

Quechee Gorge Walk

1.4 miles Out and Back

Easy

This is a flat and scenic out-and-back walk that starts in the parking lot of Dewey's Mills Pond and begins on a strip of land between the pond and the Ottauquechee River, ending at the Ottauquechee Dam and Waterfalls. If you choose to keep walking straight ahead beyond the dam toward the Quechee Gorge Bridge, the trail begins to climb and becomes a little more rugged. The trail starts behind a gate just past the boat launch at the Dewey's Mills Pond parking lot. Restrooms are available at the picnic area just beyond the dam, as are benches to rest on. Both the pond and the Ottauquechee River are full of life, so enjoy the wonderful walk!

Directions: Travel about 3 miles on Route 4 from exit 12 from I-89 toward Woodstock. Turn right onto Dewey's Mills Road after a group of restaurants and shops. This is the last road before Route 4 crosses the Ottauquechee River. At the end of this road turn left on Quechee Main Street toward Quechee, and then take an immediate left into the Dewey's Mills Pond parking lot just before the Quechee Inn at Marshland Farm. The distance from Route 4 is approximately 1 mile. A sign reads "Deweys Landing".

Parking: Public parking is available at the Dewey's Mills Pond boat launch at the trailhead, but is closed during the winter.

Uses: Trail is open to foot and bicycle travel. Cross-country ski access is gained through the Wilderness Trails Nordic Ski School.

Route Extension: As mentioned earlier, if you reach the Ottauquechee Dam and wish to go farther you can continue straight ahead to the bridge across Route 4 and all the way to Long Run Meadow in the Quechee State Park. It is 2.5 miles one way from the pond to Long Run Meadow and the terrain is a little more difficult than the walk to the dam.

Also the Beaver Dam Trail branches off to the left off the trail in Quechee State Park, about 2 miles from the parking area and eventually leads to the park camping area and the south side of Route 4. A map is available from Wilderness Trails Nordic Ski School behind the Quechee Inn at Marshland Farm. During the summer you can rent a bike there as well. You can contact them at (802) 295-7620.

Ownership/Maintenance: The Quechee Gorge Walk land is owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

