JOE 2025 Information Packet for Port Jervis Watershed Park Mountain Bike Ride

Day: Friday	Start Time: 9:30 pm	End Time: 4:30 pm
Co-Leader:	Co-Leader:	Limit: 12 people
Transportation: Personal Cars	Driver:	Bus Captain: N/A
Fees: Bike Rentals \$TBD for five hours	Travel Distance: 14 Miles	Travel Time: 27 Min

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Cut through "virgin forest," the <u>Port Jervis Watershed Park's hiking and biking trails</u> offer a great combination of single-track, cross-country, and excellent downhill riding. These very scenic trails offer tranquil moments along the three reservoirs and spectacular views over the Delaware River, Port Jervis proper, and the borders of three states. It's a vast tract of land boasting varying terrain and old-growth tree areas. There are over 30 miles of trail built into the encompassing 1,868 acres in Port Jervis and an adjoining 370 acres in neighboring Deer Park for hikers, bikers, and walkers, but not for motorists of any kind. "It's strictly a motor-free environment,"

This is a full-on mountain bike ride, with intermediate MTB biking skills required. You can choose an 8-mile or 11-mile route around the park for three to four hours. Part of the park is on a Mountain, and parts are in the valleys around three lakes, with ups and downs in between. A suggested route will be provided, but the group can adjust as needed. Rentals are available from Action Bikes and Outdoor Shop. You are welcome to bring your own mountain bike in your own vehicle.

- Bring: Bike or rent a bike, helmet, spare tire, bike tools, bike lock, at least two liters of water, Food, Bike gloves
- Cost of rentals: \$TBD for five hours (includes Bike, Helmet, and Mosaic Admin Fees)
- 9:30 ~ 4:30 pm
- Distance from Camp: 25 Minutes / 14 Miles
- Watershed Park Maps
- Current Trail Conditions
- Avenza | AllTrails | Trailforks
- YouTube 1 | YouTube 2
- Click HERE for more details

Logistics: Google Maps for Driving Directions

- 9:30 Depart from Camp
- 9:30 9:40 travel from Camp Nah-Jee-Wah to Action Bikes and Outdoor at 611 Broad St, Milford, PA 18337
 - o (9 Min/ 5.6 Miles)
- 9:40 10:40: Pick up bike rentals and load bikes onto cars at Action Bikes and Outdoor
- 10:40 3:00 Ride to the Port Jervis Watershed Park at Reservoir Ave, Port Jervis, NY 12771
 - o (17 Min / 8 Miles)
- 3:00 3:30 Return bikes to rental shop.
 - o (17 Min / 8 Miles)
- 3:30 4:00 Ice Cream stop at Milford Dairy Bar, 307 W Harford St, Milford, PA 18337
 - o (3 Min / ½ Mile)
- 4:00 4:30 Return trip to Camp. Please plan to return to camp by 4:30
 - (7 Min / 5 Miles)

Leader Notes:

- Make sure everyone has a copy of the trail map. We will supply copies
 - Watershed Park Maps
- GPS apps will be beneficial.
 - Avenza | AllTrails | Trailforks
- Make sure everyone has the leader's cell phone number (and each other).
- Anyone renting will be dependent on a driver. This trip will run only if there are sufficient personal car drivers.
- Make sure to bring a first aid kit and carry it with you on the trail.
- Make sure to have at least two liters of water. Camel backpacks will be beneficial here.
- Suggest talking to the bike rental vendor about routes and current trail conditions.
- While there is an ice cream place in Port Jervis, suggest returning bikes first and joining others at the Dairy Bar in Milford.

Vendor:

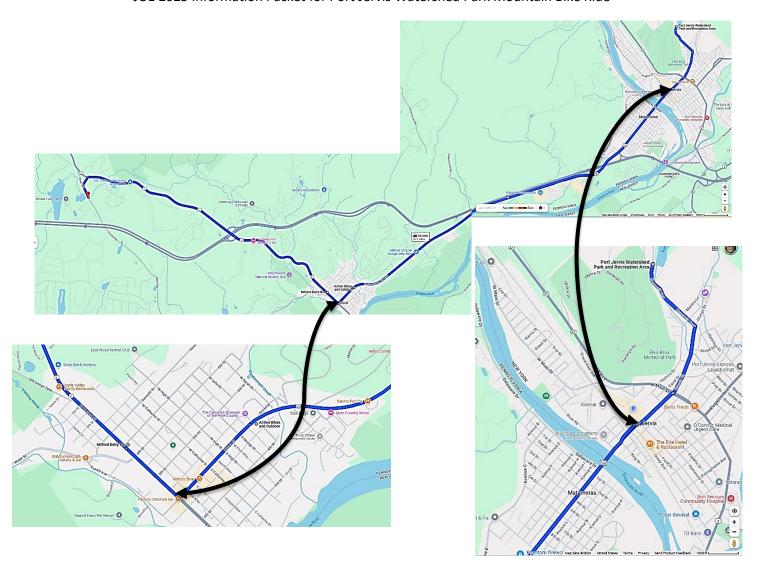
Action Bikes and Outdoor

- 611 Broad St, Milford, PA 18337
- (570) 296-4009 / tc@actionbikesandoutdoor.com
- Hours: Monday Thursday: 10 AM 5 PM / Friday, Saturday: 10 AM 6 PM / Sunday: 10 AM 3 PM

The Outdoor Club of Port Jervis

The Outdoor Club of Port Jervis is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 2016. We are a 100% volunteer group operating in the Port Jervis, NY, area as the stewards of the Port Jervis Watershed Trails and the Port Jervis Pump Track. In just a few short years, we have created nearly 50 miles of hiking and biking trails, built one of the largest pump Tracks on the East Coast, and hosted several outdoor activities for all ages.

- 31 Jersey Ave., Port Jervis, NY 12771
- (845) 287-0476
- <u>Facebook</u>



Driving Directions

Total Round Trip Drive: 27 Miles / 53 Min

10 min (5.9 mi) / from Camp to Action Bikes & Outdoor

- 1. Out camp, turn left
- 2. Head northwest on Sawkill Rd. Go for 0.5 mi. Then 0.5 mi
- 3. Turn right onto Bridge Rd. Go for 0.2 mi. Then 0.2 mi
- 4. Turn right onto Route 6 (US-6). Go for 4.9 mi. Then 4.9 mi
- 5. Turn left onto Broad St (US-6/US-209). Go for 0.4 mi. Then 0.4 mi
- 6. Arrive at Action Bikes & Outdoor, 611 Broad St, Milford, PA 18337

18 min (7.8 mi) Action Bikes & Outdoor to Reservoir Ave

- Out of Action Bikes & Outdoor Action bikes and turn right on Broad St (US-6/US-209).
- 2. Head northeast on Broad St (US-6/US-209). Go for 6.4 mi. Then 6.4 mi
- 3. Continue on Pike St (US-6/US-209). Go for 0.2 mi. Then 0.2 mi
- 4. Keep left onto Pike St (US-6/US-209). Go for 0.5 mi. Then 0.5 mi
- 5. Turn right onto E Main St (US-6/US-209). Go for 33 ft.
- 6. Then 0.01 mi. Turn left onto Orange St. Go for 0.5 mi. Then 0.5 mi
- 7. Turn left onto Reservoir Ave. Go for 0.4 mi. Then 0.4 mi
- 8. Arrive at Port Jervis Watershed Park and Recreation Area, Reservoir Ave, Port Jervis, NY 12771

17 min (7.8 mi) Port Jervis Watershed Park and Recreation Area Reservoir Ave to Action Bikes & Outdoor

- 1. Head toward Cedar St on Reservoir Ave. Go for 0.4 mi. Then 0.4 mi
- 2. Turn right onto Orange St. Go for 0.5 mi. Then 0.5 mi
- 3. Turn right onto E Main St (US-6/US-209). Go for 33 ft. Then 0.01 mi
- 4. Turn left onto Pike St (US-6/US-209). Go for 0.6 mi. Then 0.6 mi
- 5. Continue on Pennsylvania Ave (US-6/US-209). Go for 6.4 mi. Then 6.4 mi
- 6. Arrive at Action Bikes & Outdoor, 611 Broad St, Milford, PA 18337

2 min (0.7 mi) Action Bikes & Outdoor to Milford Dairy Bar, 307 W Harford St, Milford, PA 18337

- 1. Turn left out of Action Bikes & Outdoor onto Broad St (US-6/US-209). Go for 0.4 mi. Then 0.4 mi
- 2. Turn right onto W Harford St (US-6). Go for 0.3 mi. Then 0.3 mi
- 3. Milford Dary Bar will be on your right.

8 min (5.4 mi) Milford Dary Bar to Camp

- 1. Turn right onto W Harford St (US-6). Go for 4.7 mi. Then 4.7 mi
- 2. Turn left onto Bridge Rd. Go for 0.2 mi. Then 0.2 mi
- 3. Turn left onto Sawkill Rd. Go for 0.5 mi. Then 0.5 mi
- 4. Turn right into campgrounds

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YouTube: Port Jervis, NY: Pretty Little City on the Banks of the Delaware River.

Scenic Queen of the Shawangunk Range. The City of Port Jervis is beautifully situated in the twin valleys of the Neversink and Delaware Rivers and between the Appalachian Plateau and Shawangunk Mountains. It is located near thousands of acres of state parks, forests, game lands, and two National Park Service units- the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. One could not pick a more congenial location to build a community.

The city was once located within the boundaries of the Town of Deerpark, created in 1798. Port Jervis was first incorporated as a village in 1853, and then, after being partitioned from the Town of Deerpark, it became a city in 1907.

Port Jervis has long been a transportation center. Whether it was a stop on the Delaware River for Native Americans or, as it is now, the first exit in New York State on Interstate 84, it remains at the center of the region's transportation network.

European settlers first came to the area in the 1690s, and the fertile valley became the home to many farms. Mahackmeck, later known as Port Jervis, was a small settlement near the Old Mine Road (US Route 209) that carried early travelers southward from Kingston, New York. The small community was later cited as a boat basin and repair point along the Delaware and Hudson Canal. It became a vital waterway station, part of a 171-mile-long transportation system that shipped anthracite coal from northeastern Pennsylvania to New York City and New England. The tiny hamlet was named Port Jervis in 1827 by a group of citizens who wanted to honor the local chief engineer of the canal, John B. Jervis, of Rome, NY, who was then overseeing its construction.

The transportation system that dominated the landscape and eclipsed the canal was the New York and Erie Railroad, along with the Port Jervis and Monticello Railroad (which was later purchased by the New York, Ontario, & Western). The New York and Erie arrived in 1847, and successor companies maintained a significant presence here until the 1960s. In the early years of the twentieth century, several highways were built that passed through Port Jervis, including US Routes 6, 209, and New York State Route 97, and then in the late 1960s, Interstate Highway Route 84. The city is now the southernmost entry point for the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway and once again is along a central flyway for the American bald eagle.

From 1875 to 1940, Port Jervis was an important regional industrial and economic center. It was once a major shipping depot for bluestone. It was also home to author Stephen Crane and painter John N. Howitt. Later, other well-known personalities lived here, including Herb and Hal Kalin, who had an international following because of their hit song, "When" in 1958, and Ed and Lou Banach, who earned gold medals in wrestling in the 1984 Summer Olympics.

Many visitors have come to enjoy the beautiful scenery surrounding the city in all directions, and thousands pass through the city during the summer.

Suggested Bike Route

- Start going north away from the dam onto Beginners Berm, which follows the shore of the Brewer's Reservoir.
- 0.3 Miles Go past Reservoir Road (25) and to near the end of the Road to find Tallulah Trail on the left (27)
- 0.9 Miles Take Tallulah Trail to the end (going underneath the power lines) (39)
- 1.2 Mile Turn right onto Lenni Lenape and follow until the end at Brant Path (42)
- 0.5 Mile Follow Brant Path until end at Boxbaum Road (55)
- 0.3 Mile turn right onto Buxbaum Road and take it to the end (56)
- 0.5 Mile Turn left onto Mahackamack Trail and follow until end onto Tufted Trail (65)
- 1.3 Miles Take Tufted to end. It will come to a T at Delaware Trail (62)
- 0.4 Mile Turn right onto Delaware Trail. Take where it ends at Buxbaum Road (61)
- 0.7 Mile Take Box Baum Road to the P6 Parking lot, keeping Deerpark Lake on your left.
 - You will pass by the Forer PJ Watershed Caretaker's House @ 220 Academy Ave

At this point, you can choose a short or a longer, harder route. The short route will bring you back to the original parking lot directly. The longer route will go through Elks Box Memorial Park, uphill on a mountain.

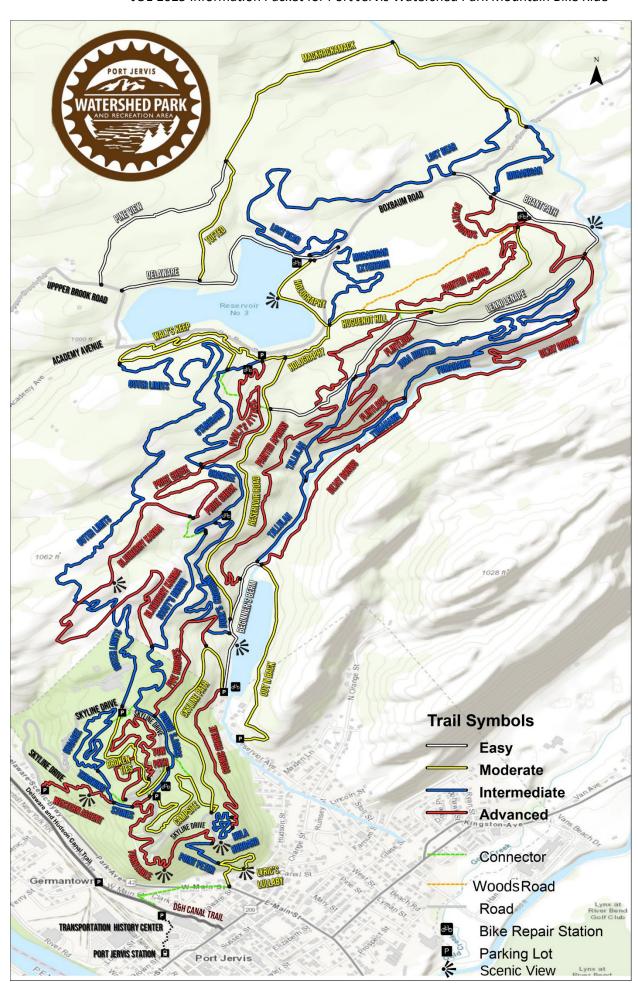
Short Route 8 Miles:

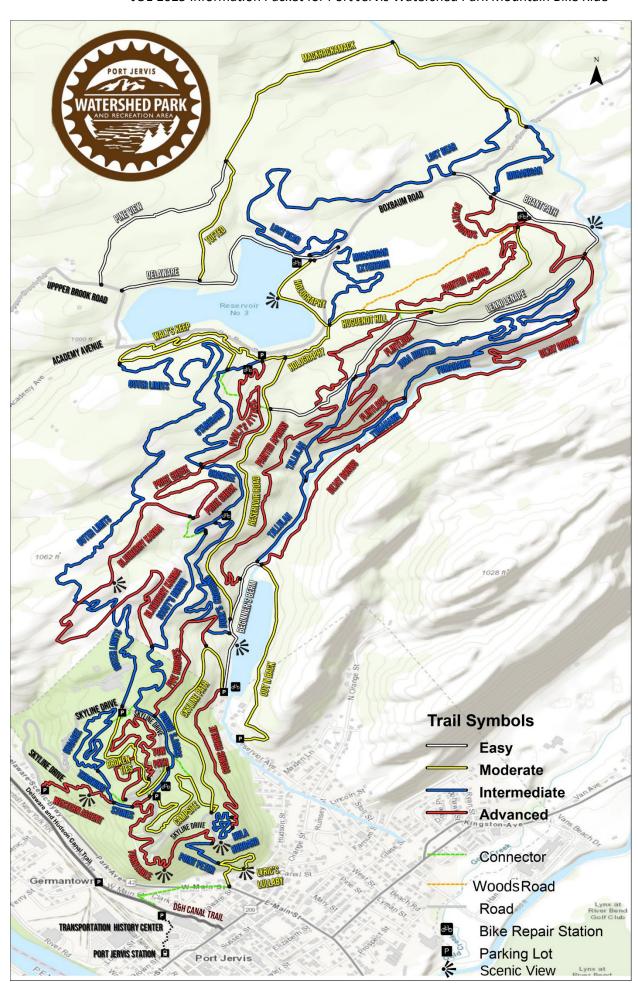
- Go through the parking lot and a short distance to find a left turn onto Reservoir Road (46)
- 1.5 Miles take Reservoir Road to the end, where it T's off onto Beginners Berm (25). Brewer's Reservoir will be in front of you. You will pass underneath the powerlines once again on your way to Beginners Berm (26)
- Turn right onto Beginner's Berm Road (25)
- 0.3 Miles—Take the Beginners Berm Back to the P5 parking lot where you started (1).

Longer Route 11 Miles:

- At the P6 Parking lot, turn right onto Starcrawf Trail (66). Be careful—a few trails start at the same spot and branch off in different directions.
- 0.8 Miles Take Starcrawf Trail to the end at Skunks Crossing (72, 73).
 - Skunks Crossing has four trails ending here. Cross through the intersection to find Ohanzee Trail
- 0.5 Miles Take Ohanzee Trail to end underneath powerlines
- 1.5 Miles Go straight to find Scout's honor. Take Scout's honor until you see Skyline drive. You will be following one of the powerlines. The P2 Parking lot is to the right.
- 1 Mile You can either follow Skyline Drive uphill to the top or take some side trails along the way to get more of a workout.
 - Side trail: Take Skyline Drive uphill until you get to P3. Find Campsite Trail to your left (13). Follow Campsite Trail to end (12, 11, 10, 9, 2). The Campsite Trail will end where Skyline Drive meets Skyline Path (your return to P5).
- Take a view from the top of the road at Pt. Peter Flag and then head back down a short distance to find Skyline Path (2)
- 0.9 Mile Take Skyline Path to end at the P1 Parking lot where you started (1).







Nearest Hospital

Bon Secours Community Hospital, 160 E Main St, Port Jervis, NY 12771 | 845-858-7000 https://www.bonsecourscommunityhosp.org/emergency-dept

7 min / 1.8 miles from the trailhead

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- 1. Start out going south on Reservoir Ave. toward Cedar St. (Portions unpaved).
 - a. Then 0.52 miles, 0.52 total miles
- 2. Take the 3rd right onto Orange St.
 - a. Orange St. is just past Hudson St.
- If you are on Richard St. and reach Charles St., you've gone too far then, 0.46 miles, 0.98 total miles
- Turn left onto E. Main St./US-6 E/US-209
 N. Continue to follow E. Main St./US-6 E.
 - a. If you reach N. Broome St., you've gone a little too far
 - b. Then 0.85 miles, 1.83 total miles
- 5. Bon Secours Hospital, 160 E Main St., Port Jervis, NY 12771-2114 on the left.
 - a. Your destination is 0.3 miles past Pennsylvania Ave.
 - b. If you reach Cole St., you've gone a little too far

