

HIKE VISTA LOOP TRAIL – RAMAPO VALLEY COUNTY RESERVATION

*Discover one of Bergen County's most scenic hikes at Ramapo Valley County Reservation. The **Vista Loop Trail** offers stunning views, peaceful forest paths, and a taste of New Jersey's natural beauty.*

Distance: 3.8 miles (loop)

Hiking Time: 2–2.5 hours

Difficulty: Moderate

Ascent: ~550 ft

Expect: A steady climb to panoramic viewpoints, rocky and rooty sections, serene forest trails, and a gentle descent along the Mahwah River.

Bonus: The main viewpoint provides sweeping vistas of the Ramapo Mountains and surrounding valleys—perfect for photos.

Fun Fact: Ramapo Valley County Reservation was once home to a 19th-century estate; traces of old carriage roads still remain along the trails.

Map: <https://takeahike.us/vista-loop-ramapo-valley-reservation/>

Meeting Point: Ramapo Valley County Reservation Parking Lot – 608 Ramapo Valley Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430

Google Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Zq2AGETWEwx2zpb4A>

Date: May 17 (Sunday)

Time: 9:00am

RSVP: Hagit Tal



Description

Join us for an invigorating hike through **Ramapo Valley County Reservation**, Bergen County's largest park. We'll follow the **Vista Loop Trail**, starting with a steady climb through shaded forest paths. Along the way, we'll enjoy the peaceful sounds of the Mahwah River and cross charming footbridges.

The highlight of our journey is the main **Vista Overlook**, offering sweeping views of the Ramapo Mountains and valleys—a perfect spot for photos and a short rest. After soaking in the scenery, we'll descend gradually along a scenic ridge and return via riverside trails, completing our loop.

This hike is ideal for nature lovers, photographers, and anyone looking for a moderate challenge with rewarding views.

What to Bring

- Comfortable, sturdy hiking shoes or boots
 - Water bottle
 - Snacks or light lunch
 - Backpack for essentials
 - Hiking poles (optional)
 - Sun hat or cap
 - Sunglasses
 - Sunscreen
 - Bug spray
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The Group

Groups usually consist of up to 16 hikers. Anyone over 18 can join these day-hiking tours, while teens as young as 14 can join when accompanied by an adult.