

Jenksville State Forest

Map and Guide



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Jenksville State Forest (1,349 acres) was established during the 1940s to reduce soil erosion, produce forest products, and provide outdoor recreational opportunities. Prior to state ownership, most of the property was used for agriculture. Using Civilian Conservation Corps labor, the Conservation Department (predecessor of the Department of Environmental Conservation) planted nearly one-million tree seedlings on this land.

DIRECTIONS

Jenksville State Forest is in the Towns of Berkshire and Newark Valley, Tioga County. From the south, take NY Rt. 38 north to Tappen Rd. (north of the Village of Newark Valley), then turn right onto Howard Hill Rd, then right onto Shirley Road or alternatively onto Allison Hill Road. From the north, take NY Rt. 79 to West Creek Road also known as County Rt. 33 (about 2 miles west of the Hamlet of Richford) then turn left onto Old 76 Rd. in the Hamlet of Speedsville (Old 76 Rd. turns back into West Creek Rd.), to Ford Hill Road to Shirley Road. Alternatively follow West Creek Road to Allison Hill Road. There is a parking area located on Shirley Road and a larger one for equestrian use located on Allison Hill Road.

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FOREST MANAGEMENT

DEC foresters are responsible for managing Jenksville State Forest and are guided by the [Tioga Unit Management Plan](#). The management goals of the forest include: maintaining healthy diverse ecosystems, providing recreational opportunities, providing economic benefits, and conducting sound stewardship of the forest.

Ecosystem-based management principles are used to provide healthy, sustainable, and biologically diverse ecosystems while optimizing the many public benefits that the forest provides for current and future generations.

Sales of forest products allow land managers to meet many of their goals and objectives, such as increasing forest health and biological diversity, while protecting soil, water, and cultural resources and providing economic benefits.



Trail Yellow 4 runs through this dense early successional habitat created as result of a softwood clearcut harvested in 1993.

Formal and informal partnerships and agreements are also used to help land managers accomplish goals and objectives. These partnerships and agreements can be established through the [Volunteer Stewardship Program](#) and through [Temporary Revocable Permits \(TRP\)](#). There are currently two Volunteer Stewardship Agreements, on this forest: one allows recreationists that have partnered with the Department to maintain designated recreation trails and one allows an individual to control exotic invasive species.

RECREATION

The demand for recreational use of State Forests has greatly increased in recent years and will most likely continue to increase. State forests offer opportunities for recreational activities that are best enjoyed in remote, undeveloped settings.

Jenksville State Forest is suitable for a wide variety of outdoor recreational pursuits; including dispersed and trail-based recreational opportunities.

DISPERSED RECREATION

Dispersed forms of recreation that currently are available on the forest include: hunting, trapping, nature observation, walking, geocaching, camping and orienteering.

TRAIL-BASED RECREATION

There are about 12 miles of multiple-use trails, on the forest. These trails are designated with circular, color-coded markers with a number. Some trails are located on old logging trails or firebreaks while others are narrow trails that meander through the forest. The trails are classified by using the user's ability:

- Beginner trails have very gentle slopes and are fairly short in length.
- Intermediate trails have gentle to somewhat steep slopes and are moderate in length.
- Advanced trails have gentle to steep slopes with sections of difficult side slopes and are longer in length than intermediate trails.

Yellow Trails - Total length 3.5 miles

- These trails are intermediate trails.
- The western-most portion of Trail



4 provides a scenic view of Jenksville and the valley to the south.

Red Trails - Total length 3.9 miles

- These trails are beginner trails with the exception of Trail 5, which is an intermediate trail.
- Horses are prohibited on a portion of Trail 2 - from the intersection of Red 1 to the stream crossing (see map).

Blue Trails - Total length 5.0 miles

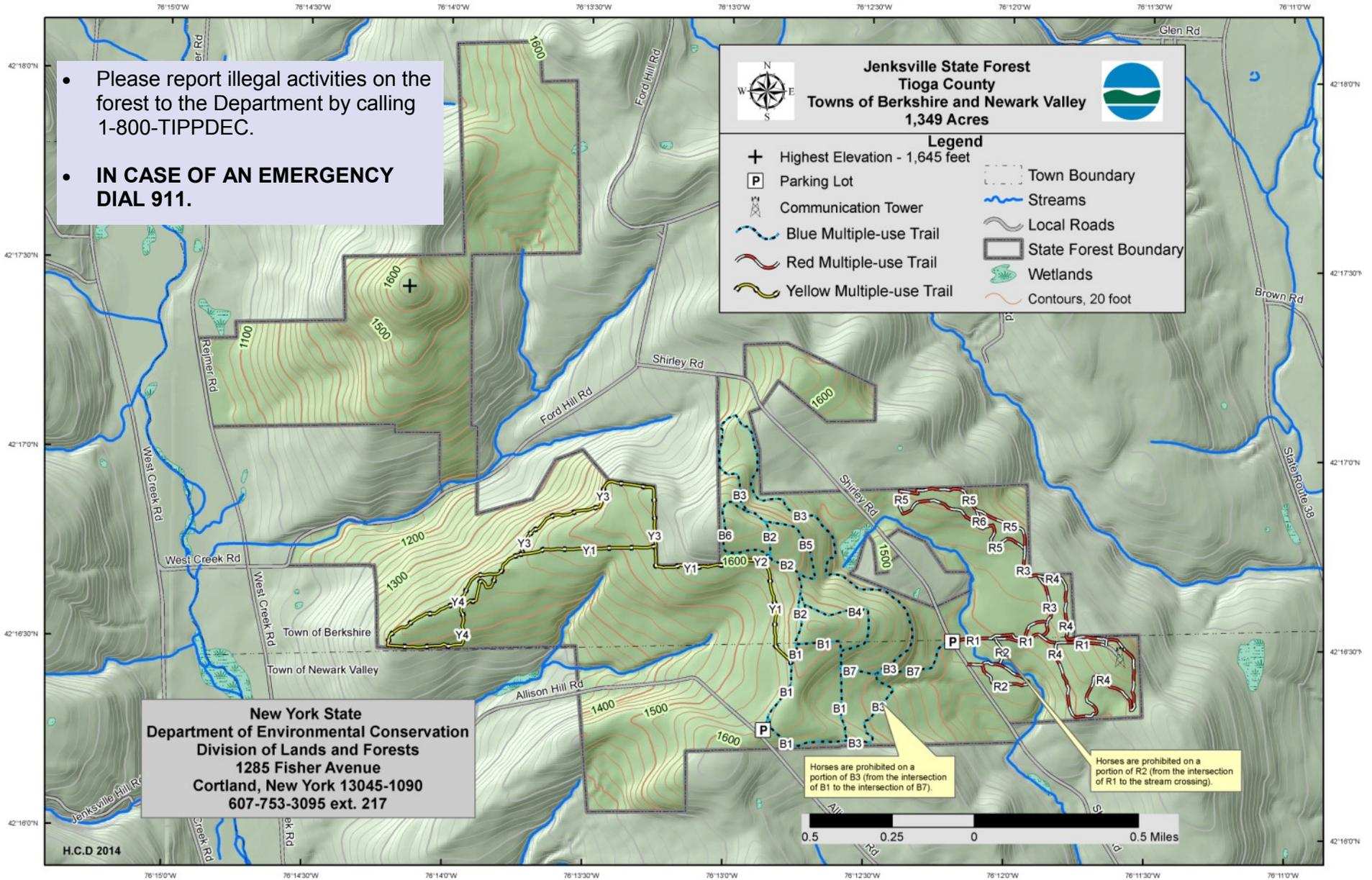
- These trails are intermediate trails except for Trail 2, which is a beginner trail and Trail 3, which is an advanced trail.
- Horses are prohibited on a portion of Trail 3 - from the intersection of Blue 1 to the intersection of Blue 7 (see map).

GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS

For your safety and the protection of the forest:

- Do not litter. Carry out what you carry in.
- Camping is prohibited within 150 feet of a trail, road or open water. A camping permit is required for stays longer than three nights and groups larger than ten people.
- Do not put anything in water resources, including dishes.
- No person shall deface, remove, destroy or otherwise injure any plant (including trees), plant-like organisms, moss, rocks, soil, fossil, mineral or object of archeological or paleontological interest found or growing on state land. Contact DEC at 607-753-3095 Ext. 217 for more information about this rule.
- Use only dead or downed wood for campfires. Never leave a camp fire unattended.
- Paintballs and paintball guns are prohibited.
- Target shooting is prohibited.
- All off-road vehicle use, including ATVs, is prohibited.
- Mountain bike and equestrian use should be curtailed during wet conditions. Mountain bikes and horses are only allowed on designated trails.
- Horseback riding and mountain biking are only allowed from May through October.
- Mountain bikers and hikers should yield to horses.
- Keep pets under control at all times.

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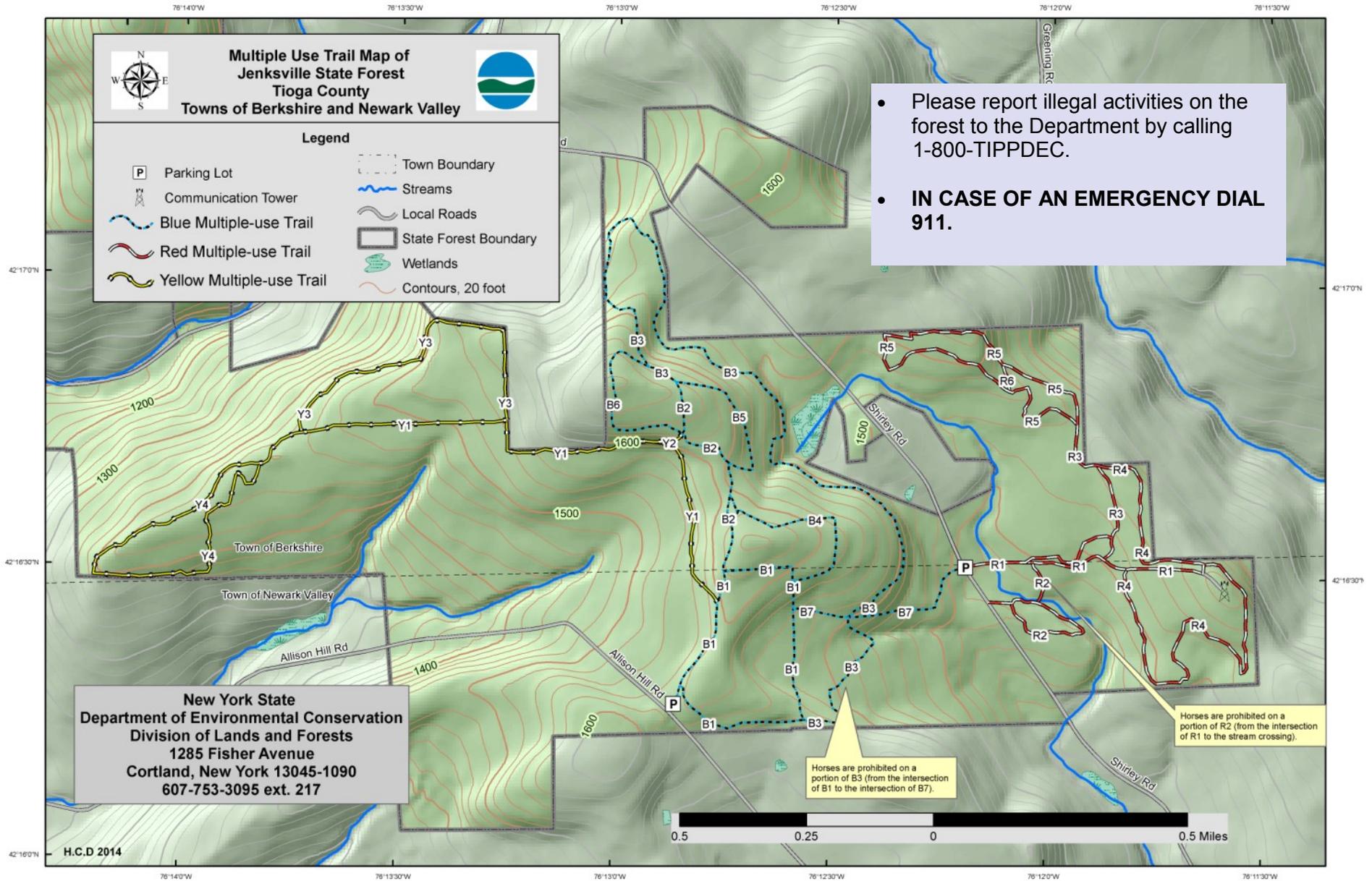


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Horses are prohibited on a portion of R2 (from the intersection of R1 to the stream crossing).

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