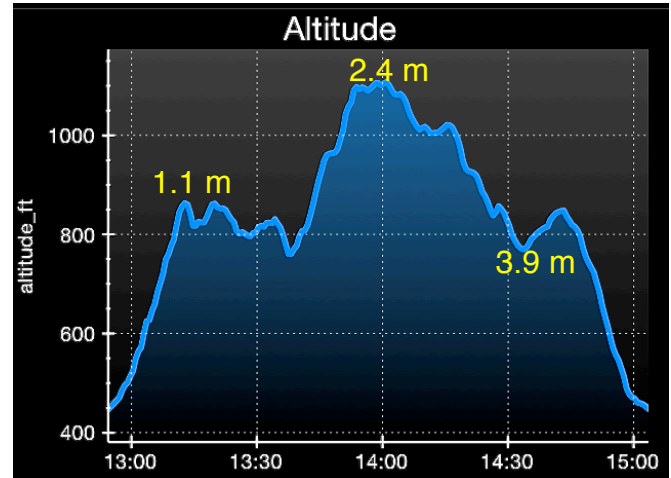


Robert Ross Loop:

5.5 miles

1,750 vertical feet

2.8 hours



Elevation profile

Mileage summary:

ascend to back of Nature Museum at 0.2 >
ascend B to its end at Warner Rd at 2.4 >
go east to end of Warner Rd at 2.8 >
right turn onto Greenwood Rd >
descend on this road to car at 5.5

Robert Ross was the Connecticut Forest & Park Association Forester from 1929 to 1935. He began a successful youth work program in 1930 that became the model for the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps.) He put unemployed young men to work making the trails and planting trees in Peoples State Forest. You will appreciate his "footprint" when you hike the Robert Ross Trail. Parking for this loop trail is in front of the gate for Greenwood Road at its junction with East River Road. This is located on the right 0.8 miles north of the junction of rt. 181 and West River Road ($41^{\circ} 55' 21.74'' \text{ N}$ $72^{\circ} 59' 43.75'' \text{ W}$)

Hike up Greenwood Road, turning left at 0.2 miles to a parking lot behind the Nature Museum. Look for the trail sign to the start of the Robert Ross Trail, marked by a blue blaze (B). The Agnes Bowen Trail, marked by a blue blaze with an orange dot (B/O), also starts there. Ascend this double blazed trail to the junction at 0.4, then turn left to follow the B trail up the hill. At 1.1 you reach the end of King Road but you continue through the forest on B. At 1.6, make a quick right, then a quick left turn to stay on the B, as you cross the B/O trail. Just before a sharp left 180° hairpin turn at 2.0, the B trail takes a 90° right turn to merge with the Jessie Gerard Trail (blue with yellow dot blazes, B/Y). Follow this double blazed trail over a bridge (2.1) and straight past the junction with the blue & red dot trail (B/R). At 2.3 make a 90° right turn at the sign pointing to Warner Road. You will leave the B/Y and continue on the B to the end of Warner Road at 2.4. You have completed 100% of the Robert Ross Trail. Follow Warner Road, making a right turn at the junction with Greenwood Road (2.8). Follow this road back, staying to the right at the junction with Beaver Brook Road (3.9) and returning to your car after 5.5 miles.