



Double Trouble State Park

General Information & Maps



Located on the eastern edge of the New Jersey Pine Barrens, Double Trouble Village provides a window into Pine Barrens industry with a complete company town, a sawmill, and a cranberry sorting and packing house. Its natural resources are characterized by thousands of acres of undisturbed woodlands and the pristine waters of Cedar Creek. This area has served as a focal point of human activity since the time of the native Lenape people. Today it preserves some of the early industries that have shaped the landscape of the Pine Barrens while preserving its unique natural beauty.

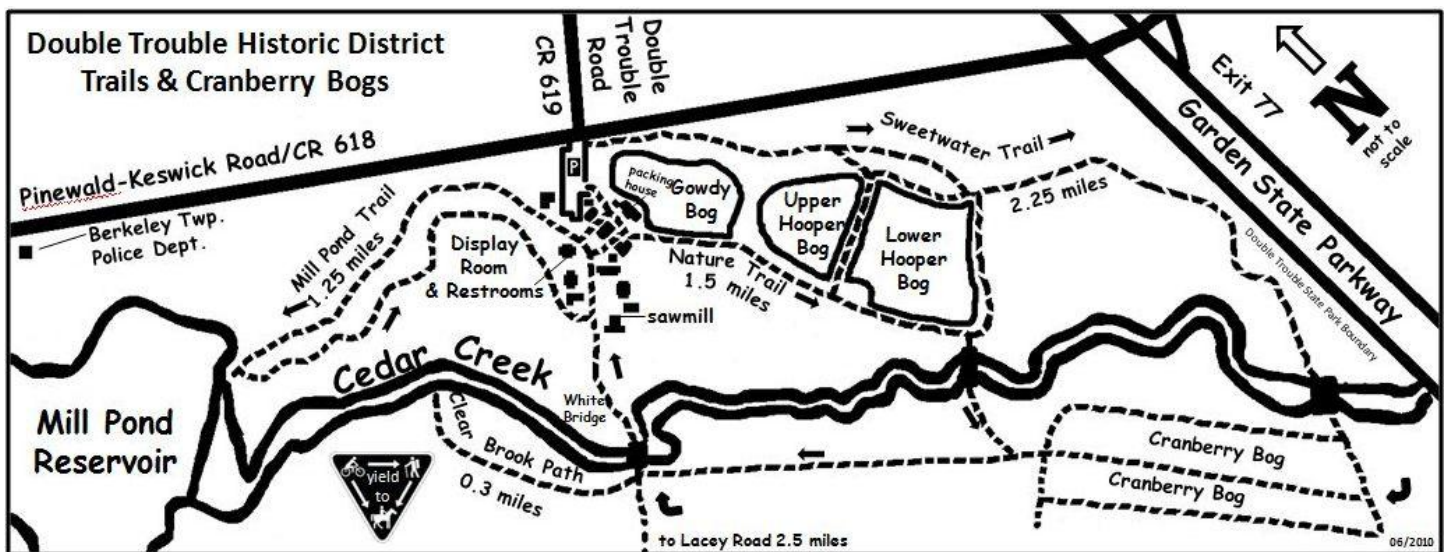
History

The Double Trouble Historic District occupies over 200 acres and includes the village and surrounding bogs. The natural environment of cedar forest and rapidly flowing stream provided both raw materials and water power for an extensive lumber industry from the 1700s to the 1900s. As timber was cut, the cleared swampland created bog habitat ideal for growing cranberries. Cranberry culture began at Double Trouble Village in the 1860s. By the 20th century, the Double Trouble Company was one of the largest cranberry operations in the state. Cranberry cultivation continues today in several bogs maintained by leaseholders.



Double Trouble Village was typical of company towns built in the Pine Barrens. These isolated communities were entirely self-sufficient and totally dependent on the success of the particular industry. The restored sawmill and cranberry sorting and packing house contain nearly intact operational equipment. Those two buildings were the focus of life and work in the village, which also includes a late 19th century one room schoolhouse, general store, bunk house, cook house, shower house, maintenance shop, pickers' cottages and the foreman's house. The sawmill and packing house are open during guided village tours, while the remaining buildings have been adaptively reused or are not restored and are closed.

The village was purchase by the State of New Jersey in 1964 to protect the Cedar Creek watershed. The Double Trouble Historic District was placed on the State Register of Historic Places in 1977 and on the National Register in 1978.



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Interpretive Programs

Double Trouble State Park is open daily 8:00 am to dusk. The interpretive center is open most weeks 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Wednesday through Sunday. Guided village tours, including inside the sawmill and cranberry packing house, start at the interpretive center. Individual or group tours and hikes, school class trips, teacher professional development workshops, and Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Girl Scout advancement requirement programs may be arranged with the interpretive staff.

Cranberry Bogs

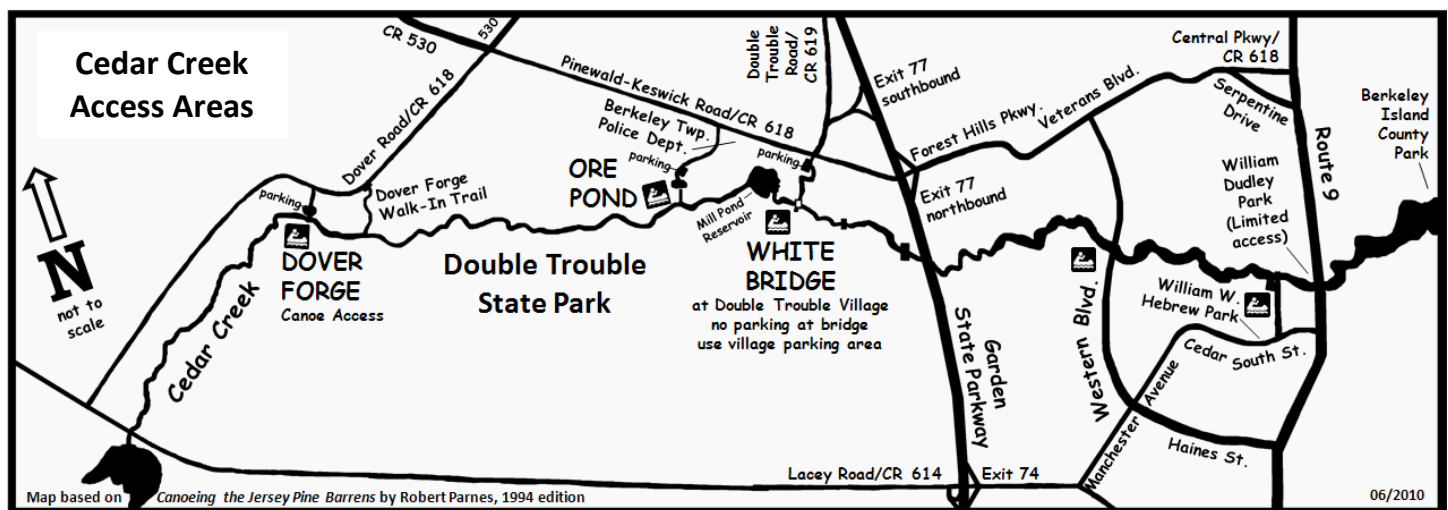
The cranberry bogs at Double Trouble State Park have been intermittently leased by local farmers who would maintain the bogs and harvest the cranberries. The bogs are currently available for lease. Please use caution on the service roads around the bogs and reservoir. Visitors are allowed to view the cranberry harvest when there is a leave but are not permitted to enter the bogs or pick the berries at any time.

Park Use

Hikers can take advantage of miles of unmarked trails along sand service roads. A 1½ mile nature trail introduces visitors to natural and historic areas of interest. Nature trail brochures are available at the trailhead next to the cranberry packing house, at the park information building, or as a download from the Double Trouble section of the New Jersey State Parks website, www.njparksandforests.org. Horseback riding and mountain biking are permitted on existing sand roads only. No ATVs or motorized vehicles. There are no picnic tables located in the park. Cooking grills, fires, camping, and alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Pets must be on a leash at all times and pet owners must clean up after their pets. Fishing and hunting are permitted subject to the regulations of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. Organized activities require a Special Use Permit – contact the Brendan T. Byrne State Forest office at 609-726-1191 for details.

Cedar Creek

Visitors to Double Trouble State Park can canoe or kayak the Cedar Creek as it winds its way through the park. There are three access locations in the state park: at Dover Forge off Dover Road/CR 618; at Ore Pond off Pinewald-Keswick Road/ CR 618; and at the White Bridge in Double Trouble Village. Parking is available near the creek at Dover Forge and Ore Pond. The White Bridge Cedar Creek Access location at Double Trouble Village is restricted to walk-in use. Canoes and kayaks must be carried to the White Bridge from the Village parking area, a distance of approximately 3/10 of a mile. Vehicles are not permitted to drive through Double Trouble Village. Tubing, rafting and swimming are prohibited at Double Trouble State Park. Canoes and kayaks are not available for rent at the park. Downstream of the Garden State Parkway bridge is outside Double Trouble State Park – local ordinances apply.



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