

CARPENTER'S LOOP Moderate. About 5.5 mi., 2.5 hrs. round-trip (with an

opportunity to shorten by about half). 1) Follow the path down the steps alongside the entrance road and exit Fort Lee Historic Park. 2) Turn right at Hudson Terrace and follow the paved pathway north beneath the George Washington Bridge overpass.

Enter the "Northwalk" plaza of the George Washington Bridge and follow signs up the stairways to the Long Path. Take the Long Path north (aqua markers). ... If you like, you can take a few minutes to explore the unmarked but obvious paths to impressive overlooks of the Bridge.

Pass the top of Carpenter's Trail as you continue north on the Long Path.

For a shorter hike...

Turn right (east) on Carpenter's Trail (blue markers) and take this steep trail down to the river. At the bottom, turn right to take the Shore Trail south, continuing as described at (8)...

As you continue on the Long Path on top of the cliffs, you will pass Allison Park (restrooms, picnic spots, and great views here!) and then follow along a road. Look for where the trail goes up and alongside the Sisters of St. Joseph (private property).

- When the trail comes out of the woods at Palisade Avenue, turn right (east) and cross the road to find the start of the Dyckman Hill Trail (yellow markers) at the Englewood Cliffs park entrance. Follow yellow as it zigzags down the mountain alongside a stream to Englewood Picnic Area.
- Use caution as you cross Henry Hudson Drive near the bottom, and turn right (south) onto the Shore Trail (white markers), taking it south through Ross
  Dock Picnic Area.
- South of Ross Dock, pass the bottom of Carpenter's Trail and continue south on the white-marked Shore Trail beneath "The Great Gray Bridge" and past
   Hazard's Ramp.
- 9 About half a mile south of Hazard's, the Shore Trail turns right (west) and ascends stone steps.
- 10) At the Edgewater park entrance at the top of the hill, turn right (north) and take the paved pathway back to the Historic Park entrance, and then take the entrance walkway back to start. You're DONE! GREAT JOB!

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 a suggested hike route keyed to start and end at

Ross Dock Picnic Area

In case of emergency, call the Parkway Police before calling 9-1-1:

## 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 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.



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