

Happy Trails to You

General information about the trails – What follows is a brief description of our marked hiking trails. All trails (except the yellow trail) are easily accessible if you

- Walk west (toward the mountain) on Tatro Road,
- Turn right at the sandwich board sign past the hedgerow.
- Follow the dirt road that leads toward the mountain, past the wetland, and up the road to the pond.
- Go right along the edge of the pond, and then down toward the woods. Just inside the woods, you should see a blue trail marker. This is where the trails begin – it is about a mile, or a 10 minute hike, from the main campus.

Before you hike –

- Remember to take a hiking map along with you and to sign out in the farmhouse (and sign back in when you return).
- Please respect the privacy rights of our neighbors and do not venture beyond the marked CGC boundaries. Some of these are marked by signs and some by red blazes on the trees.
- We always recommend hiking boots for any hiking.

Blue Trial (easy to moderate) – this trail goes west to the top of the mountain, making a 700 foot elevation gain along the way. It follows an old logging road, and is steep in some places, especially near the beginning. The blue trail leads to all of the other hikeable trails on the mountain.

White Trail (easy) – this is a very short trail that begins just after you get into the woods. It leads along the edge of the wetlands, with cliffs rising on the hill side. It is relatively flat and a beautiful walk (30 minutes round trip from the main campus).

Green Trail (easy) – this trail is a short loop off of the Blue Trail. It has a nice overlook.

Orange Trail (easy to moderate) - goes north/south off the Blue Trail. The southern spur connects to both legs of the green trail, which can take you back to the blue trail in a nice loop. The northern spur leads to two high elevation beaver ponds, each an acre or two in size. This part of the walk is narrow in some places and meanders through a lovely glen. It is about 3 miles round trip to the Beaver Pond (about 2 hours) from the main campus. This is well worth the walk.

Yellow trail (easy to moderate) - most easily accessed by crossing the road from the farmhouse and walking north along the west side of the creek (our side) over the big log and into the woods. Because of the dominant hemlocks, you will begin the walk in a cool shaded area. The trail meanders away from the creek, and takes a sharp left up the hill near the northern boundary of our property. You'll climb over interesting rock formations and end up in the little field near the wetland, leading to the swinging bridge, the larger field, and the path back to Tatro Road. The hike takes about 45 minutes.

Hiking above the Beaver Pond on the Orange Trail is open to guided hikes only. This beautiful walk is about 5 miles round-trip (about 4 hours). There are signs of bear and moose near the end of the trail, and some beautiful cliffs. **The Red Trail** is not well-marked.

Common Ground Center Trail Map

