

TRAIL & LOOKOUT GUIDE

To access all trails, follow the walkway from the Visitor Center and cross Hawk Mountain Road to begin at the entrance. 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 September through early November.

LOOKOUT TRAIL (orange blazes)

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 counter is stationed at NLO in spring and autumn. 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.

SILHOUETTE TRAIL (ACCESSIBLE) (green blazes)

This trail is wheelchair accessible and offers an alternative route to South Lookout. It is 900 feet long, and the grade does not exceed 8.3 %.

RIVER OF ROCKS TRAIL (red blazes)

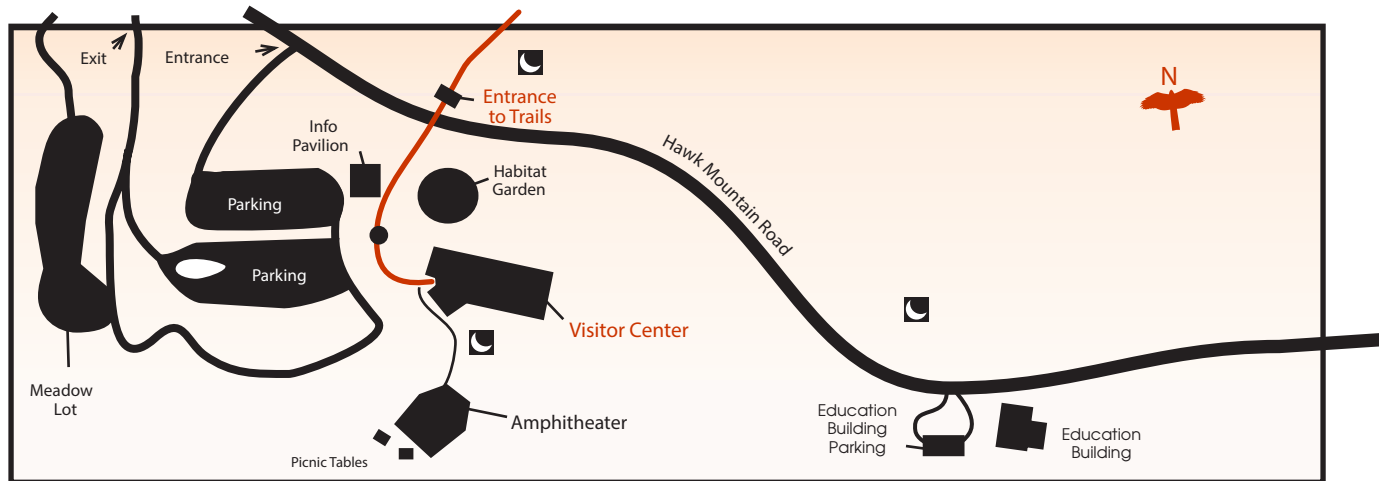
Vertical descent: 600 feet. Begin this trail by turning right just before South Lookout after 0.3 mile on the Lookout Trail. Allow 3-4 hours to complete loop. The loop trail is very rough and rocky. Several unmarked trails cross this trail; pay extra attention and follow the RED blazes.

SKYLINE TRAIL (blue blazes)

This rugged, ridgetop trail follows the spine of the Kittatinny eastward and 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 place to see migration. This difficult trail includes 4-point rock scrambling and is recommended only for experienced hikers—just off NLO is a 30-foot vertical descent. The trail is accessible via part of the Lookout Trail, Golden Eagle Trail, and River of Rocks Trail.

GOLDEN EAGLE TRAILS (yellow blazes)

Vertical rise: 800 feet. This trail connects the Skyline Trail (blue) with the River of Rocks Trail (red) and follows a steep grade. The trail loop is about 4 miles.



TRAIL CONDITIONS & RULES

- ✎ No pets, radios, bicycles, horses, drones, firearms, camping, fires, smoking, or alcoholic beverages are permitted.
- ✎ The Mountain's fragile ecology depends on you; help us protect it for future visitors and wildlife. Please leave all plants, animals, rocks, etc. as you found them.
- ✎ Please pack in, pack out all trash. Picnic tables are available at the Amphitheater and near the parking lot.
- ✎ 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.
- ✎ Keep voices low on trails and lookouts. No phone calls at the Lookout. Please keep cell phones turned off.
- ✎ Please be sure to bring plenty of water.
- ✎ Report first aid emergencies at Visitor Center or to Sanctuary personnel.
- ✎ Visitor Center is open from 9 to 5 pm; 8 to 5 pm Sept-Nov. Parking area is locked by 8 pm or dusk.

TO LEARN MORE

Check at 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.

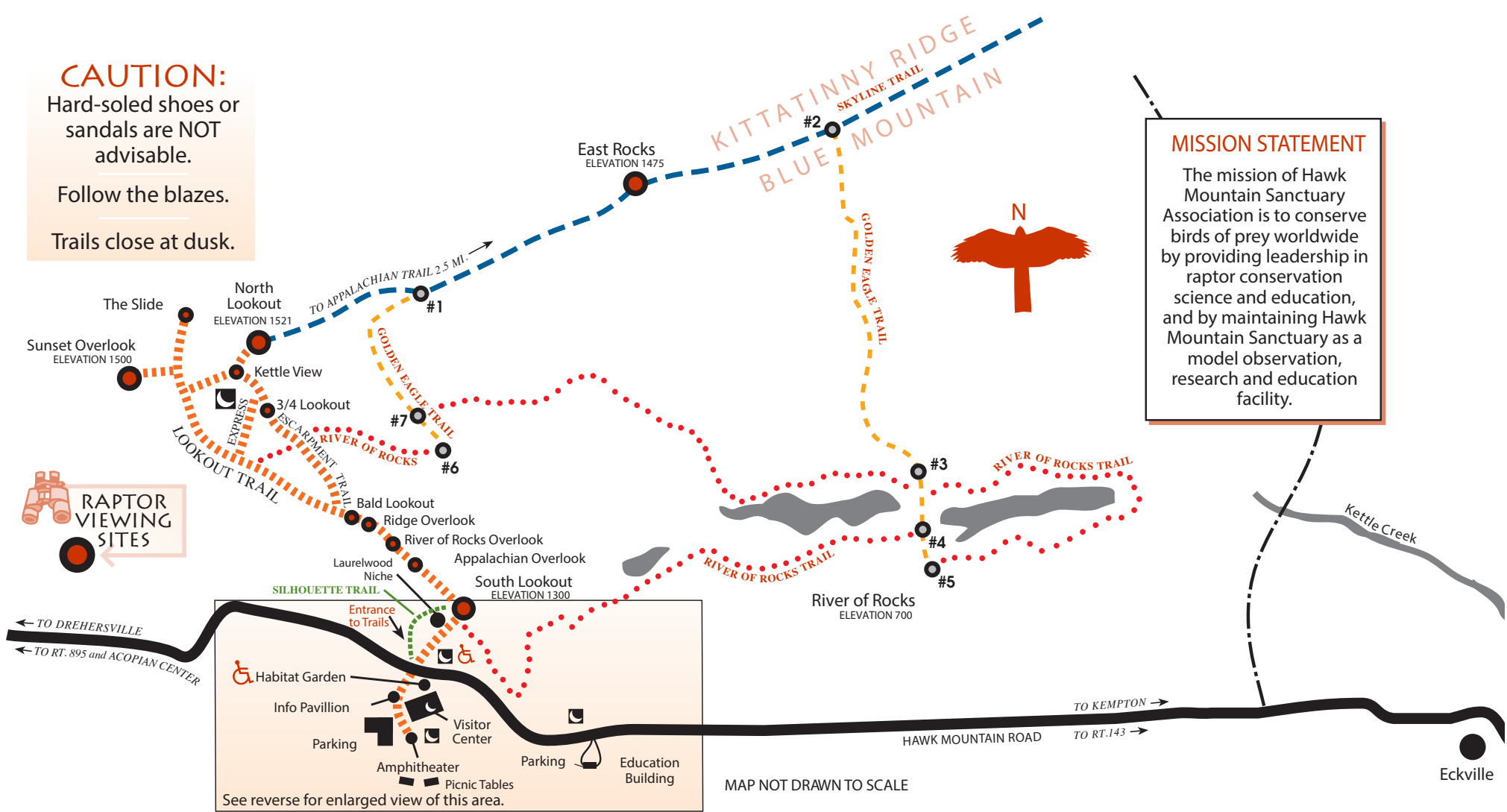


CAUTION:

Hard-soled shoes or sandals are NOT advisable.

Follow the blazes.

Trails close at dusk.



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association is to conserve birds of prey worldwide by providing leadership in raptor conservation science and education, and by maintaining Hawk Mountain Sanctuary as a model observation, research and education facility.



RAPTOR VIEWING SITES

BLAZED TRAIL SYSTEM

- Lookout Trail (ORANGE) ————— 1 mile (one way)
- Silhouette Trail (Accessible) (GREEN) - - - - - one-tenth mile (one way)
- River of Rocks Loop Trail (RED) 4 miles (one way)
- Skyline Trail (to AT) (BLUE) - - - - - 1.4 miles (plus parts of the River of Rocks Loop, Golden Eagle Trail, and Lookout Trail totaling an additional 4 miles)
- Golden Eagle Trails (YELLOW) - - - - - 2 miles (plus parts of the River of Rocks Trail and Skyline Trail totaling an additional 2 miles)
- Numbered Post - Junction Markers ●
- Sanctuary Eastern Boundary - - - - -
- Scenic Overlooks / Best Raptor Viewing ●
- Toilets ☐

Please stay on trails at all times. Visitor Center closes at 5 PM.

Mountain Lookouts

- 300-700 yds — Graded trail**
 - South Lookout
 - Appalachian Overlook
 - River of Rocks Lookout
 - Ridge Overlook
 - Bald Overlook
- 1200-2100 yds — Rough trail**
 - 3/4 Lookout
 - Kettle View
 - North Lookout
 - Sunset Overlook
 - The Slide

Please whisper in the wild.



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