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**MAKE IMPROVEMENTS
AT SWARTSWOOD PARK**

TO HAVE ADDITIONAL FACILITIES
FOR THE SUMMER SEASON

The writer, after visiting Swartswood Park, and interviewing the Park Guard in charge, was informed that the park will provide the public with a real picnic and pleasure spot for the summer months. The park will provide parking space for a greater number of cars now that the new parking space has been graded and leveled off. Then there will be an additional 25 new picnic tables ready for the coming season, also about 12 new fireplaces and a number of park benches. This with the equipment already in use in the past is expected to take care of the needs very nicely. The guard also expects to have a good diving board erected on the swimming dock before the swimming season starts and this will be a treat to the many swimmers who have been using this spot for their dips during the hot summer months. The new comfort station will be newly painted inside before the open season.

There have been very nice, gravel paths put all through the picnic grove which connects with all of the main points of interest which is a great improvement in itself. The guard said that in time and as soon as conditions will permit it that he expects to set aside a space for a playground and to have some playground equipment for the children which will mean happy days for them while they are at the park.

Now that spring is here again every one wants to get out for the day, and is wondering where they may go to enjoy a real day's outing, and all the writer can say is to try an outing at Swartswood State Park once and it will not be the last. And if you have not been there lately, you will be surprised at the improvements and changes which have been made in the past year. Take a day off and visit this ideal spot for your next picnic outing and you will say it was a grand and glorious feeling to have spent the day lunching and playing on picnic point under those big hemlocks at the State Park.

Of course you must take a dip in the nice clear waters of Swartswood Lake, which will just make the day's outing complete. The use of the park equipment and the parking space, also the swimming dock is free to the public. Mr. Albert Morris will have charge of the refreshment stand and the boat hire, and Mr. Leon VanAuken will have charge of the campground which adjoins the state park. Any one who may be planning an outing or picnic may obtain any information in regard to reservations for any special date from the Park Guard in charge, Mr. Charles H. Mass, Box 31, Swartswood, N.J. or by calling Newton 915-F-13. Reservations may be had for picnic groups or large outings for any week day excepting Sundays and holidays.