

## INTRODUCTION

Jenny Jump State Forest is located in Warren County along the magnificent rolling terrain of Jenny Jump Mountain. Panoramic vistas of the Highlands, Kittatinny Mountain Ridge and Valley to the west, and scenic views of Great Meadows in the east, dramatically greet the visitors who climb the narrow path leading to the top of Jenny Jump Mountain. Rocky outcroppings and boulders line the trail - evidence that great glaciers once covered the area now known as Jenny Jump State Forest.

## HISTORY

In 1769, the Moravians, a group of artisans, builders and manufacturers who started an early colonial religious community in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, settled in Hope, New Jersey. The Moravian community operated successfully for almost 40 years. In 1808, a smallpox epidemic killed many of the town's inhabitants and the financial troubles of the mother church in Germany forced the group to sell off the entire village.

When the Moravians abandoned the region, the people who moved into the village continued to operate some of the artisan enterprises. The village was converted from a self-supporting community to an agricultural service community that flourished with the support of the surrounding farms. Today, Hope's Moravian heritage is evident in the historic district where 16 limestone and wooden buildings remain from the original settlement.

## GEOLOGY

Near the end of the Wisconsin Ice Age, about 21,000 years ago, glaciers covered Jenny Jump Mountain. The effects of this continental ice sheet can still be seen today in parts of northern New Jersey. The glacial ice advanced southward from Canada's arctic region due to global cooling. On its journey, the ice gouged out valleys, plucked rock from mountaintops, and incorporated sediment, boulders and debris into its mass.

Much of this debris was carried by the glacier or transported by meltwater to the edge of the ice, where it was deposited in huge ridges called moraines. A terminal moraine marks the furthest extent of the ice sheet, creating an important line of contrast between areas that were glaciated recently and those that were previously glaciated or not glaciated at all.

As the climate became warmer, the ice sheet stopped advancing and gradually began to melt, leaving behind moraines, kettle holes, erratics and other depositional features. Many of the lakes and wetlands in New Jersey were formed from the glacial meltwater and sedimentation process. Some of these features can be seen at Jenny Jump State Forest and the surrounding countryside.



## FEATURES AND ACTIVITIES

### OBSERVATORY SITE

United Astronomy Clubs of New Jersey, Inc. (UACNJ) leases a portion of Jenny Jump State Forest as an observatory located off Farview Road. Far from the light pollution of large cities, this location provides excellent viewing and exploration of the night sky and its heavenly bodies. Free, family-friendly programs are available to the public on Saturday evenings from April through October.

UACNJ has seven separate observatory buildings which house some of the largest permanently mounted telescopes in New Jersey. During public programs, a variety of observatories are opened for guests to directly experience the wonders of our universe through amateur astronomy. For more information, please visit [www.UACNJ.org](http://www.UACNJ.org) or call the forest office.

### Camping

Twenty-two tent and trailer campsites with fire rings and picnic tables are located in a wooded area. Showers and sanitary facilities are within walking distance. Campers may purchase firewood at the forest office. Two group campsites accommodate 25 campers at one site and 40 at a second site. Fire rings, picnic tables and pit toilets are available. Open April 1 through October 31. Reservations for camping facilities may be made up to 11 months in advance. Advanced reservations can be made at [camping.nj.gov](http://camping.nj.gov). Same day reservations can be made at the forest office.



### Shelters

Eight shelters near the top of Jenny Jump Mountain have living rooms with woodburning stoves and two double-deck bunks. Each shelter has an outdoor grill for cooking and a picnic table. Showers and restroom facilities are located nearby. Each shelter accommodates four people; two additional people may be accommodated. Open year-round.



### Picnicking

Picnic sites are available at the Orchard Picnic Area. Charcoal fires must be confined to metal grills provided at the site or to grills brought by picnickers.



### Hunting and Fishing

The forest is open to seasonal hunting and provides favorable habitat for deer, turkey and grouse. Please check with the forest office for the exact areas and regulations. Beaver Brook's trout stocked waters offer excellent fishing. Ghost Lake is open to fishing and provides favorable opportunities to catch bass, crappie, sunfish and catfish. A cartop launch area provides access to small boats and canoes. Fishing and hunting are subject to New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife regulations available at [www.njfishandwildlife.org](http://www.njfishandwildlife.org).



### Hiking

Fourteen miles of designated hiking trails offer magnificent views and challenging mountainous terrain through a mature hardwood forest bordered by rows of white pine. The Civilian Conservation Corps planted the white pine during the 1930s.

**Summit Trail** (blazed in yellow), at an elevation of 1,090 feet, offers a view of Pequest Valley and the rich bottomland left by a glacier. The distance is 1.4 miles.

**Mountain Lake Trail** (blazed in yellow) is for hiking and begins next to a spring house and travels north from the road on single-track. As it continues uphill, the trail stays within a shallow creek ravine until joining with Jenny Jump Trail. The distance is 0.5 miles.

**Ghost Lake Trail** (blazed in blue) begins at the end of East Road and runs over the ridge and down to Ghost Lake, a distance of 1.8 miles. Ghost Lake Trail is also reachable from Ghost Lake parking lot along Shades of Death Road.

**Spring Trail** (blazed in dark blue) intersects Summit Trail and descends the mountaintop. There are large angular blocks of rock where glaciers have abraded and exposed bedrock. The distance is 0.85 miles.

**Swamp Trail** (blazed in red), a distance of 0.5 miles, runs from the parking area to East Road. As the name suggests, Swamp Trail does become swampy at times depending on weather conditions.

**Orchard Trail** (blazed in white), a distance of 0.82 miles, runs from East Road to State Park Road.

**Jenny Jump Trail** (blazed in light blue) begins in the day use parking lot and travels a distance of 8.4 miles. Jenny Jump Trail offers great views of the Delaware Water Gap and the town of Hope, New Jersey.



### Access For People With Disabilities

Jenny Jump State Forest is partially accessible for people with disabilities. Please contact the forest office for further information regarding disability access. 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. Pets are not permitted in overnight facilities.



### 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!



### Be Bear Aware

Black bears are found throughout New Jersey. Do not approach or attract bears by making food available. Feeding bears is dangerous and illegal. Never run from a bear! To report an aggressive bear, call 1-877-WARN-DEP (1-877-927-6337) immediately. Please report any damage or nuisance behavior to the forest office. Visit the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife at [www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com) for additional information on bear safety.

### NOT PERMITTED

Alcoholic beverages, ATVs, smoking and vaping\* are NOT permitted in this forest.



\*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.



### JENNY JUMP STATE FOREST

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**Directions:** From Route 80, exit 12 (Hope/Blairstown Exit), travel south on Route 521. Turn left onto Route 519 N (at the blinking light). Take the third road on the right (Shiloh Road). After approximately one mile, turn right onto State Park Road. The forest entrance is less than a mile on your left.



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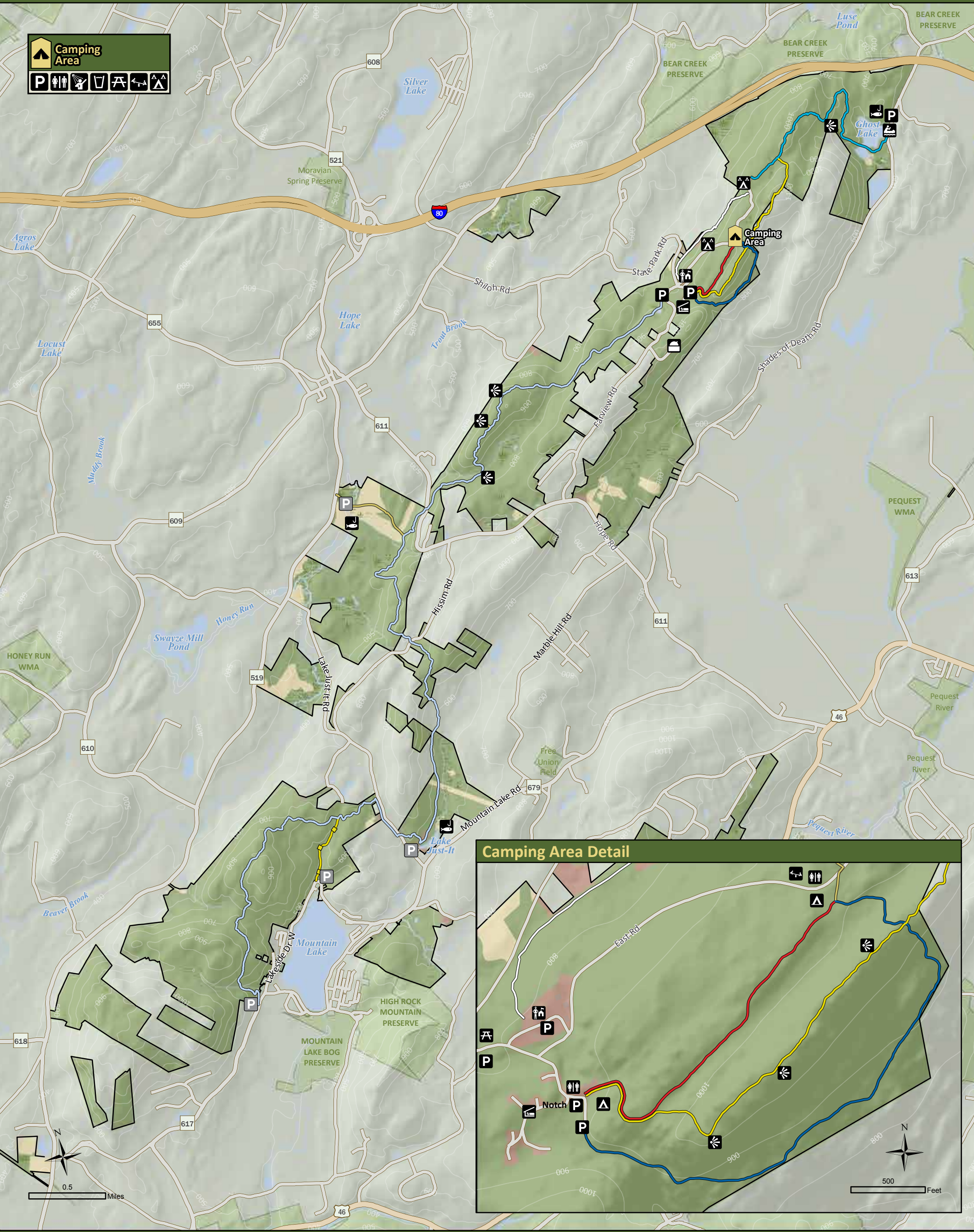
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Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Parks and Forestry  
State Park Service



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| Open Field or Grass | Ghost Lake Trail (1.8 mi)    | Spring Trail (0.85 mi) | Campground     | Group Campground   | Picnic Area |
| Forest              | Jenny Jump Trail (8.4 mi)    | Summit Trail (1.4 mi)  | Camp Shelters  | Observatory        | Playground  |
| Developed Area      | Mountain Lake Trail (0.5 mi) | Swamp Trail (0.5 mi)   | Canoeing       | Forest Office      | Restrooms   |
| Water               | Orchard Trail (0.82 mi)      | Trail Connector        | Drinking Water | Parking Lot        | Scenic View |
| Wetland             |                              |                        | Fishing        | Parking (Pull Off) | Shower      |