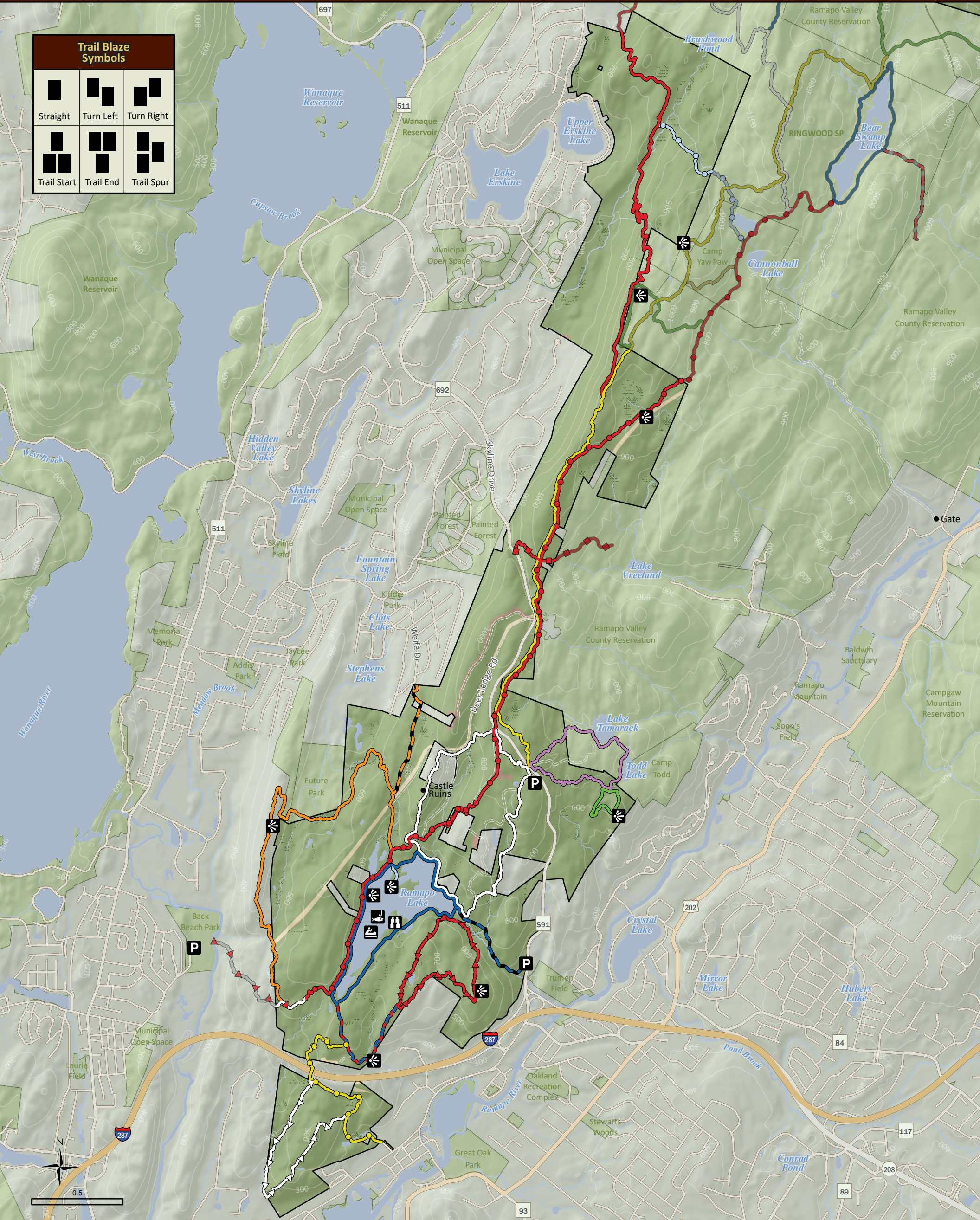


RAMAPO MOUNTAIN State Forest

Trail Blaze Symbols		



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|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Open Field or Grass | Cannonball Trail (4.8 mi) | Matapan Rock Trail (0.3 mi) | Tamarack Loop Trail (1.2 mi) | Birding |
| Forest | Castle Loop Trail (3.1 mi) | Pool Hollow Trail (1.3 mi) | Todd Loop Trail (0.6 mi) | Canoeing |
| Developed Area | Erskine Connector (0.5 mi) | Ramapo Lake Loop Spur Trail (0.11 mi) | Wanaque Ridge Spur Trail (0.7 mi) | Fishing |
| Water | Hoeflerlin Memorial Trail (2.7 mi) | Ramapo Lake Loop Trail (2.6 mi) | Wanaque Ridge Trail (3 mi) | Parking Lot |
| Wetland | Indian Rock Trail (0.3 mi) | Ramapo Lake Spur Trail (0.6 mi) | | Parking (Pull Off) |
| | LeGrande Hill Loop Trail (1.9 mi) | Ringwood-Ramapo Trail (3.2 mi) | | Scenic View |
| | LeGrande Hill Spur Trail (0.8 mi) | South Ridge Trail (1.5 mi) | | |

**TRAILS OF
RAMAPO MOUNTAIN STATE FOREST**
Ramapo Mountain State Forest includes 14 official trails, totaling more than 28 miles. Trails vary in length from less than 1 mile to 10 miles and many trails continue beyond Ramapo Mountain State Forest into adjacent County and State lands. Many multi-use trails are suitable for hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, and cross country skiing. Please obey all designated uses of the trails posted at trailheads and trail crossings.

Cannonball Trail
*Red • 4.8 miles (in Ramapo) • Multi use
Moderate • Primary trail through center of forest*
Trailhead Numerous points of entry throughout park. **Cannonball Trail** runs through the forest from south to north. From its starting point at the end of Indian Rock Trail, near the southern tip of Ramapo Lake, the trail continues north along the western shoreline of the lake. After leaving the lake, the trail ascends and crosses Skyline Drive before joining with Hoeferlin Memorial Trail. At the northern end, the trail passes to the west of Cannonball Lake and through an old camp with cabins and lodges. Cannonball Trail ends as it joins with Shore Trail in Ringwood State Park.

Castle Loop Trail
*White • 3.1 miles • Multi use
Moderate • Scenic loop to lake and Van Slyke Castle ruins*
Trailhead Upper parking area on Skyline Drive. **Castle Loop Trail** descends toward Ramapo Lake, following a lakeside fire road before ascending to scenic viewpoints near the ruins of a stone mansion overlooking Ramapo Lake, then returning to the parking area. The castle, known as Foxcroft or the Van Slyke Castle, was the family home of William Porter. It was built in 1910 and occupied until 1940, when it fell into ruin.

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Tamarack Loop Trail
*Purple • 1.2 miles • Hiking
Easy to Moderate • Short loop passes Lake Tamarack and Todd Lake*
Trailhead Across Skyline Drive from upper parking area. **Tamarack Lake Trail** is a short circuit hike covering portions of Ramapo Mountain State Forest and Ramapo Valley County Reservation and passing remnants of two Boy Scout camps near Lake Tamarack and Todd Lake.

Todd Loop Trail
*Green • 0.6 miles • Hiking
Easy to moderate • Forested road and trail*
Trailhead Lake Tamarack Trail from upper parking area on Skyline Drive. **Todd Loop Trail** is a short loop trail through hardwood forest leading to a viewpoint.

Wanaque Ridge Trail
*Orange • 3 miles • Hiking
Moderate • Follows ridgeline above reservoir*
Trailhead Indian Rock or Cannonball Trail. **Wanaque Ridge Trail** crosses small hills and drainages as it heads north to reach a higher ridgeline between Ramapo Lake and Wanaque Reservoir. Wanaque Ridge Trail continues along the ridgeline for 0.75 miles until turning sharply to the east then descending among smaller boulder ridges and drainages. The trail crosses a natural gas pipeline before ending at a junction with Cannonball Trail north of Ramapo Lake. The trail is also accessible via the 0.7-mile Wanaque Ridge Spur Trail from Wolfe Drive.



Ers kinase Connector Trail
*Light blue • 0.5 miles (in Ramapo) • Multi use
Easy to moderate • Connects major forest trails*
Trailhead Ringwood-Ramapo or Cannonball Trail. **Ers kinase Connector Trail** connects Ringwood-Ramapo Trail with Cannonball Trail, crossing ridgelines, then running south alongside a small lake.

Hoeferlin Memorial Trail
*Yellow • 2.7 miles (in Ramapo) • Multi use
Moderate • North/south corridor trail*
Trailhead Across from upper parking area on Skyline Drive. **Hoeferlin Memorial Trail** runs north along a major ridgeline between the Wanaque Reservoir (to the west) and the Ramapo River (to the east). Hoeferlin Memorial Trail also serves as a primary travel corridor with connections to many other trails in the forest and in Ringwood State Park.

Indian Rock Trail
*Red & white • 0.3 miles (in Ramapo) • Hiking
Moderate • Short connector trail from the west*
Trailhead Parking area at Back Beach Park. **Indian Rock Trail** leaves Back Beach Park, a Wanaque Borough park, and heads southwest, crossing to the east side of the Wanaque River and joining with Cannonball Trail south of Ramapo Lake.

LeGrande Hill Loop Trail
*Red • 1.9 miles • Hiking
Easy to moderate • Short loop around LeGrande Hill*
Trailhead Ramapo Lake Loop Trail, south of the spillway of Ramapo Lake. **LeGrande Hill Loop Trail** is a short loop trail southeast of Ramapo Lake. The trail follows a creek then winds through hillsides above the Ramapo River. The .8 mile LeGrande Hill Spur Trail connects the loop with Ramapo Lake Loop and Cannonball Trail at the southern tip of Ramapo Lake.

Matapan Rock Trail
*Red • 0.3 miles (in Ramapo) • Hiking
Easy • Short trail leading to overlook*
Trailhead Hoeferlin Memorial and Cannonball Trail. In Ramapo, **Matapan Rock Trail** begins from the shared section of Hoeferlin and Cannonball Trails approximately one mile north of the upper

Ramapo parking area on Skyline Drive. The trail to the west travels a short distance to large rock slabs overlooking Skyline Drive.

Pool Hollow Trail
*Yellow • 1.3 miles (in Ramapo) • Multi use
Moderate • Connects northern and southern sections of Ramapo*
Trailhead End of Pool Hollow Road. **Pool Hollow Trail** is primarily a connector trail linking the small southern section of the park to the main section via a pedestrian footbridge over Interstate 287. It connects with LeGrande Hill Spur Trail, which provides access to LeGrande Hill Loop and Ramapo Lake Loop Trails.

Ramapo Lake Loop Trail
*Blue • 2.6 miles • Multi use
Easy • Circuit hike around Ramapo Lake*
Trailhead Eastern tip of Ramapo Lake. **Ramapo Lake Loop Trail** follows a lakeside fire road along the scenic lake, popular with hikers and fisherman alike. The trail is accessible from the lower parking area on Skyline Drive via the 0.6 mile Ramapo Lake Spur Trail.

Ringwood-Ramapo Trail
*Red • 3.2 miles (in Ramapo) • Multi use
Moderate • Long connector trail to Ringwood State Park*
Trailhead Hoeferlin Memorial Trail. **Ringwood-Ramapo Trail** leads from the northern portion of Ramapo Mountain to Ringwood Manor. The section of trail within Ramapo Mountain State Forest is approximately 3.2 miles and follows a mix of single-track and forest roads.

South Ridge Trail
*White • 1.5 miles • Multi use
Moderate • Short trail above Ramapo River*
Trailhead A quarter mile from start of Pool Hollow Trail at Pool Hollow Road. **South Ridge Trail** climbs a rocky hill through hardwood forest to a high point and ridgeline. There are open views to the south over the Ramapo River valley. The trail continues along a ridge and begins to descend to join Pool Hollow Trail at the forest boundary, south of the pedestrian footbridge across Interstate 287.

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 Prepared: Consider bringing water, snacks, sunscreen, wear insect repellent and a hat. Dress for the weather. Tell someone where you plan to go and when you expect to return. Be aware of changing trail conditions.

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

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!

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.

Tick Protection: Use 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 park office. Visit the NJDEP Fish & Wildlife at dep.nj.gov/njfw/bears for additional information on bear safety.

Emergency Numbers
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