

Hike The Alleghenies Raystown Lake Seven Points Recreation Area Hillside Nature Trail Loop

Hillside Nature Trail Loop (.7 Miles)



The Hillside Nature Trail begins at the Seven Points Visitor Center and continues as a loop through the woods that returns to the Visitor Center. The trail is approximately .7 miles in length and provides an opportunity to view some of Pennsylvania's most sweetly singing songbirds as well as an aesthetically unparalleled view of the Seven Points Bay.

Since its creation, Hillside Nature Trail has been a short trail confined to the wooded area adjacent to the amphitheater. After opening of the Visitor Center, members of the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps constructed a trail extension and habitat area that connects the Visitor Center to the wooded trail area. The Raystown staff is coordinating design and habitat improvements with assistance from Juniata College and the Altoona Audubon Society.

Natural openings are used to improve habitat by adding artificial nesting structures for species such as squirrels, bats, owls, and blue birds. Natural tree species have been planted to supplement the existing habitat, as well as adding brush piles adjacent to the trail using materials cleared from the trail area.

Parking: Lat 40 22 56 Lon 78 04 36

From US Route 22 near Huntingdon, take PA Route 26 South 6.5 miles, then turn left onto Seven Points Road. From US Route 30 near Everett, take PA Route 26 North 36 miles, then turn right onto Seven Points Road. Park at the Raystown Visitor Center / US Army Corps of Engineers – Raystown District Office on the left side of Seven Points Road 4.5 miles from PA Route 26.

Trail Directions: From the parking area at the Raystown Visitor Center, make your way around the building and start your hike down the Hillside Nature Trail. Complete the loop in either direction and end up back at the Visitor Center.

Distance:

0.7 miles

Time:

30-60 Minutes

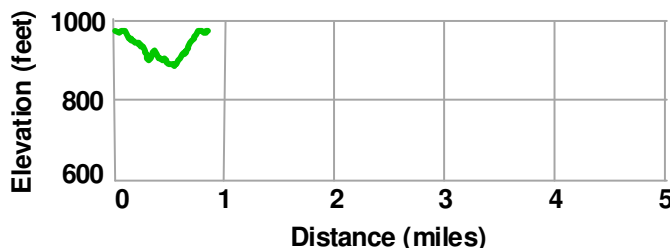
Elevation Change:

100 feet

Trail Loop Difficulty Rating:



Easy with little elevation gain



Many more miles of trail are planned in Seven Points Recreation Area of Raystown Lake. The existing 22-mile linear Terrace Mountain Trail is on the Eastern side of the lake. See this website for details:
<http://raystown.nab.usace.army.mil>