

ROUND VALLEY Recreation Area



Day Use Area	
Round Valley Beach Area	

- Open Field or Grass
- Forest
- Developed Area
- Water
- Wetland
- Restricted Area
- Boat Launch
- Campground
- Concession
- Drinking Water
- First Aid
- Fishing
- Hike & Bike Trail (0.7 mi)
- Pine Tree Trail (0.8 mi)
- Water Trail (1.5 mi)
- Beach Promenade (0.6 mi)
- Campground Trail (3.5 mi)
- Cuschetunk Trail (8.4 mi)
- Park Entrance
- Picnic Area
- Picnic Shelter
- Playground
- Parking Lot
- Park Office
- Primitive Restrooms
- Restrooms
- Scenic View
- Showers
- Sledding
- Swimming
- Visitor Contact Station



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State of New Jersey
Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Parks and Forestry
State Park Service



Hunting
Waterfowl hunting, deer bow hunting, and deer shotgun hunting are permitted on a seasonal basis within specific areas of the park. Waterfowl hunting is permitted by boat only. Please contact the park office for more information. Hunting is subject to New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife regulations.



Fishing
There are more than twenty species of fish inhabiting Round Valley Reservoir, including largemouth and smallmouth bass. Round Valley has an abundance of lake trout. Rainbow trout are stocked annually. The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife manages the reservoir as trophy trout lake. Round Valley Reservoir has special fishing regulations; anglers must follow the posted signs that apply. Fishing is subject to New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife regulations.

Scuba and Skin Diving
Water clarity and rich aquatic life make Round Valley Reservoir one of the best freshwater lakes in New Jersey for scuba and skin diving. All divers are required to register at the park office, have a dive buddy, inflatable vest and a dive flag. Diving is permitted from April 1 through October 31 depending upon water conditions. Scuba divers must be certified. Divers are required to check-in prior to a dive, check-out after each dive and comply with diving hours.

Winter Activities
There is a sledding hill located near the park office and cross-country skiers use the snow-covered trails and slopes throughout the park. Ice skating is not permitted. Ice boating and fishing are permitted.



Volunteering
Volunteers to maintain and improve Round Valley Recreation Area are welcome. For further information, please contact the park office.

Be Bear Aware
Black bears are found throughout New Jersey. Do not approach or attract bears by making food available. Feeding bears is dangerous and illegal. Never run from a bear! To report an aggressive bear, call 1-877-WARN-DEP (1-877-927-6337) immediately. Please report any damage or nuisance behavior to the park office. Visit the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife at www.njfishandwildlife.com for additional information on bear safety.

Keep It Clean and Green
Bring a bag or two and carry your trash out with you. Trash cans are not provided. Don't forget to recycle!

Pets
Pets must always be on a leash no longer than six feet in length and under the control of the owner at all times. Please clean up after your pets.

NOT PERMITTED
ATVs, alcoholic beverages, smoking and vaping* are NOT permitted in this park.



*Smoking and vaping permitted only inside your personal vehicle.

Emergency Numbers
1-877-WARN-DEP (1-877-927-6337) or 911.

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1220 Lebanon-Stanton Road
Lebanon, NJ 08833-3115
908-236-6355

Directions: From East: Route 78 West to Exit 20A. At the traffic light turn right for 22 West. Cross Route 22 taking Round Valley Access Road. Park entrance is approximately 2 miles on the left. **From Trenton:** Take Route 31 North to Route 618 and turn right. At stop sign, turn left onto County Route 629 (Lebanon-Stanton Rd.) Park entrance is approximately 3 miles on the right.

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CONTACT INFORMATION
NJ PARKS AND FORESTS.ORG
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Trails
Round Valley has four official trails: Cushtunk Trail (red) that provides access to the campsites from the parking area; Pine Tree Trail (green); Hike and Bike Trail (white); and, Water Trail (blue). All trails begin from the south parking lot. Trails are open year-round. An old woods road serves as Campground Trail (yellow), which begins from Cushtunk Trail three miles from the south parking lot. Campground Trail provides access to the campsites along the south and east sides of the lake.

The 8.4-mile-long **Cushtunk Trail** and the 3-mile-long **Campground Trail** are multi-use trails. The Cushtunk Trail traverses Cushtunk Mountain and passes through both open and heavily wooded areas. The trail surface is rugged, rocky and steep in places which makes it more suitable for experienced hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders. **Users must follow the same trail back since it has no outlet or connection.**

Pine Tree Trail and Bike Trail are loop trails, each approximately one mile long. They pass through pinewoods and are ideal for young children, birdwatchers and seniors. Pine Tree Trail connects the day use area with the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife property. **Water Trail** does not make a loop, but you may connect to Pine Tree Trail at the end of Water Trail by going up the hill left of the gate at the impoundment dike. Water Trail is approximately two miles roundtrip.

Day visitors should plan their trail activities so they will be out of the park by closing. For safety and habitat protection, visitors are reminded to stay on the trails, not alter trail markings or create new ones. Fires are not permitted along the trails. Pets must be leashed at all times and owners are responsible for picking up after their pets. Drinking water is available April 1 through October 31 along Campground Trail.

Access for Persons with Disabilities
Round Valley Recreation Area's day use facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Beach wheelchairs for the beach area are available at the first-aid station during the swimming season. Please contact the park office for further information regarding special disability access needs. Text telephone (TTY) users, call the NJ Relay & CapTel Service at 711 or 1-800-852-7897 for English or 1-866-658-7714 for Spanish.

HISTORY
To meet the increasing demand for water and recreational facilities, the New Jersey Legislature enacted the 1958 Water Supply Law and its companion Water Bond Act. Through this legislation, water was to be conserved and effectively managed. This resulted in the construction of Round Valley Reservoir and eventual completion of the recreation area, which was opened to the public in the spring of 1977. An earth dam was constructed across a narrow finger of water along the west side of the reservoir to form the swimming area, separating it from the main part of the reservoir. The level of water in the swimming area is not affected by the raising and lowering of the water in the reservoir.

In 1966, parks and forestry personnel, along with 225 boy scouts, planted 6,000 pine trees on five acres of land as part of a reforestation program at Round Valley. The program continued over the next few years.

FEATURES & ACTIVITIES
Round Valley Reservoir covers 2,350 acres and is more than 180 feet deep. It has a water capacity of 55 billion gallons. The 1,288-acre recreation area includes a swimming area, picnic facilities and wilderness campsites. The clear waters of the reservoir offer a variety of recreational activities throughout the year. The Cushtunk Mountain, lying on a bed of igneous rock in Round Valley at the east end of the lake, rises 500 feet above the shoreline and 834 feet above sea level.

Swimming
Swimming is permitted, while lifeguards are on duty, from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. The beach area includes changing rooms, restrooms, showers, a first-aid station and a concession building where food and beach supplies may be purchased. Inner tubes, rafts and other flotation devices are not permitted in the swimming area. Only U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets are allowed. There are two playgrounds and volleyball nets on the beach. Grilling is not permitted in the beach area. Pets are not permitted on the sand.



Picnicking
There are three picnic areas within the recreation area. The north and east picnic areas are located on tree-shaded grassy spots at each end of the beach; the west picnic area is on a hill overlooking the reservoir and the park. Each offers picnic tables, grills, restrooms, restrooms and playgrounds. Round Valley's 77 family and eight group wilderness campsites are open from April 1 through October 31. Campsites are three to six miles from the south parking lot and can only be reached by foot or bicycle down a steep and

Boating
A boat launch, administered by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, is located north of the day use area. Launching is permitted with the ownership of a current fishing, hunting and/or trapping license or boat launch permit. Please contact the park office, or the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife at 908-735-8793, for further information. Sailboats, canoes and motorboats (up to 10 horsepower) are permitted. The launch in Round Valley's day use area is only for campers boating to their site. Round Valley has white, flashing wind warning lights on the north dam, south dam, public boat launch and at the center of the campgrounds. **The lights flash when the sustained wind speed on the reservoir reaches 25 miles per hour at which time all boaters must clear the reservoir or beach at the nearest shoreline.** To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience, boaters should read the signs posted at the boat launch. A U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) is required for each person on board a watercraft. Boaters in vessels under 14 feet or in a canoe, kayak, inflatable boat or sailboat must wear their PFD.



rugged trail or by boat. Each site is a secluded clearing in the woods with a fire ring. All sites are pet friendly. When available, drinking water hand pumps are located at the north and south end of Campground Trail. Primitive restrooms are available along the trail. Advanced reservations can be made at camping.nj.gov. Same day reservations can be made at the park office. **All campers must check-in at the park office prior to 4 p.m.**