

Suggested MassParks Hikes and Rides!

Manuel F. Correllus State Forest

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To help you plan your visit to Manuel F. Correllus State Forest, we offer the following suggested hike and ride routes that we think visitors might enjoy. **Introductory hikes or rides** are relatively short and appropriate for most users, including families with children. **Signature hikes and rides** are recommended trail experiences that may be longer or more difficult, but that highlight some of the best features of the forest. For a safe and enjoyable park experience please review the *Things to Know Before Your Go* guidance at the end of this document.

Signature Hike

Willow Tree Bottom Trail

Trailhead: Pick up a map, and park on Old County Road, **Lat/Long:** 41.403281, -70.660501

Distance: 2.1 miles one-way, **Difficulty:** Difficult

Brief Description: *If you start it in the north-west part of the forest, the Willow Tree Bottom Trail traverse the unique shrubland habitats of the State Forest to end up near the Heath Hen Memorial, a memorial to the Heath Hen, a bird that vanished from this ecosystem in the late 1800s.*

Signature Bike Ride

Correllus Bike Paths

Trailhead: Parking is available off of Barnes Road or Old County Road, **Lat/Long:** 41.404242, -70.604223

Distance: 10 mile loop, **Difficulty:** Easy

Brief Description: *This paved bike path loops around the perimeter of the State Forest. Along the path you can experience the variety of woodland, shrub and grassland habitats special to the forest. Don't forget to stop at the Heath Hen Memorial in the southwest portion of the forest.*

Signature Hike

Dr. Fisher Road to Quampache Trail

Trailhead: Start at the Forest Headquarters or parking on Barnes Road, **Lat/Long:** 41.406250, -70.600474

Distance: 3.5 miles, **Difficulty:** Moderate

Brief Description: *Make a loop, connecting the ancient way, Dr. Fisher Road, to Fire Road 12, and then Fire Road D. Return via the Quampache Trail.*



Things to Remember:

- **Time, distance, difficulty:** average hiker pace is estimated at 1.5 miles per hour. Most distances are round-trip. Plan conservatively, start early. Be aware of weather and sunset. Trail difficulty ratings based on ruggedness and gradient are **easy, moderate, or difficult**.
- **Wear weather appropriate clothing**, layer for temperature changes. Appropriate footwear is a must. Trails can be wet.
- **Parking at trailheads:** Parking fees may apply. Space may be limited. Be courteous to avoid blocking in others. Do not leave valuables in your car.
- **Bring a map, and share your plans with someone.**
- **Drinking water** is usually not available. Bring plenty! Trailside sources should be treated.
- **Stay on designated trails:** Follow painted blazes and signs if available. Double blazes indicate an intersection or direction change.
- **Pace & group size:** keep your group together; hike only as fast as your group's slowest hiker or rider. Limit group size to 12 people or fewer to lessen impacts.
- **Carry-in, carry-out all trash:** Leave No Trace outdoor ethics are strongly encouraged. For more information visit <http://www.lnt.org/programs/principles.php>
- **Pets are generally permitted** on 10-foot maximum leash and under control at all times. Please clean up after your pet and dispose of all waste outside of park. Be aware of local park rules and that not all users appreciate encountering pets, even when friendly.
- **Be aware that some trails are not well marked.**
- **Be aware of hunting seasons** and wear blaze orange when appropriate. For season info visit: <https://www.mass.gov/outdoor-recreation-safety-tips>

