

TRAILS OF ALLAMUCHY MOUNTAIN & STEPHENS STATE PARKS

Allamuchy Mountain State Park and Stephens State Park contain 27 marked trails leading to diverse landscapes for walking, hiking, biking, birding and more. There are more than 70 miles of trails, from short loop trails to long-distance networks, and from gentle, flat rail trails to more difficult cross-country hikes. In this brochure, the trails are organized into four groups by location.

Deer Park Trails

These trails are in the northwest area of Allamuchy Mountain State Park, south of Route 80 and west of Route 604, around Deer Park and Allamuchy Ponds. See descriptions below for specific trailheads.

Allamuchy Pond Trail

Gray • 2.2 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Loop trail around Allamuchy Pond

Trailhead: Gravel parking lot south of road to Rutherford Hall. **Allamuchy Pond Trail** loops around the pond on a single track. The trail parallels wetlands south of the pond area and then turns north along Route 517 to return to the parking area.

Barberry Trail

Red • 0.8 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Short trail on north side of Deer Park Pond

Trailhead: Deer Path or Lake View Trail. **Barberry Trail** is a short single-track trail along the north side of Deer Park Pond connecting Deer Path Trail with Lake View Trail.

Birch Trail

Yellow • 0.7 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Single-track on west side of park

Trailhead: End of Deer Park Road. **Birch Trail** travels through a wooded landscape to connect Lake View Trail with Deer Path Trail.

Deer Path Trail

White • 6.5 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Long single-track loop trail

Trailhead: First parking area on Deer Park Road.

Deer Path Trail is a long loop trail through the forested landscape surrounding Deer Park Pond. This large elevated section of the park is bounded by Interstate 80, Waterloo Road and Route 517.

Lake View Trail

Blue • 2.3 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Long single-track loop trail

Trailhead: End of Deer Park Road. **Lake View Trail** travels an eight-foot-wide gravel road around the south side of Deer Park Pond until reaching the spillway. The trail then narrows to 3 feet wide, turns north along the east side of the lake, and ends as it reaches Deer Path Trail.

Waterloo North Trail

Orange • 0.8 miles • Multiuse

Moderate to difficult • Moderate grade single-track trail

Trailhead: Deer Path Trail or Waterloo Road. **Waterloo North Trail** is a short trail connecting Deer Path Trail to Waterloo Road, half a mile west of the Interstate 80 overpass. The trail has a moderate grade along a narrow ravine.



Waterloo South Trail

Green • 0.5 miles • Multiuse

Moderate to difficult • Moderate grade single-track trail

Trailhead: Deer Path Trail or Waterloo Road. **Waterloo South Trail** is a short trail connecting Deer Path Trail to Waterloo Road. The trail has a moderate grade along a drainage area.

Stephens State Park Trails

These trails are located within Stephens State Park. See descriptions below for specific trailheads.

Blue Trail

Blue • 0.8 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Spur trail on forested hillside

Trailhead: South side of White Trail. **Blue Trail** starts just over a mile from the beginning of White Trail on the south side of it's loop. Blue Trail is a short section on a forested hillside that leaves from and returns to White Trail.

Green Trail

Green • 2 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Hilly forest road

Trailhead: End of Station Road. **Green Trail** follows a network of woods roads through the forest and along the power line corridor. Green Trail connects Fire Tower Trail and White Trail.

Orange Trail

Orange • 1.3 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Steep & rocky sections

Trailhead: Behind office at Stephens Day Use Area. **Orange Trail** makes a wide loop around forested hillsides.

Maze Trail

Pink • 1.9 miles • Multiuse

Easy • Flat loop trail through lowlands

Trailhead: North side of White Trail or Waterloo Valley Road. **Maze Trail** starts 1.75 miles from beginning of White Trail and makes a lollipop loop winding through relatively flat terrain with thick understory vegetation.

Fire Tower Trail

Purple • 0.6 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Short hilly loop trail to fire tower

Trailhead: End of Fire Tower Road. **Fire Tower Trail** is a short loop that leads up to the 95-Mile Lookout Fire Tower and a large clearing.

Red Trail

Red • 0.9 miles • Multiuse

Easy to moderate • Short loop trail near office

Trailhead: Stephens Day Use Area parking lot. **Red Trail** follows the Musconetcong River before turning into the forest to loop back to the parking area.

Red & White Trail

Red & white • 0.9 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Winds among small ridges

Trailhead: Red Trail near group shelter and picnic area. **Red & White Trail** begins and ends from Red Trail and makes a loop as it crosses small forested ridges.

White Trail

White • 6.8 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Long loop trail through challenging terrain

Trailhead: Red & White Trail or Orange Trail. **White Trail** travels through the forested landscape south of the Musconetcong River. White Trail also provides connection to Maze Trail, Green Trail and Blue Trail.

Yellow Trail

Yellow • 0.5 miles • Multiuse

Easy • Short loop trail

Trailhead: Stephens Day Use Area. **Yellow Trail** makes a small loop within the forested interior of Red Trail.

Allamuchy North Trails

The following trails are in the northeast area of Allamuchy Mountain State Park - north of Route 80 and west of Route 206. They are very popular for mountain biking. See descriptions below for specific trailheads.

Byram Trail

Gray • 1.5 miles • Multiuse

Easy • Gentle woods road

Trailhead: Sussex Branch Trail. **Byram Trail** leaves Sussex Branch Trail, travels along Jefferson Lake Road, then through the forest to connect with Drexel Drive on the west side of the park.

Ditch/Cardiac Trail

Purple • 2 miles • Multiuse

Moderate to difficult • Single-track loop trail across oak covered hilltop

Trailhead: Switchback Trail or Waterloo/517 Trail. **Ditch/Cardiac Trail** ascends a series of switchbacks in the first mile. The trail crests a ridge-top among scrub oak forest and descends on the southeast side to join Waterloo/517 Trail.

Iron Mine Trail

Blue • 1.6 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Rocky loop trail

Trailhead: Sussex Branch Trail about 1 mile from parking area. **Iron Mine Trail** is a short loop trail along a mix of single-track and double-track forest paths.

Pebble Trail

Yellow • 3 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Rocky and hilly trail along ridgeline

Trailhead: Waterloo/517 Trail about 0.3 miles from the Sussex Branch Trail. **Pebble Trail** is a scenic forested loop that travels along a ridgeline above the Musconetcong River. The trail overlaps with Waterloo/517 Trail. Along the ridgetop, visitors will encounter a large glacial erratic - a boulder known locally and ironically as the "Pebble".

Ranger Trail

Red • 2.6 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Challenging trail across hilly terrain

Trailhead: Sussex Branch Trail, 0.4 miles from parking area. **Ranger Trail** ascends hillsides in either direction to gain a hilltop. The single-track trail travels through hardwood forest with many log and rock crossings.

Switchback Trail

Orange • 2 miles • Multiuse

Easy • Flat trail along forest adjacent to road

Trailhead: Parking area on Stuyvesant Road. **Switchback Trail** contours along a hillside staying near Allamuchy Road. The terrain is relatively flat except for a short climb on south side.

Waterloo/517 Trail

White • 5.6 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Single-track trail across varied terrain

Trailhead: Sussex Branch Trail or Stuyvesant Road. **Waterloo/517 Trail** crosses a large section of the interior of Allamuchy Mountain State Park across forested hillsides and ravines. The trail varies in width with many short sections of moderate elevation change.

Waving Willie Trail

Green • 3.4 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Rocky single-track route

Trailhead: Cranberry Ledge Road. **Waving Willie Trail** starts from a residential road on the north side of Cranberry Lake and connects with Waterloo Trail and Sussex Branch Trail along rocky single-track.



Waterloo Village



Waterloo is nestled between Schooley's Mountain and Allamuchy Mountain in the Musconetcong River Valley. It is an authentic 19th century village that developed on the banks of the Morris Canal.

Buildings of Waterloo Village

1. Waterloo Village Historic Site Entrance
2. Waterloo Methodist Church and Parish House
3. Tenant House
4. Seymour Smith House
5. Smith Store
6. Blacksmith
7. Gristmill & Sawmill
8. Waterloo Hotel
9. Peter D. Smith House
10. Canal Museum
11. White Barn boat exhibit
12. Blue Barn
13. Rutan Cabin
14. Mule Barn
15. Visitor/Interpretive Center
16. Restrooms and JAM Weddings at Waterloo

Regional Trails

These trails are long distance trails that extend beyond the boundaries of Allamuchy Mountain State Park. See descriptions below for specific trailheads.

Highlands Trail

Teal diamonds • 10 miles (in Allamuchy) • Hiking

Moderate • Long distance, regional trail

Trailhead: Drexel Drive (east side) or Stephens Day Use Area (west side). **Highlands Trail** is a 150-mile, long-distance trail. Within Allamuchy, the trail travels through sections of forested and rocky highlands, and along the Musconetcong River. The trail also offers multiple scenic views on the north side of the river.

Sussex Branch Trail

Red • 3 miles (in Allamuchy) • Multiuse

Easy • Flat, wide rail trail

Trailhead: Parking area on north side of Waterloo Road, 3 miles (in Allamuchy) of the 20-mile-long **Sussex Branch Trail** starts at Waterloo Road and goes northwest to Cranberry Lake along an old railroad bed.

Towpath Trail/Morris Canal Greenway

Green & yellow • 7.3 miles (in Allamuchy) • Multiuse

Easy • Flat, wide rail trail

Trailhead: Route 665, Waterloo Village or parking pull-off on Continental Drive. **Towpath Trail** is a portion of the Morris Canal Greenway that traces a section of the historic canal along the Musconetcong River to Waterloo Village. A shorter segment of Towpath Trail continues along the canal towpath east of Continental Drive.

Mountain Bicycling

Mountain-bicycling is permitted on all multiuse trails and paved roads. Please follow IMBA guidelines as listed below.

Respect the Landscape Be a good steward, stay on the trail, don't ride muddy trails, ride through standing water (not around it), ride (or walk) technical features (not around them), try to Leave No Trace.

Share the Trail Yield to other non-motorized trail users, let other trail users know you're coming with a friendly greeting or a bell ring. Try to anticipate other trail users as you ride around corners.



Ride open, legal trails Respect trail and road closures and obey trail use markings. Stay on existing trails and do not create new ones.

Ride in Control Inattention for even a moment could put yourself and others at risk. Ride within your limits, be courteous, be careful around horses, and be in control of your bike at all times.

Plan Ahead Know your equipment, your ability and the area in which you are riding and prepare accordingly. Download a GPS trail app or carry a map. Keep your equipment in good repair and carry necessary supplies for changes in weather or other conditions. Always wear a helmet and appropriate safety gear.

Mind the Animals Don't disturb wildlife or other animals.

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The Interactive Trails
Map of NJ State Parks



TRAIL SENSE AND SAFETY

Trail Markings: Official trails are marked with colored blazes on trees. For your safety and habitat protection, please stay on the trails and do not 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.

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!

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

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 Stephens State Park Office. Visit the New Jersey DEP Fish & Wildlife at www.njfishandwildlife.com/bears for additional information on bear safety.

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

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Stephens Camping Area

Stephens Day Use Area

Waterloo Village

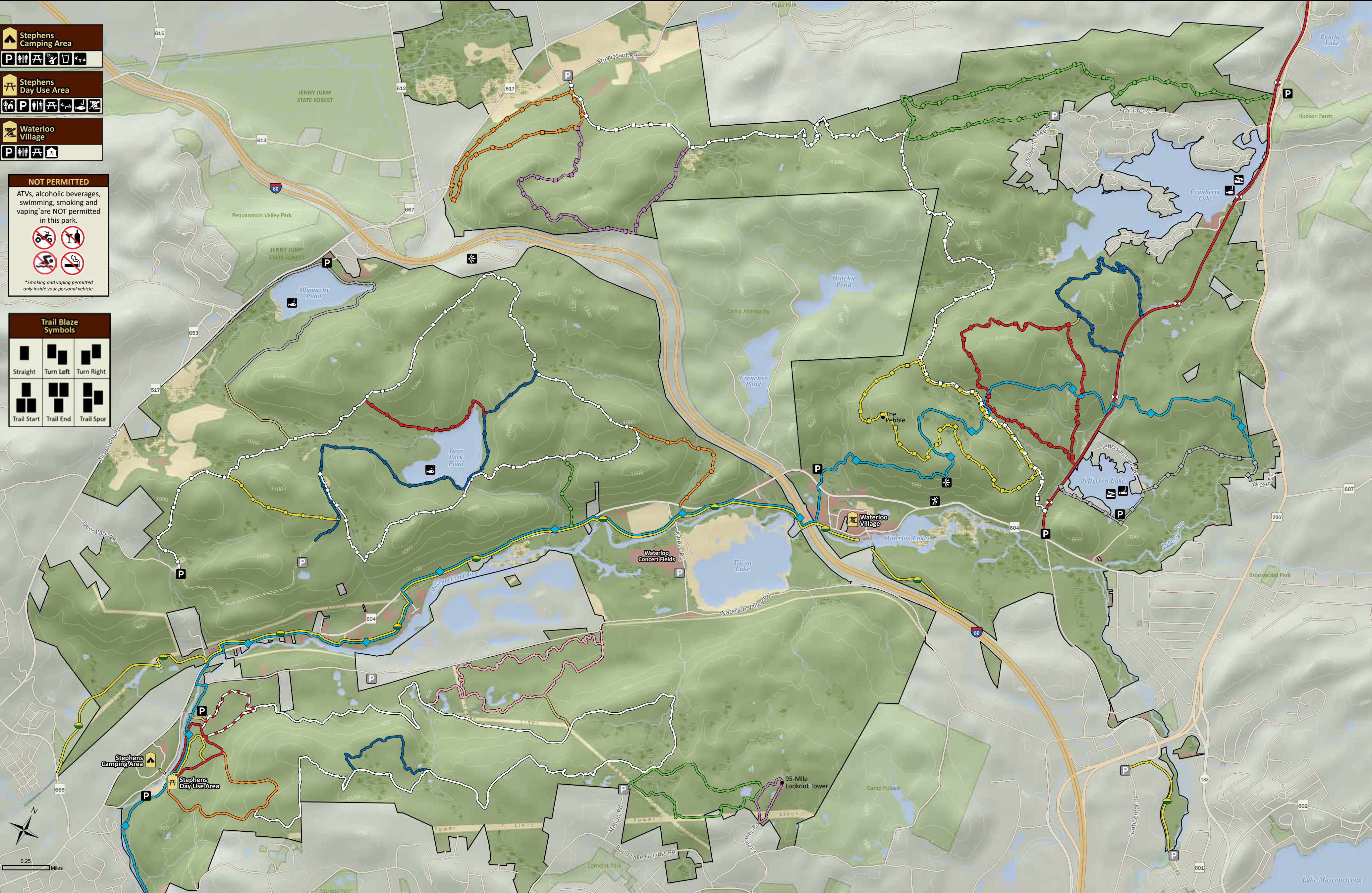
NOT PERMITTED

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

**Smoking and vaping permitted only inside your personal vehicle.*

Trail Blaze Symbols

Straight	Turn Left	Turn Right
Trail Start	Trail End	Trail Spur



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Field or Grass Forest Developed Area Water Wetland 	<p>Deer Park Trails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allamuchy Pond Trail (2.2 mi) Barberry Trail (0.8 mi) Birch Trail (0.7 mi) Deer Path Trail (6.5 mi) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake View Trail (2.3 mi) Waterloo North Trail (0.8 mi) Waterloo South Trail (0.5 mi) 	<p>Stephens State Park Trails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Trail (0.8 mi) Green Trail (2 mi) Orange Trail (1.3 mi) Maze Trail (1.9 mi) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire Tower Trail (0.6 mi) Red Trail (0.9 mi) Red/White Trail (0.9 mi) White Trail (6.8 mi) Yellow Trail (0.5 mi) 	<p>Allamuchy North Trails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Byram Trail (1.5 mi) Ditch/Cardiac Trail (2 mi) Iron Mine Trail (1.6 mi) Pebble Trail (3 mi) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ranger Trail (2.6 mi) Switchback Trail (2 mi) Waterloo/517 Trail (5.6 mi) Waving Willie Trail (3.4 mi) 	<p>Regional Trails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlands Trail (10 mi) Sussex Branch Trail (3 mi) Towpath Trail/Morris Canal Greenway (7.3 mi) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail Connector Boat Launch Drinking Water Fishing Historic Site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Museum Parking Lot Parking (Pull Off) Park Office Picnic Area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground Restrooms Rock Climbing Scenic View Shower
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