

Hike / Bike Adventure Trail 102

Class 1
3.3 miles
460' vertical
1.9 hours
99% bike trail

Mileage summary:

- 0.7 junction with unmarked trail
- 1.2 cross Scoville Rd
- 1.7 merge onto W/Y trail
- 1.9 merge onto B/O trail
- 2.0 right turn onto unmarked trail
- 2.3 return to the yellow diamonds
- 3.3 return to your car

A kettle hole is a very large depression formed by a big block of ice left behind a retreating glacier 15,000 years ago.



The hike begins from parking at the west end of Scoville Road (41.740403 -72.983353). The hike forms a big lollipop called the Adventure Trail 102 because it provides somewhat more excitement than Adventure 101. 95% of this hike is far from the sounds of traffic on busy Milford Street (route 69) and the trail is not as wide. Daniel Boone had to deal with the same problems. You have to focus on following the tread of the trail in a quiet forest setting.

From your car hike south following the Yellow Diamond (Y) trail markers (note photo). At 0.7 miles the Y trail connects with an unmarked bike trail that parallels part of East Chippens Hill Road. Turn left to follow the Y trail markers but remember this location because you will return to it at 2.3 miles. At 1.2 miles cross Scoville Road to follow 3 more yellow diamonds. In a short distance the trail follows the edge of a significant kettle hole for over 100 yards. Just past the kettle hole, turn right at the yellow diamond arrow pointing right. That will be the last trail marker for a while. After crossing Whigville Brook you will discover a 2 foot high log mountain bike feature shaped like a triangle. In another 100 yards you will discover a second mountain bike log triangle feature followed by an unmarked "T" trail junction at 1.7 miles. Turn right and in 100 yards you will merge onto the White / Yellow mountain bike trail heading south. At 1.9 miles, cross Scoville Road, heading east toward Milford Street. Near the stop sign turn south onto the Blue / Orange hiking trail (B/O). At 2.0 miles the original White mountain bike trail crosses the B/O trail. You will see a NEMBA kiosk on your left and the back of a white sign on your right. Turn 90° to the right and in 30 yards bear left at a "Y" junction onto an unmarked well used bike trail. Follow this unmarked trail back to the Yellow Diamond Trail you were on before at 2.3 miles. There are a large number of unmarked bike trails connecting from the south but none from the north because it is a large wetland area. Going straight at a junction should bring you to the next yellow diamond. If you hike for 50 yards after a unmarked trail junction and you don't see a yellow diamond, start looking behind you because they could have been placed on the other side of a tree. If you hike 150 yards without finding any yellow diamonds, backtrack to your last junction and try the other trail. NEMBA calls this section the "Scoville Twistie" and the "Sandy Pelican"

You will need to be very focused and appreciate the skills that Daniel Boone had 280 years ago. Return to your car at 3.3 miles & then check out the Adventure Trail 201.