

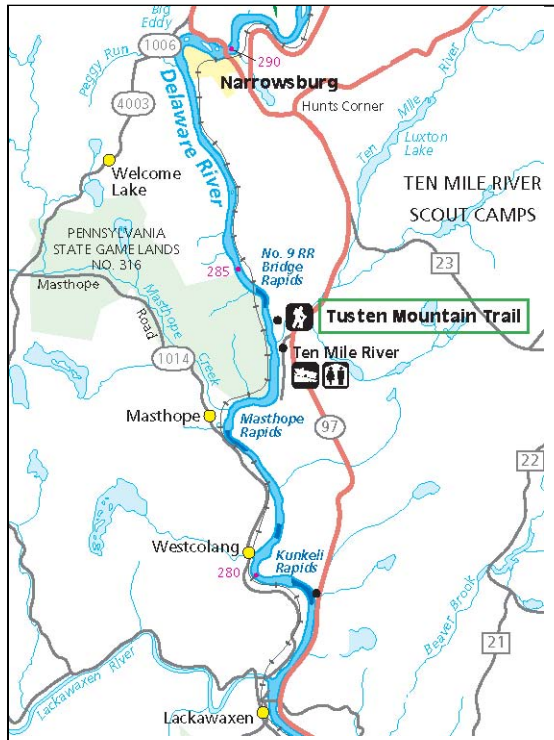


## Hiking the Tusten Mountain Trail



The National Park Service has an agreement with the Greater New York Councils of the Boy Scouts of America to provide public access to one of its trails along the Delaware River. Please respect the property of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps as you enjoy the Tusten Mountain Trail.

### Directions



The trailhead is near the Ten Mile River Access on Crawford Road (off Route 97) between Narrowsburg and Barryville, NY.



The Boy Scouts of America have owned this property since 1927, providing an educational opportunity for thousands of boys from the New York City area. Please respect their property.

The Tusten Mountain Trail is the only Ten Mile River Boy Scout Camp Trail open to the public.

### Yellow Dot Trail

#### For Your Safety:

- Sign in and sign out at trail register.
- Know how to read trail blazes.
- No bikes or motor vehicles.
- Wear hiking shoes or boots.
- Carry drinking water.
- Sunscreen and insect repellent may be needed.
- Check yourself for ticks.
- Never feed or disturb wildlife.
- No fires or camping.
- Pets must be on a leash.
- Watch for poison ivy.
- This is a carry in carry out trail.  
*Please don't litter.*

**Closed during deer hunting season.**  
Hunting in season by permit only.



Follow painted yellow blazes or trail markers attached to the trees. If you think you've missed a turn, look behind you; you should see trail markers in the reverse direction.

## Along the Trail

The Upper Delaware Valley is rich in natural and cultural resources. Watch and listen for the sounds of wildlife while you hike. The river corridor is an important flyway for migratory waterfowl. In the summer you may be serenaded by the melodious wood thrush or chilled by the screech of a red-tailed hawk. Turkey vultures or even a bald eagle may soar overhead.



Reeves Mill (1757-1763) and Tusten (1800-early 1900's) were among the first colonial settlements along the Upper Delaware. Look closely, along the Ten Mile River, for the foundations from the settlements.

A sawmill, gristmill and tannery were active in the settlement to take advantage of the natural resources in the area. Groves of eastern hemlock and white pine still exist but most of the area today is a deciduous forest of oak, maple and beech trees.

The Stone Arch Bridge was constructed in 1875 when industry at Tusten included lumbering and the quarrying of bluestone.



Bluestone, a durable bluish-grey sandstone, found in northeast Pennsylvania and parts of the Catskills in New York, has been quarried at several locations along this trail. Much of the bluestone from the region was shipped by wagon, timber raft, canal boat or rail. Its non-slippery surface makes it ideal for steps and sidewalks.

Look for the telltale sign of human handiwork on some remaining rocks: a somewhat scalloped edge on flat slabs of bluestone, often left in piles.



The trail climbs to an elevation of over 1,120 feet above sea level. At the summit of the Tusten Mountain Trail you will have a magnificent view of the sparsely populated Upper Delaware Valley.



## Trail Guide

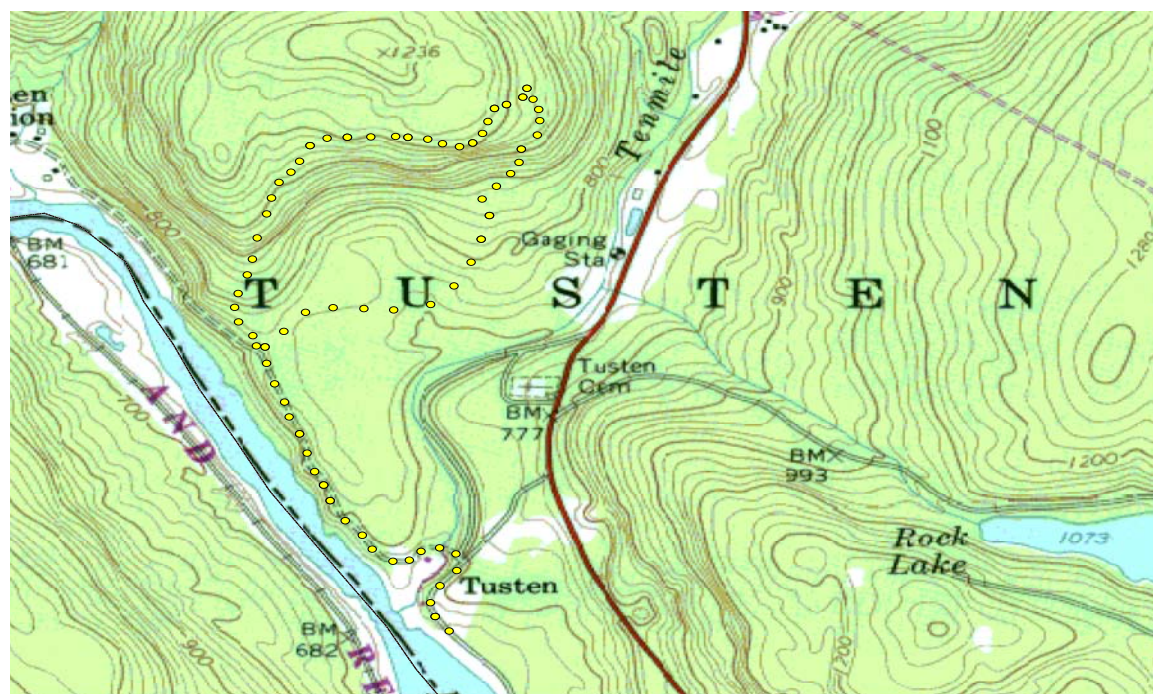
Length: 3 mile loop

Duration: 1-3 hours

Elevation Change:  
Approximately 500 feet

Intensity:  
Moderately strenuous

Trail:  
Rocky and forest floor



## For More Information

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For information on local hiking trails visit:

[www.nps.gov/upde](http://www.nps.gov/upde)