

## NET North part B

3.8 miles

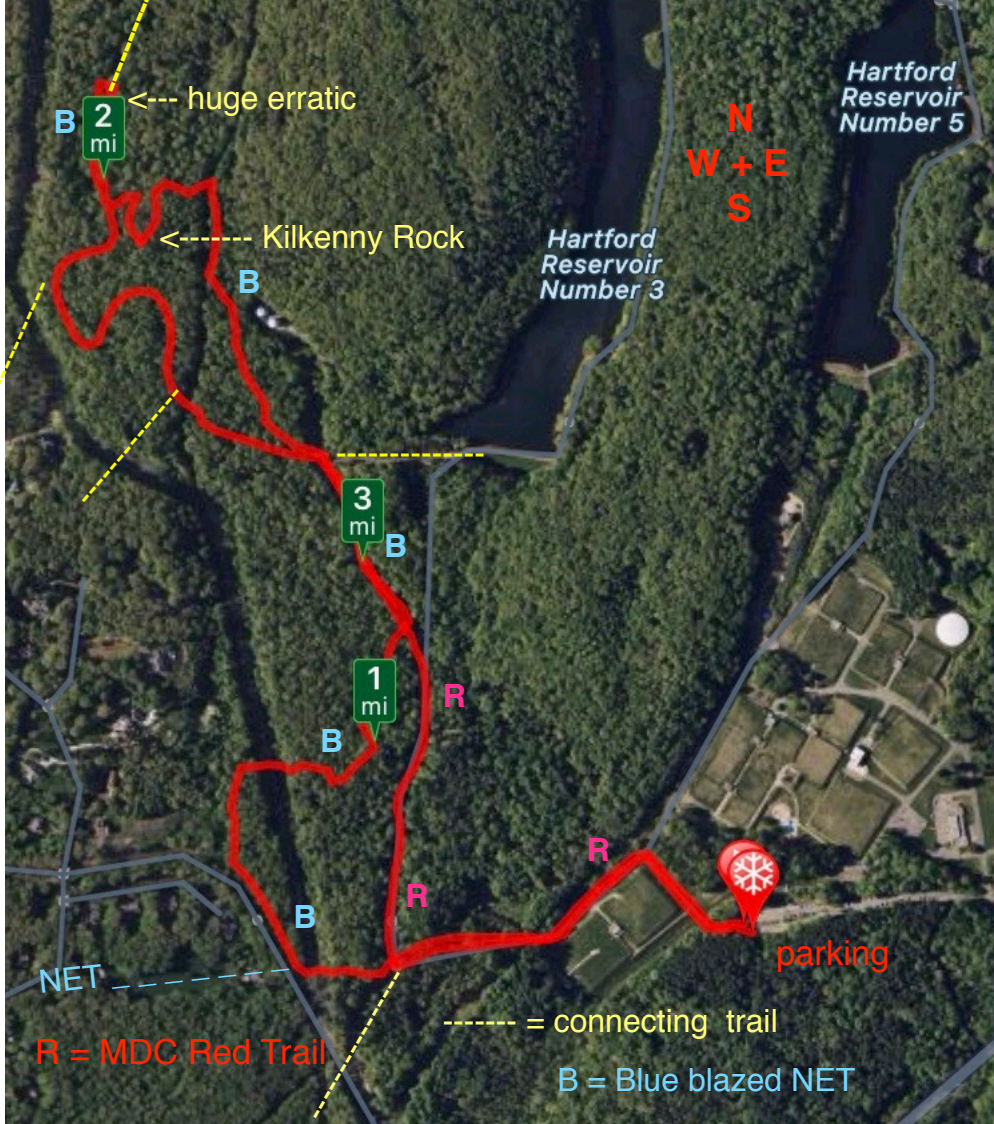
1,200 feet vertical



Glacial erratics on Kilkenny Rock



The mega erratic in Avon



The New England Trail (NET) North part B begins at the MDC parking lot in West Hartford at 41.747678 -72.785985. Hike west between the gate and yellow posts on a wide MDC paved service road which turns northeast in 50 yards. Turn left at the "T" junction onto the paved MDC Red Trail which is also used by cyclists. At 0.4 miles the paved Red Trail turns 90° to the right and a gravel road is 90° to the left. Between them is a gravel trail that goes straight in a northwest direction. Follow this trail under some power lines. You will soon see the MDC fence next to Old Mountain Road. At 0.6 miles you will reach the MDC gate for the NET marked with blue blazes (B). Follow the NET on the east side of Old Mountain Road. At 0.7 miles the NET makes a 90° right turn into the forest. At 0.8 the trail makes another 90° right turn which brings you under some power lines on a narrow trail before returning to the woods. At 0.9 miles make a 90° left turn and at 1.0 make another 90° left turn which brings you to another left turn onto a wide grassy section with the blue trail in the middle. Note the large trail crossing sign at this junction. At 1.2 miles, turn left on a gravel road followed shortly by a right turn back into the forest on the blue trail. At 1.5 miles the trail merges with the wide grassy section. You will pass 2 gas line posts that have a blue blaze on the top. After passing the second one, look for the left turn back into the forest at 1.6 miles. Continue on the blue trail to Kilkenny Rock summit at 1.8 miles with views to the southeast. Hike around the glacial erratic at the summit and follow the blue blazes (B) to the north and then west to a "T" junction with a gravel road at 1.9 miles. Turn right on this road and hike to the largest glacial erratic (photo) on the NET at 2.0 miles. Hike around this erratic, which is in Avon, to experience its size and the trees that connect with it. Now hike south on the gravel road, noting the size of Kilkenny Rock as you pass by it. At 2.4 miles make a 90° left turn at a junction. Shortly you will get a new view of Kilkenny Rock. At 2.6 miles continue straight on the gravel road past another junction. At 2.8 miles you will return to the junction with the wide grassy blue blazed trail you climbed up earlier. At 3.0 you will pass the blue trail where it enters the forest. Continue down the grassy slope to the paved service road, which is also the MDC Red Trail. Turn right to continue downhill on the Red Trail. At 3.3 miles The Red Trail makes a 90° left turn and brings you back to the first 0.5 miles you hiked earlier. Return to your car after hiking 3.8 miles in 3 towns and 1,200 vertical feet.

link for the Blue Trails Interactive Map: <http://www.ctwoodlands.org/blue-blazed-hiking-trails>