

LIBERTY STATE PARK

Liberty State Park is New Jersey's first urban park, rich in the history of New Jersey and our nation. Located in Jersey City on New York Harbor, Liberty State Park compliments two of our country's most important monuments, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

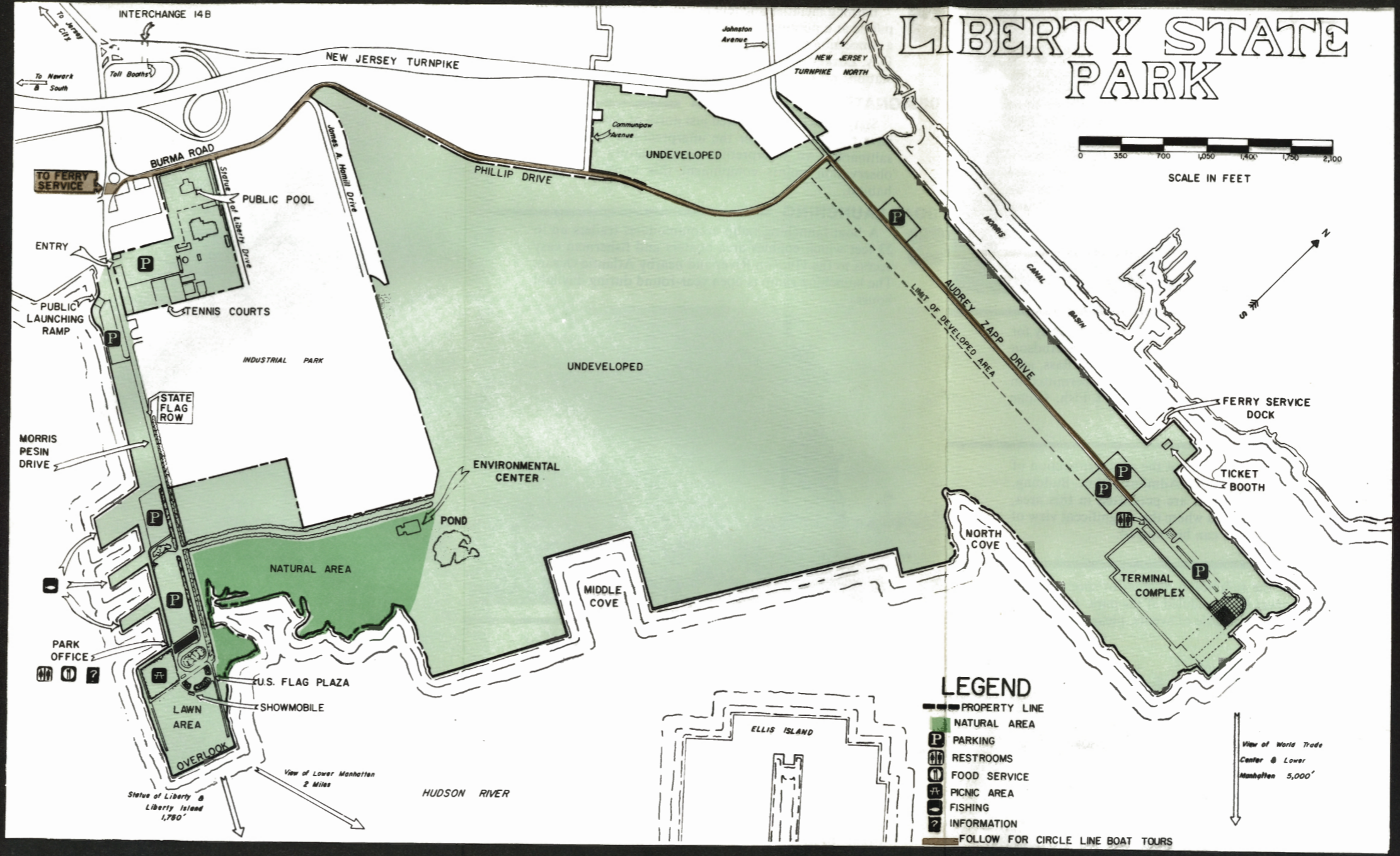
The park, established in 1964, contains 800 acres of which 280 are currently developed. The park offers public access to the Harbor Waterfront and provides the citizens of New Jersey and the region with a unique recreational opportunity.

HISTORY

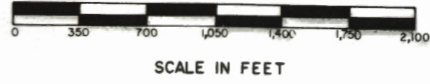
In the late 1800's the Central Railroad of New Jersey (CNJ) and the Lehigh Valley Railroad, began to develop a prime site for railroad freight and commuter operations. The CNJ Passenger Terminal, at the north end of the park, was a major transportation center in the New York area. During the early 1900's, over 28,000 people passed through the Terminal each day. Also, thousands of immigrants set their first step on mainland U.S. soil at the Passenger Terminal after being processed through the nearby Ellis Island.

During World War I, the southern area of the park served as a munitions depot for our armed forces. This was the site of the famous Black Tom explosion in 1916.

During the 1950's, the emergence of truck transport, together with the success of the bridges and tunnels to New York, caused a major shift in commuter transportation and industrial development from the waterfront to New Jersey's suburban areas. Pier facilities became obsolete as railroad related commercial and industrial activities in the area of Liberty State Park, were virtually eliminated. As a result, the land and facilities were being abandoned.



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View of World Trade Center & Lower Manhattan 5,000'

Through the use of Green Acres Bond Funds, acquisition of land began in 1970, with Jersey City donating the first 144 acres. The Department of Environmental Protection in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, began a major harbor clean-up project in and around Liberty State Park.

By 1976, the harbor clean-up effort was well under way. The first phase of park development, the south embankment, was completed for the nation's Bicentennial celebration. The completion of this 35 acre site opposite the Statue of Liberty opened a dramatic harbor vista. The entrance of the park is lined with fifty state

flags in order of their State's induction into the Union. Also located in this area are thirteen United States flags symbolizing the original colonies and various historic flags representing the revolutionary era.



SWIMMING AND TENNIS



Bathing facilities and tennis courts are available to the public at a nominal charge. Lifeguards are on duty and a concession stand is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Locker and shower rooms, restrooms and first aid stations make up the Cabana Bathhouse complex.

DESIGNATED NATURAL AREA

Sixty acres of land located just north of the park office have been set aside for the interpretation of the bay's saltmarsh. An interpretive center, nature trails and observation points compliment this unusual wildlife habitat.

BOAT LAUNCHING



A boat launching ramp accommodates trailers up to 23 feet which enables area boaters and fisherman easy access to the Hudson River and nearby Atlantic Ocean. The launching ramp is open year-round during daylight hours.



FERRY SERVICE

Ferry Service from Liberty State Park to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island is available for public use. The Ferry service is in operation from late April through October. For detailed hours of operation please refer to posted signs and printed schedules. For further information, please call (201) 435-8509.

ADMINISTRATION

New Jersey is proud of the facilities at Liberty State Park and welcomes all visitors to the area. Help us maintain a clean and attractive park. Litter and debris along roads and in recreation areas detracts from the beauty of the park. Please leave the park as attractive as you found it so that others may enjoy all that it has to offer. The park is open during daylight hours throughout the year. For further information on the park, contact:

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FISHING AND CRABBING



The Hudson River offers an excellent opportunity for the sport fisherman. Species common to the Hudson River are Bluefish, Snappers, Shad, Stripped Bass, and Blue Claw Crabs. Fishing and crabbing is permitted in season, in accordance with New Jersey's Fish, Game and Wildlife laws.

PICNIC AREA



Picnicking may be enjoyed at the southern section of the park located near the Administration Building. Although no fires or grills are permitted in this area, picnic tables are provided where the magnificent view of the harbor and skyline can be enjoyed.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Throughout the summer, a number of special events and performances are scheduled at the park. In order to obtain a complete schedule of events, please contact the park office.

