

## Town Parks and Open Space Areas

The following is a list of Town Parks and Open Space areas, as well as other facilities that the Town leases for park purposes, and a brief synopsis of what is available at each site.

**Azalea Court**—Undeveloped lands along the Neunansham Brook.

**Blauvelt Lions**—Pocket park with memorial and sitting areas.

**Boer Gardens**—Gardens and apple orchard on property donated to the Town by Dr. Henry Boer. Suitable for picnicking and passive park activities.

**Braunsdorf**—Memorial park area in Pearl River, with monuments, the "Rotary Clock" and sitting areas.

**Cherry Brook**—Adjacent to Franklin Avenue School, the site includes handball and tennis courts, as well as a multi-use asphalt court, children's play area and walking path.

**Clarke Trail**—A walking trail developed from abandoned rail line in the Town. It begins in Tappan, and runs through Sparkkill, with a spur proceeding into Piermont and the main trail proceeding northwest through Orangeburg and into Blauvelt.

**DeKleer**—Leased from the South Orangetown School District, this site includes baseball and soccer fields.

**Elkhart**—Passive parkland bordering Tackanack Park former Greenbush school.

**Greenbush Center**—Playground and playfield located at the former Greenbush school.

**Independence**—Lighted tennis and basketball courts are the major feature of this site, which also includes a playground.

**Kennedy-Reedy Fields**—Two ballfields on land leased from the South Orangetown School District. Named for two Town Police officers who died in the line of duty.

**Muddy Creek Park**—5 acres of open space located along Route 304, containing a portion of Muddy Creek.

**Nike Site**—Hiking, open space and scenic views are the main features of this site, which formerly served as a Nike Hercules radar tracking station for the U.S. government.

**Pasack North and South**—Open space area along the Pasack Brook, preserved for fishing, walking and passive enjoyment.

**Plympton Court**—A children's play area and open play space are featured in this neighborhood park site.

**Return Home Park**—this area is at the intersection of Panam Road and Western Highway and features a monument and plantings dedicated to those who passed through Camp Shanks.

**Schaefer**—An undeveloped 25 acre parcel, providing open space in a highly residential area with a small nature trail.

**Schuyler**—Natural area adjacent to Blauvelt State Park.

**Shanks Memorial**—A memorial and sitting area featuring the "Walkway of Heroes".

**Sparkill Memorial Park**—A veteran's monument and the DiFrancesca Playground are at this site, which adjoins the Town's Rail-Trail.

**Sparkill/Route 340**—Open space bordering the Sparkill Creek on Route 340, which is available for enjoyment of the creek.

**Stephen Rowe Bradley**—Passive parkland adjacent to Schuyler Park on Palisades ridge/pine.

**Stoughton Park**—A small playground area located in the former military housing area off Western Highway in Tappan.

**Tackanack North and South**—Open space which adjoins county and state parklands, and includes a portion of the Long Path.

**Tappan**—Land leased from the South Orangetown School District, with a ballfield and playground area.

**Tappan Memorial**—A passive park with paths, benches and a pond area.

**Veteran's Memorial**—The Town's most active park site with athletic fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, playgrounds, in-line rink, a concession stand, jogging paths and two ponds.

**County Park Areas**—Call 364-2670 for information.

- **Claudiand Mountain Park**—Hiking and Open space area, containing a portion of the Long Path.
- **Bartram's Falls**—Open space area for hiking and passive enjoyment.

**State Park Areas**—Call 786-2701 for information

- **Tallman Mountain**—Ballfields, swimming pools, hiking and scenic Hudson River vistas are available at this site.
- **Blauvelt**—Open space area for hiking, including a portion of the Long Path.

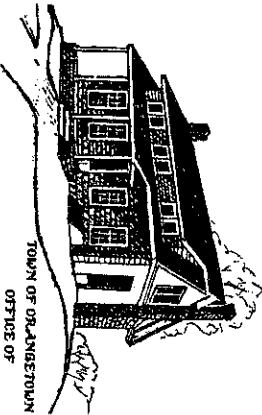
**Other Park Areas**

- **Blue Hill Golf Course**—27 hole golf facility owned by the Town of Orangetown—735-2094
- **Broadacres Golf Course**—9 hole golf facility owned by the Town of Orangetown—359-8218
- **Central Ave. Field**—Owned by the Pearl River School District, this area contains a playground, ballfield, a gazebo and walking track. Site of many community celebrations.

- **Lake Tappan**—See: Water operates a Waterfowl Recreation Program, making the lake and surrounding land available for fishing, hiking, etc. on a permit basis.
- **Long Path**—Stretching from New Jersey to Greene County, the Long Path stretches through a number of the sites listed here.

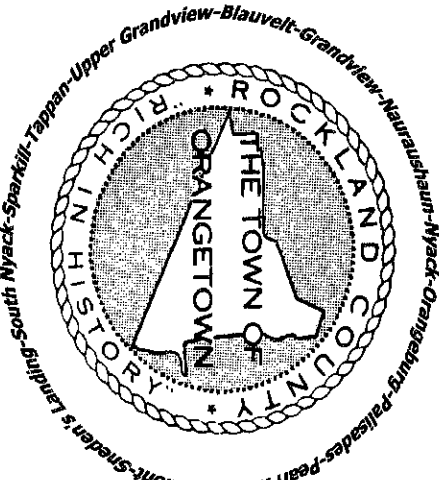
**\*\*Each of the Town's villages (Granbury, Nyack, Piermont and South Nyack) have their own park and recreation facilities. Contact their village halls for additional information.**

We thank all those persons who have contributed suggestions and ideas for this brochure. References to any commercial business are for example only and are not meant to endorse one commercial facility or business over another.



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# 101 FUN THINGS TO DO IN ORANGETOWN (IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER)

- 1 Watch the sunrise over the Hudson River
- 2 Play a round of golf at Blue Hill or Broadacres
- 3 Visit the Town of Orangetown Museums
- 4 Browse the Antique shops in Nyack
- 5 Stroll the Piermont Pier
- 6 Dine at the historic Old 76 House
- 7 Cast your reel in the Sparkill Creek
- 8 Make a splash at Family Swim at SOMS
- 9 Take a dip at the annual Penguin Plunge
- 10 Enjoy the facilities at Tallman Mt. State Park
- 11 Explore the Piermont marshes
- 12 Enjoy the view from Nike Park
- 13 Hike the Long Path from Tackmack Park
- 14 Enjoy birdwatching at Lake Tappan
- 15 Pick up a book from the Town's many libraries
- 16 Enjoy a Summer concert at Veteran's Park
- 17 Play tennis on one of 20 public courts
- 18 Enjoy the July 4th Fireworks in Pearl River or Nyack
- 19 Walk the Joseph B. Clarke Rail-Trail
- 20 Take a walking tour of Historic Tappan
- 21 Enjoy dinner at top restaurants in village and hamlet centers
- 22 Spend a day at the Street Festivals in Nyack
- 23 Walk the river trail from Piermont to Nyack
- 24 Enjoy a day of Gaelic Football
- 25 Play miniature golf at Tappan Golf Center
- 26 Walk the apple orchard at Borst Park
- 27 Visit the many farmer's markets in town
- 28 View art exhibits at the Hopper House
- 29 Take in a show at the Elmwood Playhouse
- 30 Gaze at the beauty of Butternut Falls
- 31 Check out special events at STAC or Dominican Colleges
- 32 Dress up for Nyack's Halloween parade
- 33 Cross-Country Ski on the Rail-Trail
- 34 Attend a program at the Lamont/Doherty Earth Observatory
- 35 Revisit Orangetown's history at the Camp Shanks Museum
- 36 Visit the historic DeWint House in Tappan
- 37 Ride a horse at Silver Rock Farm
- 38 Roller skate at the Town's in-line roller rink
- 39 Play basketball at Independence Park
- 40 Watch a sporting event @ Kennedy Reedy
- 41 Savor the flavor of the Greek Festival
- 42 View the Orangeburg FD Holiday Parade
- 43 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Pearl River
- 44 Pay tribute to The Walkway of Heroes at Shanks Memorial Park
- 45 Walk the track at Central Avenue field
- 46 Visit over a dozen playgrounds at local parks and schools
- 47 Attend Highway/Police Dept. Open Houses
- 48 Buy discount Regal Movie Tix at Rec Dept.
- 49 Get fit on South Nyack's Esposito Trail
- 50 Enjoy billiards on Route 303 in Tappan
- 51 Attend So. Orangetown or Pearl River Day
- 52 Lap swim at the South Orangetown MS
- 53 Enroll in a Town recreation program
- 54 Enjoy the Rockland County YMCA
- 55 Run in the Santa Claus 5K in December
- 56 Join a local swim club
- 57 View a Rivertown Film Society Program
- 58 Take a marital arts class
- 59 View historical houses in Orangetown
- 60 Learn to pedal at BikeNY Day at Veterans
- 61 Watch the annual Soap Box Derby
- 62 Enroll in a continuing education program
- 63 Picnic at a local park
- 64 Honor POW/MIA's by attending a Watchfire
- 65 Relax at an outdoor movie on Family Night
- 66 Apply for a Watershed Recreation Permit
- 67 Pick a pumpkin or holiday tree at Van Houten Farms
- 68 Gain wisdom through a local college class
- 69 Try your luck at the Rotary Fishing Contest
- 70 Enjoy an ice cream cone at Louie's or King Kone
- 71 Ice Skate on the ponds at Veteran's Park
- 72 Enjoy Share Christmas & The Holidays
- 73 Attend a community carnival
- 74 Shop local and discover your downtown
- 75 Spend time at the Town's memorial sites
- 76 Take a bite out of the Piermont Applefest
- 77 Play bocce ball at Veteran's Park
- 78 Go back in time at Colonial Day in Tappan
- 79 Take part in a fund raising event
- 80 See a car show in Pearl River & Nyack
- 81 Give a listen at the Piermont Bluegrass Festival
- 82 Volunteer with a local charity
- 83 Pay your respects at the Vietnam Memorial
- 84 Visit the Major Andre Monument
- 85 Get fit on the Max Talaska trail at PRMS
- 86 Sleigh ride at Veteran's Park
- 87 Enjoy the autumn foliage of Blauvelt State Park
- 88 Listen to a band at Turning Point in Piermont
- 89 Join a senior center
- 90 Attend a festival at the German Masonic Park
- 91 Take a 1/2 mile walk around the Orangetown Soccer Complex
- 92 Purchase discount theme park and ski resort tickets at the Rec Dept
- 93 Enjoy the serenity of the Pascack Brook
- 94 Hike to State Line Lookout from Palisades
- 95 Play handball or squash at Cherry Brook Park
- 96 Throw a frisbee or fly a kite at DeMedia Field
- 97 Join the Rec Dept's Hike of the Month Club
- 98 Enroll in a summer sports or day camp
- 99 See future stars at Galaxy Gymnastics
- 100 Ask about our Memorial Park Bench Program
- 101 Watch the sunset from atop of Nike Park

*What fun things did we miss?*  
E-Mail your suggestions to recreation@oragetown.com to be considered for future publications of this brochure!

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available  
online at:  
[www.orangetown.com](http://www.orangetown.com)