



GUIDELINES FOR HIKERS

- The following guidelines have been established to ensure everyone's enjoyment of our tranquil resort:
- ♦*Alcoholic beverages* are not permitted on the grounds.
 - ♦*Picnicking* can be enjoyed at Picnic Lodge and Sky Top. Please respect our natural environment, and carry out what you carry in.
 - ♦*Proper attire* includes shirts and shoes at all times.
 - ♦*Swimming* in the Lake is reserved for overnight guests only.
 - ♦*Radios* with headsets only, please.
 - ♦*No pets.*
 - ♦*For Your Safety:*
 - Carry a map with you at all times.
 - Please light no fires.
 - Extinguish cigarettes thoroughly and carry out the butts.
 - Do not rock climb on Mohonk Mountain House property.
 - Rollerblading is not permitted.
 - ♦*Please do not pick flowers or other plants. Leave them for all to enjoy.*

As a condition of being permitted to use the property and grounds, the guest agrees to assume all responsibility for personal injury, loss, and/or damage to personal property, and further agrees to indemnify and hold Smiley Brothers, Inc. harmless for all risks of personal injury, loss, and/or damage to personal property.

In consideration of Mohonk Mountain House allowing use of its facilities, it is agreed that the appropriate rate and extra charges, if any, will be paid and it is agreed that if there is a claim or dispute that arises out of the use of the facilities that results in any legal action being brought as a result of the use of any of the facilities, all issues will be settled by the Courts of the State of New York, Ulster County, which we agree shall have exclusive jurisdiction over every party in connection with any such dispute, lawsuit, or claim.

RECOMMENDED WALKS
starting from Mohonk Mountain House

SHORT AND EASY . . .

Gardens and Greenhouse. Explore the Mohonk show gardens on your own or with a guidebook. The Mohonk Gardens, or Bruin Path Nature Trail. (Guidebooks are available at the Gift Shop and Picnic Lodge.) The Greenhouse stands at the foot of the Garden, and visiting hours are posted on the bulletin board.

Around the Lake. From the West Porch, start toward Eagle Cliff, then descend the stairs to the Bathing Beach. Take Undercliff Path to the cool woods at the southern end of the Lake. Return via Lake Shore Path and Road. (0.9 mile, 1.5 kilometers)

Mohonk Spring. From the East Porch, follow Spring Path to Mohonk Spring, once the source of the resort's drinking water. Return via Forest Drive and Lake Shore Road. (1 mile, 1.6 km)

Copes Lookout. From the West Porch, take Copes Lookout Road past the Tennis Courts to the Scenic Vista at the end of the road loop. Return via Copes Lookout Path. (1 mile, 1.6 km)

MODERATE WALKS . . .

Sky Top. From the East Porch, ascend Sky Top path to the Tower. On a clear day six states can be seen from the observation deck. Return via the gentler Sky Top Road and Reservoir Path. (1.1 miles, 1.7 km)

Eagle Cliff. The loop road is beautiful in either direction, but the tradition is to go up by the Tennis Courts and return along the bluff overlooking the Lake. Start from the West Porch. (1.7 miles, 2.7 km)

Humpty Dumpty. From the West Porch, take Copes Lookout Road, then Humpty Dumpty Road, Short Woodland Drive, and Lake Shore Road. (1.9 miles, 3 km)

North Lookout. From the East Porch, follow Grove Path and Mossy Brook Path down to North Lookout Road. The summerhouse and scenic vista lie just beyond the intersection with Hemlock Lane. Go up Hemlock Lane, cross the auto road, and return via Huguenot Drive. (2.3 miles, 3.8 km)

STRENUOUS WALKS . . .

Forest Drive. From the East Porch, follow Lake Shore Road, Forest Drive, and Bridge Road. From Woodland Bridge return by Huguenot Drive. This longer walk circles the bottom of Sky Top, following carriage roads for its entire length (2.7 miles, 4.4 km)

HALF-DAY and ALL-DAY HIKES . . .

Mohonk Mountain House grounds are part of the 26,000-acre Shawangunk natural area. Some of the popular hiking destinations lie beyond the House grounds.

Duck Pond. Several carriage roads and trails can be linked to make an interesting circle route of about 4 miles (6 km). Coming back is mostly uphill. Duck Pond is in the Mohonk Preserve.

Bonticou Crag. This bare knob is the northernmost promontory on the Shawangunk Ridge. Beautiful views east toward the Hudson and west to the Catskills. About 8 miles (13 km). Mohonk Preserve.

Trapps Bridge. Undercliff and Overcliff Roads make a very popular loop. About 8 miles (13 km). Mohonk Preserve.

High Falls, Table Rocks. Snow lingers until midsummer in deep crevices in the rock. About 10 miles (16 km). Mohonk Preserve.

Millbrook Mountain. The sheer southeast face is the highest escarpment in our region. About 12 miles (19 km). Minnewaska State Park.

Lake Minnewaska. Carriages used to ply the road between the two resorts, taking guests to lunch or tea. It's still a nice walking route and Awosting Falls is spectacular. About 14 miles (23 km). Minnewaska State Park.

Lake Awosting. The largest of the Shawangunk lakes. This hike should test the stamina of most hikers. About 22 miles (27 km). Minnewaska State Park.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Mohonk.

We are pleased you have chosen to visit us. Mohonk is a family-owned and operated resort. Since its beginning in 1869, environmental awareness and responsible stewardship have allowed Mohonk to preserve the surrounding wilderness while providing a restful retreat for guests. As you hike our trails and roads with their ever-changing views and abundance of flora and fauna, please do your part to keep Mohonk “an unspoiled resort.”

We hope you enjoy your time at Mohonk. Please come and visit us again.

Thank you,

The Smiley Family
and
Mohonk Management

GENERAL INFORMATION

Mohonk Mountain House grounds offer miles of marked trails and roads on 2,200 acres. The Mohonk Preserve, which adjoins the resort, provides an additional 6,400 acres of woodland for a total of 85 miles of hiking pleasure.

Biking and horseback riding are permitted on a limited number of carriage roads and auto roads. Detailed biking and horseback riding maps and information may be obtained at the Guest Service Desk.

Waste containers are provided for litter disposal. Please do your part to maintain the trails and woodlands in their state of unspoiled beauty.

PICNIC LODGE, our Day Visitor Center, is located 1-1/2 miles from the Gatehouse. At Picnic Lodge, you will find a snack bar, deli, picnic area, restrooms, and shuttle service to the Gatehouse (seasonal). Check the Trail Information Board for the times and dates of operation.

SAFETY INFORMATION

The hiking routes around Mohonk represent every degree of difficulty. The carriage roads, paths, and trails have been constructed to minimize disturbance to the outdoor environment. In choosing a route, please take into account your skills as well as the natural hazards associated with mountain hiking. Remember that weather conditions can make paths and trails extremely hazardous. Hiking is permitted between dawn and dusk. Night hiking is not permitted. Please refer to the Trail Information Boards, located at the Gatehouse parking lot, Picnic Lodge, and Sky Top, for the latest trail conditions and other up-to-date information to assist you in making a decision on where to hike based on your skill level and the difficulty of the terrain. Always carry your map with you.

For your safety and to ensure protection of the woodlands, please stay on designated roads and paths. Keep children close at hand. Please watch for broken and uneven walking surfaces and be aware of those areas that are on the edge of cliffs or rock debris and may or may not have railings. Do not run on the trails. We strongly recommend proper hiking attire for all persons, including shoes or boots that provide ankle support and foot protection.

- PUBLICATIONS
Available in the Gift Shop
- Self-Guided Walks:
Bruin Path Nature Trail
Historical Features of the Mountain House
The Mohonk Gardens: A History Guide
- Essays:
The Importance of Trees
- Histories:
An Anecdotal History of Mohonk
The Summerhouses of Mohonk
The Story of Sky Top and Its Four Towers
Daniel Smiley of Mohonk:
A Naturalist's Life
Mohonk: Its People and Spirit
- Trail Maps:
Shawangunk Trails
A four map set
- Special Interest:
Checklist of Birds
Checklist of Mammals
Checklist of Trees and Shrubs
Checklist of Reptiles and Amphibians
Checklist of Ferns and Fern-Allies
- Other Books:
Scenes and Walks in the Northern Shawangunks
Shawangunk
A Rock With A View
Time and the Mountain



A HIKER'S MAP
of the
MOHONK LAKE
REGION
in the
SHAWANGUNK
MOUNTAINS



DAY VISITORS:
Please do not
enter hotel

