



Tuesday's Tip

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Hike the Hudson Valley

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With summer quickly approaching, now is the time to start planning fair-weather hikes with this handy online guide!

Covering a wide variety of local hiking spots, [Hike the Hudson Valley](#) offers up very detailed hiking guides for all-level hikers.

Simply browse the hikes to get an overview of the difficulty, distance, and highlights:

East of the Hudson				
Hike	Scenery	Difficulty	Distance	Highlights
Alander Mountain		9	5.4 mi Loop	Panoramic views, steep climbs
Alander Mountain II		8	8.0 mi Up/back	Panoramic views; long, steady climbs
Anthony's Nose		6	2.6 mi Up/back	Bear Mountain Bridge overlook, views
Anthony's Nose II (via Camp Smith Trail)		6	2.6 mi Up/back	Bear Mountain Bridge overlook, even more views
Baird Park		4	3.2 mi Loop	Pleasant woods, creeks, small bridges
Bash Bish Falls		4	1 mi Up/back	Tallest waterfall in MA
Beacon Mountain (Mt. Beacon)		7	4.4 mi Up/back	Cliff-top overlook, fire tower, railway ruins
Beebe Hill fire tower		4	2.0 mi Up/back	Pleasant trail, fire tower, amazing view
Boyce Park		5	3 mi Up/back	Hang glider launch ramp, views, field
Brace Mountain		9	5 mi Up/back	Amazing views, open field at summit
Brace Mountain II		9	3.8 mi Up/back	Even more amazing views, open field at summit, waterfall
Breakneck Ridge		10	3.7 mi Loop	Insane views, rock scrambling
Bull Hill (Mt. Taurus)		7	3.6 mi Up/back	Sweeping views, steep climbs, abandoned quarry
Bull Hill (Mt. Taurus) II: Cornish Loop		9	5.9 mi Loop	Sweeping views, steep climbs, abandoned quarry, ruins, loopishness

West of the Hudson

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Bear Hill Preserve		3	1.5 mi Up/back	Cliff-top views, chasm, rock formations, sweetness
Bear Mountain State Park		8	4.5 mi Loop	Awesome views, cool trails, tower, vending machines
Black Rock Forest		6	5.4 mi Loop	Multiple views, reservoirs
Bonticou Crag and Table Rocks		8	6.0 mi Loop	Rock scramble, multiple awesome views, stunning cliffs, table rocks
Falling Waters Preserve		3	2.7 mi Loop	Riverside trails, small waterfalls, general awesomeness
Franny Reese State Park		3	2.6 mi Loop	Bridge view, seasonal river views
Giant Ledge (& Panther Mt. opt'l)		6	3.2 mi Up/back	Crazy views, very large (giant, even!) ledges
Harriman State Park: Lemon Squeezer to Lichen Trail		9	7.4 mi Loop	Views, lake, ferns, funky rocks, all-around sweetness
Huckleberry Point		6	4.5 mi Up/back	Awesome cliff-top views
Hunter Mountain		9	5.0 mi Loop	Fire tower, amazing views, lack of chairlift
Indian Head Mt. and Twin Mt.		10	8.4 mi Loop	Multiple Catskill views, ledges, wilderness
Indian Ladder Trail		3	2.5 mi Loop	Cliffs, waterfalls, giant overhangs, Utah-like vibe
Kaaterskill Falls (lower trailhead)		5	2.0 mi Up/back	Huge waterfall

Click on your preferred hike:

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And enjoy a thorough trail guide with pictures, maps, and GPS directions for parking!

Trail guide:

1. From the parking area just past the guard shack, head uphill to find a shortcut through the woods near the last parking spot, on your right. Head up the shortcut towards the beginning of several trails.



(This place is laced with trails heading all over the place – please follow this trail guide very carefully, and you'd do well to follow along on the map they'll provide at the guard shack, too. It's easy to get lost during your travels around Bonticou, and while most trails and intersections are excellently marked, some aren't marked at all.)

2. Keep heading straight across Spring Farm Road. A gate will be on your left as you cross the road and hop on the Crag Trail on the far side, turning left to keep going uphill, parallel to Spring Farm Road.



3. Follow the blue blazes uphill. In about two minutes, you'll come to a four-way intersection. Turn right to hop on the red-blazed Crag Trail.

