

The GAP Loop Hike is a combination of the short Green and Purple Trails joined into one loop hike.

The hike begins at the Stone Road parking lot (41.755306, -72.939944), 0.3 miles south of the stop sign at George Washington Turnpike. Hike south along the gravel based Stone Road, which is also the Blue /Yellow Trail (B/Y). At 0.3 miles, the trail takes a sharp right into Nassahegan State Forest. After 100 yards, watch the blazes, as the B/Y Trail takes a 45° right turn away from a wide unmarked trail. As you start to climb, you pass the junction with the Blue / Orange Trail at 0.4 miles (B/O). At 1.1 miles, as you begin to descend, turn right at the junction sign for with the Blue / Green Trail, marked by a Blue blaze with a Green dot (B/G). Follow this trail to the "T" junction with the Blue / White Trail at 1.7 miles (B/W). Turn right to follow the B/W Trail across George Washington Turnpike at 2.3 miles Continue on the B/W Trail, crossing a brook at 3.1 miles (note the small wooden bridge 10 feet downstream), and past the State Fish Hatchery to the "T" junction with the B/Y Trail at 3.4 miles. Turn right, heading uphill on the B/Y Trail, but shortly turning left onto the Blue / Purple Trail at 3.5 miles. This trail has 3 short descents (trekking poles can help) before it crosses Punch Brook Road at 4.6 miles. After crossing Punch Brook at 4.8, you reconnect with the B/Y Trail at 5.0 miles Turn left and cross over the cul-de-sac of George Washington Turnpike. Continue on the B/Y Trail, taking a left at Stone Road, reaching your car at 5.6 miles.