

INTRODUCTION

Rock outcrops, dense woods and wetlands characterize the 35,709 acres of Wawayanda State Park. Located in Sussex and Passaic counties atop the Wawayanda Plateau along the New York border, the park is a refreshing oasis for nature and recreation. The focal point of Wawayanda State Park is the pristine 255-acre Wawayanda Lake and the numerous water-related recreational activities.

HISTORY

The remains of the iron-smelting town of Double Pond lie along the northern shore of the 255-acre Wawayanda Lake. Operated during the last half of the 19th century, the charcoal blast-furnace is the only remnant of a once-thriving village and offers silent testimony of a forgotten era. Visitors are invited to observe the raceways and foundations that were once part of the industrial town.

Logged heavily during the 1940s by New Jersey Zinc Co., the park is laced with old logging roads and the remnants of an occasional log deck can still be seen. The sounds of saws and axes have long been replaced with the chatter of wildlife and the logging roads have become trails along which visitors can experience the varied environments of this woodland park.

Wawayanda State Park was purchased with Green Acres funds beginning with the 1961 bond act. The park opened to the public in 1963; the swimming beach opened in the late 1970s.



FEATURES AND ACTIVITIES

Almost one-third of the park has been preserved as designated natural areas. The three preserved areas, which were designated to the Natural Areas System in 1978, are Bearfort Mountain Natural Area, Wawayanda Swamp Natural Area and Wawayanda Hemlock Ravine Natural Area. Another feature of the park is the Ferber Wildlife Sanctuary, established by legislation in 1982, to preserve and protect animals inhabiting the park. This was the estate of Fred Ferber, a wealthy industrialist and wildlife conservator.

Bearfort Mountain Natural Area - Located in the southern portion of Wawayanda State Park, this 1,325-acre natural area is the home of several state-threatened birds, including the red-shouldered hawk and barred owl, as well as the state-endangered timber rattlesnake and bog turtle. A mixed oak hardwood forest interspersed with swamp hardwoods, scrub oak and rock outcrops characterize a varied terrain. Rocky outcrops along the marked trails offer captivating 360-degree views of the surrounding Northern Highlands.

Wawayanda Swamp Natural Area - This 2,167-acre area is the largest of the three natural areas and features a globally-rare inland Atlantic white cedar swamp, a mixed oak hardwood forest and a glacially formed spring-fed lake.

It also is the habitat for several state-endangered plant and wildlife species. Wawayanda Creek, on the western edge of the area, is home to many beaver which often can be spotted from the bridge on the Double Pond Trail. There are several other trails through this lush area, including one short, scenic trail around a glacier lake called Laurel Pond.

Wawayanda Hemlock Ravine Natural Area

- Though small in size compared to the other two natural areas, this 501-acre area is noted for its steep hemlock ravine surrounded by mixed oak and mixed hardwood forests. The natural area supports three state-endangered plant species: Dewey's sedge, white-grained mountain-rice grass and witch-hobble. The ravine also provides a cool, shady break for tired hikers of the nearby Appalachian Trail.



Swimming
Swimming is permitted, while lifeguards are on duty, from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. The white sand beach and picturesque location provides a truly enjoyable freshwater experience. Nearby are parking areas, restrooms and changing facilities.



Inner tubes, rafts and other flotation devices are not permitted in the swimming area. Only U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets are allowed.



Boating
A boat rental facility and launch ramp are located near the beach and picnic areas. Kayaks may be rented at Wawayanda Lake. Privately owned watercraft may be launched. Gasoline motors are not permitted. A U.S. Coast Guard

approved personal flotation device (PFD) is required for each person on board a watercraft. Boaters in vessels under 14 feet or in a canoe, kayak, inflatable boat, stand-up paddleboard or sailboard must wear their PFD.



Picnicking
Picnic areas are located along the north shore of Wawayanda Lake in the midst of the lake-oriented activities and are adjacent to the boat house and boat launch facility. Charcoal fires must be confined to the metal grills that are provided at the sites. Visitors may bring their own grills which are subject to the approval of a park official. Wood fires are not permitted.



Trails
A 14-mile section of the Appalachian Trail follows the varied terrain of the park. The trail's designated use is restricted to hiking only for its entire length from Maine to Georgia. White blazes mark this narrow and sometimes very rocky trail. Along Wawayanda Mountain are outstanding views of the surrounding landscape.

Trails continued...

The 70-mile segment of the Appalachian Trail within New Jersey is maintained by the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference. A brochure about New Jersey's portion of the trail and its facilities may be obtained at the park office or at other state parks and forests through which the trail runs. In addition to the Appalachian Trail, Wawayanda State Park offers more than 50 miles of hiking trails. The terrain and natural features found along these trails offer equal opportunities for both the casual walker and serious hiker.



Group Camping

There are four group sites available from April 1 to October 31 with picnic tables, fire rings and a composting restroom. These sites require a minimum of seven persons. Water is not available at campsites; it must be carried from the main office building. There are no shower facilities. Reservations may be made online at camping.nj.gov, in person at the park office or by telephone.



Fishing

Many species of fish can be found in Wawayanda Lake and the smaller lakes in the park. Anglers may catch largemouth and smallmouth bass, perch, pickerel, brown and rainbow trout and the occasional lake trout. In 2006, landlocked salmon were introduced to Wawayanda Lake. Only a handful of deep lakes in New Jersey have suitable year-round habitat for cold-water fish such as trout and salmon. Fishing is subject to New Jersey DEP Fish & Wildlife regulations.



Hunting

Hunting is permitted in designated areas of the park in the appropriate seasons. For information about hunting, refer to the New Jersey DEP Fish & Wildlife Digest or contact the park office. Hunting is subject to New Jersey DEP Fish & Wildlife regulations.



Winter Activities

At an elevation of 1,140 feet above sea level, Wawayanda State Park receives great accumulations of snow. It is not uncommon for the metropolitan area to experience rain while Wawayanda is quietly covered with a blanket of fresh snow. A number of winter activities are permitted on designated trails and various areas within the park, including cross-country skiing, ice fishing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling. For further information, contact the park office.



Access For People With Disabilities

Wawayanda State Park recreational facilities are partially accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact the park office for further information regarding disability access needs. Text telephone (TTY) users, call the NJ Relay & CapTel Service at 711 or 1-800-852-7897 for English or 1-866-658-7714 for Spanish.



Pets

Pets must always be on a leash no longer than six feet in length and under the control of the owner at all times. Please clean up after your pets.



Keep It Clean and Green

Bring a bag or two and carry your trash out with you. Trash cans are not provided. Don't forget to recycle!

NOT PERMITTED

ATVs, alcoholic beverages and smoking and vaping* are NOT permitted in this park.



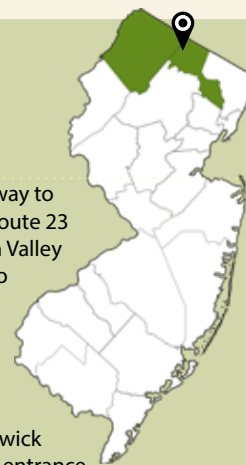
*Smoking and vaping permitted only inside your personal vehicle.

To report an emergency or suspicious activity, call 1-877-WARN-DEP (1-877-927-6337) or 911.



WAWAYANDA STATE PARK
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Hewitt, NJ 07421
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Directions: Take Garden State Parkway to Route 3 West, to Route 46 West, to Route 23 North. Take Route 23 North to Union Valley Road exit, and travel about 6 miles to a stop sign. Proceed until you reach the second traffic light and turn left onto Union Valley Road. Continue 2 miles to a fork and bear left onto White Road. Proceed one-half mile to a stop sign and turn left onto Warwick Turnpike. Continue for 4 miles; park entrance is on the left.



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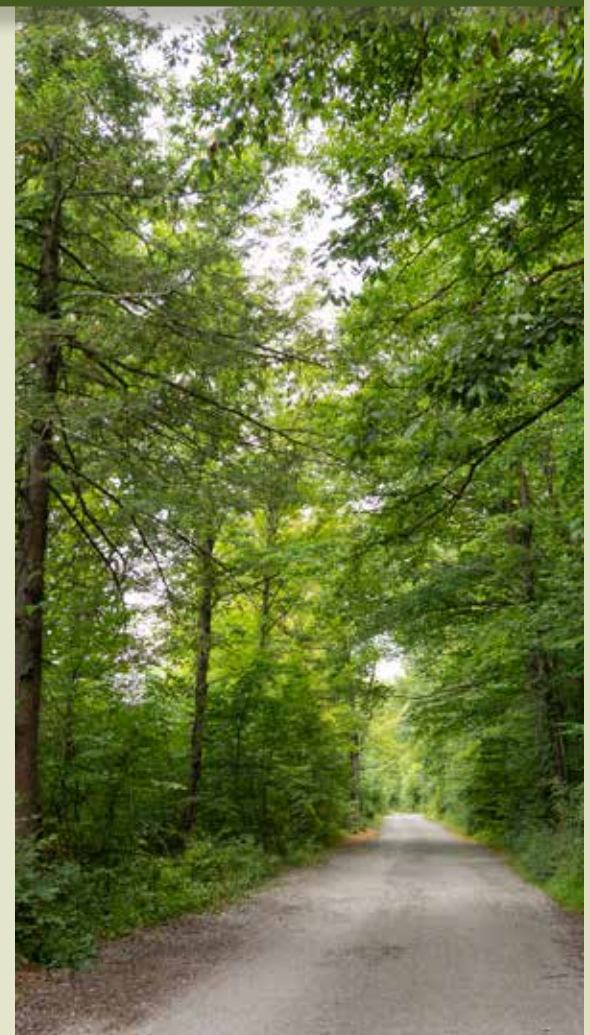
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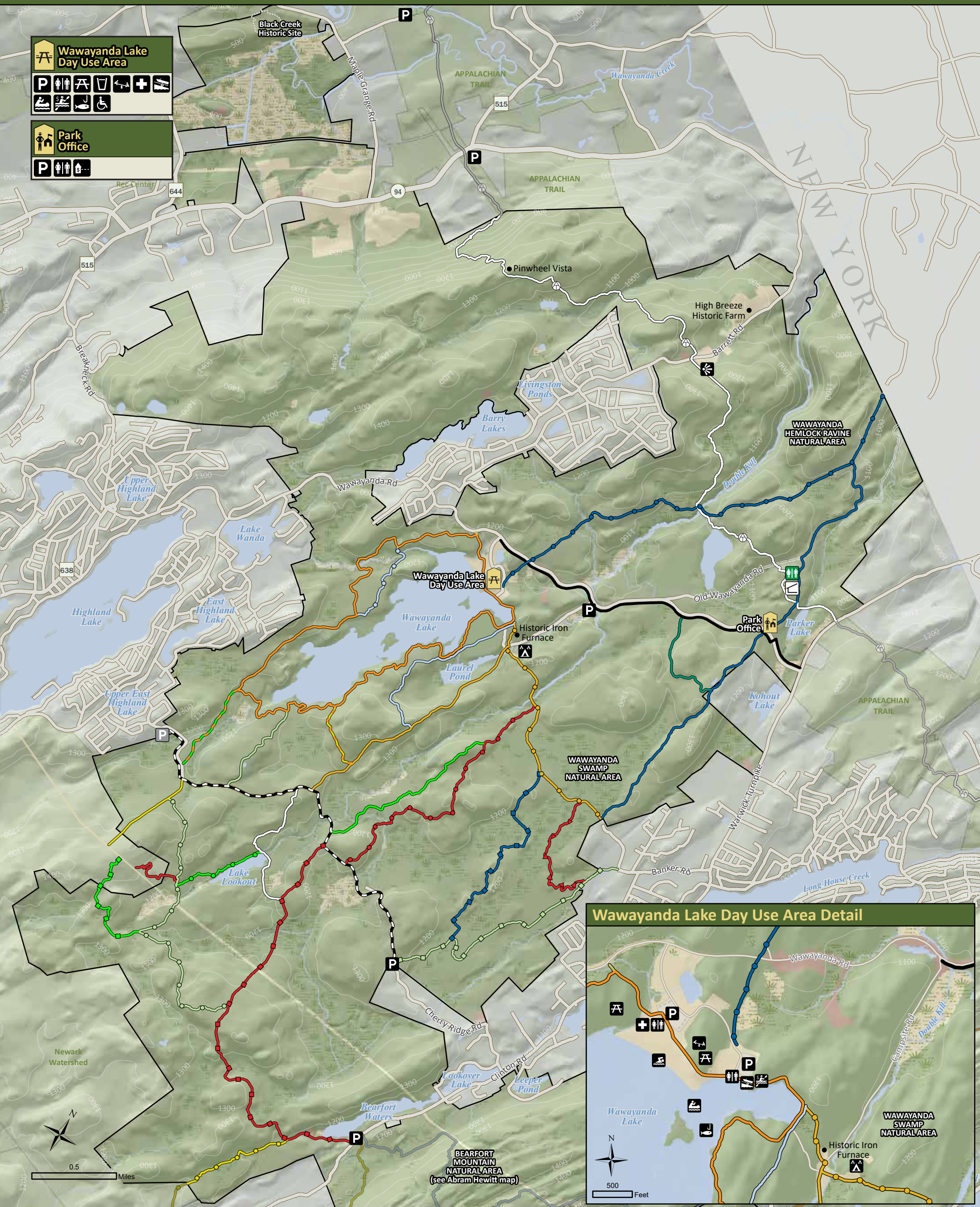
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State Park Service



WAWAYANDA State Park



Open Field or Grass	Appalachian Trail (14 mi)	Laurel Pond Trail (1.5 mi)	Turkey Ridge Trail (2 mi)	Accessible Facility	Parking (Pull Off)
Forest	Banker Trail (1.5 mi)	Lookout Trail (1 mi)	Twin Bridges Trail (1.2 mi)	AT Shelter	Picnic Area
Developed Area	Bearfort Waters Trail (1.3 mi)	Old Coal Trail (2.8 mi)	Wawayanda Lake Connector Trail (0.5 mi)	Boat Launch	Playground
Water	Bike Path (2.2 mi)	Pickle Trail (0.65 mi)	Wawayanda Lake Loop Trail (5.6 mi)	Boating	Restrooms
Wetland	Black Eagle Trail (0.75 mi)	Pines Trail (0.85 mi)	William Hoeflerlin Trail (3 mi)	First Aid	Restrooms (Primitive)
Improved Road	Boulder Garden Trail (1 mi)	Plymouth Trail (1 mi)	Wingdam Trail (1.2 mi)	Fishing	Scenic View
Forest Track	Cabin Trail (1 mi)	Pumphouse Connector Trail (0.6 mi)	Rattlesnake Trail (0.5 mi)	Group Campground	Swimming
	Cedar Swamp Trail (1.5 mi)	Red Dot Trail (1.9 mi)	Timber Trail (0.6 mi)	Kayak Rental	Visitor Contact Station
	Cherry Ridge Trail (2.2 mi)			Parking Lot	
	Double Pond Trail (1.6 mi)				
	Iron Mountain Trail (2.9 mi)				