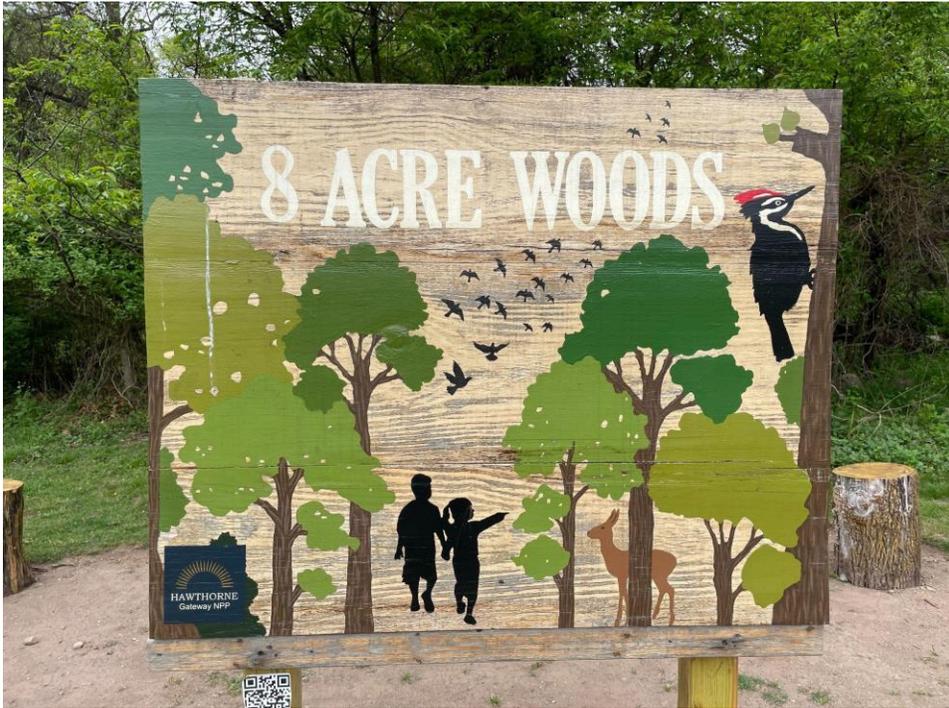




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“Welcome To”



The Borough of Hawthorne contains approximately 170 acres of public open space for recreation and environmental protection. Of this total, about 50 acres are municipally owned, and the majority is used as active recreation facilities.

The Eight Acre Woods is an 8-acre conservation/natural area located adjacent to Goffle Brook Park. The natural area protects a small wetland area and woodland that is a sanctuary to wildlife. It is also a popular bird watching spot.

Let's Take a Walk



The Eight Acre Woods is a park in the Borough of Hawthorne, Passaic County, New Jersey. It is situated nearby of the Passaic County dog park and the Hawthorne Boys & Girls Club. These woods have benefited from at least 2 Eagle Scout projects. One marked the trails, posted signs and produced the above trail map. Another project cleaned up the woods and repaired damage by vandals, replaced some of the trail signs, repaired structural damage to the observation decks and removed graffiti.

It's a unique area with multiple habitats. The woods is clearly an ideal spot during migration for brimming with bird visits. The woods have several paths to make viewing birds easier, and they've been lovingly labeled with names like Robin Way and Blackbird Boulevard. On each of the Trail Signs, there is a QR Code that links the Eight Acre Woods Trail Map for easy access for participants.



Here are a few of the many species spotted in Eight Acres Woods.

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Male Yellow Finch Males are small gray finches with a black face patch and lemon yellow belly. Females have plain grayish faces.



Northern Flicker

Look for Northern Flickers in woodlands, forest edges, open fields with scattered trees, as well as city parks.



Red Winged Blackbird Male

The Red-winged Blackbird is one of North America's most abundant birds. They symbolize protection, good luck, and even prosperity.



Female Baltimore Oriole

The female oriole's feathers are brownish-olive and dull orange. Look way up to find these singers.



Male cardinal He lives here all year and is unmistakable. It is our only red bird with a crest.



Song sparrow

Very widespread in North America, this melodious sparrow is among the most familiar birds in some areas, such as the Northeast and Midwest.



Cat bird Gets its name from the call that sounds like a cat meowing and is often heard before they are seen.



Red Belly Woodpecker

Red bellied woodpeckers are widespread in the eastern half of the United States. It is named for its least distinctive feature, a light wash of red or pink on its belly that can only be seen if the bird is hanging upside-down.



More critters in the park

In addition to the many varieties of birds that pass through and live in Eight Acre Woods, you can also see wildlife that make Hawthorne their home.



Take some time this summer to wander through the woods. You'll be surprised at what you may see and hear. Bring your family, your camera and even your dog. But please be a good neighbor and keep our park clean.