

Terrace Mountain trail

The 27-mile Terrace Mountain Trail traverses the entire eastern side of Raystown Lake, providing an opportunity for challenging day and overnight hikes through remote and rugged terrain. You can access the trail at seven locations: Weaver Falls, Lake Raystown Resort, Tatman Run Recreation Area, Trough Creek State Park, the intersection of John Bum and Fink Roads in Rothrock State Forest, Hawn's Road cul-de-sac and Corbin's Bridge.



Overnight camping with potable water is available at Lake Raystown Resort (miles 4.5 and 5.5) and Trough Creek State Park (mile 11.9); primitive camping is permitted in designated locations along the trail. The trail is marked with blue blazes and mileposts.

Beginning at the south end of the lake near Weaver Falls, the first five and a half miles of the trail follows the old Tressler logging road onto the wooded slopes of Terrace Mountain. During a steep one-mile climb, you can stop for water at Putt's Boy Scout Camp (mile 2.8).

The trail continues through mature hardwood forest dominated by hickory, oak and maple, with spectacular spring wildflowers.

At mile 7.1, the trail crosses Tatman Run at one of two steep valleys along the ridge. A quarter-mile access road at mile 7.3 leads to Tatman Run Access Area, with picnicking, drinking water and beach facilities. At mile 8.1, the trail passes through Rothrock State Forest, a designated wild area protected from future development.

Close to mile 12, the trail crosses Great Trough Creek via a wooden footbridge. Cool off on a hot summer day by stepping down into the ice mine, where ice is usually present from spring through August. At mile 16.4, the trail splits: The uphill trail shortcuts along the ridge, and



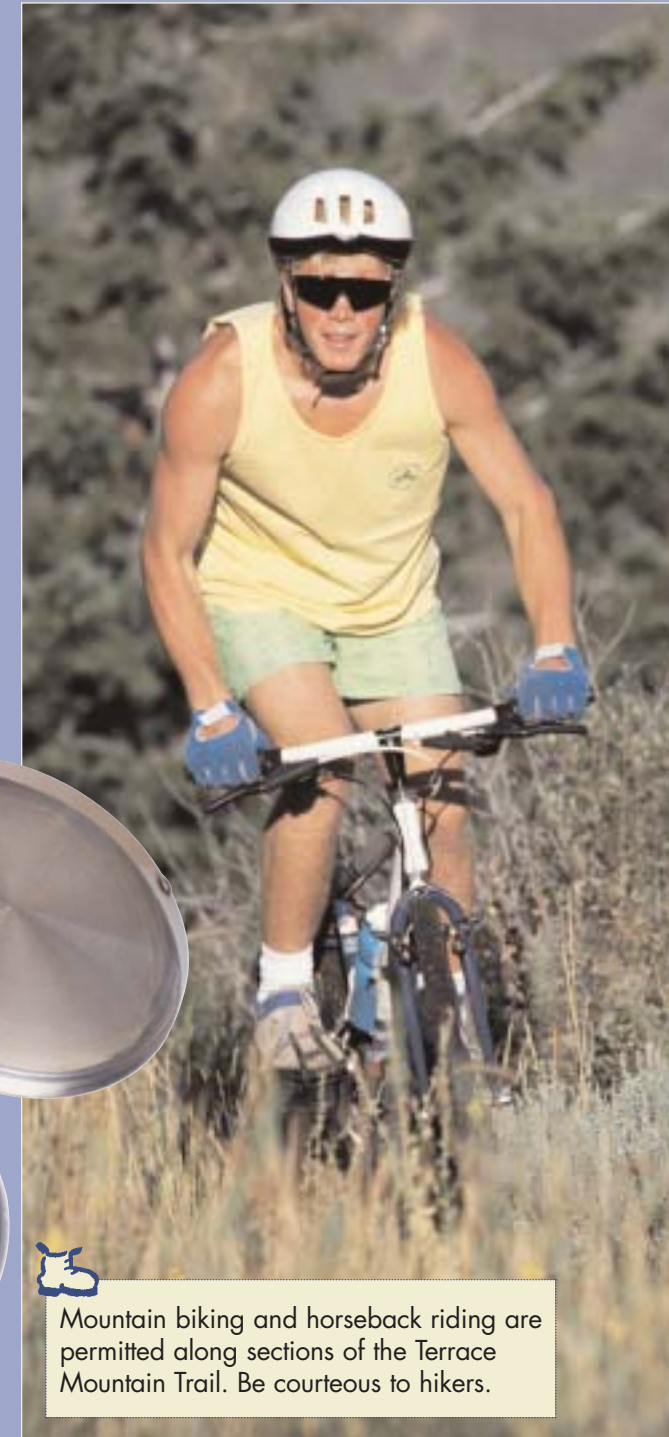
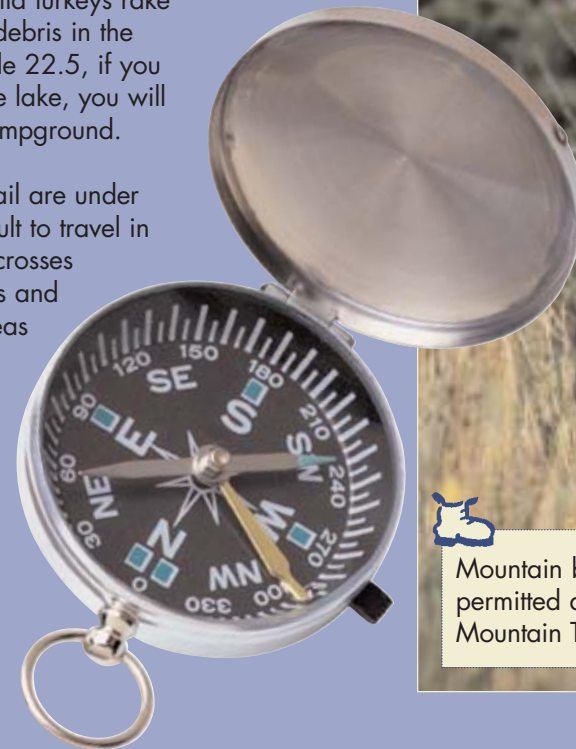
the downhill trail hugs the lake before climbing to rejoin the other spur at mile 16.6.

At mile 18, an overnight shelter is designated for construction using lumber harvested from the surrounding woods. Wildlife use the area extensively because the topography of the land funnels them into that area. A sign of wildlife that is often found in this area is "turkey scratching," small patches of bare ground made when wild turkeys rake away the leaves and debris in the search for food. At mile 22.5, if you look directly across the lake, you will see Susquehanock Campground.

The last 10 miles of trail are under construction and difficult to travel in some areas. The trail crosses several old natural gas and petroleum pipeline areas before passing Raystown Dam and continuing above the Raystown branch of the Juniata River and ending at Corbin's Bridge, mile 27, near the PA Fish & Boat Commission Point Access Area.



A high stone fence indicates a successful farm was located here.



Mountain biking and horseback riding are permitted along sections of the Terrace Mountain Trail. Be courteous to hikers.

scavenger hunt

What Did You Do on Your Hike?

Kids, fill out the hiking journal below and bring this page to the Visitors Center for a free "I Hiked the Terrace Mountain Trail" certificate!

- I hiked ___ miles.
- I saw _____
- I heard _____
- I touched _____
- I smelled _____
- What I liked best _____

What Did You Find on Your Hike?

Try to spot the items below on the trail:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shale barrens | <input type="checkbox"/> Stone Fence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Trough Creek | <input type="checkbox"/> Tatman Run |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal tracks | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Mine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Milepost | <input type="checkbox"/> Overnight shelter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pine cone | <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey scratching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raystown Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> Raystown Dam |

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 The Terrace Mountain forest is composed of Tulip Poplar, maples, hickories, and oaks.



 In late June and early July, watch for the white and pale pink blossoms of Rhododendron near streams.



Seven Points Recreation Area

Designated Overnight Shelter Area


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Raystown Dam

Corbin's Bridge & Point Access



Pets are allowed on all hiking trails.

 Overnight shelters are found at various locations to allow hikers to spend a longer period of time on the trail.

Weaver Falls Recreation Area


Lake Raystown Resort

Tatman Run Recreation Area

Trough Creek State Park

Intersection of John Bum & Fink Roads

Hawn's Road

 Look under rock outcroppings at mile 21, and you may spot old deer beds.


be a safe & courteous hiker


- Camp only at designated areas
- Build fires only in grills and fireplaces at the camping areas
- Collect only dead wood for fires
- Carry drinking water and a first aid kit
- Let someone at home know your plans
- Dress for the terrain and the weather
- Leave only footsteps, not litter
- Stay on designated trails
- Don't smoke or start fires outside official camping areas
- Don't disturb plants or animals
- Share the trail with other users
- Take time to look and listen




Trail Length: 27 mi
Map not to Scale




 In late May and early June, Terrace Mountain is abloom with pink and white Mountain Laurel, Pennsylvania's state flower.

 A sandstone overlook at mile 8.5 affords a scenic view of the lake.



 Low cliffs of red sandstone at mile 14.2 are part of the Hampshire geological formation, created about 360 million years ago.



 Mornings and evenings are the best times to view many wildlife species, when they come into the open to feed.

