

**WHICH HIKE IS
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This event offers **three ways to join the hike**, depending on how much distance and challenge you want:

- **Option 1:** Full hike — **15 miles**
- **Option 2:** Middle hike — **10 miles**
- **Option 3:** Short hike — **5 miles**

All three options end at **Gate Hill**, and our goal is for everyone to arrive by **6:00 p.m.** for the **Victory Celebration**.

No matter which option you choose, this is a **real mountain hike**. Expect climbs, descents, rocky footing, uneven terrain, and some scrambling. The shorter options are shorter in distance, but they still include real challenge.

Option 1: Full Hike — 15 Miles

Start: Barnes Lake / Route 293

Best for: hikers who want the full-day experience

What this hike is like

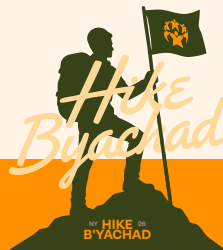
This option begins at **Barnes Lake** and covers the entire route.

The hike starts with a **decent climb up Brooks Mountain**, so it does not begin flat or easy. From there, the route continues on the **Long Path**, with some **rolling hills**, until it reaches **Long Mountain**, which includes a **nice scramble up and a scramble down**.

After that, the route continues on the **Popolopen Gorge Trail**, which is a **beautiful section with great views**, and then connects to the **1779 Trail**, which leads to the **Anthony Wayne Trail** and into **Anthony Wayne**.

This first part of the day is a **serious and scenic morning hike** with a real climb, rolling trail, scrambling, and beautiful views.

At **Anthony Wayne**, there will be a break for **Shacharis, breakfast, and time to prepare your lunch and collect your snacks**, with about a **1-hour break**.



After that, the hike continues on the same rugged second half described in Option 2 below.

Timing

- **5:30 a.m.** – Shuttle leaves for the start
- **6:00 a.m.** – Hike begins
- About **3 hours** to reach **Anthony Wayne**
- About a **1-hour break** at Anthony Wayne
- Then continue for the second half of the hike
- **Total hiking day: about 12 hours, including breaks**

What to expect

- A real climb right at the beginning
- Rolling hills on the Long Path
- A scramble section on Long Mountain
- Beautiful scenery on the Popolopen Gorge Trail
- A full-day hiking experience from start to finish

Option 2: Middle Hike — 10 Miles

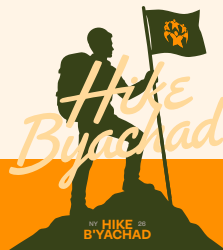
Start: Anthony Wayne

Best for: hikers who want a serious hike, but not the full 15 miles

What this hike is like

This hike begins at **Anthony Wayne** and heads out from the **north side** on the **Anthony Wayne Trail**. Within a few minutes, it connects to the **Fawn Trail**.

The **Fawn Trail** is only a short part of the route, but it begins the climb toward the lower ridge of **West Mountain**. From there, the route joins the **Timp–Torne Trail**.



Most of this option is on **Timp–Torne**, traveling along the ridge of **West Mountain**. This section includes **serious climbs, real ups and downs, rocky footing, and a rugged ridge feel**. It is a demanding and strenuous part of the day.

From there, the route continues down to the **Suffern–Bear Mountain Trail**. On that section, hikers will go **up and down Pingyp Mountain**, which offers **beautiful views** but also includes **serious scrambles both up and down**.

After that, the trail continues down to **Upper Pond Swamp**, where the group will take the **unmarked trail to Gate Hill** for the finish.

Timing

- **Total hiking day: about 7–8 hours, including breaks**

What to expect

- A quick start out of Anthony Wayne
- A short stretch on the Fawn Trail
- Most of the route on Timp–Torne
- Serious climbs and descents
- Rocky ridge hiking on West Mountain
- A challenging Pingyp Mountain section
- A final descent through Upper Pond Swamp to Gate Hill

Option 3: Short Hike — 5 Miles

Start: Queensboro Road

Best for: hikers who want the shortest option, while still joining the group for the finish

What this hike is like

This option begins with drop-off at **Queensboro Road**. From there, hikers take the **1779 Trail** until it meets the **Suffern–Bear Mountain Trail**.

Once the route reaches the **SBM**, hikers continue on the same final section as everyone else. That means **Option 3 still includes Pingyp Mountain**, which is a **serious and challenging up-and-down climb with real scrambles**. So even though this option is shorter, hikers are **not losing out on the intensity** of the hike — it is simply a shorter version of the day.

After Pingyp Mountain, the route continues down to **Upper Pond Swamp**, and from there the group takes the trail down to **Gate Hill** for the finish.

Timing

- **Total hiking day: about 4–4.5 hours, including breaks**

What to expect

- A shorter route, but still a real hike
- 1779 Trail approach to meet the group
- The same intense Pingyp Mountain section as the longer options
- Serious climbs, descents, and scrambles
- Rocky, uneven terrain on the way to Gate Hill
- The same final push to Upper Pond Swamp and Gate Hill

A Simple Way to Choose

Choose Option 1 if you want the **full 15-mile hike** and the full-day experience.

Choose Option 2 if you want a **serious 10-mile mountain hike** with rugged terrain and major climbs, but without the early morning first section.

Choose Option 3 if you want the **shortest 5-mile option**, but still want to be part of the group and still experience a real challenge.

Important Note

Even the 5-mile option is **not** just an easy walk. All three options include mountain terrain, rocky footing, climbs, descents, and sections that require care and effort.

Our goal is for all groups to finish at **Gate Hill** and make it to the **Victory Celebration** by **6:00 p.m.**

