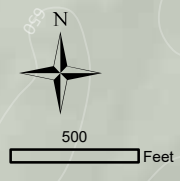
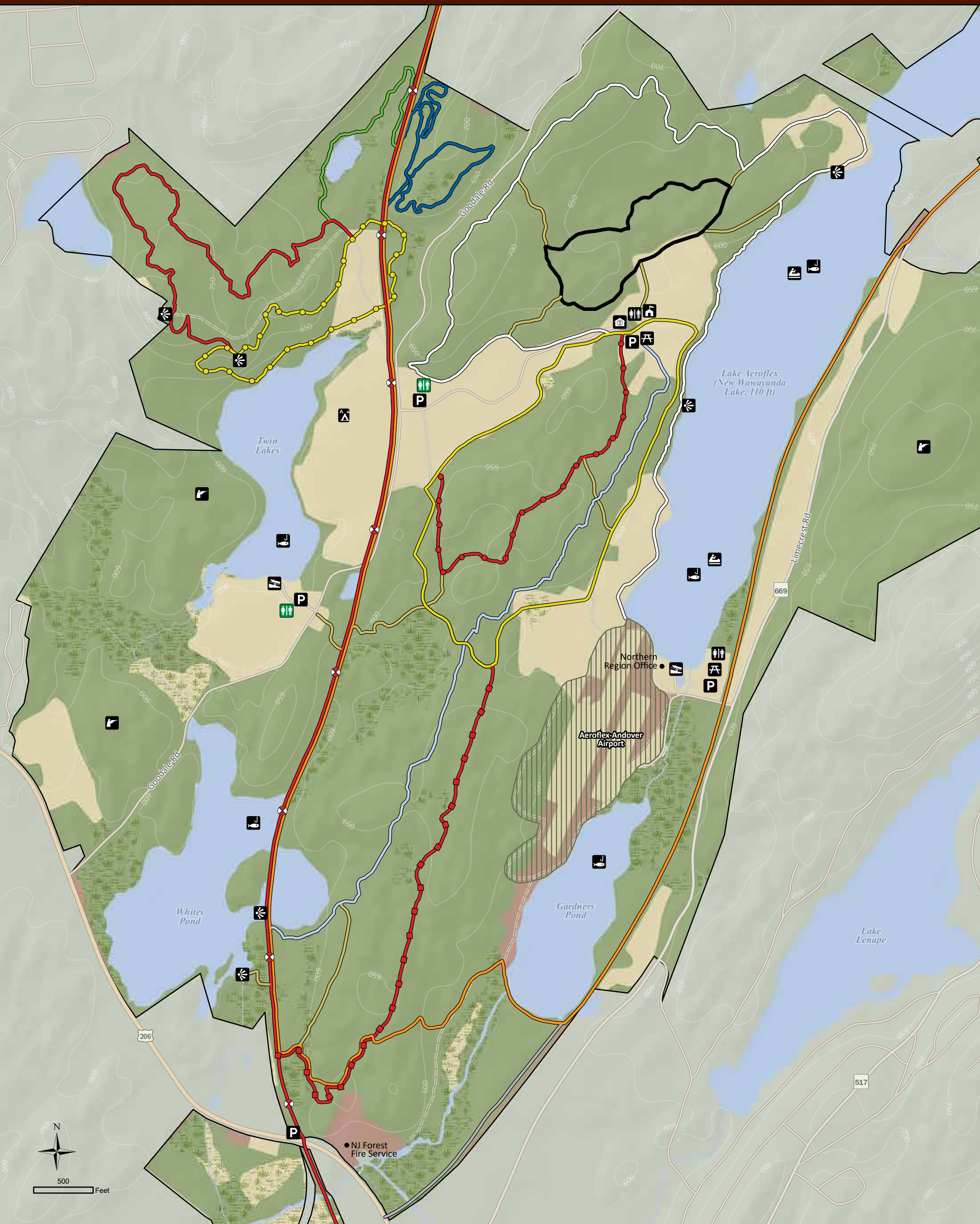


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| Open Field or Grass | Andover Junction Trail (1.0 mi) | Raccoon Trail (0.9 mi) | Boat Launch | Parking Lot |
| Forest | Andover Loop Trail (6.8 mi) | Shale Trail (1.0 mi) | Canoeing | Picnic Area |
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| Water | Glacial Trail (2.6 mi) | Twin Lakes Trail (0.8 mi) | Group Campground | Restrooms (Primitive) |
| Wetland | Hemlock Trail (0.8 mi) | Vernal Trail (0.5 mi) | Hunting | Scenic View |
| Restricted Area | Limestone Trail (1.2 mi) | Trail Connector | Interpretive Center | Visitor Center |
| | Mount Nebo Trail (0.8 mi) | Rail Trail (Proposed) | | |

TRAILS OF KITTATINNY VALLEY STATE PARK

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*Red • 1.0 mile • Multi-use
Easy to moderate • Hilly and rocky trail*

Trailhead On Sussex Branch Trail, 400 feet north of parking area off Route 206.

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Explorer Trail

*Yellow • 1.6 miles • Multi-use
Easy • Trail follows gravel access road*

Trailhead Visitor Center. **Explorer Trail** is a loop trail that begins at the Visitor Center and follows paved and gravel roads around the central portion of the park. It travels alongside Lake AeroHex,

through the site of a 1920s YMCA camp, then runs adjacent to AeroHex-Andover Airport. The trail then turns into the forest and winds through large rock outcroppings and ledges before returning to the park's entrance road and Visitor Center.

Sussex Branch Trail

*Red & white • 3.0 miles • Multi-use
Easy • Flat rail trail*

Trailhead Across from park entrance road. Three miles of the 20-mile-long **Sussex Branch Trail**

traverses the park. Heading north from the park entrance, this trail intersects with Paulinskil Valley Trail and Great Valley Rail-Trail to form a 14-mile rail-trail loop before reaching its terminus in Branchville. Heading south, Sussex Branch Trail passes the Kittatinny Valley State Park group campground and White's Pond, eventually ending at Waterloo Road.

Twin Lakes Trail

*Orange • 0.8 miles • Multi-use
Moderate • Loop trail along lake and hillside*

Trailhead 0.2 miles north of park entrance on Sussex Branch Trail. **Twin Lakes Trail** is a loop trail that runs along the northern end of Twin Lakes. It follows along the lake's edge then heads uphill to cross the ridge line above.

Vernal Trail

*Green • 0.5 miles • Multi-use
Easy • Short & flat trail along a seasonal pond*

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*Lt. blue • 1.2 miles • Multi-use
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Trailhead Across from visitor center. **Limestone Trail** heads south from the visitor center through an open meadow then into the forest on a single-track path that turns west toward Whites Pond. Limestone Trail meets with the Sussex Branch Trail at Whites Pond.

TRAIL SENSE AND SAFETY

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Tick Protection Bring insect repellent, wear light-colored clothing, tuck pants into socks, check yourself when you get home, shower, and launder clothes immediately.

Bear Awareness Bears are active in this area. Do not approach or attract bears by making food available. Bear sightings should be reported to the State Park Police. **Emergency Numbers** DEP's 24-hour, toll-free hotline: 877-WARN-DEP (877-927-6337) or 911.

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Trailhead Off of the connector trail behind visitor center. **Raccoon Trail** is a loop trail on rocky hillsides north of the visitor center. It follows a mostly single-track trail, staying low along the meadow's edge before moving onto forested hillsides. Raccoon Trail is inside the larger loop formed by Glacial Trail.

Shale Trail

*Blue • 1.0 mile • Multi-use
Moderate • Single-track trail along rocky hillside*

Trailhead On Sussex Branch trail, approximately 0.3 miles from park entrance. **Shale Trail** is a short set of two interconnected loop trails. Along the northern portion, the trail follows a winding single track along the flat forested floor. The southern portion ascends the shale hillside to a small ridge that overlooks Goodale Road, before it returns to Sussex Branch Trail.

Raccoon Trail

*Black • 0.9 miles • Multi-use
Easy • Hilly single-track loop trail*

Trailhead On Twin Lakes Trail. **Mount Nebo Trail** ascends and reaches the summit of Mount Nebo, the highest point in the park, with scenic views of Twin Lakes to the south. After passing a cell tower, the trail crosses a gravel access road and descends into the forest to rejoin Twin Lakes Trail.

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