TRAILS OF WHARTON STATE FOREST

Wharton State Forest has 15 official trails totaling more than 110 miles. Trails vary in length, difficulty and use. Located in the heart of New Jersey’s Pinelands, Wharton State Forest is the largest tract of high-quality forest land in New Jersey State Park System, with more than 123,000 acres. Roughly half of the 50-mile-long Batona hiking trail is located within its boundaries. The trails pass through dry upland and wetland tessellations that typify the region. The terrain of the Pinelands is flat with some low hills; the soil is sandy and the vegetation varies from bogs to small patches of hardwood forest that develop along creeks and along the shore of the lake. Wildflowers such as mountain laurel, goldenrod, and asters can be found from May through mid-September. Several trails create networks of closed loop trails, offering an introduction to the Pineland’s varied landscapes. The trail is shared with Burnt Mill Trail along the route of the Batona Trail through Atlantic white cedar swamp along the Mullica River. Wildlife such as beaver, whitetail deer, great blue heron and red-tailed hawk are frequently observed in the area. The trail is linked to Batona by Beaver Pond Quaker Bridge Trail and Wilderness Camps Connector Trail.

Batsto White Trail

Huckleberry Trail

Penn Branch Trail

Oak Hill Trail

Batsto Blue Trail

The Burnt Mill Road trails follow a network of sand

Tom’s Pond Trail

Beaver Pond Quaker Bridge Trail

Buttonwood Camp Connector

Wharton State Forest

White • 4 mile loop • Hiking only

Easy • Sandy trail

The Burnt Mill Road trails follow a network of sand

Batsto Red Trail

Easy • 0.8 mile loop • biking only

The Burnt Mill Road trails follow a network of sand

Palomino Path is a 2.5 mile loop on sand

Batsto White Trail follows along the south shore of the lake. Wildflowers such as mountain laurel, goldenrod, and asters can be found from May through mid-September. Several trails create networks of closed loop trails, offering an introduction to the Pineland’s varied landscapes. The trail is shared with Burnt Mill Trail along the route of the Batona Trail through Atlantic white cedar swamp along the Mullica River. Wildlife such as beaver, whitetail deer, great blue heron and red-tailed hawk are frequently observed in the area. The trail is linked to Batona by Beaver Pond Quaker Bridge Trail and Wilderness Camps Connector Trail. Stunting near the south end of the lake is a spur trail of the Batona Trail that can be followed by taking Mullica River Trail to Wilderness Camps Connector Trail, offering a view of Batsto River from Quaker Bridge, then turning back via Beaver Pond Quaker Bridge Trail. A 1.2-mile-long loop trail can be followed by starting from either Mullica River Trail or Batsto Trail and using Wilderness Camps Connector Trail to link the two.

Batsto Blue Trail

Huddleberry Trail

New Trail

Batsto Blue Trail follows along the south shore of the lake. Wildflowers such as mountain laurel, goldenrod, and asters can be found from May through mid-September. Several trails create networks of closed loop trails, offering an introduction to the Pineland’s varied landscapes. The trail is shared with Burnt Mill Trail along the route of the Batona Trail through Atlantic white cedar swamp along the Mullica River. Wildlife such as beaver, whitetail deer, great blue heron and red-tailed hawk are frequently observed in the area. The trail is linked to Batona by Beaver Pond Quaker Bridge Trail and Wilderness Camps Connector Trail.

Batsto Red Trail follows along the south shore of the lake. Wildflowers such as mountain laurel, goldenrod, and asters can be found from May through mid-September. Several trails create networks of closed loop trails, offering an introduction to the Pineland’s varied landscapes. The trail is shared with Burnt Mill Trail along the route of the Batona Trail through Atlantic white cedar swamp along the Mullica River. Wildlife such as beaver, whitetail deer, great blue heron and red-tailed hawk are frequently observed in the area. The trail is linked to Batona by Beaver Pond Quaker Bridge Trail and Wilderness Camps Connector Trail.