WELL AWAY FARM AND HARKNESS CONSERVATION AREA

PELHAM, MASS

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PRIVATE LAND

Suggested route

Other trails

Streams & rivers

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HARKNESS RD.

SOUTH VALLEY RD.

Historic homestead

Bridge

Rocky wonderland

Brook

Old car

Dog leg

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The privately owned Well Away Farm includes a public trail to Harkness Conservation Area. Together, they make a varied walk through an open field, wetlands, and deep forest, and a pleasant walk back along the road.

SUGGESTED ROUTE

This clockwise loop is just over 1.5 miles. From the trailhead sign on South Valley Road, walk through the forested strip into the first field. Follow the lower right edge of the field, and go through another strip of forest until you enter the second field. Again, follow the right edge of the field and enter the forest. Go over a bridge. Follow the trail markers as you weave and slowly ascend, crossing a mossy brook, until you reach a rocky wonderland. Pause to explore the rocks. Follow the markers a little longer until you reach a forest road; turn right. Follow the aqua blazes, passing a brook and, a bit further, an old car. The trail terminates at a T intersection. Take a left and then a quick right (dog leg turn) to be on the blue blaze trail, and follow that blaze color until it brings you to Harkness Road, noting a shrubby wetland on the left. Now you can either re-trace your steps through the forest, or complete the loop by walking along the road. To continue the loop, take a right on Harkness Road and walk until you see South Valley Road, where you will turn right (note the historic homestead on the corner) to proceed to the parking area.

WHAT YOU CAN DO HERE

Walk/Jog
Watch Wildlife
XC Ski / Snowshoe
Spy Butterflies and Insects
Visit Wetlands

DIRECTIONS

• GPS address:
  60 South Valley Rd.,
  Pelham, MA 01002
• Parking is available on the east side of South Valley Road, opposite house #61

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

• The two grassy fields that let in the sky and provide another perspective on the forest.
• To test your eyes, try to spot an old car off the trail!

YOU SHOULD KNOW

• Open dawn to dusk, year round
• Please keep dogs on leash and pick up after your pet
• Respect adjacent private property by staying on the trail

PARTNERS MAKE CONSERVATION POSSIBLE

Kestrel Land Trust partners with towns and landowners to create, conserve, and care for lands to help everyone connect with nature. The conserved lands here are owned by a private landowner and the Town and monitored by Kestrel through a Conservation Restriction. For more information contact Kestrel or:

Town of Pelham
Conservation Commission:
413-253-0512