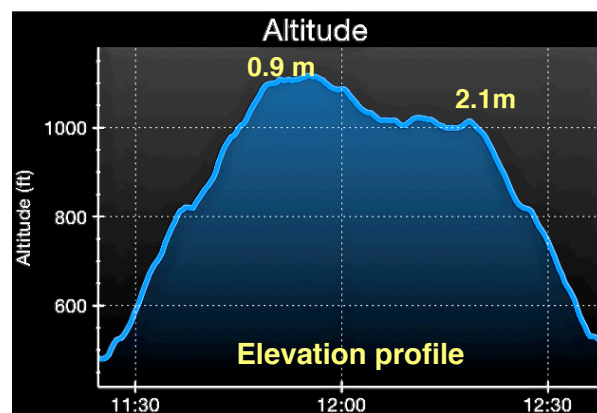


Jessie Gerard Loop

2.8 miles

1,370' vertical

2.1 hours



Mileage summary:

ascend B/Y turning left onto B & B/Y at 0.3 > Turn right at 1.5 > follow Greenwood's Rd to right turn on Warner Rd at 1.6 > turn right onto B at 2.1; Turn left onto B & B/Y at junction > turn right at 2.5 to follow B/Y back to your car at 2.8

The Jessie Gerard Loop is the shortest loop hike from the Valley that completes all of the Jessie Gerard Trail, marked by blue blazes with a yellow dot (B/Y). 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, bearing right at the next junction to stay on the B/Y. At 0.1 continue straight at the Lighthouse Trail (Y) junction to follow the B/Y up the hill on a series of hairpin turns. At 0.3 take a 90° left turn as the B/Y joins the Robert Ross Trail marked by a blue blaze (B). This junction is after the last hairpin turn. At 0.5 cross a bridge following the B/Y & B straight up the hill. At 0.7 continue straight passing the Warner Road sign, as the B turns here. The B/Y gets quite steep just before the Grand Vista overlook. At 1.0 there is another photo op at Chaugham Lookout. Continue on the B/Y passing between 2 giant glacial erratics. At 1.5 turn right onto Greenwood's Road, passing the Big Springs area which is the end of the Jessie Gerard Trail. At 1.6 take a right turn onto Warner Rd which you follow until the end. At 2.1 take a right onto the B trail, which is the end of the Robert Ross Trail. Turn left at the B & B/Y junction. At 2.5 take a 90° right turn off the B trail and continue down the B/Y trail to your car at 2.8.

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.