

STOKES State Forest

Steam Mill Camping Area

Lake Ocquittunk Camping Area

Haskins Group Camping Area

Kittle Field Day Use Area

Stony Lake Day Use Area

Shotwell Camping Area

Tillman Ravine Natural Area

Trail Blaze Symbols

Straight	Turn Left	Turn Right
Trail Start	Trail End	Trail Spur

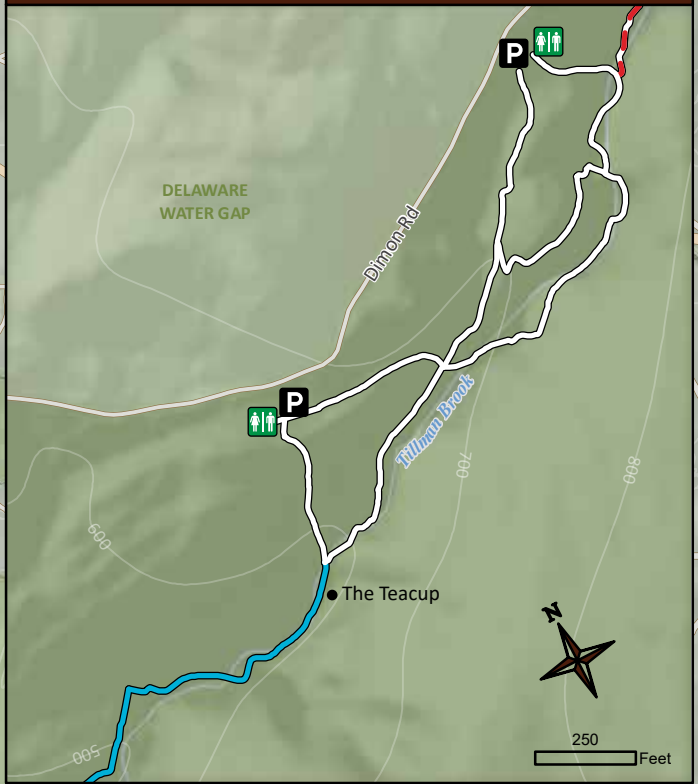
NOT PERMITTED

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

*Smoking and vaping permitted only inside your personal vehicle.



Tillman Ravine Natural Area Detail Map



Open Field or Grass
 Forest
 Developed Area
 Water
 Wetlands

Acropolis Trail (1.0 mi)
 Appalachian Trail (12 mi)
 Blue Mountain Trail (17.3 mi)
 Blue Mountain Connector
 Cemetery Trail (0.33 mi)
 Coursen Trail (1.5 mi)
 Criss Trail (2.2 mi)
 Deep Root Trail (1.2 mi)
 Geology Trail (1.0 mi)
 Ladder Trail (0.4 mi)
 Lead Mine Trail (0.7 mi)

Red Maple Trail (5.0 mi)
 Rock Oak Trail (1.5 mi)
 Shay Trail (1.5 mi)
 Silver Mine Trail (2.2 mi)
 Steffen Trail (1.8 mi)
 Stoll Trail (0.7 mi)
 Stony Brook Trail (2.8 mi)
 Stony Lake Trail (0.7 mi)
 Swenson Trail (3.7 mi)
 Tillman Ravine Trail (1.5 mi)
 Tinsley Trail (2.0 mi)
 Tower Trail (1.6 mi)

Accessible Facility
 AT Camp Shelter
 Boat Launch
 Cabins
 Campground
 Concession
 Canoeing
 Fishing
 Group Campground
 Lean-to
 Park Office
 Parking Lot
 Picnic Area
 Picnic Shelter
 Playground
 Restrooms
 Restrooms (Primitive)
 Scenic View
 Shower
 Swimming

Trailhead: One mile from Route 206 on north side of Sunrise Mountain Road. **Coursen Trail** is a gently sloping route along a hillside that connects with Stony Brook Trail near Stony Lake, encountering wetlands along the way.

Coursen Trail
Blue • 1.5 miles
Multiuse • Moderate

Trailhead: There are numerous places to enter Blue Mountain Trail. **Blue Mountain Trail** is a new and extensive loop created by incorporating existing trails, as well as short sections of new trail. The trail encircles the heart of the northern portion of Stokes State Forest. With so many connections to other trails, there are many opportunities to plan a hike of almost any length.

Blue Mountain Trail
Blue • 17.3 miles
Multiuse • Moderate

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

Appalachian Trail
White • 12 miles (in Stokes)
Hiking • Moderate

Trailhead: On south side of Route 206 across from Culvers Lake. **Acropolis Trail** is the steepest trail within Stokes with a continuous climb to the top of the Kittatinny Ridge. Views of nearby Culver Lake and the Pocono Plateau are spectacular.

Acropolis Trail
Gold & brown • 1.0 mile
Hiking • Difficult

TRAILS OF STOKES STATE FOREST
Stokes State Forest encompasses 16,447 acres of mountainous woodlands in the Kittatinny Mountains, from the southern boundary of High Point State Park to the eastern boundary of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. Stokes offers 24 marked trails for a total of over 62 miles. Many of the trails are multiuse (for hiking, biking and horse-back riding), but some, including the 12-mile section of the Appalachian Trail, are hiking only. Permitted uses are indicated on trail signage.

TRAILS

Stokes State Forest



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Trailhead: From Coursen Road, 0.4 miles from Stokes office. **Lead Mine Trail** runs from Coursen Road to the Blue Mountain Trail over generally level terrain. The trail includes an open clear-cut area from the mid-1980s.

Lead Mine Trail
Blue & gray • 0.7 miles
Multiuse • Easy

Trailhead: Access from Red Maple Trail on Woods Road. **Ladder Trail** is a steep trail that runs up the side of the Kittatinny Ridge to connect with the Appalachian Trail. Located in the remote southern end of the forest, mixed hardwoods, mountain-laural and blueberry are abundant.

Ladder Trail
Blue & gray • 0.5 miles
Multiuse • Moderate

Trailhead: This loop trail begins and ends from Tinsley Trail, downhill from Sunrise Mountain Road. **Geology Trail** is narrow and winds through an area of glacial landforms. Along the way, numbered posts correspond with an interpretive guide (available at the Stokes office) that explains the numerous points of geologic interest.

Geology Trail
Blue triangles • 1.0 mile
Hiking & interpretive • Moderate

Trailhead: Starts from Criss Brook Trail. **Deep Root Trail** follows a creek then climbs moderate slopes in a boulder-strewn hardwood forest. The trail levels out along the ridge-top and meets with upper reach of Decroat Road.

Deep Root Trail
Red & yellow • 1.2 miles
Multiuse • Moderate

Trailhead: Two access points on north side of Grau Road. **Criss Trail** is moderately sloped, moving along a boulder-strewn hillside. It follows an old road along a rocky stream bed. The trail loops from Grau Road near Cabin 12 to Grau Road near Forked Brook.

Criss Trail
Gray & teal • 2.2 miles
Multiuse • Moderate

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.

Hunting: Stokes State Forest is open to various hunting seasons year-round. Contact the forest office for more information. It is advisable to wear bright colored clothing (blaze orange recommended) that can be seen from all directions.

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

Report Trail Issues: 1-973-948-3820

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

Naismith's Rule: Allow one hour for every three miles length, plus an hour for every 2,000 feet of elevation changes. When walking in groups, calculate for the speed of the slowest person.

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Trailhead: South side of Dimon Road just past the Cook 4-H Camp. **Stoll Trail** is a relatively short and level trail with rhododendron thickets and large trees like beech, hemlock, white pines and oak.

Stoll Trail
Blue & gray • 0.7 miles
Multiuse • Easy

Trailhead: Parking lot on right, after turning onto Struble Road. **Steffen Trail** is moderately-sloped throughout its length along a low forested ridge. Most of the woodland is chestnut oak and contains evidence of a destructive hurricane which felled many trees in 1950.

Steffen Trail
Black & gray • 1.8 miles
Multiuse • Easy

Trailhead: Near the waterfall on Stony Brook Trail. **Silver Mine Trail** climbs a gently sloping hill then descends back into the creek to an old silver mine shaft used by the previous property owner, John Snook, in the late 1800s. The trail loops back to Blue Mountain Trail.

Silver Mine Trail
Orange • 2.2 miles
Multiuse • Moderate

Trailhead: South side of Dimon Road just past the Cook 4-H Camp. **Shay Trail** served as a fire control route in July 1966 when a major forest fire burned through 2,000 acres at the southern end of Stokes. The trail is moderately steep and rocky.

Shay Trail
Brown & yellow • 1.0 miles
Multiuse • Moderate

Trailhead: West side of Deckertown Turnpike, one mile from Crigger Road. **Rock Oak Trail** traverses a small ridge and passes an old logging deck. The trail highlights forest land in various stages of succession.

Rock Oak Trail
Blue & yellow • 1.5 miles
Multiuse • Easy

Trailhead: Parking lot off Struble Road for Lake Ashroe Recreation Area, or the upper parking lot at Tillman Ravine Natural Area. **Red Maple Trail** connects the Lake Ashroe Recreation Area with the unique Tillman Ravine Natural Area.

Red Maple Trail
Red maple leaf • 5.0 miles
Multiuse • Moderate to difficult

Stony Brook Trail

Brown • 2.8 miles
Multiuse • Moderate

Trailhead: Parking area at end of Kittle Road. **Stony Brook Trail** follows a small creek with waterfalls and continues to Kittle Field, Stony Lake and Sunrise Mountain Road. Stony Brook Trail is moderately steep and a good climb for those who wish the exercise. The trail crosses many areas of the park.

Stony Lake Trail

Blue & brown • 0.7 miles
Multiuse • Easy

Trailhead: From the playground at Stony Lake beach. **Stony Lake Trail** is a short, looped trail around the south side of Stony Lake. It provides good views and follows along the edge of the lake.

Swenson Trail

Red • 3.7 miles
Multiuse • Moderate

Trailhead: West side of Crigger Rd. **Swenson Trail** connects to and shares the path with Blue Mountain Trail through a section of forest that was clear cut in the last century. Over the last 90-100 years, natural succession has taken place leading to the mature forest of oaks and other hardwood trees seen here today.

Tillman Ravine Trail

White • 1.5 miles
Hiking only • Moderate

Trailhead: West side of Stokes, along Dimon Road. **Tillman Ravine Trail** is a looped trail between ridges and a ravine along Tillman Brook in the Tillman Ravine Natural Area. The ravine is a narrow red shale and sandstone gorge set among tall hemlock trees.

Tinsley Trail

Yellow • 2.0 miles
Multiuse • Moderate

Trailhead: Skellenger Road or Sunrise Mountain Road. **Tinsley Trail** connects the Blue Mountain Trail to Sunrise Mountain Road. It also provides access to the Geology Trail.

Tower Trail

Green • 1.6 miles
Multiuse • Difficult

Trailhead: On Sunrise Mountain Road, 1.5 miles from Route 206. **Tower Trail** leads uphill to Appalachian Trail with excellent view of rural Sussex County. It leads downhill from the trailhead to Stony Brook Trail.

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The Interactive Trails
Map of NJ State Parks



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