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 Paulinskill Valley Trail and Great Valley Rail Trail 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

Yellow • 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 along the northern end of Twin Lakes. It begins by following along the lake edge and then uphill and across the ridgeline above.

Vernal Trail

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

Trailhead Mount Nebo Trail or Sussex Branch Trail. **Vernal Trail** heads north from Mount Nebo Trail along the west side of a seasonal pond to a small stand of eastern hemlock trees. Vernal Trail continues north of the pond and then turns east to join Sussex Branch Trail.

TRAIL SENSE AND SAFETY

Trail Markings Official trails are marked with colored blazes on posts and trees. For safety's sake and to prevent habitat damage, please stay on trails, do not alter trail markings, or create new trails.

Preparations Consider bringing water, snacks and sunscreen. Check the weather before you go, dress appropriately, and tell someone where you intend to go and when you expect to finish.

Pets All pets and service animals must be on a hand held leash no longer than six feet in length and under 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 trash that you carry in.

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.

Report trail issues to park office.

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TRAILS
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TRAILS OF KITTATINNY VALLEY STATE PARK

There are 11 official trails within Kittatinny Valley State Park offering more than 15 miles of trail with connection and access to extensive regional trail systems. Trails in the park vary in difficulty and terrain from flat gravel roads to technical single-track trails with natural obstacles. The Sussex Branch Trail, a 20-mile-long rail trail, passes through the middle of the park and beyond. This trail intersects with Paulinskill Valley Trail and Great Valley Rail Trail to form a 14 mile loop. Many features from its previous existence as a railroad can be seen, including graded fill areas, cuts through bedrock, underpasses for farm equipment and livestock access, and bridges crossing the Paulins Kill.

Andover Junction Trail

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. **Andover Junction Trail** heads east into the woods on dirt single track that winds around rocky hillsides before turning to the north. Follow the trail through forested hillsides and around small ridges with stacked rock outcroppings to merge with Explorer Trail.

Explorer Trail

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

Trailhead Visitor center. **Explorer Trail** is a loop that begins at the visitor center and follows paved and gravel roads around the central portion of the park passing along Lake Aeroflex, through the site of a 1920s YMCA camp, and adjacent to the Aeroflex-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.

Glacial Trail

White • 2.6 miles • Multi-use
Moderate • Semi-loop trail north of visitor center

Trailhead 50 yards west of visitor center parking. **Glacial Trail** makes a long traverse around the hillsides north of the visitor center. The trail stays low along a meadow edge before ascending broad switchbacks to gain sloping forested hillsides. The trail heads to the northeast along Goodale Road and then descends through small ravines. Turning north, the trail circumnavigates an open meadow and then heads south directly along the edge of Lake Aeroflex for almost one mile before reaching its southern terminus at the Aeroflex-Andover Airport.

Hemlock Trail

Red • 0.8 miles • Multi-use
Easy to moderate • Short hilly trail through forest

Trailhead Visitor center parking area. **Hemlock Trail** heads south from the picnic area on a dirt road and then turns west onto a single-track path. Hemlock Trail travels around small forested ridges and rock stacks heading southwest and ends in the large meadow across from the main park entrance at Goodale Road.

Limestone Trail

Light blue • 1.2 miles • Multi-use
Easy to moderate • Rocky north-south single-track trail

Trailhead Across from visitor center. **Limestone Trail** leads south from the visitor center through open meadow and then into the forest on a single-track path and begins to turn west toward Whites Pond. Limestone Trail meets with the Sussex Branch Trail at Whites Pond.

Mount Nebo Trail

Red • 0.8 miles • Multi-use
Moderate • Semi-loop trail on forested hilltop

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.

Raccoon Trail

Black • 0.9 miles • Multi-use
Easy • Hilly single-track loop north of visitor center

Trailhead Off 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 edge before moving onto forested hillsides. Raccoon Trail is within the larger loop formed by Glacial Trail.
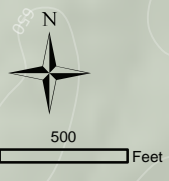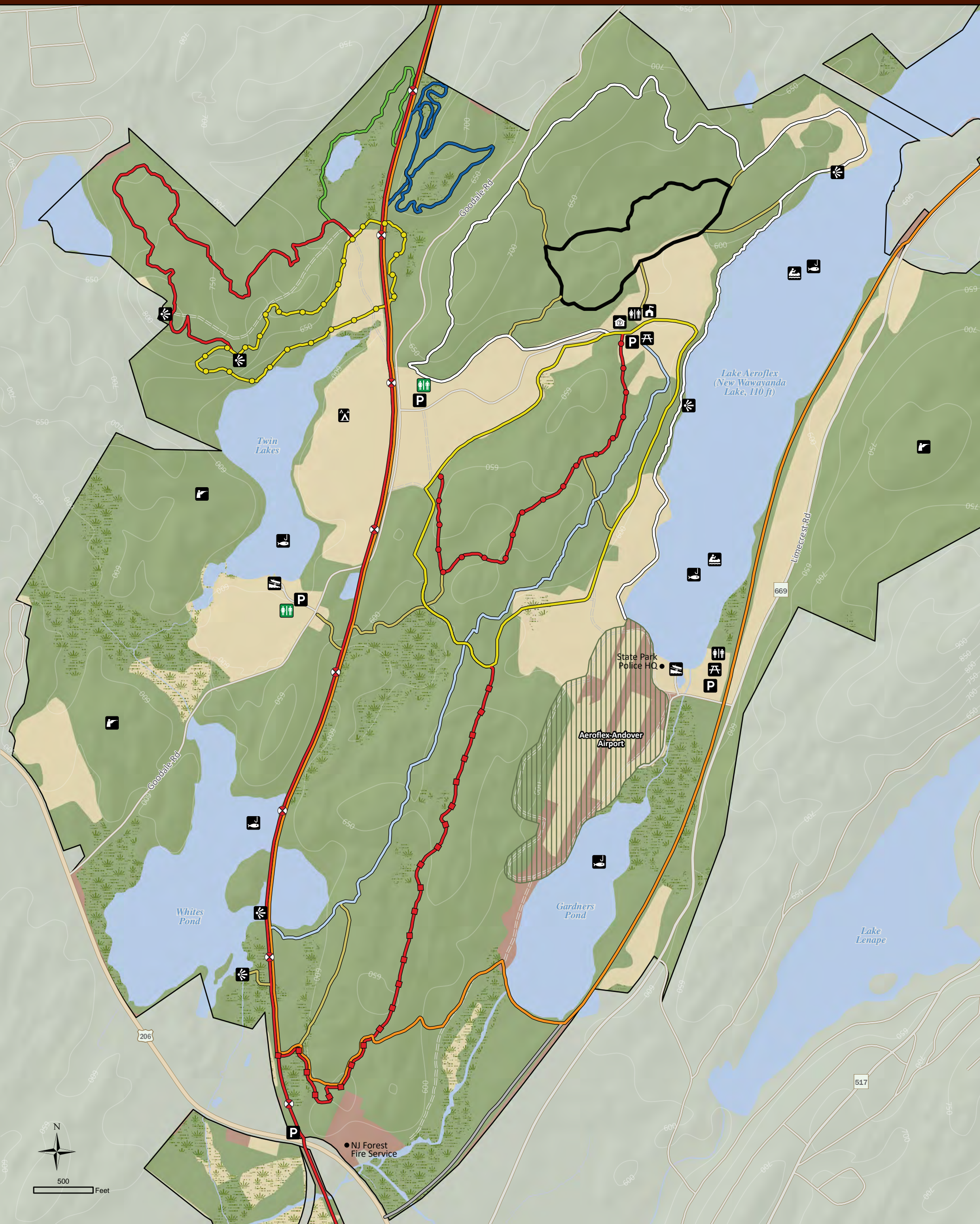
Shale Trail

Blue • 1.0 mile • Multi-use
Moderate • Winding single-track 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 winding single track along the flat, forested floor. The southern portion ascends the shale hillside to a small ridge overlooking Goodale Road before returning to Sussex Branch Trail.

KITTATINNY VALLEY State Park

Twin Lakes

Lake Aeroflex
(New Wawayanda
Lake, 110 ft)

Goodale Rd

Limecrest Rd

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State Park
Police HQ

Aeroflex-Andover
Airport

Whites Pond

Gardners Pond

Lake Lenape

206

517

● NJ Forest
Fire Service

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500 Feet

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Open Field or Grass	**Andover Junction Trail (1.0 mi)**	**Raccoon Trail (0.9 mi)**	**Boat Launch**
Forest	**Andover Loop Trail (6.8 mi)**	**Shale Trail (1.0 mi)**	**Canoeing**
Developed Area	**Explorer Trail (1.6 mi)**	**Sussex Branch Trail (3.0 mi)**	**Fishing**
Water	**Glacial Trail (2.6 mi)**	**Twin Lakes Trail (0.8 mi)**	**Group Campground**
Wetland	**Hemlock Trail (0.8 mi)**	**Vernal Trail (0.5 mi)**	**Hunting**
Restricted Area	**Limestone Trail (1.2 mi)**	**Trail Connector**	**Interpretive Center**
	Mount Nebo Trail (0.8 mi)	**Rail Trail (Proposed)**	

Parking Lot	
Picnic Area	
Restrooms	
Restrooms (Primitive)	
Scenic View	
Visitor Center	