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McCabe Forest

Reservation Details

McCabe Forest is a 189-acre reservation in Antrim, NH, with two miles of trails that wind through upland pine, oak and hemlock forests, fields, old orchards, and silver maple floodplain forest along the Contoocook River. This variety of habitats creates excellent opportunities for wildlife observation while walking the land.

Did you know? The Contoocook River flows from the Jaffrey/Rindge Border up to Penacook, where it empties into the Merrimack River, a 71 mile trip. It is only one of a few rivers in New Hampshire that flows predominantly northward. Fishing is allowed at McCabe Forest along the river banks.

Trail Information

McCabe Forest has several different walking loops on its trails, with the longest measuring 1.7 miles. All trails are marked with yellow blazes. The terrain is relatively flat, but some areas may be muddy during wetter times of the year. Fishing spots can be accessed easily from the parking area.

DIFFICULTY: Easy

ROUND TRIP DISTANCE: 1.7 mile loop

TRAIL MARKINGS: Yellow blazes

Getting There/Directions

McCabe Forest is best accessed from the parking area on the east side of Route 202, about a mile north of the center of Antrim. The parking area can accommodate approximately eight cars, but it may not be plowed in winter. Look for the "McCabe Forest" property sign with Forest Society logo on it.

Coogle Maps: Entering "McCabe Forest Trailhead" will give you two options for accessing the reservation. The "North" trailhead contains the main parking area and kiosk. The "trailhead" off of Elm Street Extension is a smaller parking area with an entry farther from the Contoocook River.

Recreational Opportunities

& Hiking

& Fishing & Hunting

Dog walking

& Nature observation

& Snowshoeing/XC skiing

Available Amenities

Rarking area

& Information kiosk

Please note NO bathroom facilities are available at this location.

Recreational Use Guidelines

No wheeled vehicles permitted, including bicycles, dirt bikes and ATVs

& Carry In, Carry Out all Trash

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!

