

WAYS YOU CAN HELP TO PROTECT THE PINELANDS, OUR COUNTRY'S FIRST NATIONAL RESERVE

USE GOOD OUTDOOR MANNERS WHEN YOU VISIT

- When you recreate in the Pinelands, take home your trash and leave natural plants and animals where you find them
- Pinelands forests are very flammable. When camping, driving, or hiking in the Pinelands, take care with matches, cigarettes, and campfires
- Three-fifths of the Pinelands is privately owned. Private lands include businesses, home sites, and farms as well as vacant lands and roads. Take care not to trespass

SPREAD THE WORD

- Tell your friends and elected officials that the 17 trillion gallon fresh water Cohansey Aquifer beneath the Pinelands is unparalleled in our country and should be protected
- Tell the program chairman of your favorite organization that a new slide show produced by the Pinelands Commission called The New Jersey Pinelands, Our Country's First National Reserve can be found at area libraries in New Jersey, nature centers and state parks in and adjacent to the Pinelands area, and at the Free Library of Philadelphia and the education department of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia
- Encourage your local school to include Pinelands studies in its curriculum. Tell teachers that the slide show mentioned above is also available from the county Audio-Visual Aids Commissions which provide such programs to teachers. The program is listed in their annual catalog

GET INVOLVED IN THE PROTECTION EFFORT

- If you see someone dumping trash illegally, report the license number and vehicle description immediately to the local police
- Call your local youth organization or group of your choice and volunteer to organize a trash cleanup of a littered area
- Read your local newspapers, attend public meetings to learn about Pinelands issues, and express your opinions to your elected officials and on the ballot
- Join a local organization which is working for Pinelands education and protection. For help in finding a suitable group in your locality, call the public programs office of the Pinelands Commission at 609-894-9342

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- Make donations or bequests of either money or land to groups which acquire environmentally sensitive lands for preservation. The following groups have been active in acquiring property in the Pinelands for this purpose:

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation, 300 Mendham Road, Morristown, NJ 07960 (201) 539-7540

The New Jersey Audubon Society, 790 Ewing Avenue, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417 (201) 891-1211

The Natural Lands Trust, Suite 812, 1616 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 732-0940

The Nature Conservancy, 1218 Chestnut St., Room 807, Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215) 925-1065

The State of New Jersey Natural Lands Trust, 109 W. State St., CN 404, Trenton, NJ 08625 (609) 984-1339

- Consider making a contribution to the Pinelands Commission to assist with its educational programs which are largely sustained by foundation grants and donations from private sources

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TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PINELANDS

- Read a book on Pine Barrens ecology, history, early bog iron manufacturing, or the glassmaking industry. Check with your local library
- Visit one of the nature centers listed below. Call for details of Pinelands related programs and field trips

Atlantic County Nature Center
c/o Atlantic County Park Dept.
R.D. #3, Box 252A
Mays Landing, NJ 08330
(609) 625-1897 or 625-7000
ext. 5373

Cooper Nature Center
Cattus Island County Park
Cattus Island Blvd.
Toms River, NJ 08753
(201) 270-6960

Camden County Nature Center
Park Dr. & Estaugh Ave.
Berlin, NJ 08009
(609) 768-1598

Rancocas Nature Center
Rancocas-Mt. Holly Rd.
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 261-2495

Wetlands Institute
Stone Harbor Blvd.
Stone Harbor, NJ 08247
(609) 368-1211