Stoll Trail
Blue & gray • 0.7 miles • Multi-use • Easy
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.

Stony Brook Trail
Brown • 2.8 miles • Multi-use • Moderate
Trailhead Parking area at end of Kirle Road. Stony Brook Trail follows a small creek with waterfalls and continues to Kirie Field, Stony Lake, and Stony 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 • Multi-use • 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 • Multi-use • Moderate
Trailhead West side of Cregger 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.

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TRAILS OF STOKES STATE FOREST

Stokes State Forest encompasses 16,447 acres of mountainous woodlands in the Kittatinny Mountain range, the southern boundary of High Point State Park to the eastern boundary of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. Stokes offers 23 marked trails for a total of over 63 miles. Many of the trails are multi-use (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.

Acropolis Trail
Gold & brown • 1.0 mile • Hiking • Difficult
Trailhead On south side of Route 206 across from Calvers Lake. Acropolis Trail is the steepest trail within Stokes with a continuous climb to the top of the Kittatinny Ridge. Views of nearby Calvers Lake and the Pocono Plateau are spectacular.

Appalachian Trail
White • 1.2 miles • Hiking • Moderate
Trailhead Numerous entry points along the trail. The 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.

Blue Mountain Trail
Blue • 17.3 miles • Multi-use • 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.

Naisbith’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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Trail Markings Official trails in the state forest are marked with colored blazes or markers on posts or trees. Horses and bicycles must stay on designated trails or roads and hikers are encouraged to stay on trails. One blaze means to continue straight. Two blazes indicate that the trail makes a turn in the direction of the top blaze.

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

Lead Mine Trail
Blue & gray • 0.7 miles • Multi-use • Easy
Trailhead From Courson Road, 0.4 miles from Stokes office. Lead Mine Trail runs from Courson Road to the Blue Mountain Trail over generally level terrain. The trail includes an open cut-clear area from the mid-1980s.

Red Maple Trail
Red maple leaf • 5.0 miles • Multi-use • Moderate to difficult
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.

Rock Oak Trail
Blue & yellow • 1.5 miles • Multi-use • Easy
Trailhead West side of Deckerstown Turnpike, one mile from Cregger Road. Rock Oak Trail traverses a small ridge and passes an old logging deck. The trail highlights forest land in various stages of succession.

Shay Trail
Brown & yellow • 1.5 miles • Multi-use • Moderate
Trailhead South side of Dimon Road just past the Cook 4-H Camp. Shay Trail served as a fire control route in July 1960 when a major forest fire burned through 2,000 acres at the southern end of Stokes. The trail is moderately steep and rocky.

Silver Mine Trail
Orange • 2.2 miles • Multi-use • Moderate
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.

Steffen Trail
Black & gray • 1.8 miles • Multi-use • 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.