

TRAILS OF BRENDAN T. BRYNE STATE FOREST

Brendan T. Bryne State Forest has seven official trails covering over 40 miles. Most of the trails are multi-use (for hiking, biking and horseback riding), two are hiking only, one is accessible, and one is authorized for motorized use with road-legal vehicles. Please see the descriptions below and look for permitted uses on trailhead signs. An additional 50 miles of unmarked gravel and sand roads throughout the forest can be used by road-legal vehicles. The forest's trails and roads wind through pine barrens habitat. These typically have sandy, acidic, nutrient poor soil, but fascinating and unique ecology, a diverse spectrum of plants and animals, and consequential human history.

Batona Trail

*Pink • 10 miles (in BTB) • Hiking
Moderate • Long distance hiking trail*

Trailhead Parking area, north of Route 642. **Batona Trail** is a 50-mile-long trail through the heart of the New Jersey Pinelands. Short for BA-ck TO NA-ture, Batona Trail traverses sections of Bass River State Forest, Wharton State Forest, and Brendan T. Bryne State Forest. There are 10 miles of Batona Trail within Brendan T. Bryne. The trail travels south-west along the southern portion of the forest before heading south into the Franklin Parker Preserve.

Cranberry Dot Trail

*White with red circles • 2 miles • Multi-use
Easy • Short lollipop loop trail near park office*

Trailhead Forest office. **Cranberry Dot Trail** begins with the Cranberry Trail. After a short distance, the Cranberry Dot Trail splits off, making a loop to the south-west before turning north to rejoin Cranberry Trail. Turn left to get back to the office, or right to Pakim Pond (additional 2 miles). At the southernmost tip of Cranberry Dot Trail, there's a small connector to Lebanon Trail.

Cranberry Trail

*Red • 2.8 miles • Multi-use and accessible
Easy • Flat, wide, even trail*

Trailhead Forest office. **Cranberry Trail** is a multiuse trail that travels between the forest office and the Pakim Pond area. The trail is very flat with hardpacked gravel, four to six feet wide, and is accessible by hikers, bikers, and people using mobility aids. The trail travels through pine forest and marsh areas at the southern end of Reeves Bog and Lebanon Lake. Numerous interpretive signs explain the ecology and history of the area.

Glassworks Path

*Green • 8.4 miles • Multi-use
Easy to moderate • Sand roads and forest trails*

Trailhead Intersection of Lebanon Trail (Coopers Road) and Lebanon Road near the group camping area and restroom building. **Glassworks Trail** is a multi-use trail that follows sand roads around the southern portion of the forest. Most of the trail follows wide open roads, with occasional three-foot-wide paths through the pine forest.

Mount Misery Trail

*White • 8.6 miles • Multi-use
Moderate • Very windy single-track*

Trailhead North side of Pakim Pond. **Mount Misery Trail** follows single-track for most of its length through typical pine barrens pine and oak forest. A few short sections of the trail are shared with Glassworks Path. The trail intersects and crosses Lebanon Trail (a driving route) in many places and along its west side, leads through the middle of Reeves Cranberry Bogs. Mount Misery Trail is narrow, winding, and popular with mountain bikers.

Nature Trail

Blue • 0.65 miles • Hiking

Easy • Short loop trail

Trailhead Pakim Pond parking lot. **Nature Trail** is a flat and easy loop trail through swamp. Marsh, and pine forest around Pakim Pond. From the parking area at Pakim Pond, the trail makes a short loop south off Coopers Road through pine forest. Look for abundant blueberry bushes during summer. On the north side of the road, the trail makes a loop around Pakim Pond through a cedar swamp. The trail loops around the pond and returns to the parking lot and day use picnic area.

TRAILS for MOTORIZED USE

The use of road-legal motorized vehicles is permitted on Lebanon Trail and over 50 miles of sand and paved roads in the forest. Please follow speed restrictions and be aware that walkers, cyclists and horseback riders also use these roads and trails.

Lebanon Trail

Orange • 10.3 miles • Motorized & multi-use

Easy • Loop trail on paved and sand roads

Trailhead Forest office. **Lebanon Trail** is a driving route that winds through the southwestern portion of the forest along paved and sand roads. The trail heads east from the office on Shinn's Road then Coopers Road passing many important features like Lebanon Lakes, Reeves Cranberry Bogs, Pakim Pond, the camping area, nature center, and stretches of pine/oak forest. Look for large scenic view area on the northern portion of the loop with expansive views of the marsh and wetlands of Reeves Cranberry Bogs. Shortly after this, turn left (before the housing development) where the trail heads south on a sand road, or go through the development to Route 70.

Road-legal: Registered and insured for public roads (7:2-3.1). ATVs are prohibited (7:2-3.2 [e]).

TRAIL SENSE AND SAFETY

Trail Markings Official trails are marked by colored blazes on posts and trees. On the map, "connector trails" are tan-colored lines. For habitat protection and your safety, please stay on the trails and don't alter trail markings or create new trails.

Preparations Consider bringing water, snacks, sunscreen, insect repellent, and a hat. Dress for the weather. Tell someone where you plan to go and when you will return.

Riders Follow IMBA "Rules of the Trail" guidelines for trail etiquette and yield appropriately. Helmets are required by law for children under 17 and highly recommended for all riders.

Hunting Sections are open to hunting. Bright orange clothing is recommended during hunting season. NJ Fish and Wildlife regulations apply.

Pets All pets must be on a leash (maximum 6') and under the physical control of the owner at all times. Please clean up after your pets.

Carry-in/Carry-out Help keep the park clean and beautiful by carrying out your trash. Bags are available at the office and various kiosk locations.

Tick & Chigger Protection Bring insect repellent, wear light-colored clothing, tuck pants into socks, stay on trails, check yourself thoroughly, shower, and launder clothes immediately.

Hours Trail use permitted between dawn and sunset.

Forest Office Phone (609) 726-1191

Emergency Numbers 1-877-WARN-DEP (1-877-927-6337) or 911

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