

## Park Rules & Regulations

Please remember: You are not only a visitor but also a steward of the land. For a safe and enjoyable experience, please observe these rules:

- The park is open dawn to dusk.
- Vehicles are permitted only in the designated parking areas.
- Stay within the posted property boundaries, and be considerate of other visitors and adjoining property owners.
- Keep pets leashed; please clean up after them.
- Do not remove or destroy plants, wildlife or artifacts.
- Always hike with a friend.

### The following are prohibited:

Motorized vehicles, camping, fires, hunting alcohol, firearms, feeding wildlife, smoking, dumping, swimming, metal detectors, mountain bikes and radios.

### The preserve offers:

Hiking, birding, fishing in Annsville Creek, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and waterfowl observation.



### CAUTION:

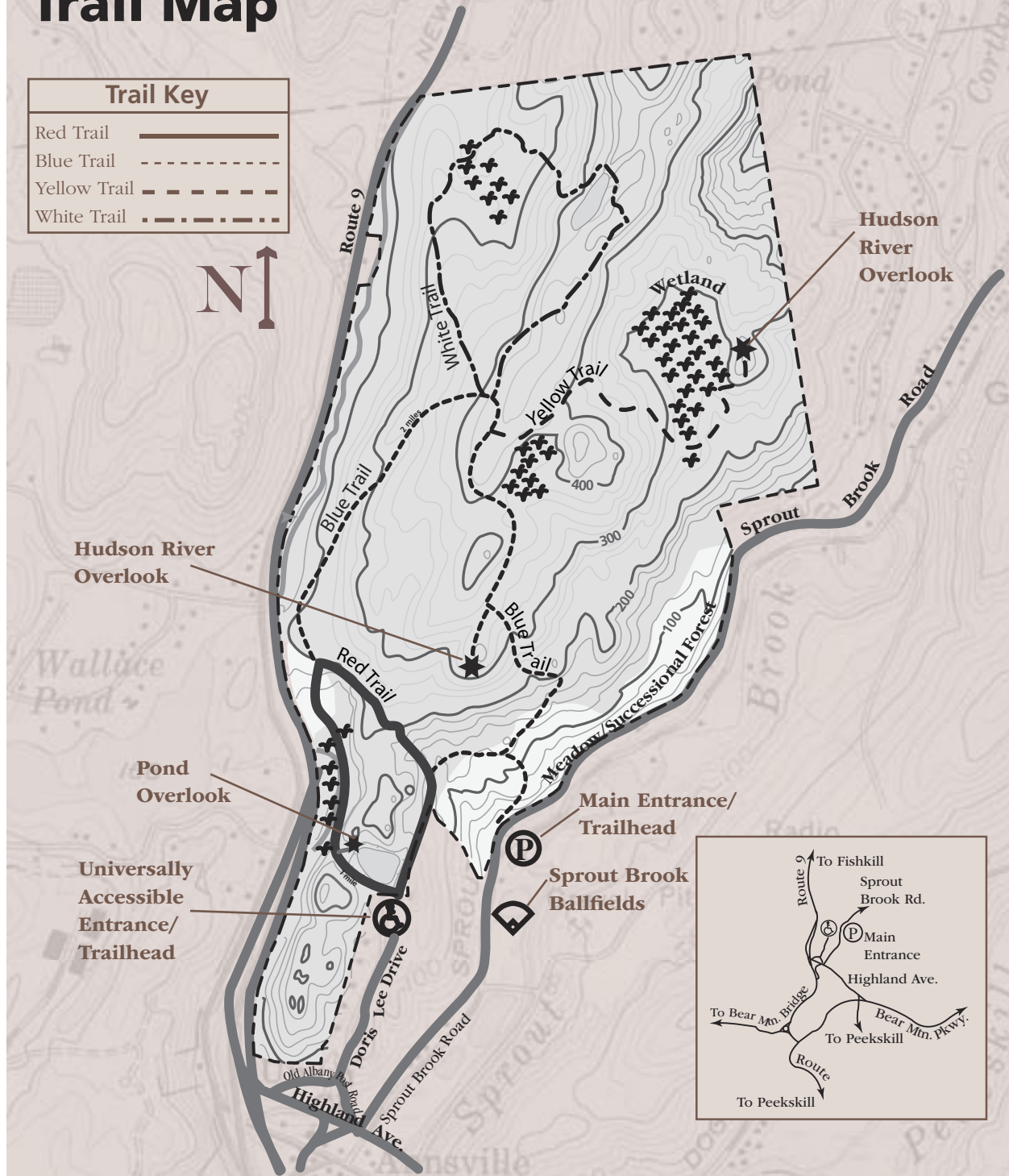
Deer ticks, which can transmit Lyme Disease, are a growing problem in this area. Take precautions and check for ticks after leaving.



Kindly carry out what you carry in.

# Trail Map

Trail Key	
Red Trail	
Blue Trail	
Yellow Trail	
White Trail	



## Description of Trails

Hudson Highlands Gateway Park has four trails, totaling more than 4.9 miles, that traverse the 352-acre site. There are many meandering, wooded roads where one could easily get lost. Please stay on marked trails. The degree of difficulty for the hiking trails ranges from easy to moderate. Trail users should wear sturdy shoes and beware of loose rocks, holes and slippery surfaces.

### Red Trail



1 mile

(Annsville Creek Trail)

This trail starts at Doris Lee Drive and is universally accessible to the pond overlook. It travels by Annsville Creek, which contains breeding trout populations. Fishing is allowed. A sensitive wetland area surrounds the creek.

### Blue Trail

2 miles

(Upland Trail)

A steep ascent through a meadow and mixed-woods forest brings visitors to a terrific view of the Hudson River. The remainder of the trail encompasses rolling terrain that passes by many historic stone walls.

### Yellow Trail

0.6 miles

(Hudson Overlook Spur)

Distinguished by its scenic overlook, this trail also crosses a small stream that is the outlet for a large wetland upslope.

### White Trail

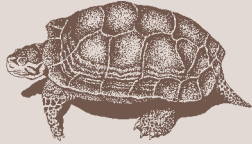
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(Vernal Pool Trail)

Beginning from the northernmost point of the Upland Trail, this trail works its way up and along a ridge line. As it descends it passes by a large vernal pool and through a wetland and contains a number of steep slopes. Be cautious of wet surfaces. The trail finishes along an old woods road and rejoins the Upland Trail.

## Hudson Highlands Gateway Park, threat-

ened twice by dense residential development, was protected in 1998 when a coalition of more than 35 groups representing homeowners, the community, government agencies and several environmental organizations united to preserve this 352-acre site. **The Coalition to Preserve the Hudson Highlands Gateway** raised \$6 million to buy the parcel. In May 2000, **The Scenic Hudson Land Trust**, the **Town of Cortlandt** and **Westchester County** purchased the property.



Since the property was acquired, the Hudson Highlands Gateway Task Force – a group of concerned citizens – has been working with The Scenic Hudson Land Trust, the Town of Cortlandt and New York-New Jersey Trail Conference on issues including park improvements, illegal ATV use and assessing the park's natural resources.



**Hudson Highlands Gateway Park** is an ideal destination for an afternoon or all-day outing. Recreational activities abound, including hiking, birding, cross-country skiing, fishing and snowshoeing. Located at the southern end of the fabled Hudson Highlands, the park once served as a Revolutionary War lookout and now is open for public enjoyment.



### DIRECTIONS

Two parking areas are available; one is temporarily shared with Sprout Brook Park, 0.3 miles from the intersection of Sprout Brook Road and Highland Avenue, just past and on the same side as the athletic fields. Cross road and enter park through the gap in guardrail. Universally accessible parking area is at the end of Doris Lee Drive (see inset map on reverse). Park on gravel in front of fence.

**Operating Hours:** Open year-round, from dawn to dusk.

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A network of trails in the park exposes visitors to woodlands, streams, steep slopes, bedrock outcroppings and meadows, revealing much human and natural history and providing spectacular river views. This park is ecologically significant because it is home to several noteworthy ecosystems. The site's upland wetlands are crucial for many frogs and salamanders to survive. Several different snake species use the prominent, east-facing cliffs of the park to warm themselves in the sun. Also the park's Westchester County location is in one of the country's three major bird migration corridors. Come spring hundreds of thousands of birds fly over the park and stop to rest and feed.

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## Hudson Highlands Gateway Park



*Sprout Brook Road (Main)  
Doris Lee Drive  
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*Park Guide and Trail Map*



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