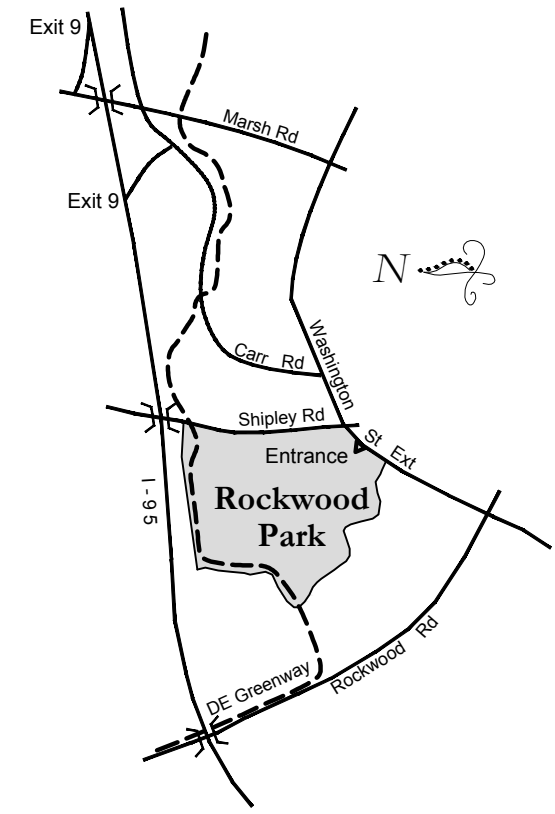


For more information about the gardens pick up a Historic Garden Guide available in the Rockwood Mansion.



Rockwood Park Trail Guide



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New Castle County Department of Special Services

Welcome to New Castle County parks!

We offer a wide variety of recreational opportunities to residents of all ages and interests from our flagship Rockwood, Glasgow and Carousel parks, to miles of trails in the Middle Run Valley Natural Area to athletic fields, dog parks and so much more in neighborhoods throughout our county.

Whether you are looking for a walking trail to explore the outdoors, a playground for your kids, or a pocket of scenic open space to reflect and unwind, you are just minutes away from one of the 247 parks in our county park system.

I invite you to visit www.ncde.org/parks to learn more about our county parks, download park and trail maps and reserve a park facility for your next social gathering.

Matthew Meyer County Executive

RULES AND REGULATIONS: SUMMARY

- HOURS** - All New Castle County parks are open year-round. Hours of operation are dawn to dusk, except with permission of the Department.
- TEMPORARY CLOSURE** - The General Manager has the authority to temporarily close a museum or the grounds when required by Public Health, Safety and Welfare.
- MOTOR VEHICLES** - No motor vehicles shall be driven except in areas specifically designated for their use. All motor vehicle laws of the State of Delaware must be followed.
- POSTING** - No signs or markers can be put in place, except with written permission of the Department. Sales or solicitation are also generally prohibited.
- ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND GAMBLING** - Consumption, possession or sale of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited. Gambling is also prohibited.
- DAMAGE AND DUMPING** - Vandalism of trees, shrubs, plants, turf, rocks, buildings, fences, bridges, signs, stream water quality or any other natural or man-made asset of the park is prohibited. Nothing may be dumped in the park.
- FIRE** - No fires shall be kindled.
- SAFETY OF ANIMALS** - No one shall trap, snare, shoot, poison, injure, annoy or disturb any wild animal or bird or damage any nest.
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT** - Threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language, obscene or indecent actions and fighting are prohibited.
- WEAPONS** - No one shall carry any knife having a blade three (3) inches or longer on the grounds. The possession or discharge of BB guns, air guns, firearms, bows and arrows or any lethal weapon is prohibited.
- ACTIVITIES** - Entertainment, demonstrations or exhibitions are prohibited, except with the approval of the Department.
- GROUP FUNCTIONS** - Permits for group activities should be obtained in advance from the Department.
- NOISE** - Loud music is not permitted. Please be respectful of your neighbors.
- DOGS** - Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times. Please, pick up after your dog.



Rockwood Park is one of the most unique parks in Delaware. The Rockwood Mansion, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, is considered an outstanding example of Rural Gothic architecture.



Rockwood was home to two of Wilmington's most prominent families-Joseph Shipley, who started construction of the house in 1851, and Edward Bringham and his family from 1891 until 1965.

In addition to the manor house and conservatory, the estate is comprised of a porter's lodge, gardener's cottage, barn and other ancillary structures.



Rockwood Mansion is surrounded by the 6 acre Historic Garden. Both garden and mansion were completed in 1854.

The garden resembles an English park and follows the principles of the Gardenesque landscape design. Its beauty is derived from the many trees and flowering shrubs that are arranged in a naturalistic manner.

Garden brochures that identify the historic trees and explain the design are available at the mansion. An interactive garden brochure is also available at www.rockwood.org

HIKING TRAILS

Admission to the park is free. The garden and grounds are open daily from dawn to dusk.

Rockwood Park is the perfect location for a casual stroll along the trails that show a variety of views through the park. More than two miles of lighted walking trails wind their way through Rockwood's 72 acres. Paved trails are available for walking, running or bike riding.

For a more extensive hike continue on through the Estate's connection with the Delaware Greenway System. Information is available at www.delawaregreenways.org

THE MUSEUM

The Museum, located in the east side of the Mansion, is open for tours Wednesday - Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm., and Sunday noon to 4:00pm. Tours begin on the hour. Museum Admission includes the current exhibit in the museum.

SPECIAL OCCASSIONS

The spacious North and South Lawns are available to rent for weddings and our Parlors are also available for business meetings and family get-togethers.

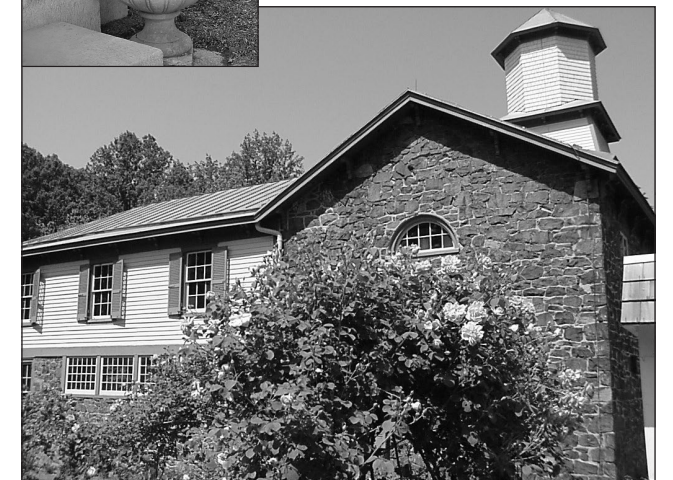
For more information about the Rockwood Museum Tours & Ticket Prices, Facility Rentals, and Volunteer Opportunities call 302-761-4340 or visit our website www.Rockwood.org

THE ROCKWOOD CARRIAGE HOUSE

Located in a historic carriage house and barn in the middle of a beautiful wooded estate, the Rockwood Carriage House provides a unique space for your meeting, wedding, or special event. Contact The Greenery for information at 302-472-2433 or their website www.greenerycaterers.com



All photos: NCC



Park Trail Guides are available for Carousel Park, Glasgow Park, Iron Hill Park, Middle Run Natural Area, and Rockwood Park & Museum.

To obtain a copy, visit your local library, or contact the NCC Special Services at 302-395-5700 or NCC Community Services at 302-395-5606.

Online maps and additional information on New Castle County's park system is available at www.ncde.org/parks

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