

DCR Blue Hills Reservation

Recommended Hikes from Houghton's Pond

First Week 2021

Starting from the main parking lot bulletin board at 840 Hillside Street in Milton.

Note that many trail intersections are numbered in the field with 4 digit marking system (four black numbers on a small white marker. Example: 1141).

These numbers are shown on the DCR trail map to assist with orientation.

Paper maps are not available during Covid-19. Please download a DCR map or consider taking a picture of this hike description and the on-site posted Blue Hills Reservation map with your smart phone.

Houghton's Pond Loop .75 miles
(30 minutes) *easy*

Marked with yellow dots

A short scenic hike around popular Houghton's Pond. This walk is very picturesque during every season. Walk from the bulletin board at the main parking area and head down to the pond; circle the pond using the paths and stone dust roadway. Yellow circles on trees guide the way. This trail can be followed in either direction by keeping the pond on your right or left.

Dark Hollow Loop 2 miles
(1.5 hours) *moderate*

Marked with green dots

This rolling forested loop trail takes you through oak-pine woodlands. From the Houghton's Pond bulletin board, follow the stone dust path bearing left toward the beach and bathhouse. Follow the green dots past the bathhouse and head straight, up the paved hill. At intersection # 2071, bear right to loop around the base of Tucker Hill for a pleasant forest stroll following green dots. On your return, when you again reach intersection #2071, retrace your steps downhill and back to the parking lot.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CALL 911
OR
For Park Concerns, call
DCR Ranger Dispatch at 508-820-1428