Pawtuckaway State Park Hiking Information

Welcome to Pawtuckaway State Park! The park's 5,500 acres offer a variety of landscapes, with something to do and see for everyone. There are many opportunities for hiking, with trails leading to many special points of interest, including a mountaintop fire tower, an extensive marsh, and an unusual boulder field.

Hikers walking the 2.4 miles to the 908' summit of South Mountain will be rewarded with a spectacular panoramic view from the fire tower. Mountain Trail beings at the sign on the left just past Mountain Pond.

A walk on the Fundy Trail, bordering Burnham's Marsh can be very enjoyable, especially in the early morning or evening when the beavers, deer, and great blue herons are most apt to be active. Fundy Trail begins across the road from the entrance to the group picnic and camping areas.

The Boulder Field is a geologically unique area where many large boulders, called glacial erratics, were deposited when glacial ice melted near the end of the Ice Age. They are so large that rock climbers practice different climbing techniques on them.

If You Become Lost, S.T.O.P.

Stop, Think, Observe, and Plan. Decide on a plan and stick to it. If the last known location of the trail is within a reasonable distance, try and backtrack to it. If you can't find the trail, do not panic, stay put and seek cover from adverse weather. If notified, rescuers will begin a search of the areas near your original planned route. Listen for whistles and respond to them or other signals. It is important to leave your plans with a responsible person. Adults hiking with children should not let them stray ahead or lag behind.

Pawtuckaway is a carry in-carry out park

There are no trash cans on the mountains or the park grounds. All your trash must be carried out and taken with you. Orange peels, apples cores, and other materials considered "biodegradable" should not be left in the park. Animals don't eat them, and in the process of rotting, they smell and attract insects.

Trail Use Reminders:

- Respect the rights of owners of private roads and property adjacent to the park and access trails.
- Pets are not permitted in the campground or beach area from May 1st September 30th.
- It is unlawful to cut any standing trees or their limbs, shrubs, or any other vegetation in the park.
- Do not litter. Carry out what you carry in.
- Camping in the park is allowed only in the campground during the camping season.

Emergency/Rescue Contacts:

Pawtuckaway State Park Office	
NH Fish & Game Conservation Officer, weekdays 8-4	
Nottingham Police Department	

The parking lot at the park headquarters is kept open year round.

Park Trails are maintained with the help of volunteers, including the N.H. chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club, Southern N.H. Snow Slickers and Southern N.H. Mountain Bike Assoc.. For more information about volunteering at Pawtuckaway, please contact the park manager.

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