

Haskell Pond Loop

Location: Rte 133 to Forest St., Gloucester

What is the name of the park, area, or trail? Haskell Pond Loop; used the yellow diamond loop

If known, please list website link for this site: <https://www.capeantrailstewards.org/Haskell-Pond>

Is there parking available at this location? Yes

Is there a fee for parking? No fee

When is parking available? Daylight hours

Is there lighting, such as street lamps, on this path? No

Is there clear signage marking the trails/paths? Yes

Are there benches along this path? No

Are public restrooms located near the trail or path? No

What type of setting is the path? Forest

Are multiple trails/paths available at this location? Yes

Are maps available? If yes, where can they be found? Yes, at <https://www.capeantrailstewards.org/Haskell-Pond> or <https://www.alltrails.com/explore/trail/us/massachusetts/haskell-s-pond-loop?mobileMap=false&ref=sidebar-static-map>

Approximate length of the walk: 4.2 miles

What type of terrain? forest trails, some hills and rocks

What is the grade of the walk? Moderate hills

Rate the walk for level of exertion (1 = easy, 5 = difficult): 4

Describe the amount of activity at the site: Isolated (few to no people)

What types of activities can be done at this location? Walking; Biking; Bird watching; Dog walking

Brief summary of the walk: Take a left at the kiosk and the trail follows the pond on your right and Rt. 128 on your left for about a mile and is a nice wide trail. After that the trail narrows and there are some hills, rocks and occasional muddy spots. The longer trail is about 4.2 miles. For a shorter and easier walk, just do that first mile.

Are there any notable activities in the area that people might want to check out? Examples: restaurants, ice cream stores, shops for browsing, etc.: <https://www.discovergloucester.com/>

Additional information: If you are in good shape and want a 2+ hour hike through beautiful woods with reservoir views for some of the hike, then go for it. There are many large rock outcroppings that are

magnificent and a few streams running into the reservoir. The yellow diamond trail is well marked. If you want a less strenuous hike, just do the first mile of the trail to the left of the kiosk.

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