

Rancocas Pathways Paddle Notes

New Jersey's Exemplary and Historic Rancocas Creek Water Trail



Check Out Mount Holly - New Jersey's Water Trail Town

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Masthead Photo

Wood Duck-Timbuctoo

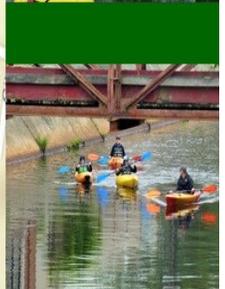
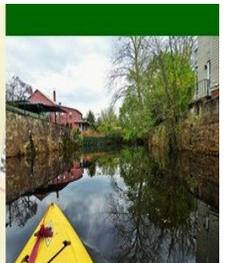
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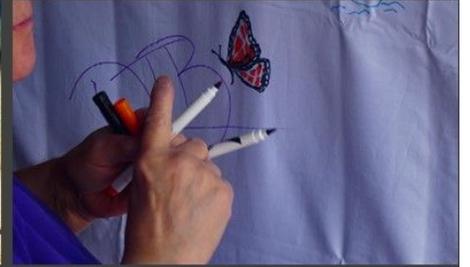
Mount Holly, a Destination, New Jersey's Water-Trail Town.

So here it is 13 plus months since the pandemic struck. Not much to elaborate on. Will take the opportunity to introduce folks to Mount Holly and Mill Race Village. When your down at Pathways Livery office on Church Street we encourage folks to enjoy the eclectic artistry, eateries, brew places and more found in Mill Race Village 18 business venues; in and about Mount Holly and elsewhere in NJ's Rancocas Valley. Mount Holly is a "water-trail" town through and through. Founded in 1688, a National Historic District w 39 distinct sites to visit, historical walking tours, Live Music, downtown creekside eateries and brew pubs and much, much more. A seasonal community farmers market speaks well of the regions farming heritage. Mount Holly Main Street is a catalyst for business broadens our community and strengthens your fun and enjoyment of being in Mount Holly. Here in the intersection of community, neighbors, visitors, business, government fused to a wonderful, vibrant, positive vibe. All to be enjoyed before, during and after kayaking on NJ's exemplary and historic Rancocas Creek Water Trail. Mount Holly, Water Trail Miles 14-16. Enhanced Public Access Supports Conservation Anchors Stewardship and Education. Come shop, dine, enjoy Mill Race Village, Downtown Mount Holly, Burlington County's Historic Prison Museum and much, much, much more.



Grass Root Advocacy

N Branch Rancocas Creek Water
Trail Mile 15. Mount Holly
New Jersey



National Water Trail Nomination

Status Report - In 2021 New Jersey State Parks has nomination status well in hand. It remains to be seen how vigorous the momentum is enhanced by the State Parks Service. As of the end of April and according to an email sent to Rancocas Pathways by Peter Bonsell of the National Water Trail program the nomination is well in hand. Our concerns publicly and privately have been expressed to NJ Dept of Environmental Protection and the NJ State Park Service. It is our belief and we do so in good faith that Melpine Landing is part and parcel of the final designation. Hope springs eternal and like everything in NJ that has sustainable value the big-ugly of Trenton 's control on public access rears its head. Per the State Parks the Rancocas Creek "Wishbone": is the prime focus of their efforts. We encourage members of the NJ State Trail Council to actually kayak and or tour the Rancocas Creek Water Trail to gain a first hand view from the water and not via highways and byways.

Stewardship

What is exciting about water trail stewardship is that this opens enhanced public access that much more, that multi-use is part and parcel of the fabric of the RCNWT and that enhanced public access is inclusive and not exclusive.

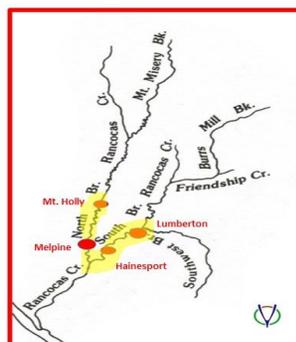
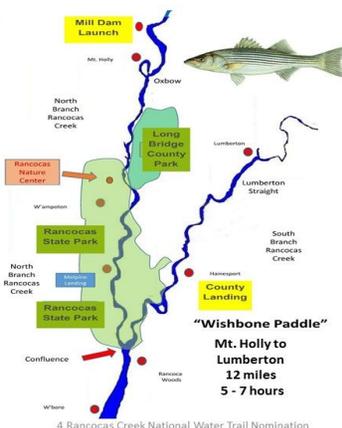
Different activities and events draw people to the tidewaters and upstream.

Heritage appreciates that questions are asked and that resolutions of support gathered. That people are getting involved in their own specific and unique way.

People thrive off the vibrant energy found in events along the Creek. The more the merrier.



Beautiful natural space, accessible for paddlers and multi-use, connects to already established water trails and paddle-sport locations.



Common Risks
Wishbone All Tidal
Wishbone Multi-Use
Tidal Landings and Launch Areas

Conservation

The magic carpet ride of a future for the RC/NWT. All actions of Rancocas Pathways as it pertains to the RC/NWT evaluate the following Mongolisaio Principles of Community Engagement :

1. What does the RC/NWT Do For the People?
2. What does the RC/NWT Do To the people ?
3. How Can People participate in the RC/NWT ?



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NJ's Great Polygon of Green - Confluence - Rancocas State Park - North and South Branch

Pop-Up Maritime and Pine Barrens Art and Music Expo held 24/25 April 2021 a resounding success to all participants

Unique fusion of Art Entertainment and Community



Post Industrial Flair

Art Attack

Diversity in Art

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Wearable Art



281 Attendees

21 Artists

8 Musicians

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Txs to artists, crafts folks, photographers , Joanne, Luke and Roz



Paddle Notes Contact

For general “beta” on the Rancocas Creek kayaking contact Rancocas Pathways, (501c3 organization)

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Guided Tours, rentals, excursions, programs and more. Indoor climbing. Contact Pathways

Paddling Zen

The Rancocas Creek Watershed is a rich vein and outdoor classroom in the historical record of our United States. The Rancocas Creek Basin vibrancy is found in the urban confluence of the Creek’s natural recourse, semi-wild areas, tidal ecology and multi-use recreational opportunities.

Introducing NJ’s 360 square mile Rancocas Watershed where advocacy for public access facilitates educational/recreational activities and where citizens collaborate on preserving the Rancocas Creek Watershed and its related resources. Environmental education and long-standing maritime programs compliment ongoing scientific research and “Adopt a Creek” events NJ’s Rancocas Creek Watershed impacts citizens—with an emphasis on youth.

Here a decentralized grass-root group of folks whose common interest are the past, present and future of the Rancocas Creek Watershed is that more gets done when folks focus on promoting NJ’s Rancocas Creek watershed rather than promoting self. The public and government agencies and other stakeholders are informed and participate in a vibrant social media platform. Discussions, seminars, workshops, forums and events on NJ’s Rancocas Creek Watershed may take place and take place more often not, while out paddling, walking, hiking, wandering, slumming and elsewhere. E-mail, social media forums, FB and other online and off-line venues help anchor advocacy to restoring and preserving New Jersey’s Hidden in Plain Sight Rancocas Creek Watershed.

This is paddling Zen.



N Branch Big Tank Connection Whitesbog



Outbound Hainesport to Centerton



Inbound Centerton to Hainesport

