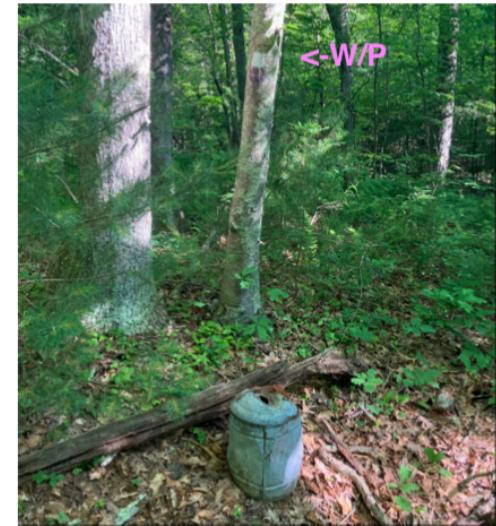# Hike / Bike
Half & Half Loop

Class 1
4.9 miles
1,030' vertical
2.2 hours
50% bike trail
100% combo loop

The "Y" junction of the W/Y & W/P trail.
The painted W/P blaze has faded.

This loop is called the Half & Half because half of the loop follows the NEMBA bike trails and the other half follows the CFPA hiking trails. Also half of the loop goes basically uphill and the other half downhill.

The hike begins from parking (41.742389, -72.972278) on either side of Scoville Road near the stop sign for route 69. Cross the road and begin hiking on the White bike trail (W) & the Blue/Orange hiking trail. After 50 feet they split, bear left to follow the White bike trail (W) as it makes lots of switchbacks behind Lampson Corner. At 0.7 miles, you reach a trail sign pointing to the junction with White/Purple (W/P). At 1.1 you reach the "Y" junction with the W/P marked by a 2 gallon can and a faded W/P painted blaze (note photo). Bear to the right to follow the W/P trail. At 2.1 miles, after hiking over at least a dozen switchbacks on the side of a ridge, turn 90° left off the W/P & onto the Red Diamond trail (R) as the W/P levels off. The new trail uses plastic red diamonds as their trail markers. At 2.4 miles cross Cornwall Road, which ends the bike trail half.

Now follow the Blue/White hiking trail (B/W) to the junction with the Blue/Green hiking trail (B/G) at 2.6 miles. Turn 90° right onto the B/G trail that uses painted blazes to mark this trail. At 2.8 miles, continue straight as it crosses the White /Red bike trail. At 3.2 miles, at the end of the B/G trail, turn 90° right onto the Blue/Yellow trail (B/Y). At 4.0 miles, note that the new plastic B/Y blazes are never far part and the section you just completed has been around for over 50 years, but the next 0.2 miles of trail was completed in 2023, so the tread might be hidden by the ferns. The key is to follow the new B/Y plastic blazes. At 4.2 miles, turn 90° right at Clarks Corners off the B/Y & onto the B/O. Follow the B/O back to your car.

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