

## 1.19 Recreation

Watershed Management Area 3 has many forests, lakes, streams and waterfalls, offering many recreational opportunities. Recreational facilities are shown on Plate 1.18.1, Table 1.19.1 lists the major open space areas with recreational offerings, with some of the more exceptional areas highlighted below:

- Appalachian Trail – a footpath that stretches over 2,100 miles from Main to Georgia. The trail passes through the northwestern corner of WMA 3 as it proceeds along the Beaufort Mountain ridge and affords a view of Greenwood Lake to the east as it continues into New York.
- Highlands Trail – a combination of new trails, alignment with existing trails and road walking through the Highlands in New Jersey and New York. It enters NJ from NY to the east of Greenwood Lake, continues generally south along the ridge to the west of Monksville and Wanaque Reservoirs, then west through Norvin Green State Forest, proceeds around the south end of Echo Lake, then north over Bearfort Mountain, to the north of Clinton Reservoir, then along the west side of the reservoir and across Route 23, continuing through the Newark watershed lands, and then generally south and west into WMA 6.
- Chickahokie Falls, Bloomingdale NJ – trail system accessible only by foot, where one can view waterfalls and the Manhattan skyline;
- Weis Ecology Center and Norvin Green State Park, Ringwood NJ– environmental education center operated by the New Jersey Audubon Society, including trails, camping and educational facilities;
- Silas Condict Park, Kinnelon NJ – 265-acre park with pristine lake and historic restored Casino;
- Ringwood State Park, Ringwood NJ – 5,237 acre park including historic manor, botanical gardens and facilities for swimming, boating, fishing, hunting, picnics, winter sports, biking and hiking;
- Harriman State Park, Bear Mountain NY – At 52,000 acres, the second-largest state park in New York State, operated by the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, includes 200 miles of trails, three lakes, and camping facilities;
- Sterling Forest State Park, New York and New Jersey - 18,000 acres of open space are contiguously linked for conservation and recreation
- Former Jungle Habitat site, West Milford – This 769-acre parcel, formerly the site of an animal park, is being considered for future recreational use.

In addition to the major facilities listed above, WMA 3 has many smaller county and local parks and recreational facilities; Tables 1.19.2 and 1.19.3 list lakes and streams (respectively) open to public access along with their recreational facility offerings. WMA 3 is also home to several golf courses (depicted on Plate 3.7.1) including; Darlington, Packanack, Preakness Hills, Sunset Valley, and Twin Willows.