SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FORESTS



High Blue

Reservation Details

High Blue is a forest in Walpole, NH that was originally acquired by the Forest Society in 1981, with additional acreage added in 2012 and 2017. The property includes 20 acres of agricultural fields, currently planted by a local farmer in hay and/or corn. Forest types include northern hardwood forest and stands of red spruce and hemlock on shallower soils.

Did you know? The highest point in Walplole, Derry Hill, is found on High Blue, on the eastern portion of the property (Faulkner addition). At 1,6220 ft, there are nice views to the east here and a granite bench to enjoy them from.

Trail Information

Trails at High Blue consist of two connected loops, with some walking on woods roads. Begin with the High Blue Vista Loop, which leaves to the left (west) as you continue down Scovill Road from where you parked. There is a nice view of the Connecticut River valley and Vermont along this trail, which eventually loops back to Scovill Road. Turn left on Scovill Rd and hike about 1000' before turning right onto the Faulkner Loop Trail. This loop also provides views, to the east, and loops back to Scovill Road. Take a left on Scovill back to your vehicle.

& DIFFICULTY: Moderate

ROUND TRIP DISTANCE: 2.4 miles (includes both loops)

TRAIL MARKINGS: Yellow rectangles

Getting There/Directions

Access to the property is via Scovill Road (Class VI) from the south. From the Route 10/12 Junction in Keene, take Route 12 North, turning right onto Wyman Road after 1.7 miles. Turn left onto Old Walpole Road after 1.5 miles. Take a right onto Crehore Rd after 4.2 miles and then the first left onto Merriam Road. Take the first right onto Scovil Road, then bear left after 0.4 miles to stay on Scovill Road. From here, Scovill Road is a dirt road that becomes gradually more rocky and rutted. Several small pull-offs are located along this road before the property sign and boundaries are reached. Actually driving onto the property is not recommended for most vehicles due to the rutting and poor road condition.

Questions Google Maps: There is no official street address, but entering "87 Scovill Road, Walpole, NH" in the google maps search will get you specific directions to the property from your location.

Recreational Opportunities

& Hiking

Nature observation

& Snowshoeing/XC skiing

& Dog walking

Available Amenities

Roadside Parking on Class 6 Road

Rease note NO bathroom facilities are available at this location.

Recreational Use Guidelines

No wheeled vehicles permitted on hiking trails, including bicycles, dirtbikes or ATVs

& Carry In, Carry Out all

& No camping or campfires

Do not disturb plants, animals or cultural features.

Dogs must be under owner control at all times, and all dog waste packed out

COVID-19 HIKE SAFE TIPS

- Allow 6+ feet of distance between unrelated groups. Step off the trail to allow others to pass.
- Bring a mask or face covering and hand sanitizer in case you need it
- Don't attempt anything risky or outside your comfort zone
- BYO lunch and plenty of water!

