

Respecting the Environment

The trails at Lake Taghkanic State Park will take you through a fragile ecosystem, please respect this environment to which you are a visitor. We ask that you help us in preserving this beautiful setting by doing the following:

- Pack out everything that you bring in
- Do not disturb, deface, or remove any flora or fauna.
- Do not walk beyond the designated trail.

We appreciate your help in preserving this natural environment so that visitors will be able to enjoy it for many years to come.

Many Adventures

There are many additional ways to enjoy Lake Taghkanic State Park, including boating, sun bathing, swimming, and fishing. If you wish to extend your stay to see all the area has to offer you can either bring your tent and camp at one of our 60 campsites or rent a cabin or cottage to enjoy a quiet country vacation. Cabins and cottages can accommodate 1-8 people. Camping and cabin/cottage rentals are available from mid-May through late-October.

For Reservations:

Call: 1-800-456-CAMP (2267)

Online: www.reserveamerica.com

Lake Taghkanic State Park

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Trail System Information

The trail system at Lake Taghkanic State Park combines 4 separate trails to form a network that extends approximately 10.5 miles. Most trails can accommodate multiple uses (hiking, mountain biking, skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling). However, some areas along the Lake View Trail as well as the Fitness Trail are restricted to foot traffic. Below is a brief description of each trail.

Fitness Trail (FT) - Marked by Blue Disks:

The fitness trail is a gentle looping trail comprised of a regularly maintained grassy surface. This trail is ideal for a short walk. Total voyage time is approximately 30 to 45 minutes to complete the loop. Seasonal closures are common during the winter months and wet-weather season from location 19 to 6 (see map & descriptions). The overlook at the top of this trail provides for a great view of the lake, surrounding Taconic Hills, and the Catskill Mountains to the west.

Lake View Trail (LT) - Marked by White Disks

This trail is ideal for someone looking for a large variety of flora and fauna, as well as scenic view points. You can either loop the entire lake, or just hike a portion and turn back. The trail meanders near the shore of Lake Taghkanic. Areas of this trail require additional effort. Seasonal closures and re-routes are common during the winter and wet-weather seasons from location 1 to 3 and location 7 to 8 (see map & descriptions). This route makes for the perfect afternoon hike, as the average travel time to complete the loop approximately 2.5 to 3 hours.

Winter Trail (WT) - Marked by Orange Diamonds

If you are looking for an aggressive climb followed by an equally exciting descent this is the trail for you. While primarily used during the winter for a snowmobile detour, this trail is ideal for someone looking for a change in vertical feet, as it rises over 170'. There are a few areas that provide for great views of the lake and Berkshire Mountains to the east when the leaves are off of the trees during the winter.

Campground Loop (CL) - Marked by Green Disks

This trail goes deep into the most wild, undeveloped parts of the parks trail system.

Hiking



Enjoying your day out on the trail requires having the right gear and equipment. Before making your trip be sure to pack the following: a comfortable pair of waterproof boots, warm clothing (even the summer months can have cooler days), plenty of water, a compass, first aid kit, insect repellent, and of course a trail map. While hiking stay on the trail and avoid wandering off to undesignated areas. Your cooperation will ensure that the park will remain pristine and enjoyable for visitors for years to come.

Mountain Biking



Many of the trails at Lake Taghkanic are suitable for mountain biking, from the strolling hills of the Fitness Trail to the aggressive ascent on Winter Trail. While the wide knobby tires provide excellent traction they also can assist with erosion on the trail way. Proper mountain biking etiquette includes: avoiding wet areas, knowing your limits (when in doubt, walk it) and yielding to foot traffic

Winter Activities

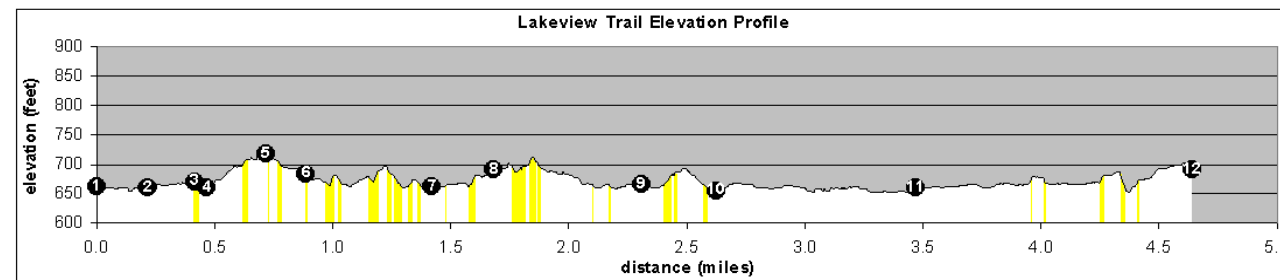
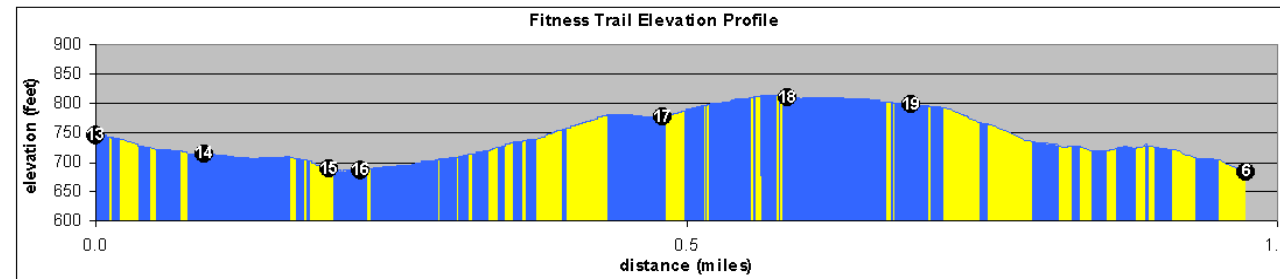
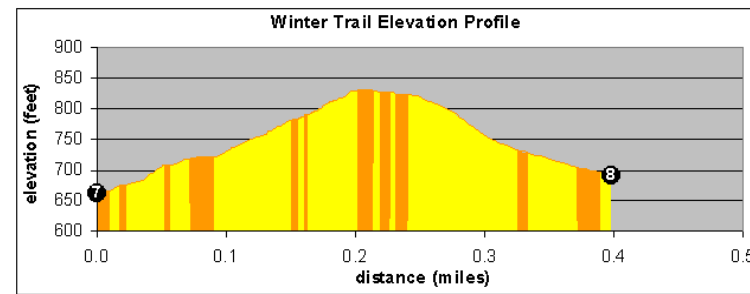
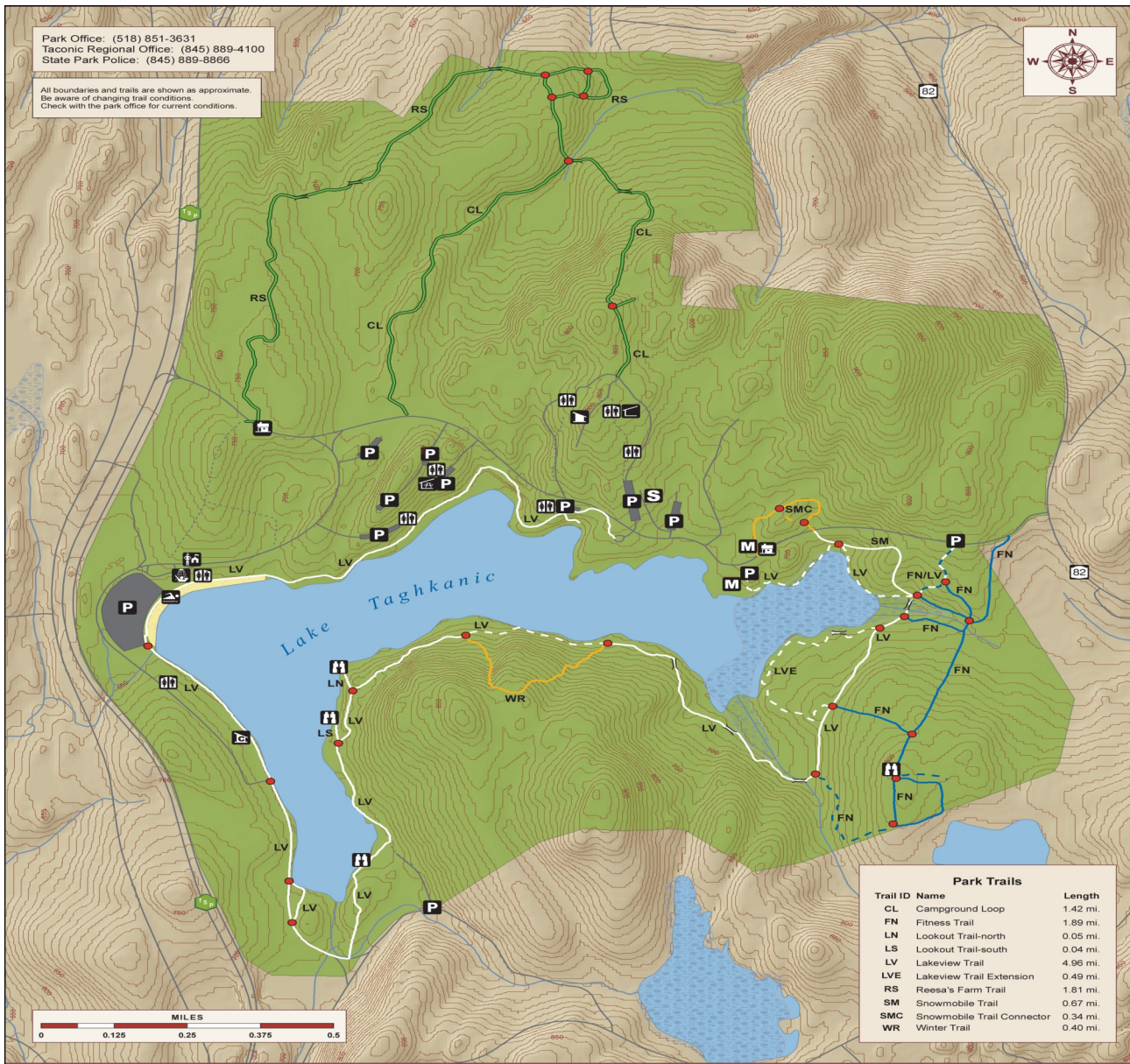


Winter is an excellent time of year to enjoy the outdoors. Typically a 6" snow pack opens up a whole world of outdoor wonder for winter enthusiasts trying to escape cabin fever. Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are excellent ways to enjoy the winter months. Before heading out be sure to pack warm clothes and dress in layers. Traveling through the backcountry during the winter is typically more time consuming than the summer months

Snowmobiling



Snowmobiling is allowed during the winter months on designated trails within the trail system as well as some of the picnic and day use areas. All snowmobiles must be registered with the NYS DMV and be insured. There must be a 6-8" snow pack before trails are available for snowmobiling. Snowmobilers are asked to use caution and yield to foot traffic as many of our trails are open for multiple uses.



- Profile & Description Information**
- Trail profiles and descriptions are valid for surfaces between both mapped locations.
 - Each profile is independent of scale to distance.
 - Trail conditions and designations can change without notice.
 - Variables such as weather conditions, and temporary obstacles such as fallen trees were not mapped.

Winter Trail—Multi Use
Min. elevation: 662.81' Max. elevation: 832.26'
This trail is denoted by orange diamonds

Location	Surface	Width	Description
7 to 8	Firm	72"	Aggressive

Lake View Trail—Multi Use
Min. elevation: 652.89' Max. elevation: 717.45'
This trail is denoted by white disks

Location	Surface	Width	Description
1 to 2	Firm	24"	Wet Seasonally
2 to 3	Soft	24"	Seasonal Detour
3 to 4	Soft	24"	Seasonal Detour

Fitness Trail—Multi Use
Min. elevation: 683.75' Max. elevation: 813.65'
This trail is denoted by blue disks

Location	Surface	Width	Description
13 to 14	Grass	84"	
14 to 15	Grass	84"	
15 to 16	Grass	84"	Wet/Seasonally
16 to 17	Grass	84"	Wet/Seasonally
17 to 18	Grass	84"	
18 to 19	Grass	84"	Wet/Seasonally
19 to 6	Firm	36"	Aggressive

Location	Surface	Width	Description
4 to 5	Grass	84"	
5 to 6	Grass	84"	
6 to 7	Firm	72"	Soft Areas
7 to 8	Firm	48"	Seasonal Detour
8 to 9	Firm	72"	
9 to 10	Firm	60"	Wet/Seasonally
10 to 11	Firm/Grass	84"	Easy Access
11 to 12	Firm / Paved	72"	Easy Access

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TRAIL MAP

Lake Taghkanic State Park

Map produced by NYS OPRHP GIS Bureau, April 16, 2014.

Legend

state park	parking	scenic view
water	park office	picnic shelter
wetland	contact station	cottage area
stream	camp store	cabin colony
10' contour	restrooms	recreation center
roads	beach	maintenance
trail	bathhouse	intersection
footpath		

Please be considerate of other park users.
Please report any accident/incident immediately to park staff.