

Farmington Reservoir Trails

There are 2 trails located on the 57 acres of this property purchased from the Unionville Water Department by the town in 2000. The Farmington Reservoir Dam is a good place for relaxing on one of the several park benches. Fishing is another activity that people enjoy here all year long.

Parking for both trails is located on Reservoir road, but at different locations. Parking for the Dam Trail is near the junction with Diamond Glen Road (41° 42' 44.60" N 72° 49' 34.92" W). The Trail is a 0.5 mile level walk along the grassy earthen dam. It extends from the spillway to the west and to the woodlands to the east. (note satellite map)

Parking for the Reservoir Rock Trail (41° 42' 35.67" N 72° 49' 48.44" W) is just before the junction with the Colt Highway (rt. 6). The trail starts at the gate climbing the first 0.2 mile on a wide gravel road that parallels rt. 6. When you see the large concrete cistern with a small stone cairn on the southwest corner (center of the photo taken in May), climb the steep bank bearing to your right. Follow the right wall that is almost parallel to rt. 6. At the southeast corner, there is another small stone cairn marking the right turn into the woods. There is a third cairn at the start of the very short woodland trail that connects with the blue blazed Metacomet Trail. Turn left on the blue trail and ascend steeply up the ridge that borders the Reservoir. At 0.5 miles the trail goes around a very large rock that looks like an eagle's head with a blue blaze on its beak. This is Reservoir Rock (photo). Retrace your steps, since the blue trail continues north to Massachusetts. Allow 45 minutes for this 1 mile round trip hike, which goes up and down 160 feet of elevation. November through April would be the best 6 months to hike it, since there are great views west along the ridge, and the weed growth around the cistern would be low.



Reservoir Dam parking



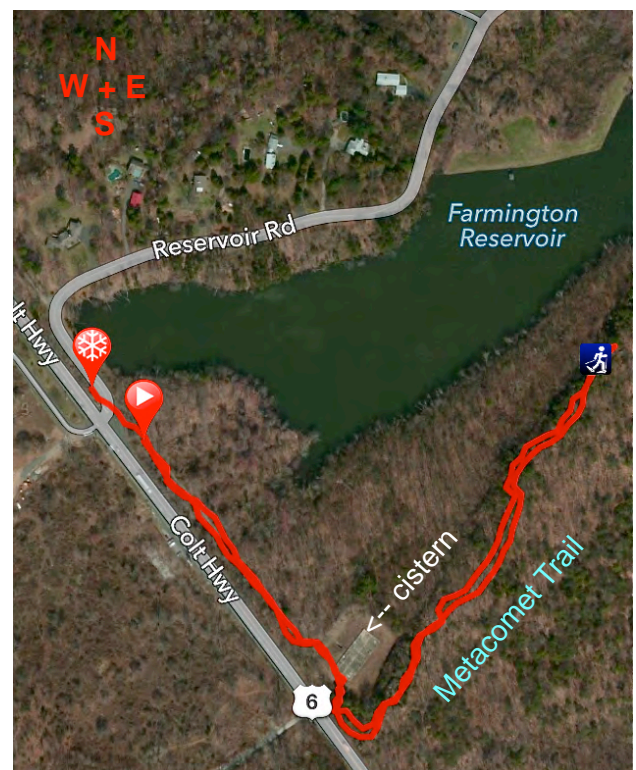
1st small cairn on cistern



Reservoir Rock



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