

Mink Brook and the Tanzi Natural Area

0.6 mile out and back (0.3 mile each way) Easy

This out-and-back walk on the Quinn Trail follows Mink Brook through the edge of the Mink Brook Nature Preserve to the Tanzi Natural Area. It is mostly flat and easy to walk. From the main trail, many smaller trails branch off to the brook on your right. The turn-around point is at the entrance to the Tanzi Natural Area, marked by trail signs and a stone wall across the trail. However, you can continue on the trail into the Natural Area where there is an abundance of fine native flora. (See Route Extensions below.) The nearby Mink Brook is picturesque, and its beauty definitely makes this trail one of Hanover's finest.

Directions

Travel south from downtown Hanover on Main Street/ South Main Street. Before crossing Mink Brook, turn left on Brook Road and follow it to its intersection with Thompson Road. You will see the trailhead on the right, marked by an engraved latch gate (open at all hours).

Parking

Parking is available on Brook Road right at the trailhead, or at the baseball diamonds further along Thompson Road.

Route Extensions

Soon after entering Tanzi Natural Area you can take a right onto the Tanzi Trail that winds for 1/8 of a mile toward Mink Brook and then rejoins the Quinn Trail. At that point you can either turn left on the Quinn Trail to return to your car or continue straight on the Tanzi Trail to complete the loop. If you choose the latter, turn right where the Tanzi Trail again intersects with the Quinn Trail to return to the starting point. You may also choose to continue east on the Quinn Trail, which ends on Lebanon Street (Rt. 120) about 1/3 of a mile after you enter the Tanzi Nature Area. All of these trails are relatively flat and fairly easy, but they become increasingly rougher and rockier, with exposed roots.

Ownership/Maintenance: Mink Brook and the Tanzi Natural Area Trails are owned by the Hanover Conservation Council. An easement held by the Upper Valley Land Trust in the Mink Brook Nature Preserve has allowed for the protection of the area's scenic, natural and recreational values.

