

## Graeber Woods/Bunker Hill Environmental Center Trails

The Bunker Hill Environmental Center was established “for the benefit of Franklin residents wishing to pursue ecological studies”. The 95-acre parcel of forested land known as the Graeber Woods, along with the Bunker Hill Environmental Education Center (BHEC) and its associated trails, were set aside for permanent conservation in 1989 in a cooperative effort between the Franklin Township Council, the Franklin Township Board of Education, and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection’s Green Acres Program. In 2021, 70 acres adjacent to the property were donated to Franklin Township as open space from D&R Greenway Land Trust. An entrance to the BHEC parking area and kiosk is located at 287 Bunker Hill Road (40.436160, -74.586490).

The 0.60-mile Blue Trail at the BHEC and the 1.50-mile White Trail at Simonsen Brook connect to the John Clyde Memorial Native Grasslands Preserve through its Brown Trail and the Eagle Scout John S. Clyde Jr., Memorial Trail. A group meeting area with benches is located at the entrance of the Blue Trail. Stone leaf sculptures created by local artist Susan Hoenig are situated beneath native trees along the Blue Trail.

Popular recreational activities include walking, hiking, trail running, dog walking, bird watching, and landscaping photography. A frisbee golf course has been implemented along the BHEC trails.

The area is open from sunrise through 30 minutes after sunset. Restrooms are not available. Trash is carry-in/carry-out. A trash receptacle is located the parking lot.

Bow hunting is permitted onsite, Mondays through Saturdays from early September through mid-February. Public access is permitted on these trails during bow hunting season; however, non-hunters must wear orange. Hunting on public lands on Sunday is prohibited under New Jersey law.