

Bear Briar



From the 3-way intersection with the Moose Trail near the Berryfield Road end of the park, this trail loops out through the old fields in the northeast end of the park. The trail turns left at a 4-way intersection just beyond a flat bridge, climbs through some oak and maple woods, and meets the Chipmunk Trail at 0.3 miles. It turns right back to the old blueberry fields and passes some dense patches of recently restored blueberries and teaberry field. It continues past the other end of the Chipmunk Trail (to the left) and then the Deer Trail (to the right) as it heads straight past the berry fields up a small hill and through a narrow strip of forest to the powerlines. The Fox trail continues straight and the Bear Trail turns right down the powerlines past ant mounds, little bluestem grass, and lots of buckthorn. At 0.64 miles you come to a four-way intersection with the Fox Trail to the left and the Deer Trail connector to the left. Continue straight down the power lines around old juniper and young balsam fir. At 0.8 miles the trail comes to first of two big dips first down than steeply up (moderate challenge for skiers - can be icy). Stay left at the fork past the first dip and go right into the woods after the next dip in the trail. The southwest end of the trail is at a four-way intersection with the Moose Trail (left and straight) and a ski loop trail heading to the right downhill.

1.4 mi., 25 min.

Chipmunk Cache



Start at the west end of the trail at the intersection with the Bear Trail. The trail climbs gently uphill along a line of beautiful old oak trees. Bear left at one fork and then another as the trail comes to the top of a steep-sided ravine. Follow along the top of the bank, then a second and a third ravine, before coming into a small meadow of sweet fern (a fern-leaved shrub) and blackberry along side a dense grove of birch. The trail meets the Bear Trail again, just upslope from the northeast end of the Deer Trail.

.3 mi., 12 min.

Coyote Crossing



Beginning at the edge of the open field, head left down hill on both the Coyote and Moose Trail. Just down hill, the Moose Trail forks left downhill into the woods and the Coyote Loop trail continues upslope and around the field edge to the Power lines and down hill to Pratts Brook and back to the field. This lower loop can be muddy. It loops back uphill again and follows the fence line toward North Road, then back to the entrance trail from the North Road parking area.

.7 mi., 13 min.

Deer Divide



Begin at the intersection of the Bear Trail and Bear Trail Cutoff at a low flat bridge. The trail heads right along the edge of the old berry fields with young birch and poplar to the left, and more mature trees to the right. The Deer Trail crosses first the snowmobile trail and then a connector trail that heads straight toward the powerlines. The Bear and Deer Trails turn right gently upslope into the old locust trees that surrounded the 1805 farmstead of Jack Whiting. The trail passes a well hole and in a few hundred feet comes out into a restored patch of blueberry field. Finish at the Bear Trail, just south of the Chipmunk Trail.

.4 mi., 10 min.

Fox Folly



Beginning at the northeast end, under the powerlines, a ski trail loop heads steeply downhill and the Fox trail heads into the woods. Just inside the woods the other end of an expert ski trail loop veers left and down hill, while Fox Trail bears to the right and meanders along a fairly gently rising trail. You pass first through pine woods, then black cherry, locust and honeysuckle, before arriving at the four-way intersection with Bear Trail (under the power lines) and the connector to the Deer Trail (straight across).

.2 mi., 8 min.

Moose Meander



Beginning at North Road Parking Area, the trail heads back right to the open fields, meets the Coyote Loop, and heads left downhill into the woods toward Pratt's Brook and the Morski Bridge at 0.16 miles. It continues along the stream then ascends along thickets of honeysuckle, raspberry and blackberry past the West end of the Raccoon Trail (on the right). Then the trail ascends a bit more into a forest of multi-stem "field" pine and balsam fir in the understory. The trail meets the West end of the Otter Trail (on the left) at 0.4 miles, the East end of the Raccoon trail at .5 miles and after a fairly even stretch and gentle dip meets the Cougar Trail (loop to the right) at 0.56 miles. Descend right, then left, before crossing another bridge over Pratt's Brook. The trail then ascends steeply for the one-way ski trail. At .75 miles the trail meets the East end of the Otter Trail and at 0.88 miles it comes to a four-way intersection. The Bear Trail enters from the right, and a winter ski loop heads down hill straight ahead. Turning left, the trail follows through some red maple and pine before coming to another steep downhill turning right. Beyond this it flattens out again, crosses the Snowmobile Trail at 1.1 miles, and continues through mature woods with scattered old hemlocks and red oaks. It then passes the West end of the Skunk Trail (to the right) and climbs gently to higher ground (a whopping 110 feet above sea level!). Yellow flagging on the left heads to a beaver dam and lodge. At 1.34 miles the Moose Trail intersects with the Bear Trail, which heads right towards the old berry fields. Straight ahead, the Moose Trail ends at the Berryfield Road Gate Entrance.

1.4 mi., 40 min.

Otter Overlook

This trail drops down steeply to the floodplain along one of the second largest tributary of Pratts Brook. The stream crossing is tricky at high water or when rocks are wet. The trail crosses the brook just below a 4 foot cascade. There is a low ramped outcrop on the south side and a square-ish higher rock on the east side that has a large rotten log laying across it.

.1 mi., 8 min.

Rabbit Run



The Rabbit trail heads directly back from the North Road parking area toward the woods, to the left of a deep cattail filled trench. It follows the edge of the woods, around to the left, to a small hill with a rabbit sign on a post indicating a left turn. The trail follows the edge of the field back toward the houses along North Road, before curving back towards the Parking Area.

.3 mi., 10 min.

Raccoon Ramble



This trail is fairly level in the eastern half as it curves through some dense piney woods, and has some gentle hills along the west half as it winds around the top of edge of the main Pratt's Brook stream valley just above the Morski Bridge.

.2 mi., 8 min.

Skunk Stroll



Running NE-SW from the Bear Trail to the Moose Trail, this trail has gentle hills and flats. It winds through dense forest with hemlock and occasional red oak, balsam fir and hazelnut in the understory. The trail passes by a 120 year old hemlock that fell in late December of 2003. One of the two culverts crosses a mossy-banked stream meandering through more old hemlock.

.1 mi., 5 min.



Hikers: approx. walking times noted in *italics*

Skiers: always ski within your ability!



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