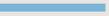


DYER CONSERVATION AREA

HADLEY, MASS

DISTANCE: 1.4 MILES ROUND TRIP

-  Suggested route
-  Streams & rivers



A TRAIL FOR EVERYONE AT DYER CONSERVATION AREA

HADLEY, MASS

This 35-acre property was once part of the Forty Acres Farm associated with the Porter Phelps Huntington family, who helped settle North Hadley and built their homestead in 1752. Nearby Mount Warner Reservation is a 156-acre forested area protected in the 1980s by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation with assistance from Kestrel Land Trust, and is now owned by The Trustees of Reservations. The .7-mile Dyer Trail goes through a mixture of field, forest, and wetland habitat, leading to Mount Warner Road and its trails.

SUGGESTED ROUTE

This 1.4-mile out-and-back walk begins on Route 47 (the Connecticut River Scenic Byway), across from the **Porter Phelps Huntington Museum**. The trail runs along the right side of the field to the far right (east) corner. The trail goes right through a short shrubby wetland area where you pass a **multi-trunked maple tree** on the left and a **“stay on the trail” sign**. Turn left here, proceeding through a red maple swamp with a thin line of trees along the border of a field on your right. Continue into the woods, and soon you come to a **stream** where you can build a cairn, dip your feet, and look for animal tracks. The stream remains on your right as the trail follows a woody hillside on the left. Another “stay on the trail” sign is posted at a trail junction. Take the right fork, which soon veers to the left of the hill as the trail ascends. As you proceed, notice the hemlocks shading the opposite bank of the stream. Follow the trail to the right. It continues through a flat, brambly stretch. You cross a **wooden bridge** and soon come to a few **larch trees** (deciduous trees with needles that turn bright yellow then drop in autumn). Go slightly uphill and the trail ends at Mt. Warner Road where a sign indicates, **“trail to summit 600 ft.”** You can proceed on the road to Mt. Warner’s trail system, or turn around and retrace your steps .7 mile back to where you began on Route 47.

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WHAT YOU CAN DO HERE



Walk/Jog



Watch Wildlife



Identify Tracks



Build a Cairn



Play in the Brook

DIRECTIONS

- **GPS Address:**
**123 River Dr.,
Hadley, MA 01035**
- Parking available in PPH Museum lot outer circle facing east. Look for “Park Here” signs. Do not park under trees. Lot not plowed in winter. (Use caution crossing road.)
- Parking also allowed along Rt. 47 roadside near Kestrel sign.

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

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Hemlock grove along stream
- Larch trees

PARTNERS MAKE CONSERVATION POSSIBLE

Kestrel Land Trust partners with other organizations to create, conserve, and care for lands to help everyone connect with nature. The conservation lands here are owned by Kestrel and Porter Phelps Huntington Museum with a Conservation Restriction monitored by The Nature Conservancy. For more information contact Kestrel or:

The Nature Conservancy:
413-584-2532



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