

INTRODUCTION

The rugged areas of northern New Jersey have a reputation for history, picturesque landscapes and outdoor recreation opportunities. Allamuchy Mountain & Stephens State Parks are prime examples of this combination of culture, scenery and activities. These parks comprise 9,600 acres located between Hackettstown and Cranberry Lake in Morris, Warren and Sussex Counties.

Allamuchy Mountain State Park is located three miles north of Hackettstown between Willow Grove/Waterloo Road (Route 604) on the east, Route 517 on the west and Cranberry Lake (Route 206) on the north.

Stephens State Park lies along the Musconetcong River and is located 1.5 miles north of Hackettstown on Route 604 (Willow Grove Street) or seven miles west of Route 206 on Route 604, also known as Waterloo Road. The office for both parks is located in Stephens State Park.

HISTORY

Allamuchy Mountain inherited its name from the first inhabitants of the area - the Lenape. The leader of this particular settlement was Chief Allamuchahokkingen, whose name means “place within the hills.” This same name was given to the first settlement in 1715. Allamuchahokkingen was later shortened to Mamuchahoken and then in 1737 to Allamucha.

The majority of the land that composes Allamuchy Mountain State Park was part of the Rutherford and Stuyvesant estates. These families are the direct descendants of Peter Stuyvesant, the last governor of New Amsterdam. In the early 1970s, the state of New Jersey purchased this property with Green Acres bond funds.

Within Stephens State Park is a portion of the Morris Canal. The original canal was 90 miles in length and ran from Jersey City to Phillipsburg. During the 1800s, coal was in great demand for northern New Jersey iron industries and the Morris Canal was the primary means of transporting coal and iron across the state. With the development of the Morris and Essex Railroad in the late 1800s, coal could be delivered in only eight hours compared to the canal’s five-day trip. The canal could not compete with the railroad and was eventually abandoned. The state of New Jersey received Lake Hopatcong, Lake Musconetcong and the canal corridor from the Morris Canal and Banking Company in 1922. Today, remains of the old canal can be seen at Waterloo Village and Saxton Falls Dam and at the north end of Liberty State Park.

FEATURES AND ACTIVITIES



Allamuchy Natural Area
This area is a patchwork of different natural habitats with 15 miles of trails criss-crossing over the land. From these trails, visitors have an excellent opportunity to view the beauty of mixed oak hardwood forests, hemlock-spruce forests, successional fields, lush swamp hardwood forest and northern marshland.

Saxton Falls - Less than one mile upstream from Stephens State Park, Saxton Falls contains the remains of one of the Morris Canal’s 28 locks with a section of the old canal’s towpath. This area was acquired when the Morris Canal was abandoned in 1922. In addition to being an interesting spot for historians, this part of the Musconetcong River also contains some excellent trout pools for fishing.

Fall and Winter Activities
For many visitors, fall is one of the most beautiful seasons of the year and activities such as hiking, picnicking, fishing and

camping are enhanced by a great array of colors that nature brings to the Allamuchy Mountains.

When winter conditions are favorable, visitors can enjoy ice fishing, cross-country skiing, winter hiking and snowshoeing. Inquire at the park office for fall and winter conditions. **Snowmobiles are not permitted in the park.**

Waterloo Village - Located along the banks of the Morris Canal on the Musconetcong River, Waterloo Village allows visitors to experience the history and growth of an area, from the replica of a 400-year-old Lenape (Delaware) Village to a bustling port along the once prosperous Morris Canal.

The Morris Canal opening in 1831 resulted in the formation of the Village of Waterloo, an inland port with a guard lock and one of 23 inclined planes. Soon a grist mill, saw mill, stagecoach inn and tavern, general store, school and church emerged to serve the growing number of residents and passing boatmen. The prominent family of this community, the Smith family, built most of the structures that still stand today.



Picnicking
Picnic sites are available at Stephens State Park along the scenic Musconetcong River and at the upper picnic area.

A group picnic shelter may be reserved for a fee. Charcoal grills, tables and restroom facilities are provided. Playground equipment and a small open playfield are available nearby. Charcoal fires must be confined to metal grills that are provided at the site, or to grills brought by the picnicker. Wood fires are not permitted.

Fires are not permitted in Allamuchy Natural Area.



Camping
Family campsites are located in an attractive wooded area of Stephens State Park and are available from April 1 through October 31. Each site has a fire ring, picnic table and space for a tent, small tent trailer or small recreational vehicle. Camping facilities include restrooms, showers, drinking water and a playground for children. Advanced reservations can be made at camping.nj.gov.



Trails
More than 36 miles of trails await the avid hiker or casual walker in Allamuchy Mountain & Stephens State Parks. A three-mile section of the Sussex Branch Trail, a former railroad converted for trail use, crosses through the northern part of Allamuchy Mountain State Park. The Jersey Off-Road Bicycle Association (JORBA) provides trail maintenance to keep these trails open for hiking, biking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and dog sledding.

All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) are not permitted in the park.



Hunting & Fishing
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Mountain & Stephens State Parks provide excellent fishing opportunities. During the spring and fall, the NJDEP Fish & Wildlife stocks the Musconetcong River with brown, rainbow and brook trout. Deer Park Pond, Allamuchy Pond, Jefferson Lake and Cranberry Lake offer warm water species such as largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish, perch and pickerel. During the winter months, both perch and pickerel are caught through the ice. More than 470 acres are open to hunting at Stephens State Park, along with parts of Allamuchy Mountain State Park. Hunting is not permitted in New Jersey state parks and forests on Sundays. Fishing and hunting are subject to NJDEP Fish & Wildlife regulations dep.nj.gov/njfw/.



Rock Climbing

The rock climbing area is located near Waterloo Village on Waterloo Road. A waiver is required. Contact the park office for specific information.



Boating/Canoeing/Kayaking
Cranberry Lake, located along Route 206, is a popular spot for boating, fishing and ice fishing. A boat ramp is available for public use. There is an overflow parking area for boat trailers. Private boat rentals are available at Cranberry Lake from sunrise to sunset during the summer months. There also is a public boat launch located at Jefferson Lake.

Kayaking and canoeing are popular on a three-mile stretch of the Musconetcong River from Route 80 to the dam at Saxton Falls.



Access For People With Disabilities

Allamuchy Mountain & Stephens State Parks recreational facilities are partially accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact the park office for further information regarding 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.



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 NJDEP Fish & Wildlife at dep.nj.gov/njfw/bears for additional information on bear safety.



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 and take the waste with you.



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!

NOT PERMITTED

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



*Smoking and vaping permitted only inside your personal vehicle.

To report an emergency or suspicious activity, call 1-877-WARN-DEP (1-877-927-6337) or 911.



ALLAMUCHY MOUNTAIN & STEPHENS STATE PARKS
800 Willow Grove Street
Hackettstown, NJ 07840
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Directions: Willow Grove Street (Route 604), 2 miles east of Hackettstown or 7 1/2 miles west of Route 206 on Waterloo Road (Route 604). The park entrance is on the right.



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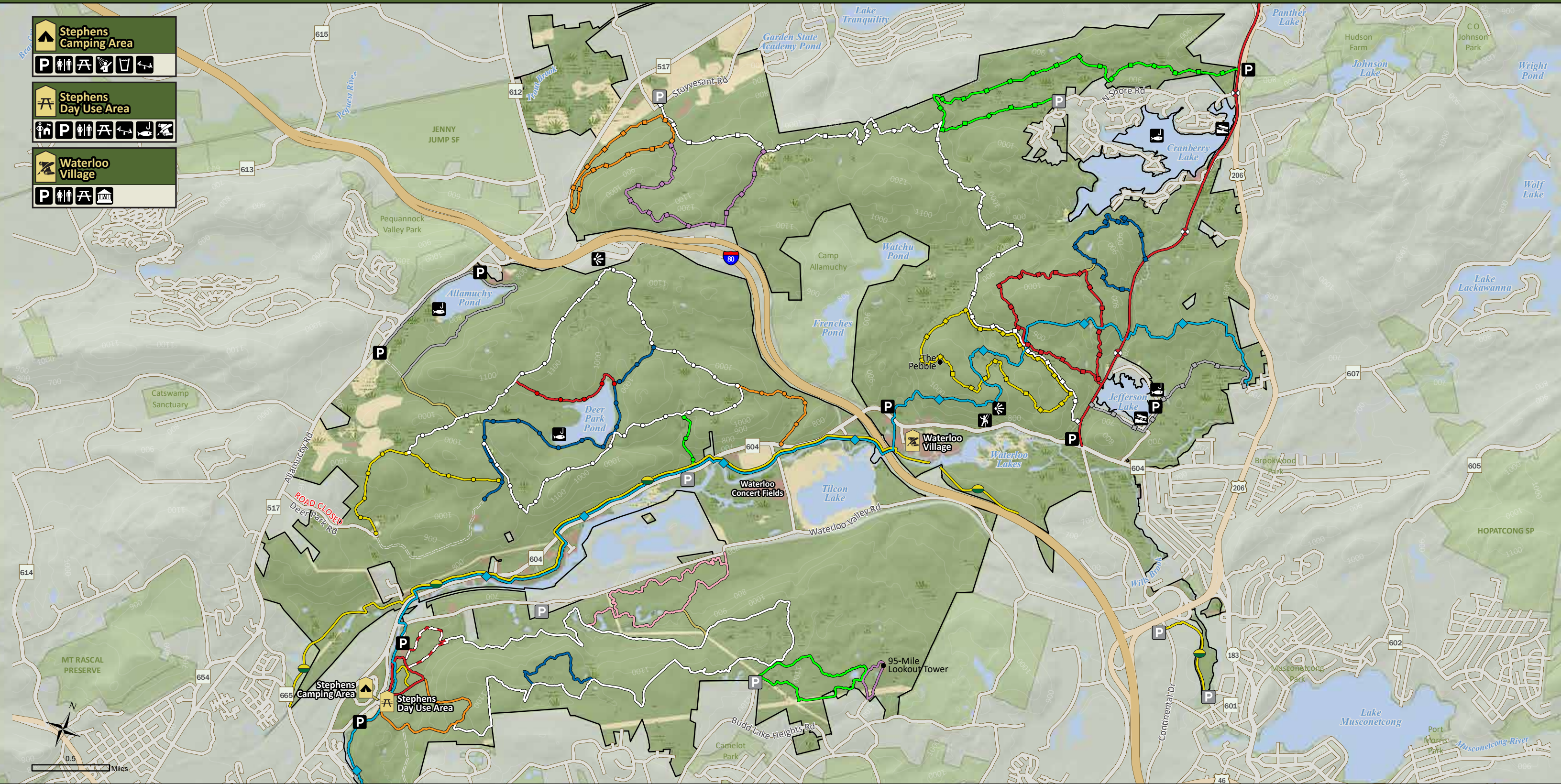
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Open Field or Grass	Deer Park Trails	Waterloo North Trail (0.8 mi)	Maze Trail (1.9 mi)	Allamuchy North Trails	Switchback Trail (2 mi)	Towpath Trail/ Morris Canal Greenway (7.3 mi)	Boat Launch	Parking Lot	Restrooms
Forest	Allamuchy Pond Trail (2.2 mi)	Waterloo South Trail (0.5 mi)	Orange Trail (1.3 mi)	Byram Trail (1.5 mi)	Waterloo/517 Trail (5.6 mi)	Trail Connector	Drinking Water	Parking (Pull Off)	Park Office
Developed Area	Barberry Trail (0.8 mi)	Stephens State Park Trails	Red Trail (0.9 mi)	Ditch/Cardiac Trail (2 mi)	Waving Willie Trail (3.4 mi)	Unimproved Road	Fishing	Picnic Area	Rock Climbing
Water	Birch Trail (0.7 mi)	Blue Trail (0.8 mi)	Red/White Trail (0.9 mi)	Iron Mine Trail (1.6 mi)	Regional Trails		Historic Site	Picnic Area	Scenic View
Wetland	Deer Path Trail (6.5 mi)	Green Trail (2 mi)	White Trail (6.8 mi)	Pebble Trail (3 mi)	Highlands Trail (10 mi)		Museum	Picnic Area	Shower
	Lake View Trail (2.3 mi)	Fire Tower Trail (0.6 mi)	Yellow Trail (0.5 mi)	Ranger Trail (2.6 mi)	Sussex Branch Trail (3 mi)			Picnic Area	Playground