TRAILS OF RINGWOOD STATE PARK

There are 18 official trails within the park, totaling nearly 40 miles. Many trails begin near Ringwood Manor, Skylands Manor, or Shepherd Lake, and extend into the park. Each area has short trails that allow for exploration of these attractions, and longer trails that explore the surrounding area. Trails are well marked with colored blazes.

Cannonball Trail
Red • 0.6 miles (in Ringwood) • Multi-use Moderate • Connects to Ramapo Mountain State Forest Trailhead: Shore Trail on south side of Bear Swamp Lake. Cannonball Trail travels south from Bear Swamp Lake and continues into Ramapo Mountain State Forest.

Cooper Union Trail
Yellow • 4.7 miles • Multi-use Moderate • Leads to scenic view of Wanaque Reservoir Trailhead: Stubborn Road on north side of the park. Cooper Union Trail is a lollipop loop trail that begins approximately 0.5 miles north of Ringwood Manor on Stubborn Road. The trail heads south through forested hills. Near its southern end, the trail diverges to the left and right to make a loop. At the end of the loop, there is a scenic view of Wanaque Reservoir.

Crossover Trail
White • 7 miles • Multi-use Moderate • Trail across park Trailhead: Parking area near Carriage Barn. Crossover Trail heads southeast across the park and ends at Cannonball Trail. Along the way, the trail passes by Skylands Manor and provides access to many other trails within the park. A short detour of Crossover Trail north of Skylands Manor is under construction.

Cupsaw Brook Trail
Light blue • 1.4 miles • Multi-use Moderate • Cupsaw Brook Trail follows creek drainage Trailhead: Cooper Union Trail. Cupsaw Brook Trail follows a small drainage downhill towards Cupsaw Lake. The trail heads east along the shoreline on single-track and then descends into a ravine. As the trail continues, it follows the creek drainage and joins Ringwood-Ramapo Trail for a short distance.

Five Ponds Trail
Pink • 4.8 miles • Multi-use Easy to Moderate • Long loop trail through Skylands area Trailhead: Skylands Parking Lot C. Five Ponds Trail follows mostly woods roads on a circuit of five of the Skylands area’s ponds - Gatun, Gullah, Baskerville, Glassmire and Swan Pond.

Halifax Trail
Green • 0.4 miles (in Ringwood) • Hiking Moderate • East-west trail across park Trailhead: Five Ponds Trail east of Glasmere Ponds. Halifax Trail is a hiking-only trail that crosses Ringwood in an east-west direction. The trail begins on single-track and ascends switchbacks to gain a ridgeline. As it continues east, Halifax Trail crosses numerous other trails and leads into Ramapo Valley County Reservation.

Hasenclever Iron Trail
Yellow • 1.6 miles • Multi-use Easy • Cross country woods road explores history of iron works Trailhead: Ringwood Manor. Hasenclever Iron Trail follows an old woods road that connected the ironworking operations at Long Pond Ironworks State Park and Ringwood State Park. There are interpretive signs and waypoints along the trail that describe the history of iron work in the area.

Hewitt Connector Trail
White • 1 mile • Multi-use Easy • Short loop trail Trailhead: Ringwood Manor parking lot past playground area. Hewitt Connector Trail links the parking lot with the north end of Manor Trail. The trail follows single-track and then widens to double-track as it meets with Manor Trail.

Hoeferlin Memorial Trail
Yellow • 2.4 miles (in Ringwood) • Multi-use Moderate • Connects to Ramapo Mountain State Forest Trailhead: Numerous access points throughout the park. Hoeferlin Memorial Trail is a long trail connecting to Ramapo Mountain State Forest. The trail ascends from Bear Swamp Lake, reaches a ridgeline and turns south. Hoeferlin Memorial Trail continues south along a primary ridgeline between the Wanaque Reservoir (to the west) and Ramapo River (to the east).

Manor Trail
Blue • 2.8 miles • Multi-use Easy • Short loop trail above Ringwood Manor Trailhead: Ringwood Manor. Manor Trail follows a mix of gravel road and single-track path past Sally’s Pond and a colonial-era cemetery then loops through the forested hillside above Ringwood Manor.

Mountain Bike Trail
Brown & silver • 7 miles (in Ringwood) • Multi-use Moderate • Loop trail on forest roads across varied terrain Trailhead: Ringwood - Ramapo Trail. Mountain Bike Trail is a long loop trail on a network of woods roads through the hilly landscape of Ramapo Mountain. The trail passes many small ponds as it makes its loop to return to Shepherd Lake.

Pierson Ridge Trail
Blue • 1 mile • Multi-use Easy • Scenic forest road along ridgeline Trailhead: Pierson Ridge Trail (north end) or Ringwood - Ramapo Trail (south end). Pierson Ridge Trail follows a wide and flat woods road along a ridgeline until it intersects with Crossover Trail.

Ringwood - Ramapo Trail
Red • 5.1 miles (in Ringwood) • Multi-use Moderate • Long trail to Ramapo Mountain State Forest Trailhead: Parking area near Ringwood Carriage Barn. Ringwood-Ramapo Trail leads from the northern section of Ringwood State Park towards the east, then south into Ramapo Mountain State Forest. The trail follows a mix of single-track path and forest roads.