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Reservation/Trail Details

Langenau Forest is a 168-acre reservation in Wilmot, NH that was protected in 1995. Trails on this forest are part of a larger network of trails in the area, so please be aware of where you are based on trail blazing. A lovely 2 mile loop hike starts from the trailhead at Langenau Forest, utilizing the Langenau Forest Trail and the Pleasant Lake High Trail. Refer to the map on reverse side.

The first section of trail (yellow and blue blazes) skirts around a small wildlife pond with plenty of emergent grasses and vegetation around its edges. Look for evidence of beaver (Castor canadensis) activity here. This trail passes through mixed woods with lots of red maple and white pine, and eventually intersects with the Pleasant Lake High Trail (orange and green blazes) which runs just beyond the southern property boundary of the Langenau Forest. This adjacent property was harvested around 2014, and cleared areas now provide excellent views to the south and west. Near the western corner of the Langenau Forest, the Pleasant Lake High Trail connects with the Sunapee Kearsarge Ragged Greenway (SRKG). Hikers wishing to return to the Langenau Forest trailhead will need to cross two small footbridges before heading uphill on the Langenau Forest Trail (yellow blazes) for approximately one mile back to the start.

- **DIFFICULTY:** Moderately strenuous
- **ROUND TRIP DISTANCE:** 2 mi loop
- RAIL MARKINGS: * please bring this map with you—3 different markings: blue/yellow, orange/green, yellow

Did you know? Beaver (*Castor canadensis*) prefer certain deciduous trees like poplar and birch, but will fell and consume less desirable species like maple and even conifers like hemlock or spruce if others are scarce. They eat the bark, leaves and twigs.

Getting There/Directions

From the junction of Routes 4A and 11 in Andover, travel on 4A-North for 3.5 miles then turn left onto Granite Hill Road. Granite Hill Road is very steep in sections and will present difficulties in snowy or icy conditions. Drive 1.1 miles on and then turn right onto Messer Road. Parking for Langenau Forest is located in less than 0.5 mile at the end of Messer Road. In summer, a designated parking area suitable for 5-10 vehicles is located just before the gate and property sign.

Google Maps: Entering "Langenau Forest, Wilmot, NH" will get you specific directions to the property from your location.

Recreational Opportunities

- **\(\)** Hiking
- Nature Observation
- & Snowshoeing
- & Dog Walking
- & Fishing/Hunting

Available Amenities

- Small parking area
- Please note NO bathroom facilities are available at this location.

Recreational Use Guidelines

- No wheeled vehicles permitted (including bikes)
- Carry In, Carry Out all Trash
- & No camping or campfires
- Do not disturb plants, animals or cultural features.
- Rarking area not plowed in winter
- 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!

