



**Tunxis Trail- north:
Class 1
8.8 miles
1,940' vertical
4.6 hours**

The hike begins near the stop sign for Covey and Hotchkiss Road (41°46'57.3"N 72°58'08.4"W). The narrow trail enters the woods to the right of the stop sign. At 0.4 miles it crosses a dirt road and continues straight on another dirt road. The MDC has been doing a great deal of logging here, but all their trail signs are very good. At 1.2 miles, it crosses a bridge and then turns right off the road becoming a narrow trail again. The blue blazes here are very old and can be hard to follow. At 1.5 miles it merges with another dirt road. At 2.8 miles the trail turns left onto another dirt road. At 3.4 miles it turns left again on another dirt road. At 3.5 miles the trail turns right off the dirt road and becomes a narrow trail. At 3.7 miles the trail comes to the paved Southeast Road. Turn right and at 4.0 miles it turns right underneath some power lines. There are no trees near the power lines, and as a result this section of the trail can be extremely overgrown. Following the blue blazes might be impossible. Mid November through March, however, it becomes doable, but there could be a difficult stream crossing. At 4.2 miles the trail crosses route 202 on the west side of the bridge over the Nepaug River. At 4.4 miles turn left into the parking lot at the entrance to Nepaug State Forest. Retrace your steps if you are using 1 car.

An alternative to the trail under the power lines is the "SE Road & 202 bypass". Stay on Southeast Road, then turn right on route 202 at 4.2 miles. Follow the shoulder of 202 to 4.5 miles. Turn left into the entrance of Nepaug State Forest at 4.5 miles. There is parking for 5 cars. The Mainline Tunxis Trail continues north from here and into Massachusetts. Use the Connecticut Walk Book, West to continue your journey.

Options for Burlington's Mainline Tunxis Trail:

- A These hikes were created using one car. When you hike in one direction, you miss what is behind you. 3 "out & back" hikes avoids that. If you use 2 cars, reduce miles, hours, and feet vertical by half.
- B Combine the center & north section as one, using 2 cars. Both sections are fairly flat and have a great deal of dirt roads, so hiking time is faster. Center + North = 7.7 miles, 1,870' vertical, 3.8 hours.
- C Combine all 3 sections to cross the north & south border of Burlington in a day= the Burlington Transit: 12.1 miles, 2,950' vertical, 6.1 hours (using 2 cars). This could be completed as a single mega hike, or doing the south first, taking a shuttle car break, & finishing in the afternoon.

Mileage summary one way going north

Hike B north > at 3.7 miles turn right onto Southeast Rd > turn right on B at 4.0 > turn left into Nepaug State Forest at 4.4 miles..... OR If overgrown and hard to follow, take the alternative > Follow SE Rd and turn right onto rt. 202 at 4.2 > reach entrance to Nepaug State Forest at 4.5 miles.