



PLCC Bearfort Mountain Trails

Trails Description:

The PLCC owns land which runs roughly South of the gas line, East of Wawayanda State Park, and North of the stream near Cliff Road. Motorized vehicle use is limited to PLCC property only, the rules are stated below. Wawayanda State Park is open to foot travel only, motorized vehicles are not authorized.

There are many options for rewarding loop hikes as well as out & back hikes which can make use of the 'gas line' and 'Terrace Pond-North' trail (NYNJTC). There are numerous scenic vantage points overlooking the lake and town marked on the map (on clear days the NYC skyline can be seen from a few locations), and great opportunities to view diverse wildlife throughout the year. There are many areas along the gas line with an abundance of wild berries in July and August.

Trail Safety:

Please be aware of the potential dangers. Wildlife such as timber rattlesnakes and black bears are present in these woods. There are loose rocks and steep terrain in many areas which can be very slippery after wet weather, posing a risk not only to hikers but motorized vehicle users. Rocky, off-camber trails increase the risk of ATV rollovers. It is recommended that motorized vehicle users walk the trails prior to riding on PLCC property.

Hiking, biking, and ATV'ing are activities with inherent risks. Always hike or ride within your ability level. Use of the trails and woods property is at the member's own risk, PLCC bears no responsibility for actions of members participating in activities such as hiking, mountain biking, winter sports, or ATV riding on this property.

Some tips: Always tell someone where you are going. Bring a charged smartphone with you, a map/navigation app can be helpful. Always have plenty of water, proper footwear, and appropriate clothing for the weather. Insect repellent, a bear bell, and sunscreen are recommended during the warmer months.

General Trail Information:

This map was compiled from USGS and GPS data, and is for PLCC member reference only. Trail distances, land boundaries, and elevations are approximate. The Wawayanda State Park boundary begins to the West of PLCC property and is not clearly marked. When within Wawayanda State Park boundaries you must comply with all State Park rules and regulations.

Volunteers from the PLCC clean litter, clear debris and maintain the trails shown on this map. Please help us maintain them by following 'Leave No Trace' practices. If you see an issue please report it to pineclifflake@gmail.com. All users of the property should have a membership badge or guest badge on their person. If you come across someone doing something illegal on PLCC property please call the West Milford Police, and kindly report the incident to the aforementioned email address.

General PLCC Woods Property Information

Trail-use tips and rules: The trails on PLCC property are multi-use, and this property is available for use by all PLCC members in good standing. Anyone on the PLCC trails or woods property is required to have a current membership badge, or guest badge if they are guests of a member. Please stay off private property. All motorized vehicles on the trails must be registered and insured. Motorized vehicles include any dirt bikes, ATV's and UTV's/side-by-side's, and full-size vehicles such as trucks or jeeps.

- There is now a chain gate at the primary PLCC trail access point on Hemlock Lane to prevent unauthorized access by nonmember motorized vehicle use. **Members in good standing who wish to access the PLCC property trails with a motorized vehicle may email pineclifflake@gmail.com for the gate padlock combination.** A new combination will be in effect on or around 1 April of each year, so members can email to ask for the new combination upon paying lake dues. Please close the chain gate tightly behind you to prevent unauthorized access of PLCC property by non-member motorized vehicles.
- Access to the PLCC woods property and multi-use trails is for PLCC members in good standing only. All others are considered trespassing and not allowed to return - violations will be prosecuted. All members are required to have a beach pass on their person.
- Wheeled and motorized vehicle users should wear a helmet and appropriate protective equipment.
- During hunting season (October-December) it is recommended that trail users (and their pets) have a patch of fluorescent color visible and avoid wearing white or brown during this time.

Right of way: Share the trail and be courteous of other users. Keep to the right except to pass. When in doubt, give the other user the right of way. Warn people when you are planning to pass. Please keep pets under control.

- All users yield to horseback riders, mountain bikers yield to hikers, motorized vehicles yield to all trail users.
- In the winter/snow all users yield to XC-skiers, mountain bikers yield to snowshoers, and motorized vehicles yield to all trail users.



Leave No Trace: (all members using the woods are encouraged to adhere to the Seven Principles of 'Leave No Trace')

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly (don't litter – carry out your trash)
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campsite Impacts (no open fires allowed on PLCC property)
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

The use of this property is a PLCC member privilege. People witnessed abusing or destroying it will not be allowed to return.