

Rules and Policies (2019)

Big Brook Preserve is one of the most rare and fragile resources of its type within the United States. As such we request that you adhere to the general park rules which will help to preserve this facility.

Rules and policies regarding the use of Big Brook Preserve include:

1. **Visiting with less than 15 people? NO PERMIT IS REQUIRED.** Formal permits for the use of the preserve for fossil collection and other such activities by all groups of 15 or more is required. Permits are obtained by contacting the Department of Recreation and Parks, via email at cnrecpks@coltsneck.org, indicating the desired date of your visit, the number of visitors in your group, and a contact telephone number. **The group permit fee may be mailed in the form of a check or money order made payable to the Colts Neck Department of Recreation and Parks, in the amount of \$25 for parties of 15 to 29. Parties of 30 or more the permit fee is \$50.00.** Please send your group permit fee to the Department of Recreation and Parks, 14 Heyers Mill Road, Colts Neck, New Jersey 07722. Once the payment is received and the date is scheduled for your group, you will receive your permit via email. If there is a conflict in scheduling, you will receive a telephone call and a mutually agreed upon date will be scheduled.
2. Permits for fossil collection are issued on a daily basis and are in effect from 8 a.m. to dusk.
3. Permits must be kept with the person in charge of the group, and must be presented to enforcement officials upon request.
4. Large group buses are restricted to the formal preserve parking area located on Hillsdale Road.
5. The collection of fossils within the preserve is limited to those fossils found within the actual stream water line. Fossil extraction is prohibited from the walls of stream bed above the stream water line.
6. The use of equipment for the collection of fossils is restricted to trowels with a maximum blade of 6 inches, and small screens with an 18 inch square maximum at all times.
7. No person may harvest more than five fossils per day.
8. Any person violating any of the rules listed herein, or any other policies related to the general operation of Township Preserves shall, upon conviction, be subject to the replacement, repair or restoration of any damaged property, and subject to fine or imprisonment.
9. **Big Brook Preserve is NOT located at 14 Heyers Mill Road. Parking can be found for the Preserve on Hillsdale Road. Directions: 127 Hillside Rd. (Four JGs Winery) is approximately 1/4 of a mile south of the entrance to Big Brook Preserve.**