

Hike / Bike

Long Esker Trail

formally White #1 & Blue/Yellow Loop

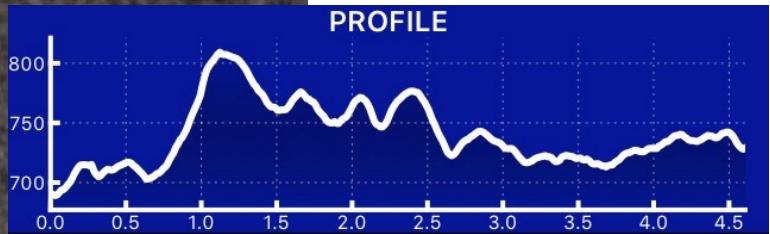
Class 1

4.5 miles

910' vertical

2.2 hours hiking

100% bike trail



The W/Y blaze is a painted rectangle with white on the top and yellow at the bottom, marking a well engineered bike trail. The White/Purple trail (W/P) is 4 miles from the start of your hike. Hikers should respect these trails by stepping aside to allow any bikers to pass.



The hike begins from parking (41.742389, -72.972278) on either side of Scoville Road near the stop sign for route 69. Hike north on the White / Yellow (W/Y) bike trail. At 0.7 miles the trail blazes become only yellow for a short distance. At 1.0 miles is the junction with the Yellow diamond trail (Y). Bear slightly right to stay on the W/Y trail which reaches route 69 at 1.8 miles. The B/W crosses the road turning left to follow it for 50 yards before returning to the forest. At 2.1 miles the W/Y merges with the B/W & B hiking trail at a narrow bridge over a small stream. Turn right following the W/Y up glacial terrain and moving away from the brook. Continue up this rolling trail and at 2.3 miles the trail begins to level off as you follow along the top of a narrow glacial esker that is 50 feet above the surrounding terrain and continues for about a mile. This might be the longest trail that follows an esker in Connecticut. At 3.4 miles you will pass through a large area of mountain laurel, which would be a great place to visit in June. At 3.6 you reach the junction with the White/Purple (W/P) bike trail. Turn right to continue on the W/Y bike trail. At 3.9 miles the W/Y trail ends at the junction with the White (W) bike trail. Turn right to follow W passing 2 sides of Lamson Corner Cemetery. The W trail merges with the Blue/Orange hiking trail (B/O) just before it crosses route 69, near your car.