

THE LITTLE POND BOARDWALK

The White Memorial Foundation, Litchfield, Conn.

THE BOARDWALK is an elevated wooden walkway which allows visitors to explore the wetland environment around Little Pond. Hikers are able to view numerous species of waterfowl as well as other wildlife associated with this habitat. In addition to walking through several wetland habitats, the trail, in two locations, crosses the Bantam River. Open year-round, the boardwalk is particularly interesting in the spring and fall during bird migrations and in spring and early summer when the numerous wildflowers are in bloom.



Sutton Bridge spans the Bantam River

HISTORY: Originally built in the 1960's, the Boardwalk has been repaired and rebuilt several times. The latest reconstruction began in 1986 and was completed in 1994. The Boardwalk covers almost 1.2 miles of the Little Pond Trail. During the 1986-1994 project which took over 2,600 hours and \$73,000 to complete, 57,000 board feet of lumber and 1,000 pounds of nails were used.

TRAIL USE REGULATIONS: The trail and boardwalk are limited to foot travel only. No bicycles, horses, or motor vehicles are allowed. As on all our trails, dogs must be kept leashed for their safety as well as others. Please leave no trash!

HOW TO GET THERE: The boardwalk may be accessed from Whites Woods Road just north of the intersection with Bissell Road. The White Memorial guide map, which shows the entire 4,000 acre property and 35+ miles of trails may be purchased at the Museum.

HIKING FROM THE MUSEUM:

Total round trip hiking distance is approximately 3.1 miles

1. Upon leaving the Museum, turn right and follow the gravel road for 1/5 mile.
2. Turn left just before the stone pillars and follow the gravel road, you are now on the blue blazed Mattatuck Trail, to Bissell Road.
3. Cross Bissell Road, past the wooden gate, and follow the Mattatuck Trail for about 300 feet. Take the first trail to the right. This is the beginning of the Little Pond Trail. The blaze for this trail is a black square in a white square.
4. Follow the Little Pond trail, which will cross another trail in about 300 feet, for 1/6 of a mile to the paved Whites Woods Road.
5. Cross Whites Woods Road and follow the blazes for 1/4 mile to the beginning of the boardwalk.



DRIVING FROM THE MUSEUM: Total driving time is about 5 minutes.

1. Take the White Memorial driveway (Whitehall Road) back to the entrance at Bissell Road.
2. Turn right onto Bissell Road and follow to the end, bearing left at the fork.
3. Turn left onto White Woods Road. The Little Pond Trail is about 200 feet up on the right. Parking is allowed along the shoulder of Whites Woods Road.
4. Total round trip hiking distance from this point is about 1.75 miles
5. Follow the Little Pond Trail for 1/4 mile to the beginning of the Boardwalk. The blaze for the Little Pond Trail is a black square in a white square.