

## **TRAILS OF LONG POND IRONWORKS STATE PARK**

The trails of Long Pond Ironworks allow visitors to explore the ironworks ruins and surrounding area of the nearly 7,000-acre park. The park contains 10 trails that cross the rugged hillsides of Tranquility Ridge and Burnt Meadow Mountain as well as the swiftly flowing Wanaque River. Most trails are multiuse and range from old forest roads to single track paths.

### **Burnt Meadow Trail**

*Green • 2.9 miles • Hiking*

*Moderate • Trail connects two ridgelines*

**Trailhead** Highlands Trail or Hewitt-Butler Trail. **Burnt Meadow Trail** leads between Horse Pond Mountain and Long Hill. The trail travels down steep hillsides and across a small valley and stream.

### **Hasenclever Iron Trail**

*Yellow • 1.3 miles • Hiking/interpretive*

*Easy • Woods trail, explores history of iron works*

**Trailhead** From Highlands and Sterling Ridge Trails near site of old furnace. **Hasenclever Iron Trail** follows an old woods road that connected the iron-working operations at Long Pond and Ringwood. The road, used until the late 1930s, now serves as an interpretive trail with numerous signs that describe historic features along the trail.

### **Hewitt-Butler Trail**

*Blue • 3.2 miles • Hiking*

*Moderate • Trail connects Long Pond Ironworks State Park and Norvin Green State Forest*

**Trailhead** Parking area at Route 511 & East Shore Road. (Parking area closed April - October) **Hewitt-Butler Trail** travels north-south through the center of Long Pond Ironworks State Park. The trail passes along the western edge of Monksville Reservoir then climbs the ridgeline of Horse Pond Mountain. Turning west, the trail crosses Burnt Meadow Road, then reaches the ridge of Long Hill. The trail continues south along the ridgeline into Norvin Green State Forest.

### **Highlands Trail**

*Teal diamond • 5.8 miles (in park) • Hiking*

*Moderate • Long-distance, regional trail*

**Trailhead** Parking area at Route 511 & East Shore Road. (Parking area closed April - October) **Highlands Trail** is a long distance, regional trail that extends from the Hudson River to the Delaware River and crosses the rugged Highlands landscape in between. From Route 511, which bisects the middle of Long Pond, the trail heads north into Sterling Forest State Park (NY) and south into Norvin Green State Forest. It follows existing trails within Long Pond Ironworks State Park.

### **Jennings Hollow Trail**

*Yellow • 2.7 miles • Hiking*

*Easy • Flat loop trail around Jennings Creek drainage*

**Trailhead** Parking pull-off on East Shore Road. **Jennings Hollow Trail** is a lollipop loop trail that also connects to Highlands/Sterling Ridge Trails. It begins in a lowland meadow and marsh, then follows forested hillsides surrounding Jennings Creek. North of Jennings Hollow, the trail turns south and crosses a few braided streams on rocky terrain with roped hand-lines. The trail splits to connect with Sterling Ridge Trail or to return to the trailhead.

### **Monks Connector Trail**

*Green • 0.85 miles • Hiking*

*Easy • Connects Monks Mountain with Hasenclever Trail*

**Trailhead** Monks Trail or east of parking area on Beech Road. **Monks Connector Trail** heads north from Monks Trail and descends a small hill to cross Route 511. The trail continues north along Beech Road and turns right into the woods beyond the guard rail. After ascending a hillside and along a boulder-covered forest, the trail connects with Hasenclever Iron Trail.

### **Monks Trail**

*White • 2.4 miles • Hiking*

*Moderate • Trail circles around Monks Mountain*

**Trailhead** Parking areas at Monksville North or South boat launches. **Monks Trail** circles Monks Mountain, a hilly tract of land bounded on three sides by the curve of Monksville Reservoir. The trail follows along the lake's edge on the northwest side of the loop and moves through the hillside forests on the south and east sides.

### **Sterling Ridge Trail**

*Blue • 1.7 miles • Hiking*

*Moderate • Trail passes through ironworks*

**Trailhead** Parking area at Route 511 & East Shore Road. (Parking area closed April - October) **Sterling Ridge Trail** heads north and passes by the Long Pond Ironworks sawmill, house foundations, company store, and furnace site. At the furnace site, the trail turns east and crosses a bridge over the Wanaque River. It continues along the east side of the river and then along a small tributary stream and onto the hillsides of Big Beech Mountain.

### **Stonetown Circular Trail**

*White & red • 1.8 miles (in park) • Hiking*

*Moderate to difficult • Challenging loop trail above Monksville Reservoir*

**Trailhead** Lake Riconda Road. **Stonetown Circular Trail** is a 10.5-mile-long loop trail that passes through Long Pond Ironworks State Park, Norvin Green State Forest, and North Jersey District Water Supply Commission lands. The 1.8-mile section of Stonetown Circular Trail within Long Pond Ironworks heads north from Harrison Mountain to Monksville Reservoir, or south through mixed terrain and into Norvin Green State Forest.

### **Whritenour Mine Trail**

*Red • 0.41 miles • Hiking*

*Moderate • Short loop trail over hillside to mine pits*

**Trailhead** South side of Route 511 across from Long Pond Ironworks Historic District. **Whritenour Mine Trail** climbs a rocky hillside to reach a small saddle on the ridgeline then descends to Monksville Reservoir. Along the way, the trail passes a large pit and depression on the hillside. This is an old farm mine acquired by Mathias Whritenour in 1833. The trail returns to Route 511 along the water's edge.

### **TRAIL SENSE AND SAFETY**

**Trail Markings** Official trails are marked by colored blazes on posts and trees. For your safety and habitat protection, please stay on the trails and don't alter trail markings or create new trails.

**Preparations** Consider bringing water, snacks, sunscreen, insect repellent, and a hat. Dress for the weather. Tell someone where you plan to go and when you expect to return.

**Hunting** Sections are open to hunting. Bright orange clothing is recommended during hunting season.

**Pets** All pets must be on a leash (maximum 6 feet) and under the physical control of the owner. Please clean up after your pets.

**Carry-in/Carry-out** Help keep the park clean and beautiful by carrying out your trash.

**Bear Aware** Bears are active in this area. Don't approach them. Bear sightings should be reported to State Park Police (1-877-927-6337) or to the park office.

**Park Office Phone** (973) 962-2240

**Emergency Numbers** 1-877-WARN-DEP (1-877-927-6337) or 911

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