

~Bluebird Trail~

The Bluebird Trail is a moderately strenuous 2.7 mile hike that passes through a variety of forest growth and gives an opportunity to view wildlife and historical sites. The trail climbs south 260 vertical feet from the trailhead up to the ruins of the Remington estate before descending back down to Remington Run across a stone causeway, and then continues down the old valley road to Schoolhouse Road for a flat return to the parking lot.

The first 0.2 mi. from the trailhead travels up through a young deciduous forest of less than 60 years old with walnut trees, and shrubs and wildflowers for ground cover. This section was formerly a pasture, now returning to forest. The trail opens into a broad meadow with opportunities to view bluebirds and the surrounding hills. Climbing higher for the next 0.3 mi. through another section of early succession forest which has more dense shrubs, vines, and young pine trees which provide cover for wildlife. The trail then passes by an old stone fence row and traverses up through a maturing hardwood forest of oak and maple with little undergrowth for the next 0.6 miles.

Near the top of the climb, the trail passes into a forest of Norway spruce and soon comes to the remains of the Remington estate. Here in 1905, Edward P. Remington constructed a large mansion. The trail then descends 0.2 mi. down to a large stone causeway crossing Remington Run.

The trail turns right on Remington Road and follows it downhill for 0.8 mi. passing a sinkhole on the right, a shale quarry on the left, and on to the junction with Schoolhouse Road. Turning right, the final 0.4 mi. back to the parking lot is flat, passing the site of the old Mosquito Valley School and its rows of old sugar maple trees on the way.

Many of the soils on the trail above the parking lot are wet and subject to erosion, and care should be taken to avoid the eastern portion of the trail during wet weather. No mountain biking is permitted on this section of the trail.

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