PALISADES INTERSTATE PARK in New Jersey offers a variety of cross-country ski trails ranging from beginner to expert. Marked and maintained ski trails are located at State Line Lookout, which is two miles north of Exit 2 on the Palisades Interstate Parkway. Parking is free.

SKIERS may use the six marked ski trails and the closed section of Old Route 9W during daylight hours only. The trails at State Line have been specifically cleared and marked for skiing, but skiers are urged to wait for a 4-inch snow cover before attempting to use them. The other hiking trails in the park may also be used for cross-country skiing, but not all of these trails are suitable for skiing. Skiers should scout any trail before attempting to ski it.

LOOKOUT INN is operated by the park and offers a breakfast, lunch and snack menu, restrooms and a wide variety of books, gifts, maps and other items of interest. State Line Lookout and the Inn are open year-round 7 days a week, weather permitting. Call Park Headquarters (201-768-1360) or Lookout Inn (201-750-0465) ahead of time to confirm that the area is open.

- LOOP A (0.8 MILES EASY): Begin in the northwest corner of the parking lot. Bear left at the first fork. Follow the trail to the second fork and turn right. At the junction of trails A and B bear right to stay on A. Stay to the right again at the A and C junction to return to the parking lot.
- LOOP B (1.15 MILES EASY): Begin in the northwest corner of the parking lot. Follow Trail A at the first left. At the junction, stay straight to go onto Trail B. Turn right at the fork. Trail B will again meet with Trail A. Follow Trail A to the parking lot.
- LOOP C (1.1 MILES MORE DIFFICULT): Begin in the northwest corner of the parking lot. Bear right at the first fork. Follow the trail to the second fork and bear right. Continue to Old Route 9W and turn right. At top of hill turn right onto Trail F and follow back to parking lot.
- ♦ LOOP D (1.6 MILES MOST DIFFICULT): Begin in the northwest corner of the parking lot. Bear right at the first fork. Follow the trail to the second fork and bear left. Continue to Old Route 9W and turn right. At top of hill turn right onto Trail F and follow back to parking lot.
- LOOP E (1.3 MILES MORE DIFFICULT): Begin in the northwest corner of the parking lot. Follow Trail F to Old Route 9W and turn left. Follow Old Route 9W to the beginning of Trail E on the right. At the first junction, turn left to stay on Trail E (the Long Path continues to the right and may be unsuitable for skiing). Continue to Old Route 9W and turn left. At top of hill turn right onto Trail F and follow back to parking lot.

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