

**SAFE HIKING!  
PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING PROBLEMS,  
CONTACT NUMBERS FOR  
NORTHERN NEW JERSEY  
AND  
SOUTHERN  
NEW YORK PARKS  
October 17, 2007  
NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY TRAIL CONFERENCE  
156 Ramapo Valley Road  
Mahwah, NJ 07430  
(201) 512-9348  
[www.nynjtc.org](http://www.nynjtc.org)**



**PROCEDURE:**

In most cases the reporting of problems or incidents in our regions parks should follow the following procedure:

**In a real life-threatening emergency call 911.**

When using a cell phone your call can be traced. However, try to provide as much information as possible so as to facilitate locating you, the person(s) involved or the situation. Make detailed notes of the situation you are reporting. Use the guidelines below.

**In a non-life threatening situations** involving illegal trail use such as, vandalism, unauthorized trail work, illegal hunting, destruction of endangered species, illegal ATV use, etc. do not use 911 but call one of the direct numbers that follow and utilize these steps:

1. Note the time, day and date of the incident.
2. Note the location of the incident. Be as precise as possible and mark your map if necessary.
3. Prepare a detailed description of the incident.
4. Be prepared to describe the perpetrator(s), and any vehicles involved. Include the color of the vehicle and whether it is motorized or not, etc.

5. Note any license plate numbers that you can see or any other identifying features on the vehicle.
6. Take photos if you can.
7. **Report the incident ASAP to the park officials in which the incident occurred (see contact list below) and follow up with a report to the Trail Conference. E-mail the Trail Director at [wheelock@nynjtc.org](mailto:wheelock@nynjtc.org). You can also complete the Incident Report Form on our website: <http://www.nynjtc.org/trails/index.html#Monitor> or print it out and send it via US mail to the above address.**

As a final comment please use your best judgment if you are inclined to approach people engaged in what may appear to be illegal activity. If they are breaking the law they may not hesitate to threaten or inflict harm. Also note that taking photographs of perpetrators engaged in illegal activity might be risky.

The following is a list of the most popular parks in our region. For other areas such as some county or municipal parks you may need to contact the local police department.

**New Jersey**

**State-wide:**

The New Jersey DEP has a central dispatch number that is active 24 hours a day for reporting witnessed illegal activity in State Parks only. This number is: 877-927-6337 Please bear in mind that this number is for reporting activity that should be responded to immediately and should not be used for general complaints. Since this is for the whole State you must be specific in your location description. The more specific you are the more likely it will be that some action can be taken. Indicate the park name, the nearest road access point, and a description of who and what is going on.

**Worthington State Forest**

Sergeant John Neate  
Superintendent - Ernest Kabert  
HC 62 Box 2  
Columbia, NJ 07832  
908-841-9575  
Fax 908-841-9519  
[worth@nj.net](mailto:worth@nj.net)

**Jenny Jump State Park**

Sergeant John Neate  
Superintendent Ernest Kabert  
PO Box 150  
Hope, NJ 07844  
908-459-4366  
Fax: 908-459-5790  
[jjumpsupt@embarqmail.com](mailto:jjumpsupt@embarqmail.com)

**Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area**

Report incidents to: 570-426-2457  
Life/Fire emergencies: 1-800-543-HAWK  
1 River Road  
Bushkill, PA 18324  
Lenape District Ranger - Bradley Clawson  
N. J. District Office  
2 Wallpack - Flatbrookville Road  
Layton, NJ 07851  
973-948-6500  
Fax: 973-948-3648

**Stokes State Forest**

Sergeant Robert Brown  
[stokesstg@embarqmail.com](mailto:stokesstg@embarqmail.com)  
1 Coursen Road  
Branchville, NJ 07826  
973-948-3820 (4915)  
Fax: 973-948-3359  
[stokessf@embarqmail.com](mailto:stokessf@embarqmail.com) (general)

**High Point State Park**

Sergeant Melissa Brown  
1480 State Route 23  
Sussex, NJ 07461  
973-875-4800  
Fax: 973-875-8084  
[hpsp@embarqmail.com](mailto:hpsp@embarqmail.com)

**Wawayanda State Park**

Sergeant Dave Mann  
[wspsergeant@nac.net](mailto:wspsergeant@nac.net)  
885 Warwick Turnpike  
Hewitt, NJ 07421  
973-853-4462  
Fax: 973-853-1383  
[wawayandasp@nac.net](mailto:wawayandasp@nac.net)

**Pequannock Watershed AKA:  
Newark Watershed Conservation and Development  
Corporation**

Send copy of report to:  
NWDCD  
Park/Property Manager - Vera Mack  
[mackvl@comcast.net](mailto:mackvl@comcast.net)  
PO Box 319  
Newfoundland, NJ 07435  
973-697-2850  
Fax: 973-697-8793  
Security (weekdays only): 973-697-3921  
West Milford Police  
emergency: 973-728-2800  
non-emergency: 973-728-2802

**Ringwood State Park,  
Ramapo Mountain State Forest,  
Norvin Green State Forest,  
Long Pond Ironworks State Park,  
Fanny State Park and Splitrock Reservoir Watershed Area**

Sergeant Ralph Napoleon  
Chief Superintendent - Rebecca Fitzgerald  
[rspsupt@verizon.net](mailto:rspsupt@verizon.net) (Rebecca)  
Chief Superintendent - Eric Pain  
1304 Sloatsburg Road  
Ringwood, NJ 07456  
973-962-2242  
Fax: 973-962-2247  
[Ringwood@warwick.net](mailto:Ringwood@warwick.net)

Life/Fire emergencies call Ringwood Police  
973-962-7017

**For Split Rock Res.** M-F (8:00-4:30pm)  
Northern Law Enforcement Office  
N.J. Division of Fish & Wildlife  
(car top boat access at Split Rock)  
908-735-8240

**Bergen County Parks Dept.**  
**Camp Glen Gray.**

**Ramapo Valley County Res.,**  
**Campgaw Mountain County Res.,**  
Bergen County Park Asst. Superintendent -  
Todd Cochran - 201-336-7284  
Bergen County Parks Department  
One Bergen County Plaza  
Hackensack, N.J. 07601  
Park Supervisor - Steve Notte  
Bergen County Parks  
600 Darlington Ave  
Mahwah NJ 07430  
201-327-3500-01  
Fax: 201-934-9022  
Main Park Number: 201-336-7275

**Morristown National Historical Park**

U.S Park Rangers - Steven Cape &  
Christopher Sullivan  
30 Washington Place  
Morristown, NJ 07960  
908-766-6841  
Fax: 908-766-5635

**Palisades Park, (New Jersey)**

Superintendent - Jim Hall  
[jhall@njpalisades.org](mailto:jhall@njpalisades.org)  
Assistant Superintendent - Chris Szeglin  
[cszeglin@njpalisades.org](mailto:cszeglin@njpalisades.org)  
PO Box 155  
Alpine, NJ 07620  
201-768-1360  
Police Dispatch (24 hrs.)  
201-768-6001  
Fax: 201-767-3842

**Pyramid Mountain Natural Historical Area, (including**  
**Turkey Mountain)**

Police Chief William Huyler  
Morris County Park Police  
300 Mendham Road  
Morristown, NJ 07960  
973-326-7654

[mcpp@webspn.net](mailto:mcpp@webspn.net)

**Mail Reports to:**

Morris County Park Commission  
PO Box 1295  
Morristown, NJ 07962-1295  
973-326-7600

**New York**

**Harriman/Bear Mountain State Park (Incl. Storm King,**  
**Goosepond, Highland Lake State Parks)**

Chief Ranger - Timothy Sullivan  
Chief Park Police - Lt. Herrick  
Administration Building  
Bear Mountain, NY 10911-0427  
845-786-2701 or 02 (x246)  
Fax: 845-786-2776  
[Timothy.sullivan@oprhp.state.ny.us](mailto:Timothy.sullivan@oprhp.state.ny.us)

**Black Rock Forest**

Forest Manager - John Brady  
Cell: 914-755-2348  
129 Continental Road  
Cornwall, N.Y. 12518  
845-534-4517  
Fax: 845-534-6975  
[blackroc@ldeo.columbia.edu](mailto:blackroc@ldeo.columbia.edu)  
**After 5p.m. :**  
Forest Director - Dr. William Schuster  
131 Continental Road  
Cornwall, NY 12518  
845-534-4102  
[Schuster@ldeo.columbia.edu](mailto:Schuster@ldeo.columbia.edu)

**Minnewaska State Park Preserve**

Park Manager - Eric Humphrey  
PO Box 893  
New Paltz, NY 12561-0893  
Park police: 845-786-2781  
845-255-0752  
Fax: 845-255-3505

**Mohonk Preserve**

Park Ranger - Hank Alicandri  
[halicandri@mohonkpreserve.org](mailto:halicandri@mohonkpreserve.org)  
PO Box 715  
New Paltz, NY 12561-0715  
845-255-0919 ( x246)  
Fax: 845-255-5646

**Rockland County Parks**

Sheriff James Kralik  
55 New Hempstead Road  
New City, NY 10956 - 845-638-5400  
Fax: 845-638-5161  
Send report to:  
[stewart@co.rockland.ny.us](mailto:stewart@co.rockland.ny.us)

**Sam's Point Preserve**

Managed by: Nature Conservancy

845-647-7989  
Preserve Visitors Center  
PO Box 86  
400 Sam's Point Road  
Cragmoor, NY 12420  
845-647-7989  
Preserve Manager 845-647-3122  
Kingston Dispatch: 845-338-1440

**Sterling Forest State Park, , Schunemunk Mountain State**  
**Parks**

Park Manager - Jim Gell  
116 Old Forge Road  
Tuxedo, NY 10987  
845-351-5907  
Fax: 845-351-5920

**Taconic State Park, also incl. Hudson Highlands State**  
**Park, Clarence Fahnestock State Park and Hubbard-**  
**Perkins Conservation Area**

Major Michael Cappuccilli  
PO Box 308  
Staatsburg, NY 12580  
845-889-4100 X 310  
Fax: 845-889-8321

**Catskills Forest Preserve**

DEC Region 3 (Ulster & Sullivan Counties)  
21 South Putt Corners  
New Paltz, NY 12561  
Preserve Mgt.: 845-256-3000  
Forest Rangers: 845-256-3026  
New Paltz Police -Law enforcement dept.  
845-256-3013  
DEC Region 4 (Delaware & Green Counties)  
65561 State Rt. 10  
Stamford, NY 12167  
Park rangers: 607-652-5076  
Capt. Patrick Kilpeck  
1150 North Westcott Road  
Schenectady, NY 12306  
518-357-2161

**Long Island Greenbelt**

L. I. Greenbelt Trail Conference  
P.O. Box 5636  
Hauppauge, NY 11788  
631-360-0753  
[ligreenbelt@verizon.net](mailto:ligreenbelt@verizon.net)  
Law Enforcement Agencies:  
NYState Environmental/Conservation Police;  
631-444-0250  
NYState DEC Forest Rangers - 631-444-0290  
NYState Police - 631-727-2727  
NYState Park Police - 631-669-2500  
Suffolk County Park Police - 631-854-1422  
Riverhead Town Police - 631-727-4500  
South Hampton Town Police - 631-728-5000  
Brookhaven Code Enforcement  
Public Safety Dept. - 631-451-6291