

Lake Skannatati - Harriman State Park

Overview: This hike offers some wonderful views from Surebridge Mt in Harriman State Park

Detail Time: 4 Hours

Difficulty: 5 to 6 Miles

Driving Directions:

Proceed north on N.J. Route 17 to the New York State Thruway (I-87) north and take the first exit, Exit 15A (Sloatsburg). Turn left at the bottom of the ramp onto N.Y. Route 17 north, and continue through the Village of Sloatsburg. Just past the village, turn right at the traffic light, following the sign for Seven Lakes Drive/Harriman State Park. Follow Seven Lakes Drive for about 8 miles to the parking area for Lake Skannatati, on the left side of the road. The turnoff to the parking area is 0.7 mile beyond the Kanawauke Circle.

Description

Although it begins with a rather steep climb, this hike, for the most part, follows relatively level trails through a section of Harriman State Park that hikers rarely visit. At the northwest corner of the parking area, you will see three inverted-red-triangle-on-white blazes that mark the start of the Arden-Surebridge (A-SB) Trail. Follow this trail as it begins a rather steep climb of Pine Swamp Mountain. After a very steep pitch near the top of the climb, the trail levels off ... continue ahead on the A-SB Trail a short distance to a rock outcrop that overlooks Lakes Skannatati and Kanawauke

We will hike the Arden-Surebridge trail to Times Square (an intersection of several trails) and then on to the little used Lichen trail. At the top we should have extensive views where we will break for lunch. On the way back we will pass by the Hogencamp Mine and then follow the Long Path back to our cars.

Note: This is the hike we have started the new hiking season with the last several years.