

Spanning the Gap

What's in a Name



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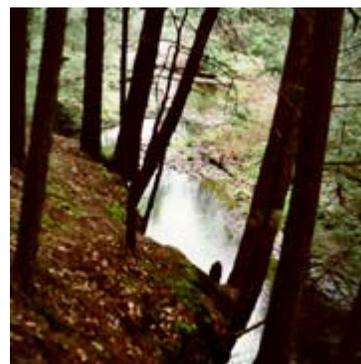
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(Left) Kittatinny Ridge, the *endless mountain*, stretching northward from the Appalachian Trail at Raccoon Ridge.

Many of the place names in this area are corruptions of words from the native Lenape Indian's language. Some of the more common words and their accepted meanings are listed below.

Kittatinny = "endless hills" or "great mountain"
Minisink = "the place of the *Minsi*"
Minsi = sub-clan of the *Munsees*
Munsee = "mountain people"; one of three clans of the Lenape
Lenape = "original people" or real or genuine men
Tammany = *Tamanend*, chief of the *Unami* clan of Lenape
Pocono = *Poco-hanne*, "a stream between mountains"
Wallpack = "turn hole" or "eddy"
Pahaquarry = *Pechoquealin*, "place of the *Pec-ku-wes*"
(one of five tribal divisions of the Shawnees)
Shawnee = *Shawun*, "south", or *Shawaneu*, "southward"
Tatamy = *Totamy*, Lenape chief for whom Totts Gap is named



(Above) A stream between mountains, *Pocono*, describes many brooks that tumble from the Pocono Plateau to merge with the Delaware River along its Pennsylvania bank. This view is in the recreation area just downstream Hackers Falls, and upstream of Raymondskill Falls.