

TRAILS OF BELLEPLAIN STATE FOREST

There are 24 official trails within Belleplain State Forest of which 12 (24 miles) are designated for non-motorized use and 12 (23 miles) are authorized for motorized use with road-legal vehicles. Trails vary in length and most are easy to moderate in difficulty because the terrain within Belleplain is generally flat.

Boundary Trail

Pink • 0.7 miles • Multiuse

Easy • Short trail along eastern boundary of forest

Trailhead At Dehirsch Avenue. **Boundary Trail** follows the Dennis Township Line and connects Meisle Road with Seashore Line Trail. The three- to five-foot-wide trail traverses pitch pine and oak forest and is slightly gullied due to its origins as a fire break.

Eagle Fitness Trail

Black • 0.3 miles • Hiking

Easy to moderate • Flat loop trail with fitness stations

Trailhead Parking area at south end of Camp Road. **Eagle Fitness Trail** is a designated fitness circuit, allowing participants to use eight different exercise stations.

East Creek Trail

White • 7 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Long loop trail to East Creek Pond

Trailhead Lake Nummy Day Use Area. **East Creek Trail** is the longest hiking trail within the forest as it circles the area drained by Savages Run. The trail width varies between two and four feet with a natural surface of sand, dirt and pine needles.

Goosekill Trail

Green • 0.5 miles • Multiuse

Easy • Trail around east side of Lake Nummy

Trailhead On Champion Road near North Shore Campground. **Goosekill Trail** links Meisle Trail with North Shore Trail and travels north to North Shore Campground.

Meisle Trail

Orange • 0.62 miles • Hiking

Easy • Trail along southern edge of Lake Nummy

Trailhead Across from nature center. **Meisle Trail** runs along the southern shore of Lake Nummy. The trail was named for the Meisle Bog that once existed where Lake Nummy is now located.

Mountain Bike Trail

Pink • 9.2 miles • Biking

Moderate • Windy, single-track trail through pine forests

Trailhead Near athletic fields at Lake Nummy Day Use Area. **Mountain Bike Trail** was designed to provide recreational opportunities for various levels of bike riders. The route begins and ends near the athletic field just past the Lake Nummy parking lot.

Nature Trail 1

White • 0.7 miles • Hiking

Easy • Short interpretive trail

Trailhead From Lake Nummy Day Use Area parking lot. **Nature Trail 1** is a self-guided loop trail along the northern edge of Lake Nummy with signed stations explaining relevant natural history of Belleplain.

Nature Trail 2

Yellow • 0.5 miles • Hiking

Easy • Short interpretive trail

Trailhead East of Nature Trail 1 along north shore of Lake Nummy. **Nature Trail 2** is linked to Nature Trail 1 with a footbridge and also follows a self-guided loop trail along the northeastern edge of Lake Nummy.

North Shore Trail

Red • 0.7 miles • Multiuse

Easy • Connects forest office with Lake Nummy Day Use Area

Trailhead Forest office parking lot. **North Shore Trail** runs between the forest office and the North Shore Campground. A portion of the trail passes through a small cedar swamp.

Ponds Trail

Blue • 2.2 miles • Multiuse

Easy • Trail links Pickle Factory and East Creek Ponds

Trailhead From parking areas at Pickle Factory or East Creek Ponds. **Ponds Trail** traverses several fields and forest habitats as it connects Pickle Factory Pond with East Creek Pond.

Tarkiln Bogs Trail

Green • 0.85 miles • Multiuse

Easy • Trail through old cranberry bogs

Trailhead On Cinder Trail. **Tarkiln Bogs Trail** runs along the western edge of an abandoned cranberry bog before meeting with John's Run Trail.

Seashore Line Trail

Yellow • 7.3 miles (total) • Multiuse (1.5 miles) • Motorized use & multiuse (5.8 miles) • Easy • Follows old rail line

Trailheads On Weatherby Road (Route 548), on Hunters Mill Road, and ends on Dehirsch Avenue in Woodbine. **Seashore Line Trail** follows the abandoned Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Line Railroad that once ran from Cape May to Manumuskin. Please take care when using this trail as motorized vehicle use is approved for most of Seashore Line Trail. **No vehicles are permitted from Weatherby Road to Hunters Mill Road.** The trail is not contiguous across Route 605. Vehicles cannot enter the northern portion of the trail from Route 605.

TRAILS for MOTORIZED USE

The use of road-legal motorized vehicles is permitted on the trails below. Please follow speed restrictions and be aware that walkers, cyclists and horseback riders also use these trails.

Champion Trail

Yellow • 0.9 miles • Motorized use & multiuse

Easy • Wide forest road

Trailhead At Route 550 or Steelmantown Bog Road. **Champion Trail** is a graded gravel-sand road that runs from Steelmantown Bog Road to Route 550, intersecting with Seashore Line Trail.

Cinder Trail

Green • 0.8 miles • Motorized use & multiuse

Easy • Trail connects to Tarkiln Bogs

Trailhead On south side of Weatherby Road (Route 548) west of Route 605. **Cinder Trail** connects with Tarkiln Bogs Trail and meets Old Cape and John's Run Trail.

Duck Pond Trail

Blue • 1.8 miles • Motorized use & multiuse

Easy • Trail to remote pond

Trailhead Approximately one mile southwest of the village of Belleplain on north side of Route 550. **Duck Pond Trail** follows a winding six- to eight-foot-wide woods road and leads to a secluded pond which was a former cranberry bog fed by a cedar-lined stream.

Dundrea Trail

Red • 1.3 miles • Motorized use & multiuse

Easy • Semi-loop trail from Steelmantown Road

Trailhead North side of Steelmantown Bog Road. **Dundrea Trail** is a semi-circular route that begins and ends from Steelmantown Bog Road. Dundrea Trail is a six- to eight-foot-wide sand road that winds its way through a pine-oak forest.

Explore Trail Tracker
The Interactive Trails
Map of NJ State Parks



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John's Run Trail

Blue • 1 mile • Motorized use & multiuse

Easy • Trail leads to footbridge over ponds

Trailhead Off Cinder or Old Cape Trail. **John's Run Trail** connects to Tarkiln Bogs Trail. The trail begins as a woods road and leads to a pond with a gate and pedestrian bridge at the end.

Kalker's Pond Trail

Orange • 1.7 miles • Motorized use & multiuse

Easy • Trail through abandoned cranberry bogs

Trailhead On Joe Mason Road, west of Belleplain. **Kalker's Pond Trail** is a remote trail on a sand road, passing a stream and abandoned cranberry bog.

Narrows Road Trail

Pink • 1.4 miles • Motorized use & multiuse

Easy • Sand road through north side of forest

Trailhead From Route 605 north of Belleplain. **Narrows Road Trail** is a 12- to 15-foot-wide sand and gravel road between Belleplain Road (Route 605) and Homestead Road.

Old Cape Trail

Blue • 4.5 miles • Motorized use & multiuse

Easy • Trail follows old stagecoach route

Trailhead Weatherby Road (Route 548) east of Hunters Mill Road. **Old Cape Trail** is a sand and gravel road in the northern part of the forest. It follows along a utility right-of-way that once served as a stagecoach route.

Sally's Pond Trail

Yellow • 1.2 miles • Motorized use & multiuse

Easy • Connector path through pine-oak forest

Trailhead Off Duck Pond or Seashore Line Trail. **Sally's Pond Trail** is approximately six feet wide and winds its way through pine-oak forest with cedars as it passes by a stream.

Tom Field Trail

Pink • 2 miles • Motorized use & multiuse

Easy • Woods road through southern part of forest

Trailhead On Cedar Bridge Road. **Tom Field Trail** travels a wide sand and gravel woods road west of the Lake Nummy Day Use Area.

Turtle Walk Trail

Green • 1.4 miles • Motorized use & multiuse

Easy • Motorized trail along East Creek drainage

Trailhead On Route 347 and Route 47. **Turtle Walk Trail** heads south from Route 347 on an eight-foot-wide road and crosses Ponds Trail and field areas before ending at Route 47.

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 do not alter trail markings or create new trails.

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

Bike Riders: 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.

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.

Hours: Trail use permitted between sunrise and sunset.

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!

Tick and Chigger Protection: Bring insect repellent, wear light-colored clothing, tuck pants into socks, stay on trails, check yourself thoroughly, shower and launder clothes immediately.

Road-legal Vehicles: Registered and insured for public roads (7:2-3.1).

ATVs are PROHIBITED (7:2-3.2 [e]).

Emergency Numbers

1-877-WARN-DEP (1-877-927-6337) or 911



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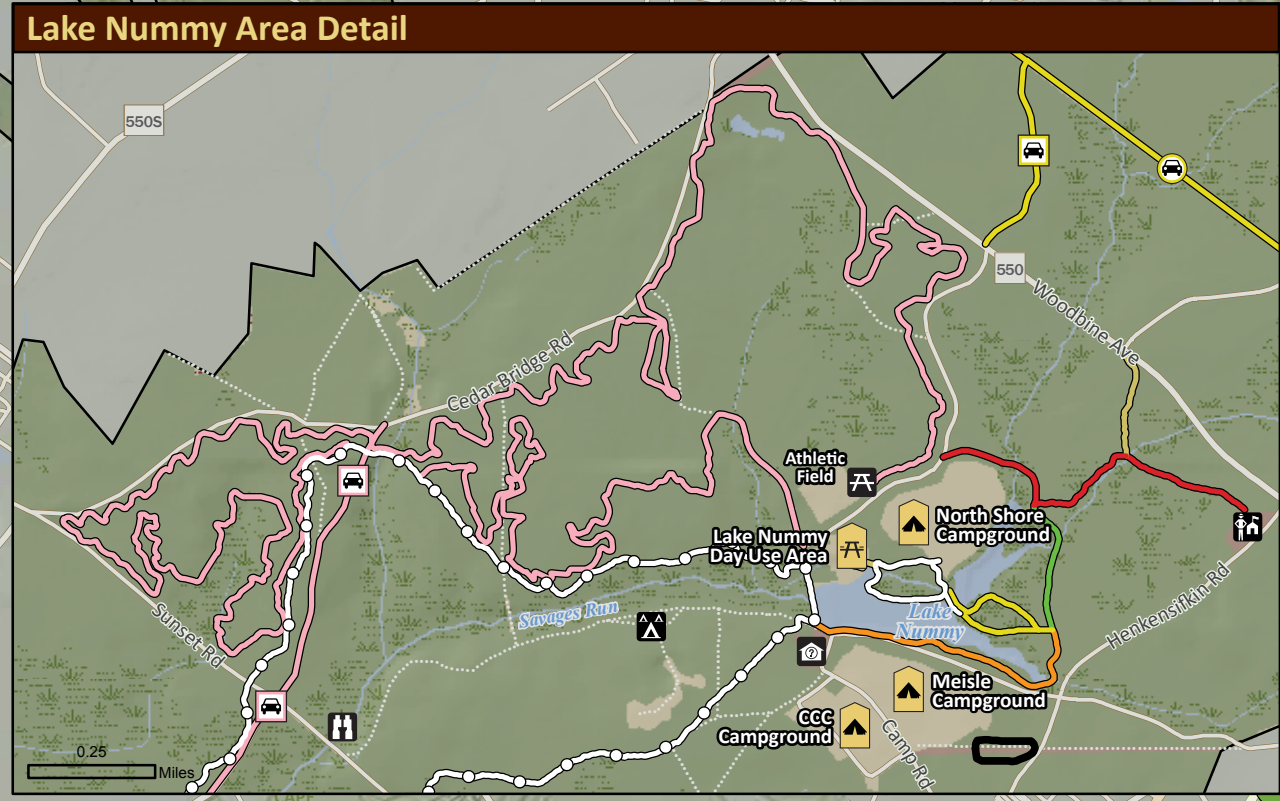
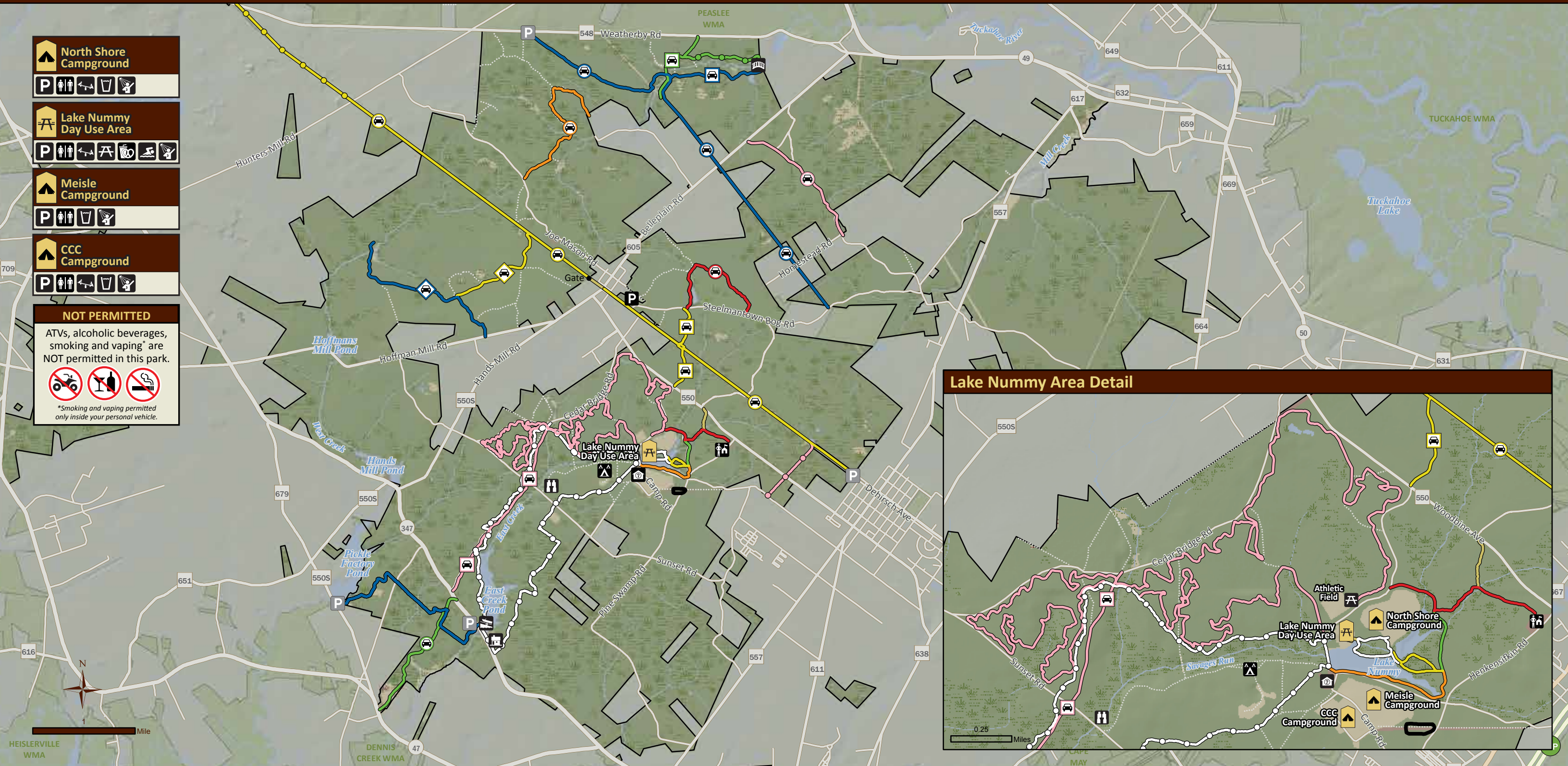
North Shore Campground
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Lake Nummy Day Use Area
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Meisle Campground
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CCC Campground
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NOT PERMITTED
 ATVs, alcoholic beverages, smoking and vaping* are NOT permitted in this park.
 [Icons: No ATV, No Alcohol, No Smoking/Vaping]
 *Smoking and vaping permitted only inside your personal vehicle.



[Yellow Box] Open Field or Grass	[Pink Line] Boundary Trail (0.7 mi)	[Black Line] Nature Trail 1 (0.5 mi)	[Green Line] Seashore Line Trail (5.8 mi)	[Orange Line] Kalker's Pond Trail (1.7 mi)	[Green Line] Trail Connector	[Cup Icon] Concession	[P Icon] Parking (Pull Off)
[Green Box] Forest	[Black Line] Eagle Fitness Trail (0.3 mi)	[Yellow Line] Nature Trail 2 (0.5 mi)	[Yellow Line] Champion Trail (0.9 mi)	[Purple Line] Narrows Road Trail (1.4 mi)	[H Icon] Birding Area	[Cup Icon] Drinking Water	[Picnic Icon] Picnic Area
[Brown Box] Developed Area	[Black Line] East Creek Trail (7 mi)	[Red Line] North Shore Trail (0.7 mi)	[Green Line] Cinder Trail (0.8 mi)	[Blue Line] Old Cape Trail (4.5 mi)	[Boat Icon] Boat Launch	[House Icon] Nature Center	[Playground Icon] Playground
[Blue Box] Water	[Green Line] Goosekill Trail (0.5 mi)	[Blue Line] Ponds Trail (2.2 mi)	[Blue Line] Duck Pond Trail (1.8 mi)	[Yellow Line] Sally's Pond Trail (1.2 mi)	[Bridge Icon] Bridge	[Campground Icon] Group Campground	[Restrooms Icon] Restrooms
[Wetland Icon] Wetland	[Orange Line] Meisle Trail (0.62 mi)	[Green Line] Tarkiln Bogs Trail (0.85 mi)	[Red Line] Dundrea Trail (1.3 mi)	[Purple Line] Tom Field Trail (2 mi)	[Cabin Icon] Cabins	[Person Icon] Forest Office	[Shower Icon] Shower
	[Pink Line] Mountain Bike Trail (9.2 mi)	[Yellow Line] Seashore Line Trail (1.5 mi)	[Blue Line] John's Run Trail (1 mi)	[Green Line] Turtle Walk Trail (1.4 mi)	[Campground Icon] Campground	[P Icon] Parking Lot	[Swimming Icon] Swimming