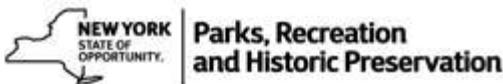


# Allegany STATE PARK



Salamanca, New York



## A Brief History of Allegany State Park

One of the greatest four-season recreational assets in Western New York is Allegany State Park. Authorized by an act of the legislature on May 2, 1921, the first purchase of land was made on June 18, 1921. This parcel contained seven thousand acres in the Quaker Run Valley. The park was formally dedicated on July 30, 1921. Governor Miller appointed a five-member commission headed by Senator Albert T. Fancher to develop a vast park eventually encompassing today's 65,000 acres. Land acquisition continues to this day under the original authorization that began in 1921.

Until 1925 when the first permanent cabins were built, campers used World War I surplus tents on wooden platforms. A converted schoolhouse in the Quaker Area served as the first park administration building. The first State Park Bond Issue in 1924 provided funding for the initial development of the Red House Area including the administration building and the dam that created Red House Lake.

The construction of Science Lake in 1926 offered the first area for swimming. Adjoining the lake was the Allegany School of Natural History, a group of 47 cabins, a main building housing library, assembly room and science laboratories. Between 1933 and 1942, the Civilian Conservation Corps built roads, bridges, picnic and camping area.

Today, Allegany State Park continues to offer visitors opportunities for recreation, camping, and outdoor activities first envisioned by those who worked so hard to preserve this land for future generations.

**Camping Facilities** Three campgrounds (Red House Tent and Trailer, Cabin Hollow and Diehl Trail), offer a total of 315 campsites, many equipped with electrical hookups. There are 28 cabin trails with more than 360 total cabins of varying amenities 150 of which are winterized for year-round camping. The park also offers group camps for large parties and 53 fully-furnished cottages for rental. Contact the park rental offices for camping and reservation information.

**Museums:** A natural history museum featuring Allegany State Park's wildlife is housed in the Administration Building in the Red House Area. The Old Quaker Store Museum chronicles the development of the Park through interactive exhibits.

## Recreation Areas and Trails

Allegany State Park offers excellent facilities for summer and winter recreation. Guarded beach facilities are available at both Red House and Quaker Lake recreation areas. There are ball fields, tennis courts, picnic areas, snack bars, restaurant and playgrounds. The Red House Area has 5.6

## Facilities

- 65,000 acres (101 square miles)
- 3 campgrounds with 323 campsites
  - Red House Tent & Trailer (open mid Apr-end Oct)
  - Diehl Trail Campsites (open early Apr-end Oct)
  - Cain Hollow Campground (Quaker) -open early May - end Oct.)

## Cabins

- Red House Area 130
- Quaker Area 195

## Cottages

- Red House Area 15 Bova cottages, 1 Pitt cottage
- Quaker Area 15 parallel cottages, 7 Fancher & 15 at Cain Hollow.

## 2 Sand Beaches

Trails for hiking, nature walks, mountain biking, cross country skiing, snowmobiling and horseback riding

- 3 Snack Bars (seasonal)

- 1 Restaurant (seasonal)

- 2 Gift Shops / 2 Camp Stores (Seasonal)

Showers & Flush facilities (most areas)

Trailer Dumping Stations (1 -RH & 1 -QK)

Friends Boat Launch Area (Allegheny Reservoir Access)

Small boat ramps at Red House and Quaker Lakes

## Camper, Recreation & Nature Programs

Nature interpretive programs are offered from late June until Labor Day. A wide variety of family-oriented guided hikes and tours are available daily. Some of the most popular programs include bird identification, salamanders, pond and stream safari, edible wild plants, tours of beaver colonies and Thunder Rocks. The Junior Naturalist program, for kids 5-15, is also a camper favorite. Allegany State Park offers seasonal recreation programs such as snowshoeing, cross country skiing, biking, kayaking and monthly hikes and music events. The Artist in Residence series, a 10-week summer program, featuring local musicians performs at locations including the Quaker Amphitheater, which is the site of the weekly Hootenanny sing-a-long concert. The Environmental Education staff organizes events to make your stay enjoyable and informative. Check the Allegany State Park Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/alleganystatepark](http://www.facebook.com/alleganystatepark)) for special events held throughout the year..

miles of paved bikeways around Red House Lake that access the cabin trails and the tent & trailer area. The Park offers 95 miles of hiking on 18 hiking trails. More than 24 miles of cross-country ski trails begin at the Art Roscoe Ski Touring Area (Red House Area) and double as hiking & mountain biking trails in the summer. Horseback riding trails give way to snowmobile trails in the winter. Horse trails are open only from May 15 through Oct. 31 each year. Snowmobilers must have a valid NYS registration and insurance to ride the designated trails in the park.

The Red House Wetland Interpretive trail brings visitors right into the heart of a diverse and constantly-changing scrub-shrub wetland. With ADA-compliant boardwalks and crushed stone trails, this overlooked and all but impassable wetland habitat has become a popular destination accessible to all. A large observation deck, wildlife blind, and an earthen viewing mound frame beautiful landscape views and offer an up-close look at the plants and animals inhabiting this ecosystem. The visitor experience is enhanced by a year-round schedule of educational programs and a collection of interpretive features that emphasize important aspects of wetland biodiversity, ecosystem benefits, stewardship values, and more. All are welcome to visit Red House Wetland and experience a landscape that can change practically overnight..you never know what you'll see.

## Special Activities and Events

Geocaching fans can attend the ASP Geobash weekend held in May ([www.aspgeobash.com](http://www.aspgeobash.com)). Bird and nature enthusiasts gather the first weekend in June for the Allegany Nature Pilgrimage ([www.allegany-nature-pilgrimage.org](http://www.allegany-nature-pilgrimage.org)). Mountain bikers may want to join Allegany State Park and Western New York Bicycling Assn. For the Annual Raccoon Rally Mountain Bike festival and Race usually held in June. ([www.heartrateup.com](http://www.heartrateup.com)). In July Allegany State Park hosts special concerts, fireworks and displays. A family beach party held every August which features live music, crafts and more! Late Sept., Allegany participates in National Public Lands Day, which is the Nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Allegany's visitors enjoy. For the latest news, notice, times and dates of activities, visit the official Allegany State Park Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/alleganystatepark](http://www.facebook.com/alleganystatepark).

## Hunting and Fishing

Deer and small game hunting is permitted in designated areas of Allegany State Park. The park has a variety of wildlife habitats, including northern hardwood forest,

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## Allegany Region Administration Offices:

716-354-9101

## IN AN EMERGENCY

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## Camping Reservations

Camping, cottage and cabin reservations in NYS parks may be made up to nine months in advance. Call 1-800-456-CAMP (2267), or online at [www.ReserveAmerica.com](http://www.ReserveAmerica.com).



Accessible parking spaces and restrooms are available. Contact the park office for specific information.

## Special Passes

The **Access Pass** is available to New Yorkers with qualifying disabilities. The **Golden Park Program** allows New York State residents 62 years of age or older unlimited weekday and non-holiday access to all state parks by showing a NYS driver's license or non-driver identification. The **Empire Passport** provides unlimited vehicle entry to most state parks and recreation areas. Passes can be purchased in person at most state parks or recreation areas, or by mail from State Parks, Albany, NY 12238. The Liberty pass is available for disabled veterans.

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mixed oak, hardwoods, and old field environments with some small wetland areas. A NYS hunting license and a park permit are needed to hunt in the park. Some special regulations outlined in the permit apply when hunting in the park.

Anglers will find a mix of waters, streams, ponds and lakes. A NYS fishing license is required to fish the park's waters. Some special regulations apply to limits, baits, and areas that can be fished. Fishing is permitted year round on the Red House and Quaker lakes. NYS Hunting licenses are available for purchase at the Red House Rental Office.

## Red House and Quaker Recreation Areas

Allegany State Park's 65,000 acres is known for the primitive forested valleys, un-glaciated landscape, fall leaves and its wildlife. Allegany's mixed hardwoods/hemlock forest, rolling hills and meadows, streams, ponds and lakes attract devoted outdoors people year-round. The two developed areas include Red House and Quaker, making this the largest state park in the New York State Park system. Both areas offer camping, sand beaches, picnic areas, museums, hiking and biking trails, fishing piers, canoeing and kayaking access points.

The Red House Area is known for the historic Tudor-style Administration Building overlooking Red House Lake. Red House offers paved bike paths, tennis and volleyball courts, picnic areas, boat rentals, bird watching, mountain biking, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. The Administration Building features a natural history museum, restaurant and gift shop, and is home to the regional headquarters for Allegany Region. Thunder Rocks is an impressive bedrock city that allows for the avid nature lover to see the hidden beauty that this park is known for. Be sure to visit the many beaver ponds which are wonderful areas to observe the diversity of wildlife located within the park. The Stone Tower structure and fully-restored Fire Tower, located at the Summit area, allow visitors to observe a vista of the rolling hills of mature forest of the Allegany Plateau.

The Quaker Area is known for its two lakes and wonderful camping experiences. The many hiking trails in Quaker Area give opportunities to explore rock formations such as the Bear Caves, and diversity of plants and wildlife. Many come to relax with the programs offered at the Quaker Amphitheater, picnicking or just letting the children spend time at the playground or in the creeks. The Old Quaker Store has been completely restored and now houses a park museum. Interesting exhibits document the history of Allegany State Park as "The Wilderness Playground of Western New York," and orient visitors to the Park's unique features and attractions...both past and present. If you enjoy sports, you can use the horseshoe pits, baseball fields, basketball, tennis court, and volleyball. Friend's Boat Launch makes the Allegheny Reservoir available to boating enthusiasts.

# Horse Trail Guide Map

## TRAIL RIDE NUMBERING TIMES SYSTEM (ONE WAY)

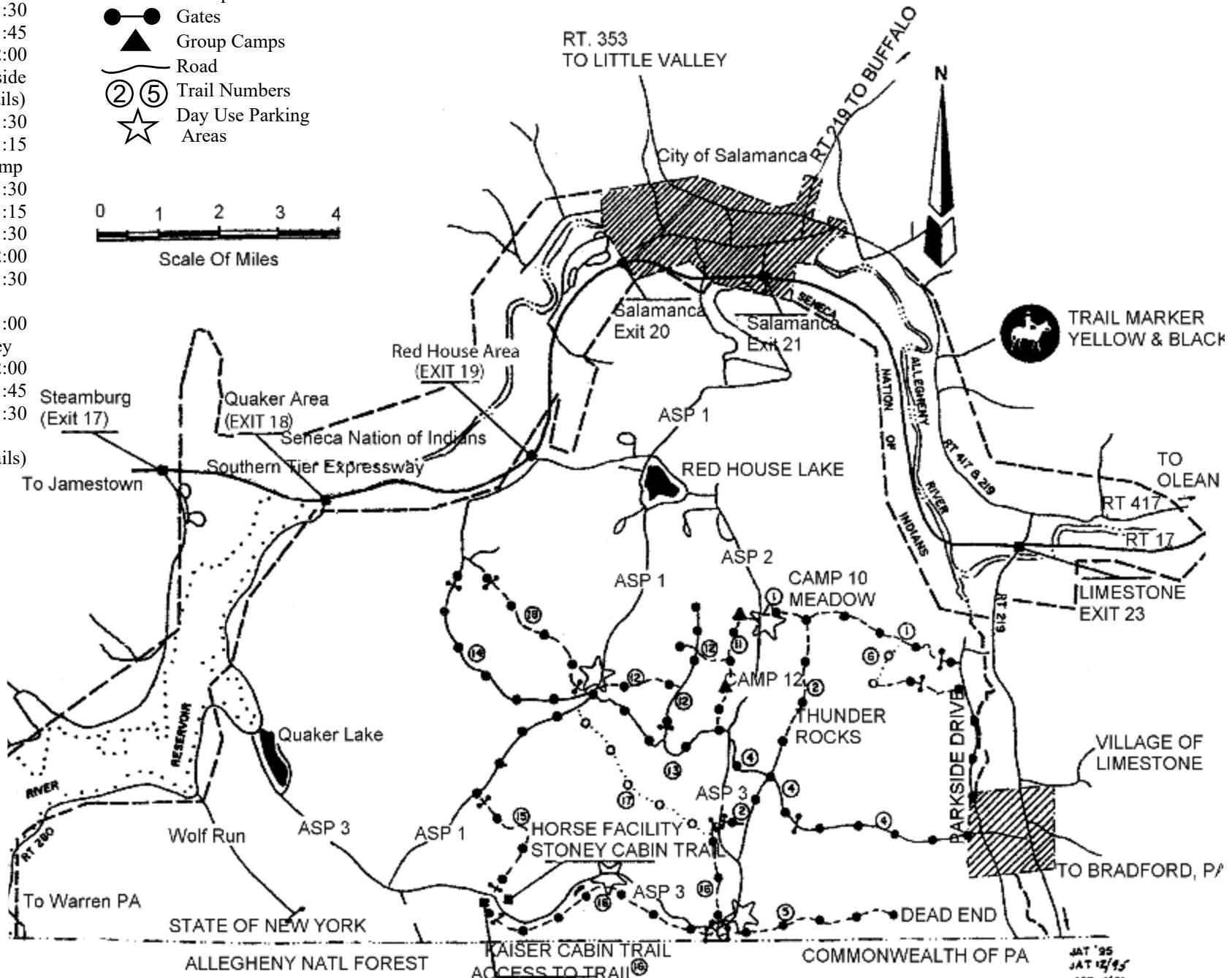
1. Carrollton Section 1:45
2. Ridge Run Section 1:30
3. Irish Brook Section 1:45
4. Limestone Run Rd. 2:00
- (You will have to ride Parkside Dr. To connect the horse trails)
5. Phelps Section 1:30
6. Rice Brook Section 1:15
11. Power Line between Camp 10 and Camp 12 .30
12. Gas Lease Roads 1:15
13. France Brook Road 1:30
14. Bay State Road 2:00
15. Stony Brook Section 1:30
16. Bivouac Section to Number 17 1:00
- Bradford Entrance To Stoney Section 2:00
17. Stoney Ridge Section 1:45
18. Lonkto Section 1:30
- (You will have to ride ASP Rt 1 to connect the horse trails)

**Key**

- Roads Used as Trails
- Woods Trails
- Unimproved Trails
- Gates
- ▲ Group Camps
- Road
- ② ⑤ Trail Numbers
- ★ Day Use Parking Areas

0 1 2 3 4  
Scale Of Miles

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## USE TRAIL RIDER'S ETIQUETTE

Cart driving by permit only preferably on gravel roads.

Bring drinking water

What you carry in, carry out

Keep areas clean

Stay on designated trails

Respect other riders

DO NOT tie horses to live trees

Keep dogs leashed

Always let someone know where you are going and when you will return, and take maps.

DO NOT smoke on trails

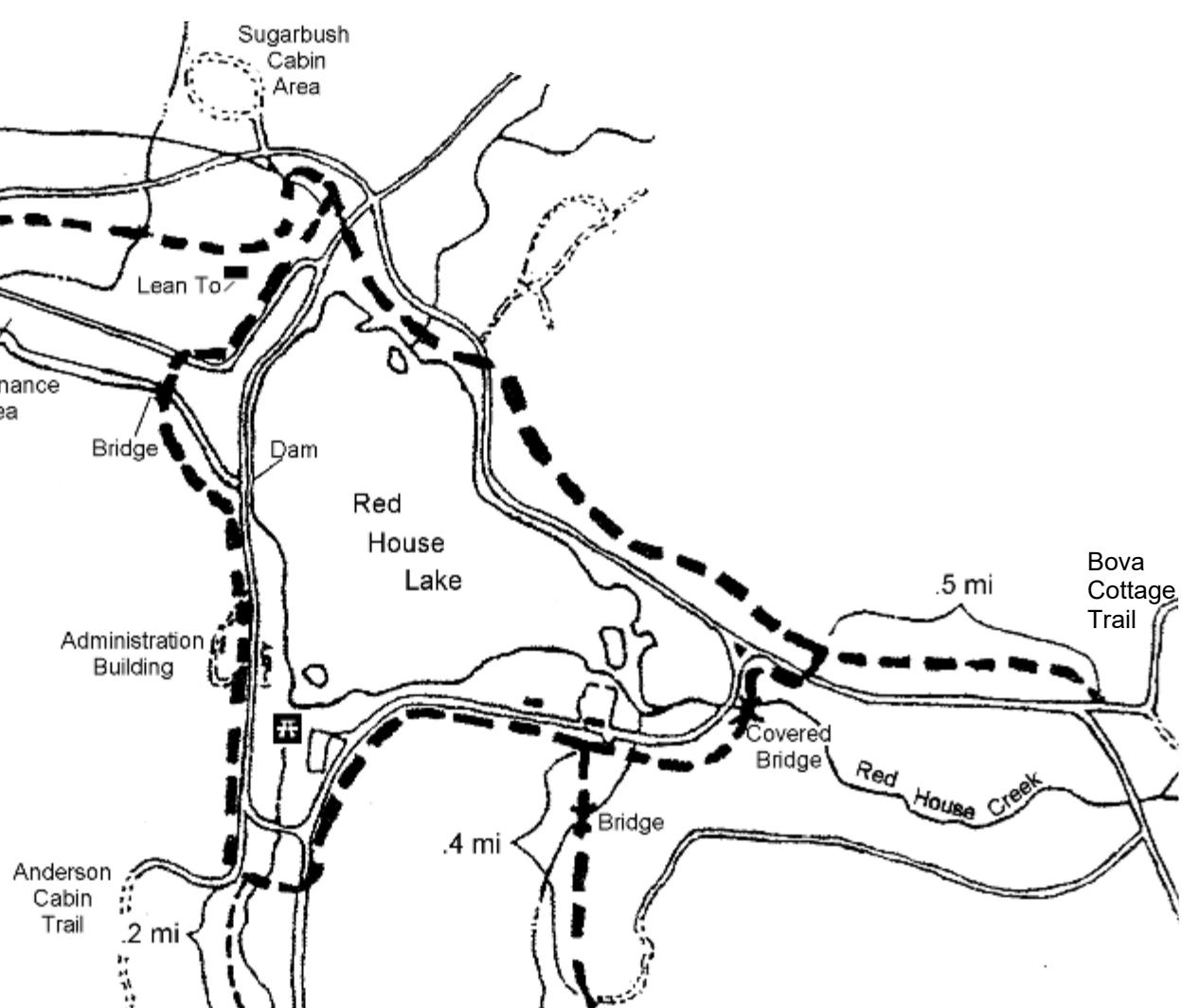
Please use approved riding helmets (ASTM E-1163), especially children.

**NOTICE: Horseback riding is permitted at ASP during this period only: May 15-Oct. 31**

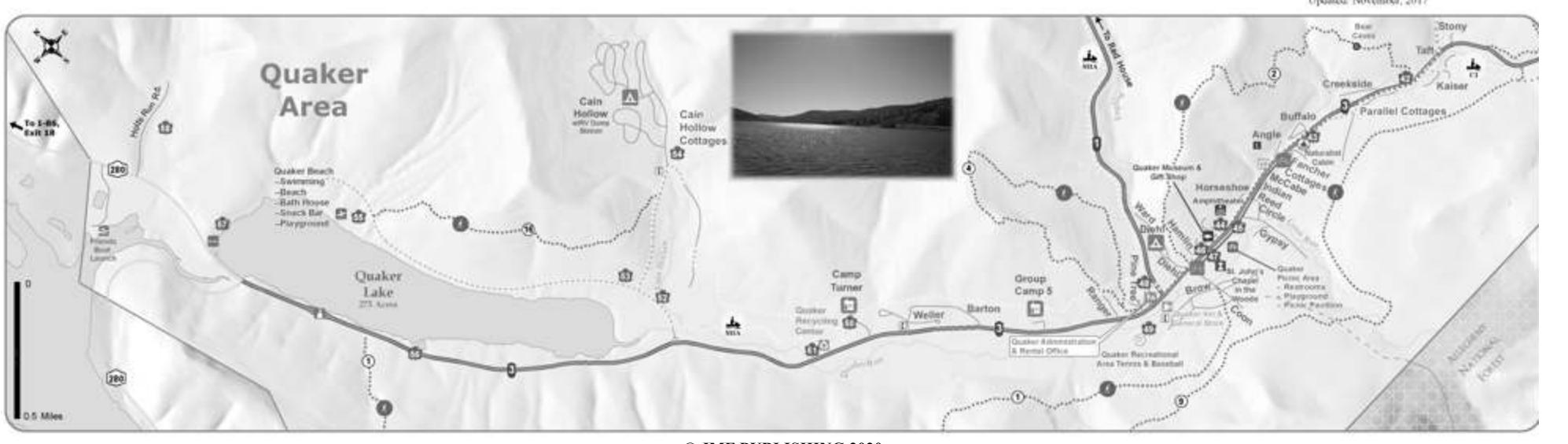
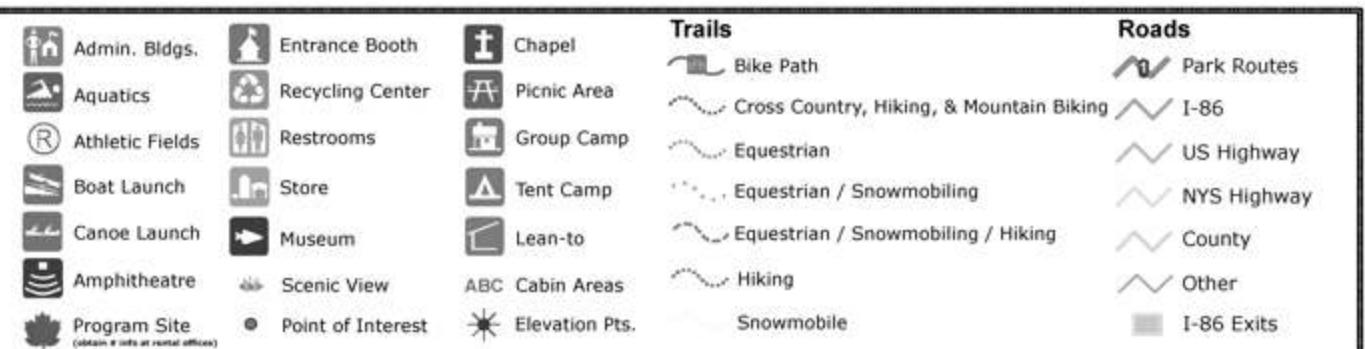
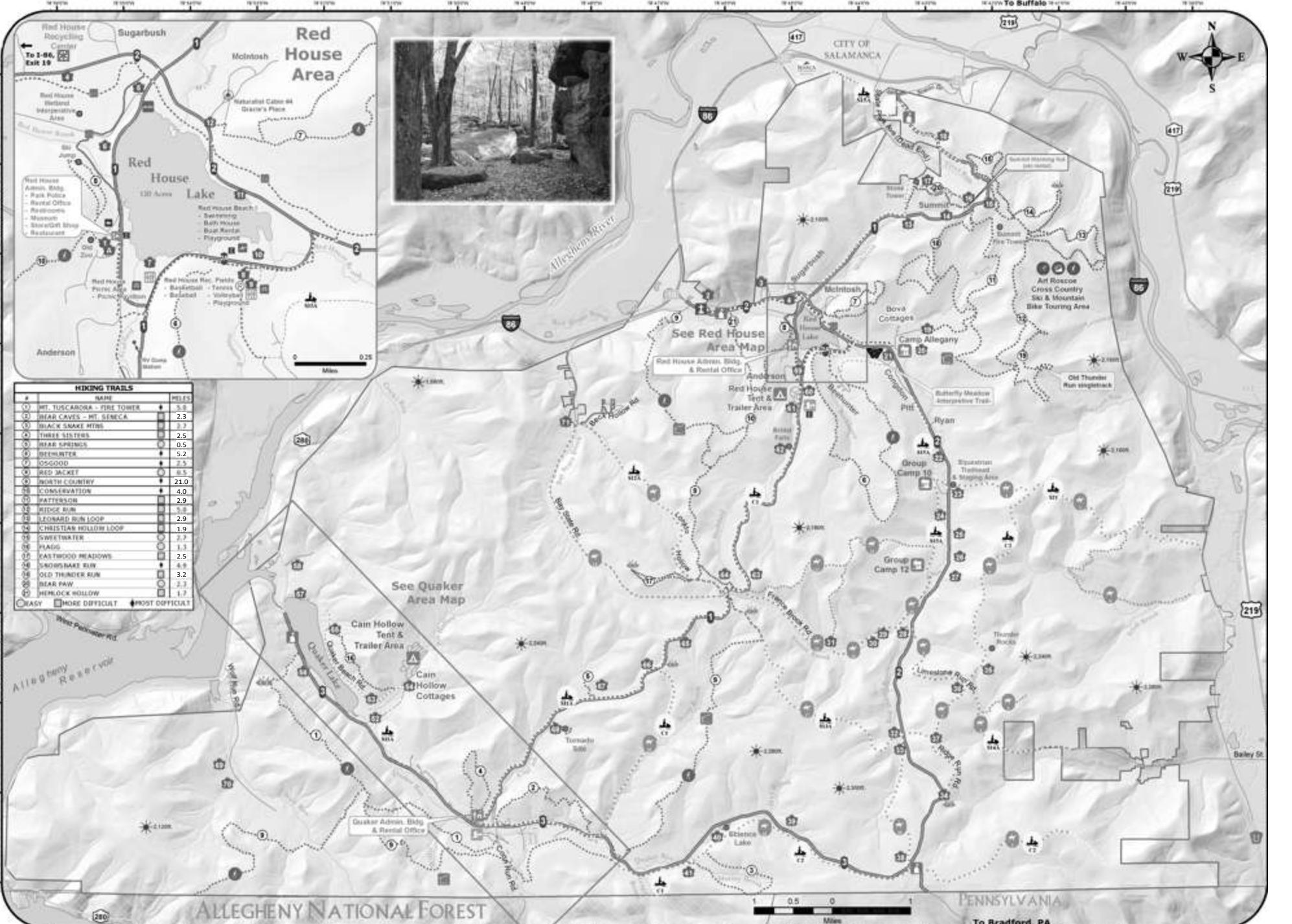
Current Coggins is State Law  
Rabies Vaccination is Recommended

# Bike Path Map Red House Lake Area

Bike Path —————  
Total Mileage 5.6 miles  
Around Lake 3.1 miles



# ALLEGANY STATE PARK VISITOR MAP



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## TO OUR OVERNIGHT GUESTS

**Quiet Hours:** Quiet hours in camping areas and marinas are from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. and are STRICTLY enforced. Your cooperation is appreciated by park staff and your fellow campers.

**Camping Equipment and Vehicles:** Two sleeping tents or one camping unit (trailer, RV) and one tent are permitted per camp site. No more than two vehicles may be parked on a camp or cabin site.

Additional parking for guests is available in nearby parking lots.

**Check In/Check Out:** Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. Campers must occupy the site by 9:00 p.m. on the scheduled day of arrival or call the park office. Check-out time is 11:00 a.m. All equipment must be off the site at that time.

## TO ALL OUR GUESTS

**Blading, Boarding and Bicycling Safety:** Safety helmets are required by New York State Law. Check at the park office for times and locations where these activities are allowed.

**Swimming Areas:** Red House Beach and Quaker Beach

**Pets:** Family pets must be leashed and attended at all times. Proof of rabies vaccination must be by Veterinarian's certificate-the collar tag will not be accepted as proof.

**Respecting Wildlife:** Please do not feed or harass any wildlife while visiting the park. If you see any wildlife that appears ill, or if you come in physical contact with an animal, report it to a park employee immediately.

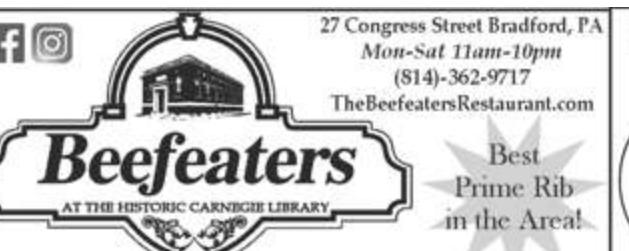
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