

Hikers Narrative:

All trails in this section start at Reflection Cove, the main Forest Trailhead. The Outer Limits/ Whitney Rd Main Trailhead is 1/3 mile from the Reflection Cove, described here:
From behind Reflection Cove follow path very shortly, L on Tri Town Marker tr, L on Duck Walk, R on Love Rock, R on Kitchen Rd. Directly in front of you is the Outer Limits/ Whitney Rd Trailhead.

Loop Trail 1: The Mermaid Loop Trail is unique in 2 ways that it is the only section of the Outer Limits/ Whitney Rd that one Loop does not start at the Main Outer Limits/ Whitney Road Trailhead and is broken down into 3 mileage loops within the sections:

- 1) and 2) walks starts at Outer Limits/ Whitney Rd Trailhead, L on Dip Detour crossing on over to 42nd St, R at Dick's Ford Mermaid Pool to Snowmobile Tr/ Dick's Ford intersection;
- 1) 1 mile option: at intersection take R shortly to Waterman Corner, R on Waterman Rd, L on Whitney Rd., R at Gravel Pit Circle, R on Nameless and back to Outer Limits/ Whitney Rd Trailhead.
- 2) 2 mile option: take L at intersection, R W Border Walk, merge on Snowmobile Tr, R around corner on Waterman Corner onto Waterman Rd. follow from here directions on 1 mile option.
- 3) 0.5 mile option, which is the shortest trail loop on trail system.

Directly from the Main Parking Area, cross into meadows along Meadow Lane, straight down to Mermaid Pool and follow your way back or use options available on map.

Loop Trail 2: "A Middle Earth Journey"

At OL/ Whitney Rd Trailhead bear L follow Nameless Rd, L over Kendall Brook onto Gravel Pit Circle, L on Whitney Rd, R on Waterman Rd., R on Outer Limits, shortly R on Middle Earth Rd, L on Clark Rd. continue on Threadneedle St. continue on to East View Loop to Outer Limits take East View Loop back down to Clarks L at Periwinkle Corner out to Periwinkle Place on Whitney Rd. and end of loop trail 2.

Mountain Top Rating: Moderate steep hike up East View Hill / Trail Length 2 mi.

The Cascades Section Cutthroat Brook Tree Farm - South Section Athol Phillipston Kendall Brook Outer Limits TH/ Birch Loop Tr 4000 Birch To Section 1 Nameless Rd Kitchen Rd East Boundary Line/ Kitchen Rd House Fire Rd L Bridge Rd Birch Loop P At unmarked WHITNEY RD SECTION 1" iunction Main Parking Area Tri-Town Marker taking left Section 1 Tr.Town Maker Trail THE FOREST TRAILHEAD Purple Perimeter Trail Educational, Ent to Flatlanders Accessable 3 for 1 Trails Loop A Purple Heros Home Trail C Cascades Lane Puckerbush 1 Menorah Cove The Junction @ Cascades Lane Bens The Esker Meadows Upper Bridge Cascades Cutthroat Brook Lower Bridge Baby Doyles Wall Prospect Parallel Esker Pot O' Gold Over The Cascades 2 Bridge Mermaid Pool Cascades Camp Top Hemlock Hemlock Cascade Path Bridge Hook Rd **Prior Peter Ext Path** Arior Peter Path To Cascades Onesos Battersby ! Cow Lane Janes Skips Spur East Broad St Envits Ascent Legend Petersham Point Of Interest Cascades Section Forest Learning Loop Trail Cutthroats Brook Tree Farr Feldmans/ Protected Open Space Harvard Forest Boundary IIIII Town Lines Q&M 0.05 Flevation (3 meter contour

The Flatlander- 3 For 1 Accessible Loop Trails

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The Purple Parimeter, Hemlock Cove North and 2 Bridge Trundle make up the 3 for 1 Limited and Challenged Mobility Loop Trail. This can be walked in either a single trail or combining all 3 trails. There are several rest and reflection areas to take advantage of.

From Reflection Cove TH, L on Battersby short R on Purple Perimeter, L on Battersby, pass Menorah Rest Area, R on Hemlock North Cove, L at Y, L on Battersby cross Cutthroat brook, L on 2 Bridge Trundle, L on Hemlock Cove South, L to Cascade Camp, R back to Reflection Cove TH.

Forest Learning Loop Trail (2-mile loop): Follow the green-and-white arrow markers

Developed by Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust and landowners. Learn fun facts about natural features along the away. Mostly easy walking with a few hills.

DETAIL TRAILHEAD INFORMATION:

Travel on Route 32 to 'Athol/Petersham' sign on Briggs Rd. Immediately UP the hill .2 miles.

On the left is main parking area, and sign, keep aware **DO NOT** go further to house on top of hill, this is private property.

Entrance to trail is directly across from parking area.

Walk shortly ahead on Battersby Rd to Reflection Cove, the main Forest Trailhead of the Cutthroat Brook Tree Farm, where both Section 1 and 2 trails begin.

Cutthroat Brook Tree Farm is a 296-acres protected CR held by Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust and the Tri-Towns

For more information on this trail and other trail adventures along the Q+M Experience, and availability of NQTA's customized Trailwhisperer guide services visit nqta.org or email nqtrails@gmail.com

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