

History & Culture

The property features a long cultural history from prehistoric times to the present day. Native Americans roamed these fields and forests well into the mid-1700s when German immigrant Johan Philip Kaes (later altered to Case) purchased a large tract and built a log cabin beside the Walnut Brook. According to legend, he became close friends with local Delaware Chief Tuccamirgan.

The stone farm house was built in 1798 by Johan's son, Philip Case, who operated a successful tannery beside the creek and grew clover, three types of wheat and other crops.

Ownership changed hands several times until Otis and Elizabeth Davis purchased the farm in 1871. The Davises owned the property for almost four decades, built the bank barn, and ran one of the county's largest dairy operations.

In 1920, Jacob Dvoor, an immigrant from Latvia, purchased the property and established a thriving stock-raising business specializing in horses and dairy cows. He made extensive improvements to the property, including the



addition of the horse barn with the iconic Dvoor Bros. logo painted on the roof, the farm office and the expansion of the el barn.

Herbert Dvoor inherited the property from his father, Jacob, and continued operating the family business into the 1990s. In 1999, to preserve the Dvoor farm, Herb Dvoor sold the tract to the South Branch Watershed Association, which, in turn, conveyed it to the Hunterdon Land Trust.



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Preserve Rules:

- Leave no trace: carry out your trash.
- Leash your dog.
- No hunting.
- Stay on marked trails.
- Alcoholic beverages, smoking, camping fires, firewood harvesting and motorized vehicles are prohibited.

Directions:

Take Route 12 east or west, or Route 523 to the Route 12 traffic circle. The farmstead is located on the circle; look for the big barn with "Dvoor Bros. Mine Brook Stock Farm" painted on the roof.

Support the Dvoor Farm and Places Like It

The Hunterdon Land Trust is working to preserve and protect the rural landscapes and natural resources of the Hunterdon County area. Learn more at www.hunterdonlandtrust.org or call 908-237-4582.



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The Dvoor Farm

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Introduction

The 40-acre Dvoor Farm, owned and cared for by Hunterdon Land Trust, offers visitors a glimpse of Hunterdon County's rich agricultural past with its stone farm house and collection of barns and other buildings which date from the 1790s to the 1940s.

With its charming meadows, wetlands, old-growth forest and gently flowing brook, visitors are welcome to explore and enjoy a biodiverse landscape right in the heart of Hunterdon County.

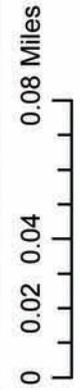
The Dvoor Farm preservation was made possible thanks to the efforts of numerous members of our community and several organizations: Citizens for Parkland, Hunterdon County, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program, Raritan Township and South Branch Watershed Association.



Events

Hunterdon Land Trust hosts a Sunday Farmers' Market and offers hikes, stewardship events, children's events, tours of the farmstead and informative talks on a variety of issues. Visit our website for details.

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Environment

Visitors can explore a walking trail of 2.12 miles around the Dvoor Farm and through Mine Brook Park, the Bernadette Morales Nature Preserve and the Uplands Reserve – a contiguous greenway totaling more than 200 acres.

The Dvoor Farm trailhead is located near the wagon house and an interpretive sign. This easy trail meanders alongside the Walnut Brook to a charming and ecologically important wetlands area. Wetlands are a vital habitat for birds and essential for containing excess storm water to prevent floods and for filtering pollutants.

The trail is ideal for birding, and you'll see a variety of species including tree swallows and cedar waxwings. Great blue herons have been sighted in the wetlands around the Walnut Brook, and the bluebird boxes are regularly used for nesting.



Further along, the trail splits in several directions. You can enter Mine Brook Park and continue to the Bernadette Morales Nature Preserve and the Uplands Reserve, or turn right and cross a bridge that leads back to the Dvoor Farm and its pollinator meadow. This meadow helps support bees and butterflies, essential to agricultural crops. At the bottom of the hill, a habitat restoration project removed invasive Callery pear that threatened to encroach into the field, making it too small to function as a breeding ground for birds. Planting native trees protected the nesting area and now supports a diverse habitat for native wildlife.

Turning left, you can loop back toward the Dvoor Farm once you come to Old Croton Road. This trail leads to an old-growth forest that contains 300-year-old trees.