY 10306

education@sigreenbelt.org

**Greenbelt Native** 

**Plant Center** 

718-370-9044

Recreation

501 Brielle Ave.

Center

Open by appointment

Staten Island, NY 10314

LaTourette Public

1001 Richmond Hill Road

Staten Island, NY 10306

718-667-3545

**Golf Course** 

718-351-1889



#### Greenbelt Nature Center

700 Rockland Ave. (Near Brielle Ave.) Staten Island, NY 10314 (available to rent) **718-351-3450** naturecenter@sigreenbelt.org



#### Carousel For All Children

Willowbrook Park 2 Eton Place Staten Island, NY 10314 *Open May - early October* (available to rent) Ticket booth: **718-477-0605** Rental inquiries: **718-667-2165, ext. 106** or celebrate@sigreenbelt.org

The Greenbelt's extensive trail system in central Staten Island offers approximately 35-miles of rugged, marked trails that traverse woodlands and wetlands. A two-mile long multi-use trail skirts the permitter of the LaTourette section; it is the only trail where cycling is permitted.

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#### WOOD DUCK

Tree cavities and man-made nest boxes around High Rock Park encourage this shy, colorful waterfowl to live and raise young in the Greenbelt.

#### **TURKEY VULTURE**

Often mistaken for an eagle when seen flying overhead, these scavengers complete the food chain by cleaning up dead animals.

#### JACK-IN-THE-PULPIT

This eastern native is sometimes confused with poison ivy before it flowers due to its three-part leaves. The cupped flower is covered by a distinct "hood."

#### **TURKEY TAIL**

Named for its resemblance to the tail feathers of turkeys, this fungus is found on decomposing logs.

#### **GARTER SNAKE**

These non-venomous, native snakes are seen basking on rocks or slithering on the forest floor. Look for them in the warmer months – colder weather makes them inactive.

#### PAINTED TURTLE

This turtle is named for the brilliant orange and red colorations on its shell. Look for them basking on logs in Greenbelt ponds.











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### **GREENBELT TRAIL SYSTEM**

**BLUE TRAIL** Provides a moderate level hike, that is 12.3 miles one way. This trail ascends from Staten Island Boulevard to one of the highest points on the eastern coast.

WHITE TRAIL Provides an easy/moderate hike, and is 7.6 miles one way. Its southern end connects to Great Kills Park (Gateway National Recreation Area).

**RED TRAIL** Provides an easy/moderate, closed circuit 4 mile hike in the middle of the Greenbelt. This loop trail begins and ends near Historic Richmondtown.

YELLOW TRAIL This moderate/difficult trail parallels the Blue Trail. Moses' Mountain is located off the Yellow Trail.

**ORANGE TRAIL** Provides a moderate, closed circuit hike through the forests ofReed's Basket Willow Swamp. Trail can be accessed from Annfield Ct, Spring St, and Chapin Ave.

**NATURE CENTER LOOP NEW** The one mile Nature Center Trail begins at the footbridge to the left of the Nature Center. The level terrain is suitable for novice hikers. After the trail turns eastward there is a native fern garden stretching out under a canopy of tall tulip, beech and birch trees. This loop trail ends at the opposite side of the Nature Center.

**MULTIPURPOSE TRAIL** The 2.6 mile multipurpose trail is a path with a wider width than the Greenbelt's wooded trails. It is the only trail where bicycling is permitted. The mostly flat trail extends westward from Rockland Avenue along Forest Hill Road to Richmond Avenue.

#### TRAIL NAVIGATION SYMBOLS

Trail Turns Right Trail Turns Left

Note: At a brisk pace, it takes approx. 20 minutes to walk one mile.

## PARK AND TRAIL SAFETY

- The Greenbelt parks, trails and natural areas are open daily from dawn to dusk (or 9 pm). Some parking lots close at 5 pm.
- To avoid ticks, poison ivy and getting lost, remain on marked trails. Take a trail map along and wear proper gear. Hike with a friend or let someone know your destination.
- Please help protect the park by leaving plants, animals and other features as you found them. Obey posted park rules and put trash in marked containers. Keep your pet leashed and dispose of pet waste properly. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in NYC parks. Police regularly patrol the area.

• Cycling is only permitted on paved park roads and the Multi-purpose Trail.

#### **MAP KEY** (Color markers will be found along the Trails)

Yellow Trail Blue Trail Pink Trail White Trail Nature Center Trail	<ul> <li>Red Trail</li> <li>Multi-PurposeTrail</li> <li>Orange Trail</li> <li>Pathways</li> <li>Roadways</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>The Joseph Holzka Overlook</li> <li>The Carousel For All Children &amp;</li> <li>Historic Richmond Town &amp;</li> <li>Museum of Tibetan Art</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ø Greenbelt Nature Center &amp;</li> <li>Native Plant Propagation Nursery</li> <li>Ø Greenbelt Recreation Center &amp;</li> <li>LaTourette Public Golf Course</li> <li>Archery Field</li> <li>Model Airplane Field</li> <li>William T. Davis Refuge</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Ruins</li> <li>A Picnic Area</li> <li>Bus Stop</li> <li>Model Airplar</li> <li>Foot Bridge → Archery Rang</li> </ul>	n



