

Hike Planning Resources

Morris County Park Commission

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Trails with supporting maps available for Lewis Morris County Park and Mahlon Dickerson Reservation. Information on the Patriot's Path trail system is also available. Pocket sized maps are available upon request. A calendar and newsletter describing happenings and events is available on the web site.

The New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry

A great resource for state parks and hiking trails is the New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry.

New Jersey State Park Service
800 Willow Grove Street
Hackettstown, N.J. 07840
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e-mail address: stephens@allamuchy.com

Main web site: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/>

Allamuchy web site: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/allamuch.html>

Stephens web site: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/stephens.html>

The office shown above serves the Allamuchy Mountain State Park, Stephens State Park and the Deer Lake areas. The web site contains links to park listings as well as information on any fees or permits that may be required.

The New Jersey Great Northwest Skylands Guide

A web based source of information on "The Skylands Region" which refers to Northwest New Jersey and includes the counties of Morris, Somerset, Hunterdon, Warren, and Sussex. Contains information on historic sites and outdoor recreation opportunities.

Main web site: <http://www.njskylands.com/>

Allamuchy/Stephens web site: <http://www.njskylands.com/pkallamu.htm>

The Appalachian Trail

"Exploring the Appalachian Trail
Hikes in the Mid-Atlantic States"
by Glenn Scherer and Don Hopey

Orderable from the National Supply division and available in many Scout shops. See the camping section of the B.S.A. Official Retail Catalog. Lists hiking effort required and elevation changes for each trail section. Also has a "Useful Information" section at end.

"Appalachian Trail" pamphlet

Available from New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry.

New York - New Jersey Trail Conference

New York - New Jersey Trail Conference
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Web site: <http://www.nynjtc.org/>

Various membership plans available. See order and membership form.

10% discount at Blue Ridge Mountain Sports, Campmor, Dover Sport's Center, EMS, Ramsey Outdoor, Ray's Sport Shop, Rich's World of Sports and others. See web-site for complete list of retailers and details of other discounts available.

Discounts on trail association maps and books. Books cross reference trails to trail maps.

Members also receive a newsletter and have access to the association library.

Useful trail conference books (with a few trek ideas):

1. Appalachian Trail Guide for NY-NJ

17 mile strenuous hike over the Northern Kittatinny Ridge ending northeast of High Point State Park. 500 foot elevation change. Four shelters with water are available along route.

2. New Jersey and New York Walk Books

Trail descriptions and hiking information. Trails broken down by region. Good starting point to identify potential trails for outings.

3. Guide to the Long Path

First twelve mile section begins at George Washington Bridge. Trail along Palisades cliffs or Hudson shore available. Hike between lower (shore or short path) trail and upper trail can be strenuous. Several crossing points between these trails are available. The second Long Path section extends into New York State.

Two Scout camps are available at the end of the first section. The first is Camp Alpine wilderness camp operated by the Northern New Jersey Council. The second is a different Camp Alpine operated by the Greater New York Council. This is a year round developed camp.

A historic trail award is available from the Northern New Jersey Council for hiking both the lower and upper trails. A trek could start at the George Washington Bridge, proceed to either Camp Alpine, stay over, and return via the other trail to the George Washington bridge the next day.

4. Iron Mine Trails

Plan a mini Philmont-like trek with a stop at an Iron mine. The Green, Wawayanda and Welling mines are all trail accessible with parking available in Wawayanda State Park.

5. Circuit Hikes

No need to worry about getting back to your car when using one of these hikes. Eight mile circuit hike available in the Watchung Reservation.

6. Harriman Trails

Many trails that match Philmont terrain.

7. 50 Hikes in New Jersey

Multi-day hikes with information on mileage, days required, hiking effort and campsites along trails. Gives hike itineraries and identifies trails by name, blaze color and map locations.

Hike number 5 is a day hike along Appalachian Trail. Easily accessible from Route 80.

Hike number 6 is a three day trek along the Appalachian Trail. Boy Scout Camp NoBeBoSco (Northern New Jersey Council) is available as a short detour.

Hike number 7 uses several trails in the Ramapo area (Silver Trail, Blue Shore Trail and Cannonball Historic Trail.)

8. The Kittatinny Trails Guide

This new book provides comprehensive information on hiking the rugged Kittatinny Ridge of northwest New Jersey. It describes all of the blazed trails from the Delaware Water Gap to High Point State Park on the New Jersey-New York border. Also included are descriptions of hiking trails in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area in Pennsylvania south of the Interstate Route 80 bridge across the Delaware River.