

Blue Hills Reservation Find Your Trail Chart

Explore 125 miles of trails in the Blue Hills that will lead you along quiet meadows, stunning summits and scenic ponds. There are endless routes to take, depending on the trails and loops you choose. Here are a few to get you started. If you'd like tips for hiking in the Blue Hills, including where to pick up your map before you head out, visit friendsofthebluehills.org/hiking-blue-hills. For descriptions of the trails, go to our suggested trails page: friendsofthebluehills.org/hiking-near-boston.

| TRAIL | PARKING | MILES | DIFFICULTY | COMMENTS |
|--|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Houghton's Pond Loop Yellow Dot Trail | Houghton's Pond main parking lot, 840 Hillside Street, Milton (or alternative parking on Blue Hill River Road) | 1 mile | Easy | Beautiful views of Houghton's Pond. |
| Rattlesnake Hill | Shea Rink, 651 Willard Street, Quincy | 1.5 miles | Easy | Short hike passing a water-filled quarry. |
| Dark Hollow Loop Green Dot | Houghton's Pond main parking lot, 840 Hillside Street, Milton | 2.5 miles | Easy | Mostly level forested loop trail takes you through oak-pine woodlands. |
| Wolcott Path Border Path | Designated spaces across from the Reservation Headquarters (695 Hillside Street, Milton) Alternative parking at Houghton's Pond, 840 Hillside Street, Milton & walk to Headquarters | 2.5 miles | Easy | A relatively level hike through beautiful woodlands. |
| Ponkapoag Trail | Fisherman's Beach (Marker 5321), Blue Hill River Road (Marker 5320) or Ponkapoag Golf Course, 2167 Washington Street, Canton | 4 miles | Easy | Hike around a beautiful pond. You won't want to miss Ponkapoag Bog Boardwalk in between Marker 5176 and 5174 near the YMCA Camp. |
| Fowl Meadow | Parking at the corner of Neponset Valley Parkway and Brush Hill Road, Milton | 5 miles | Easy | Flat hike through grass and meadow habitat. The hike is not a loop, so lengthen or shorten the hike as you'd like. |
| The Old 128 | Houghton's Pond main parking lot, 840 Hillside Street, Milton | 3 miles round- trip | Easy | The easiest way to hike this trail is to walk on Old Route 128 and turn around when you're done or when you reach the end. |
| Quincy Quarries | Ricciuti Drive West in Quincy (Exit 8 off Route 93) | .5 to 1 mile | Easy to Difficult | You can take a short stroll to look at the cliffs and wetlands or climb the rocks to enjoy a spectacular view of the Boston Skyline. |
| Hancock Hill | Designated spaces across from the Reservation Headquarters (695 Hillside St, Milton) Alternative parking at Houghton's Pond, 840 Hillside Street, Milton & walk to Headquarters | 1 mile | Moderate to Difficult | Short, steep and great views. |
| Slide Notch Path | Chicatawbut Overlook on Chickatawbut Road between Route 28 & Willard St (Marker 4013) | 2 miles | Moderate to Difficult | You can take the Yellow Dot Trail and make a loop by taking the Red Dot Trail at marker 3094 and then taking a left at 2073 and follow the Red Dot Trail around. |



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| Skyline from Headquarters to Eliot Tower Loop | Designated spaces across from the Reservation Headquarters (695 Hillside Street, Milton) Alternative parking at Houghton's Pond, 840 Hillside Street, Milton & walk to Headquarters | 3 miles | Moderate to Difficult | This is about a 2 to 2.5 hour hike if you are walking at a moderate pace with a couple water breaks. Leave more time if you want to picnic at Eliot Tower or check out the Blue Hill Observatory. |
| Chickatawbut | Chickatawbut Overlook on Chickatawbut Road between Route 28 & Willard Street (Marker 4013) | 0.5 mile | Moderate | Short hike with great views. |
| Little Blue Hill | Route 138 between Blue Hill River Road and the Trailside Museum | 0.75 mile | Moderate | Can choose a longer loop that extends the hike to about 2 miles. |
| Buck Hill via Skyline | Route 28 in Milton on the west or northwest side of the road between Chickatawbut Road and Route 93 | 0.75 mile | Moderate | A quick hike up Buck Hill to see the view. You can turn around and come back the way you came. |
| Wolcott Path Green Dot Loop | Trailside Museum, 1904 Canton Ave (Route 138), Milton (Trailhead at North parking lot) | Almost 3 miles | Moderate | Beautiful wooded loop. Option to extend the hike by following the Skyline Trail at 1092 to see the view from Eliot Tower. |
| Skyline Trail - end to end | Shea Rink, 651 Willard Street, Quincy | 9 miles | Difficult | A very strenuous hike that traverses the entire length of the Blue Hills. Unless you want to extend the hike to 14 miles, you will need to leave a car at the lot across from 6900. Technically, the Skyline Trail ends in Fowl Meadow after marker 6600, but you may want to end your hike at Route 138. The last leg is through pretty woods until after 6600, where it ends in the old highway stub. Hiking to the end and backtracking (if you park near 6900), will add another mile to your hike. |
| Great Blue Hill | Trailside Museum, 1904 Canton Ave (Route 138), Milton. (Trailhead at South parking lot) | 1.5 miles | Difficult | Spectacular view. Option for rock scrambling (northern loop on Red Dot Trail) or flat trail. |
| Skyline Loop Blue Blazes | Designated spaces across from the Reservation Headquarters (695 Hillside Street Milton) Alternative parking at Houghton's Pond, 840 Hillside Street, Milton, & walk to Headquarters | 3 miles | Difficult | Challenging hike through several summits offering panoramic views. |
| Buck Hill Orange to Blue Blaze | Houghton's Pond main parking lot, 840 Hillside Street, Milton | 4 miles | Difficult | Great views and challenging climbs on Skyline Trail. |



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