

## **TRAILS OF WAWAYANDA STATE PARK**

The trails of Wawayanda State Park allow for exploration throughout this diverse park. There are over 25 marked trails that cover more than 50 miles of varied terrain. All trails are well marked with color-coded and named markers.

### **Appalachian Trail**

*White • 9 miles • Hiking*

*Moderate to difficult • Historic scenic trail*

**Trailhead** Numerous entry points along the trail. The **Appalachian Trail (AT)** is a historic national scenic trail that extends from Georgia to Maine. The AT is well-marked and well-traveled, with numerous rocks, bridges, boardwalks, and changes in elevation.

### **Banker Trail**

*Green • 1.7 miles • Multi-use*

*Easy to moderate • Leads to unique swamp*

**Trailhead** Enter from Cherry Ridge Road. **Banker Trail** passes along the edge of Wawayanda Swamp Natural Area.

### **Bearfort Waters Trail**

*Yellow • 1.3 miles • Multi-use*

*Easy to moderate • Along a wide creek valley*

**Trailhead** From Old Coal Trail, 0.5 miles from Bearfort Mountain parking area. **Bearfort Waters Trail** travels an old road along the drainage area of Bearfort Waters Lake.

### **Bike Path**

*Black • 2.2 miles • Biking*

*Easy • Bike route along paved road*

**Trailhead** At park entrance. **Bike Path** follows paved road and gravel path to Wawayanda Lake. Beyond the campground road, the trail is only on the south side of the road.

### **Black Eagle Trail**

*Green • 0.75 miles • Multi-use*

*Easy • Short connector trail*

**Trailhead** South side of main road about 0.5 miles from park office. **Black Eagle Trail** is a single-track path through mixed hardwood and hemlock forest that connects to William Hoferlin Trail.

### **Boulder Garden Trail**

*Blue • 1.0 mile • Hiking*

*Moderate • Rocky terrain above lake*

**Trailhead** On Pumphouse Trail. **Boulder Garden Trail** is a short trail on the northwest side of Wawayanda Lake. Numerous large boulders dot the landscape.

### **Cabin Trail**

*Yellow • 1.0 mile • Multi-use*

*Easy • Along west side of park*

**Trailhead** Off Cherry Ridge Trail. **Cabin Trail** heads south on small road to the park boundary and into the Newark Pequonock Watershed Area.

### **Cedar Swamp Trail**

*Blue • 1.5 miles • Hiking*

*Easy to moderate • Boardwalks through swamp*

**Trailhead** On Double Pond Trail. **Cedar Swamp Trail** passes through the middle of the Wawayanda Swamp area, a unique Atlantic white cedar swamp.

### **Cherry Ridge Trail**

*Black & white • 2.2 miles • Multi-use*

*Easy • Gravel road through park*

**Trailhead** On Cherry Ridge Road. **Cherry Ridge Trail** is a gravel road that runs east-west through middle of the park. The trail is six to eight feet wide and allows access to many other trails.

### **Double Pond Trail**

*Yellow • 1.3 miles • Multi-use*

*Easy to moderate • Good connector trail*

**Trailhead** At Wawayanda Lake. **Double Pond Trail** travels west across park and allows access to many other trails in the central area of the park.

### **Iron Mountain Trail**

*Blue • 2.9 miles • Multi-use*

*Easy • Gravel road*

**Trailhead** Wawayanda Lake Day Use Area. **Iron Mountain Trail** runs north along the central region of the park through the Wawayanda Hemlock Ravine Natural Area to Iron Mountain Road.

### **Laurel Pond Trail**

*Yellow • 1.5 miles • Multi-use*

*Easy • Along forested hillsides above pond*

**Trailhead** At Group Campground. **Laurel Pond Trail** follows along a bench above Laurel Pond. Views of the pond can be seen between the trees and unmarked trails lead down to the pond's edge.

### **Little Bear Trail**

*Brown • 0.5 miles • Multi-use*

*Easy • Spur trail next to lake*

**Trailhead** On Wingdam Trail just past spillway. **Little Bear Trail** is a short spur trail off Wingdam Trail that contours the shoreline of Wawayanda Lake.

### **Lookout Trail**

*White • 1.0 mile • Multi-use*

*Easy to moderate • Access to Lake Lookout*

**Trailhead** On Cherry Ridge Trail near its midpoint. **Lookout Trail** is a forest road that changes to single-track along the north side of Lake Lookout.

### **Old Coal Trail**

*Red • 2.8 miles • Multi-use*

*Easy to moderate • Flat, even trail*

**Trailhead** Bearfort Mountain Natural Area parking lot on Clinton Road. **Old Coal Trail** ascends forested hillsides and ridges along an old road bed with intermittent open stands of grasses and boulders.

### **Pickle Trail**

*Green • 0.65 miles • Multi-use  
Moderate • Windy and rocky trail*

**Trailhead** On Lookout Trail on the west side of Lake Lookout. **Pickle Trail** is a narrow, windy path that contours along the sloping hillside of Lake Lookout and travels south to Turkey Ridge Trail.

### **Pines Trail**

*Green • 0.85 miles • Multi-use  
Moderate • Sloping uneven terrain*

**Trailhead** On the south side of the pipeline clearing. **Pines Trail** is single-track with dense vegetation, moderate slopes, and uneven rocky and rooted terrain. Trail connects to Turkey Ridge Trail.

### **Plymouth Trail**

*Red • 1.0 mile • Multi-use  
Moderate • Thick vegetation and boardwalks*

**Trailhead** On Double Pond Trail near eastern side of park. **Plymouth Trail** is a short, winding trail through hardwood and rhododendron thickets along the edge of Wawayanda Swamp.

### **Pump House Trail**

*Orange • 2.8 miles • Multi-use  
Easy to moderate • Mixed forest and lakeside terrain*

**Trailhead** On west side of parking lot at Wawayanda Lake. **Pump House Trail** travels the length of the lake, through marsh areas, mixed hardwood, and hemlock forests.

### **Rattlesnake Trail**

*Red • 0.5 miles • Multi-use  
Easy to moderate • Switchbacks and rocky ledges*

**Trailhead** On Turkey Ridge Trail. **Rattlesnake Trail** ascends a hillside on winding switchbacks then crosses rocky ledges, ending at the pipeline clearing.

### **Red Dot Trail**

*Red • 1.9 miles • Multi-use  
Easy to moderate • Moderate slopes*

**Trailhead** On the Double Pond Trail 0.5 miles from Group Campground. **Red Dot Trail** travels through hardwoods forests and marshland and connects to Cherry Ridge Trail.

### **Sitting Bear Trail**

*Orange • 1.5 miles • Multi-use  
Easy to moderate • Along east side of Wawayanda Lake*

**Trailhead** On Wingdam Trail. **Sitting Bear Trail** meanders through a mixed hardwood and conifer forest with rock mounds and lake views. The trail links to South End Trail.

### **South End Trail**

*Orange • 1.0 mile • Multi-use  
Easy to moderate • Great lake views*

**Trailhead** At southern end of Laurel Pond Trail. **South End Trail** travels along the southern end of Wawayanda Lake, crosses the Cherry Ridge Brook, and connects to Pumphouse Trail.

### **Timber Trail**

*Green • 0.65 miles • Multi-use  
Easy to moderate • Connector trail*

**Trailhead** On South End Trail. **Timber Trail** heads south to connect with Cherry Ridge Trail and meanders through a mature forest of mixed conifer and deciduous trees.

### **Turkey Ridge Trail**

*Green • 2.0 miles • Multi-use  
Easy to moderate • Elevation changes across ridges*

**Trailhead** On Cabin Trail near Cherry Ridge. **Turkey Ridge Trail** traverses through the southern portion of the park, winding through varying thick and open forest and crossing small ridge tops.

### **Twin Bridges Trail**

*Green • 1.2 miles • Multi-use  
Easy to moderate • Forested trail, crosses two bridges*

**Trailhead** On Red Dot Trail. **Twin Bridges Trail** travels through forested areas, ascends a ridge-top, then descends as it joins Cherry Ridge Trail.

### **William Hoferlin Trail**

*Blue • 3 miles • Multi-use  
Easy to moderate • Follows east boundary of park*

**Trailhead** At park office. **William Hoferlin Trail** travels south along the park's eastern boundary through hardwood and pine forests. To the north, the trail connects with the Appalachian Trail and Iron Mountain Trail.

### **Wingdam Trail**

*Blue • 1.2 miles • Multi-use  
Moderate • Elevation changes*

**Trailhead** On Double Pond Trail near Wawayanda Lake. **Wingdam Trail** travels along ridges between Wawayanda Lake and Laurel Pond, joining with Laurel Pond Trail.

## **TRAIL SENSE AND SAFETY**

**Be alert, be careful** Parks include natural hazards such as ticks and poison ivy. Horses and bicycles must stay on designated trails or roads; hikers are encouraged to stay on trails.

**Tick Protection** Bring insect repellent, wear light-colored clothing, tuck pants into socks, stay on trails, check yourself when you get home, shower and launder clothes immediately.

**Report** trail issues to Wawayanda Office (973) 853-4462.

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

## **Wawayanda State Park**

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