

Fowl Meadow *without* Carpooling

Trail #: 6000-3

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Hike # and title - #6000-3: Fowl Meadow without Carpooling

Type and difficulty of trail – Easy, flat trails

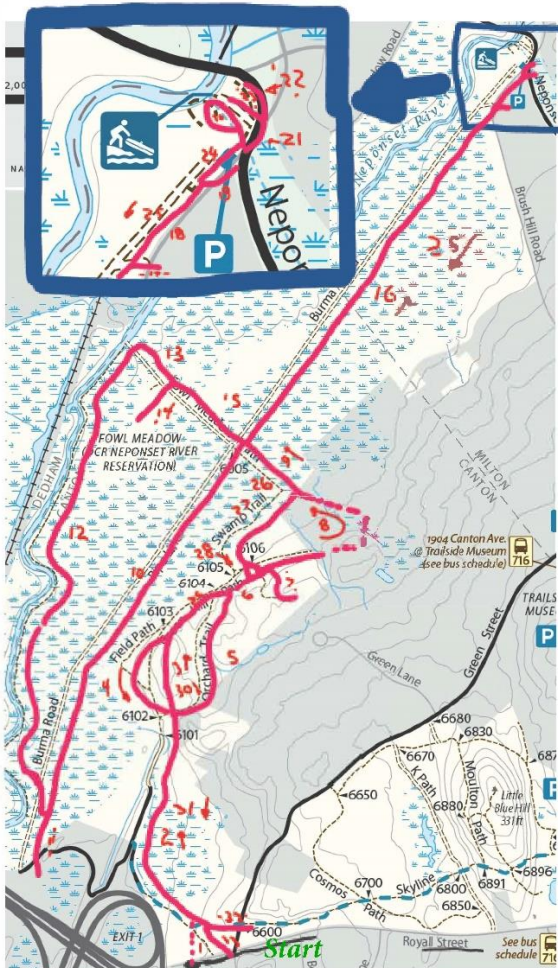
Distance - Approximately 10 miles (but only 150' of elevation gain). Est time: 5 hours.

Elevation – ~150 feet

Parking and starting point – Cul-de-sac at the end of Royall St. (It is not on the map, however you'll come out on the official trail.)

Description – To tackle all the trails in Fowl Meadow in one day without carpooling, you will need to retrace your steps. Back-tracking takes some time, but the hike is beautiful and flat. (To see tips for carpooling, look for the 'Fowl Meadow – Carpooling' hike description on our webpage.) This is a lesser-known part of the park, with both woodlands and wetlands. Depending on the season, you'll see frogs and dragon flies, enjoy bright colors of wild flowers and hear a variety of cheerful bird songs. In the winter, Fowl Meadow's Burma Road trail is a popular location for flat, scenic cross-country skiing. See notes on the second page to help you plan out your route. (Start at Royall Street below and follow the numbers to cover all the trails.)

MAP



Tips and guidance to help you hike Fowl Meadow *without* carpooling

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- 1: This is a path in from the cul-de-sac at the end of Royall St. (It is not on the map, however you'll come out the official trail, and this is shorter.)
- 2: Follow the Blue Skyline markings.
- 3 Stay straight on Green Hill Path, but note the trails (L&R) at 6102)
- 4: Field Path. This can be difficult to follow at times, but was cleared summer of 2022. It does NOT go where the recent map shows, but actually goes where the previous (2016) map showed it. It will bring you back to 6102.
- 5: Orchard Trail
- 6: Back on Green Hill Path
- 7: A winding out and back up to the back of a farm. Stop when you come to the fence.
- 8: Continue on Green Hill Path. It leaves DCR property and then you make 2 lefts and it comes back to Fowl Meadow Path.
- 9: Fowl Meadow Path
- 10: Follow the pipeline south.
- 11: The pipeline continues past Indian Path, to a gate. It's worth walking up the short hill after the gate, as you'll see where you are with respect to the RT 95 interchange.
- 12: Indian Path north along the Neponset River. One of the prettier trails in the Blue Hills. Also sometimes A) Overgrown and B) Flooded in the spring and other wet weather.
- 13: Fowl Meadow Path.
- 14: Another "Pointless Out and Back" ☺
- 15: Fowl Meadow Path
- 16: Pipeline north
- 17: (See inset map) a short out and back to a gate
- 18: Pipeline north
- 19: A slight right, that leads to the parking lot
- 20: A loop trail out to the river, around some bushes. (Ignore other trails leading back south along the river).
- 21: Continue along the road
- 22: Walk to Paul's Bridge. (There is a sign explaining the bridge)
- 23: Walk down thru the grass to the kayak launch. (Great place to pit in and paddle south to Rt 95 or beyond. Do not paddle north, under the bridge.
- 24: Pipeline south
- 25: Pipeline south
- 26: Fowl Meadow Path
- 27: Turn right on Swamp Path
- 28: Walk all sides of the triangle!
- 29 & 30: Follow Green Path back
- 31: Follow the Rt 95 ramp
- 32: If needed, walk the Skyline Trail to Green Street
- 33: The official path, which comes out about a hundred yards up from the cul-de-sac.

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