



Merck Forest &
Farmland Center

Recommended Hikes

Hiking distance/time is round trip from the Visitor Center

Difficult

Lookout

This hike is 6 miles (approx. 4+ hours). A work out! You will travel through a beautiful secluded section of the forest. Take Old Town Road to Antone Road to Lookout Road. *This loop is given a difficult rating because of its length.*

Mount Antone

This hike is 5 miles (Approx. 4 hours). Take Old Town Road to Antone Road (you can take the "Ski trail" or stay on Antone Road). There are great views from the top looking back at our farm. *This is a moderate-to-difficult hike.*

McCormick Trail

This trail can be made into a 3 mile loop (approx. 1.5 hours). Take Old Town Road to McCormick Trail to Antone Road back to Old Town Road. *This is a moderate-to-difficult hike.*

The Gallop

This hike is 3 miles and makes a loop. Take Old Town Road and make a left onto Gallop Road to Hammond Road, take a right on Lodge Road back to Gallop Road and Old Town Road. Enjoy a steady incline to a wonderful view of the Hudson Valley and distant Adirondack Mountains in New York. *This is a moderate-to-difficult hike.*

Silviculture Trail

This hike is a little over 4 miles total. The Silviculture Trail is a 2.3 mile self-guided educational trail. It provides a look at forest management. Deer and other wildlife are often spotted here. Take Old Town Road to Silviculture Trail back to Old Town Road. *This is a moderate hike.*

Stone Lot

This hike is just under 2 miles. It is a good hike for families. This is a moderate hike with great view of Dorset Peak just beyond the farm. Take Old Town Road to Stone Lot Road near the farm buildings. Follow Stone Lot Road, around to Marquand Road to loop back to the farm. *This is a moderate hike.*

Birch Pond

This hike is 3 miles (approx. 2 hours). It is a nice place to picnic, fish or swim. This is a *mild-to-moderate hike* with the toughest section being the up-hill on Old Town Road.

The Farm

This is a 5 minute walk that is nice for families with small children. At the farm you can visit the animals and see the sap house, have a picnic (picnic tables located across from the sap house), and take in the great views. You can always continue along Old Town Road or Stone Lot Road if you decide you want a longer hike. *Easy hike/walk.*

Easy

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