



# Hunterdon Land Trust

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### **A Treasure Hunt to Highlight Hunterdon County's Riches**

#### ***Hunterdon Land Trust's New Fundraiser, "Treasure Hunterdon," Promises a Summer Day Filled With Family-Friendly Adventure***

Join the Hunterdon Land Trust on Saturday, June 29, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., for Treasure Hunterdon, a family-friendly fundraiser that's both a treasure hunt and a chance to explore the riches of Hunterdon County.

Treasure Hunterdon offers participants unique opportunities to visit nature preserves, an observatory, and privately and publicly owned farms and historic sites, some of which are open to the public only for this event. Featured sites include Bobolink Farm, the historic Califon Train Station and Quakertown Meeting House.

"The Hunterdon Land Trust is working hard to preserve the rural character of Hunterdon County and invites the community to enjoy some of the treasures that make this part of New Jersey a desirable place to live," said Patricia Ruby, executive director of the Hunterdon Land Trust. "By touring the county's treasure trove of gems, we hope people will remember what they love about Hunterdon and further support our mission to protect these special natural and cultural resources."

The adventure begins when participants check in at either one of two locations to receive a briefing on the route and the rules of the road. The check-in points are the Hunterdon Land Trust's Dvoor Farm on the Route 12 circle in Flemington or Voorhees High School.

During check in, teams receive an Event Packet that includes a "treasure" map of sites to visit and pit stops for lunch and snacks, coupons and a task list. Participants can enjoy a leisurely day traversing back roads and scenic byways to explore the Treasure Hunterdon

locations, or they can earn points and a chance to win prizes by uncovering facts about the stops along the way. Points are also earned for wearing team costumes, driving a vintage or alternative fuel car, and posting updates during the tour on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

While the route on the map covers the entire county, participants can choose longer or shorter tours depending upon their preference. The southern portion of the route runs about two hours, covers nearly 40 miles, and features Headquarters Farm, a privately owned stone home built in 1735 by John Opdyke, who ran a store out of the building during the American Revolution and would supposedly sit with General George Washington near a pork house on the property. Participants can also visit the Dvoor Farm house, where docents will lead tours of the 1798 stone structure and current home of the Hunterdon Land Trust.

The northern section of the county tour runs about three hours and covers 60 miles. Highlights include the Quakertown Meeting House, which was built in 1862 on land where Quakers have worshipped since the 1720s; and the Voorhees Observatory, where explorers can take a quarter-mile stroll through the solar system. The site's planetary map is considered one of the country's most spectacular scale models of the solar system.

The event wraps up at the Dvoor Farm with refreshments for all and prizes for top-scoring teams.

Tickets cost \$30 per adult, \$15 for children four to 16, and free for kids 3 and under. All proceeds benefit the Land Trust's efforts to safeguard the rural character and special places of Hunterdon County.

To register, visit the Hunterdon Land Trust website at [www.hunterdonlandtrust.org](http://www.hunterdonlandtrust.org) or contact Caryn Tomljanovich or Arleen Buchanan at [908-237-4582](tel:908-237-4582), or via email at [caryn@hunterdonlandtrust.org](mailto:caryn@hunterdonlandtrust.org) or [arleen@hunterdonlandtrust.org](mailto:arleen@hunterdonlandtrust.org) for more information.

Treasure Hunterdon is sponsored by Zanya Spa Salon; Emily Runion, CPA; The Stover Foundation; Amy S. Greene Environmental Consultants; Flemington Car and Truck Country; Blue Raccoon Home Furnishings; Ron Subber, The Private Advisor. Refreshments are being donated by Shop Rite of Flemington, and Stop and Shop.

**ABOUT THE HUNTERDON LAND TRUST:** The Hunterdon Land Trust preserves and stewards land in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, to protect natural resources as well as the rural and historic character of the county. To promote a rural economy that further safeguards this character, the Land Trust also operates a year round farmers' market to support the local food system. To date the Land Trust has preserved more than 6,400 acres with a goal of preserving 10,000 by 2020.

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