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 • 6 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 the southern boundary of the forest, the trail crosses I-287 and continues north along the western shoreline of Ramapo Lake. Towards the middle of the forest, the trail crosses Hoefelin 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 Shreve Trail in Ringwood State Park.

Castle Point Trail
White • 1 mile • Hiking Moderate • Trail to Van Slyke Castle ruins Trailhead Deer LEDGE Road north of Ramapo Lake. Castle Point Trail travels along the ledges and ridges of a mansion overlooking Ramapo Lake. 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.

Erskine Connector Trail
Blue • 0.5 miles (in Ramapo) • Multi-use Easy to moderate • Connects Cannonball Trail Trailhead Ringwood Ramapo or Cannonball Trail. Erskine Connector Trail connects with the Ringwood-Ramapo Trail with the Cannonball Trail, crossing ridgelines, then running south alongside a small lake.

Hoefelin Memorial Trail
Yellow • 6.5 miles (in Ramapo) • Multi-use Moderate • Longest trail through forest Trailhead Numerous points of entry throughout forest. Hoefelin Memorial Trail is the longest trail through Ramapo Mountain State Forest. It runs along a major ridge between the Wanaque Reservoir (to the west) and the Ramapo River (to the east). Hoefelin Memorial Trail also serves as a primary trail 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.

Lookout Trail
Red • 1.8 miles • Hiking Easy to moderate • Shreve to around LeGrand Hill Trailhead Hoefelin Memorial Trail south of the spillway of Ramapo Lake. Lookout Trail is a short loop trail southeast of Ramapo Lake. The trail follows a creek then winds through hillsides above the Ramapo River.

MacEvoy Trail
Blue • 2.5 miles • Hiking Moderate • Trail to Ramapo Lake and west side of forest Trailhead Lower parking area on Skyline Drive. MacEvoy Trail heads west, climbing a steep and rocky cliff that comes from Ramapo Lake. The trail is two-to-four feet wide with many stepped rocks. The trail levels out after 0.25 miles and winds through forested ridges. As the trail reaches the lake, it becomes a gravel road along the lakeshore and continues north-east to Wolfe Drive on the west side of forest.

Matapan Rock Trail
Red • 0.3 miles (in Ramapo) • Hiking Easy • Short trail leading to lookout Trailhead Hoefelin Memorial and Cannonball Trail. In Ramapo, Matapan Rock Trail begins from the shared section of Hoefelin 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.

Schuber Trail
Orange • 0.9 miles • Hiking Easy • Trail leads to Lake Tamarack Trailhead East side of upper parking area on Skyline Drive. Schuber Trail heads northeast and downhill through forested hillsides into the drainage area of Lake Tamarack. Schuber Trail continues into Ramapo Valley Country Reservation.

Skyline Connector Trail
Red & white • 0.25 miles • Multi-use Easy • Short and rocky single-track Trailhead Upper parking area on Skyline Drive. Skyline Connector Trail serves as a short connector trail joining the upper Ramapo parking lot on Skyline Drive with Cannonball Trail on the east side of Deer Ledge Road.