

1 Stewart Mountain → .84 mi/45 mins

This short, easy hike has one steep section that ends at a cliff overlook with close-up views of Loon Lake and several picturesque residences. It's a great spot to watch the sun set! PARKING is on White Schoolhouse Rd, about 1 mile north of the Rts. 8 & 9 traffic light at Chestertown.

2 Cunningham Trails → 1-3 mi/30 mins to 1 hr

Connected to the Chester Creek Trails, the Cunningham Trails offer the ability to hike both trail systems which meander through woods and wetlands. PARKING is on Little Tannery Rd at the Dog Park, about 0.5 mi south of the Town of Chester Municipal Center.

3 Green Hill & Catamount Mountain → 1.8 to 6.4mi/1-4 hrs

Choose between a moderately steep hike to a picturesque view of the surrounding hills, and a more challenging hike to panoramic views of the entire region, including a breathtaking view of the High Peaks! These hikes are available through the *Stone Bridge and Caves* attraction. Check *online* or call 518-494-2283 for hours and pricing. PARKING is in the *Stone Bridge and Caves* attraction.

4 Cougar Nature Trails → 0.9 mi to 4.5 mi/1 to 2 hrs

Take a short, steep trail or a long gradual trail to reach the top of Cougar Hill. Once at the top, you'll find great views and an excellent spot for picnicking! PARKING is in the North Warren Central School parking lot. Check in with school guard during school hours.

5 Palmer Pond Trail → 1.5 mi/1 hr

This NYS trail is appropriate for a light hiking experience with opportunities to view wildlife or go fishing. There are a number of scenic vistas throughout the site, especially along some of the trail spurs on either side of Palmer Pond. The 31-acre pond is managed as a coldwater fishery with native and introduced trout species. Handicap access is available upon notice to the site. PARKING is at the end of Palmer Pond Rd, which is 4.8 mi west of the Rts. 8 & 9 traffic light.

6 Meade Mtn & Beckham Mtn → 2.1 mi/2.5 hrs

This moderate hike has several long, steep sections leading up to one of the best views of Gore Mountain. Continue on and make a short descent followed by an ascent as you travel from Meade to Beckham Mountain. This leads to several views of Loon Lake, other mountains to the east and north and a view of Blythewood Island, home of a former six story resort hotel. PARKING is on Igera Rd, about 3/4 miles west of Route 9.

7 Panther Mountain → 1.2 mi/45 mins

Ranked easy, this mostly wide trail showcases a gradual climb all the way to the summit - perfect for families with small children! Once at the top, there is a broad westward view encompassing surrounding mountains including Gore, Crane, Eleventh, Moxham, and Blue Mountains. There is a "bird's eye" view of Chestertown. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the sunset. PARKING is found at the corner of Theriot Ave and Starbuck Hill Rd.

8 Chester Creek Trails → 1.2 to 1.9 mi/45 mins to 1 hr

Take a leisurely stroll along these mostly level trails. Enjoy the varied views of the meandering Chester Creek and its surrounding wetlands, fields, and woods that contain an abundant variety of flora and fauna. Hike this trail in the early morning and you are likely to be rewarded with all sorts of wildlife sightings! PARKING is in the main parking lot on the north side of the Town of Chester Municipal Center, located 0.5 mi south of the Rts. 8 & 9 traffic light. Trails start by the basketball court.

9 Dynamite Hill & Caroline M. Fish Memorial Trails → 2.6 mi/1 hr

This is the Town of Chester's 4 season recreation area offering free lighted tubing/sledding, downhill skiing, ice-skating, x-country skiing, and snowshoeing during the winter; and hiking, single-track bicycling, and picnicking during the rest of the year. There is a lean-to located on the trails which is great for picnicking. PARKING is in the designated parking lot located about 1 mi west of I-87, Exit 25. Trails start by Visitors Center. The Fish parking lot is on Landon Hill Rd, about 0.5 mi north of the Rts. 8 & 9 traffic light.

10 Kipp Mountain → 1.92 mi/2 hrs

This moderate hike has some steep sections but winds through an official tree farm and leads to a cliff line with beautiful views of Loon Lake. It's a great spot to experience fall foliage! PARKING is on Ben Culver Rd, about 1 mile west of Landon Hill Road.

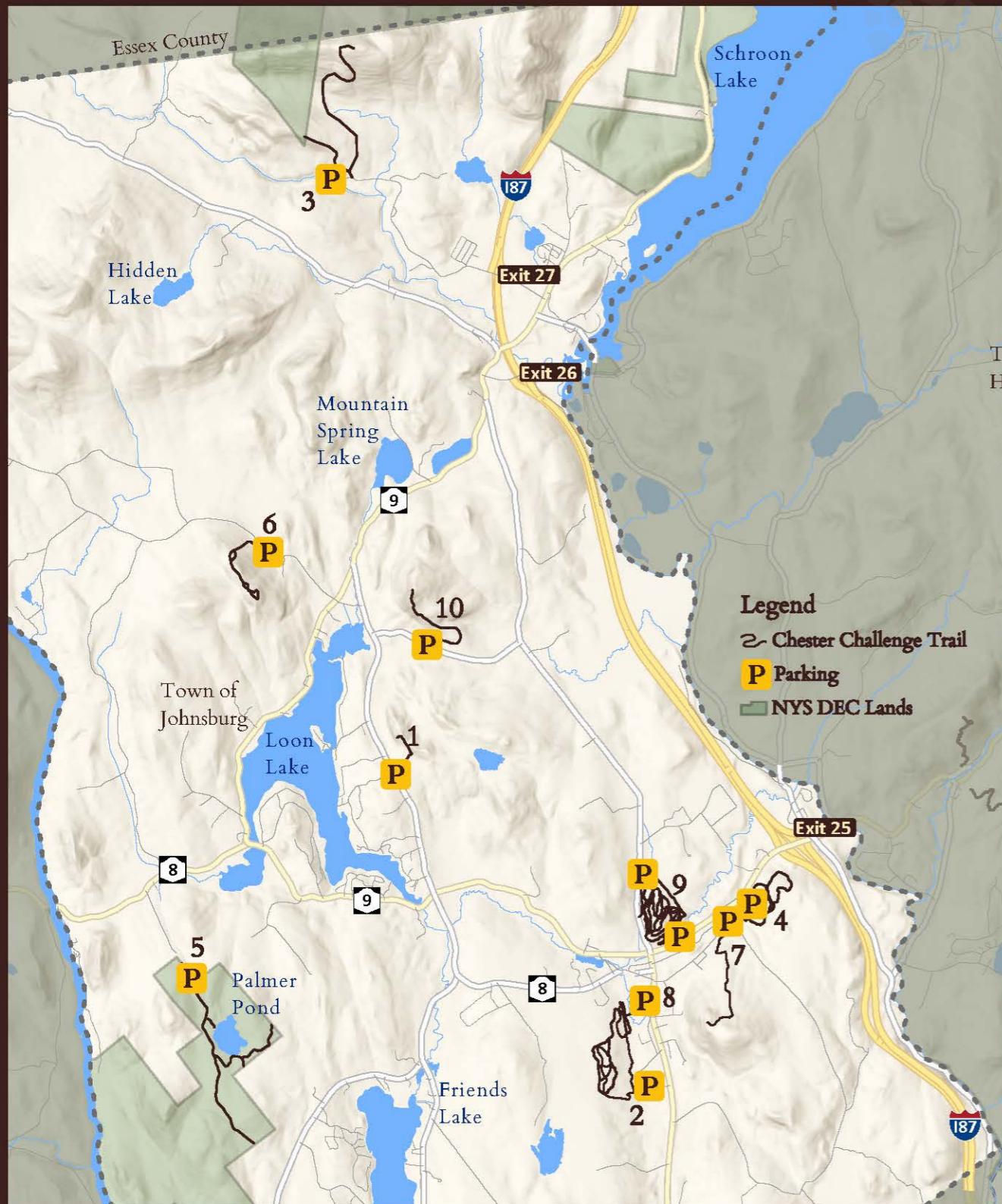
Hike the Chester Challenge

Enjoy a "birds eye view" of the Town of Chester's surrounding peaks, waterways and nature.



Visit six trails and receive the Chester Challenge pin or patch!

Call (518)494-2722 for more information or go to the Town website: townofchester.org



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***Please note that some of these trails are closed during Hunting Season; see trailhead for more information.*

