a freshwater wetland swamp. located about halfway along the eastern side while crossing woodlands with a brief diversion of highbush blueberry This trail guides the rider through dry upland pine and oak experience for riders used to wide multi-use style trails. track that makes up most the trail can provide a learning which can be easily avoided. The winding narrow singleone and half miles can accumulate some rainwater runoff, of the trail that follows unpaved fire roads for a little over clay-based trail generally packs down well. The portion Forest mountain bike trail system. The sand, gravel and an introduction for beginners new to the Wharton State of winding single-track and fire roads. This trail serves as Village. Batsto Fire Trail is an easy loop that consists Trailhead: Northwest corner of the parking area at Batsto Easy • Natural soil single-track and unpaved road Green • 6.2 mile loop • Mountain biking only

Batsto Fire Trail

biking in Wharton State Forest: The following trails are designated for mountain

and appropriate safety gear. weather or other conditions. Always wear a helmet and carry necessary supplies for changes in accordingly. Keep your equipment in good repair and the area in which you are riding and prepare Plan Ahead: Know your equipment, your ability other nonmotorized trail users. around corners. Mountain bikers should yield to Try to anticipate other trail users as you ride you're coming with a friendly greeting or bell ring. Yield Appropriately: Let other trail users know within your limits. moment could put yourself and others at risk. Ride Control Your Bicycle: Inattention for even a out at least as much as you pack in. you and environment around you. Be sure to pack Leave No Trace: Be sensitive to the earth beneath and do not create new ones. and obey trail use markings. Stay on existing trails Ride Open Trails: Respect trail and road closures for mountain bike use. Consider the following:

Huckleberry Trail

Light blue • 5 miles • Mountain biking only Easy • Natural soil, single-track

Wharton State Forest. There are 5 trails designed

Mountain biking is a popular activity in

Mountain Biking in Wharton

Trailhead: Batsto Fire Trail. Huckleberry Trail is a loop trail that begins and ends from Batsto Fire Trail. On the eastern side, look for the blue blazes shortly after Batsto Fire Trail turns left. On the western side, look directly across the intersection with the unpaved fire road for the blue circle blazes. Both western and eastern ends of Huckleberry Trail share a little less than a mile of Penn Branch Trail. The trail then courses along the sides of low ridges for about three and a half miles until it merges with Penn Branch Trail once more. Huckleberry Trail offers riders a series of low elevation changes that can provide a great physical workout. When combined with Batsto Fire Tower Trail, the trails form a 9.6-mile loop.

Oak Hill Trail

White • 2.5 miles • Mountain biking only Easy • Natural soil, single-track Trailhead: Batsto Fire or Huckleberry Trail. Oak Hill Trail interconnects with Batsto Fire Trail, Teaberry Trail and Huckleberry Trail. Running generally north to south in orientation, Oak Hill Trail offers a variety of optional routes for riders to take between the other mountain bike trails that leave Batsto Village. The trail traverses upland forest with gentle grades.



Crowley's Landing picnic area on the Mullica River. the highway (Route 542) from Buttonwood Camp is leads from the trail to Buttonwood Campground. Across Camp Connector is a spur trail of the Batona Trail that Trailhead: Buttonwood Campground. Buttonwood Easy • Sandy forest road

Light blue • 1.2 miles • Hiking only

Buttonwood Camp Connector

uplands linking Mullica River Trail to Batona Trail. Horge Campsites. It passes through wooded pine-oak a route between the Mullica River and Lower Bridge Trail. Wilderness Camps Connector Trail creates Trailhead Mullica River Trail or Beaver Pond-Quaker Easy • Short trail

Light green • 0.75 miles • Hiking only Wilderness Camps Connector Trail

along the Mullica Kiver in Wharton State Forest. from Atsion and a great view of the largest beaver pond The trail provides access to Lower Forge Wilderness Camp River Trail to Batona Trail through pine-oak woodlands. Trail. Beaver Pond-Quaker Bridge Trail links Mullica Trailhead: Mullica River Trail or Quaker Bridge on Batona Easy • Access trail to Wilderness Camp Purple • 1.8 miles • Hiking only

Beaver Pond-Quaker Bridge Trail

cedars that call it home. close and personal views of the incredible Atlantic white old trail runs through Mordecai Swamp, allowing for up Campground–and Batsto Village. The more than 200-yearthat connected Crowleytown-known today as Buttonwood Water Irail. 1808 Irail follows an old logging road Trailhead: Buttonwood campsite or from Sand and Easy • Natural sandy soil, wooden foot bridges Green • 1.6 miles • Hiking only

1808 Trail

short loop back to Batsto. back," or incorporate it with the Batona Trail north for a hiking options. Hikers may complete this trail as an "out and 1808 Trail and the Batona Trail allowing for a variety of of wooden foot bridges, the trail connects hikers to into a dense Atlantic white cedar swamp. Following a series Sand and Water Trail winds along a sandy forest road and Enter from the paved parking area at Batsto Village. Trailhead: East side of Batsto Rd. east of Batsto Village. Easy • Natural sandy soil, wooden foot bridges Orange • 0.87 miles • Hiking only

Penn Branch Trail

Sand and Water Trail

Orange • 19.3 mile loop • Mountain biking only Moderate • Natural soil, single-track

Trailhead: Northwest corner of the parking area at Batsto Village. Penn Branch Trail is a moderately difficult trail stretching more than 19 miles, making it the longest mountain bike trail in Wharton State Forest. The forest's mountain bike trails provide an opportunity for easy-paced adventure in the New Jersey Pinelands region. Average riders should allow about 3 to 5 hours for this often tightly winding, single-track trail. The sand and gravel based cross-country trails can prove challenging for all levels of experience, and wearing a bicycle helmet is strongly recommended. Many miles of the trail typically pack down quite firmly with only short lengths becoming loose particularly during a drought. Bring plenty of water for this ride on warm days. Riders experience New Jersey Pinelands upland forests punctuated on the west side by a brief view of Penn Branch Creek. The creek flows through a regionally significant Atlantic white cedar swamp and along the eastern side of the route is the historic town known as Mount. No buildings remain.

Teaberry Trail

Red • 0.8 miles • Mountain biking only Easy • Natural soil, single-track Trailhead: Oak Hill or Huckleberry Trail. Teaberry Trail connects with Oak Hill Trail and Huckleberry Trail just north of Batsto Fire Trail to create another extension option. Running generally northeast to southwest in orientation, Teaberry Trail offers a variety of optional routes for riders to take between the other mountain bike trails that leave Batsto Village. The trail traverses upland forest with gentle grades.



and other typical bog plants thrive. along a small creek. Beneath the cedar, carmvorous plants scrubby pitch pine borders Atlantic white cedar growing often dry enough to take back to the main portion of the trail.) The foot bridge, an alternate loop that closely follows the Mullica Kiver is teaderry and lichens. (To the right just beyond the west end of the lowbush blueberry and particularly abundant growths of the trail travels through dry pine woods with hucklederry, abundant pitch pine and shortleaf pine. This portion of to the west side of the river, the trail is generally dry with white cedar swamp along the Mullica River. After crossing of the region. The trail gradually descends to an Atlantic lush growth of hucklederry and other upland shrubs typical Tom's Pond Trail begins in a dry pine-oak forest with a Trailhead: North side of Route 542 west of Batsto Village.

> Easy • Natural sandy soil Orange • 1.7 mile loop • Hiking only



A view of the uppermost portion of the lake can be and signs of beaver activity can also be found here. swamp. Pine barrens treefrogs can be heard in this area, Turning south, the trail skirts an Atlantic white cedar elevation to the Batsto River just north of Batsto Lake. upland pine-oak forests then heads west, dropping in north along the route of the Batona Trail through at Batsto Village. Batsto White Irail continues farther Trailhead: Northeast corner of the paved parking area Moderate • Natural sandy soil White • 4 mile loop • Hiking only

Batsto White Trail

Atlantic White Cedar Trail White • 1.7 mile loop • Hiking only Easy • Natural sandy soil

Trailhead: Parking is available at the junction of Route 532 and Patty Bowker Rd. in Tabernacle. Starting from the parking area. Atlantic White Cedar Trail creates a loop through a beautiful Atlantic white cedar swamp and up through a pitch pine and oak forest. The far end of the loop runs parallel with a section of the 3.9 mile Whispering Pines Trail and winds back through the forest to the



Whispering Pines Trail Blue • 3.9 mile loop • Hiking only

Easy • Natural sandy soil, roads

Trailhead: Parking is available at the junction of Route 532 and Patty Bowker Rd. in Tabernacle. Whispering Pines Trail can be reached via Atlantic White Cedar Trail or by walking along Irick's Causeway Rd. from the parking area. Whispering Pines trail passes through serene Atlantic White Cedar swamps and abandoned cranberry bogs nestled among the pines.

views of Batsto Lake from an elevated vantage about 10 including trailing arbutus, and pyxie as well as some scenic portion of the trail is home to early spring wildflowers end of the ridge terminates at Batsto Village. The western reaches an elevation of 70 feet above sea level. The south section of the trail follows a north-south oriented ridge and Itall and travels through typical pine barrens forests. This Batsto Village. Batsto Blue Trail begins with Batsto Red Trailhead: Northeast corner of the paved parking area at

teet above the lake.

Easy • Natural sandy soil Blue • 1.8 mile loop • Hiking only

Batsto Blue Trail

abundant pitch pine and shortleaf pine. blueberry. In between, a lowland pine forest contains red maple, sour gum, sweet bay magnolia and highbush huckleberry, slopes down into a hardwood swamp with An upland, featuring pine and oak with a lush growth of to several habitats typical of the New Jersey Pinelands. Batsto Village. Batsto Red Irail offers an introduction Trailhead: Northeast corner of the paved parking area at Easy • Accessible • Smooth graded gravel Red • 0.8 mile loop • Hiking only

Batsto Red Trail

alternative to the Batona Trail between Batsto and Apple and the ghost town of Friendship. This pathway is a great The trail also passes by Hawkins Bridge Campground Shane, Tulpehocken, Ore Sprung and Feathered Branches. picturesque views of waterways like the Penn Swamp, Tulpehocken Trail follows quiet sand roads and offers Irail or summit of Apple Pie Hill. Sandy Ridge -Trailhead: Intersection of Goodwater Road and Batona Moderate • Sandy surfaces and gravel roads Blue • 18.2 miles • Hiking

Sandy Ridge - Tulpehocken Trail

Connector Trail to link the two. River Trail or Batona Trail and using Wilderness Camps can be followed from Batsto by starting on either Mullica Beaver Pond-Quaker Bridge Trail. A 12-mile-long loop hike Batsto River from Quaker Bridge, then turning back via Wilderness Camps Connector Trail, offering a view of hike can be followed by taking Mullica River Trail to Trail. Starting from Atsion, a 9.4 mile out-and-back loop Quaker Bridge Trail and Wilderness Camps Connector area. The trail is linked to Batona Trail by Beaver Pondheron and red-tailed hawk are frequently observed in the River. Wildlife such as beaver, whitetail deer, great blue

Burnt Mill Road Trails

The Burnt Mill Road trails follow a

network of sand roads and paths and

Burnt Mill Trail

Red • 12 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Sandy unpaved road

Trailhead: Burnt Mill Road east of Atco. Burnt

fascinating landscapes of Wharton State Forest.

known as "Maple Island," threaded by tributaries

of the Mechescatauxin (aka Sleeper) Branch and

the Mullica River. Users may encounter small ponds

and creeks, where rare plants, reptiles, amphibians,

Goshen Pond Trail

White • 15.5 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Sandy unpaved road Trailhead: Burnt Mill Road east of Atco. Goshen

Pond Trail follows sand roads through typical pine

barrens landscapes. The trail is shared with Burnt

Mill Trail along its southern portion, then makes

its way north to Goshen Pond and Goshen Pond

Sleeper Creek Trail

Blue • 5.4 miles • Multiuse

Moderate • Sandy unpaved road

Sleeper Creek Trail is a short loop trail that follows

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sand roads and secondary paths through riparian areas along Sleeper Creek. Search for rare plants, reptiles, amphibians, dragonflies and damselflies

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Campground before returning to the south.

Trailhead: Burnt Mill Road east of Atco.

during warmer months.

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dragonflies and damselflies can be seen during

through pine barrens with access to the remote and

The trails of this area explore a section of Wharton

Mill Trail follows a network of sand roads

are popular for horseback riding

of pine barrens forest types and wetlands along the Mullica motorized vehicle access. The trail travels through a variety experience, wilderness campgrounds are not open to from locally abundant ore. To create a primitive camping 1700s and 1800s particularly for the production of iron batsto. Both were important industrial centers during the to Mullica River Wilderness Camp from either Atsion or Village or Atsion Forest Office. Mullica River Trail leads Trailhead: North side of Route 542 west of Batsto Moderate • Natural sandy trail along river Yellow • 9.4 miles • Hiking only

Mullica River Trail

Forest. There are 28 miles of Batona Trail within Wharton. Forest, Wharton State Forest and Brendan T. Byrne State NA-ture, Batona Trail traverses sections of Bass River State trail through the heart of the Pinelands. Short for BA-ck TO Evans Bridge in the south. Batona Trail is a 53-mile-long Trailheads (in Wharton): Apple Pie Hill in the north, or Moderate • Long distance hiking trail Pink • 28.2 miles (in Wharton) • Hiking only

Batona Trail



of the lake, Atlantic white cedar swamps, and Pine Barrens the north shore of Atsion Lake, offering rewarding views parking lot. Atsion Family Camp Trail meanders along Trailhead: Atsion Family Campground bathhouse Easy • Natural sand soil trail Orange • 2.2 miles • Hiking

Atsion Family Camp Trail

May during the sheep laurel bloom can be spectacular. eatherleaf, pyxie and turkeybeard are found here. Visiting in south shore of the lake. Wildflowers such as mountain laurel, Recreation Area. Atsion Lake Blue Trail follows along the Trailhead: West end of the paved parking lot of Atsion Easy • Accessible • Smooth graded gravel trail

Blue • 1 mile loop • Hiking only Atsion Lake Blue Trail

barrens amphibians. site of a former ice packing house is home to typical pine white cedar interspersed with highbush blueberry. This surround this portion of the lake along with some Atlantic along the south shore of the lake. Pitch pine lowlands Atsion Recreation Area. Atsion Lake Red Trail follows Trailhead: West end of the paved parking area of Easy • Accessible • Smooth graded gravel trail

Red • 0.5 mile loop • Hiking only Atsion Lake Red Trail

of the pine barrens ecosystem. of the rare and endangered plants and animals creeks. Wetlands provide habitat for the majority along slow-moving, tannin-stained rivers and swamps, wetland savannas and bogs occur wetlands. Atlantic white cedar and red maple of the New Jersey Pinelands is composed of with a dense shrub layer. About one quarter mostly of pine-oak and oak-pine forests often The fire-prone uplands of the region consist

common, so be prepared.

Ticks, chiggers, biting flies and mosquitoes are and humid in summer to below freezing in wintei the soil is sandy and the climate varies from hot The terrain is relatively flat with some low hills; and low wetland landscapes typical of the region boundaries. The trails pass through dry upland long Batona hiking trail is located within its

than 123,000 acres. Roughly half of the 53-milein the New Jersey State Park system, with more Wharton State Forest is the largest tract of land ocated in the heart of the New Jersey Pinelands trails. Trails vary in length, difficulty and use. of hiking, biking, horse-back riding and paddling

Wharton State Forest has more than 145 miles

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TRAIL SENSE AND SAFETY

Trail Markings: Official trails are marked by colored blazes on posts and trees. For your safety and habitat protection, please stay on the trails and do not alter trail markings or

Be Prepared: Consider bringing water, snacks, sunscreen insect repellent and a hat. Dress for the weather. Tell someone where you plan to go and when you expect to return. Be aware of changing trail conditions.

Riders: Follow the International Mountain Bike Association "Rules of the Trail" guidelines for trail etiquette and yield appropriately. Helmets are required by law for children under 17 and recommended for all riders

Hunting: Sections of the forest are open to hunting. Bright orange clothing is recommended during hunting season.

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.

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

Tick & Chigger Protection: Wear insect repellent, wear lightyourself thoroughly, shower and launder clothes immediately.

Forest Office Phone: 609-561-0024 or 609-268-0444

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 forest office. Visit New Jersey DEP Fish and Wildlife at njfishandwildlife.com/bears for additional information on bear safety.

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−%− Tom's Pond Trail (1.7 mi)

- 1808 Trail (1.6 mi)

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