

~Hike of the Month~

Pack 6 & FAMILY EDITION



Van Slyke Castle – Ramapo Mountain State Forest

3.2 miles round trip – **MODERATE** – Up a bit of steep climb to the ruins of the Van Slyke Castle and water tower. From the water tower, there is a view of NYC.

SHORTEN THE HIKE – If you are looking for a shorter **EASY** hike, hike with the Pack to the Lake. It is a good spot for us to take a snack and water break. Then turn around and hike back to the parking lot. Shorter hike will be less than 1.5 miles.



October 17th (Saturday) -- Meet @ 9:30 AM

Family Edition: You choose date and time... Don't forget to post pics on the Pack 6 Social Media!

The approach from the parking lot on BLUE MacEvoy trail is rugged enough to feel like you are hiking, and follows a pleasant stream in a cool, shady forest... arriving at a lake in a little more than a half-mile.

Hike a little further, and you are rewarded with outstanding views and get to explore the ruins of the Van Slyke Castle.

Bring: Hiking Boots, Rain Gear, Hiking Backpack - 6 Essentials

(Flashlight, Filled Water Bottle, Whistle, First Aid Kit, Sun Protection, Trail Food)

Class B - Wear Layers

Directions & Parking – 265 Skyline Dr, Oakland, NJ 07436 –

Take Route 287 to exit 57, follow Skyline Drive to parking lot. The **“lower” parking lot** is on the left, there is a large wooden sign, but it comes up kind of suddenly.

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