

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Preserve Hours: Dawn till Dusk

- Follow Posted Signage at All Times
- Dogs Must Be on a Leash at All Times
- Pack Out All Trash and Dog Waste
- Stay On Marked Trails
- The Following Are Prohibited:
 - Hunting
 - Excessive Noise
 - Alcohol and Glass Containers
 - Camping and Fires
 - Collecting of Plants, Animals or Artifacts
 - Overnight Parking
 - Mountain Bikes
 - All-Terrain Vehicles

Horseback riding is permitted at Dark Moon. Stay on paths and do not ride in the preserve in wet conditions.

**IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY
CALL 911**

Dark Moon, an 85-acre preserve, consists of both fields and forest. The land was targeted for protection because the farm fields were vulnerable to development, and because it contains limestone rock exposures hosting rare plants, a pristine State Category One stream — Bear Brook — and an important archaeological site, the Dark Moon Site. The Site holds the remnants of a small Minisink settlement that is about 600 years old, dating to what is known as the Late Woodland Period. Archaeological digs uncovered numerous pottery shards, along with post holes that are the evidence of five separate lodges on the site. The Dark Moon Site appears to have been occupied seasonally, and there is evidence that it was abandoned abruptly, perhaps due to conquest of its occupiers by another tribe. The farm fields have been converted to a native grass prairie. As of Spring 2011, 23 acres of fields have been planted with warm-season grasses that covered the American prairie before the arrival of Europeans. They are beneficial to wildlife, providing cover for ground-nesting birds and habitat for beneficial insects. They also help recharge groundwater and trap carbon in the soil to help combat global climate change.



**ADDRESS FOR PARKING AREA:
20 Hibler Rd, Green NJ 07860**

**GPS COORDINATES:
40.9810, -74.8421**



Moon illustration by Jennifer Ramirez, 2019

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ABOUT US

Ridge and Valley Conservancy (RVC) is a private, non-profit land trust that preserves natural lands in northwestern New Jersey. We strive to practice sound ecological management of the lands we've protected, safeguarding sensitive habitats and the native species that inhabit them. Many RVC preserves have hiking trails, and we offer nature education, guided hikes, and other special events for the community and for schools. Learn more about us at ridgeandvalleyconservancy.org.

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DARK MOON PRESERVE

TRAIL MAP



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