

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

To access all trails, follow brick walkway from Visitor Center and cross Hawk Mountain Road to begin at Entrance.
ALL TRAILS ARE ROCKY AND UNGRADED except the walk to South Lookout.

SOUTH LOOKOUT

175 yards from Entrance Gate, the trail to this lookout is groomed and can be accessed by motorized wheelchairs as well as by manual wheelchairs with assistance. Below South Lookout is the River of Rocks, an Ice-Age boulder field. An observer-interpreter is stationed daily at South Lookout during September and October.

LOOKOUT TRAIL (orange)

Vertical rise: 300 feet. The easiest trail to North Lookout (NLO) is the Lookout Trail. Alternatives are the Express Route, a steep shortcut often used for return descent, and the rocky, difficult Escarpment Trail that follows the ridge edge. The North Lookout consists of large boulders that require rock scrambling to traverse.

The official observer is stationed at NLO. On a clear day, the 200° panoramic view extends 70 miles. The series of folded mountains and valleys to the northwest is the Ridge-and-Valley Province of the central Appalachians. The Kittatinny is its most southeasterly ridge.

RIVER OF ROCKS TRAIL (red)

Vertical descent: 600 feet. Begin this trail by turning right just before South Lookout or by continuing .3 mile on the Lookout Trail before turning to the right. Allow 3-4 hours to complete loop. The loop trail is rough and rocky. Several unmarked trails cross this trail; pay extra attention and follow the RED blaze.

SKYLINE TRAIL (blue)

This rugged, ridgetop trail follows the spine of the Kittatinny down over North Lookout, crosses East Rocks (a scenic overlook) and meets the Appalachian Trail 2.5 miles from NLO. East Rocks is a good vantage point for the migration. This difficult trail is recommended only for experienced hikers—just off NLO is a 10-foot vertical descent.

GOLDEN EAGLE TRAILS (yellow)

Vertical rise: 800 feet. The Golden Eagle Trails offer a challenging alternate 2-mile route to East Rocks. These trails connect the Skyline Trail (BLUE) with the River of Rocks Trail (RED) and follow a steep grade. The loop formed by all is about 4 miles.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL (AT) & PINNACLE TRAIL (white)

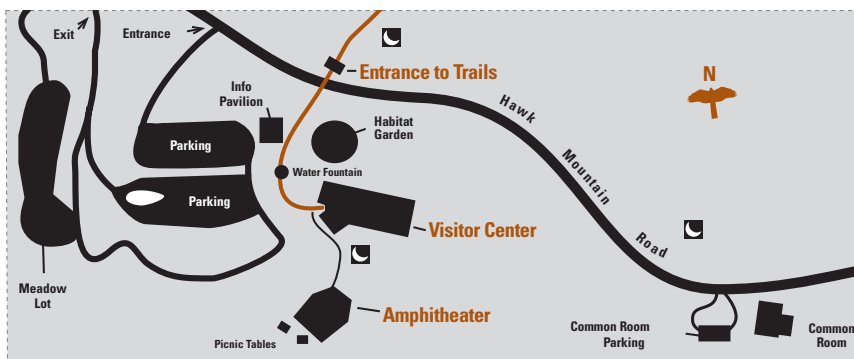
The AT can be reached from the Skyline Trail and the PA Gamelands and/or Hamburg Reservoir Parking Area. The Pinnacle can be reached via the AT or from Blue Rocks Campground, off of Rt. 143, 9 miles west of the Sanctuary.

TO LEARN MORE

Check the Visitor Center for program schedules, migration reports and more.

Call the Hawk Count Hotline at 610-756-6000 ext. 6. The count is updated daily after 6 pm, Aug. 15–Dec. 15.

Visit www.hawkmountain.org for events, news and the Raptor Count Page, updated daily after 6 pm, Aug. 15–Dec. 15.



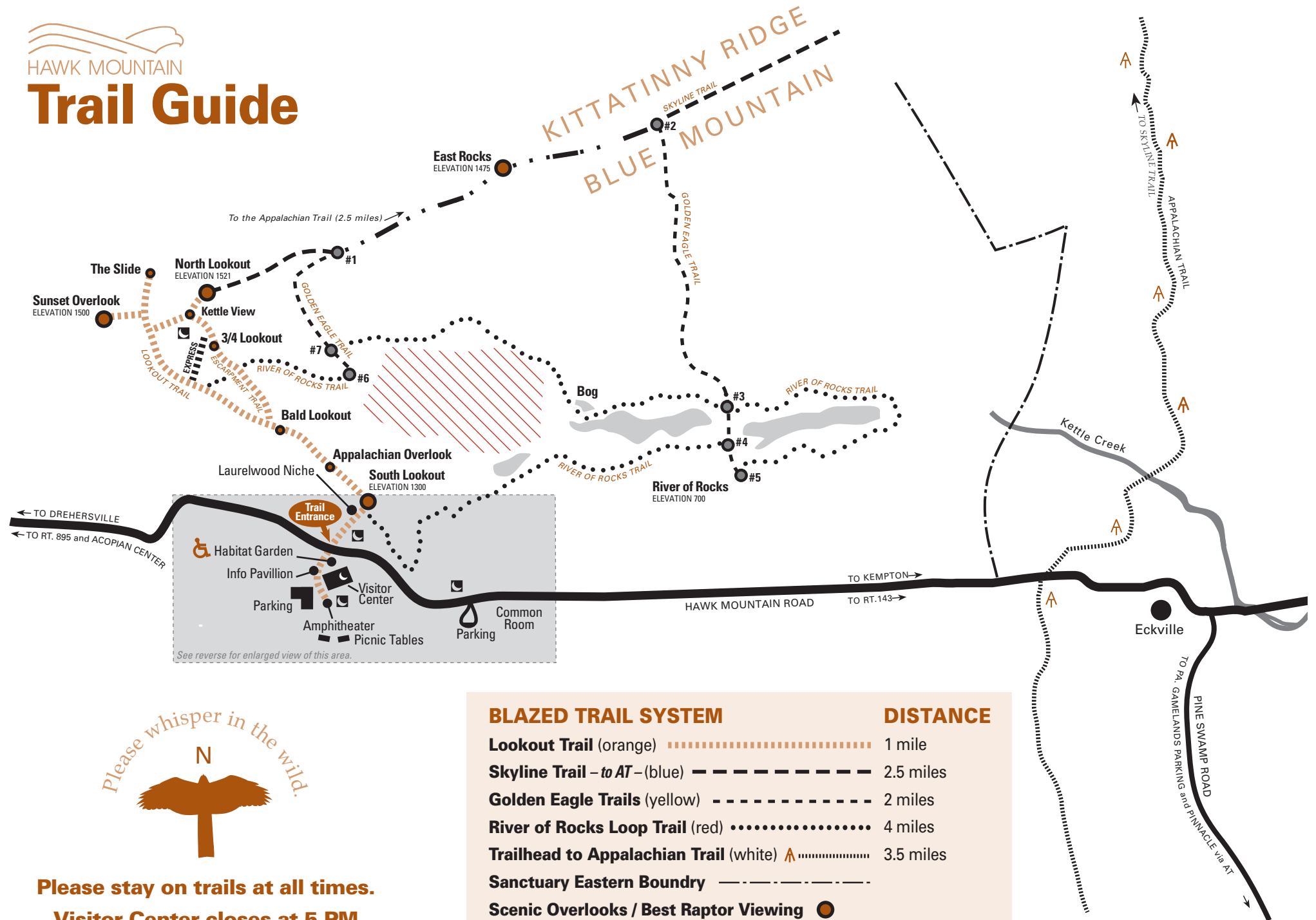
TRAIL CONDITIONS & RULES

- No pets, radios, bicycles, horses, camping, fires, smoking or alcoholic beverages are permitted.
- Stay on trails and carefully follow blazes. Do not enter restricted areas or breach safety rails.
- The Mountain's fragile ecology depends on you; help us protect it for future visitors and wildlife. Please leave no trace.
- Hike the trails at your own risk. Beware of loose rocks. Rocks are very slippery when wet or icy.
- Sturdy shoes with gripping soles are a must for rocky trails. Backpacks and child carriers are recommended to keep hands free for balance. Trails may not be suitable for toddlers.
- Trails are open dawn to dusk. Allow adequate time for return trip before nightfall.
- Please, no phone calls at the Lookout. Please keep cell phones turned off.
- Report first aid emergencies at Visitor Center or to Sanctuary personnel identified by yellow arm patches.
- Please pack in, pack out. Picnic tables are available at Amphitheater.
- Visitor Center is open from 9 to 5 PM; 8 to 5 PM, Sept–Nov. Parking area is locked by 8 PM or dusk.


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HAWK MOUNTAIN Trail Guide



Please stay on trails at all times.

Visitor Center closes at 5 PM

CAUTION: Trails are rocky. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes recommended. Follow the blazes. Trails close at dusk.

BLAZED TRAIL SYSTEM

BLAZED TRAIL SYSTEM	DISTANCE
Lookout Trail (orange)	1 mile
Skyline Trail – to AT – (blue)	2.5 miles
Golden Eagle Trails (yellow)	2 miles
River of Rocks Loop Trail (red)	4 miles
Trailhead to Appalachian Trail (white)	3.5 miles
Sanctuary Eastern Boundry	
Scenic Overlooks / Best Raptor Viewing	
Numbered Post – Junction Markers	
Restricted Area – Do Not Enter	
Toilets	

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