

GUIDELINES FOR HIKERS

The following guidelines have been established to ensure everyone's enjoyment of our tranquil resort.

- **No pets.**
- **The use of drones, or other radio-controlled devices, is prohibited.**
- **Alcoholic beverages** are not permitted on the grounds.
- **Picnicking** can be enjoyed at Sky Top or the Lily Pond. Please respect our natural environment, and carry out what you carry in.
- **Proper attire** includes shirts and shoes at all times.
- **Swimming** in the lake is reserved for overnight guests only.
- **Music** with headphones or earbuds only, please.
- **For Your Safety:**
 - Carry a map with you at all times.
 - Please light no fires.
 - Extinguish cigarettes thoroughly and carry out the butts.
 - Rock climbing is only permitted with a reservation with Alpine Endeavors. Call 845.256.2752.
 - Rollerblading and skateboarding are not permitted.
- **Please do not pick flowers or other plants. Leave them for all to enjoy.**

As a condition of being permitted to use the property and grounds, the guest agrees to assume all responsibility for personal injury, loss, and/or damage to personal property, and further agrees to indemnify and hold Smiley Brothers, Inc. harmless for all risks of personal injury, loss, and/or damage to personal property.

In consideration of Mohonk Mountain House allowing use of its facilities, it is agreed that the appropriate rate and extra charges, if any, will be paid and it is agreed that if there is a claim or dispute that arises out of the use of the facilities that results in any legal action being brought as a result of the use of any of the facilities, all issues will be settled by the Courts of the State of New York, Ulster County, which we agree shall have exclusive jurisdiction over every party in connection with any such dispute, lawsuit, or claim.

RECOMMENDED HIKES & SCRAMBLES

starting from Mohonk Mountain House. Colors indicate our favorite hikes or scrambles, shown on reverse side.

SHORT AND EASY

Gardens and Greenhouse. Explore the Mohonk show gardens and our Stone Summerhouse that was built in 1890. The Greenhouse stands at the foot of the Garden, and visiting hours are posted on the bulletin board.

Around the Lake. From the West Porch, start toward Eagle Cliff, then descend the stairs at Lambdin's Glen. Take Undercliff Path to the cool woods at the southern end of the Lake. Return via Lake Shore Path and Road. (0.9 mile, 1.5 kilometers)

Mohonk Spring. From the East Porch, follow Spring Path to Mohonk Spring, once the source of the resort's drinking water. Return via Forest Drive and Lake Shore Road. (1 mile, 1.6 km)

Copes Lookout. From the West Porch, take Copes Lookout Road past the Tennis Courts to the Scenic Vista at the end of the road loop. Return via Copes Lookout Path. (1 mile, 1.6 km)

MODERATE

Sky Top. From the East Porch, ascend Sky Top Path to the Tower. On a clear day six states can be seen from the observation deck. Return via the gentler Sky Top Road and Pinkster Path. (1.5 miles, 2.4 km)

Eagle Cliff. The loop road is beautiful in either direction, but the tradition is to go up by the Tennis Courts and return along the bluff overlooking the lake. Start from the West Porch. (1.7 miles, 2.7 km)

Humpty Dumpty. From the West Porch, take Copes Lookout Road, then Humpty Dumpty Road, Short Woodland Drive, and Lake Shore Road. (1.9 miles, 3 km)

North Lookout. From the East Porch, follow Grove Path and Mossy Brook Path down to North Lookout Road. The summerhouse and scenic vista lie just beyond the intersection with Hemlock Lane. Go up Hemlock Lane, cross the auto road, and return via Huguenot Drive. (2.3 miles, 3.8 km)

STRENUOUS

Forest Drive. From the East Porch, follow Lake Shore Road, Forest Drive, and Bridge Road. From Woodland Bridge return by Huguenot Drive. This longer walk circles the bottom of Sky Top, following the carriage roads for its entire length. (2.7 miles, 4.4 km)

The Labyrinth. From the East Porch head straight past the Boat Dock and across the small wooden bridge to the northern corner of Lake Shore Road. The crevice there is the start of the Labyrinth Rock Scramble. Follow the red painted arrows on the rocks. Once at Sky Top Tower, return via Sky Top Path.

HALF-DAY and ALL-DAY HIKES

Mohonk Mountain House grounds are part of the 40,000-acre Shawangunk natural area. Some of the popular hiking destinations lie beyond the House grounds.

Duck Pond. Several carriage roads and trails can be linked to make an interesting circle route of about 4 miles (6 km). Coming back is mostly uphill. Duck Pond is in the Mohonk Preserve.

Bonticou Crag. This bare knob is the northernmost promontory on the Shawangunk Ridge. Beautiful views east toward the Hudson and west to the Catskills. About 8 miles (13 km). Mohonk Preserve.

Trapps Bridge. Undercliff and Overcliff Roads make a very popular loop. About 8 miles (13 km). Mohonk Preserve.

High Falls, Table Rocks. Snow lingers until midsummer in deep crevices in the rock. About 10 miles (16 km). Mohonk Preserve.

Millbrook Mountain. The sheer southeast face is the highest escarpment in our region. About 12 miles (19 km). Minnewaska State Park.

Lake Minnewaska. Carriages used to ply the road between the two resorts, taking guests to lunch or tea. It's still a nice walking route and Awosting Falls is spectacular. About 14 miles (23 km). Minnewaska State Park.

Lake Awosting. The largest of the Shawangunk lakes. This hike should test the stamina of most hikers. About 22 miles (27 km). Minnewaska State Park.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Mohonk.

We are pleased you have chosen to visit us. Mohonk is a family-owned and operated resort. Since its beginning in 1869, environmental awareness and responsible stewardship have allowed Mohonk to preserve the surrounding wilderness while providing a restful retreat for guests. As you hike our trails and roads with their ever-changing views and abundance of flora and fauna, please do your part to keep Mohonk "an unspoiled resort."

We hope you enjoy your time at Mohonk. Please come and visit us again.

Thank you,
The Smiley family
and Mohonk Management

GENERAL INFORMATION

Mohonk Mountain House grounds offer miles of marked trails and roads on 1,200 acres. The Mohonk Preserve, which adjoins the resort, provides an additional 7,500 acres of the Shawangunk Ridge. A total of 85 miles of hiking trails are accessible from the doorstep of Mohonk Mountain House.

Biking and horseback riding are permitted on a limited number of carriage roads and auto roads. Detailed biking and horseback riding maps and information may be obtained at the Front Desk.

Waste containers are provided for litter disposal. Please do your part to maintain the trails and woodlands in their state of unspoiled beauty.

Restrooms are available at the Gatehouse parking lot and near Sky Top Tower.

SAFETY INFORMATION

The hiking routes around Mohonk represent every degree of difficulty. The carriage roads, paths, and trails have been constructed to minimize disturbance to the outdoor environment. In choosing a route, please take into account your skills as well as the natural hazards associated with mountain hiking. Remember that weather conditions can make paths and trails extremely hazardous. Hiking is permitted between dawn and dusk. Night hiking is not permitted. Please refer to the Trail Information Boards, located at the Gatehouse, parking lot, Picnic Lodge, Copes Lookout Road, and Sky Top, for the latest trail conditions and other up-to-date information to assist you in making a decision on where to hike based on your skill level and the difficulty of the terrain. Always carry your map with you.

For your safety and to ensure protection of the woodlands, please stay on designated roads and paths. Keep children close at hand. Please watch for broken and uneven walking surfaces and be aware of those areas that are on the edge of cliffs or rock debris and may or may not have railings. Do not run on the trails. We strongly recommend proper hiking attire for all persons, including shoes or boots that provide ankle support and foot protection.

PUBLICATIONS

AVAILABLE IN THE GIFT SHOP

Self-Guided Walks
Historical Features of the Mountain House

Histories

- Mohonk and the Smileys:
A National Historic Landmark and the Family That Created It
- The Summerhouses of Mohonk
- The Story of Sky Top and Its Four Towers

Trail Maps

Shawangunk Trails, a 4-map set

Special Interest

- Checklist of Birds
- Checklist of Mammals
- Checklist of Trees and Shrubs
- Checklist of Reptiles and Amphibians
- Checklist of Ferns and Fern-Allies

Other Books

- Scenes and Walks in the Northern Shawangunks
- A Rock with a View



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A HIKER'S MAP of the MOHONK LAKE REGION in the SHAWANGUNK MOUNTAINS



