

A refurbished park in South Jersey takes kids back to prehistoric times

Barrington's; Lost World Park teaches kids about dinosaurs through play.



Lost World Park located in Barrington New Jersey. Monday
September 29th, 2025. (Caitlin Schad)

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BARRINGTON, N.J.--Hidden away in the town of Barrington lies a [secluded park](#) with something for everyone. Through its playground, dog park, basketball courts, and picnic pavilion the park before was outdated and not very appealing to families as there was little to nothing to do. However, that all changed with its grand opening.

The park has a lot to do with its dinosaur focus and even has playstructures that look like dinosaurs. It immerses the kids into the world of an archaeologist and teaches them a lot through play and imagination.

Camden County Commissioners gave Barrington a [\\$25,000 grant](#) in 2022 to create what is now Lost World Park. However this park is not the first of its kind; a lot of [parks in South Jersey](#) have gone under refurbishment all with the same mission to make a refreshing new location for families to enjoy.

The park had its official ribbon cutting on [September 13th, 2025](#). Where the community gathered for ice cream and fun.

“We have these kinds of playgrounds that are being rejuvenated for our kids and for our community, and for the community of mothers too,” said Brianne Martin, a 39-year-old mother, previous preschool teacher and business owner of Archetype Motherhood and Doula services.

The park is smaller and fenced in which makes it easier for kids to play while giving parents a piece of mind.

“I think the smaller and more quaint spots allow you to better make connections with other parents or caregivers,” said Martin “Whereas the big ones again, are fantastic but I feel like, as a parent and a caregiver you're constantly in that fight or flight zone.”



Two children playing in a fenced in toddler area of Lost world Park in Barrington New Jersey. Monday September 29th, 2025. (Caitlin Schad)

The playground itself has a dinosaur and offers a [sandbox that has fossils](#) kids can dig for, rubber flooring, fun swings and various animal prints and fossils hidden around the park for kids to find. There is a toddler area as well as dinosaur shaped play features.

The park itself is surrounded by woods making it quiet and peaceful. It also has playstructures for various age ranges. There is plenty of seating for adults including a shared pavilion inside the playground and one outside. There is also a grass area with lots of shading.

The downside of this playground is that there are no bathrooms and offer no big kid swings and rather baby swings and a bigger platform swing.



Child sitting in eggcorn seat looking at Lost World playground in Barrington New Jersey. September 29th, 2025. (Caitlin Schad)

“What makes this park a good place for kids is that there is a good variation of areas for kids of all ages to enjoy,” said Alyssa Wasienko, a 32-year-old mom of a one-year old and another on

the way. “My favorite part is how safe and family oriented the park itself is. It allows parents at similar stages of life and even builds a network of new relationships.” While parking can be difficult since the park is in the middle of a neighborhood there is handicap parking available in front of the park down its driveway.

“This park differs from others because it is conveniently located tucked away instead of a main road, it contains basketball courts adding the possibility of a whole family outing,” said Wasienko.



Lost World Park Sign at the entry of the park.
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