

The Ray School Loop

0.5 mile loop

Moderate

This walk is on a mostly wooded trail that weaves from behind the Bernice A. Ray School on Reservoir Road into the Storrs Pond Recreation Area and then back to the school. The trail begins at the “No Dogs Allowed” sign at the far north end of the Ray School parking lot and leads away from the school, past two cabins and into the woods. Here, the trail momentarily becomes a little unclear, but if you continue on in your current direction, it will take you down a little hill, and curve to the right along a line of rocks, eventually joining the paved Storrs Pond Road. Turn right on the paved road and proceed through the parking lot past the tennis courts on your right. After the tennis courts, bear left, and on your right there is a trail leading up a very short but steep hill, directly behind a small basketball court. This trail will lead up a small hill and will finish near a playground to the rear of the Ray School. Restrooms are available at the school when it is open. Enjoy this rustic and convenient walk while you wait to pick up your children.

Directions: Travel north from downtown Hanover on Lyme road, Route 10. Turn right onto Reservoir Road. The Ray School will be about a quarter mile east on the left. Turn into the parking lot at the second Ray School driveway (the first is for exiting traffic only).

Parking: Public parking is available at the Ray School.

Uses: This trail is open to foot travel only and pets are not allowed.

Ownership/Maintenance: The land that makes up this trail is owned by both the Town of Hanover and the Hanover Improvement Society. The Hanover Conservation Council also played a major role in maintaining and preserving the Ray School Natural Area trails for use by the students at the Bernice A. Ray School.

