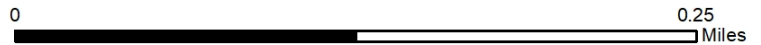


High Blue Trails - Walpole, NH (2.16 miles)

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- Faulkner Loop (0.92 miles)
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- Trombley Town Forest
- High Blue (SPNHF)

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High Blue Trail

1.2 miles from High Blue sign on Scovill Road (Easy to moderate)

Starting point 43.03735, - 72.36824 Elevation 1,495'

The High Blue Trail features an overlook to the west, and it is one of two trails off Scovill Road in the High Blue Reservation. (The reservation is owned by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests [SPNHF]). The trail starts at a gate with a large High Blue sign on the left (west) side of the road, about 0.25 mile north of the first parking spot described below. It comes out farther north on the same road, and can be done in either direction. The distance shown is for a loop back to the gate. Traveling clockwise (north), go through that gate. Follow the old farm road past a corn/hayfield on your right. The path continues along the left edge of that field. There is a view of Mt. Monadnock to the southeast. It leaves the end of the field, through a gate, and onward to a bench with a fine view to the west overlooking the Connecticut River valley, the Green Mtns., and beyond. It is well blazed in yellow from that point onward. Sweeping to the right (east), it narrows to a single-track path, meandering through the woods before dropping to cross a small stream. It rises up a short steep section, flattens out, and descends back to Scovill Rd. (Note a small "Vista Loop" sign facing the road.) Either turn right to the starting point, or turn left to access the northern end of the Faulkner Trail.

Faulkner Trail

0.6 mile arc from either Faulkner sign on Scovill Road (Moderate)

Starting Point 43.04320, - 72.36279 Elevation 1,634'

The Faulkner Trail features an overlook to the east, and it is one of two trails off Scovill Road in the High Blue Reservation. (The reservation is owned by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests [SPNHF]). It can be done in either direction and is well blazed in yellow. Follow the Class VI (unmaintained) section of Scovill Rd. You will see a gate on your left with a High Blue sign. Do not go through the gate, but continue past farm fields to the first, and then second, sign for Faulkner (0.30 mile and 0.50 mile past the High Blue gate, respectively). These directions take you to the second sign, but the trail can be walked in either direction. At the second sign, you will be on the highest point of any Walpole town road. It turns into the woods and follows a narrow path over varied terrain (note rock cairns), and eventually through a hemlock/spruce forest to a stone bench with fine views into the Ashuelot River valley over Surry Mtn. The highest point in Walpole is just behind this spot. From here, the trail heads downhill through rougher, rocky sections until it turns right and rejoins the old Scovill Rd. Turning left takes you back to the High Blue gate. You may also access the Faulkner Trail clockwise by doing the High Blue trail first. Go through the main gate with the High Blue sign you passed on the way in. (See notes for this trail above.) If you include that trail, you will have hiked 2.4 miles from the beginning of the Class VI Road.

This property is not maintained by the town, but by one of the SPNHF's stewards.

Wheeled vehicles are not permitted in the High Blue Reservation.

Note that the reservation is popular with hunters.

Parking

There is parking on private property, in a small pull-off on the left side of Scovill, just before the road turns sharply left and becomes a Class VI (unmaintained) road. You may prefer this spot if you want to extend your walk, or don't wish to drive down the rougher section. (If you go straight, you will come to a dead end at a tower.) Please do not block the road. If you have a vehicle with high clearance, you'll be able to park a little farther beyond on the left side of the Class VI road, near the entrance to a field. Please do not drive into the field. It is used for agriculture. If you park there, walk north up the road. Please do not block the road or driveways, especially during the winter, as the town plows turn around here.

Risk

All trails come with inherent risks. Please take precautionary measures to protect yourself from ticks, poison ivy, and other potential hazards. Please respect that this area is the home of a variety of wildlife.

For emergencies call 911

Please remember to practice "Leave No Trace"

(Int.org/why/7-principles/)

Plan ahead and prepare
Travel and camp on durable surfaces
Dispose of waste properly
Leave what you find; take what you bring
Minimize fire impact
Respect wildlife
Be considerate of others