

Huyler's Landing History Hike

LEGEND

- Public Restrooms
- Parking Area
- Parking Fee (In-Season)
- Picnic Area
- Food, Drinks, and Snacks
Seasonal only at picnic areas
- Boat Launching Ramp
- Building or Structure
- Ruin
- View Point
- Improved Road
- Unimproved Road
- Trail
- Stream/wetland
- Boundary
- Fence
- Cliff Edge
- Bus Stop

Alpine Entrance
Alpine Approach Road

Exit 2

Audrey Urban Court

LONG PATH (aqua)
Follows top of Palisades

Old Dock Road

Closter Dock Road
←To Closter

Hillside Avenue
←To Cresskill

The Esplanade

U.S. Route 9W

Palisades Interstate Parkway South

Palisades Interstate Parkway North

Palisades Interstate Parkway

Henry Drive

Hudson Drive

North Brook

Green Brook

Boulevard Brook

Excelsior Dock

SHORE TRAIL (white)
Follows shoreline

PARK HEADQUARTERS

Cape Fly Away

Administrative Offices
Parkway Police
Police Court

Closter Dock Trail (orange)
360 ft. climb

Alpine Pavilion
Group Picnic Area

ALPINE PICNIC AREA

Alpine Boat Basin

Alpine Grove
Group Picnic Area

HUDSON RIVER

ALPINE LOOKOUT

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Huyler's Landing

Huyler's Landing Trail (red)
440 ft. climb

SHORE TRAIL (white)
Follows shoreline

Greenbrook Falls

A short sidetrip from Huyler's Landing to Greenbrook Falls (about 1 mi. round-trip) can be worth the effort — especially on a day after a good rainfall!

Trail Map of a portion of the PALISADES INTERSTATE PARK IN NEW JERSEY

Numbers on map are keyed to hike descriptions on other side!

LONG PATH (aqua)
Follows top of Palisades

ALPINE TENAFLY Montammy Road

Tenafly Nature Center



East-West scale has been exaggerated 2:1 for clarity.

With over 30 miles of trails in this park, there's a lot to explore! To help you get started, this map has a suggested hike route, keyed to start and end at ALPINE PICNIC AREA!

In case of emergency, call the Parkway Police before calling 9-1-1:

201-768-6001

Tips for Palisades Hikers

Many first-time Palisades hikers are surprised at how rugged our trails can get. Please be prepared!

- Always tell someone where you're going and when you expect to be back. This is just good hiking sense, no matter where you go.
- Bring plenty of water – and drink it as you go. Some basic first aid supplies are always a good idea, too, as are some snacks.
- Wear sturdy shoes that are designed for hiking.
- Dress or pack for all possible weather conditions forecast for the day. Layers are the wisest way to dress for the outdoors – you can add or remove as you go. We also recommend long-sleeved clothing, even in warmer weather. Poison ivy thrives on the Palisades. Ticks are common. Long clothing with a spray of repellent at the cuffs is your best defense.



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Moderate. About 5 mi., 3.5 hrs. round-trip.

- ① Begin this hike at the south end of Alpine Picnic Area, by the Alpine Grove group picnic area, and take the Shore Trail south (white markers). The trail will go up and down on a series of stone steps for the first half mile of this hike.
- ② Shortly after you begin, keep your eye out for a memorial plaque for John Jordan, the Park Commission's first police chief (and first full-time employee!), who died in a fall near this spot in February 1915.
- ③ The Shore Trail will level off as it follows the riverfront, and in just over a mile from the start you will arrive at the old jetty for Huyler's Landing, a busy river landing through the 19th century. Farmers from the valley west of the Palisades brought their farm goods here by wagon to ship on vessels bound for New York City's markets. Take the red-marked Huyler's Landing Trail as it follows the old farm road uphill.
- ④ When the red trail meets Henry Hudson Drive, turn left (south) and, using caution, walk along the road about 100 yards to where the red trail goes up the hillside to your right. (In November 1776, after crossing the river overnight, a British army of 5,000 men used this road to capture Fort Lee.)
- ⑤ Take red to its intersection with the Long Path (aqua markers) at the summit, and turn right to take the Long Path north.
- ⑥ Shortly you will arrive at a cliff-top parapet, once part of Manuel Rionda's "Rio Vista." Built in the early 1900s, Rio Vista was the largest of the Palisades estates. Rionda, born in Spain, owned sugarcane plantations in Cuba (he was known as "the sugar baron"). Rio Vista's manor house was just north of this spot.
- ⑦ The Long Path passes through Alpine Lookout, also once part of the grounds of Rio Vista—take a moment to read the interpretive sign about "Millionaire's Row" in the Lookout.
- ⑧ The Long Path continues to pass some smaller foundation remains from other estates until you get to the imposing two-story foundation remains of "Cliff Dale," the c. 1911 summer estate of George Zabriskie, a flour merchant and historian. Use caution as you explore the ruins...realizing there were once three more stories above the foundation you see today! The Long Path will wind north through several old driveways and other evidence of still more grand estates that were demolished to make way for the Palisades Interstate Parkway.
- ⑨ The Long Path intersects with and then overlaps the orange-marked Closter Dock Trail as you pass a pair of tunnels beneath the Parkway.
- ⑩ The trails go through a small tunnel beneath Henry Hudson Drive, then separate. Stay on orange as it goes downhill on switchbacks, following the old Closter Dock Road, another farm route from the 18th and 19th centuries.
- ⑪ Turn right (south) on the white Shore Trail to return to start.