

Hike 10: Whitney Conservation Area - West

Sweet William Farm (Fivefork Farms in Google Maps) is a conservation area located at 147 North Street. Look for a sort of commercial-looking building across the road from a big field. Be sure to park in the marked parking area, along the right edge of the parking lot, without blocking the cars parked near the building. There's room for several cars.

After parking, carefully cross the street and follow the trail along the edge of the field, watching out for poison ivy along the fence. After crossing a bridge, you'll enter the woods.

Cross a couple of boardwalks over wet areas and walk until you pass a metal gate and then reach an intersection. Go left here and follow the trail, which is marked with blue metal blazes. Walk through the pine grove.

You'll soon cross a wooden bridge. Follow the trail uphill for quite a while until you reach a "T." Go right. You'll eventually cross a small wooden bridge.

At the fork, go right to follow the blazes.

You'll eventually go over another wooden bridge and then go through a pine grove. At the intersection with the metal gate, go straight and follow the trail back to the road.