With over 30 miles of trails in this park, there's a lot to explore! To help you get started, this map of the southern end of the park has suggested hike routes keyed to start and end at **Englewood Picnic Area**!

In case of emergency, call the Parkway Police before calling 911: 201-768-6001

**Tips for Palisades Hikers**

Many first-time Palisades hikers are surprised at how rugged our trails can get. Please be prepared!

- 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.
- 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.
- Wear sturdy shoes that are designed for hiking.
- Dress or pack for all possible weather conditions forecast for the day. Layers are the wisest way, too, as some are sunny. Long clothing with a spray of repellent at the ankles.
- Ticks are common. Long clothing, even in warmer weather. We also recommend long-sleeved shirts. Layers are the wisest way, too, as some are sunny.

Always check at njpalisades.org for updates on trail and road closures etc!

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**Legend**

- Public Restrooms
- Parking Area
- Boat Launching Ramp
- Picnic Area
- Foot, Driveway, and Stairs: Service only at picnic areas
- Seasonal only at picnic areas
- Trail: Service only at picnic areas
- Service only at picnic areas
- Boundary
- Fence
- Cliff Edge
- Bus Stop

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**Carpenter’s Loop**

Moderate. About 5.5 mi., 2.5 hrs. round-trip.

Note: Detector for trailhead closure is in red.

1. Start at the south end of Englewood Picnic Area and take the Shore Trail (white markers) south as it heads toward Ross Dock Picnic Area.
2. Cross Ross Dock Picnic Area and stay south on the Shore Trail as it follows the road to Hazard’s Dock.
3. Pass the bottom of Carpenter’s Trail.

For a shorter hike, you can turn right (west) on Carpenter’s Trail (blue markers) and take this steep trail up to the summit. At the top, turn right (north) on the Long Path (aqua markers) and continue south on the Shore Trail beneath “The Great Gray Bridge” and onto the trail past Hazard’s Ramp.

4. About half a mile south of Hazard’s, the Shore Trail will turn right (west) and ascend on stone steps.
5. At Hudson Terrace turn right and take the paved pathway north.
6. At the entrance to Fort Lee Historic Park, cross at the light to the west side of Hudson Terrace and turn right (north) to take the sidewalk north about 0.5 mi. to the Carpenter’s Trailhead.
7. Take Carpenter’s Trail (blue markers) up the stairs and onto the pullway along the overpass over the Parkway, then down the next stairs and onto the woods.
8. Carpenter’s Trail intersects with the Long Path (aqua markers). Turn left here to follow aqua north.
9. In about 0.75 mile, the Long Path will pass Allison Park (restrooms and great views here) and follow along a road. Look for where the trail goes up and alongside the Sisters of St. Joseph (private property).
10. When you come out of the woods at Palisade Avenue, turn right (east) to find the start of the Dyckman Hill Trail (yellow markers) across the road at the Englewood Cliffs park entrance. Follow yellow as it zigzags down the mountain alongside a stream to Englewood Picnic Area & Boat Basin.

Use caution to cross the road as you get to the bottom. You’re done! Great job!