

Whitney Memorial Forest

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Trail Length: 1.4 Mile Round Trip

Slope Gain: 170 Feet

Blazing: White Arrows/Green Background

Directions: From Route 2 take exit 19 to Route 202 north towards Winchendon. After ~12 miles turn right and follow Benjamin Street to the end.

About the Property: Adelaide Whitney and the Urquhart family donated these 90 forested acres beside the Millers River to be kept "in its natural state, for the enjoyment of the citizens of Winchendon and others."

The forest includes much of Benjamin Hill, which rises above downtown Winchendon. It is Mount Grace's only conservation area that is easily reached on foot from a town center.

The Oak-Hemlock-Pine forest supports a variety of native species and features several perennial streams feeding the river.

The trail follows the existing dirt road before winding down the hill using switchbacks designed to prevent erosion of the hillside. The full walk from with the Benjamin Street parking area to the downtown-side entrance on Prospect Street is .7 miles. The switchbacks also help make returning on the uphill climb easier for hikers, turning a steep slope into an experience that is accessible for beginner hikers.

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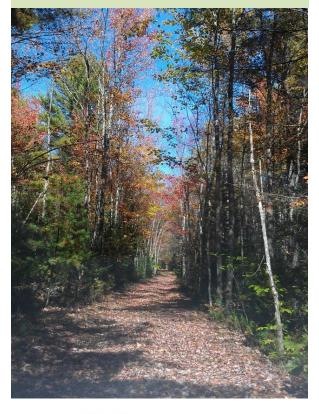
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