

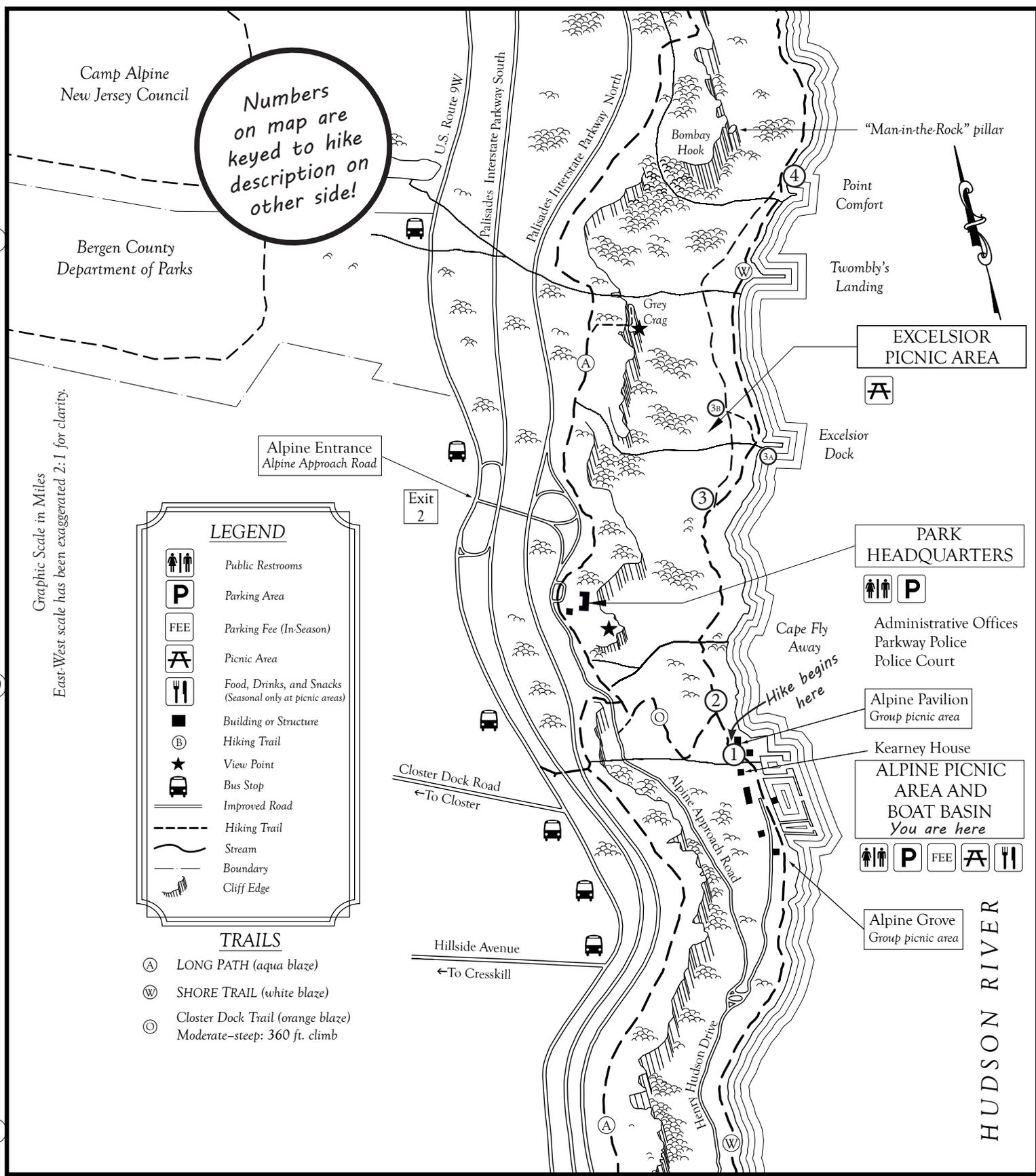
Numbers on map are keyed to hike description on other side!

Graphic Scale in Miles  
East-West scale has been exaggerated 2:1 for clarity.

**LEGEND**

- Public Restrooms
- Parking Area
- Parking Fee (In-Season)
- Picnic Area
- Food, Drinks, and Snacks (Seasonal only at picnic areas)
- Building or Structure
- Hiking Trail
- View Point
- Bus Stop
- Improved Road
- Hiking Trail
- Stream
- Boundary
- Cliff Edge

- TRAILS**
- (A) LONG PATH (aqua blaze)
  - (W) SHORE TRAIL (white blaze)
  - (O) Closter Dock Trail (orange blaze)  
Moderate-steep: 360 ft. climb



# HIKING TRAILS

Accessible from Alpine Picnic Area and Boat Basin

PALISADES INTERSTATE PARK IN NEW JERSEY

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201-768-1360

Emergency: 201-768-6001

## TIPS FOR HIKERS

Perhaps because of our proximity to New York City, many first-time Palisades hikers are surprised at how rugged our trails can be. Please be prepared! Some tips:

*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. Shoes not broken in can cause blisters.

*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 forecasted for that 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.

*Look out for poisonous snakes.* The copperhead is relatively common here, if seldom seen. Snakes tend to be shy, so watch your step—and don't reach where you cannot see. **THESE ANIMALS ARE PROTECTED BY LAW.**

*Your dog is welcome to enjoy our trails with you, but must be kept on a leash at all times. Please clean up after your pet.*

*The steepness and erodability of our trails make them unsuitable for bicycles. Violators are subject to fine.*

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**New Jersey**

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## CAPE FLY AWAY HIKE

*Moderate. About 3 mi., 1.5 hrs. round-trip.*

- ① Begin this hike at the north end of Alpine Picnic Area, where the Shore Trail (white markers) goes uphill behind Alpine Pavilion. Head up this trail north about 500 feet to where it levels off.
- ② Pass the beginning of the Closter Dock Trail (orange markers) on your left and continue straight (north), following the white markers of the Shore Trail.
- ③ In about 1/2 mile, the trail will split. To the right, the white markers go downhill. To the left, a wide unmarked trail, called the "Upper Trail," continues straight. Take either of these—you can return on the other one. (Note that the Shore Trail section along the river is rocky in places and can be prone to poison ivy.)
- ④ In about 3/4 mile, the Upper Trail and the Shore Trail come together again at river level. Turn south and head back along either trail, passing where the two trails first split ③, and return to the start.

### *For a slightly longer version of this hike...*

*Moderate. About 4.5 mi., 2 hrs. round-trip.*

Start by using the directions above.

- ④ At the turn-around point where the Upper Trail and the Shore Trail come together, stay straight (north) and follow the white-marked Shore Trail about 3/4 miles farther to where it emerges from under the tree canopy to provide spectacular views of the Palisades cliff face—about 500 feet tall at this location. Turn around to return via the route as described above.

### *For a shorter version of this hike...*

*Easy. About 1 mi., 1 hr. round-trip.*

Start by using the directions above.

- ③ At the Upper Trail split, turn right and follow the white-marked Shore Trail downhill toward the river.
- ③A Opposite the large stone jetty near the base of the hill, find the unmarked trail that goes uphill through the woods.
- ③B At the top, turn left (south) on the Upper Trail to return past the split with the Shore Trail ③ and back to start.