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MILES  
(Horizontal scale has been exaggerated 2:1 for clarity.)

**LEGEND**

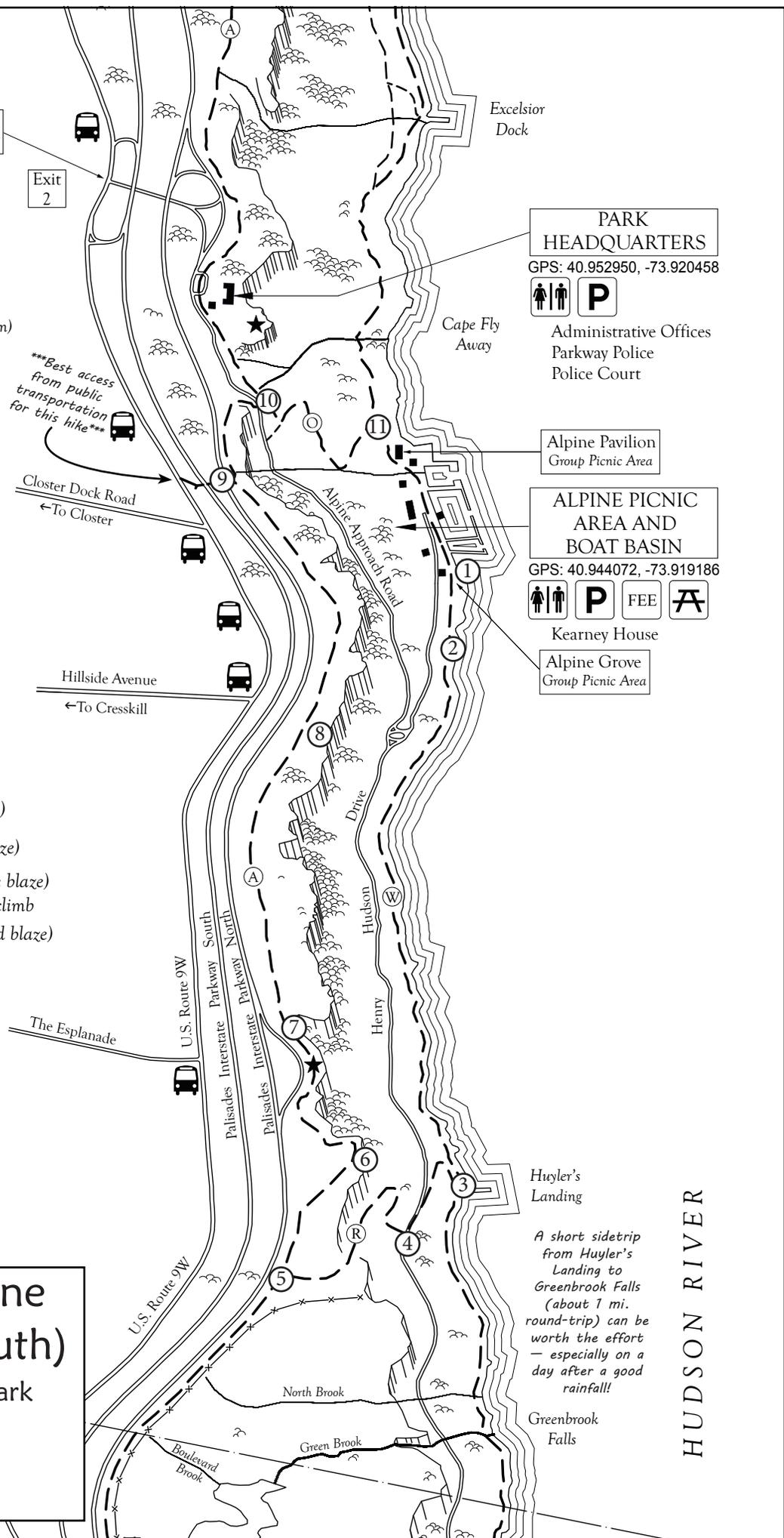
- Public Restrooms
- Parking Area
- Parking Fee (In-Season)
- Picnic Area
- Building or Structure
- Hiking Trail
- View Point
- Bus Stop
- Improved Road
- Hiking Trail
- Stream
- Boundary
- Fence
- Cliff Edge

**TRAILS**

- (A) LONG PATH (aqua blaze)
- (W) SHORE TRAIL (white blaze)
- (O) Closter Dock Trail (orange blaze)  
Moderate-Steep: 360 ft. climb
- (R) Huyler's Landing Trail (red blaze)  
Moderate: 440 ft. climb

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

**Hiking at Alpine Picnic Area (south)**  
 Palisades Interstate Park  
 in New Jersey  
 EMERGENCY:  
 201-768-6001



**PARK HEADQUARTERS**  
 GPS: 40.952950, -73.920458

Administrative Offices  
 Parkway Police  
 Police Court

Alpine Pavilion  
 Group Picnic Area

**ALPINE PICNIC AREA AND BOAT BASIN**  
 GPS: 40.944072, -73.919186

Kearney House

Alpine Grove  
 Group Picnic Area

Huyler's Landing  
 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!  
 Greenbrook Falls

HUDSON RIVER

## 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 leashed 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.*

**Accident, fire, emergency: 201-768-6001**

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**New Jersey**

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## HUYLER'S LANDING HISTORY HIKE

*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, whose body was recovered near this spot in February 1915 after he fell from the cliff top.
- 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 wend 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. **\*\*\*THIS MAKES THE BEST START/END POINT IF YOU COME BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (ADJUST ROUTE DESCRIPTION ACCORDINGLY)\*\*\***
- 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.