



Along the Housatonic River Falls Village, CT

Trail Description

This was the first Appalachian Trail (A.T.) project, undertaken by ATC and the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) in 2000, to provide wheelchair access along a portion of the A.T. The project involved the construction of a loop trail, a portion of which serves as the Appalachian Trail, along the banks of the Housatonic River. The wheelchair-accessible section is a dirt and gravel section of the Trail. The following description detail mileage as heading south from the parking area on the A.T. first, then looping back.

Total round-trip length: 1.1 miles (the first 0.5 mile is wheelchair accessible)

Location and Parking

Parking is a packed dirt lot off Water Steet in Falls Village, CT and there is ADA-accessible parking available. The accessible section of the A.T. starts just at the back right of the parking lot. There is no public transportation available to this section.

Trail Design and Elements

Surface: Packed dirt and gravel that may be covered with pine needles.

Width: 4 feet

Edges: The path is not edged.

Grade: 3%

Cross slope: 2%-3%

Obstacles:

- Slight decline of approximately 15 feet from the parking area
- Small bridge 36" wide that crosses a stream 500 feet from the parking area.

Amenities

- Informational kiosk
- Picnic table at the back left of the parking area
- Bench 900' from the parking area
- No public restrooms

Always call 911 in an emergency



Photo of the Trail by Laurie Potteiger



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Photo of the parking area courtesy of AMC-Connecticut

For More Information

For the latest parking and Trail conditions, contact the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club:

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