

Ten Mile Hike



Length: 10 miles

Map: NY-NJ Trail Conference *North Jersey Trails Map # 115*

Highlights

The hike takes you to all the corners of historic Camp Glen Gray and takes just a little over 10 miles doing it. It is perfect for a 10 mile hike for the Boy Scout Hiking Merit Badge and any other hiking qualifications that require a 10 mile hike. As you hike the trails you will get to see several spectacular North Jersey lookouts and two other former Boy Scout Camps as well as a number of other historical sights throughout the Ramapo Greenway.

Trail Description

0.00 mi Start on the Millstone Trail, which is blazed with White blazes, at the trail head which is to the left of the parking lot just across the camp road from Camp HQs.

0.20 mi As you approach The Gasser Memorial Mother's Pavilion the White blazes are joined by the Orange blazes of the Schuber Trail as the both turn left up the hill past the Explorer Cabin.

0.22 mi The Schuber Trail stays left at a fork with the White blazes going to the right. You need to stay on the Schuber Trail and follow the Orange blazes. The Schuber Trail will take you over the hill to the former Boy Scout Camp, Camp Tamarack, now a part of the Bergen County Park System and the Ramapo Greenway.

1.43 mi The Schuber Trail ends at Skyline Drive at the entrance road to the Camp Tamarack portion of the Ramapo Greenway. Without crossing Skyline Drive walk to the left, east along the edge of the road and you will shortly see the White blazes of the Todd Trail.

Note: If you are not camping at Camp Glen Gray and want to hike this hike you can park across Skyline Drive from this part of the trail, just start the hike here and you will loop back after 10 miles.

1.47 mi The White blazes of the Todd Trail turn left back into the woods away from Skyline Drive. Follow the White blazes through another former Boy Scout Camp, Camp Todd that is also now part of the Ramapo Greenway.

2.10 mi You will see the start of the Yellow Trail on the left. You want to turn left and begin following the Yellow Trail. If you would like to take a ½ mile side trip there is an overlook to the East about a ¼ mile further along the Todd Trail, be sure not to go too far before turning back to join the Yellow Trail and your Ten Mile Hike, you still have plenty of things to see, and trails to hike.

3.30 mi After hiking through Camp Todd and back into Camp Glen Gray you will again see the White blazes of the Millstone Trail. The trails follow the same route down into Camp Glen Gray. Just after the merge with the Millstone Trail you will see why the trail is called the Millstone Trail. There are two partially completed millstones in the quarry area to the right of the trail, then after a short distance along the trail you will see an almost complete stone on the right.

3.45 mi The combined trails split with the White blazes going left and the Yellow Trail and its Yellow Diamond blazes go to the right. You will now follow the Yellow Trail along the eastern edge of the Ramapo Greenway.

4.95 mi The Orange blazes of the Schuber Trail join the Yellow Trail. The junction is the site of North Lookout. The view to the East on a clear day will allow you to see the New York City skyline. After you enjoy the view you will continue to follow the Yellow Trail as well the Schuber Trail and its Orange blazes.

5.10 mi On the left you will see the trail head of the Old Guard Trail, it is blazed with a Green Tulip Leaf on a White blaze. You will now leave the Yellow and Schuber Trails and follow the Green Tulip Leaf blazes. The Old Guard Trail is the historic loop trail through the northern portion of Camp Glen Gray, it crosses a number of trails and woods roads, it is important that you stay on the Old Guard Trail for the next almost 3 miles.

- 6.35 mi** The trail merges with the Ringwood Ramapo Trail blazed with Red blazes, which comes in from the right, turn to the left to continue on the combined Old Guard & Ringwood Ramapo Trail. The location of the trail merge is an overlook to the West out over the New Jersey Highlands.
- 6.65 mi** The Red blazes continue slightly to the right, the Green Tulip Leaf blazes of the Old Guard Trail turns a little to the left. Stay to the left and continue to follow the Old Guard Trail.
- 8.04 mi** The Old Guard Trail continues straight and the Orange blazes of the Schuber Trail joins from the left at a T intersection. Follow the joint Old Guard & Schuber Trails.
- 8.36 mi** The Schuber Trail goes to the right and leaves the Old Guard Trail which goes to the left. You will finally bid the Old Guard Trail goodbye and follow the Orange blazes of the Schuber Trail through the upper part of Camp Glen Gray.
- 8.78 mi** On the right you will see the trailhead of the Matapan Rock Trail blazed with a Red Square on White blaze. The hike now turns onto the Matapan Rock Trail and will take you out to a spectacular view of New Jersey to the west. Follow the trail across the wide opening in the woods for the natural gas pipeline. The trail is slightly to the left across the pipeline. Be sure to follow the Red Square on White blazes, you will cross another trail which is blazed in Red, stay with your trail.
- 9.40 mi** After a rest and view of western New Jersey return along the Matapan Rock Trail to the Schuber Trail.
- 9.80 mi** When you come to the end of the Matapan Rock Trail turn right on the Schuber Trail and follow the Orange blazes back down to The Gasser Memorial Mother's Pavilion.
- 9.90 mi** When you reach the Pavilion continue straight onto the Millstone Trail with its White blazes, both trails will turn to the right. You continue straight down past the edge of Lake Vreeland to the Camp HQs, still following the White blazes.
- 10.10 mi** As you come down the camp road past the Rotary Building and the camp parking lot you will see the end of trail blazes for the Millstone Trail and the end of your Ten Mile hike through the Ramapo Greenway.

The Hiking the Glen Project is the latest effort to encourage hiking in the Ramapo Greenway. The author gratefully acknowledges the efforts of the many Boy Scouts, their leaders and others who over past years have developed and maintained earlier versions of these sheets. While using the existing material the author remains completely responsible for this version. Further information about the Hiking the Glen Project is contained on the Hiking the Glen sheet that should be reviewed by all users for details about the specific hiking sheets.

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Camp Glen Gray is a weekend camping facility and as such the camp parking area is not available for use as a day hiking trailhead. The trails in the Ramapo Greenway area, including those described on this sheet, can be accessed for day hiking from trailhead parking areas on nearby public roads, the three closest to Camp Glen Gray are on Skyline Drive and Ramapo Valley Road/Route 202, details are on Trail Map # 115 of the *North Jersey Trails* map set.

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