Background

The Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway is a 12-mile linear park that runs from the Town of Ossining north to the Westchester County's Blue Mountain Reservation in Peekskill. The trail is built on land originally acquired in 1929 by the Westchester Parkway Commission for the construction of the Briarcliff-Peekskill Parkway. Construction of the parkway, however, was confined to an area between Route 117 in Pleasantville and the New York State National Guard Armory in Ossining. In 1977, the remaining right-of-way was re-designated a trailway.

The trailway affords walkers many beautiful vistas along the way, including views of water cascading over the magnificent stone spillway at the county's Croton Gorge Park, and a view of the Hudson River from the 560-foot high Spitzenberg Mountain at Blue Mountain Reservation.

The location map to the left shows the general location of the pathway. Larger scale maps on the reverse detail the pathway alignment, access points, local roads and nearby landmarks and parking areas.

The Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway is one element of the county's extensive trail system that also includes the North County Trailway, South County Trailway and the Bronx River Pathway.

For more information and brochures of county-operated trails, call the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation at (914) 864-PARK, write the Department at 25 Moore Avenue, Mount Kisco, NY 10549 or visit us on the Web at www.westchestergov.com

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