

see the trail bear right. Off to the left is a small rock outcropping that is a nice place to sit and offers a view of the surrounding treetops.

After a long stretch of fairly even terrain, you will come upon the trailhead for the blue-marked Cupsaw Brook Trail. Follow the yellow markers to the right. Soon the white trail will join the yellow from the left for about 30 yards before splitting off to the right. Bear left and you will soon cross Morris Rd.

The trail will cross a pipeline, and unmarked trail, and a small stream before crossing another unmarked trail. You will finally emerge near Carletondale Rd. Cross the road, and start downhill. You will pass the Eleanor Hewitt School to your right, and a church on the left before crossing a small footbridge over a brook. From there, you will start the gradual incline up Governor Mountain.

**Trail Cleanup:** While trail maintainers and park staff try to keep the trails as clean as possible, with hundreds of miles of trails, this is a difficult task. Consider taking a garbage bag along with you on your hike, and picking up loose refuse as you go. It will help preserve the trails for future hikers. If you need a garbage bag, just ask for one in our office.

The trail will split left and right, both yellow, the start of the Governor Mountain loop. Head to the right. The trail will start to climb slightly before leveling off in what seems like a roundabout way to the top. Soon you will start uphill again, passing boulders on both sides of the trail.

You will start to see the Wanaque Reservoir on your right. You will pass through a clearing that is sometimes used illegally as a campsite. While the spot offers a somewhat obstructed view of

the reservoir, and you may feel the urge to scramble downhill for a better view, continue along the yellow trail and you will soon come to a better, unobstructed vista of the reservoir and Rte. 511.

After checking out the view, follow the trail as it cuts left and up a rocky slope, then back down a short but somewhat steep section. Continue following the markers and you will start uphill again along an unmarked ridge of light green colored rock. Follow the ridge to the right and you will soon see yellow markers again. Continue downhill and you will soon come back to the start of the loop.

**Wanaque Reservoir:** The reservoir, fed by the Wanaque River and stretching through Wanaque and Ringwood, took eight years to build, and holds nearly 30 billion gallons of water. Construction was completed in 1930.

You will double back along your tracks most of the return trip, crossing Carletondale Rd. and Morris Rd. again. Shortly after crossing Morris Rd., the trail will split- yellow to the right, white to the left. You can continue to backtrack- uphill along the yellow until it meets with the red trail, then downhill to Sloatsburg Rd.- or you can follow along the white trail, shaving some time and difficulty off the end of your trip.

The white trail will take the easier, lower route near the foot of the ridge. You will need to diverge slightly off-trail to avoid a large downed tree before meeting up with the red trail just uphill from Sloatsburg Rd. Head left, cross the road, and you'll soon be back at the trailhead near Lot B.

We hope you've enjoyed your hike! Thank you for visiting Ringwood State Park!

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