

JOE 2019 Information Packet for **Port Jervis Watershed Park Mountain Bike Ride**

Day: Friday	Start Time: 9:30 pm	End Time: 4:30 pm
Co-Leader: R. Blake Kessler	Co-Leader: Raymond Ockrant	Limit: 10 people
Transportation: Personal Cars and eight-person Van	Driver: R. Blake Kessler - Car Raymond Ockrant - 8 Person Van	Radio: 0 / First Aid Kit 1
Fees: Bike Rentals \$29 for five hours	Travel Distance: 15 Miles One Way	Travel Time: 20 Min One Way

Port Jervis Watershed Park Mountain Bike Ride

Cut through "virgin forest," the Port Jervis Watershed Park's hiking and biking trails offer a great combination of single-track, cross-country and excellent downhill riding. These very scenic trails offer tranquil moments along the three reservoirs as well as spectacular views over the Delaware River, Port Jervis proper and the borders of three states. It's a vast tract of land, boasting varying terrain, and areas of old-growth trees. There are over 30 miles of trail built into the encompassing 1,868 acres in Port Jervis and an adjoining 370 acres in neighboring Deer Park for hikers, bikers, and walkers, but not for motorists of any kind. "It's strictly a motor-free environment,"



This is a full-on mountain bike ride with MTB biking intermediate skills required. You will have a choice of either an 8 mile or 11-mile route at three to four hours around the park. Part of the park is on a Mountain and parts or in the valleys around three lakes with the ups and downs in between. A suggested route will be provided, but the group is welcome to adjust as needed. Rentals are available from [Port Jervis Bike Shop](#) for \$TBD. You are welcome to bring your own mountain bike in your own vehicle.

- Bring: Bike or Rent a bike, Helmet, Spare Tire, Bike Tools, Bike Lock, At least two liters of water, Food, Bike gloves
- Cost of rentals: \$29 for five hours
- 9:30 ~ 3:00 pm
- Distance from Camp: 25 Minutes / 14 Miles
- [Watershed Park Maps](#) | [Trailforks.com Map](#) | [Current Trail Conditions](#)
- [YouTube 1](#) | [YouTube 2](#)

Logistics:

- 9:35 Depart from Camp
- 9:35 – 10:00 travel from Cedar Lake Camp to [Port Jervis Bicycle Shop](#)
- 10:00 – 10:30 Pick up bike rentals and load bikes onto cars if possible to drive up to the trailhead. Otherwise, start the ride from the rental shop. This will add 1.7 miles and 148 Ft. elevation gain to your ride
- 10:30 – 3:30 Ride the Watershed park 3:30 – 4:00 Return bikes to Shop. There is a nice ice cream shop nearby
 - [Riverside Creamery @ 3047, 5 Water St, Port Jervis, NY 12771](#)
- 4:00 – 4:30 Return trip to Camp. Please plan to be back in camp by 4:30

Leader Notes:

- Make sure everyone has a copy of the trail map.
- GPS apps will be very helpful.
- Make sure everyone has a leader's cell phone number.
- Anyone renting will be dependent on a driver. This trip will run only if there are a sufficient number of drivers of personal cars.
- Make sure to bring a first aid kit and carry it with you on the trail.
- Make sure to have at least two liters of water. Camel backpacks will be very helpful here.

Vendor:

Port Jervis Bicycle, 85-89 Jersey Ave, Port Jervis, NY 12771

Office (845) 645-8683 / Mobile (845) 551-6837 Closed on Sundays

<https://portjervisbicycle.com> | Jonduhoffmann@hotmail.com

[Port Jervis, NY: Pretty Little City on the Banks of the Delaware River.](#)

Scenic Queen of the Shawangunk Range. The City of Port Jervis is beautifully situated in the twin valleys of the Neversink and Delaware Rivers and between the Appalachian Plateau and Shawangunk Mountains. It is located near thousands of acres of state parks, forests, game lands, and two National Park Service units- the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. One could not pick a nicer location on which to build a community.

The city was once located entirely within the boundaries of the Town of Deerpark, which was created in 1798. Port Jervis was first incorporated as a village in 1853, and then, after being partitioned from the Town of Deerpark, it became a city in 1907.

Port Jervis has long been a transportation center. Whether it was a stop on the Delaware River for Native Americans or as it is now, the first exit in New York State on Interstate 84, it remains at the center of the region's transportation network.

European settlers first came to the area in the 1690s, and the fertile valley became the home to many farms. Mahackmeck, later known as Port Jervis, was a small settlement located along and near the Old Mine Road (US Route 209) that carried early travelers southward from Kingston, New York. The small community was later cited as a boat basin and repair point along the Delaware and Hudson Canal. It became an important station on the waterway which was part of a larger 171-mile-long transportation system that shipped anthracite coal from northeastern Pennsylvania to New York City and New England. The small hamlet was named Port Jervis in 1827 by a group of citizens who wanted to honor the local chief engineer of the canal, John B. Jervis, of Rome, NY who was then overseeing its construction.

The next transportation system to dominate the landscape and eclipse the canal was the New York and Erie Railroad, along with the Port Jervis and Monticello Railroad (which was later purchased by the New York, Ontario, & Western). The New York and Erie arrived in 1847, and successor companies continued to maintain a major presence here until the 1960s. In the early years of the twentieth century, several highways were built that passed through Port Jervis including US Routes 6, 209 and New York State Route 97, and then in the late 1960s, Interstate Highway Route 84. The city is now the southernmost entry point for the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, and once again is along a major flyway for the American bald eagle.

From 1875 to 1940 Port Jervis was an important regional industrial and economic center. It was once a major shipping depot for bluestone. It was also home to author Stephen Crane and painter John N. Howitt. Later, other well-known personalities lived here including Herb and Hal Kalin, who had an international following because of their hit song, "When" in 1958, and Ed and Lou Banach who earned gold medals in wrestling in the 1984 Summer Olympics.

Many visitors have come to enjoy the beautiful scenery that surrounds the city in all directions, and thousands pass through the city during the summer.

Travel Directions from Camp to Port Jervis Bike Shop:

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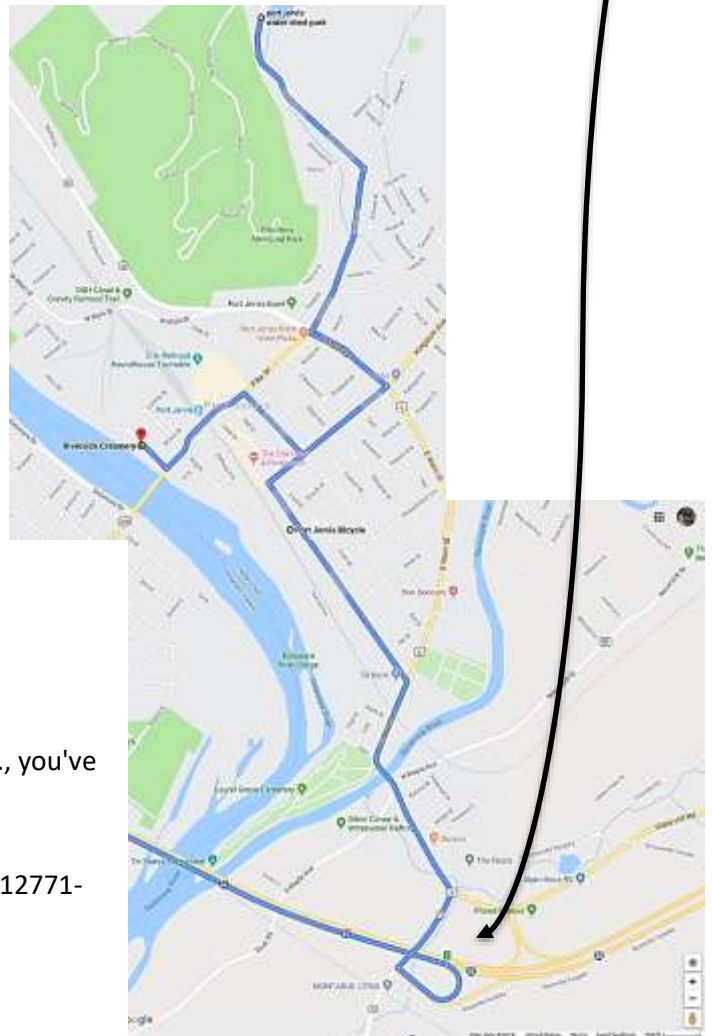
1. Head out of camp down the driveway and turn left going northwest on Sawkill Rd. toward Bridge Rd.
 - a. Then 0.21 miles 0.21 total miles
2. Take the 1st right onto Bridge Rd.
 - a. Do NOT try to turn right directly on to Rt. From Sawkill Road. VERY BAD INTERSECTION.
 - b. Then 0.16 miles 0.37 total miles
3. Turn right onto US-6 E. Continue to follow US-6 E.
 - a. Then 2.69 miles 3.06 total miles
4. Cross over Rt. I-84 to and then Exit onto I-84 E. toward Port Jervis.
 - a. Then 8.89 miles 11.95 total miles (Crossing into New York)
5. Take EXIT 1 toward US-6/Port Jervis/Sussex/NY-23.
 - a. Then 0.31 miles 12.25 total miles
6. Turn right onto County Hwy-15.
 - a. Then 0.25 miles 12.50 total miles
7. Turn left onto E. Main St/US-6 W.
 - a. Then 0.62 miles 13.12 total miles
8. Turn left onto Jersey Ave.
 - a. Jersey Ave is 0.1 miles past North St.
 - b. If you reach Saint Mary's Cemetery, you've gone a little too far
 - c. Then 0.50 miles 13.62 total miles
9. Arrive at 85 Jersey Ave, #89, Port Jervis, NY 12771-2514, on the left.
 - a. Your destination is just past Seward Ave.
 - b. If you reach Church St. you've gone a little too far



Directions from Port Jervis Bike Shop to Trailhead:

7MIN / 1.6MI

1. Start out going northwest on Jersey Ave. toward Church St.
 - a. Then 0.24 miles 0.24 total miles
2. Jersey Ave. becomes Front St.
 - a. Then 0.11 miles 0.35 total miles
3. Turn right onto Pike St.
 - a. Pike St. is just past Sussex St.
 - b. Then 0.34 miles 0.69 total miles
4. Pike St. becomes Orange St.
 - a. Then 0.45 miles 1.14 total miles
5. Turn left onto Reservoir Ave. (Portions unpaved).
6. Reservoir Ave. is 0.1 miles past Crawford St.
 - a. If you are on N. Orange St. and reach Cross St., you've gone about 0.1 miles too far
 - b. Then 0.51 miles 1.65 total miles
7. The parking lot is at 77 Reservoir Ave., Port Jervis, NY 12771-1104 (41.389918, -74.691421). Just past the dam.



Nearest Hospital:

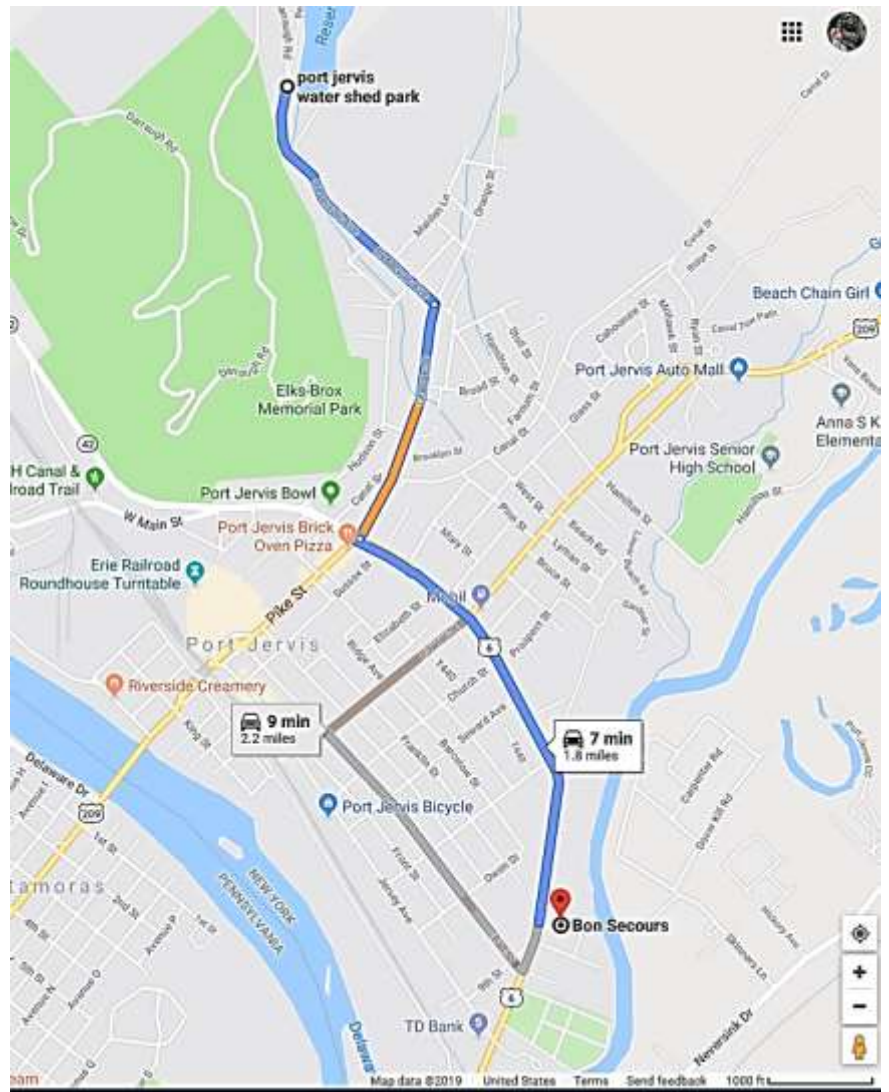
Bon Secours, 160 E Main St, Port Jervis, NY 12771 | 845-858-7000

<https://www.bonsecourscommunityhosp.org/emergency-dept>

7 min / 1.8 miles from the trailhead

7MIN 1.8MI

1. Start out going south on Reservoir Ave. toward Cedar St. (Portions unpaved).
 - a. Then 0.52 miles 0.52 total miles
2. Take the 3rd right onto Orange St.
 - a. Orange St. is just past Hudson St.
3. If you are on Richard St. and reach Charles St., you've gone a little too far
 - a. Then 0.46 miles 0.98 total miles
4. Turn left onto E. Main St./US-6 E/US-209 N. Continue to follow E. Main St./US-6 E.
 - a. If you reach N. Broome St. you've gone a little too far
 - b. Then 0.85 miles 1.83 total miles
5. Bon Securs Hospital, 160 E Main St., Port Jervis, NY 12771-2114 on the left.
 - a. Your destination is 0.3 miles past Pennsylvania Ave.
 - b. If you reach Cole St. you've gone a little too far





Suggested Bike Route

- Start going north away from the dam onto Beginners Berm which follows the shore of the Brewer's Reservoir.
- 0.3 Miles - Go past Reservoir Road (25) and to the near end of Road to find Tallulah Trail on the left (27)
- 0.9 Miles – Take Tallulah Trail to end (going underneath the power lines) (39)
- 1.2 Mile – Turn right on to Lenni Lenape follow until the end at Brant Path (42)
- 0.5 Mile – Follow Brant Path until the end at Boxbaum Road (55)
- 0.3 Mile – turn right onto Buxbaum Road and take it to the end (56)
- 0.5 Mile – Turn left onto Mahackamack Trail and follow until end onto Tufted Trail (65)
- 1.3 Miles – Take Tufted to end it will come to a T at Delaware Trail (62)
- 0.4 Mile – Turn right onto Delaware Trail. Take where it ends at Buxbaum Road (61)
- 0.7 Mile – Take Box Baum Road to P6 Parking lot keeping Deerpark Lake will be on your left.
 - You will pass by the Forer PJ Watershed Caretaker's House @ 220 Academy Ave

At this point, you have a choice of a short or a longer, harder route. The short route will bring your back to the original parking lot directly. The longer route will go through Elks Box Memorial Park which is uphill on a mountain.

Short Route 8 Miles:

- Go through the parking lot and short distance to find a left turn onto Reservoir Road (46)
- 1.5 Miles - take Reservoir Road to end where it T's off onto Beginners Berm (25). Brewer's Reservoir will be in front of you. You will pass underneath the powerlines once again on your way to Beginners Berm (26)
- Turn right onto Beginner's Berm Road (25)
- 0.3 Mile – Take Beginners Berm Back to the P5 parking lot where you started (1).

Longer Route 11 Miles:

- At P6 Parking lot turn right onto Starcrawf Trail (66) Careful-- few trails are starting at the same spot and spilt off in different directions.
- 0.8 Miles – Take Starcrawf Trail to the end at Skunks Crossing (72, 73).
 - Skunks crossing has four trails ending here. Cross through the intersection to find Ohanzee Trail
- 0.5 Miles – Take Ohanzee Trail to end underneath powerlines
- 1.5 Miles – Go straight to find Scout's honor. Take Scout's honor until you see Skyline drive. You will be following one of the powerlines. The P2 Parking lot is to the right.
- 1 Mile - You can either follow Skyline Drive uphill to top or take some side trails along the way to get more of a workout.
 - Side trail: Take Skyline Drive uphill until you get to P3. Find Campsite Trail to your left (13). Follow Campsite Trail to end (12, 11, 10, 9, 2) Campsite Trail will end at where Skyline Drive meets Skyline Path (your return to P5).
- Take a view at the top of the road at Pt. Peter Flag and then head back down a short distance to find Skyline Path (2)
- 0.9 Mile - Take Skyline Path to end at P1 Parking lot where you started (1).