

BRENDAN T. BYRNE State Forest



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| Open Field or Grass | Wetland | Batona Trail (10 mi) | Lebanon Trail (10.7 mi) | Birding | Fire Tower | Parking Lot | Scenic View |
| Forest | Agricultural Wetland | Cranberry Dot Trail (2 mi) | Mt. Misery Trail (9.7 mi) | Cabins | Fishing | Picnic Area | Shelter |
| Developed Area | | Cranberry Trail (3.2 mi) | Pakim Pond Nature Trail (0.65 mi) | Campground | Forest Office | Playground | Shower |
| Water | | Glassworks Trail (8.4 mi) | Trail Connector | Canoeing | Group Campground | Restrooms | Trailer Sanitary Station |
| | | | | Drinking Water | Nature Center | Primitive Restrooms | |

TRAILS OF BRENDAN T. BYRNE STATE FOREST

Brendan T. Byrne State Forest has seven official trails covering more than 40 miles. Most of the trails are multiuse (for hiking, biking and horseback riding), two are hiking only, one is accessible and one is authorized for motorized use with road-legal vehicles. Please see the descriptions below and look for permitted uses on trailhead signs. An additional 50 miles of unmarked gravel and sand roads throughout the forest can be used by road-legal vehicles. The forest’s trails and roads wind through pine barrens habitats. These typically have sandy, acidic, nutrient-poor soil, but fascinating and unique ecology, a diverse spectrum of plants and animals, and consequential human history.

Batona Trail

Pink • 10 miles (in BTB) • Hiking
Moderate • Long distance hiking trail

Trailhead: Parking area, north of Route 644. **Batona Trail** is a 50-mile-long trail through the heart of the New Jersey Pinelands. Short for **BA-ck TO NA-ture**, Batona Trail traverses sections of Bass River State Forest, Wharton State Forest and Brendan T. Byrne State Forest. There are 10 miles of Batona Trail within Brendan T. Byrne. The trail travels southwest along the southern portion of the forest before heading south into the Franklin Parker Preserve.

Cranberry Dot Trail

White with red circles • 2 miles • Multiuse
Easy • Short lollipop loop trail near forest office
Trailhead: Forest office. **Cranberry Dot Trail** begins with Cranberry Trail. After a short distance, Cranberry Dot Trail splits off, looping southeast before turning north to rejoin Cranberry Trail. Turn left to get back to the office, or right to Pakim Pond (additional 2 miles). At the southernmost tip of Cranberry Dot Trail, there’s a small connector to Lebanon Trail.

Cranberry Trail

Red • 3.2 miles • Multiuse and accessible
Easy • Flat, wide, even trail

Trailhead: Forest office. **Cranberry Trail** is a multiuse trail that travels between the forest office and the Pakim Pond area. The trail is very flat with hardpacked gravel, four to six feet wide, and is accessible to hikers, cyclers and people using mobility aids. The trail travels through pine forest and marsh areas at the southern end of Reeves Cranberry Bogs and Lebanon Lake. Numerous interpretive signs along the trail explain the ecology and history of the area.



Glassworks Trail

Green • 8.4 miles • Multiuse
Easy to moderate • Sand roads and forest trails

Trailhead: Intersection of Lebanon Trail (Coopers Road) and Lebanon Road near the group camping area and restroom building. **Glassworks Trail** is a multiuse trail that follows sand roads around the southern portion of the forest. Most of the trail follows wide open roads, with occasional three-foot-wide paths through the pine forest.

Mount Misery Trail

White • 9.7 miles • Multiuse
Moderate • Very windy single-track
Trailhead: North side of Pakim Pond. **Mount Misery Trail** follows single-track for most of its length through typical pine barrens habitats of pine and oak forest. A few short sections of the trail are shared with Glassworks Trail. The trail intersects and crosses Lebanon Trail (a driving route) in many places. The west side of the trail travels through the middle of Reeves Cranberry Bogs. Mount Misery trail is narrow, winding and popular with mountain bikers.

Pakim Pond Nature Trail

Blue • 0.65 miles • Hiking
Easy • Short loop trail

Trailhead: Pakim Pond parking lot. **Pakim Pond Nature Trail** is a flat and easy loop trail through swamp, marsh and pine forest around Pakim Pond. This self-guided nature trail has many interpretive signs explaining the ecology of the area. An interpretive trail guide is available at the office. From the parking area at Pakim Pond, the trail makes a short loop south off Coopers Road through pine forest. Look for abundant blueberry bushes during summer. On the north side of the road, the trail makes a loop around Pakim Pond through a cedar swamp. The trail crosses Coopers Road, continues for 0.25 miles and returns to the parking lot and day use picnic area.

Trail for Motorized Use

The use of road-legal motorized vehicles is permitted on Lebanon Trail and more than 50 miles of sand and paved roads in the forest. Please follow speed restrictions and be aware that walkers, cyclists and horseback riders also use these roads and trails.

Lebanon Trail

Orange • 10.3 miles • Motorized & multiuse
Easy • Loop trail on paved and sand roads

Trailhead: Forest office. **Lebanon Trail** is a driving route that winds through the southwestern portion of the forest along paved and sand roads. The trail heads east from the office on Shinns Road, then Coopers Road, passing many important features like Lebanon Lakes, Reeves Cranberry Bogs, Pakim Pond, the camping area, nature center and stretches of pine and oak forest. Look for a large scenic view area on the northern portion of the loop with expansive views of the marsh and wetlands of Reeves Cranberry Bogs. Shortly after this, turn left (before the housing development) where the trail heads south on a sand road, or go through the development to Route 70.

Road-legal: Registered and insured for public roads (7:2-3.1).
ATVs are prohibited (7:2-3.2 [el]).

Mountain Biking

Mountain biking is permitted on all of the forest’s multiuse trails and paved roads. Please follow IMBA guidelines as listed below.

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

Share the Trail: Yield to other non-motorized trail users and 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, 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.

Visit International Mountain Bicycling Association at www.IMBA.com

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The Interactive Trails
Map of NJ State Parks



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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. Be aware of changing trail conditions.

Be Prepared: 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.

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.

Hunting: Sections are open to hunting. Bright orange clothing is recommended during hunting season. For more information, visit dep.nj.gov/njfw/

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 and take the waste with you.

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

Hours: Sunrise to sunset.

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 NJDEP Fish & Wildlife at dep.nj.gov/njfw/bears for additional information on bear safety.

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

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