



Hike / Bike Highland Adventure Trail

Class 1
4.2 miles
1,100' vertical
2.4 hours
85% bike trail



Yellow Diamond trail marker
next to the Knee Tree

The hike begins from parking (41.742389, -72.972278) on either side of Scoville Road near the stop sign for route 69. It is called the Highland Trail because it reaches an elevation of 1,079 feet, the highest of any hiking trail in Burlington. In the winter, at about 2.2 miles, you can see through the trees to Meriden Mountain, the WRCH radio tower and WVIT television tower on Rattlesnake Mountain, and the water tower on Chippens Hill in Bristol.

From your car hike north on the White / Yellow (W/Y) bike trail which uses painted trail markers. At 0.9 miles turn left at the junction sign pointing to Scoville Road to follow another bike trail that uses plastic yellow diamonds (Y) to mark the trail (note photo). The W/Y continues north. At a "T" junction at 1.1 miles, turn right to follow Y. The yellow diamond markers are spaced much further apart than a hiking trail, so it is also important to focus on the tread left by others as you weave up and around a number of major ledges. At 2.5 miles you reach a dirt road with some power lines above it. Turn right for 50 feet, then turn left to follow the Yellow diamonds gradually down hill. At 3.3 you'll discover the Knee Tree (note photo) followed by a "T" junction with a dirt road & power lines. Turn left up the road and in 20 feet bear right onto a trail that follows a stream. At 3.5 miles cross the stream on a 30 foot long new bridge. 60 feet after the bridge is a "T" junction with a yellow diamond plus silver arrow pointing straight which would take you back to where you first got on the yellow diamond trail. Make a 90° right turn at this junction and follow the new trail that runs parallel to the dirt road and power lines. At 3.6 miles the new trail crosses a dirt road that goes steeply uphill away from the power lines. Just after crossing this road, the trail has a "Y" junction. The old yellow diamond trail used to go straight. The new yellow diamond trail turns left at the "Y" crossing over some stepping stones. At 3.5 miles you can look down at Scoville Road as the new trail turns left and at 3.6 miles it crosses Scoville Road. If you had enough adventure for today, follow Scoville Road (gold dash route on the above map) back to your car at 4.2 miles. Otherwise hike west along along the road for 50 yards to find the Yellow Diamond trail heading southeast. It would be best to read the first 1.8 mile section of the Adventure Trail 104 which takes you along a glacial kettle hole on your way back to your car at 5.9 miles.