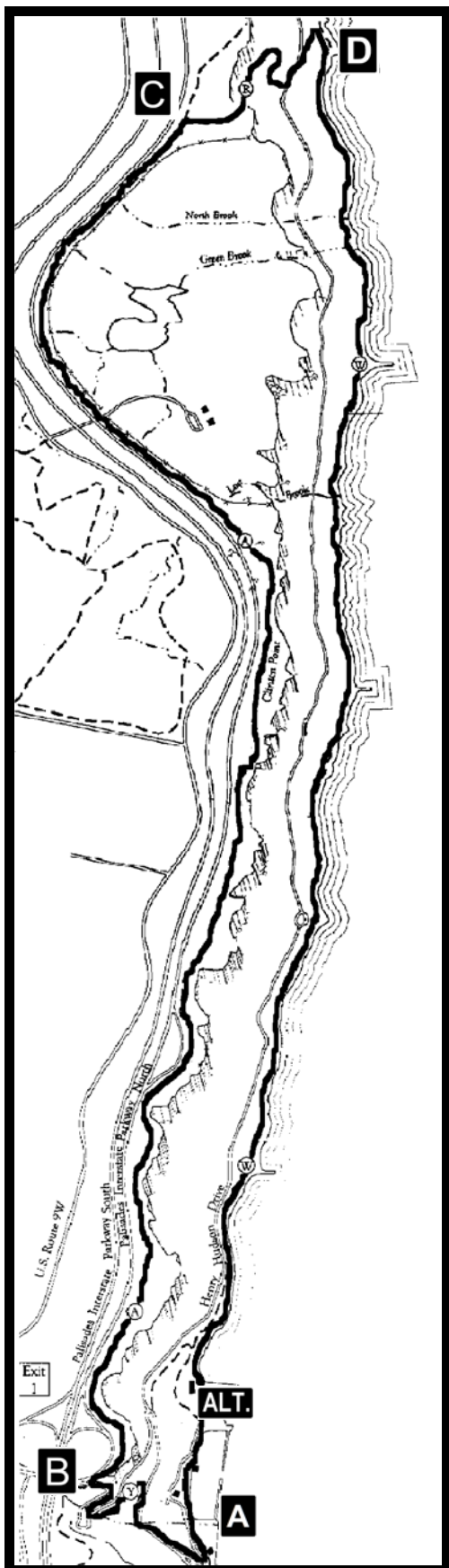


CLINTON POINT

Palisades Interstate Park ♦ NJ Section



Area: Englewood Cliffs, Tenafly and southern Alpine

Length: 8 mi. (round-trip distance)

Time: 4.5 hrs.

Parking: Englewood Boat Basin & Picnic Area

Alternative access: Linwood Park Overpass

TIPS FOR HIKERS

- *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.
- *Wear sturdy, comfortable shoes that are not brand new.* Ankle support is crucial, especially on the "Giant Stairs." Shoes not broken in will likely cause blisters.
- *Take care of your body.* 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.
- *Dress or pack for all possible weather conditions predicted for that day.* Layers are the wisest way to dress for the outdoors—you can add or subtract as you go. We also strongly 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.
- *Look out for poisonous snakes.* The copperhead snake is relatively common here, if seldom seen. Snakes tend to be shy, so simply watch your step—and don't reach where you cannot see...

Scale: 1 in. ≈ 0.4 mi.

CLINTON POINT HIKE DESCRIPTION

The loop between Dyckman Hill and Huyler's Landing Trail is generally flat, Huyler's Landing Trail being the most gradual ascent up the Palisades in the NJ Section. From the south end of the Englewood Picnic Area, notice the set of stone stairs that goes up to the sidewalk on Dyckman Hill Road [A]. Take these, then using caution cross to the yellow-blazed Dyckman Hill Trail on the other side of the road, taking this trail up to the summit. Bear right (north) at the junction of Palisade Avenue and the entrance to the northbound Parkway and find where the aqua-blazed Long Path goes north from that point [B].

An alternative route up to this point...

Beginning at the north end of the Englewood Picnic Area (by Bloomer's Beach), find the unmarked trail that goes up behind the old bathhouse [ALT]. A branch from this trail (also unmarked) then turns left (west) and up the hill. Follow this branch until a set of stairs takes you to the junction of Dyckman Hill Road and Henry Hudson Drive. Using extreme caution, cross this intersection to the south, to the sidewalk along Dyckman Hill Road. Stay on the sidewalk until it intersects with the yellow-blazed Dyckman Hill Trail, and continue as described above. (The trail from Bloomer's, as well as the "toll booth" at the top of the stairs, were used for beach access in the 1930s.)

Continue north on the Long Path to the red-blazed Huyler's Landing Trail [C]. (To shorten this hike, we recommend High Tom's or the Rockefeller Lookout or Clinton Point as turn-back points—beyond Clinton Point, the trail begins to get more difficult, and considerably less scenic until you are beyond Greenbrook Sanctuary.)

Take the Huyler's Landing Trail to the white-blazed Shore Trail [D], then head south (right turn) to return to start.

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