

Bill Ballard Trail

3-4 mile out and back

Moderate

The Bill Ballard Trail runs alongside the Charles Brown Brook, which empties into the Norwich Swimming Pool. Park at the pool parking area and proceed past the pool to the trailhead. The trail continues several miles uphill. Approximately 1.5 - 2 miles from the pool, a class 4 road leads out of the woods to Beaver Meadow Road near the Charles Brown Schoolhouse. This is a good point to turn around to complete a 3 to 4 mile walk. Alternatively, you can make a loop by returning to the parking area on Beaver Meadow Road. If you take the road, watch for vehicles, which can be numerous at times.

Directions: From the Hanover/Norwich exit off I-91 (Exit 13), take Main Street into downtown Norwich. Make a left onto Beaver Meadow Rd. just after the Norwich Inn. Follow Beaver Meadow Rd. for about 1 mile. The Norwich Swimming Pool is down a dirt road on the left, almost opposite (just before) Brigham Hill Road, which is to the right.

Parking: Available at the Norwich Swimming Pool, where restrooms (seasonal) are also provided.

Uses: Trail is open to foot traffic. Bicycles and motorized vehicles are not permitted. Not wheelchair accessible. Pets are permitted.

Extension Suggestions: The Bill Ballard Trail continues uphill beyond the abandoned road, coming out on Beaver Meadow Rd. approximately 2 miles farther along. Along the way it passes a rock feature called the Grand Canyon of Norwich. There are some steeper sections along this trail, but overall the difficulty remains moderate. The end of this trail extension is just below the intersection of Beaver Meadow Rd. and Tucker Hill Road, about 4 miles from the Norwich Inn, where a small parking area is mostly downhill 4-mile, point-to-point walk to the swimming pool

Ownership/Maintenance: The Bill Ballard Trail is owned by the Town of Norwich. An easement held by the Upper Valley Land Trust on a section of this trail ensures that the land will be protected.

