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A descriptive pocket guide to the trails, facts, fancies and highlights in the area of Wyanokie Plateau, Passaic County, west of Wanaque - Midvale, New Jersey.

### WYANOKIE BACKGROUND

Take a strip of wild country, roughly six by ten miles, add a chain of tree-covered hills, scatter a dozen assorted lakes about, run a few dirt roads through, saturate with several brooks and flavor with abundant pines and laurel, plant a few farms and cottages here and there, stir in a few rocky cliffs and bake the whole area in a few centuries of golden sunlight and you have a tempting nature lovers paradise - Wyanokie Plateau as it is today.

Here centuries ago the redman found it "a very good land" and wigwams and roundhouses dotted the brook sides in numbers. Redmen's feet made trails to the hilltops to hunt and signal. Later, the white man came to settle and farm; the miner to seek hidden deposits of ore, the engineer to build a great storage reservoir. And though many trees were sacrificed to produce charcoal to fuel the iron furnaces, the hills are still rugged and lonely, a haven for wildlife.

Footpaths, following those made by the Indians, were improved and marked by the Appalachian Mountain Club and Green Mountain Club; signs were added by the Nature Friends at trail junctions, to make this a pleasant hiking land. Trails wind carefully over the ridges then dip into the valleys to link up a number of caves, mines and gorges. One day's walk is insufficient; at least two weeks are needed to cover all trails and the A.E.U. Camp's modern wigwam makes this possible, for trails radiate in all directions from camp. The Wyanokie Circular Trail (No.2) 8.2 miles and the Stone-town Circular Trail (No.3) 13 miles are designed for all-day walks from camp. Shorter loops may be picked at random. The popular ones are to High Point, Wolf Den, Wyanokie Lake, Blue Mine, etc.

### Redmen Were First Campers

The Indians who inhabited this area belonged to the Algonquin Group; and the sub-group in Northern New Jersey was the Lenni-Lenape. A further division into the family clans were called Minsiand, their totem (guardian spirit) was the wolf. They lived in large villages with a network of trails connecting them between the ocean and the Delaware River. In season they traveled to the sea to catch shellfish, which they dried before returning home.

They lived in round houses, made of bark and grass over a framework of poles. Pine boughs were used for beds. Utensils were of stone or wood. Clothing was fashioned from skins. In summer the ground in valleys was cultivated with sticks, and corn, squash, and beans mostly raised. For fertilization, oddly enough, a dead fish was placed at the base of the growing plant. In winter, dried fish and bread baked from corn meal was eaten, plus whatever fresh animal was bagged by the bow and arrow.

These tribes lived always in a peaceful mode, even when white settlers moved in, they sold their land to them and moved on to wilder parts, westward into Pennsylvania.

Indian place names, found throughout New Jersey, some of them given by the late Will Monroe, others gleaned from old books and deeds, are listed below, with their Americanized meanings:

Yapewi ----Council rock, beside the waters edge	
Chikahoki--Turkey lands	
Macopin----Wild potato	Pequanac--Cleared ground
Osio-----Beautiful view	Iosca-----Shining waters
Minoma-----Good water	Tallula---Leaping waters
Assiniwikam--Rock house	Wahlikamika--Rock Shelter
Manaticut---Observation place	Asiskwakami--Mud pond
Pompton-----Wry (twisted) mouth	Pemaquid--Long point
Wickadoma---Cries from a dark place	Allequippa--A hat
Tupelowantico--Outflowing spring	
Wyanoki-Wanaque--Sassafras place	

LIST OF MARKED TRAILS (Total mileage 59.1)

Name - Color - Boundaries - Maintenance - Miles

1. Hewitt -- Butler Trail (Blue) (total 17.3)
  - (a) from Hewitt to West Br. Rd. (GMC) 6.4
  - (b) from West Br. Rd. over Saddle Mtn. High Pt. Carris Hill, Torne Mtn. Butler (NF) 10.9
2. Wyanoki Circular (Red)  
from AEU camp to Blue Mine, High Pt., Black Rk.  
L. Wyanoki, Saddle Mtn. to AEU camp (NF) 8.2
3. Stonetown Circular (Red)  
from AEU camp over Windbeam, Bear, Board Mts.  
Harrison Mtn. Stonetown Rd. to camp (NF) 12.9
4. Post Brook Trail (White)  
from Haskell to Hewitt - Butler trail (NF) 3.0
5. Horse Pond Mtn. Trail (White)  
from Stonetown Circ. to Hewitt - But. (GMC) 2.0
6. Macopin Trail (White)  
from Hewitt - Butler Trail to Macopin (NF) 2.3
7. Otter Hole Trail (White with green bar)  
from Winfield Farm to Otter Hole (NF) 2.0
8. Lower Trail (White)  
from Post Br. Tr. to GMC cabin (GMC) 1.7
9. Burnt Meadow Trail (Yellow) (GMC)  
from Horse Pd. Mt. Tr. to West Br. Rd. 3.2

- Stone Hunting House Trail (White)  
from Mine Tr. to Wyanoki Circ. Tr. (NF) 0.5
11. Maple Grove Trail (White)  
from Hewitt- But. Tr. to Wyan. Circ. (NF) 0.6
12. Mine Trail (Yellow)  
from AEU camp via Roomy Mine, Blue Mine.  
Winfield Farm, L. Wyanoki, to Hewitt- Butler  
Tr. on West Brook Mtn. (NF) 5.4

Other Trails

Pipe Line Trail  
Little Windbeam Trail  
Seven Husbands Trail  
Pine Paddies Trail  
Laurel Trail

Proposed Trails

West Brook Trail  
Carris Hill Trail  
N.F. Nature Trail  
Mountain Glen Trail  
Federal Hill Trail

MILEAGE LOG OF MARKED TRAILS

1 Hewitt- Butler Trail.

Follow the high ridges in a winding course (north to south description)

- 0.0 Starts at Hewitt, N.J. go S at sand quarry, following old Erie railroad bed.
- 0.2 Leave railroad bed, on trail to right.
- 0.6 Horse Pond Mt. Tr. junction, turn right.
- 1.0 Cross Hewitt Rd. (direct) then gently climb Long Hill through woods.
- 2.1 View (S.E.) toward Board Mt.
- 3.5 View (N.W.) to Greenwood Lk. in distance, Bearfort tower (W), small lake below.
- 4.3 Cross unmarked wood road.
- 4.6 Burnt Meadow Tr. comes from left to join for a while.
- 4.8 Burnt Meadow Tr. turns right, going down to West Br. Rd. Continue on ridge.
- 5.1 Old red tr. (faded markers)
- 5.5 Tip-Top Point on West Br. Mtn. view to (S) and Saddle Mtn. Mine Tr. comes in from right and follow trail, to Point Manaticut.
- 5.7 Manaticut Point. Impressive outlook east to Windbeam Mtn. with tower.  
Steep descent to

- 6.3 West Brook, crossing over stones.
- 6.4 West Brook Rd. which follow
- 6.7 West Brook Rd. turnoff on trail right
- 6.9 Maple grove trail junc. (short way to AEU camp) turn right to climb Saddle Mtn.
- 7.4 Top of Saddle Mtn. all around view.
- 7.5 Wolf Den, trail goes through narrow crevice.
- 8.0 Wyanoki Circular Tr. crosses
- 8.1 Pine Paddy No. 3.
- 8.3 Pine Paddy No. 2..
- 8.7 Pine Paddy No. 1 view east.
- 8.8 Outlook to the W and Cobb Hill.
- 9.0 Outlook to S.E. over AEU camp grounds.
- 9.5 Winfield Rd. turn right on this AEU camp turn left down road 0.2 m.)
- 9.8 Winfield Rd. turnoff to left (on trail).
- 9.9 Junction of Mine Tr. (Y) turn right.
- 10.3 Outlook west from Stony Ledge; 100 ft. to
- 10.3 Macopin Trail (W) starts here; go left.
- 10.6 Junction Wyanokie Circle Trail (R) turn right- markers now red and blue (High Pt. lt. 0.1 m)
- 10.7 Wyanokie Circle trail bends right.
- 10.8 Yoo-Hoo Point (good echo towards High Pt.)
- 11.4 Carris Hill outlook west.
- 11.8 Pipe line follow it to left
- 11.9 Pipe line turnoff, right
- 12.3 Post Brook Trail (W) goes to left (down this 0.3 m is Chikahki Falls) but follow blue markers right, cross brook (good water).
- 13.3 Otter Hole Trail (white with green) to right goes to AEU Winfield Farm. Go left on blue 100 ft. cross Post Brook on stones.
- 13.4 Otter Hole Rd. turn right, then view of Otter Hole Swamp, (half lake) Buck Mtn. in background.
- 13.5 Otter Hole Rd. turnoff on trail, to climb.
- 14.0 Torne Mtn. outlook N over many lakes.
- 14.1 Torne Mtn. outlook S, descend into
- 14.3 The Gulch then climb South Torne to
- 14.7 Osio Rock (100 ft. left on side trail)
- 15.0 Woodroad to Kampfe Lake goes left. Go right, gently ascending the West Torne, through the Hollow Lane. The 1060 pt. north of here has a rocky outlook, but the trail does not go near it.
- 16.1 Plum Swamp woodroad, go to left to

Macopin Rd. at Cold Spring Lake, end of trail. (from here it is 1 m. left to Butler station on highway. A trail to Butler station is closed.

2 Wyanokie Circular Trail (Red) (clockwise description)

- 0.0 Starts at A E U camp and returns there. Goes on Winfield Rd. 0.1 m. then right on trail at Ellen Avenue.
- 0.7 Mine trail crossing.
- 0.8 Roomy mine side trail loop (mine 0.1 m.)
- 1.0 Blue mine on left cross wood bridge.
- 1.1 GMC Wyanokie Lodge open shelter
- 1.2 Mine trail (Y) & Lower trail (W) crossing, steep ascent of trail (Red) to
- 1.6 High Point (fine all around view) continue down west slope, merging with
- 1.7 Hewitt- Butler trail.
- 2.0 Hewitt- Butler trail turnoff, go to right.
- 2.1 Short-cut trail to Macopin trail & AEU camp.
- 2.4 Pine line crossing.
- 2.9 Otter Hole trail, both trails merge.
- 3.2 Otter Hole trail turnoff, red trail goes N.
- 3.7 Macopin trail (W) crosses.
- 4.1 Stone Hunting House Indian shelter rock.
- 5.3 Pipe line crossing.
- 5.4 Black Rock (view from this cliff to N & W)
- 5.6 Road to Lake Wyanokie, turn right on it.
- 6.3 Lake Wyanokie Dam, Montclair Boy Scout Camp.
- 6.4 Mine trail crosses. Climb Saddle Mtn.
- 7.1 Hewitt- Butler trail crosses. Turn right on Blue trail over Pine Paddies.
- 7.8 Pine Paddies to Winfield Rd. left to Camp
- 8.7 AEU Camp

3 Stonetown Circular Trail (Red)

- 0.0 Starts at AEU camp and returns there. Walk along camp entrance road to
- 0.1 Camp Gate Booth, there turn left.
- 0.4 Cross Dale road (dirt)
- 0.8 West Brook road

NOTE: Here the actual circular begins, to left, clockwise, goes via Stonetown and Harrison Mtn. is easier route. To right, goes via steep way to Windbeam Mtn. (route description uses the latter.)

- 0.9 West Brook Rd. turnoff, left over gate.
- 1.0 Cross West Brook, over ladder bridge, then in woods and grassy field NE to
- 1.8 Stonetown Rd. (dirt) turn right.
- 1.9 Stonetown Rd. turnoff into trail, ascending
- 2.3 Little Windbeam trail goes to right, short cut to Midvale, (faint white markers).
- 2.5 Outlook rock, view to west.
- 2.9 Windbeam Summit, fire tower, view limited.
- 3.5 Stones Rd. crossing, pass old cabin at right.
- 4.1 Bear Mtn. outlook S see bronze tablet.
- 4.6 Wood road.
- 5.0 Top of Board Mtn. (side trail 100 ft. N for view). Trail proper makes hair-pin bend to left.
- 5.3 Brook crossing (water most of year)  
Note: from here on, trail very bushy, watch markers closely, exit through pasture to
- 6.3 Monks Rd, crossing (water 0.2 m.S (left) at well under Rikers maple tree.)  
Follow service road to Harrison Mtn. Lake.
- 6.5 Leave road, turn right on trail.
- 6.7 Harrison Mtn. outlook east.
- 6.9 Junction Horse Pond Mtn. trail (W) turn left.
- 7.1 Cross road (lane) in notch
- 7.7 Harrison Mtn. Lake (visible to left)  
Hewitt Rd. dirt which follow, cross Sawmill Brook; heaps of sawdust on left.  
Trail makes a short cut through woods, comes out on road again which follow.
- 8.4 Trail bends left into woods.  
Note: Alternative, easier route follows road S past old house on right 0.3 m. then leaves road left to join other route 300 ft. from road.
- 9.2 Tory Rocks, 40 ft. cliffs, slight view south; descend cliffs on rough trail, newly marked.
- 9.6 Joins alternative route at edge of fields.
- 9.9 Signal Rock, view of Windbeam Mtn.
- 10.3 Spring, to left.
- 10.8 Elbow Rd. see tiny pothole at left, roadside. Follow road right, passing several farms.
- 11.8 Hewitt Rd. comes in from right, at old church.
- 11.9 West Brook Rd. at Rhinesmith Farm & lake left.

- End of circular loop, turn right on dirt rd.
- 12.5 Dale Rd.
- 12.8 Camp gate booth.
- 12.9 AEU camp at sign post  
4 Post Brook Trail (White)  
(east to west description)
- 0.0 Starts at Erie R.R. station Haskell, follow Rd. west, with Rainbow Lake at right.
- 0.6 Cross iron bridge.
- 1.0 Camp Thomas Brooks at left  
Note: Old route of trail went right here into woods is closed--  
continue on road following markers.
- 1.2 Signboard tree, index to Lake Iosca camps.
- 2.1 Old route rejoins at pipe line after crossing Post Brook. Follow markers through narrow gorge.
- 2.6 Lower trail (W) goes to right at res, fence.
- 2.9 Chicahoki Falls (water drinkable above falls).
- 3.0 Hewitt- Butler trail (blue) (W) trail ends.

5 Horse Pond Mtn. Trail (White)  
(south to north description)

- 0.0 Starts on Harrison Mtn. at Stonetown Circular trail going N.W. downhill.
- 0.3 Monks Brook crossing then climb.
- 0.7 Horse Pond Mtn. then due N along ridge
- 2.0 Hewitt- Butler trail junction end of white markers. (to right along blue markers to Hewitt 0.6 m. where bus is in summer.

6 Macopin Trail (White)  
(east to west description)

- 0.0 Starts at Hewitt- Butler trail near High Point.
- 0.2 Short cut trail left to Wyanokie Circular Tr.
- 0.6 Spring on left.
- 0.6 Otter Hole Trail, both trails together 100 ft. then turn left.
- 0.8 Pipe line crossing.
- 1.2 Wyanokie Circle Trail (R) crosses, turn left 50 ft. then right. Trail continues through dense woods, than on broad wagon roads to Otter Hole R
- 2.3 Macopin, come out through Deckers Farm.  
Note: Markers end here, but walk can be prolonged by turning right on road 0.4 m. to Mountain Glen Lakes, turn right on the service road, continue uphill, bend right at 2nd lake, then left on a trail, which comes out through pasture between 2 red barns (1.8 m.) on West Brook



Road. Turn right on this, again right at next fork and in 2 m. you will bear down at Stephens Farm where Hewitt- Butler trail cross

7 Otter Hole Trail (white with green bar)  
(northeast to southwest description)

- 0.0 Starts at Winfield Farm, pass to right of barn 100 ft. watch for first marker going left. (to right is continuation of Mine Tr.) (Y)
- 0.4 Macopin Trail (W) goes right; 100 ft. further Macopin Trail goes left toward High Point.
- 0.6 Pipe line crossing.
- 0.8 Wyanokie Circular Trail (R) joins from left.
- 1.1 Wyanokie Circular Trail turnoff; go left.
- 2.0 Hewitt- Butler Trail, end of white markers. Note: On this blue trail right, to Otter Hole Rd. 0.1 m., left down Post Brook Trail.

8 Lower Trail (White)  
(south to north description)

- 0.0 Starts at Post Brook Trail at the corner of reservoir fence, goes N through a gentle gully.
- 0.3 Log cabin site to right on plateau.
- 1.2 Junction of old yellow trail (seven husbands trail) and a white trail to High Point. Both have faded markers and will not be repainted.
- 1.7 Wyanokie Circular Trail (R) white markers end. Note: this trail criss-crosses reservoir property line, and is closed for duration.

9 Burnt Meadow Trail (Yellow)  
(north to south description)

- 0.0 Starts on Horse Pond Mtn. (Horse Pond Mtn. Trail)
- 0.4 Hewitt Rd. crossing.
- 1.1 Sawmill Brook crossing.
- 1.5 Burnt Meadow wood road; climb West Brook Mtn.
- 1.9 Overlook Rock view east as far as southern Ramapos, which appear in a wavy line.
- 2.4 Hewitt- Butler Trail comes from right. Turn left, both together.
- 2.6 Hewitt- Butler Trail turnoff, go right.
- 3.2 West Brook Road.

10 Stone Hunting House Trail (White)  
(S.W. to N.E. description)

- 0.0 Stone Hunting House (Assiniwikam) an overhanging rock ledge giving a bit of shelter.

Pipe line crossing.

- .4 Wagon Road
- 0.5 Mine Trail crosses, end of white markers (left to West Brook Road  
Right to Winfield Road).

12 Mine Trail (Yellow)

(This trail starts at AEU Camp and describes a half  
circle to Manaticut on West Br. Mtn.)

- 0.0 American Ethical Union Camp.
- 0.1 Winfield Road crossing; going south between camp bungalows to
- 0.5 Wyanokie Falls (Mine Brooks Falls)
- 0.7 Wyanokie Circular Trail crosses.
- 0.8 Ball Mtn. top, with view, at abandoned cabin.
- 1.1 Roomy Mine.
- 1.3 Junction with Wyanokie Circular Trail.
- 1.5 Blue Mine; thence passing GMC cabin.
- 1.7 Wyanokie Circular Trail turnoff, go right joins Hewitt- Butler  
Trail; both cont. 50 ft. to
- 2.3 Winfield Rd. turn left on it.
- 2.5 Winfield Farm, walk right of barn, follow yellow markers right.
- 3.5 Lake Wyanokie (Stone Hunting House Trail goes to left)
- 3.6 Wyanokie Circular Trail crossing.
- 5.2 Joins Hewitt- Butler Trail at Tip-Top Point.
- 5.4 Manaticut Point, outlook rock, view S (end of yellow markers, but  
blue continues.)

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WYANOKIE ATTRACTIONS \*

Assiniwikam (on trail 10) A shallow cave, said to have been used by Indians as a camp site; slanting logs placed in front by pale faces made a rough shelter, though after a rainy day, the overhanging rock drips miserably.

Stone Hunting House is the name given it by J.A. Allis, who says; "30 years ago there was a 4 foot stone wall surrounding it, with a fireplace at the north end. This den was used by Cisco, an old mountaineer, who lived in a nearby cabin, built and occupied originally by his grandfather, who deserted from a Jersey Regiment in the War of 1812. This Stone Hunting House was used as a hideaway, if any stranger should show up. Later the wall was torn down, the stones used to build a tall chimney and a slab shelter erected, where the old wall stood, which more or less exists today.

Pathfinder Bronze Tablet (on trail 3) at outlook point on Bear Mtn. placed there in memory of Harry Pietchmann, a true Pathfinder 1928-1938, placed by the Pathfinders, in bed rock.

Burnt Meadows (on trail 9) a large area of swampland, nature's own reservoir, to feed a number of brooklets.

Chikahoki Falls (on trail 4) Post Brook here slides 30 ft. into a round pool, where the waters rotate. It's an attractive picture at all seasons and a restful luncheon place.

Yoo-Hoo Point (on trail 1) from this bare rock High Point to the Northeast is within hailing distance and when people are on both points, the temptation to Yoo-Hoo is too great.

Comic Rock A boulder on top of Federal Hill near Pompton Junction, resembling a man's head, about 10 ft. in diameter, with a two ft. nose giving it a humorous appearance.

Tory Rocks (on trail 3) south of Harrison Mtn. Rocky cliffs, with a good size chamber in one side, which can be entered by hole, large enough to crawl in. Used by Tories (British Sympathizers) as a hiding place during the Revolution.

Richters House (on trail 12) on Winfield Road before reaching AEU camp. Meals and lodging for a dozen or so. Mr. Richter was the first caretaker of the Nature Friends Camp.

Wahlikamika Cave (on trail 4 old route) an overhanging cliff which may have been an Indian camp site long ago.

Board Mountain (on trail 3) has a fine outlook in all directions. Mountain named for Cornelius Board Welch miner of the days of 1732, who located iron deposits, with the help of Indian guides, and later built the Sterling Furnace. He is buried in Pompton Cemetary. Boardville, where he resided is now submerged in the depths of Wanaque Reservoir.

\*For index of trail numbers see page 2. See also chapter on mines see page 14.

Manaticut (on trail 1) outlook point on east end of West Brook Mtn., superb view of hills in this area principally of Windbeam Mtn. and tower.

Tip-Top Point (on trail 1) the other outlook on West Brook Mtn. in the direction south to the Wolf Den on Saddle Mountain.

Camp Thomas Brooks (on trail 4) Doty Road Haskell. A converted barn turned into rustic camp. Sleeps about 15 people.

American Ethical Union Conference Center Camp, originally called Nature Friends' Camp, was started May 20, 1920 by a workers' organization with the purchase of the Carrigan (or Snake) farm. The camp grew from 11 acres to about 170 acres. In 1940 the Winfield farm was added. The AEU acquired 120 acres of the camp in 1968 from Nature Friends which included the 200 ft. swimming pool, built in 1935. A modern brick dormitory, built in 1932, sleeps 300 people. There are over 50 cabins on the grounds, quite hidden in the woods, and about 40 others have sprung up outside the camp property. What is now the ruins was once the Carrigan Barn, and the office, dining room and social hall were there. This burned down in 1965. The canteen across the way was the old farmhouse. Here guests can buy food, soda, and play pool and ping pong. On the outside wall is a 6x9 map of Wyanokie trails, painted by Hugo Koch. A large playfield and tennis courts give ample room for play.

Winfield Farm (on trail 12) belongs to the AEU camp, though half a mile distant. Its barn once stalled a winning race horse, Lady Longfellow VIII, No. 51368 in a race on March 28, 1899.

Wanaque Reservoir largest one in N.J. water supply for Newark, Paterson, Passaic, etc. built by N.J. Water Supply Comm. Work began in 1920 required replacing 4 miles of railroad and highway. Finished in 1928, it can hold 27 billion gallons of "drink". Nine dams hold the water in check; the largest at Midvale is 1,500 ft.

Wolf Den (on trail 1) at north end of Saddle Mtn. the trail goes through a dislodged, narrow cliff. Here a Mr. Shippee killed the last she-wolf and her 2 young, way back in 1819. The view from the top of rock is grand.

High Point (on trail 2) elevation 1030 ft. not the highest but the most visited hilltop, for its fine outlook over the reservoir. See bronze tablet in memory of Emil Unger, placed by Nature Friends', in floor of rock.

Otter Hole (on trail 1) A picturesque swamp, sometimes a lake, with round Buck Mtn. framing the background as seen from Carmentown Road.

Post Brook Gorge (on trail 4) just below Chicahoki Falls, begins the wildest, noisiest section of the brook. The angry water has no time to wait.

Tallula Falls one of the many cascades in West Brook Gorge, where a camera fan could take hundreds of pictures.

Black Rock (on trail 2) a cliff offering a good outlook north, just south of West Brook Road and Morestown Road, on Wickadoma Mtn.

Lake Wyanokie (on trail 2 and 12) small secluded lake property of Monclair Boy Scout Council.

Pine Paddies (on trail 1). Three pine clad cliffs on Saddle Mtn. with outlook.

Miller Falls a cascade of West Brook before entering the reservoir and fenced in, but can be heard and seen after a rain, from West Brook Road. Dave Miller's farm house used to stand there.

Windbeam Mtn. (on trail 3) Elevation 1026 ft. as seen from the west resembles a sleeping animal; Windbeam proper is the body and little Windbeam to the south its head. The fire tower offers a slight view above the trees.

Indian Mill (on trail 3) A small pothole, six inches in diameter, eight inches deep, in a large rock on Elbow Road where the Stonetown Circular Trail leaves it to go north. A stone ladle found nearby proves its former use as a corn grinder.

Wyanokie Falls (or Mine Brook Falls on trail 12) A welcome sitting-down place to watch and listen to water-music. Unfortunately dries up in summer.

Harrison Mtn. (on trail 3) named for the 2 Harrison Brothers, iron-masters for the London Iron Co. long ago. Mountain has a good view to south.

Wyanokie Lodge (on trail 1 and 12) an open leanto built by Dr. Will S. Monroe and his associates. First one burned down in 1930. Present one erected about 1936, previous had a kitchen, which burned about 1940. This part was never rebuilt. Green Mtn. Club members spend some overnights here, counting birds.

Stonetown tiny hamlet of farms, named after James Stone. It once boasted 2 churches, one with its prominent white steeple burned down some years ago, the other is abandoned.

Seven Husbands Trail (now part of 2 trail) so named by 7 married men, Green Mtn. club members, who blazed and chartered its course.

Oil Pipe Line (crosses Wyanokie area from west Milford to Haskell) Two pipes half buried, carry oil from Pennsylvania fields to Bayonne, N.J.

Butler Torne (on trail 1) tough, rocky Mtn. with 3 bald caps. One of these Osio Rock overlooks Star and Kampfe Lakes. Between the two ridges is a rocky gulch.

West Brook Gorge (on trail 1) a mile of wild brook bed with giant boulders and intermittant pools (man made) where trout may linger to await the baited hook. Much of the brook bed and shores is leased to the Windbeam (fishing) club.

Tupelowantico Spring flows from near corner of West Brook & Townsend Roads, emerging from under Hemlock trees. It's cool and ever-flowing.

Federal Hill (near Pompton). Here occurred the Pompton Mutiny in the Revolutionary War. Of Washington's troops 160 men, in the winter of 1780, rebelled against insufficient clothing and provisions. Gen. Howe was sent to take charge. He surrounded them and offered them pardon, which they accepted. Two non-com. officers, the ring leaders were executed by their own soldiers, a regrettable task.

Carmen Road (runs past Kampfe Lake) named after Thomas Carmen who arrived here from Long Island in 1860, by oxen drawn wagons. He built his home in the valley east of Torne Mtn. A town of miners flourished for a while, but competition from Pennsylvania mines made New Jersey mining unprofitable and most of them were abandoned in 1890.

Hewitt old mining town dating back to 1764; so reads a sign on the highway. Now but a few buildings remain. Mining nearby was resumed in 1942.

Sunset Lake (near Monks). Tiny private lake owned by Roy A. Ricker. Sign there reads; Bathing free at your own risk.

Directory Trees (on trail 4) at end of Doty Road near Lake Iosca, fairly bristles with name signs, pointing to the various camps. There are two trees about 300 ft. apart.

Niblo's Rock on south side of West Brook Road about half-way up the gorge from Stephen's Farm. Here Mr. Niblo found safety when pursued by wolves.

Alequippa Glen the boulder strewn bed of Mine Brook, ½ mile north of GMC cabin.

Overlook Rock (on trail 9) a rocky ledge on West Brook Mtn. with eastern panorama, as far as the

Southern Ramapos, which appear as a wavy line.

Signal Rock (on trail 3) overlooking Stonetown Valley. Here the Indian telegrapher sent smoke puff signals to other stations on Wyanokie Hills.

Norton's Bed (on trail 12) half-way up West Brook Mtn. is a shallow cave, where a Mr. Norton camped with his son.

Minoma Spring (near Monks) close to the shores of Wanaque Reservoir, it almost got drowned when the reservoir was built.

#### Wyanokie Places

Gone but not forgotten under reservoir waters

Spook Spring was on West Brook Road about ½ mile from its junction with Stonetown Road in a grove of large dark hemlocks.

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Yapewi Trail followed a road due west from Midvale station, then by path across the hill to Wanaque River, turned north passing Yapewi Rock, a hugh boulder rising 35 ft. from the river, washing its base; then by winding path to Blue Mine.

Freedom Furnace stood near the Wanaque River, west of Midvale, built around 1764. It is now in ruins under Wanaque Reservoir.

#### MINES

Rhinesmith Farm Mine  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile S.W. of Stonetown, opened 1873. No workable deposits were found. On the dumps now is found considerable pegmatite.

Cook Mine at east base of West Brook Mtn. The site is hardly visable.

Board Mine near Monks. First opened 1872, is 100 ft. long, 70 ft. deep. Contains plenty quartz and magnetite. Was closed 1884.

Beam Mine on hill 1 mile S.W. of Haskell. Has two shafts, 20 ft. deep and several dumps. The family name Beam is seen on headstones in Midvale Cemetary.

Blue Mine (on trail 12) the ore has a blueish cast, hence the name. Also called London Mine and Iron Hill Mine. Was worked several times between 1800 and 1895. Has a hundred ft. slope, 50 ft. drift. Up to 1890 yielded 800 tons of ore. This mine was pumped out in 1905, but then abandoned. The pumping boiler still stands sentinel beside the water filled hole. Extensive dumps above.

Roomy Mine (on trail 12) alias Laurel Mine and Red Mine. Has a 60 ft. horizontal shaft, which can be entered and explored with a flashlight. Walls show beautiful copper veins (green).

#### Trail Pioneers and Workers

Listed in chronological order

Andrew Scarlett member of Appalachian Mtn. Club in 1913 laid out the first Wyanokie Trail, "the Yapewi Trail", from Midvale to Blue Mine. Scarlett Hill was named after his great grandpa, who was the first schoolmaster of Stonetown in 1819.

Dr. Will Monroe in 1916 organized the Green Mtn. Club New York Section, and with his associates laid out trails on Wyanokie, built the GMC Lodge (cabin) at Blue Mine and gave many of the Indian names to places.

Robert I. Rayman built the Abrupt Trail from Blue Mine to High Point, and helped with others.

James A. Allie for the GMC blazed the trail from High Point over Wolf's Den to West Brook Road, later a trail from Horse Pond Mtn. to Windbeam and others.

Emil Plarre (1871-1941) before his death was an enthusiastic trail builder and tender. Many of his markers, a metal rectangle with stamped in letters now 15 years old, are on some trees. On a rocky shelf, behind AEU swimming pool, his ashes were deposited on Sept. 7th, 1941. A ring of flowers tended by Mrs. Plarre, year after year, keeps his memory fresh.

Joseph Bartha organizer and formerly conducted the Geneva Hiking Club. Has walked trails in Europe and America for 40 years. Scouted and marked the Stonetown Circuit, painted and improved many others. Former member N.F., Adk., I.H.C. Paterson Ramblers. Bartha still wears his Ramblers pin, next to a medal for lifesaving.

Emil Unger (1883-1939) was a good trail worker and member of N.F. & Paterson Ramblers. On High Point, October 8th, 1939, the N.F. placed a plaque to his memory in bed rock.

William Burton for the G.M.C. surveyed the trails in 1935 and issued a blueprint map of the area. He built the Long Hill Trail, with George A. Campbell, Charles A. Hobein Trail, Chairman for Green Mtn. Club (New York Section). He maintains the four G.M.C. Trails and supervises Wyanokie Lodge repairs.

#### List of trail tenders for Nature Friends

Hans Wittich, Chairman, who also painted the metal arrow signs along N.F. trail sections.

Nick Schor	James Guiffre	Gertrude Sherman
Conrad Kohler	Nat Leslie	Ben Siminow
Carl Pollak	N.F.Youth Sect.	Paul Pollak
Hugo Koch		

#### Trail Data

Trails are marked in red, blue, yellow and white. One trail has a green bar; white trails have a 2 x 3 paint blaze. Red, blue and yellow trails have a 1 inch color symbol on white field. A double blaze means watch for sudden turn. At trail junctions and other points, metal arrows give mileage and directions. The color marking system was replanned in 1942 by Hans Wittich, with approval by the N.Y.-N.J. Trail Conference. Of about 60 miles of marked trails, the Nature Friends tend 47, the Green Mtn. Club about 13. In addition there are about 35 miles of unmarked trails and wood roads.

#### Rules for Trail Clearing

Trail should be 3 to 4 feet wide and cleared of all windfalls, which obstruct passage. Smaller trees across the trail and more than 8 inches above the ground should be cut. In clipping underbrush, do so as close to the ground as possible. Do not leave little stubs sticking out for stumbling. Cut young shoots next to trees where the trail markers are on or will grow right in front of it and block it.



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