

Consider these park-approved hiking suggestions for your next outing!

Northern Highlands: Trail Map North

- Breakneck Ridge: A difficult climb over some of the steepest, most exposed terrain in the Hudson Highlands, with dramatic views. Wear sturdy shoes and have hands free for rock scrambling necessary to ascend. Not recommended for pets, beginners, or during stormy weather or after precipitation.
 - Breakneck Ridge Short Loop (1 hour) (White Green Yellow)
Take the Breakneck Ridge Trail from the tunnel on 9D. Follow white blazes until you reach the flagpole. Then take a left on the Green Ninham Trail which is the easiest way down the mountain. When you reach yellow, turn left to return the parking for Breakneck along 9D.
 - Breakneck Ridge to Cold Spring (Shorter Route): 2-3 hours (White Yellow Blue)
From the Breakneck Ridge Trailhead on Route 9D, follow the Breakneck Ridge trail (White) up a steep rock scramble passing three overlooks. Continue along the Breakneck Ridge trail (White), then turn right at the junction with Undercliff (Yellow). Make a right onto the Cornish Trail (Blue) to Reach Washburn Parking Lot. Once on 9D, take Fair Street to Main St in Cold Spring.
 - Breakneck Ridge (Long Loop): 3.25 mi. 3 Hours (White Red Yellow)
From the Breakneck Ridge Trailhead on Route 9D, follow the Breakneck Ridge trail (White) up a steep rock scramble passing four overlooks. Continue along until the junction with the Breakneck Bypass trail (Red). Turn left and continue to the Wilkinson Trail (Yellow). Turn left to return to 9D and the Breakneck Ridge Trailhead.
 - Breakneck to Cold Spring: (Longer Route) 4.5 mi. 3-4 hours plus a 1 mi. walk to Cold Spring (White, Blue)
Please note that this hike is not a loop and you will end up at a different location from where you begin. Start from the Breakneck Ridge Trailhead on Route 9D. Follow the Breakneck Ridge trail (White) up a steep rock scramble, passing four overlooks. At the junction with the Cornish Trail (Blue), turn right to descend. Follow the blue trail along Breakneck Brook and passing several outbuildings of the Cornish Estate. Finally, bear left at the fork to continue on the Cornish Trail (Blue), passing through the ruins of the Cornish Estate to end up at the Washburn Trailhead parking lot. Walk an additional 0.7 mi. along Fair St. to the village of Cold Spring, with access to the Metro North railroad.

- Mount Beacon (South): 2.5 mi. one-way, 5 total (Red, White) At 1610 ft.
Mount Beacon is the tallest mountain in Hudson Highlands State Park. Beginning at the Mount Beacon parking lot on Route 9D, start on the red trail, passing by the ruins of an old casino at the first of several stunning viewpoints. Turn right on the white trail to finish the climb to the summit, where a fire tower stands tall above the forest, with views north to the Catskills and south to NYC. Turn around and follow the same route to return to the parking lot, taking care not to wander off on one of several social trails. Please note that access to the Beacon Reservoir, an important source of drinking water visible from the summit, is strictly prohibited and activity along its shore is closely monitored. Swimming is prohibited.
- Dennings Point: 2 mi. total (White)
Begin by parking at the lot at the end of Dennings Ave. Follow white trail markers across train tracks and along a flat trail towards Dennings Point, passing several factory ruins and a bird viewing platform along the way. The white trail continues to the end of the Point, featuring access to the shore of the Hudson River. Return to the parking lot on the same trail. Please note the trail out to the Point is closed from December 15 to March 15 to provide space for roosting bald eagles.

Little Stony Point Area: Trail Map North

- Bull Hill (Short Loop): 4.6 mi. 2-3 hours (White Yellow Blue)
A steep hike with multiple viewpoints through the woods. Begin uphill on the Washburn Trail (White) from the Washburn Trailhead parking lot near Little Stony Point. Turn left on the Undercliff Trail (Yellow), passing several north and west facing viewpoints. Turn left onto the Cornish Trail (Blue), passing through the ruins of the Cornish Estate to return to the Washburn Trailhead parking lot.
- Bull Hill (Full Loop): 5.5 mi. 3-4 hours (White, Blue)
A steep ascent to the summit of Bull Hill (aka Mount Taurus) with views of the NYC skyline and the surrounding highlands. Begin uphill on the Washburn Trail (White) from the Washburn Trailhead parking lot by Little Stony Point. Continue on Washburn (White) past the summit until reaching the Cornish Trail (Blue) and turn left to descend. As you follow along Breakneck Brook you will pass several outbuildings of the Cornish Estate. Finally, bear left at the fork to remain on the Cornish Trail (Blue), passing through the ruins of the Cornish Estate to return to the Washburn Trailhead parking lot.
- Cornish Estate Ruins: 0.9 mi., 1.8 mi. total (Blue)
A gentle walk through the woods leading to the ruins of the Cornish Estate,

including their mansion, greenhouse, and gazebo. There is a view of Storm King Mountain from the lawn of the old mansion. Follow the Cornish Trail (blue) from the Washburn Trailhead parking lot to the ruins and use the same trail to return to the lot.

- Little Stony Point Beach: 0.75 mi. (Red, Green)
A flat loop trail (Red) around the Little Stony Point area. Highlights include access to the sandy beach along the shore of the river, a small cave, and a short, uphill spur trail (Green) to a cliff overlooking the Hudson River and surrounding Highlands. Park at the Washburn Trailhead parking lot and cross the street to access trails.

South Highlands: Trail Map South

- Appalachian Trail - A portion of the AT runs through the Hudson Highlands and continues into Fahnestock State Park and beyond all the way to Maine. This white-blazed trail is well-traveled by backpackers in the spring and summer months.
- Annsville Creek & Paddlesport Center: 0.5 mi. (Unmarked).
Primarily a launch site for kayakers, Annsville is also a popular destination for fishing, picnics, and accessible sight-seeing. There is a flat, unmarked path that circles around the property, with a few platforms for viewing and fishing. Please research safe fishing practices along the Hudson River, and clean up after yourself and your pets.
- Anthony's Nose via Toll House: 3.45 mi. one-way, 6.9 mi. total (Blue)
Park at the small lot at the Toll House on Route 202/6. This option takes a longer ascent to the summit of Anthony's Nose gaining about 700 ft. in elevation from the start. Use the same trail to return to the lot.
- Anthony's Nose via Route 202/6 Lot: 1.4 mi one-way, 2.8 total (Blue)
This route follows a gentler slope up to the summit of Anthony's Nose, gaining about 600 ft. in elevation, with a few creek crossings and rocky clearings along the way offering great views. Return on the same trail to get back to the lot.
- Anthony's Nose via AT Kiosk on 9D: 1.2 mi. one-way, 2.4 mi. total (White, Blue)
This trail quickly ascends, following a steep stretch of the AT until making a right at the junction with the Blue (Camp Smith) trail. From the junction, the slope becomes more gradual, passing a pond and eventually culminating after 700 ft. of elevation gain at a clear, rocky summit with views of Bear Mountain Bridge and

the surrounding highlands. Return on the same path to descend. Parallel parking is available alongside Route 9D.

- Arden Point: 1.2 mi. one-way (Blue, Red)
Begin by parking at the Garrison train station parking lot (free on weekends). A flat, easy stroll (Blue) alongside the Metro North railbed eventually crosses the tracks and leads to Arden Point, where a loop trail (red) goes by several rocky outcroppings right along the Hudson River offer fantastic views of West Point and the surrounding highlands. Return by crossing back over the bridge and following the blue trail back to the train station parking lot.
- Arden Point/Marcia's Mile/Castle Rock (White/White)
From the Garrison Train Station, take the Arden point trail until you reach the bridge. Then look to your left for the Marcia's Mile Trail, which has white trail markers with a fox on them. Follow that trail up to route 9D where you can cross the street onto the Castle Rock Property to access the Sugarloaf Hill Trail.
- Sugarloaf Hill: 1.6 mi. one-way, 3.2 mi. total (Red) out and back.
Turn off Route 9D in Garrison into the Castle Rock Unique Area and follow the driveway to the small parking lot. The red trail begins by crossing open fields then heads into the woods and winds up to the top of Sugarloaf Hill, which offers great views of the Hudson River and surrounding highlands after about 500 ft. of elevation gain. Return on the same trail to descend.
- North Redoubt: 0.65 mi. one-way, 1.3 mi. total (Red)
Parking is available on Snake Hill Rd. Follow the red trail up about 300 ft. of elevation gain to the historically significant North Redoubt, one of the lookout points for the American troops during American Revolution. Return on the same trail to descend.