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The Wildlife

The ridge and valley region of the Appalachian Mountains serves as an invaluable environment for wildlife. The ridges serve as “globally significant” migratory paths for hawks, eagles and millions of songbirds as they find their way south for the winter months. The Kittatinny Ridge has been designated as an Important Bird Area encompassing over 500 square miles. Hawks and other birds of prey take advantage of the ridge’s updrafts to find their way to their winter homes much farther south. The ridge is also the largest uninterrupted forested area in eastern and central Pennsylvania.



What breeds of hawk are commonly seen while hiking along the Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania and New Jersey?

What songbirds might you expect to see?

Wildlife Safety

Wildlife you might encounter in the Delaware Water Gap Area: Check off all that you see.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Bear | <input type="checkbox"/> Opossum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey | <input type="checkbox"/> Skunks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Whitetail Deer | <input type="checkbox"/> Squirrels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raccoons | <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snakes | <input type="checkbox"/> Insects |

Are there others you can add?

When hiking and camping in any wilderness areas, remember to dispose of food properly by burial or other means. Never take food into your tent with you. Never attempt to feed wildlife.

Preventing Tick Bites

- Avoid tick-infested areas, avoid sitting directly on the ground, and stay in the center of paths
- Wear light-colored long pants and long sleeves when you venture into grass, woods, garden or beach area so you can more easily see ticks
- Tuck shirt into pants and pants into socks to thwart a tick's effort to crawl onto your skin
- Use EPA-approved tick repellents. Wash-off repellents when you return inside
- Do frequent tick-checks, including a naked full body exam upon returning inside

What serious disease can deer ticks carry?

Match the following wildlife tracks with the correct image:

