



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 (41.782583 -72.969000). 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. At 1.5 miles it merges with another dirt road and 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 turn right onto the paved Southeast Road. At 4.0 miles turn right after you pass under the power lines. 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 5 car parking lot at the entrance to Nepaug State Forest (41.824333 -72.972917). Retrace your steps if you are using 1 car. The Mainline Tunxis Trail continues north into Massachusetts. Use the Connecticut Walk Book to continue your journey.

If you have 2 cars, the easiest hike is going north because 60% of the vertical feet is downhill on the many rolling dirt roads. Most of this hike is on MDC land. Please respect their signs and stay on the Tunxis Trail.

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 road hiking which is faster. Center + North = 8.3 miles, 1,870' vertical, 4.5 hours.
- C Combine all 3 sections to cross from the south to the north border of Burlington in a day= the Burlington Transit: 12.7 miles, 2,950' vertical, 6.9 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.