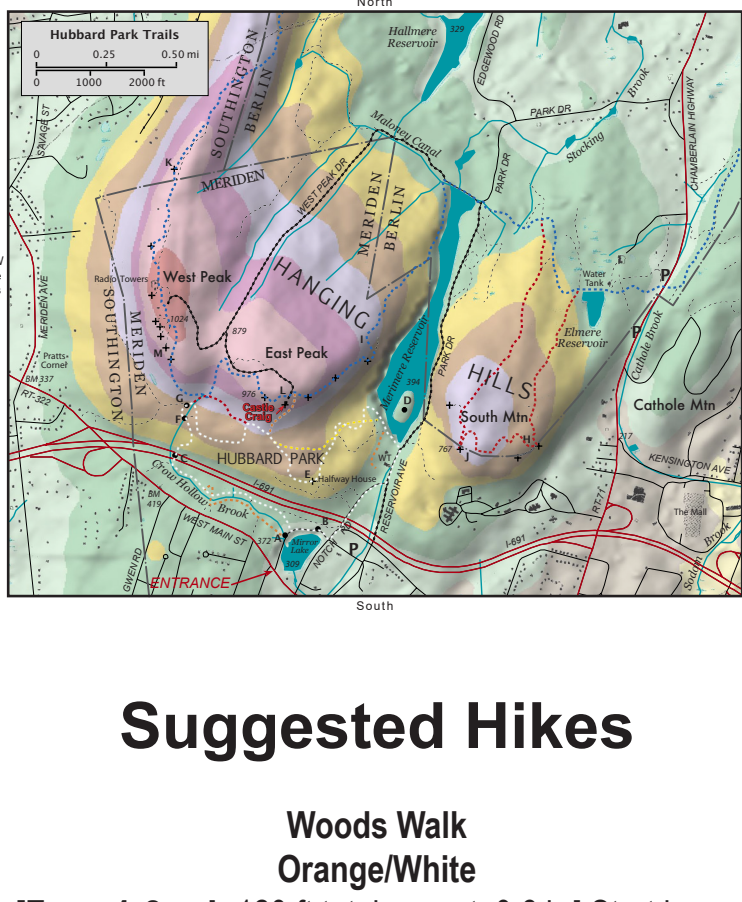


Hubbard Park Trail Map



Suggested Hikes

Woods Walk Orange/White

[Easy, 1.0 mi, 120 ft total ascent, 0.6 hr] Start in the picnic area west of the lake, cross the footbridge [A] and follow the orange blazes. After curving left, the trail turns sharply right, crosses a brook, and intersects the white blazed trail. Turn left and follow the white blazes to the footbridge over I-691 [C], then turn around and follow the white-blazed trail back to the picnic area.

Halfway House White

[Easy, 2.7 mi, 350 ft total ascent, 1.7 hr] Follow Notch Rd. from the gate under I-691, then turn left on Reservoir Ave. Just before the reservoir, turn left at the gate onto the white-blazed dirt carriage road. Climb the hill through several switchbacks until you reach the Halfway House [E], with its view of Meriden. Continue on, past a large boulder and past an orange-blazed trail that ascends steeply to Castle Craig [L]. Turn left, off of the carriage road, still following the white blazes. When you see the red-blazed trail further on, turn left to continue on the white-blazed trail, then left again just after the Beehive Spring [G]. The return takes you across a high footbridge over Crow Hollow Brook [F]. Turn left after the footbridge over I-691 [C], left at Mirror Lake, pass the Spring House [B] and back to Notch Rd.

South Mountain Blue/Red

[Moderate, 3.6 mi, 762 ft total ascent, 2.5 hr] Park where the Metacomet Trail crosses Rt-71 (Chamberlain Highway). Follow the blue blazes to the west, past the water tank and Elmore Reservoir. Immediately after the reservoir, turn left onto the red-blazed trail, which leads you to the cliff [H] that overlooks Target and the Mall. Continue following the red blazes to point [J] where there is a dramatic view of downtown Meriden. Continuing North on the red-blazed trail, you come to a gorgeous view of Merimere Reservoir, Mine Island [D], and East Peak. From there, the trail descends as you continue North until you meet up with the blue-blazed trail. Turn right and follow the blue blazes back to your vehicle.

East Peak/Castle Craig White/Red/Blue/Orange

[Moderate, 3.9 mi, 1,080 ft total ascent, 3.0 hr] Starting at the Spring House (B), head west to the white-blazed trail. Follow the white blazes over I-691 [C] and up the hill over a high footbridge [F]. Turn right at the Beehive Spring [G], but do not follow the white blazes when they make a second sharp turn to the right. As the white-blazed trail takes a sharp right, continue straight on the red-blazed trail a short distance past the first blue-blazed trail that angles sharply back to the left toward West Peak. Follow the second blue-blazed trail that ascends steeply on the left toward East Peak. Just before the paved road, follow the blue blazes to the right, which will bring you to spectacular overlooks of Meriden. The trail passes straight across the parking lot for the 32 ft Castle Craig tower [L]. Continuing east, follow the blue blazes down a ravine to the intersection with a steeply descending orange-blazed trail. For now, continue straight on the blue-blazed trail for about a third of a mile to beautiful overlooks [I] of Merimere Reservoir, Mine Island [D] and South Mountain. Return to the orange-blazed trail and descend steeply to the carriage road (white blazes). Instead of turning right, which would take you back the way you came, turn left. Follow the white blazes past the Halfway House [E], past the southern edge of Merimere Reservoir, and turn right onto the paved road (Reservoir Ave.). Turn right at the next road (Notch Rd.), pass under I-691, and return to your starting point.

West Peak White/Red/Blue/Black/Yellow

[Difficult (steep and slippery), 4.5 mi, 1,100 ft ascent, 3.4 hr] Follow the trail as though going to East Peak (above), but turn sharply back to the left at the first set of blue blazes (easy to miss from this direction). Ascend steeply to West Peak on a rocky slope with an open view to the west. At the top, where the blue blazes turn right, turn left or go straight for several overlooks [M] of Meriden and Cheshire. Return to the blue-blazed trail and turn left at the parking lot toward the radio towers. There are breathtaking views [K] of Southington and Hartford in the first half mile. Return to the parking lot and follow the paved road down the back side of West Peak. At the fork in the road turn right toward East Peak. At the bottom of a gully look for blue blazes on the right, and follow them as they descend steeply down a ravine to the carriage road (red blazes). Instead of turning right, which would take you back the way you came, turn left. The red-blazed trail soon connects up with the white-blazed trail. Just after a large boulder, pass the orange-blazed trail that ascends to Castle Craig. Then, look for and follow a yellow-blazed trail through the woods on the left, which is a shortcut that skips the Halfway House [E]. Turn right at the reservoir, right onto the paved road (Reservoir Ave.), and right at the next road (Notch Rd.). Pass under I-691 and return to your starting point.

Legend

- Streets
- White-Blazed Trail
- Blue-Blazed Trail
- Red-Blazed Trail
- Orange-Blazed Trail
- Yellow-Blazed Trail
- — — — — Paved Road/Trail
- - - - - Unblazed Trail
- P Parking
- — — — — Brooks, Ponds
- · — · — Town Line
- + Scenic Overlook
- Other Trail Landmark

Elevation Color Code

- 100 ft
- 200 ft
- 300 ft
- 400 ft
- 500 ft
- 600 ft
- 700 ft
- 800 ft
- 900 ft
- 1000 ft

Trail Landmarks [Elevation]

- A** Footbridge (Picnic Area) [315 ft]
- B** Spring House [320 ft]
- C** Footbridge (Over I-691) [430 ft]
- D** Mine Island [435 ft]
- E** Halfway House (S. Overlook) [575 ft]
- F** Footbridge (Brook) [575 ft]
- G** Beehive Spring [600 ft]
- H** South Mountain (Target Overlook) [630 ft]
- I** East Peak (Merimere Overlook) [720 ft]
- J** South Mountain (S. Overlook) [760 ft]
- K** West Peak (N.W. Overlook) [910 ft]
- L** East Peak (Castle Craig Tower) [950 ft]
- M** West Peak (S. Overlook) [1,015 ft]