

LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest Area Trails

Description:

Several miles of foot trails located a few miles southeast of Hinesburg village center. Starting from the Gilman Road or Lewis Creek parking areas, the out and back loop measures about 3.3 miles with an elevation gain of 326 feet. You'll find both forest and field trails for hiking, skiing, and snowshoeing crossing the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest, VT Fish & Wildlife land, and private property, including land owned and conserved by the Hinesburg Land Trust. Please respect both public and private land.

Driving Directions:

Upper Gilman Road Access:

From Hinesburg Town Hall:

South on Route 116 for 3.4 miles

Turn Right onto Gilman Rd for 1.3 miles

Parking lot is on your right (west side of the road). Keep dogs on leash until you are in the woods so as not to annoy neighbor's dogs.

Lower Gilman Road Access:

From Hinesburg Town Hall:

South on Route 116 for 3.4 miles

Turn Right onto Gilman Rd for 1.9 miles

There is no parking area but you can park along Gilman Road in such a way as to not obstruct traffic.

Use the driveway on foot to access the trailhead. The driveway is a public right-of-way to these trails.

Lewis Creek Road Access:

From Hinesburg Town Hall:

South on Route 116 for .1 miles

Bear Right onto Silver Street for 2.8 miles

Turn Left onto Lewis Creek Road

Trail access and a small parking area is on the left (north side of road) in about .4 miles

Trailhead Information:

Upper Gillman Road Trailhead:

Proceed west on a mowed path through the meadow following the signs and the HART blazes. The trail enters the woods on the west side of the meadow.

Lower Gilman Road Trailhead:

Proceed up the driveway on foot following the signs and blazes. Bear left at the driveway "T". The trailhead is located approximately 40 yards up the driveway on your right. Look for post with the HART blaze entering the woods. Follow the HART blazes on posts around the edge of the meadow, through the fence line, and down the hill into the woods.

Lewis Creek Road Trailhead:

The trail proceeds directly north from the parking area into the woods. Follow the signs and HART blazes

Notes:

There are no information boards at any of the trailheads as of March 2013.

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