

Park Community Service Form

Monitor a park on Long Island means visiting, observing, and completing this form, and some follow up email. You can find your park, using: <https://www.qualityparks.org/find-parks-near-me.html>

NOTE: The submit button is found on the 2nd section. There are two sections to this form. The second part is required for those taking one of our Master Naturalist courses and those seeking four hours of community service. It should take you about 4 hours to do a good job and to earn the 4 hours of community or Master Naturalist relevant service.

The data collected will be used to advocate for park improvements. You don't need to be an expert to participate, but you do need to have spent time in the park you are rating. Once submitted, we'll get back to you shortly with email review(s). Thank you in advance for your efforts.

* Required

1. Email address *

2. Your Full Name *

3. Park Name *

4. Overall Park Observations - What do you see? (walk around, explore, take notes) *

5. What you like best?

Check all that apply.

- Yes, Good Boundaries (adequate signage, no encroachment by neighboring properties)
- Yes, Good Public Access (safe, adequate parking)
- Yes, Good Natural Conditions (minimum invasive species)
- Yes, Good Protection (lacks any signs of vandalism, garbage, illegal ATV's, dumping, etc)
- Yes, Good Trails (well marked and maintained, minimal erosion)

Other: _____

6. What needs improvement? *

7. Please send 4 PHOTOS: park signage locator photo, natural scenes, habitats, wildlife, photos about concerns. Text to: info@qualityparks.org. ADD any additional comments below. *

Part II

Do your best, and in time you'll improve your observations.

8. Long Island Explorer Observations - Provide a detailed description of something natural

Four horizontal lines for writing a detailed description.

9. Geology & Plant Community Observations: Check all that apply.

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- Hilly terrain (carved out by historic glaciers, where sold ice chunks melted)
- Beach - (plants include beach grass, seaside goldenrod, beach pea)
- Uplands (Field, Meadow, Grassland) - milkweeds, native grasses, and variations
- Forests or Woodlands (trees or scattered trees and shrubs)
- Freshwater (Ponds, Wetlands, marsh, lake, etc)
- Marine (Bay, Sound, Ocean) & Shorelines carved out by historic glaciers
- Pine Barrens (3 needled pitch pine trees, shrubs, trees) with glacial till, sandy soils, brushfires
- Saltmarsh (green fringes along coastal area, that flood) with pungent mucky soils

10. Freshwater & Wetlands Observations - Does this park have freshwater or wetlands? (If not, find another location.) Name the park, location, date visited below, and study the freshwater or wetlands ecosystem. Describe variations of plant and animal life.

Five horizontal lines for providing details and describing the ecosystem.

- 11. Trails & Maintenance Observations - Describe nearby parks by name and using directions, ie. N, or NW, etc.) Are there trails connecting them or wildlife corridors (utility lines, or linear patches of open space)? Make any general observations too.

- 12. Wildlife Observations - What wildlife observed (directly, track, other signs), where, and doing what? Also let us know if ticks are bad today.

- 13. Marine Ecology Observations - Does this park have a coastal or tidal environment? (If not, find another location.) Name the park, location, date visited below, and study the salt marsh or beach profile, or intertidal zone. Describe the variations of plant and animal life.

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