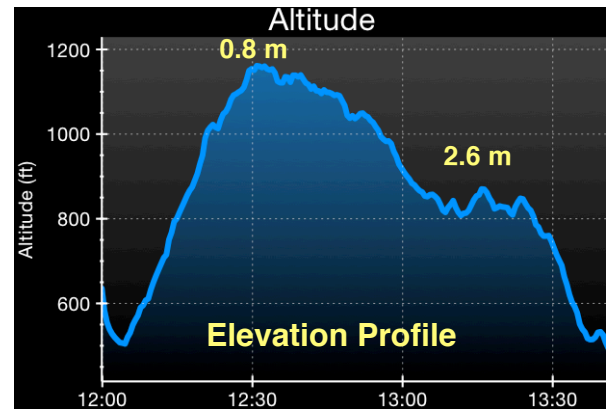


Jessie Gerard Sampler

3.3 miles

1,910' vertical

2.4 hours



Mileage summary:

ascend B/Y for 200' > turn left onto B/R > turn left on B & B/Y 0.3 >
ascend B/Y > turn right on Greenwood's Rd 1.3 > turn left at 1.4 >
follow B/Y > at 1.9 turn right on Beaver Brook Rd >
at 2.4 turn right on B/O > turn right on B at 2.7 >
turn left on B/Y at 3.0 > turn right on Y at 3.2 > take left back to car

The Jessie Gerard Sampler presents a sample of 6 trails in Peoples State Forest: Jessie Gerard (B/Y), Falls Cut Off (B/R), Charles Pack (B/Y), Agnes Bowen (B/O), Robert Ross (B), & Lighthouse Trail (Y). This short loop hike has the most variety per mile. The trails are marked by colored blazes (Blue, Yellow, Red, & Orange). Parking (41° 56' 32.92" N 73° 0' 26.00" W) is on the left side of East River Road, 2.4 miles north of route 181. Ascend 200' on B/Y & turn left onto the steep B/R. At 0.3 turn left onto the double marked B & B/Y trail. At 0.5 continue straight on B/Y, as B turns right to Warner Rd. At 0.6 is the Grand Vista photo op. Follow B/Y to Chaugham Lookout at 0.8 & go between the 2 Veeder glacial erratics at 1.0. Both are photo ops. At 1.3 turn right onto Greenwood's Road, as the Jessie Gerard Trail ends at Big Springs. At 1.4 turn left onto the Charles Pack Trail, also B/Y and at 1.9 turn right onto Beaver Brook Rd. Follow the road for a half mile & at 2.4 turn right into the forest on the B/O (Agnes Bowen). At 2.6 turn right onto Greenwood's Road followed by a quick left to stay on B/O. At 2.7 turn right onto the B (Robert Ross). At 3.0 go straight onto the B/Y trail as the B trail turns right. You will make several hairpin turns on the B/Y. At 3.2 is the start of the Y (Lighthouse Trail), opposite a kiosk. There are 4 other educational kiosks along this trail, which add education to your recreational experience. Turn left at the junction with B/R & return to car at 3.3 miles.

Additional information on the archaeology, history, geology, and ecology of these parks can be found at the Barkhamsted Historical Society on 100 East River Road.