

TRAILS OF RINGWOOD STATE PARK

There are 17 official trails within the park, totaling nearly 40 miles. Many trails begin near Ringwood Manor, Skylands Manor, or Shepherd Lake, and extend into the park. Each area has short trails that allow for exploration of these attractions, and longer trails that explore the surrounding area. Trails are well marked with colored blazes.

Cannonball Trail

Red • 0.6 miles (in Ringwood) • Multiuse

Moderate • Connects to Ramapo Mountain State Forest

Trailhead Shore Trail on south side of Bear Swamp Lake. **Cannonball Trail** travels south from Bear Swamp Lake and continues into Ramapo Mountain State Forest.

Cooper Union Trail

Yellow • 4.7 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Leads to scenic view of Wanaque Reservoir

Trailhead Sloatsburg Road on north side of the park. **Cooper Union Trail** is a lollipop loop trail that begins approximately 0.5 miles north of Ringwood Manor on Sloatsburg Road. The trail heads south through forested hillsides. Near its southern end, the trail diverges to the left and right to make a loop. At the end of the loop, there is a scenic view of Wanaque Reservoir.

Crossover Trail

White • 7 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Trail across park

Trailhead Parking area near Carriage Barn. **Crossover Trail** heads southeast across the park and ends at Cannonball Trail. Along the way, the trail passes by Skylands Manor and provides access to many other trails within the park. A short reroute of Crossover Trail north of Skylands Manor is under construction.

Cupsaw Brook Trail

Blue • 1.4 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Rocky trail follows creek drainage

Trailhead Cooper Union Trail. **Cupsaw Brook Trail** follows a small drainage downhill towards Cupsaw Lake. The trail heads east along hillside on single-track and then descends into a ravine. As the trail continues, it follows the creek drainage and joins Ringwood-Ramapo Trail for a short distance. Cupsaw Brook Trail ends when it meets Cooper Union Trail again.

Halifax Trail

Green • 4.5 miles (in Ringwood) • Hiking

Moderate • East-west trail across park

Trailhead Crossover Trail approximately 0.25 miles from Skylands Manor. **Halifax Trail** is a hiking-only trail that crosses Ringwood in an east-west direction. The trail begins on single-track and ascends switchbacks to gain a ridgeline. As it continues east, Halifax Trail crosses numerous other trails and leads into Ramapo Valley County Reservation.

Hasenclever Iron Trail

Yellow • 1.0 mile (in Ringwood) • Multiuse

Easy • Cross country woods road explores history of iron works

Trailhead Ringwood Manor. **Hasenclever Iron Trail** follows an old woods road that connected the ironworking operations at Long Pond Ironworks State Park and Ringwood State Park. There are interpretive signs and waypoints along the trail that describe the history of iron work in the area.

Hewitt Connector Trail

White • 1.0 mile • Multiuse

Easy • Short loop trail

Trailhead Ringwood Manor parking lot past playground area. **Hewitt Connector Trail** links the parking lot with the north end of Manor Trail. The trail follows single-track and then widens to double-track as it meets with Manor Trail.

Hoeflerlin Memorial Trail

Yellow • 2.4 miles (in Ringwood) • Multiuse

Moderate • Connects to Ramapo Mountain State Forest

Trailhead Numerous access points throughout the park. **Hoeflerlin Memorial Trail** is a long trail connecting to Ramapo Mountain State Forest. The trail ascends from Bear Swamp Lake, reaches a ridgeline and turns south. Hoeflerlin Memorial Trail continues south along a primary ridge line between the Wanaque Reservoir (to the west) and the Ramapo River (to the east).

Manor Trail

Blue • 2.8 miles • Multiuse

Easy • Short loop trail above Ringwood Manor

Trailhead Ringwood Manor. **Manor Trail** follows a mix of gravel road and single-track path past Sally's Pond and a colonial-era cemetery then loops through the forested hillside above Ringwood Manor.

Mountain Bike Trail

Brown & silver • 4.7 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Long loop trail on forest roads across varied terrain

Trailhead Ringwood - Ramapo Trail. **Mountain Bike Trail** is a long loop trail on a network of woods roads through the hilly landscape of Ramapo Mountain. The trail passes many small ponds as it makes its loop to return to Shepherd Lake.

Pierson Ridge Trail

Blue • 1.0 miles • Multiuse

Easy • Scenic forest road along ridgeline

Trailhead Halifax Trail (north end) or Ringwood – Ramapo Trail (south end). **Pierson Ridge Trail** follows a wide and flat woods road along a ridgeline until it intersects with Crossover Trail.

Ringwood - Ramapo Trail

Red • 4.8 miles (In Ringwood) • Multiuse

Moderate • Long trail to Ramapo Mountain State Forest

Trailhead Parking area near Ringwood Carriage Barn. **Ringwood-Ramapo Trail** leads from the northern section of Ringwood State Park towards the east, then south into Ramapo Mountain State Forest. The trail follows a mix of single-track path and forest roads.

Rocky Mountain Connector

Red & silver • 0.65 miles (in Ringwood) • Multiuse

Easy • Access to Bear Swamp Lake

Trailhead Shore Trail. **Rocky Mountain Connector** connects Shore Trail along the east side of Bear Swamp Lake to Ramapo Valley County Reservation.

Shepherd Lake Trail

*Orange • 1.2 miles • Multiuse
Easy • Loop on hillsides south of lake*

Trailhead Ringwood-Ramapo Trail on south side of Shepherd Lake. **Shepherd Lake Trail** follows a wide gravel road along the lake edge, then turns uphill into the forest and returns along a woods road higher up on the hillside.

Shore Trail

*Blue • 1.8 miles • Multiuse
Easy • Loop around Bear Swamp Lake*

Trailhead Various points from trails near Bear Swamp Lake. **Shore Trail** follows along the edge of Bear Swamp Lake. Three trails provide access to the Shore Trail: Hoeflerlin Trail (from north side), Cannonball (from south), and Rocky Mountain Connector (from east). The trail makes a complete loop around the lake.

Skylands Trail

*Blue • 0.8 miles • Multiuse
Moderate • Short trail along hillside*

Trailhead Mountain Bike Trail (north end) or Ringwood-Ramapo Trail (south end). **Skylands Trail** is a short trail that runs north-south along the broad ridgeline of Mount Defiance. The trail is mostly single-track as it winds among rock outcroppings scattered along the hillside.

State Line Trail

*Orange • 0.6 miles • Multiuse
Moderate • Short trail leads into New York*

Trailhead Ringwood-Ramapo Trail. **State Line Trail** heads north along Sloatsburg Road. At the north end of the park the trail intersects with Cooper Union Trail and crosses into New York state.

TRAIL SENSE AND SAFETY

Trail Markings: Official trails are marked with colored blazes on posts and trees. For safety's sake and to prevent habitat damage, please stay on trails, do not alter trail markings, or create new trails.

Preparations: Consider bringing water, snacks and sunscreen. Check the weather before you go, dress appropriately, and tell someone where you intend 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 and service animals must be on a hand-held leash no longer than six feet in length and under control of the owner at all times. Please clean up after your pets.

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

Bikers: Follow the IMBA "Rules of the Trail" guidelines for trail etiquette and yield appropriately. Helmets are required by law for children under 17 and recommended for all riders.

Bear Awareness Bears are active in this area. Do not approach or attract bears by making food available. Bear sightings should be reported to the State Park Police.

Park Office Phone: (973) 962-2240

Emergency Numbers DEP's 24-hour, toll-free hotline: 877-WARN-DEP (877-927-6337) or 911.

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