

HAWK MOUNTAIN TRAIL GUIDE



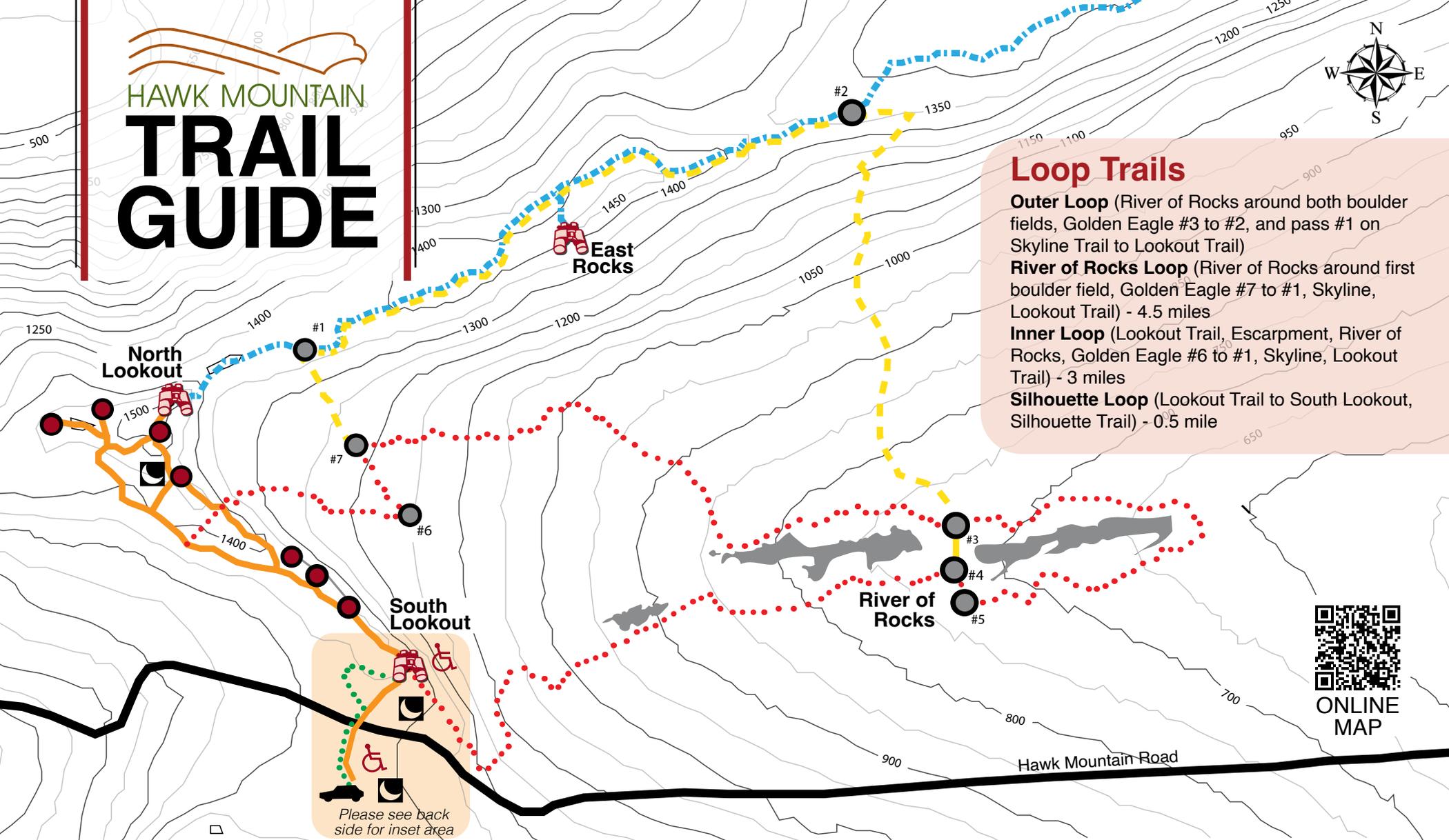
Loop Trails

Outer Loop (River of Rocks around both boulder fields, Golden Eagle #3 to #2, and pass #1 on Skyline Trail to Lookout Trail)

River of Rocks Loop (River of Rocks around first boulder field, Golden Eagle #7 to #1, Skyline, Lookout Trail) - 4.5 miles

Inner Loop (Lookout Trail, Escarpment, River of Rocks, Golden Eagle #6 to #1, Skyline, Lookout Trail) - 3 miles

Silhouette Loop (Lookout Trail to South Lookout, Silhouette Trail) - 0.5 mile



Please see back side for inset area



CAUTION

Hard soled shoes or sandals are NOT APPROPRIATE

Follow Blazes

Trails close at dusk

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MAP LEGEND

Please see back for trail descriptions.

- Lookout Trail 1 mile
- Silhouette Trail (Accessible) 0.25 mile
- River of Rocks Loop Trail 4 miles
- Skyline Trail to AT 2.2 miles
- Golden Eagle Trails 2.1 miles

- Accessible
- Numbered Post - Junction Markers
- Scenic Overlooks
- Best Raptor Viewing
- Parking
- Toilets

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To access all trails, follow the walkway from the Visitor Center and cross Hawk Mountain Road to begin at the trail entrance. **ALL TRAILS ARE ROCKY** except the Silhouette Trail, from the Amphitheater or Visitor Center to South Lookout. Admission is free for Members. Non-members pay or join in the Visitor Center.

SILHOUETTE TRAIL

ADA trail links the Amphitheater, Visitor Center, Native Plant Garden, and trail entrance, offering an alternate route to South Lookout or a short, looped walk. Very difficult to push without a motorized chair, however grade does not exceed 8.3%. Foundation is small stones pressed into a macadam base. Length is 900 feet from Visitor Center to trail entrance. Green blazes from trail entrance to South Lookout.

SOUTH LOOKOUT

Packed dirt and shale on a wide trail with a 17% vertical grade. Short but slightly steep. Accessible by motorized chair. Length is 175 yards and a 10-minute walk. Closest overlook. No blazes.

LOOKOUT TRAIL - Moderate

Packed earth turns to rocky path. Some naturally sandy areas. Benches to rest. One stone staircase. Vertical rise 300 feet. North Lookout requires traversing over and/or sitting upon large boulders. Length is 1 mile (one way) and a 45 minute walk. Orange blazes on rocks, some on trees.

Alternatives routes to North Lookout are the **Express Trail**, a steep, rocky shortcut often used for return descent, and the rocky and difficult **Escarpment Trail** that follows the ridge edge and demands rock scrambling.

RIVER OF ROCKS TRAIL - Difficult

Steep, 600-foot vertical decent through mixed forest before trail becomes completely rocky. Always follow RED blazes and use numbered posts for reference. Several unmarked trails may cross, so remain vigilant. Packed earth turns to rocky path. Must carry food, water and all safe hiking equipment in a daypack. Length is 4 miles and is a 4-5 hour hike. Red blazes with many on rocks, some on trees. Be sure to follow RED.

SKYLINE TRAIL - Most Difficult

Drop/decent just below the North Lookout. Beyond, the trail is very rough, including 4-point rock scrambling. The trail is accessible from part of the Lookout Trail and the Golden Eagle Trails and is **ONLY** for the experienced hiker. Must carry food, water and all safe hiking equipment in a daypack. Length is 3.5 miles from trail entrance to its end, then 3.4 to return, making it a 4-hour hike, start to finish. Follow BLUE blazes.

GOLDEN EAGLE TRAIL - Most Difficult

Difficult! This trail connects the Skyline Trail (blue blazes) with the River of Rocks Trail (red blazes) and follows a very steep grade, with a rise or descent of 800 feet. Only for the very experienced hiker. Must carry food, water and all safe hiking equipment in a daypack. Length is 2.1 miles from intersection of River of Rocks Trail across Skyline Trail and back to River of Rocks Trail. A 3 to 4-hour, very difficult hike. Follow YELLOW blazes.

TRAIL CONDITIONS AND RULES

- **No radios, bicycles, horses, drones, firearms, camping, fires, smoking, vaping, hammocks, alcoholic beverages, or machetes/axes permitted.**
- **No pets except trained service animals.**
- **For your safety and to protect the Mountain's fragile ecology, always remain on the trail.**
- **Pack in, pack out all trash. Picnic tables in Amphitheater and near the parking lot.**
- **Hike at your own risk. Beware of loose or slippery rocks. Always wear sturdy shoes with gripping soles.**
- **Backpacks and child carriers recommended to keep hands free. Trails suitable for children over 5, or adults with child carriers.**
- **Be considerate. Keep cellphone volume off and voices low.**
- **Always carry more water than you think. Report first aid needs and/or emergencies at the Visitor Center or to Sanctuary personnel.**
- **All visitors must be off the trails by dark. Allow adequate time to return to your vehicle before dusk.**

VISITOR CENTER DETAILS

