

List of New Jersey State Natural Areas – February 2024
Office of Natural Lands Management

Natural Area	Acreage¹	Administering Agency	State Land Location	Township & County Location
Absegami Natural Area	126.6	Bass River State Forest	Bass River State Forest	Bass River Township, Burlington County
Allamuchy Natural Area	2,457.8	Hopatcong State Park	Allamuchy State Park	Allamuchy Township, Warren County, and Byram Township, Sussex County
Batsto Natural Area	9,343.3	Wharton State Forest	Wharton State Forest	Mullica Township and Hammonton Town, Atlantic County, and Washington and Shamong Townships, Burlington County
Bearfort Mountain Natural Area	1,363.2	Wawayanda State Park	Wawayanda State Park	West Milford Township, Passaic County
Bear Swamp East Natural Area	1,375.3	Millville WMA	Millville WMA	Downe Township, Cumberland County
Bennett Bogs Natural Area	345.0	NJ Natural Lands Trust	Bennett Bogs NJNLT Preserve	Lower Township, Cape May County
Black River Natural Area	1,569.8	Whittingham WMA	Black River WMA	Chester and Washington Townships, Morris County
Bull's Island Natural Area	29.8	D&R Canal State Park	Bull's Island Recreation Area	Delaware Township, Hunterdon County
Bursch Sugar Maple Natural Area	24.8	Jenny Jump State Forest	(Not in State Forest boundary)	Hope and Knowlton Townships, Warren County
Cape May Point Natural Area	152.3	Cape May Point State Park	Cape May Point State Park	Cape May Point Borough and Lower Township, Cape May County
Cape May Wetlands Natural Area	1,303.6	Cape May Coastal Wetlands WMA	Cape May Coastal Wetlands WMA	Avalon Borough, Dennis and Middle Townships, Cape May County

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Cedar Swamp Natural Area	742.0	Brendan T. Byrne State Forest	Brendan T. Byrne State Forest	Woodland Township, Burlington County
Cheesequake Natural Area	371.8	Cheesequake State Park	Cheesequake State Park	Old Bridge Township, Middlesex County
Cook Natural Area	24.5	D&R Canal State Park	D&R Canal State Park	South Brunswick Township, Middlesex County
Dryden Kuser Natural Area	1,430.7	High Point State Park	High Point State Park	Montague and Wantage Townships, Sussex County
Dunnfield Creek Natural Area	969.57	Worthington State Forest	Worthington State Forest	Pahaquarry Township, Warren County
East Plains Natural Area	2,534.6	Stafford Forge WMA	Stafford Forge WMA	Little Egg Harbor, Stafford and Eagleswood Townships, Ocean County
Farny Natural Area	595.0	Ringwood State Park	Farny State Park	Rockaway Township, Morris County
Great Bay Natural Area	378.3	Assunpink WMA	Great Bay Boulevard WMA	Little Egg Harbor Township, Ocean County
Hacklebarney Natural Area	442.6	Spruce Run Recreation Area	Hacklebarney State Park	Chester and Washington Townships, Morris County, Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County and Bedminster Township, Somerset County
Hirst Ponds Natural Area	345.0	NJ Natural Lands Trust	Hirst Ponds NJNLT Preserve	Galloway Township, Atlantic County
Island Beach Northern Natural Area	665.2	Island Beach State Park	Island Beach State Park	Berkeley Township, Ocean County
Island Beach Southern Natural Area	1,185.2	Island Beach State Park	Island Beach State Park	Ocean and Berkeley Townships, Ocean County

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Johnsonburg Natural Area	11.0	Jenny Jump State Forest	(Not in State Forest boundary)	Frelinghuysen Township, Warren County
Ken Lockwood Gorge Natural Area	258.4	Whittingham WMA	Ken Lockwood Gorge WMA	Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County
Manahawkin Natural Area	63.8	Assunpink WMA	Manahawkin WMA	Stafford Township, Ocean County
North Brigantine Natural Area	757.5	Bass River State Forest	(No in State Forest boundary)	City of Brigantine, Atlantic County
Osmun Forest Natural Area	9.0	Jenny Jump State Forest	(Not in State Forest boundary)	Knowlton Township, Warren County
Oswego River Natural Area	1,918.8	Wharton State Forest	Wharton State Forest	Washington and Bass River Townships, Burlington County
Parvin Natural Area	457.4	Parvin State Park	Parvin State Park	Pittsgrove Township, Salem County
Ramapo Lake Natural Area	1,407.5	Ringwood State Park	Ramapo Mountain State Forest	Wanaque and Ringwood Boroughs, Passaic County, and Oakland Borough, Bergen County
Rancocas Natural Area	62.3	Brendan T. Byrne State Forest	Rancocas State Park	Westampton Township, Burlington County
Readington Natural Area	38.0	New Jersey Natural Lands Trust	Readington Preserve	Readington Township, Hunterdon County
Richard J. Sullivan Natural Area	35.3	Liberty State Park	Liberty State Park	Jersey City, Hudson County
Strathmere Natural Area	78 - 98	Belleplain State Forest	Corson's Inlet State Park	Upper Township, Cape May County
Sunfish Pond Natural Area	221.3	Worthington State Forest	Worthington State Forest	Pahaquarry Township, Warren County
Swan Point Natural Area	145.9	Island Beach State Park	Island Beach State Park	Brick Township, Ocean County

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Swartwood Natural Area	363.2	Swartwood State Park	Swartwood State Park	Stillwater and Hampton Townships, Sussex County
Swimming River Natural Area	100.5	Allaire State Park	(Not in State Park boundary)	Borough of Tinton Falls, Monmouth County
Tillman Ravine Natural Area	517.1	Stokes State Forest	Stokes State Forest	Walpack and Sandyston Townships, Sussex County
Troy Meadows Natural Area	394.1	Ringwood State Park	(Not in State Park boundary)	East Hanover and Parsippany-Troy Hills Townships, Morris County
Washington Crossing Natural Area	137.6	Washington Crossing State Park	Washington Crossing State Park	Hopewell Township, Mercer County
Wawayanda Hemlock Ravine Natural Area	501.8	Wawayanda State Park	Wawayanda State Park	Vernon Township, Sussex County
Wawayanda Swamp Natural Area	2,150.4	Wawayanda State Park	Wawayanda State Park	Vernon Township, Sussex County, and West Milford Township, Passaic County
West Branch Wading River Natural Area	1,367.2	Wharton State Forest	Wharton State Forest	Washington Township, Burlington County
West Plains Natural Area	3,880.9	Bass River State Forest	Bass River State Forest	Woodland Township, Burlington County
Whittingham Natural Area	1,282.4	Whittingham WMA	Whittingham WMA	Fredon and Green Townships, Sussex County

¹ Acreage estimates include sites within existing designated State Natural Areas where changes in land use or habitat conditions may make them unsuitable for inclusion in the Natural Area System. These sites include park facilities developed within Natural Areas during the early years of the program, including nature centers, park buildings and parking lots. These also include areas where coastal erosion of barrier island habitat has occurred. The process for removal of these potentially unsuitable sites from the boundaries of Natural Areas is outlined in the Natural Areas and Natural Areas System Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:5A-1.6(g).