

Half-hour and One-hour Loop Trails

(draft - please correct or suggest additional loops)

Note - these are not out-and-back walks since you can adjust those walks to your schedule by walking for half the time and turning around!

Half-hour loop trails (approximate times):

Bates Sanctuary Loop. Accessed either from January Road (Cemetery Road parking) or Shutesbury Road pull-off (Roaring Brook Trail). Either way about 1.2 miles. Add another 20 minutes to visit the knoll and sit on the bench.

Bill Rivers Conservation Area Trails: either loop. About 1 mile

Cave Hill Conservation Area Trails: Cave Hill Loop (yellow). About 3/4 mile.

East Leverett Meadow loop trail. About 1 mile

4-H Trails (south on upper or lower loop, back on the other). This might take 40 minutes. About 3/4 mile.

4-H to Woodard Corners (from parking lot south on 4-H lower trail, across the bog bridges, north on Gordon King Life Estate and Woodards' Corner, back along Shutesbury Road to the 4-H parking lot. About 2/3 mile.

Hour loop trails (approximate times):

Both Bill Rivers Trail loops (blue and orange). About 1.3 miles if you do only outside edges of the loops.

Outside edges of both Cave Hill Trail loop trails: Cave Hill (yellow) and Town Farm (orange) about 1.5 miles (If you add the green Upper Cliff Trail, add another half hour)

Rattlesnake Gutter Loop: from Rattlesnake Gutter Road lower gate pull-off to the red connecting loop at the top, left (southwest) on Whitney Road and left again (south) on Old Cave Hill back to the pull-off area. About 1.8 miles. (This might take more than an hour.) If you add the Orange and Yellow loops on the Marvell Family Conservation Area add another half hour.

Friendship and Long Hill Trails - this breaks the rule of being a loop trail, but there is a destination and a view. From the boat launch, follow the Friendship Trail, then north on Cider Mill Road, turn briefly onto Camp Road, follow the woods road to the top and the view. (about 1 mile) (If you have dragged your sled part way up the hill, the trip down will be much faster. Or, if you started your trip at the East Leverett Meadow, crossed the bog bridges, back south to pick up the Ed Field Trail and then joined the Friendship Trail at Depot Road, you won't be back for 3+ hours.)

(Send corrections or suggestions to info@rattlesnakeguttertrust.org) Thank you.